

# ***BROADSTAIRS & ST. PETER'S TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER***

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## ***Introducing the Town Clerk***

Kirsty Holroyd



*In January we welcomed our new Town Clerk, Kirsty Holroyd. Kirsty joins us from Walmer Parish Council where she was Clerk for eleven years.*

*"I am delighted to have joined the team here at Pierremont Hall and to continue the great work that Danielle has been doing. Broadstairs is a very special place and I am looking forward to getting to know the community well over the coming months. My role is to advise the Town Council on legal and financial issues and to help them achieve their vision for the future of the town. However, we can only do this by working with local residents: the current community survey gives everyone the opportunity to contribute ideas and suggestions for ways to make Broadstairs even better. Details of the survey can be seen on*

*[https://breakthroughcomms.typeform.com/to/pnahfk0p?fbclid=IwAR1xN5LIKsEEiUfLB49rGOIM5xldQU6IGsRpC31vU8SOXH\\_6PLp6xrXYkpw](https://breakthroughcomms.typeform.com/to/pnahfk0p?fbclid=IwAR1xN5LIKsEEiUfLB49rGOIM5xldQU6IGsRpC31vU8SOXH_6PLp6xrXYkpw)*

## Census 2021

*By taking part you'll help inform decisions about services that shape your community*



*Social Enterprise Kent has partnered up with the Good Things Foundation and the Office for National Statistics, to help those who need extra support to complete this year's online Census 2021 through our support centres in four districts across Kent - Thanet, Canterbury, Maidstone, Folkestone and Hythe.*

*The support centres will operate from the 1st March 2021 – 4th May 2021. Residents in these areas will be able to call the centres and book a face to face appointment at a time convenient to them. All centres have been COVID-19 risk assessed in line with the latest government advice.*

*If you know of anyone who is struggling to complete this year's Census please advise them to either call 0800 141 2021 or visit <https://census.gov.uk/help/find-a-census-support-centre> to locate your nearest Census Support Centre*

## What is it?

*Census 2021 will provide a snapshot of modern society*

*Households across Broadstairs & St. Peter's have been asked to take part in Census 2021.*

*The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.*

*It is the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.*

*"A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed," Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said.*

*"This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That's why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them." Census day was on March 21, but households across the country received letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March to early May. The census includes questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there is a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity. Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.*

*For more information, visit [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)*

## ***Planting season continues!***

*An update from volunteer tree warden  
Karen McKenzie*

*Our volunteer tree warden Karen McKenzie has been working with the Isle of Thanet Trees & Woods Initiative to help them out with planting the mammoth 1260 trees over 2 years and has been asked to become (and has accepted) the Chair of the new Board. There will be opportunities to leverage funds in the future for Broadstairs, working closely with TDC and Broadstairs & St. Peter's Town Council.*



*An update from the Environment  
Working Group*

*As a result of the Town Council's environment initiatives, volunteers have been busy recently installing 10 bird boxes in Pierremont Park with help from the RSPB and planting 150 shrubs and 1,500 Snow Drops and Bluebells in Holmes Park.*

*"As we enter the bird nesting season, keep an eye on the bird boxes in Pierremont Park. If you fancy 'adopting' one of them, let us know which one (they're all numbered) and send us pictures over the Spring of the birds that are using them.*

*There will be more environmental initiatives over the next few months.*

*Cllr Mike Garner*

*Cllr Ruth Bailey*

*Cllr Bob Bayford*

*Tree Warden Karen McKenzie*

### *Tree warden diary*

*On 20 February, the last hornbeam was planted in St Peter's churchyard, with the assistance of Rev. David Tate and Peter Hasted from ITTWI. This was the second replacement for sub-standard trees that now seem to be doing pretty well.*

*On 26 February, with the help of two residents, Danny Branscome, Ckott, together with Peter, from ITTWI, we planted a large horse chestnut in the Memorial Recreation Ground thanks for BSTP funding. Danny and Ckott will be looking after it's establishment.*

*On 26 and 27th February, Will Jarman and Paul Dickenson, two of our most active Tree Champion chums, worked with me and 20 volunteers to plant 150 shrubs and 1500 snow-drops and bluebells in Holmes Park. This work is in conjunction with Thanet District Council and Buzz for The Coast, who supplied the bulbs. Thanks to Broadstairs & St. Peter's Town Council for the funding for the shrubs. Kevin Pressland has advised on all aspects of the work. The next work here will be wild flower strips around the copses, which should start next week. All the volunteers were working socially distanced in their own family bubbles.*

# MENTAL HEALTH DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

help and support for all ages



**kooth**

For ages: **11-25**

Kooth is an online **mental wellbeing** community for young people

Here are some of the features young people can access on Kooth:

- Magazine**  
The Kooth magazine shares personal experiences and tips from young people and our Kooth team
- Discussion Boards**  
Young people can start or join a conversation with our friendly Kooth community, with lots of topics to choose from
- Chat**  
Young people can chat with our helpful team about anything that's on their mind
- Daily Journal**  
Young people can view their daily journal to track feelings or emotions and reflect on how they're doing

Sign up for free at **Kooth.com**

## ***Samaritans advice***

*tips for taking care of your  
mental health*

Samaritans 116 123

Mind 0300 123 3393

Calm 0800 58 58 58

Women's Aid 0808 2000 247

Age UK 0800 678 1602

Childline 0800 1111

YoungMinds 0800 018 2138

Mens aid 0808 801 0327

Non emergency 111

Kent County Council release the  
pressure -Text the word Kent to  
85258 or phone 0800 107 0160 for  
free confidential support at any time.

