

**TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL – EXTERNAL COMMITTEE  
COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE**

**NOTES OF A MEETING ON 27.02.2019**

**Present:** Cllr. Mulholland. Non-council members: Owen South (TSH), Jeremy Smith (Wittersham PC.) and Lesley Owers taking notes.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs. Mrs. N. Gooch and C. Knowles, Graham Tiltman and Denise Curtain (Rolvenden PC), Spencer Goddard (TSH) and Brad Bradford (ABC).

2. **MINUTES.**

**AGREED** subject to one correction: On item 2 of the Minutes regarding the update of the new hub bus, TSH has 3 vehicles in use; and it should read all 15 seaters not 5 seaters.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

4. **UPDATE FROM ROLVENDEN ROCKET**

Cllrs. Graham Tiltman and Denise Curtain reported that although early days yet, they are satisfied that the Rolvenden Rocket Pilot scheme is very much on course financially. They are into their third quarter of the scheme and are achieving their required targets. With the warmer weather months ahead of them they are confident that bookings and memberships are on the increase, in addition, they are at present involved with the Tenterden Social Hub who are using the Rocket to cover some of their trips which adds to their mileage requirement. They have discussed and implemented changes to their structure to ensure that registered groups of the scheme are encouraged to provide their own drivers as opposed to The Host providing a bank driver, in line with the wellbeing purpose of the scheme. Going forward they are keen for the Rocket to be part of any proposed transport scheme.

5. **UPDATE FROM TENTERDEN SOCIAL HUB**

Owen South advised that he is working part-time for the Social Hub but will be doing extra hours from April. Owen had been speaking to a number of people about their local needs and it was noted that some villages have well serviced bus routes and others have hardly anything. Owen will speak to KCC to find out if there are any further cuts to bus routes planned and maybe

tweak the timetables slightly. Clarification is also needed as to whether D1 classification is needed to drive a minibus. Kent County Council provide a one day course for drivers that have D1 classification through history and it was suggested that all drivers will be asked to volunteer to do the one day course as good practice. Owen advised that they have a Section 19 already and will be applying for a Section 22 but will check. Tenterden Town Council, KCC and the Rolvenden Rocket should all come under The Tenterden Community Transport brand. Information should be put on the website and in Parish magazines. This should include scheduled bus services, Tenterden services, the Social Hub and the Rolvenden Rocket. Cllr. Ken Mulholland made a suggestion that the name for the taxi bus could be The Tenterden Traveller.

**6. UPDATE FROM KCC**

There was no update from KCC.

**7. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

It was far too early.

**8. FUTURE & SCOPE OF SUB-COMMITTEE**

As there was such a small turn out it was decided that there would be no date for a further meeting as all the mechanisms are now in place and any delivery can be done through Owen rather than sitting in a meeting. Jeremy Smith will tie up with Owen South and have discussions about Wittersham. The sub-committee would be suspended and would maybe have a catch up meeting in the summer.

**TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
EXTERNAL COMMITTEE**

**Donations Sub-Committee**

Notes of a meeting held at the Town Hall at 5.00pm on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019

| No | Item   | Action    |
|----|--|-----------|
| 1  | <b>Present:</b> Cllrs. Mrs. Curteis, Mulholland & Sugden. Notes taken by the Deputy Town Clerk.  |           |
| 2  | <b>Apologies.</b> Cllrs. Miss Gooch and Mrs. Smith due to declarations of interest.  |           |
| 3  | <b>Declarations of interest.</b> Cllr Mrs Curteis & Cllr Mrs Smith (Community group application).  |           |
| 4  | <b>Chairman.</b> Cllr. Mrs. Curteis was voted as acting Chair for this meeting.  |           |
| 5  | <b>Minutes of Last Meeting.</b> Were agreed.   |           |
| 6  | <b>Matters arising.</b> None.  |           |
| 7  | <b>Donations for consideration &amp; Decisions.</b><br><br>a) <u>Tenterden Social Hub.</u> Cllr. Mulholland reported that depending on what company you approach, there are various deals around. There is currently no money left in this year's budget and funds would have to come out of either the 2019/20 budget or outside of the Donations Sub-committee remit for this year. The Sub-committee recommends that the External Committee considers supporting this initiative subject to evidence of the quotation figures provided to the Social Hub and the savings that it will generate, both financially and carbon emissions. If this is supported before the end of this financial year, then the funds would be allocated from outside of the Donations Sub-committee.<br><i>Email Spencer Goddard for further information ahead of 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 External Committee meeting.</i> | <b>CG</b> |
| 8  | <b>Any other business.</b> None  |           |
| 9  | <b>Date of next meeting.</b> As required.  |           |

## CINEMA FOCUS GROUP

MINUTES OF A MEETING ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019

**Present:** Cllr. Mike Carter, Cllr. Sue Ferguson, Claire Gilbert (Deputy Town Clerk), Tom Evans (Chair), Alan Bates, Paul Hale, Chris Head, Elaine Mahoney, Carol Parkin, Nic Phillips, Bob Somerscales, Gill Topley, Wilfred Watters and Seren Welch.

