



WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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Save the date

Annual Town Meeting – Wednesday 18th May 7pm

'A Greener Westerham'

Looking forward

It seems a long time since you, our community, chose the priorities for this Council following its election in 2019. Keeping Westerham a thriving clean and tidy small town; improving parking; keeping Westerham a safe town – from traffic and anti-social behaviour and supporting the community and businesses which operate in Westerham was the remit you gave us.

The pandemic intervened and our focus necessarily shifted to Covid related activities. Despite this, progress has been made on your priorities.

The new parking spaces in Madan and Hartley Roads, the extension of Costells Meadow car park and the creation of a car park for Crockham Hill Playing Field have increased and improved parking in and around our town. The 20mph limit in central Westerham is now in place together with the one-way system round The Green: our thanks go to County Cllr Nick Chard whose contribution from his Members' Fund made these possible. We are proud to be the first A road in Kent to have a 20mph speed limit. We are working closely with Kent County Council to ensure this new limit keeps our residents and visitors of Westerham safe on our roads and pavements although we've been advised that we should allow a period of 'settling in' before Speedwatch begins.

Thank you all for giving your views on the outline plans for King George's Field – all your responses are being analysed and we'll share the results with you in the next few weeks. We'll be asking some of you to get involved with the detailed design of the new facilities: then it's on to securing the funding updating the project plans and costings before shovels go into the ground.

What a relief to write a message which isn't concentrating on Covid. While it hasn't gone away, we are beginning to learn how to live with it as we go forward with



confidence and just a little caution too.

Helen Ogden, Chairman

Friday Lunch Club is back!

Westerham Town Council is delighted to announce that the Friday Lunch Club, open to Westerham and Crockham Hill residents, re-started on Friday 11th February and will continue on the second Friday of every month, unless otherwise advised.

Attendees can arrive any time after 10.30 am with lunch at 12 noon, the cost is £5.

A big thank you to Trisha Burke who has taken over the organisation of the Club.

Please contact the Council if you wish to attend or have any questions.

Friday Lunch Club sponsored by Co-op, Westerham and Westerham Town Council.

BARLEY CHARITY

Westerham Town Council invites applications for general charitable purposes for the benefit of the residents of Westerham parish.

The closing date for applications is **31st March 2022**.

Please apply in writing to the Town Clerk to request an application form or download from our website [westerhamtowncouncil.gov.uk/barley-charity](https://www.westerhamtowncouncil.gov.uk/barley-charity)

Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Kent <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/kent> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Kent (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.



With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

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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.

All meetings start at 7 p.m. - except Planning which is held at 9.30 am - in the Town Council Chamber in Russell House.

March 2022

3rd Planning

7th Allotment, Playing Fields and Open Spaces

14th Finance and General Purposes

17th Planning

21st Full Council

31st 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.**

Visit our website westerhamtowncouncil.gov.uk for a schedule of meetings for 2022. You can also follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/WesterhamTownCouncil