

# **WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Annual Report 2016/17**

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## COUNCIL MEMBERS 2016- 2017

<b>Alan Wesley</b>	Chairman of the Council and Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee
<b>Helen Ogden</b>	Vice-Chairman of the Council and Chairman of Allotments, Playing Fields and Open Spaces and member of Finance & General Purpose Committee
<b>Philip Ashley</b>	Chairman of Planning and member of Finance
<b>Eddie Boyle</b>	Chairman - Youth and Community Committee and member of Finance & General Purpose Committee
<b>Neil Proudfoot</b>	Chairman of Highways and Lighting Committee and member of APFOS
<b>Alex Bates</b>	Member of Planning and Y&C
<b>Loretta Bird</b>	Member of H&L and Planning
<b>Michael Craig</b>	Member of APFOS and Y&C
<b>Anthony Holman</b>	Member of APFOS and H&L
<b>Alan Jowett</b>	Member of H&L and Y&C
<b>David Le Breton</b>	Member of Planning and H&L
<b>Hannah Marsh</b>	Member of Planning and Y&C
<b>Sharon Sheen</b>	Member of APFOS and F&GP

Town Clerk: **Angela Howells**  
Deputy Town Clerk: **Debbie Marshall**  
Assistant Clerk: **Deborah Rogers**

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# **WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL (including Crockham Hill Ward)**

Russell House, Market Square, Westerham, Kent TN16 1RB

## **Annual Town Meeting**

**Wednesday 10th May 2017  
at 7.30 pm at Westerham Hall,  
Quebec Avenue Westerham**

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### **A G E N D A**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016
3. **Guest Speaker – Mr Matthew Scott, Kent Police and  
Crime Commissioner**
4. **Chairman's Report — Councillor Alan Wesley**
5. Information Stalls
6. Any questions?

Westerham Town Council  
 Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held  
 on Wednesday 13th April 2016 at 7.30pm  
 at Westerham Hall, Quebec Avenue, Westerham

Present: Councillors: Alan Wesley (Chairman) Helen Ogden (Vice-Chairman), Philip Ashley, Alex Bates, Loretta Bird, Eddie Boyle, Anthony Holman, David Le Breton, Nick Moore, Neil Proudfoot, Linda Rodgers and Stuart Wilkie.

In Attendance: Town Clerk: Angela Howells  
 Deputy Clerk: Debbie Marshall  
 Assistant Clerk: Deborah Rogers  
 Steve Grange: KCC Community Warden  
 PCSO Anne KingScott  
 Cllr R Parry: Kent County Councillor  
 Cllr D Esler: Sevenoaks District Councillor  
 Cllr S McGregor: Chairman Edenbridge Town Council  
 68 members of the public

1.	<b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b> Mr M Fallon MP and WTC Cllr H Marsh.	
2.	<b><u>Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015</u></b> These were signed as a true record.	
3.	Cllr Alan Wesley welcomed everyone to the trial format of the Westerham Annual Meeting Community Engagement Event and thanked them for attending. Cllr Wesley encouraged everyone to talk, mingle, enquire and volunteer with the stall holders :-  Kent County Council Environment Agency Kent Police Kent County Council Community Wardens Kent Fire & Rescue Service Sevenoaks Libraries Kent Search & Rescue Citizens Advice, Edenbridge and Westerham Westerham Town Partnership Westerham Society Sevenoaks Dementia Forum Playplace TN16 Blood Runners Food Bank Age UK	

