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## Message from the Chairman

Will we? Won't we? As I write this we await the government's decision on whether we will move to the next and final stage of our emergence from lockdown: those who decided to holiday in Portugal are hurrying home to avoid quarantine. I suppose we had to expect these hiccups, but they aren't the start to summer we had hoped for.

At least the summer weather has decided to make an appearance! What a difference the sun makes. Not just to our mood, but also to our businesses. Westerham depends a great deal for its prosperity on visitors. And with UK holidays on the cards for most people this year, we have so much to offer – beautiful countryside, heritage sites a-plenty, eating and drinking venues to suite all tastes and purses, and independent shops offering wares not found on many High Streets.

Keeping our town attractive, clean and tidy is especially important – the hanging baskets are up, events are reappearing in a safe way, many of us have seen our new street sweeping machine (thank you SDC!) and Vince its operator, we've had another successful Litter Pick (they will be truly successful when they aren't needed at all)

So whether we are 'out of lockdown' on June 21st or not, we have a summer to look forward to.

Helen Ogden

## New Sweeper in Town

We now have a sweeper based in Westerham and the Town Council and Sevenoaks District Council are working in partnership to keep Westerham looking its best!



## **May Litter Pick**

The Town Council organised another litter pick on May 26<sup>th</sup> and this impressive amount was collected by eleven volunteers! Thanks to the volunteers and to all the volunteers who collect rubbish in and around Westerham.



## **Councillor Alan Jowett**

It was with great regret that Westerham Town Council bade farewell to Alan Jowett who resigned from the Council at its Annual Meeting in May. He had represented the Crockham Hill Ward since September 2016. A solicitor by profession, he brought his legal expertise and approach to all his work as a Councillor together with a sense of humour which stood him in good stead in dealing with some of the more arcane aspects of bureaucracy. His practical and common sense approach to everything he dealt with was greatly appreciated by his colleagues and Council Officers. He will be sorely missed both by them and by those whose interests he always had at heart, the residents of Westerham and Crockham Hill.

The process to co-opt a Councillor to take his place in representing Crockham Hill is in progress.



## FORTHCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council committee meetings are now taking place in the council chamber however places are limited due to social distancing. Please contact the office if you wish to attend a meeting.

### **July 2021**

1<sup>st</sup> Planning

5<sup>th</sup> Allotments, playing fields and outside spaces

15<sup>th</sup> Planning

29<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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