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Colin Campbell and Fran Sharp.
2. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were agreed.
3. **Matters Arising.** None.
5. **Pre-planning Application Progress Report.** Tom Evans updated the Group on the process since the Council's External Committee approved funding for the pre-planning application. Tom had discovered from checking Ashford Borough Council's website that due to losing a Conservation Officer, ABC were no longer giving pre-planning advice on conservation. Tom had reported this to Stefanie Fischer. Burrell, Foley, Fischer's Status Report (which was circulated to members) looked at the issue and process with going to Historic England for advice. Stefanie was currently looking at two possible ways of reducing the impact on the interior of The Pebbles and improve the linkage to the Millennium Garden.

**6.1 Working Groups' Progress/Updates.**

- 6.1 Operators Working Group. Paul Hale reported that every interested operator had received equal access/received the same literature to ensure a level playing field. Matt Breckon at Kino would like a visual inspection of the building; it was agreed that all interested operators should be offered the opportunity to look around. *Subsequent to the meeting, White Stuff Head Office would not authorise inspections due to the sensitivity of the situation for staff. Claire will write to the operators indicating this and the possibility of looking round when the building feasibility study takes place.*

Seren reported that she had been in touch with the Head of Development at the Independent Cinema Office (ICO); they offer independent advice on funding. The 'How to Start a Cinema' document Seren had obtained could be used to cross check and perhaps the ICO could be contacted for advice when needed rather than contract their services. It was agreed to keep in touch with the ICO.

- 6.2 Finance & Structuring Working Group. Chris Head reported that they were still no further ahead with how much they were looking for. With inflation, etc. and looking at TTC's and operator's input, we would still be looking for funding of 1.5 million. All advice so far had been to have a clear business plan before going out for funding. Chris was concerned that a full business plan might not be ready until the end of the year. Alan Bates commented that we need to convince people that it is a good investment; bonds are a

possibility. Mike Carter reported that we have a provisional business plan with Ron Inglis' Study.

- 6.3 Route Map Working Group. As reported previously, the route map is a working document and timescales always moving. Chris asked who would sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the preferred operator? Tom Evans reported that it would probably have to be TTC.

## **6. Press and Community Relations.**

- 6.1 Tom highlighted the issues that had come to light with regard to the relationship between the Cinema Group and Town Councillors. Mike Carter briefly outlined the uncertainty of issues that arose out of the November and December External Committee meetings. Tom and Mike had met with Phil Burgess to discuss the issues and it was agreed that a meeting should take place between Councillors and representatives of the Cinema Group; the 19<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> February had been suggested as possible dates. It was agreed that a representative from each working group should attend and Tom would write to the Town Clerk with the preferred date.

- 6.2 Seren reported that we needed to focus on economic development, not just that we want a cinema; a cinema would improve the night time economy and we need this information to back it up.

Tom reported that the working group want to set up a meeting with Andrew Osborne in Economic Development (ED) at Ashford Borough Council (ABC). Seren, Claire and Cllr. Pam Smith had met with the cultural team at ABC and felt that they needed to brief and consult with ED; Claire had been trying to set up a meeting with Andrew. Seren reported that they need to look at wider tourism and their priorities before the Cinema Group goes to him.

- 6.3 Questions about relationship with cultural hub: Mike reported that there is a perceived clash with St. Mildred's and Mike suggested holding a meeting to bounce ideas between the two groups. Mike agreed to contact Lindsay Hammond to arrange a meeting in early March.

- 6.4 Press Relations. Tom reported that the Focus Group had no authority of its own; the Group is derived from the Council. On social media, information floats around but it is not clear on who should be contacted. It was agreed that the Town Council's website should be kept up to date with progress on not only the Cinema, but also all the other focus groups. Blogs could then be sent via social media. Claire reported that updates on the focus groups was included in the next Council newsletter, due to be delivered to houses in February.

7. **Focus Group Membership**. Tom reported that two/three key groups had come up that could enhance the focus group membership: young people, people with disabilities and representatives from the arts. Mike agreed to follow this up with Homewood School and Claire suggested contacting the Youth Cafe; Jo Vos would be a good initial contact. Tom proposed Barbara Lawrence as one representative of people with disabilities and it was suggested that a representative from the Social Hub might like to join. It was reported that Colin Campbell could contact the Tenterden Arts Society to find a representative.

It was agreed that it would be helpful to have a member on the focus group who worked in the legal profession and could offer advice and guidance. Members agreed to ask around and keep in touch via email with suggestions.

8. **Any Other Business.** None.
9. **Date of Next Meeting.** Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 209 at 7.00 pm.

# TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL

## MAY FAYRE SUB-COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 6pm

#### PRESENT:

**Town Councillors:** H. Edwards, Miss N. Gooch, M. Hickmott, Mrs P. Smith

**Non-Councillors:** Mr. C. Marsh

**Tenterden Town Council Staff:** Ms. S. Ratcliffe

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Mr. J. Mills
2. **MINUTES.** The minutes of the last meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were agreed.
3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.**
  - Cllr. Mrs. Smith advised that the Town Council will make up the funds to £1500 not donate £1500.
4. **CORRESPONDENCE.**
  - Cllr. Hickmott advised that he had not heard from Emma Brookes – Cllr. Mrs. Smith will contact her.
  - Cllr. Hickmott advised that nine charity stalls and three craft trades have responded.
5. **FINANCIAL REPORT.** No update.
6. **PROGRESS TO DATE FOR 2019 EVENT.**
  - The Event Notification Form has been sent to Ashford Borough Council along with The Temporary Event Notice and Risk Assessment.
  - The First Responders need to be arranged, Sharon will request quotations.
  - The Ancient Boro will need a gazebo and two tables for their stall.
  - Cllr. Hickmott sent out invitations to stallholders on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019, replies are very slow.
  - Cllr. Mrs. Smith confirmed that the Falconry have been booked.
  - The Sea Cadets have not yet confirmed.
  - As the Fun Dog Show will not be going ahead this year Ditty Diamonds dogs can use the dog show area.
  - There will be no parking available at the doctors' surgery this year.
  - The three emergency services have been invited.
  - Cllr. Hickmott has acquired radios for communication between committee members across the rec this year.
  - A few more stalls are needed to boost numbers.
  - The maintenance team have confirmed that they are able to help with setting up and dismantling on the day.
  - The Fun Dog Show needs to be removed from the poster and Ditto Diamonds added.
  - Goudhurst School have been asked to provide the May Pole dancing but have not yet responded.
  - An advert will be placed in The Wealden Advertiser nearer the time.

- The vintage flyer will be advertised nearer the time.
- The new Maypole will be set up the day before by Cllr. Edwards, Cllr. Hickmott and Mr. Carey. It is planned to take the Maypole on the trailer in the cavalcade and to put it in position upon arrival at the recreation ground.
- Cllr. Edwards suggested that a board should be attached to the beacon under the basket stating that it is the May Fayre's 20<sup>th</sup> year. Cllr. Hickmott will make a request to council.
- The Mayor, Cllr. Mrs. Pam Smith will ride in the lead car in the cavalcade with the Mayors Cadet, Ryan Hobbs and the Town Sergeant Mr. Malcolm Winter.

**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.** The committee thanked the Deputy Town Clerk, Claire Gilbert for sending in the necessary paperwork to Ashford Borough Council.

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 6pm.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.

**External Committee 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**Friday Market & Town Events**

**Agenda Item 8**

Currently there are two annual Town Events which operate from both the High Street and Recreation Ground. The planning of these events takes up an enormous amount of the organisers time and, following the increased popularity of the Christmas event in particular, it is proposed that Town Events need to take priority over the Friday Market. This would allow the Organisers to fully plan their layout for the whole event and enable easier organisation for those stallholders who stay for the full three days. Advance notice of events would be issued to all Friday Market Traders.

At present, this only affects one Friday in a full calendar year and it is perceived that this type of event format would not exceed three possible events in the near future.

Friday Market Traders could apply to the Organisers of Town Events for a pitch, however, it would be the Organisers decision as to whether they trade.

**Proposal: that a clause be added to the Terms and Conditions for Friday Market Traders from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 stating that Town Events which cover the High Street will take priority and Market Traders could apply to the Organisers direct if they wished to participate.**

*C. Guiser*

Claire Gilbert  
Deputy Town Clerk

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| Impact on Crime and Disorder | : None    |
| Impact on Bio-diversity      | : None    |
| Budgetary Impact             | : Minimal |

## TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL

External Committee - background paper for 11 March 2019

## The SPIRIT OF TENTERDEN festival

### A summer event on the Recreation Ground

#### Background

A small group has formed an ad hoc committee to arrange and run a summer event on the Recreation Ground. The group (currently) consists of Lindsay Hammond and Jeanette Kennett from St Mildred's, Ray Pratt and Sarah Cleaton (who originally proposed the idea) from This Ancient Boro', Sue Ferguson, Matthew Freeman and Justin Nelson (albeit not in their capacity as councillors), and Steve Riv. It is hoped to supplement the group with more members as needed.

The intention is to run an event on the Recreation Ground over the weekend of 05 to 07 July 2019, with food and craft stalls, live and recorded music and a beer festival. Entry would be free to members of the public, with the overheads intended to be covered by a combination of stall fees and local business sponsorship. A preliminary (and approximate) budget is as attached – I emphasise that this is very tentative at present and clearly stall fees and sponsorship will need reviewing. It is intended to budget so that income covers expenditure without making a significant surplus.

It is hoped that such an event will appeal in the main to local residents, rather than drawing significant numbers from out of the area, and the event is to be deliberately low-key, partly for that reason and partly to avoid containing visitors on the Recreation Ground, instead giving them the incentive to explore the rest of the town and its businesses. We would not be including fairground attractions, for instance. Similarly, preference would be given to local stallholders by heavily discounting stall fees charged to them as compared with any out-of-area stallholders.

We have avoided clashing with other local events (such as Tributes in the Park) or using a name that could be confused with other events or projects, such as the "Tenterden Festival" (of music, mainly) that a resident is planning.

If the event is successful, it is intended to form a Community Interest Company or similar vehicle to run the event either annually or in alternate years (perhaps with another summer event filling the vacant years), and the town council would be invited to appoint a representative to attend business meetings.

We would like the town council's support in the forms of –

- (a) allowing us free use of the Recreation Ground for the event, on the basis that it is not-for-profit – any surplus would be carried forward towards a future similar event and all other conditions of booking would be complied with in the normal way;
- (b) agreeing to act as "banker" for this year, receiving funds from stallholders and sponsors and paying bills for the event's overheads out of those funds – the council's officers have no objection to this; and
- (c) agreeing to underwrite potential losses to a maximum of £1,000.