- *Pay attention to what you're feeling – Our self-help web app can help you track your mood and includes practical tips and techniques to help you look after your emotional health.*
- *Connect with people you love – Although we may be physically isolated from one another, it's more important than ever for us to feel socially connected, so try and reach out to people to talk, and try to be there to listen to others.*
- *Talk about your feelings – Talking about how you're feeling can help put things into perspective and may help you feel more positive about the future. If you don't feel like there's anyone you can talk to, you are never alone. Samaritans volunteers are here for you.*
- *Keep to a routine – Planning your day can help you feel grounded if you're feeling uncertain about the future. Try to prioritise eating well, getting plenty of sleep and exercising – wrapping up warm for a short walk outside at lunchtime can be a great place to start.*
- *Make time for something you enjoy – You could try learning a new skill, doing something creative or revisiting your favourite books and movies. If you're active online, making time for other activities can help you take a break from the news cycle or social media.*
- *Try a relaxation exercise – Sometimes something simple like controlled breathing can help us feel calmer. Follow along with the video below or try the muscle relaxation exercise on our practical things you can do to help yourself cope page.*

# BROADSTAIRS UPDATES

## Working with Community Payback

Clock Tower Clean up!



Work has started to spruce up the seafront for the summer season. The clock tower, the Chandos shelter and the area around the bandstand will all be cleaned and repainted over the coming weeks. The Town Council has paid for the materials but all of the hard work will be undertaken by the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company, through their community payback scheme. Special thanks go to Danny Ward, who manages and looks after the team.

## Neighbourhood plan referendum

On the 6th May 2021, there will be a referendum on the neighbourhood development plan for the Broadstairs and St. Peter's area, which covers everyone with a CT10 postcode.

The neighbourhood development plan has been produced by a sub-committee comprising of Broadstairs & St. Peter's Town Councillors and members of the community, using data from extensive community surveys. It has been impartially examined by an Independent Examiner.

Having a neighbourhood development plan will really benefit the local area as it contains policies setting out how development should be in the local area. It has been produced by the community for the community.

If more people vote 'yes' than 'no' in this referendum, then Thanet District Council will use the Neighbourhood Development Plan to help it decide planning applications in Broadstairs & St. Peter's and once adopted the Neighbourhood Development Plan will then become part of the Development Plan for Thanet.

Copies of the referendum version of the Neighbourhood Development Plan are available on the Town Council website, the Thanet District Council website and in hardcopy at the local Library.

More information will be posted on the Town Council's social media pages and notice boards nearer to the time of the referendum.

### **BROADSTAIRS & ST. PETER'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

## REFERENDUM ON 6TH MAY 2021

**To protect the future of  
Broadstairs & St. Peter's please**

# VOTE

**YES**

IT IS IMPORTANT  
THAT YOU USE YOUR  
VOTE AS EVERY  
VOTE COUNTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD  
PLAN PLEASE VISIT [BROADSTAIRS.GOV.UK](http://BROADSTAIRS.GOV.UK)





# ***CROWDFUND KENT***



<https://www.spacehive.com/movement/crowdfund-kent/about>

## ***Your projects. Our communities. Kent's recovery.***

*Created by Kent County Council. Powered by Spacehive.*

*Crowdfund Kent is focused on giving local organisations and groups the opportunity to take forward projects and ideas to improve their local area. We have seen an incredible response from our communities over the last year and we know the importance of those local connections and groups to improving resilience and wellbeing. As we start to emerge from the crisis, we hope this programme will enable recovery to be locally led and provide that much needed support to the innovation driven by local groups and networks, which make our communities.*

*Along with pledges from local people, businesses and the wider community, Kent County Council has committed £500K of funding to support crowdfunding campaigns as part of this programme. From this funding, campaigns can receive up to £20k per project, up to 50% of campaign target. Crowdfund Kent operates two funding rounds a year.*

Crowdfund Kent are interested in funding projects that meet one of the following objectives:

1) Supporting community action in Kent particularly activities that are focused on supporting people who are facing financial difficulties or who are isolated as a result of Covid.

This could for example be projects that support people experiencing food and fuel poverty or supporting those population groups who have been particularly impacted by Covid.

2) Supporting community assets and venues in Kent, that contribute to our local communities and local connections, improving wellbeing.

This could include but is not limited to community venues and spaces, that support community activities, sports and the arts and cultural offer.

3) Helping to maintain the volunteering offer/social action we have seen during the pandemic post Covid 19.

This could for example be support to volunteer led organisations working to improve their local area, or those who support and co-ordinate volunteers across the County with an emphasis on growing volunteering across Kent.

What will they fund:

- Projects must benefit Kent (KCC area) residents and priority will be offered to Kent led organisations.
- Projects must contribute to improving places, spaces or residents' quality of lives.
- Projects should demonstrate creativity / innovation.
- We can only match-fund projects that are being delivered by constituted organisations inc community groups, CiC's or registered charities

What can't they fund:

- Individuals are not eligible for this fund.
- Projects supporting private interests / profit making organisations.
- Projects excluding any particular groups in society or those with protected characteristics.
- Proposals from political groups.
- Projects that are part of a campaign or promote particular religions/faiths/political ideologies not considered to be inclusive
- We are not able to match fund Statutory provision, Local Authority teams or Council projects.