	<p>Buses 4U Community Responders Friends of the Long Pond</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p><b><u>Chairman's report – Cllr Alan Wesley</u></b>  Cllr Wesley reported that his full report and those from the Committees were available in the pack provided together with details of Councillors and a list of responsibilities for WTC, KCC and SDC.  Cllr Wesley emphasised a number of points from his report:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Youth vandalism - Westerham was suffering youth vandalism and he emphasised the importance of reporting all incidents of vandalism as no report meant no crime as far as the police were concerned.</li> <li>2. Moorhouse Tile Works planning application – Whilst this application was refused it was inevitable that further applications would be put forward or an appeal against the refusal. WTC took a lot of credit for influencing the Tandridge District Council refusal but it was likely that there will be the need to repeat the concerted action in the near future.</li> <li>3. Bypass and housebuilding – Neither of these developments were WTC proposals or WTC sponsored. The current situation was that Squerryes Estate had recently submitted land for housebuilding to SDC as part of SDC's call for sites. In June SDC will publish a list of all the sites offered to them and in spring 2017 there will be the first public consultation on these sites. There was no bypass news as Squerryes were still talking about it to the sandpit operators Monier Redland who currently were liable for the restoration.</li> <li>4. Gatwick – Another runway would not be good for Westerham. The purpose of a second runway was to double the traffic movements to 560,000 per annum and noise would affect three times as many people. The key decision will be taken this summer, thereafter any debate was only about detail. WTC subscribes to the Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign which continues its opposition via factual research.</li> <li>5. Finance – The precept for the financial year 2015/16 was £182,600 but WTC spent £250,000. The extra revenue was from rents and grants, therefore Cllr Wesley stated that WTC was good value for money.</li> </ol> <p>Cllr Wesley thanked the Councillors and staff for their professional contributions during the year.  Cllr Linda Rodgers would be resigning from WTC shortly and</p>	

	Cllr Wesley thanked her for her trenchant service over the past 9 years; she would be missed.	
5.	<p><b><u>WTC priorities 2016 – 2109</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Ogden reported that WTC had recently consulted those who lived, worked and visited Westerham regarding what was important to them so WTC could put together a strategy for 2016 – 2019.</p> <p>The first priority was traffic which included traffic calming, bypass, width restrictions, pedestrian crossing, 20mph speed limit, reducing pollution and a footpath along the ring road. The second priority was keeping Westerham attractive and included the appearance of the High street, clearing dog poo, developing the economy, better public loos, improving the lighting, looking after the footpaths and picking up litter. The third priority was supporting community activities including activities for young people, a supermarket, cycle paths, a community centre, a sports centre/swimming pool and events for all Westerham.</p> <p>The fourth priority was transport, more buses to more places and more often.</p> <p>Suggestions were also received to increase parking; more affordable housing; to preserve Westerham's heritage; and to reduce crime and disorder.</p> <p>Cllr Ogden stated that some of these items were already on WTC agenda. Others we will work on and some need us to lobby and influence others. All need us to work with Town organisations and residents, we will keep you updated.</p> <p>The draw was then made for the award winning Squerryes sparkling wine and this was won by Mr I Sheffield.</p>	
6.	<p><b><u>Open Session</u></b></p> <p>Q – Mrs Oram asked WTC to remember that not all residents were on the internet and would like to receive printed information.</p> <p>A – Cllr Wesley replied that WTC were now placing articles in the TN16 which was currently delivered to 1700 addresses in Westerham.</p>	

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Signed as a correct record .....

Chairman

# Chairman's Report including Financial Summary 2016 – 2017

## Councillors

During the year we co-opted Michael Craig, Sharon Sheen and Alan Jowett to replace resignations. We thank the departing Councillors Nick Moore, Linda Rodgers and Stuart Wilkie for their many years' service to our community.

## Council and Committee Meetings

The first ten minutes of all meetings are available for members of the public to raise and discuss relevant issues.

## Council strategy for the term of office to 2019

The strategic priorities were established in an earlier community consultation and published in 2016.

Substantial levels of cost are involved in most of the projects delaying in some cases next stage implementation until we have access to our 25% share of a Community Infrastructure Levy, (CIL).

This levy, based upon numbers and categories of houses to be built, will be paid by Linden Homes the developers of the former Churchill School site on London Road. Whilst the precise amount is unknown, it will be a substantial sum when compared to our annual precept. Its receipt is imminent.

Council also has access to the Sevenoaks District Council CIL fund which is created from the 75% balance of all developer payments.

## Priorities

### 1. Traffic and Parking

Extend and resurface Costells Meadow car park.	CIL dependent.
Increase parking spaces in Madan and Hartley roads.	CIL dependent.
Car park build on Crockham Hill playing field.	CIL dependent.

