



Broadstairs & St. Peter's Town Council Newsletter

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Danielle Dunn
Town Clerk

Apologies for the slight delay in getting this third-quarter

newsletter published. We held two Council meetings in September, one being the 30th September, so I decided to wait to ensure that all the important news can be relayed to you. But, on a positive note, having held two meetings it now means that we have caught up with the backlog of decisions caused by the Covid-19 Pandemic.

The Town Council will now be resuming the standard Monday evening meeting schedule, this can be downloaded from our website. All of our meetings are currently being held virtually using Microsoft Teams to ensure that they are following Government's Covid-19 guidelines.

https://www.broadstairs.gov.uk/Council_Meetings_11298.aspx

Sadly, this will also be my final Newsletter as I will be leaving the Town Council on the 23rd of October. I have enjoyed my four years in post and have decided to leave to pursue other projects and

spend more time with my family. If you are interested in becoming the next Town Clerk for Broadstairs & St. Peter's, we are currently recruiting. The job advert can be found at the end of this Newsletter and the deadline is the 31st October 2020.

Remembrance Sunday:

The Town Council is currently looking into how a Remembrance Sunday service can safely be undertaken. Unfortunately, it is unlikely that members of the public will be allowed to attend in person, as the rules relating to social distancing with such a large crowd would not be achievable. However, the Town will be commemorating and the potential of streaming the service is being looked at. Please follow our social media pages for important updates.



Pierremont Hall Phase II:
If you have walked through

Pierremont Park recently, you will have seen builders working on the former Town Council offices at Pierremont Hall and attaching a disabled ramp to the rear of the building. This project has almost finished and will see the creation of two additional meeting rooms available to hire for the community, improved disabled access, a CCTV control room and an additional commercial office suite. The Town Council will remain in the Charles Cockerell Suite, which can be found in the main part of Pierremont Hall on the top floor. Please enter through the double black door and press the buzzer.

5th November Fireworks CANCELLED



Environmental Working Group:

An Environmental Working Group has been set up to deliver a number of environmental initiatives across the CT10 postcode area. The working party plans to produce an environmental strategy and action plan, which will cover the following three themes: (1) improving biodiversity, (2) improving the built environment and (3) improving air quality.

To kick things off they're launching a town-wide Hedgehog survey. Hedgehogs have recently been added to the UK red list as a species vulnerable to extinction and they are hoping to find out how many Hedgehogs are in the local area. If you complete the survey before the end of October you will be entered into a draw to win a copy of Hugh Warwick's book 'The Hedgehog' which tells you everything you ever wanted to know about Hedgehogs.

Link to survey:

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdNUZkTr-dsn.../viewform>

In addition, at the Council meeting held on the 30th September, it was unanimously agreed to support a motion put forward by the Chair of the Environmental Working Group to "Use all appropriate avenues to press the County Council to reconsider its existing policies on speed limits and to support a Town-wide 20mph speed limit on residential roads".

Events Update:



Despite the restrictions, work has continued to ensure that Pierremont Hall is a venue that can be enjoyed by the community, with several art classes, academic tuition, yoga and tai chi classes now taking place there. We even hosted the film crew who were recently working in the Town and we have had a 2020 Wedding booked.

The new meetings rooms will be available to hire for between £10-15 an hour and will add to the other spaces available in the main part of the building, the Council Chamber and the Mayor's Parlour. Discounts on hire charges are available for community groups and organisations, residents who live in the CT10 postcode area and tenants in Pierremont Hall and Park. Please visit <https://pierremonthall.co.uk/> to find out more.

To help support the delivery of our events we are currently recruiting bank event staff. All details are on the Pierremont Hall website: <https://pierremonthall.co.uk/recruitment/>

Please follow the Pierremont Hall social media pages to keep up-to-date with what is going on and future events @pierremonthall

Grants:

The Town Council currently has three grant schemes running: Covid-19 Support Grants, Community Gardening Grants and the annual main Town Council grant scheme.

The deadline for the Covid-19 grants has been set as the 31st December 2020. If your organisation or community group is working hard to deliver projects supporting Covid-19 or managing the effects of the pandemic, don't forget to apply.

The Community Gardening Grants are available until the 31st March

2021 and applications can be sent in at any point during this year.

The Town Council's main grant scheme is also now open, with applications welcome from groups and organisations to support with events and civic operations for the period 1st April 2021 to the end of March 2022.

The application forms are available on the Town Council website and the deadline is set as midday on the 6th November 2020.

https://www.broadstairs.gov.uk/Grants_11299.aspx

Defibrillator:

The Town Council's growing network of defibrillators has recently benefitted from an additional unit, which has been installed on the back of Pierremont Hall. This defibrillator will be operational and available to use shortly, we are just waiting for it to be registered with the ambulance service. It can be easily viewed from the wider Pierremont Park area and has clear instructions on the unit should it need to be used. This project is supported by the Community HeartBeat Trust.



It is hoped that we will be able to offer some community training sessions on how to use a defibrillator, but this is Covid-19 dependent, watch out for updates in future newsletters.

Beach Security

The Beach Security project finished on the 6th September and positive feedback has been received from many residents and groups that attended the Town Forum. A Survey Monkey survey was also circulated on our social media channels at the end of June and from the 89 respondents, 89% responded that the beach security trial had provided a positive response to dealing with anti-social behaviour and managing the Covid-19 restrictions and 93% supported an extension to the beach security trial.

The Town Council will now begin discussions as to whether a similar project can be delivered in future years.

