



It's a win for Edenbridge's football pitches at the Rec

The Council has been presented with a wall plaque for achieving a 'good' standard for all five of the football pitches at the Recreation Ground, Lingfield Road following a recent *PitchPower* assessment. The Council is now eligible to apply for a 100% grant of £16,896 from the Football Foundation to help sustain the pitches at this level. The Football Foundation's goal is to ensure grassroots football has

20,000 'good' quality pitches to enjoy by 2030. They can provide grants for 'good' pitches to maintain their quality standard, and to 'poor' or 'basic' pitches to help them make improvements. "This is great news for Edenbridge and for the many players that use the pitches," said Council Chairman Cllr Bob Todd, who received the plaque alongside Head Groundsman, Craig Open.

Annual Report & Internal Audit

Visit our website in July and search 'Annual Report' to view the 2022-23 summary of what we have achieved over the last year and key projects we have been working on. The Annual Governance and Accountability Statement

Return (AGAR) 2022/23 has been submitted to the external auditor, following inspection by the Internal Auditor (IA) in May. The reports are available to view on our website: search 'Transparency'.

New Council and new look

A new, four-year Council term started in May, following the local elections. At the first meeting of the new Council, Cllr Bob Todd was re-elected Chairman and Cllr Angela Baker as Vice-Chairman for the year.

At the time of print, candidates for four vacancies were being considered. Details of all your councillors can be found at: www.edenbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk/us/councillors



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With a new Council, we felt it was a timely opportunity to bring together the work of the last and current Council, by introducing our new logo and branding to present a fresh, clean and professional identity. Chairman Cllr Bob Todd said: "As we continually look to improve our communications and engagement with our local community, we want to make it easier for residents to recognise the Council's work. Our new identity is an important expression of our purpose and character, and will help us to reflect a consistent and professional image while demonstrating accountability and sharing the Council's achievements."

Fond farewell to Council stalwarts

This summer we will be saying farewell to our Deputy Town Clerk, Kathy, who is retiring after 22 years of service to the Council and people of Edenbridge. Kathy has overseen many projects during her time at the Council, having been heavily involved with the Open Spaces Committee, including the parks, cemeteries and allotments. Kathy has often said it is an 'honour to serve the community' and is immensely proud of what the Council has achieved for residents. Chairman, Cllr Bob Todd, says: "What Kathy doesn't know about Edenbridge you could write on the back of your hand! She has a wealth of knowledge, especially concerning land issues, which has been a great asset to the Council. She will be tremendously missed

by her friends and colleagues, and we all wish her a wonderful and restful retirement." Last month we also said goodbye to our Community Warden, Rose, following her retirement. Rose was involved in lots of community initiatives and groups including the Monday Games Club, and helped co-ordinate volunteer litter pickers, as well as helping to provide a valuable service for vulnerable people during the Covid lockdown. The Town Clerk said: "Rose has that unique ability and intuition to understand people which has been invaluable when reaching out to residents who have needed some help and guidance. She will be greatly missed by all her colleagues and the many people who have had the pleasure to work with her".

Happy Anniversary

It's already been one year since we opened the new playground at the Recreation Ground. Thank you for all the positive feedback we've received about it - one person even told us they moved to Edenbridge because of the playground, and the investment it showed in the community.



New IT solutions

Officers have been working to transfer the Council's operating and storage solutions over to Microsoft's Cloud-based service - *SharePoint*. This has been a huge project,

sifting old files and establishing a new data framework to up-to-date regulatory compliance and security management systems. The transition is hoped to go live this summer.

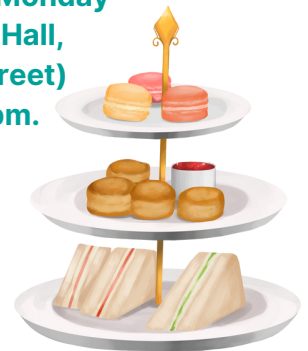


Family fun days

The popular family fun days are back again for the summer! The events are free and take place at Stangrove Park, **2-5pm on 27 July; 10 August; 17 August; 24 August.** Children must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times.

The Games Club is looking forward to an afternoon tea in July thanks to community cohesion funding via Sevenoaks District Council.

New members are always welcome to come along. The Club is very friendly and runs every Monday at Rickards Hall, (off High Street) 10am to 12pm. Chat while having a cuppa and playing games!



Council and Committees

Members of the public are invited to attend Council and Committee meetings. Meetings take place at Rickards Hall, 7.30pm. Agendas and Minutes can be found on our website.

3 July: Council
10 July: Open Spaces
17 July: Planning & Transportation
24 July: Finance
14 August: Planning