**Speed Watch.** Equipment purchase and training completed.  
Implementing 2017.

### 2. Toilets Fullers Hill

The existing toilets are beyond economic repair and maintenance.  
Replacement costs £50,000. CIL dependent.  
Community consultation is the next action.

### 3. Keep Westerham and Crockham Hill attractive

#### **Westerham and Crockham Hill Planning Design Statement.**

When approved will form supplemental guidance within the Sevenoaks District new Local Development Plan 2015 – 2035.  
Community consultation following SDC review is the next action.  
Costs of £7,000 funded by Westerham Town Council.

**Darent bridge replacement.**

This joins the car park to King Georges Playing Field.  
Estimated costs of £20,000 funded by Westerham Town Council.  
Implementation imminent.

**Bollards around the Green replacement.**

Grant obtained, consultation and implementation 2017.

**4. Protect Green Spaces**

**Darent Valley footpath and cycle path project.**

Council are contributing £7,500 over five years to its creation and starting point at King Georges Playing Field.

**Greensands Commons project.**

Council have committed £1,500 to a grant funded plan which will open and improve our three Commons.

**5. Enhance Community Facilities**

**King Georges Playing Field.**

Outdoor Gym installed, funding of £10,000 led by Council.

**Pavilion refurbishment, Skate Park replacement, MUGA installation.**

Project too complex for Council resources. Alternatives under review.

**Crockham Hill playground equipment replacement.**

Funding applications in preparation.

**Footpath to Crockham Hill School.**

Consultations, permissions and scoping in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2017.

**Issues of concern**

**Youth antisocial behaviour and vandalism.**

Over time the antisocial behaviour from an increasing number of young persons in Westerham has increased in intensity and cost to a level not seen before.

We are working closely with the Police at senior rank, Sevenoaks Community Safety Unit and the Kenward Trust in an attempt to bring about a cessation of this unacceptable activity.

Recently Police delivered written warnings to a number of young people plus joint agency visits to their parents' homes.

Our website and links keep the community up to date with these actions.

In 2016 this behaviour and damage caused us to close our Youth Club on King Georges Playing Field and remove the youth shelter. We have not abandoned the youth of Westerham as we now fund an outsourced after school programme for years five and six with encouraging attendance levels.

The keynote speaker at our Annual Town Meeting is Matthew Scott the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner who is well aware of these problems and has been asked to be Westerham and Crockham Hill specific in his address.

### **House building, Relief Road, Which Way Westerham etc.**

We have called a Public Meeting for the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017 to share with you what we know on these and other current issues and to hear the Community's views. The venue is the Westerham Hall at 7.30pm.

### **Update**

Sevenoaks District Council has recently published a review of all the sites submitted for development categorized as "Unsuitable, Developable, Deliverable."

In Westerham, from this review, land that could be developable amounts to between 94 and 126 residential units BUT all are located within the Green Belt and this designation would need to change in order for them to be developed.

The larger tracts of land put forward, mainly agricultural, are categorised as unsuitable and additionally are all Green Belt.

Council's planning position is that we aim to protect the fabric of our community whilst promoting its continuing regeneration and renewal to make it an attractive and enjoyable place to live and work. Central to this is the protection of the Green Belt.

The forthcoming election will certainly constrain Green Belt releases with MPs adopting "the Green Belt is safe with me" campaigning.

On matters bypass/relief road arguments are less simple. It needs to be in the Local Plan to attract CIL payments. The cost is such that large numbers of houses need to be built.

Covers Farm sandpit needs to be restored to a plan acceptable to KCC and large quantities of infill are needed. The timeline to do this may not accord with that for house building or bypass planning permission.

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

In the light of the "Which Way Westerham" activity we have been asked why the Council isn't preparing its own plan given the house building demands from SDC. Firstly there is a Government White Paper scheduled for the Autumn which will give new guidance on such plans and secondly until SDC produce their draft Local Plan for consultation in Spring 2018 we would be wasting taxpayers' time and money.

### **Finance, Regulatory and Audit.**

1. Our precept for 2017 – 2018 will be £195,925, an increase of 3.52% after Band D adjustment. We will spend £263,400 on the Community, the extra £67,475 coming from rental and investment income.
2. The distribution of our spending is explained in the "pie" chart.