#### Proposals

We propose-

- 1 to the **Internal Committee**:
  - (a) that the town council agrees that the event is a local not-for-profit organisation, so need not pay to hire the Recreation Ground
  - (b) that the town council receives and disburses funds on behalf of the event
- 2 to the **External Committee**, that the town council underwrites potential losses incurred by the event up to a maximum sum of £1,000

**Crime and disorder reduction impact:** None envisaged

**Biodiversity conservation impact:** None envisaged

**Effect on budget:** Up to £1,000 in the event of losses being incurred

Cllr Justin Nelson – for the organising committee: 14 February 2019

## Proposal for a Tenterden Festival

This informal paper contains some initial thoughts about the possibility of establishing a Tenterden Festival.

The author is not in a position to offer to take forward his ideas. Should some other person be willing to do so, no doubt he/she would wish to have the support (moral, financial or both) of the Town Council before making a firm commitment. Councillors might therefore wish to consider whether or not the Council should give the proposal its blessing and, if so, consider how the proposal might be taken forward.

### Background

1. Tenterden offers much to those who seek out its virtues. There is a diversity of interests catered for by societies, clubs and other organisations. The Lipton Group estimated that there were over 70 interest groups in Tenterden. A considerable amount of music-making takes place in the Tenterden area and there are several art groups, galleries and art appreciation societies in the town. However, we do not promote or celebrate this rich seam of enjoyment. We could do so through the medium of a "Tenterden Festival".
2. Initially, the festival could be a marketing and branding exercise incorporating suitable pre-existing events and activities over a 3 or 4 week period (see below). To this could be added events that local performers, impresarios and sponsors could easily put on during the festival period. A visit to Tenterden by one or more "big names", such as the London Adventist Chorale (which has visited Tenterden three times, at differing times of the year), would be a first class anchor or core event of a festival. In a few years, the festival organisers might wish to book artists etc. themselves.

### Existing Festivals

3. There are three existing "festivals" in Tenterden, all bar one of short duration - May Fayre (Monday, 6th May), Tenterden Food & Drink Festival (17th to 19th May) and Tenterden Folk Week (October).
4. The owners of "This Ancient Boro" last week launched their proposal for a food and music weekend on the Recreation Ground on 5, 6, 7 July. Councillor Nelson has been in touch with them.
5. In 2017, the Friends of St Mildred's held a "Spring Festival" at the church on 6 and 7 May but this was not repeated in 2018.
6. A list of festivals and related events in Kent is at Annex A.

### Scope

7. The scope of a festival, initially, might be limited to music and art, thereby covering a fairly wide spectrum of activity without over-burdening the organisers. Later, the organisers could consider adding other sectors - dance, crafts, photography, horticulture, local history etc - to increase inclusivity. Initially the festival could comprise events already scheduled or which can easily be arranged. For example a local singing group could put on a concert and an art society could stage an exhibition of paintings or ceramics. The festival organisers could undertake and/or arrange festival branding, marketing and publicity. Ownership of each event would remain with the event organiser.
8. If desired, the scope could later be broadened by encouraging other interest groups to arrange or sponsor additional festival events.

### Role of Festival Organising Body

9. Initially, the festival organisers would facilitate but not arrange events itself but would concentrate on:
  1. encouraging existing event organisers (such as the Friends of St Mildred's Church) to stage musical events during the festival period,
  2. scheduling events to avoid gaps and overlaps,
  3. designing festival branding for participating organisations to use in their publicity general promotional publicity and advertising,
  4. obtaining funding to meet the cost of its activities
10. Later, when a festival is established, the festival body could stage events itself if so desired.

### Composition of Festival Organising Body

11. The festival organising body should be kept small (3 – 5 persons) and members should have some experience in event organisation or have some other relevant experience such as public relations, branding and marketing. All will need to be willing and able to devote time to the project, especially in the first two years (and particularly if the festival is to be launched this year).

### The Competition

12. A list of known festivals and similar events in Kent is at Annex A. None appears to offer direct competition with a Tenterden festival.

### Festival Date

13. Possible dates for a Tenterden festival could be based on those periods when there is little in the way of competing activity in the town. The list of events at Annex A would tend to indicate that a 3 or 4 week slot in the following months might be worth exploring - January, February, March, April, June/July, and November.
14. A festival in March/April would have the benefit of being six months from Tenterden Folk Week, avoiding any possibility of a clash.
15. If the proposed food and music weekend in July comes to fruition, and is likely to become an annual event, it could be billed as the culmination of a three-week festival period running from 17 June to 7 July. It would overlap with JAM on the Marsh that weekend (5-7 July) only.
16. If the two events at Hole Park in August were to become annual events, they could form the core of a Festival in August.
17. The event organiser Smallhythe Place has said the National Trust would be willing to arrange for suitable events there to be timed to coincide with a festival, from 2020 (their programme for 2019 is already finalised). This year, The Barn Theatre will be hosting two musical performances, in August and September.
18. The spirit of the season could be a useful marketing tool and incorporated into the title of a festival such as "Tenterden Spring Festival".
19. Likewise, June, July and August could give us a "Tenterden Summer Festival". November and December could suggest a "Tenterden Christmas Festival" starting on the late night shopping weekend but in this case there is potential for competition with the Tenterden Folk Week in early October.

### Performers

20. At least one high profile performer or group would be needed, to act as an anchor for the festival. Other performers could be local and/or specially invited to come to Tenterden. Local performers range from singing groups such as the Rhythm of Life and the Tenterden Singers, via church organs to instrumental groups such as the Tenterden Ukulele Club.

