



Meet your Council

Since the new Council started its four-year term earlier this year, vacancies have now been filled by co-opted members. The Council consists of 15 members, each representing either the North & East ward or South & West ward of Edenbridge. Councillors play an important role in our community and act as a bridge between residents and the Council, as well as other organisations. They are here to listen to your concerns and views, and raise any issues with those that can help change things. You can find out who your local councillor is and how to contact them on our website: www.edenbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk

Future planning

Councillors met in September to carry out a visioning exercise, exploring what they hope to achieve for the town during their term. A Forward Planning meeting was held in October to prioritise projects and activities, and to help with preparing next year's budgets, which will be discussed by Finance Committee (13 November). These meetings help to formulate the Council's budget for 2024-25, which will be presented to Council at its December meeting.

Office opening hours

The office (Doggetts Barn, 72a High Street) is open to the public **Monday to Thursday 9.00 am to 3.30 pm**; closed Fridays to the public. This is to allow uninterrupted work time for officers to carry out other office operations/tasks (Monday to Friday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm).

Over **Christmas** the office will be closed from 3.30 pm on Thursday 21 December, reopening from 9.00 am on Tuesday 2 January (phone cover until 1.00 pm on Friday 22 December)



French Twinning visit



Members from Edenbridge & District Twinning Association enjoyed their recent visit to Mont St Aignan in France, in this their 50th and final year. There were many speeches on the enduring friendship between the two towns, and a performance by the town's local choir included *Land of Hope and Glory*.

The Association said: "We are very grateful for all of the support from Edenbridge Town Council over the years, and the grants we have received."



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e: information@edenbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk

t: 01732 865368

Congratulations to everyone that took part in this year's Edenbridge gardening competition...

Ready, Steady, Grow!

Chairman Cllr Bob Todd said: "From allotments, to small containers and giant sunflowers, it was great to see everyone's efforts this year.

"It was especially nice to see young people getting involved and showing enthusiasm for gardening – hopefully it has sparked an interest that will continue throughout their lives."

A presentation evening was held in September to announce the winners and present the prizes that were generously given by Hever Castle & Gardens. The Council's Open Spaces Committee has agreed to run the competition again next year, so if you didn't take part this time, maybe you will in 2024! For a full list of winners and runners-up, visit our website and search "gardening competition"

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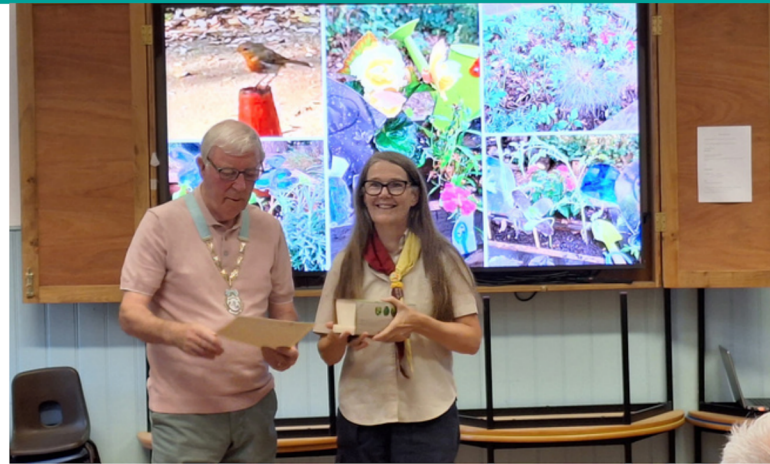
We are pleased to support Edenbridge Bonfire Society's annual celebrations this year with the clean-up costs.



Meeting dates

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.

6 November	Planning / Open Spaces
13 November	Finance
20 November	Charities & Grants
27 November	Planning
4 December	Council Meeting
11 December	Planning



Highly Commended: Edenbridge Beavers

NEWS JUST IN! The Council has received two silver-gilt awards from *South & South East In Bloom* for the quality of Stangrove Park and Edenbridge Cemetery. Read more details in the next edition!



www.edenbridgemarket.co.uk

Shop local this Christmas

Support your local High Street shops and the town's Thursday market as you browse for gifts, buy veggies for your Christmas dinner and indulge yourself with seasonal snacks and treats! With more and more stallholders attending each week, there's a lot to peruse at Edenbridge Market (Market Yard Car Park, every Thursday from 8am). Over the festive period we will also be putting on some additional entertainment to get everyone in the spirit of the season – come and join us!

