

Responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of the town's public toilets falls to the Town Council. In order to maintain the toilets in a clean and serviceable state it is important that the cost of these facilities is offset by an income for the council rather than passing on the cost to residents. With this in mind, please answer the following questions;

7. How would you prefer to see the Station Road toilet block developed?

- Site the toilets elsewhere nearby & redevelop the building for commercial use
 - Downsize the toilets within the same building and redevelop the remainder
 - Don't know / no opinion
- Other (please write in)

8. How would you prefer to see the Tenterden Recreation Ground toilet block developed?

- Site the toilets elsewhere nearby & redevelop the building for commercial use
 - Downsize the toilets within the same building and redevelop the remainder
 - Don't know / no opinion
- Other (please write in)

SECTION 3 - USE OF THE RECREATION GROUNDS IN TENTERDEN AND ST. MICHAELS

9. What new facilities would you like to see at Tenterden Recreation Ground? *Please tick as many as you like.*

- Skate park
 - Permanent youth facility
 - Additional tennis facilities
 - New mixed-use community building (including function space)
 - A measured walkway around the recreation ground
 - Combined clubhouse facilities with the Bowls Club and a future tennis club
 - A hard standing area near Oaks Road to facilitate markets and events
- Other (please write in)

10. What other facilities would you like to see at St. Michaels Recreation Ground? *Please tick as many as you like.*

- Extended skate park
 - Sports Pavilion
 - Official marked football pitch
- Other (please write in)

Arrangements are well underway to replace the existing toilet block in St. Michaels with a vandal-proof "pod" and improve the vehicular access to the park including parking for service vehicles for events.

Please use this space to tell us about any other ideas which you feel are relevant:

Name and address:
(optional)

Please return completed questionnaire to:
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Deadline: Friday 14th August 2015.



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PARKING FORUM

A reduced-cost permit scheme for local businesses looks set to be implemented at the Bridewell Lane car park, with the intention of easing the impact of commuters parking on residential streets.

At the same time, plans to introduce new parking restrictions on many roads around the town are progressing well, with public consultation having been carried out. The affected streets are; Ashford Road (junction with Rothley Close), Eastwell Barn Mews, Haffenden Road (junction with Turners Avenue), High Street (between Bridewell Lane and Smallhythe Road), Oaks Road (near the Fairings), Rogersmead, Rothley Close and Westwell Court.

YOUTH POLICY

The Town Council has been working in liaison with Ashford Borough Council and a number of local youth groups to put together a youth policy and to help improve youth facilities in the town.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Annual Town Meeting was held on 7th April 2015 in the Assembly Room at the Town Hall and was attended by 107 members of the public.

The minutes and an audio recording can be found on the 'Meetings' tab of our website.

PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE DEFIBRILLATORS

We have installed PADs at the following locations, for use in the event of a cardiac arrest;

Tenterden: At the public toilets on the Recreation Ground.

St. Michaels: At the Crown public house.

Small Hythe: In the red phone kiosk on Smallhythe Road.

You do not need any training to use a defibrillator, as the device will talk you through the process as you go, and you needn't worry that you might be doing the wrong thing, as the equipment will only respond if the patient needs a defibrillator.

A person whose heart is fibrillating will die unless a defibrillator is used as soon as possible, so don't be afraid of these devices; using one will likely save a life.

GET IN TOUCH

The Town Council welcomes and actively encourages feedback from members of the public on any of its activities and plans. If you have anything you would like to raise with us—be it a question, suggestion, complaint or anything else, please get in touch and we will be only too happy to help.

PAVILION RENOVATION

Through winter and spring the Pavilion on the southern part of Tenterden Recreation Ground has undergone quite a transformation! Once a dark and dirty space which was not fit for use by the community, it is now bright and clean, and ready to be used! The work has mainly been carried out by Town Council staff, and below you will see some photographs charting their impressive work.

If you would be interested in using the Pavilion, please contact the Town Clerk's office.



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OFFICERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL



Left to right: **Phil Burgess** (Town Clerk), **Robert Parham** (Deputy Town Clerk), **Andy Clifton** (Site Manager), **David Bourner** (Maintenance Team Worker), **Claire Gilbert** (Ceremonies and Administrative Assistant) and **Malcolm Winter** (Sergeant-at-Mace).

The Town Council employs four full-time and two part-time members of staff, who are responsible for enacting its legal decisions. The staff group are often the first port of call for residents who wish to raise an issue with the Council; We are based in the Town Clerk's office, which is at the rear of the Town Hall foyer, and we are always happy to help in any way we can.

