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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be celebrated from 2 – 6 June

How will Westerham and Crockham Hill be celebrating?

Below we set out those events we know of - we are sure there will be more see Town Council, Town Partnership, Churches & Crockham Hill social media for updates



- 1 – 5 June : **Flower festival in St Mary's Church:** arranged by St Mary's Flower Guild  
Admission free
- 2 June: **Lighting of the 'Beacon':** arranged by Westerham Town Partnership, if time and money allows.
- 3 June: **Platinum Jubilee Party** – Westerham Sports Association 1 pm – 11pm  
BBQ, live music, bouncy castle, face painter, ice cream van.  
Under 12's Royal Theme Fancy Dress Competition
- 5 June: **Picnic on The Green** 12 - 4pm: Bring your own picnic; buy strawberries and cream; music song sheets and good company!  
arranged by Westerham Town Partnership

**The Queen's Green Canopy:** trees are being planted in Barley Gardens and on King George's Field to commemorate the Jubilee.

**Street parties** throughout the town



2 June: 9.45pm

**Lighting of the Beacon**

2 – 5 June: 10am – 3pm  
(Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 11.30am – 3pm)

**Festival of Flowers in Holy Trinity Church:** enjoy the refreshments. Organised by local flower ladies and children: Admission free

5 June: 12.30pm – 5pm

**Crockham Hill Jubilee Lunch:** in and around the Village Hall: bring your own picnic, picnic gear and crowns!

**The Queen's Green Canopy:** trees are being planted around the village to commemorate the Jubilee.

Information assembled by



## Citizens Advice Edenbridge & Westerham Scams Awareness

### Recognising a scam

It's important to keep an eye out for scams. They can and do affect anyone. Here are some of the main warning signs of scams to look out for:

- It seems too good to be true – like an email saying you've won a competition you don't remember entering
- Someone you don't know contacts you unexpectedly
- You're being urged to respond quickly so you don't get time to think about it or talk to family and friends
- You've been asked to pay for something urgently or in an unusual way – for example by bank transfer or gift vouchers
- You've been asked to give away personal information.

### How to protect yourself from scams

There are some simple steps people can take to help protect themselves from scams:

- Don't be rushed into making any quick decisions. It's okay to take your time

- Never give money or personal details, like passwords or bank details, to anyone you don't know, trust or have only met online. If someone pressures you for these, it's most likely a scam
- Before you buy anything, check the company or website you're using. Read reviews from different websites, search for the company's details on Companies House, and take a look at their terms and conditions
- Pay by debit or credit card. This gives you extra protection if things go wrong
- Be suspicious. Scammers can be very smart. They can appear like a trusted business or government official, have a professional website and say all the right things. Take your time to work out if this is a real organisation. Ask them for ID or contact the organisation on a number you know and trust
- Make sure your antivirus software is up to date
- Keep your online accounts secure. Use a strong password for email accounts that you don't use anywhere else. Choosing three random words is a good way to create a strong and easy to remember password. You can also add in numbers and symbols.
- If you're not sure about something, get advice from a trusted source

## **What to do if you have been scammed**

If someone has been scammed, there are 3 steps you need to take:

### 1. Protect yourself from further risks

There are things you can do to stop things getting worse. You should contact your bank immediately to let them know what's happened. You should also change any relevant log-in details, and check for viruses if you were scammed on a computer.

### 2. Check if you can get your money back

If you've lost money because of a scam, there might be ways you can get it back.

Again, make sure you tell your bank what happened straight away. If you've paid for something by card, bank transfer, Direct Debit or PayPal, then depending on the circumstances you might be able to get your money back.

### 3. Report the scam

Reporting scams helps authorities stop the criminals responsible, and protects others from being scammed. Anyone who's been scammed should:

- Call the Citizens Advice consumer service on 0808 223 1133. They'll pass on details of the scam to Trading Standards, and can offer more advice
- Report the scam to Action Fraud, the national reporting centre for fraud. They'll also give you a crime reference number, which can be helpful if you need to tell your bank you've been scammed

It's also important for us to all talk about our experiences with family and friends. By letting them know what's happened they can be prepared, and together we can put a



stop to  
scams.

Call our free Adviceline on **0808 278 7962**

Monday to Wednesday 9.30am to 4pm.

Email us at: [enquiries@edenbridgecab.cabnet.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@edenbridgecab.cabnet.org.uk) anytime.

Drop in at our offices in the Eden Centre, Four Elms Road, Edenbridge TN8 6BY

Monday to Wednesday 10am to 3pm.

## 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.

### **June 2022**

9th Planning and Development

13th Highways and Lighting

**18th Annual Town Meeting – 7pm Westerham Hall**

20th Finance & General Purposes

23rd Planning and Development

27th Youth and Community

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](http://westerhamtowncouncil.gov.uk) for a schedule of meetings for 2022. You can also follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/WesterhamTownCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/WesterhamTownCouncil)