



## Edenbridge Town Council

### YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MONDAY 20 MARCH | 6.30 PM FOR 7.00 PM WI HALL, STATION ROAD, TN8 5LX

Come along to find out more about the work of the Council and what support is available to help you with the cost of living. Hear about what has been achieved over the last year and what is planned going forward. Registration and refreshments start at 6.30 pm when you'll be able to meet your local councillors, followed by presentations at 7.00 pm. There will be district and county updates as well as news from other partners and local groups. Agenda papers are available on the Council website.

### Building bridges to a Dementia Friendly Edenbridge

Following a launch event on 9 February, local businesses and organisations are encouraged to sign up to the initiative supported by Kent Dementia Action Alliance. Make a pledge to help Edenbridge become more Dementia friendly. Details are available on the Council's website:

[www.edenbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk/edenbridge/dementia-friendly](http://www.edenbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk/edenbridge/dementia-friendly)



Sevenoaks  
Area | Dementia  
Friendly  
Community

### Interested in being a local councillor?

The Local Government Association website [www.local.gov.uk](http://www.local.gov.uk) has lots of information about becoming a councillor. If you are interested in your community, want to help make a difference for local people and have the time to get involved representing views, attending meetings and driving new ideas, being a councillor may be for you. Local elections dates:

27 March – Latest date for publication of notice of election

**4 April – deadline for the nomination of papers (4 pm)**

4 May – Polling day

Details available at [www.electoralcommission.org.uk](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk) and [www.sevenoaks.gov.uk](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk)

### BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2023-24

For £3.50 a week we will continue to deliver important services and facilities in Edenbridge this year.

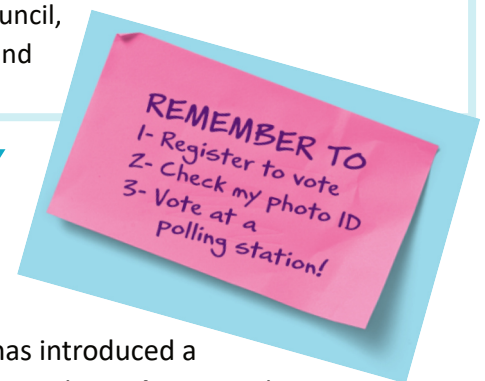
Our detailed budget for 2023-24, which was approved by the Full Council in January, can be viewed on our website, where you can also find an extensive list of the services Edenbridge Town Council provides: [www.edenbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk/annual-budget-and-precept](http://www.edenbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk/annual-budget-and-precept)

This budget determines what contributions residents must make via their Council Tax towards our services, which we are proud to deliver to a high standard.

Based on a Council Tax Band D property, each household will see a 5% increase on last year. This means the average household will pay £180.43 a year for the services of Edenbridge Town Council compared to £171.84 in 2022-23. That's an increase of 17 pence per week.

This money will be collected via your Council Tax from Sevenoaks District Council. The Town Council's proportion is the smallest part of the total amount of Council Tax you pay, which also helps fund the services provided by the District Council and County Council, as well as Kent Police and Fire & Rescue.

### BE READY TO VOTE ON 4 MAY



The UK Government has introduced a requirement for voters to show **photo ID** when voting at a polling station at some elections. This new requirement will apply for the first time in England at the local elections for Edenbridge Town Council and Sevenoaks District Council on Thursday 4 May 2023.

To find out more, visit [www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID) or call their helpline on 0800 328 0280.

### REGISTER TO VOTE

The deadline to register to vote in the elections in England on 4 May 2023 is 11.59 pm on Monday 17 April. To register to vote online, you need just five minutes and your National Insurance number. Register at [www.electoralcommission.org.uk](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk)