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RESIDENTS' QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire specifically covers the following topics;

- (1) Community assets and facilities
- (2) Use of buildings owned by Tenterden Town Council
- (3) Use of the recreation grounds in Tenterden and St. Michaels

We would like you to answer all questions. If you have no opinion on the subject, please choose 'Don't know / no opinion'. The survey is open to residents of all ages, and additional copies may be collected from the Town Hall, or you can complete it online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TenterdenResidentsQuestionnaire>.

SECTION 1 - COMMUNITY ASSETS AND FACILITIES

1. How do you think the Town Council should approach the management of the town's buildings and properties?

- By considering each individual Council-owned building or facility on its own merits
- By considering all Council-owned property and land as one 'portfolio'
- By considering all community facilities in Tenterden, including those not owned by the Town Council
- Don't know / no opinion

2. Would you like to see a cinema in Tenterden?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / no opinion

3. If you answered 'Yes' to question 2, where would you consider to be the most suitable site:

- In the Town Hall
- At Tenterden Recreation Ground
- Elsewhere (please write in)

SECTION 2 - USE OF BUILDINGS OWNED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

The Town Council owns the Town Hall, The Pavilion, The Pebbles (55 High Street) and the three public toilet blocks.

4. How do you think the Town Hall should be used?

- Purely for the Town Council and community resources (such as Citizens Advice, Tourist Information etc.)
- A mix of office and leisure facilities
- Don't know / no opinion
- Other mix, including retail (please write in)

5. Would you like the Town Council's Offices to be located at the front of the Town Hall, at the entrance?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / no opinion

6. The upper floors of the Pebbles building on the High Street (White Stuff) are currently empty. How should these be used?

- Residential use
- Offices or business let
- Community resource (such as Citizens Advice, Tourist information, etc.)
- Don't know / no opinion

Continued overleaf...

You can also complete this survey online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TenterdenResidentsQuestionnaire>

MEETINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

All meetings are held at the Town Hall, are open to the public, and participation from members of the public is encouraged. Agendas are posted on our website and notice boards the week before meetings, with minutes and audio recordings available soon afterward.

For details contact the Town Clerk's office.

AUGUST 2015

Monday 10th	Finance & General Purposes, Planning, Public Buildings Committees: From 7pm, Town Hall.
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SEPTEMBER 2015

Tuesday 1st	Town Council, Planning, Highways & Amenities meetings: From 7pm, Town Hall.
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Monday 7th	Tourism & Business Committee: 5pm, Town Hall.
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Monday 21st	Finance & General Purposes, Planning, Public Buildings Committees: From 7pm, Town Hall.
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OCTOBER 2015

Monday 12th	Town Council, Planning, Highways & Amenities meetings: From 7pm, Town Hall.
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NOVEMBER 2015

Monday 2nd	Finance & General Purposes, Planning, Public Buildings Committees: From 7pm, Town Hall.
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Monday 16th	Tourism & Business Committee: 5pm, Town Hall.
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SMALL HYTHE WAR MEMORIAL

The War Memorial in the churchyard at St. John's in Small Hythe has been professionally cleaned, and a new bench is soon to be installed. We are grateful for contributions from the Royal British Legion and Councillor Callum Knowles.

RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Members of the public can record meetings via audio, video or blogging. We take audio recordings of all Council and Committee meetings, which are uploaded to our website.

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION

To receive our newsletters by email, please send a request to newslettersubscribe@tenterdentowncouncil.gov.uk.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Town Council is looking for volunteers for the Community Emergency Plan and to act as Neighbourhood Watch coordinators. The responsibilities can be as light or as heavy as you want. Please contact the Town Hall for more details - your community needs you!

PUBLIC TOILETS

CLEANING: Users will be aware that the standard of cleanliness at our public toilets has seen a marked decline over the last year. Having encountered difficulties making improvements through our existing contractor, the decision was made to terminate the contract, and it is hoped that a higher quality of workmanship will be in evidence soon.

UPGRADE: A planning application is to be submitted for a replacement public toilet block in St. Michaels. The replacement facility will be smaller, very much more vandal-proof, and very much easier to maintain at an acceptable level of cleanliness. The application will include an upgrade to the vehicular access to the recreation ground, allowing service vehicles to more easily attend the toilet block for maintenance and cleaning.