3. In the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 Council activities and spending were within its authorized Budget. At the same time our accounts, financial activities and risk controls have been audited without qualification. The Annual return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 is published at the end of this report.
4. Council reserves, both General and Specific, remain adequate in respect of foreseeable risks and planned capital expenditure.
5. Council recently qualified by examination for Accredited status. This is a reflection of the professionalism of the Council and its staff, the latter particularly deserving my thanks.

**Westerham and Crockham Hill Councillors.**

The role of Councillor becomes ever more challenging and with more complicated issues developing in our community the workload will inevitably increase. I thank my colleagues for past endeavours and in anticipation of more to come.

**Alan Wesley**

**Chairman Westerham Town Council**

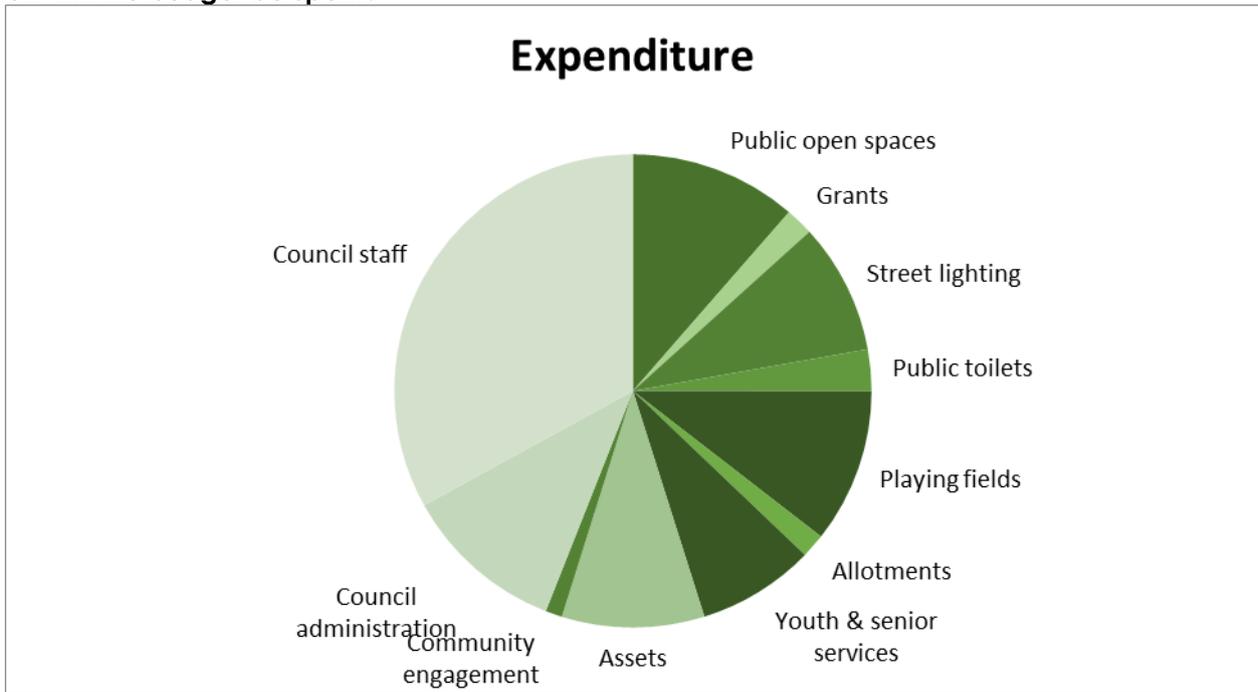
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## Where does Westerham Town Council get its money from?

The Council's expenditure for 2017/18 is budgeted to be £263,400. The Council generates income of £67,475 from rents, leases, grants and business contributions (Christmas lights/hanging baskets etc). The balance of £195,925 is called the precept, which is paid by local tax payers. Council tax band D houses in Westerham/Crockham Hill will pay £95.62 per year or just under £1.85 per week. This is a 3.5% increase on last year, an increase of 4p a week.