#### Venues

21. A list of local venues known to host events (or to be capable of doing so) is at Annex C

#### Funding

22. The festival body would initially be self-funded by its members, for a few months. External funding would be required before the body could commit to the production of advertising and marketing materials.

#### Festival Name

23. The "Keep it Simple" principle should apply. "Tenterden Festival" is all encompassing and holds no hostages for the future.

#### Next Steps

24. Time is short to set up a festival body and create a festival this year but this is not outwith the bounds of possibility.
25. An early approach should be made to the singing and art groups in Tenterden to ascertain whether they would be prepared to co-operate with a festival body. If the reaction is positive, it would then be necessary to obtain information from them about their present commitments and the scope for them to enter into new commitments this year. With this information it should be possible to assess whether there is a 3-4 week period this year with sufficient activity to inaugurate a festival in 2019.
26. If the number of existing and possible events is too small for a festival this year, the festival body should aim to hold the first festival in 2020 and use the intervening period to generate publicity.

## Annex A

### Festivals and Other Events in Kent in 2019

[A work in progress]

|                    |                                     |                              |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| February 16        | Piano Recital – Yehudi Inbar        | St Mildred's Church          |
| May 6              | May Fayre                           | Tenterden                    |
| May 18-19          | 1940s Weekend                       | Kent & East Sussex Railway   |
| May 17-19          | Tenterden Food and Drink Festival   | Tenterden                    |
| May 23-27          | Alfresco Music Festival             | Hop Farm, Paddock Wood       |
| June 21-30         | Stour Music Festival                | Boughton Aluph               |
| June 28 – July 13  | Deal Festival of Music and the Arts | Deal                         |
| July 4 – 14        | JAM on the Marsh                    | Various, Romney Marsh        |
| July 5 – 7         | Food and music weekend              | Tenterden Recreation Ground] |
| 13 July            | Leeds Castle Classical Concert      | Leeds, Kent                  |
|                    | RPO and Royal Marines Band          | Organisers: Heritage Events  |
| August 2 – 4       | Margate Soul Festival               | Margate                      |
| August 7           | Alice in Wonderland                 | Smallhythe Place             |
| August 9 – 16      | Broadstairs Folk Week               | Broadstairs                  |
| August 24          | Proms Spectacular Concert           | Hole Park Gardens, Rolvenden |
|                    | Organisers: Belevnts.co.uk          |                              |
| August 25          | ABBA Revival Concert                | Hole Park Gardens, Rolvenden |
|                    | Organisers: Belevnts.co.uk          |                              |
| August 29          | HMS Pinafore                        | Smallhythe Place             |
| September 7        | Great Expectations - the Musical    | Smallhythe Place             |
| September 14 – 28  | Rye Arts Festival                   | Rye, East Sussex             |
| September 21 – 22  | Salute to the 40s                   | Chatham Dockyard             |
| October 3 – 6      | Tenterden Folk Week                 | Tenterden                    |
| October 19 – Nov 2 | Canterbury Festival                 | Canterbury                   |
| October 26         | Afternoon concert                   | St Mildred's Church          |
| December 7 – 8     | Dickensian Christmas Festival       | Rochester                    |

## Annex B

### Local Performers

[A work in progress]

Withheld because of concerns about compliance with GDPR

## Annex C

### Potential Venues

[A work in progress]

St Mildred's Church, Church Road, Tenterden

Town Hall, High Street, Tenterden

Sinden Theatre, Homewood School, Ashford Road, Tenterden

Barn Theatre, Smallhythe Place, Smallhythe

William Caxton, High Street, Tenterden

Woolpack, High Street, Tenterden

The Vine, High Street, Tenterden

The White Lion, 57 High Street, Tenterden, Kent TN30 6BD  
01580 765077

Tenterden Club, Church Road, Tenterden, Kent TN30 6AT  
01580 762888

Tenterden Social Hub, Church Road, Tenterden

The London Beach Hotel, Ashford Road, St Michaels, Tenterden, Kent TN30 6HX

Little Silver Country Hotel, Ashford Road, St Michael's, Tenterden

St Mildred's Church Hall, Church Road, Tenterden

Highbury Hall, Highbury Lane, Tenterden

Tenterden Recreation Ground

St Michael's Recreation Ground

# WELCOME to TENTERDEN



An introduction and welcome to this thriving Wealden town and all that it has to offer its newest residents.



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Original map designed by the artist of Kent Production Society

## TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL WELCOME

A very warm welcome to Tenterden.

You are now part of a vibrant and go-ahead community which takes pride in its status as The Jewel of the Weald, values its history and looks forward confidently to the future.

Our rich heritage is a colourful story which goes back to medieval times, and is detailed in this Welcome Pack.

While that history is treasured, Tenterden is also developing for the future. A £3.5 million regeneration programme is underway which will see major improvements to the Recreation Ground, restoration work on our iconic Town Hall, maximising the use of community halls around the town, and investigating the potential for a local cinema.

We take care of our town, with its excellent schools, green spaces and social facilities for all ages. We are proud of our energetic commercial community, with a retail scene of independent shops alongside nationally recognised chains, and a lively hospitality sector of pubs, restaurants and cafés.

Tenterden Town Council is dedicated to creating an imaginative future for the town as well as protecting and preserving our heritage. We strive to communicate effectively, which means we welcome comments and suggestions from our residents. This Welcome Pack, a co-operative initiative with the Tenterden Rotary Club and Churches in Tenterden, is part of that policy.