STATION ROAD: The Town Council has made enquiries with the Diocese of Canterbury about taking over the closed burial ground at Coombe Lane, with a possible view to locating improved facilities on the land, opening into the coach park. This would free up the existing building for redevelopment, providing revenue to support the running of the town's toilet facilities. You can give your views on this project as part of our residents' survey in this newsletter.

AGENDAS & MINUTES

Send a request to townhall@tenterdentowncouncil.gov.uk if you would like to receive agendas and minutes by email.

FITNESS AT THE TOWN HALL

Fitness classes are held in the Town Hall each week. Please give the instructor a call if you want to attend.

If you are looking for a space in which to hold a class, please contact the Town Clerk's office for more information.

MONDAY

9.15-10.45am—Pilates : Liz—07958 708874

11.15-12.45pm—Pilates : Liz—07958 708874

6.30-8.00pm—ChiBall : Ally—07709 052808

TUESDAY

10.30am - midday—Yoga : Angela—01580 291215

12.15-2.00pm—Yoga : Maureen—01233 861362

WEDNESDAY

9.00-10.30am—Pilates : Liz—07958 708874

10.45am-midday—ChiBall : Ally—07709 052808

6.15 - 7.15pm—Aerobics : Suzey—07732 789878

THURSDAY

9.30-10.45am—Pilates : Annie – 07989 869217

FRIDAY

9.15 - 10.15am—Aerobics : Suzey—07732 789878

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THE TOWN MAYOR

At the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on Thursday 14th May 2015, Cllr. Mrs. Pam Smith was elected to the position of Town Mayor and Cllr. Justin Nelson was elected Deputy Town Mayor.

The Town Mayor chairs meetings of the Town Council, but no special privileges are connected to the position, other than a casting vote at Council meetings in the event of a tied vote. The Mayor will often represent Tenterden at events in other towns (especially other Cinque Ports towns) as well as attending many events within Tenterden.

If you would like the Town Mayor to attend a community event, please contact the Town Clerk's office with the details and the information will be passed on to her.

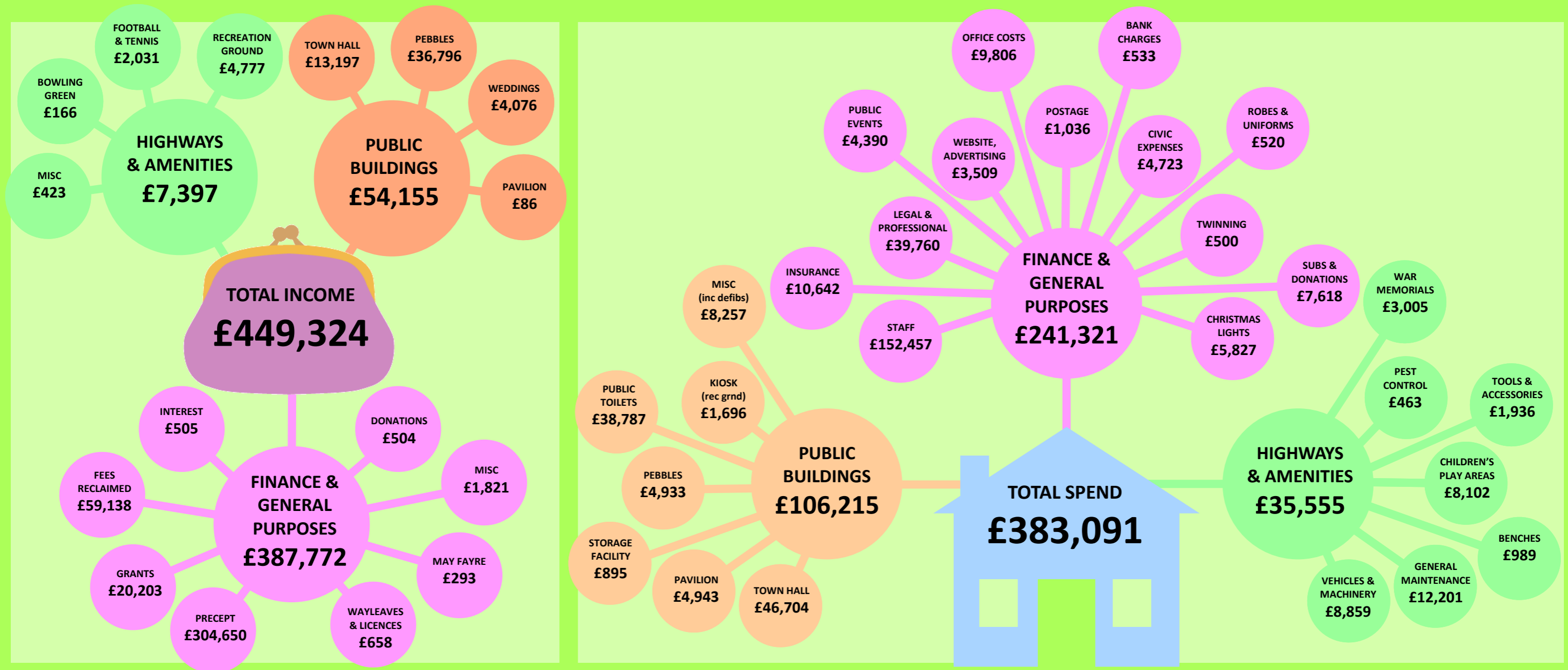
TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