**£1.85**  
per week

## How will the budget be spent?



### Function/facility

**Allotments: Bloomfield, Currant Hill & Farley sites**

**Assets: Russell House Council office & chamber, Doctor's Surgery, Wolfe & Churchill statues, Domesday Mosaic, Fountain, Jubilee Clock, War Memorials, bus shelters, defibrillators, dog bins, notice boards and public seats**

**Council administration including business rates, insurance, audit fees and legal fees**

**Council staff**

**Community engagement: tourism, events, newsletter publication**

**Grants to local organisations**

**Playing fields: Crockham Hill and King George's Playing Fields, pavilions, playgrounds, tennis and ball courts, skate park, car park & outside gym**

**Public Open Spaces: The Green, Verralls Corner, Grange Island, Bonneval Garden, Crockham Hill Village Garden, Ash, Granville, Hartley and Madan Roads: weed killing, mowing, tree work, planting/hanging baskets, Christmas lights & tree**

**Public toilet (Fullers Hill)**

**Street lighting**

**Youth & senior services: youth club, street workers, holiday play schemes and forget-me-not cafe**

## **Allotments, Playing Fields and Open Spaces Committee**

Westerham is rightly proud of its green spaces, The Green, Verralls Corner, open spaces at Granville Road, Madan Road, Crockham Hill Garden, King George's Field and our allotment sites. Your Council works hard to maintain these so that they are attractive, accessible and available to those who work, live or visit our town.

### **Open Spaces**

Keeping our green spaces green and fit as venues for the many events held around the town is a never ending task: we 'weed, feed and mow' all our green spaces, continuing to supplement KCC's weed killing schedule: we cut our hedges to keep them in shape.

We commissioned a survey to identify those trees on our land in need of attention either to ensure the trees' health or to avoid damage to people or property. We are now carrying out the work identified. Sadly we had to decide to replace two of the maple trees on Grange Island which were of a variety too big for their situation. Already raising the footpath and cracking the retaining wall, they were felled and replaced by a variety of maple more suited to the space.

The memorial in Crockham Hill Garden commemorating the 21 children and 8 staff who lost their lives when a flying bomb struck the home for evacuated children was dedicated by Rev Sue Diggory on 30 October 2016.

There are three Greensand Commons within the Parish. We are contributing to a grant funded project which will much improve their accessibility and condition. Council has committed £7,500 to the Darent Valley foot path and cycle path project with its starting point in King Georges Playing Field.

### **King George's Field**

The first stage of the rejuvenation of King George's Field has been completed with the installation of the outdoor gym, made possible by grants from Kent County Council, Aqualisa Products Ltd, Sevenoaks District Council, the Town Partnership, Bill Curtis Associates and Moore Energy as well as the Town Council. Work continues on the remainder of the project: the provision of a multi use games area, replacement of the skatepark and the refurbishment of the pavilion.

Funding is a big issue and progress is necessarily protracted and time consuming. In the meantime the junior football club continues to flourish as the main users of the field.

During the coming summer, the ageing bridge from the Darent car park to the south west corner of the field will be replaced.

### **Allotments**

Westerham is fortunate to have three allotment sites; improvements – noticeboards, raised beds, communal areas - have been made on all sites. However, supply continues to exceed demand, and despite continuous advertising, we have been unable to find plot holders for all plots.

My thanks go to my Committee colleagues and especially to our Deputy Clerk and Groundsman for all the work they do.

It is sad once more to conclude this report with a reference to vandalism: this has been felt in all parts of the town, but especially affects our open spaces. Shattered glass, waste and dog bins set alight or destroyed on King George's Field, damage to the Bowls Club as well as intimidating and abusive behaviour have all been reported. Work continues with SDC's Community Safety Unit and the Police to identify and bring to book those responsible.

**Helen Ogden**  
**Chair**

## Highways & Lighting Committee (H&L)

During this last year the Highways and Lighting Committee met five times and in between meetings members also gave of their time.

### Highways (public roads)

A range of transport issues are high on the agenda for residents. It is widely acknowledged that NW Kent is seriously over reliant on private car use for transportation and this is having a serious and detrimental impact on the physical environment and in particular on air quality.

