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Christmas Message from Westerham Town Council

Don't expect the usual big switch-on events this socially distanced season, but do expect lights and a Christmas Tree to make this Westerham's weirdest Christmas yet. Even if it's different this year, it still will be lit. And we all deserve a bit of sparkle in our lives after the year we have had!

Message from the Chairman Helen Ogden

What sort of a Christmas are we going to have? Well, it will be different, but it will be as good as we can make it. As we go into our second version of a 'lockdown' we look forward a month to the time when we hope restrictions will be eased, our shops and restaurants will re-open and we can enjoy Christmas 2020.

The Christmas Tree for The Green has been chosen, the strands for the lights across the A25 are already up. The Heritage Trust, Town Partnership, Town Council and the Westerham Society have come together to make sure the town will be decorated and lit by the Christmas Trees which are normally displayed in the Church. Many of the shops will be decorating their windows, and the Town Council plans a 'best dressed window' competition. Watch social media for more details.

Like most plans these days, they could be changed.....but everyone will be doing their best to create the Christmas spirit in our town. Where else would we want to do our Christmas shopping?

There have been pleas for many years about reducing the speed limit through the town - it's consistently been one of residents' top priorities. And now we can confirm that the process to do this has started. With the generous help of our County Councillor Nick Chard, with the persistent efforts of Cllr Loretta Bird and the Highways and Lighting Committee and the professional input from KCC Highways,

a design has been agreed, the funding found and the preparations are in motion to make many of the town centre roads (including the A 25) a 20mph limited area and The Green a one-way road. The work is likely to start in the Spring (weather permitting!)

So to all who live here, work here and especially those who have made such enormous efforts to support our community during this strange year, Councillors and staff thank you and wish you a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Best Dressed Christmas Window Competition is back for 2020!

Westerham Town Council's free Best Dressed Christmas Window competition will be running this year and details will be published on our Facebook page. This year we are asking you to vote on the window you think is the best. Follow or like our Facebook page to find out more!



**Every good wish for a Happy Christmas and a
Peaceful and Prosperous New Year
to all who live, work or visit our town
from the Town Councillors and Staff**



Forthcoming Town Council Meetings

Due to COVID-19 all Council meetings will now be held 'virtually' – If members of the public wish to join the virtual meeting please contact the Town Clerk prior to the meeting taking place for joining instructions.

December

3rd December – Planning
7th December – Full Council
17th December – Planning

Members of the public are very welcome to join those meetings that take place. **The first ten minutes of every meeting are available for members of the public to raise any issues with Councillors.**