Thanks to our advertisers who have helped fund the Welcome Pack and Trevor Bingham of Arts Incorporated for the design.

Please don't hesitate to drop into the Town Hall or talk to one of our 16 town councillors. Their details can be found on our website [www.tenterdentowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.tenterdentowncouncil.gov.uk), which also gives full details of our decisions and consultations.

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- 1 **Town Hall and Council Offices**  
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- 2 **St. Mildred's Church**  
High Street  
Tel: 01580 761591 • [www.tenterdencofe.co.uk](http://www.tenterdencofe.co.uk)
- 3 **Kent & East Sussex Railway**  
Station Road  
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- 4 **Colonel Stephens Railway Museum**  
Station Road  
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- 5 **Old Dairy Brewery**  
Station Road  
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- 6 **Tenterden & District Museum**  
Station Road  
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- 7 **Tenterden Gateway - Library and Post Office**  
High Street  
Tel: 03000 414141 • [www.kent.gov.uk/gateway](http://www.kent.gov.uk/gateway)
- 8 **Tenterden Leisure Centre**  
Recreation Ground Road  
Tel: 01580 765987 • [www.tenterdenleisure.com](http://www.tenterdenleisure.com)
- 9 **Tenterden Recreation Ground**  
Recreation Ground Road
- 10 **Ivy Court Surgery**  
Recreation Ground Road  
Tel: 01580 763666 • [www.ivycoursurgery.co.uk](http://www.ivycoursurgery.co.uk)
- 11 **Waitrose Supermarket**  
Sayers Lane
- 12 **Tesco Supermarket**  
Smallhythe Road
- 13 **Tenterden Juniors and Infants School**  
Recreation Ground Road  
Infants Tel: 01580 762086 • Juniors Tel: 01580 763717  
[www.tenterdenprimaryfederation.kent.sch.uk](http://www.tenterdenprimaryfederation.kent.sch.uk)
- 14 **Herodden Veterinary Practice**  
Pickhill Business Centre, Smallhythe Road  
Tel: 01580 763303 • [www.heroddenvets.co.uk](http://www.heroddenvets.co.uk)
- 15 **GMP Chartered Accountants**  
82 High Street  
Tel: 01580 766171 • [www.gmpaccountants.co.uk](http://www.gmpaccountants.co.uk)
- 16 **TW Fuggle - Funeral Directors**  
20 Ashford Road  
Tel: 01580 763340 • [www.twfuggle.co.uk](http://www.twfuggle.co.uk)
- 17 **Tenterden Social Hub**  
Church Road  
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## A SHORT HISTORY

# HUNDRED OF TENTERDEN

Before the great storms of the 15th century silted up the River Rother, Tenterden was linked to the sea and was an important shipbuilding centre and port. Much of the town's heritage remains today, including historic timber framed buildings, a medieval church, cobbled alleys and the Georgian Town Hall.

William Caxton, who in 1477 printed the first English book, was said to have been born here. Keeping guard over the town is the tower of St Mildred's Church from where a signal beacon warned of the approach of the Spanish Armada. Lord Nelson's daughter, Horatia was the wife of the vicar.

In Roman times, the Weald of Kent and much of East Sussex were covered by a huge expanse of forest. A Roman road from Thanet passed through the district, but it was not until Saxon times that a settlement was recorded. In Old English 'Tenet Waraden' described a den or clearing in the forest belonging to the men of Thanet, and the town's name is derived from this ancient identification.

Tenterden first rose to affluence as a centre for the wool trade in the 13th century. In 1331 Edward III prohibited the export of raw wool and brought weavers and dyers from Flanders to teach the English to manufacture finished cloth, and in the subsequent decades Tenterden's prosperity grew. Despite this relative affluence, a number of townfolk supported the Peasants' Revolt and joined Wat Tyler's march on Canterbury and London in 1381.

The town had the advantage of access to the sea. Much of what is now Romney Marsh was under water, and ships docked at Small Hythe. Wood from the Wealden Forest was used to construct ships, and in 1449 Tenterden was incorporated into the

Confederation of Cinque Ports as a limb of Rye. Ships built in the town were used to help Rye fulfil its quota for the Crown. As a Cinque Port, Tenterden enjoyed virtual self-government, was exempt from national taxation and is represented at the coronation of the monarch. The latter privilege is still jealously guarded and the town still retains a mayor. In the 15th and 16th centuries changes in the coastline meant that the Cinque Ports lost much of their influence - Tenterden lost access to the sea, and is now some ten miles from the coast.



## TOWN MUSEUM

The Museum is housed in a two storey weather boarded building, one of the last representatives in Tenterden of a type of industrial building common in the area in the latter part of the 19th century.

Opened in 1976, it is run entirely by volunteers. As a member of the Kent Museums Group we work with Ashford Borough Council's Culture and Tourism Department.

The Association serves as a focus for research and enquiry and provides a repository for artefacts connected with the area. Items gifted to the museum which are of local interest are always welcome.

For opening times visit [www.tenterdenmuseum.co.uk](http://www.tenterdenmuseum.co.uk)



## ACTIVITIES TO SUIT ALL AGES & ABILITIES

# SPORT & LEISURE

Tenterden offers a wide choice of indoor and outdoor leisure activities, catering for all ages and abilities, and all within walking distance or a short drive.