The election of members of the Town Council took place on Thursday 7th May 2015. A number of existing Councillors stood down from the Council, and the North, South and West wards were uncontested elections.

A contested election was held for the St. Michaels ward, with a voter turnout of 63.27%.

We are grateful to former Councillors Paul Clokie, Jennifer Crickmore-Porter, Roger Finnis, Barbara Misselbrook, Mike Pearson, Robin Wade and Janette Wilson, who between them have contributed a remarkable 67 years volunteering their time for the benefit of their community. Certificates of appreciation were presented to them at the annual civic service held on 14th June 2015.

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT: INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2014-2015



THE PRECEPT EXPLAINED

Precepts are raised by a number of authorities and form a part of your Council Tax bill which is issued by Ashford Borough Council; Kent County Council, Kent Police, Kent Fire & Rescue Services and Tenterden Town Council all raise precepts, and information on the breakdown of these is included with your bill.

The Town Council was keen to ensure that its charge to householders would not increase this year and as a result this remains at £88.71 per band D property. Due to the number of band D properties decreasing, this has resulted in a slight drop in our income for 2015-2016. Precept-setting discussions commence as early as October each year, with the Town Council's request being submitted in January. Significant savings against budgeted expenditure in the 2014-2015 financial year have allowed the council to increase reserves in anticipation of expenditure against such projects as a new toilet block in St. Michaels and a much-needed new maintenance facility for the vehicles and equipment we need to carry out our work.

COUNCILLORS' EXPENSES

While Councillors are entitled to reclaim expenses incurred while carrying out their Council work, no expense claims were made in the 2014-2015 Council year.

SECTION 106 PAYMENTS

With work due to start on the Tent 1 development within the next year, you may have heard a little about Section 106 contributions.

These are payments which must be paid to Ashford Borough Council by a builder to pay for facilities and services which will be needed by the residents of a new development, but have not been provided on-site. The money can only be spent on the specific areas it has been set aside for, and will be held by ABC until qualifying projects claim it.

Funds are due to be set aside for; adult social care, community learning, cycle ways, libraries, secondary schools, youth services, allotments, outdoor sports pitches, strategic parks, healthcare, the voluntary sector (for activities, premises etc.) and carbon off-setting.

SPEEDWATCH

The Town Council has now purchased speed indication equipment which can be borrowed by local residents who wish to set up a SpeedWatch campaign on their road. A scheme in Woodchurch Road has already been enormously successful, and the Town Council is keen to see the resource used as widely as possible to make our streets safer.

If you would be interested in setting up a group, please contact us and we will point you in the right direction for the necessary training. You will need to find a number of volunteers in your chosen area who are willing to undergo the necessary training and man the speed check equipment.

DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

Tenterden Dementia-Friendly Community aims to help all those affected by dementia within our community, and has already begun training local workers to better understand the needs of dementia sufferers. Details can be found online at www.tenterdentown.co.uk/tdfc, and we will include more information in a future newsletter.



VE70 CELEBRATIONS

May 2015 saw the 70th anniversary of VE Day, and the Town Council helped to celebrate this with two specific events. A lunch held in the Town Hall for veterans of the Second World War and their guests, at which stories were shared and new friendships were made.

From 3pm until 9pm a street party was held in the coach park on Station Road, with many people attending in 1940s dress. Trestle tables were laid out for picnics, and the Woolpack Hotel kindly laid on a bar. Attendees were treated to a performance by the Cinque Ports Lindy Hoppers, helping to get everybody into the 1940s swing!

Our thanks to all who helped with these memorable events.

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