The Town Mayor

Due to the restrictions relating to Covid-19, the Mayor has had a quiet diary over the summer. However, donations have been made to the following charities earlier in September, from the money that was raised during the 2019-2020 Civic Year. £2000 (each) has been given to, the Zone Youth Club, The Town Shed and Pancreatic Cancer UK. Some smaller donations will also be made over the coming months.



Image courtesy of James Soules Photography

From the 2020 Civic Year budget, the Town Mayor is proud to support the Thanet Food Link who have helped to set up the new St. Peters Food Bank. Further charities will be announced in the next Newsletter.

An Update from the Broadstairs & St. Peter's Tree Warden...

Looking after the new trees:

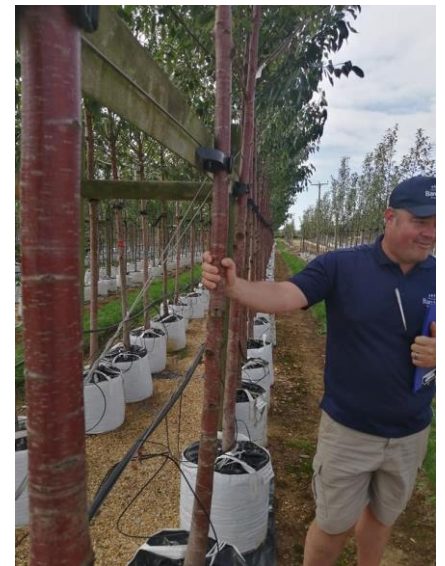
I am pleased to report that our newly planted trees in the Memorial Park, Vincent Close, Mockett Drive and Holmes Park have all stood up for themselves. The last tree to go in, the Maple in Holmes Park, has unfortunately picked up a case of mildew. But it's not a lack of care as our 4 local Tree Champions and I have worked between us to deliver 8125 litres of water to the trees since Lockdown. We all have much better muscle tone in our arms from carrying the water I am sure. Thank you to all of them. If you would like to join the campaign to look after newly planted trees near you please contact me on treewarden@broadstairs.gov.uk.

Planting New Trees:

I am now busy planning the plantings for this coming season, which will be on Westover Gardens (where we are just waiting for the funding to be approved); a smaller planting in St Peters Churchyard; and 2 memorial trees for residents, one in the Memorial Recreation Ground near the station and the other in Vincent Close near to the tree we have already planted. We will also replace the dead tree at the Bowling Green. If you are thinking of purchasing a memorial tree do please get in touch with me to arrange it, we can plant from November up to the end of March 2021.

Recently I tagged along with Peter Hasted from the Isle of Thanet Trees Initiative to visit the Barcham tree nursery in Ely, Cambridgeshire. Barcham's is the largest tree nursery in Europe and is a truly impressive sight. Their staff are highly experienced arborists and it was useful to be able to quiz them about the best

species for coastal sites with high winds and lack of rain.



Research:

I initiated getting our Tree Canopy mapped across Thanet and am pleased to say that thanks to some dedicated helpers it is now complete. Broadstairs canopy coverage is 14.7% average. I will work with the Town and District Councils to continue planting to increase the canopy coverage. I am also keen to get people out and about recording and measuring trees for the [TreeZilla](#) project and am available for a meeting outdoors to show you how to do it if you are interested, it is quite a fun thing to do. Just drop me a line on email.





Broadstairs & St Peter's Town Council

TOWN CLERK

Salary: LC3 SCP 37-41 (£40,876 - £44,863) plus workplace pension
Contracted Hours: 37

Broadstairs & St. Peter's Town Council is seeking a highly motivated and resourceful Town Clerk with relevant qualifications, commitment and organisational skills.

As Town Clerk you will be the chief officer of the Town Council with an annual budget of ca £800,000, assuming the legal and statutory responsibilities of Proper Officer and Responsible Financial Officer. You will be responsible for the Council's expanding commercial property and asset portfolio as well as its services and operations within the public sector.

This challenging role offers the opportunity to demonstrate your management skills, leading a small, dedicated team and your communication skills when engaging with the public, business and voluntary sectors on a daily basis.

Ideally, you will be educated to degree level or equivalent, have strong financial management and communication skills, a good command of the English language and already hold, or be prepared to study for, the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CILCA).

It is essential that you can demonstrate several years in a management and supervisory capacity. Previous experience in the public sector, or knowledge of Local Authority administration will be advantageous, as would time spent in a commercial environment.

This is a full-time position and will require attendance at some evening meetings. In return, we offer a competitive salary package and flexible working environment in the heart of this popular Kent seaside resort.

For more information and an application pack, please see the council website at
https://www.broadstairs.gov.uk/Job_Vacancies_13943.aspx

Closing date for applications: 31st October 2020
Interviews scheduled: 9th November 2020

Please return applications forms to: Broadstairs & St. Peter's Town Council, The Charles Cockerell Suite, Pierremont Hall, Broadstairs, Kent CT10 1JX or email: town.clerk@broadstairs.gov.uk

How to make a hedgehog highway

wildlife
watch



You will need

- A fence panel 
- Ruler 
- Pencil 
- Coping saw 
- Sandpaper 

Talk to your neighbour! It's important to get their consent to cut a hole in the fence - explain that hedgehogs need to move between gardens to access enough food.

- 1 If your neighbour is happy, remove your fence panel.



- 2 Measure and mark a 13cm x 13cm hole at the bottom of the panel.



- 3 Ask an adult to help you cut the hole using the coping saw.



- 4 If there are any very rough edges, use the sand paper to smooth them down.



- 5 Put your fence panel back. Your hedgehog highway is now open for business!