### 'Speed Watch' & 'Lorry Watch'

Speeding is a perennial problem on some of Westerham's roads. WTC has recently bought its own 'speed-watch' monitor and several more volunteers have been trained up to operate it. It will be getting its first use this summer.

### Road repairs

This being a Kent County Council (KCC) area of responsibility, H&L promptly report and lobby KCC when road repairs are needed. Whilst urgent repairs are usually carried out quickly the same cannot be said for routine maintenance. The latter seems to be well down the list of KCC's priorities. The standard and extent of all road works carried out is usually the bare minimum.

### Road Signage and Traffic Calming

New road signage and other measures have been put in place on Hosey Hill, a key Westerham road. Residents had petitioned the relevant joint KCC and Sevenoaks District Council (SDC) committee after the death of one cyclist being followed by serious injury to another in consecutive weeks. The area's KCC Councillor then stepped in to fund the works requested from public monies set aside for his discretionary use.

### Parking

This is the joint responsibility of KCC and SDC. Westerham Town Council (WTC) and other interested local groups have brought (and will continue to bring) parking issues to the attention to the attention of KCC and SDC. **This is a growing area of concern.** Traffic flows on the Town's side roads are just about being maintained but parking is a significant and growing local issue, particularly after work and in the early evening. There is sufficient visitor parking during the working day and the Darent Car Park's overflow area is now fully operational with the number of days it is open having been extended.

### Lighting

#### New Street and Footpath Lighting

Three new lights were authorised and installed during the year. The installations were discussed following residents' requests and site visits. Please note that in accordance with Council policy all new lighting makes use of LEDs.

It is intended to extend the use of LEDs for the Town's main roads during 2017-18. This year has seen the completion of the installation programme for the Green and Market Square first begun in 2015-16. Initially the remainder of London Road's lighting which is yet to be replaced will be the first priority. Croydon Road will be next and then followed by Hosey Hill.

### **Repairs**

It is WTC policy and practice to carry out lighting repairs promptly.

As Chairperson I should like to thank those of my colleagues serving on H&L for their tolerance and sterling effort. Finally I wish to make mention of the efficient and reliable service of 'Streetlights' the WTC's lighting contractor.

**Neil Proudfoot**  
**Chairperson**

## **Planning Committee**

It remains the responsibility of the Town Council, through its Planning Committee, to review and opine upon local planning applications in line with current Central and Local Government policy, law and guidelines. Our aim is to protect the fabric of our community whilst promoting its continuing regeneration and renewal to make it an attractive and enjoyable place to live and work.

### **New Sevenoaks District Council Local Plan 2015-2035.**

The plan is still in its early stages of data collection from the “call for sites” to the new district wide Character Assessment Report; as well as the independent consultants (Arup) report to SDC on the Greenbelt and potential for future development across the district. The District Council and Town Council continue to update information on the progress of this plan through their web sites and newsletters.

### **Westerham Design Statement**

Work on reviewing and updating the Village Design Statement (VDS) has been progressing over the past twelve months and we expect to publish a draft consultation report before the end of May to enable the public to comment on our findings before we submit a final draft to SDC. They will review this and if found to be sound they will submit it to the planning inspectorate for approval as supplemental guidance under the current and future local plans.

### **Squerryes Estate plans**

Over the last twelve months there has been much publicity from the Estate and their consultants on proposals by Squerryes to offer large amounts of land for development under the new SDC local plan, linked to the restoration of the Covers Farm quarry and a potential Westerham Bypass. Whilst Westerham Town Council have closely monitored this activity we have not opined upon the proposals until a clearer view is established in line with the developing Local Plan. Instead we have sought to make all information in the public domain available to our residents through our web site, meetings and newsletters. Once a clearer picture emerges and SDC brings forward sites in the greenbelt around Westerham for development we will be able to take a more robust position based on feedback from residents and local businesses.

### **DPD- Moorhouse**

As most will know the distribution site proposed on our western border with Tandridge did not gain planning consent and the company withdrew its revised proposals in December. There is every expectation that DPD will not go away and we remain committed to opposing this scheme, which would significantly and adversely affect traffic through the centre of our Town.

