

Welcome to the 2022 Annual Town Meeting

Please take a look round the stalls and see what our community's organisations are doing to 'green' Westerham's environment



Agenda

1. Introduction : how the meeting will work
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of Annual Town Meeting, 21st April 2021
4. Chairman's Report of the year and challenges for the coming year
5. Questions on the Business items

Open Forum

Community Stall holders will tell us about their plans, the questions you have asked and your inspirational ideas
Your green ideas



Chairman's report 2020-2021: A year of several halves.....

- ❖ 12 April 2021: no indoor mixing between different households
- ❖ 18 May 2021: 'Rule of six'
- ❖ 19 July 2021: legal restrictions removed
- ❖ December 2021 'Plan B' to deal with Omicron

Vaccines – schools – NHS – testing – travel - businesses

- ❖ All of our community affected in some way
- ❖ 'We never closed'

You chose the priorities for your Council

- ❖ Keep Westerham a thriving, clean and tidy small town
- ❖ Improve parking
- ❖ Keep Westerham a safe town, from traffic and anti social behaviour
- ❖ Support the community & the businesses which operate In Westerham



Keep Westerham a thriving, clean and tidy small town - action

❖ Major planning issues which could affect our town

❖ Local Plans (Sevenoaks and Tandridge)

❖ Covers Farm

❖ New legislation

Clean and tidy – some progress....



From this
To this



with the help of



and



.....some work still to do

We were proud to keep our green spaces open during the pandemic: they were well usedand are in need of TLC to preserve them for the years to come



The next big project – redeveloping **King George's Field**: this year the playground and skatepark start.

Improve parking - completed



70 extra spaces
funded through
WTC reserves, WTC
CIL, SDC CIL



Costells Meadow

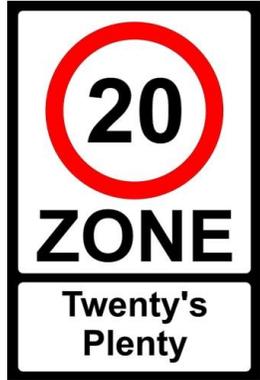
Madan Road

Hartley Road

Crockham Hill
Playing Field



Keep Westerham safe: traffic



20mph speed limit & One-way round The Green

- ❖ Completed – from Vicarage Hill to Verralls Corner
- ❖ Major feeder roads: London Road, Croydon Road
- ❖ Funded by grant from County Cllr Nick Chard



In progress:

- ❖ Speed surveys – comparing speeds now with pre project speeds
- ❖ More 20mph signs to be put up
- ❖ Speedwatch to restart.....



Keep Westerham safe: anti-social behaviour

Activities with young people restarted

- ❖ Youth Bus
- ❖ Free Food Friday
- ❖ Boxing sessions
- ❖ Continued work with SDC Community Safety Unit

Support the community & businesses

Businesses

- ❖ **Social media skills programme**
20 businesses took up the offer
- ❖ **Supported government temporary relaxation of outdoor trading regulations**

Community

- ❖ **Christmas 'Covid hampers'**
- ❖ **Regular events returning**

Sadly a farewell to our Community Warden:

Thank you and happy retirement Steve!



Business as usual

...the day-to-day business of the Council also means

- ❖ we manage 3 allotment sites
- ❖ we look after Westerham's open green spaces: *King George's Field, The Green on Granville Road, The Green, Ash Road, Madan Road*
- ❖ we are consulted on around 120 planning applications each year
- ❖ we own & manage many of the town's street lights & the project to convert them to LED lighting is almost complete
- ❖ we work with neighbouring councils and many other bodies



Finances 2021-2022

Town Council's income

❖ Precept (WTC's share of Council Tax)	£252,000
❖ Income from rents, grants, leases etc	£118,081

Town Council's spend (including staff costs)

• Highways and Lighting	£172,080
• Streetlighting & LED conversion; 20s plenty; One-way round The Green: creation of parking spaces	
• Allotments Playing Fields & Open Spaces	£81,706
• King George's & Crockham Hill Fields; Allotment sites x3: The Green & Open Space mowing; Hanging baskets & planting; Dog bins & trees; Benches & notice boards	
• Youth & Community	£39,788
• Public toilet; Youth services; Memory Cafe; Community projects; Christmas lights	
• Finance and General Purposes	£123,081
• Maintenance of assets/buildings etc; community engagement;	
• grants; building up of reserves; Council administration	



Looking forward

- ❖ Challenge of rising inflation
- ❖ King George's Field – an exciting project
- ❖ Making Westerham greener

**Your views and input on matters
whether great or small are important**

So please tell us!

KEEPING YOU
Informed