Sporting types can enjoy swimming and energetic workouts at the purpose-built Leisure Centre. The golf, bowls and cricket clubs are always keen to welcome new members. Those who prefer a measured approach to fitness are well provided for and can enrol in one of many classes on offer.

Situated in the heart of the Weald, Tenterden is surrounded by accessible and exhilarating country walks that in many cases include breathtaking scenery. There is an established rambling club and escorted walking tours.

For the creative individual, art, photography, dance and music are just a few of the courses available that encourage beginners to the more experienced.

## ENTERTAINMENT, EVENTS, SOCIALISING & PLACES TO VISIT

# LOTS TO DO & ENJOY

Take a walk along the tree-lined High Street and discover a wealth of cafés, pubs and restaurants. Many are independently owned and offer homemade, bespoke fare.

St. Mildred's provides an amazing backdrop to concerts held in the church throughout the year. The Town Hall and Sinden Theatre regularly stage dramas and musicals, with the pubs holding live music and quiz nights.

Tenterden plays host to the annual and extremely popular Folk Festival, featuring traditional music and dancing. The Christmas Market sees the town come alive with a whole weekend of seasonal entertainment.

As well as the award winning museum, there are many fascinating places well worth a visit, including the Kent & East Sussex Railway - Tenterden's Steam Railway, National Trust Smalhythe Place and Chapel Down Winery.

## A THRIVING TOWN

There are numerous opportunities to become involved in the 'fabric' of Tenterden.

The Rotary Club of Tenterden and Tenterden Lions are long-standing charity organisations seeking new members to assist in regular fundraising and community activities.

From archery to the WI, there's bound to be a club, group or society that will accommodate your special subject interest. For business people the Chamber of Commerce provides an opportunity to meet other business people at its informal monthly meetings.



### THE TENTERDEN COMMUNITY

## A CARING COMMUNITY

Tenterden is proud to be recognised as a caring town, and through various agencies supports a number of initiatives designed to improve the quality of life for all members of the community, from young people to senior citizens.



Tenterden Social Hub offers a range of services and facilities to make life easier and more fulfilling for those 60+, disabled or vulnerable living in our community. It provides a fun, social atmosphere with activities and a freshly made 2-course lunch daily during the week.

There is ample opportunity for voluntary work. Charitable groups that focus on the various needs of the community rely heavily on the generosity of volunteers, who freely give their time and energy to help others.



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### TENTERDEN ROTARY CLUB MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Tenterden Rotary Club is part of a Worldwide organisation of over 1.2 million members, all involved in local community and vocational work, fund raising, international causes, disaster relief and global health projects such as the eradication of Polio.

Join Rotary and give something back to our community. We are looking to recruit energetic men and women who have a passion for service above self.

If you are interested in learning more about us or coming to one of our meetings, please telephone Phil on **07949 780446** or Chris on **07799 114475**. Website: [www.tenterdenrotary.org.uk](http://www.tenterdenrotary.org.uk)

Evening meetings and get-togethers take place at Tenterden Club, Church Road on Thursdays at 7.30pm or at various hostesses in Tenterden. Everyone is welcome and you can choose to eat with us first or just come along to hear the speaker. Business Breakfast meetings are held twice a month on Fridays, 7.30 to 8.30, at Salcocks Farm, St. Michaels, and include networking and learning opportunities.



### TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL SERVING THE PEOPLE OF TENTERDEN

The Town Council's central role is to act in the interest of the whole community by making decisions and recommendations to improve quality of life and the environment. It serves as the main link between Tenterden and the district authority, Ashford Borough Council, Tenterden Town Council dates back hundreds of years, with records as far back as 1449. We have biographical information about all Mayors (or Bayliffs, before the incorporation of the town) back to 1449, and we are always happy to help with genealogy enquiries. Visit [www.tenterdentowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.tenterdentowncouncil.gov.uk) for a wealth of interesting facts about Tenterden.



### TENTERDEN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCHES A WARM WELCOME TO YOU ALL

To find out about the Christian churches in Tenterden, St. Michaels and Small Hythe, please contact one of the ministers listed below. We'd like to get to know you better, so come along to any of our services or to any of our events and activities.

#### The Church of England in Tenterden

Rev. Canon Lindsay Hammond: 01580 761591 • [tentwic@gmail.com](mailto:tentwic@gmail.com)  
Rev. Jeanette Kennett: 01580 388352 • [caulkhead7@talktalk.net](mailto:caulkhead7@talktalk.net)  
[www.tenterdencofe.co.uk](http://www.tenterdencofe.co.uk)

#### St Andrew's Roman Catholic Church

Father John Hine: 01580 762785 • Rev. Jolyon Vickers: 01580 766449 • [www.standrewstenterden.org](http://www.standrewstenterden.org)

#### Tenterden Methodist Church

Rev. Paul Dean: 01233 879358 • [pldean@gmx.co.uk](mailto:pldean@gmx.co.uk) • End Knight: 01580 766265

#### Zion Baptist Church

Church Office: 01580 388934 • [zionbaptisttenterden@gmail.com](mailto:zionbaptisttenterden@gmail.com) • [www.zionbaptisttenterden.org](http://www.zionbaptisttenterden.org)

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A day service for adults with learning and/or physical disabilities. A fun and friendly atmosphere is guaranteed.



Provides assistance with domestic tasks in your own home and supports independent living.