### **Current planning developments in Westerham**

There are currently two reasonably significant housing developments in Westerham in London Road and Croft Road. The building works have caused and continue to

cause problems for local residents, which is always regrettable and the Council is working hard with the developers to minimise the issues raised. The fact remains that the Town needs some new housing and the completion of these sites will provide much needed new homes.

Similarly the redevelopment of the Nat West Bank building has inconvenienced pedestrians and shoppers in the town centre but we hope to see this building brought back into use and make a positive economic contribution to the vibrancy of the Town soon.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of my Committee who have served diligently throughout the past year.

**P Ashley**  
**Chairman of Planning Committee**

## **Youth and Community Committee**

### **Youth Club/ Youth Forum**

After closure of the Youth Club in the Pavilion on King Georges Playing Field we have established an after school programme at Churchill School for year 5 and 6 pupils. This initiative has been outsourced to PlayPlace and has been very successful.

Attendees generally exceed 20 children with the prospect of a craft based Accredited Arts Award for committed participants. This programme will continue during 2017.

### **Play Provision and Family Fun Days**

These events have proven to be very popular and well received. We plan to continue them in 2017.

We thank Westerham Sports Association and Westerham Hall for their support in providing refreshment and shelter when needed.

### **Forget-me-not Café**

Steve Grange our Community Warden and Angela Howells our Clerk have been instrumental in developing this excellent and much needed resource. Their work has won well deserved Community Project Recognition at the Kent Dementia Awards held in October 2016.

### **Christmas Lights**

The lights last year were the best in terms of coverage and impact. This year further enhancements are planned even allowing for the challenges posed by Westerham's aged electrics.

We thank local traders, the Westerham Town Partnership and the Westerham Society for their financial support.

### **Sea Cadets**

The Westerham Company of Sea Cadets goes from strength to strength and provides an excellent environment for the boys and girls involved.

### **PCSO/Community Warden**

Our replacement PCSO, Tim Darling is a good resource for the Town, even allowing for his large workload and the fact that we're only part of his "patch".

Steve Grange our Community Warden continues to prove a tremendous asset to the Town and his involvement with the Forget-Me-Not-Café and various groups for the more elderly residents is much appreciated.

### **Fullers Hill Public Toilets**

This facility is past its "sell-by-date" and the Town Council, subject to community consultation, plans to replace them in 2017.

### **Provision for more Elderly Residents**

As well as the Forget-Me-Not-Café we have helped in the provision of the Community Lunch Club which meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month.

Through the generosity of Mr Kailey who owns NISA Store, we were able to donate £1000 to the Tuesday Club which meets weekly and provides lunches, outings and Christmas get-together's for its attendees.

### **Antisocial Behaviour**

During the past year the bad behaviour of a very small group of youths has escalated to unacceptable levels.

We have been working closely with the Police, the Sevenoaks Community Safety Unit and the Kenward Trust (who work on an outreach basis with juvenile addiction and behaviour issues) to help us control this.

We meet regularly with the Police and they have been putting extra resources into Westerham involving evenings of saturation coverage, the use of unmarked vehicles and having several PCSO's in Town at the same time.

The Kenward Trust are employed by WTC to do outreach work and engage with the youths where they congregate.

This programme will be continuing during the spring.

We would strongly urge anybody witnessing any unsatisfactory behaviour to report it by dialling 101. If you see any crimes being committed or you feel threatened then call 999.

We will continue to do what we can to stamp out this unacceptable behaviour as we cannot allow the few to spoil Westerham for the many.

**Eddie Boyle**

**Chairman, Youth and Community Committee**

**WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL  
ANNUAL RETURN 2015/16  
Year ending 31st March 2016**

BALANCE B/F	£229,351
PRECEPT	£182,600
TOTAL OTHER RECEIPTS	£62,151
STAFF COSTS	£80,712
LOANS	Nil
TOTAL OTHER PAYMENTS	£162,589
BALANCE C/F	£230,800
TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS	£231,071
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS AND LONG-TERM ASSETS	£2,013,946