A Meals on Wheels service that delivers a freshly cooked hot lunch to your home and is available Monday to Friday.



An Advice Officer works with you, offering advice and support around entitled benefits or application processes.

**Tenterden Social Hub is here for you.**

Call in for an informal chat and find out how we support individuals and families living within and around Tenterden.

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**External Committee 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**Tenterden Visitor Map**

**Agenda Item 12**

A reprint of the Town's Heritage Trail map was discussed at the External Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 where a decision was made to refer a review of the leaflet content to the Tourism & Business Sub-committee. The view was that the current content was dated and a leaflet format should deliver a wider message for the Town incorporating heritage, key events, Tenterden's position as a touring and destination hub and the retail and hospitality offer of the High Street.

The previous budget quoted for a 10,000 reprint of the Heritage Trail leaflet was £1,882.00 with the format A2 to DL. We are now proposing a Tenterden Visitor Map in A3 DL format with a print run of 30,000. This would be distributed in partnership with ABC Tourism Team and private sector businesses. The current format is being designed by Homewood School Media Centre where final content sign off will sit with the Tourism & Business Sub-committee. The print run and design costs will be £600.00 with a potential advertising revenue of £150.00.

It is proposed that the leaflet will be available for distribution ready for Easter.

**Proposal:**        **to approve the budget for printing of the new Tenterden Visitor Map at a cost of £600.00.**

*C. Guiser*

Claire Gilbert  
Deputy Town Clerk

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|------------------------------|-----------|
| Impact on Crime and Disorder | : None    |
| Impact on Bio-diversity      | : None    |
| Budgetary Impact             | : Minimal |

KCC Highway Planning.

Ashford Borough Council Development Control Manager.

Tenterden Town Council

20 February 2019

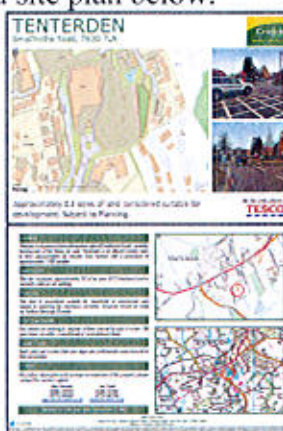
Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

### Tesco Car Park

I wonder if you are aware that Tesco is apparently offering a chunk of its car park for sale as development land? The brochure offering the land for sale can be found by on the following link:-

<http://www.cradick.co.uk/properties/freehold/Smallhythe-Road-Tenterden/523>

I have copied the first page and an enlarged site plan below:



While this may look mundane, the true impact becomes far clearer when other details are included.

### TENTERDEN

Smallhythe Road, TN30 7LN



In addition to car park spaces lost, a replacement access road will be needed to preserve the traffic flow in the facility. The yellow line gives an indication of where this might be sited.

In 2010, Tesco applied for permission to extend the store and although that was granted Tesco discovered a major black hole in its accounts and the building work was never started. The application can be found under the following reference:

APPLICATION NO: 10/01036/CONE/AS

Date of Consent 07 July 2014

The conditions that would have applied to this sale include

### Highways, Travel and Parking Conditions

- 28 The area shown on drawing number F/EXT/1271 – PL221 Rev A as vehicle parking, cycle parking, loading, off-loading and turning space, shall be paved and drained in accordance with details submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority before the additional quantum of floorspace hereby permitted is occupied and shall be retained for the use of the occupiers of, and visitors to, the premises. No permanent development, whether or not permitted by Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 and Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (No 2) (England) Order 2008 (or any Order revoking and re-enacting those Orders), shall be carried out on that area of land or in such a position as to preclude its use for ancillary vehicle parking, cycle parking, loading, off-loading and turning space.

**Reason:** Development without provision of adequate accommodation for the parking, loading, off-loading and turning of vehicles is likely to lead to such activities inconvenient to other road users.

In the application documents. A capacity analysis was included as table 3.1 This showed the car park was deficient to meet demand on two days (Friday and Saturday) every week. Since that date, a car wash facility has robbed the car park of about ten spaces and approaching a thousand new dwellings have been built or are under consideration in Tenterden alone with another high number in the surrounding area. This is bound to lead to a significant increase in traffic to the facility. Tesco is a family grocer and shoppers have no option but to park where they can get their shopping trolleys alongside their cars to unload them. The Bridewell Lane car park, although nearby would not do, apart from which Tesco has immobiliser devices to stop trolleys going off-site.

Simply counting the parked cars that would be effected in the picture above could see as many as fifty parking spaces being lost as a result of this sale. I calculate that, together with the car wash parking sacrifice, the sale would see something between 20% and 25% of the parking spaces being lost. Applying this loss to the capacity data in table 3.1, suggests demand would then exceed capacity on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays even before allowing for any traffic growth. Furthermore, I believe it would be likely that the number of cars waiting to park would be sufficient to cause a tailback well into the Smallhythe Road, which would then rapidly extend to gridlock the A28, Tenterden High Street on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Wednesdays might well also be problematical. This would have a very detrimental impact on the town and its traders.

My conclusion is that the proposal to reduce the size of the car park has the potential significantly to harm the vitality and viability the Tenterden high Street, because traffic generated by the proposal would no longer be safely accommodated on the site on a growing number of occasions. The question is, can the Authorities act using the conditions that were agreed under 10/1036 or by using other powers; or is Tesco free to do as it wishes?

Yours faithfully,

Tenterden Resident