**Events Leisure & Tourism – 16th June 2025**

**Christmas Lights Update Report**

The Deputy Town Clerk had a meeting with SparkX on 10th April 2025.

The following was negotiated:

St Peter’s will have the same display as last year, just concentrated on the Hopeville Green area, due to the poor infrastructure of the majority of lamp posts in the Vicarage Street/Church Street area (18+ lamp columns).

Agreed a reduction of £100 per lamp column for those that will not be used this year in St Peter’s (-£1,300), plus free removal of the lights to the library tree (previously quoted £750 +VAT), and, subject to these lights being in good order, a free set of lights and installation to replace the one’s we hire at Hopeville Green.  Also, electrical testing of all lamp columns will be carried out free of charge with a report detailing works required/cost should we wish to update the infrastructure to these posts in future years.

Total contract price for 2025 will be £14,650 + VAT (this does not include repairs required to lights, pull testing and repairs and call out charges as listed below). Original contact price was £15,950.

The Decorative Lighting and Tree budget for 2025 is £22,000. With the following required works and the Christmas Tree, this will take the budget over by £680. We will also need to take into account that works are required on the lights whilst in situ due to vandalism and general maintenance as required.

Following annual testing of the lights, pull testing of the catenary wires and eye bolts for the across street lighting and electrical testing of lamp columns, repairs/maintenance are required. (Breakdown attached) Costs listed below:

Total pull testing repairs to eyebolts - £2380 + VAT

Total light repairs/replacement - £1970 + VAT (awaiting cost of 2 items)

Total lamp column repairs to infrastructure

(replacement of 16 amp isolator & digital timer

to 4 columns @ £450 each) £1800 + VAT

The above works are required to ensure that all decorative lighting and the lamp posts on which we also attach the lighting is ready for this year.

**Decision required for the authorisation of the above works to go ahead.**

For information, the Christmas tree for this year has been ordered at a cost of £1880 + VAT.

**Column Infrastructure Test**

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| **\_status** | **column\_number** | **address** | **adjacent\_to\_shop\_etc** | **notes** |
| PASSABLE | HHBX020 | 149 High Street England CT10 1NG |  | Column is in an ok condition. There is no isolator cover and the 16 amp socket has the cable coming in from the top which may cause water ingress but not urgent to be replaced. Cut out also has cables coming through the top of the isolator which may cause water ingress. |
| PASSABLE | HBX019 | 135 High Street England CT10 1NG | O/S hidden hearing | Column is in an ok condition. There is no isolator cover and the 16 amp socket has the cable coming in from the top which may cause water ingress but not urgent to be replaced. Cut out also has cables coming through the top of the isolator which may cause water ingress. |
| PASSABLE | HHBX016 | 15 Stanley Place England CT10 1JA |  | Column is in an ok condition. There is no isolator cover and the 16 amp socket has the cable coming in from the top which may cause water ingress but not urgent to be replaced. Cut out also has cables coming through the top of the isolator which may cause water ingress. |
| PASSABLE | HHBX015 | 103 High Street England CT10 1JS | Next to crossing | Column is in an ok condition. There is no isolator cover and the 16 amp socket has the cable coming in from the top which may cause water ingress but not urgent to be replaced. Cut out also has cables coming through the top of the isolator which may cause water ingress |
| PASSABLE | HHBX014 | 85 High Street England CT10 1NQ |  | Column is in an ok condition. There is no isolator cover and the 16 amp socket has the cable coming in from the top which may cause water ingress but not urgent to be replaced. Cut out also has cables coming through the top of the isolator which may cause water ingress |
| REQUIRES REPLACEMENT | HHBX011 | 94 High Street England CT10 1JJ |  | Column in poor condition. There is no isolator cover and live wires exposed. Needs a new isolaor. and the 16 amp socket has the cable coming in from the top which may cause water ingress but not urgent to be replaced. |
| PASSABLE | HHBX010 | 88 High Street England CT10 1JJ | O/s padk | Column is in an ok condition. There is no isolator cover and the 16 amp socket has the cable coming in from the top which may cause water ingress but not urgent to be replaced. Cut out also has cables coming through the top of the isolator which may cause water ingress |
| PASSABLE | HHBX010 | 78 High Street England CT10 1JT | O/S park | Column is in an ok condition. There is no isolator cover and the 16 amp socket has the cable coming in from the top which may cause water ingress but not urgent to be replaced. Cut out also has cables coming through the top of the isolator which may cause water ingress |
| PASSABLE | HHBX008 | 63 High Street England CT10 1JL |  | Column is in an ok condition. There is no isolator cover and the 16 amp socket has the cable coming in from the top which may cause water ingress and is loose so needs replacing securing. but not urgent to be replaced. |
| PASSABLE | HHBX007 | nn | O/s fish inn | No rcbo and no timer. Looks like a new column so needs a new festive isolator. 16 amp socket also has cable running into it from the top so may incur water ingress. Cut out also has cables coming through the top of the isolator which may cause water ingress |
| PASSABLE | HHBX005 | 39 High Street England CT10 1JR |  | Column is in an ok condition. There is no isolator cover and the 16 amp socket has the cable coming in from the top which may cause water ingress but not urgent to be replaced. Cut out also has cables coming through the top of the isolator which may cause water ingress |
| PASSABLE | HHBX004 | 81 High Street England CT10 1NQ |  | Column is in an ok condition. There is no isolator cover and the 16 amp socket has the cable coming in from the top which may cause water ingress but not urgent to be replaced. Cut out also has cables coming through the top of the isolator which may cause water ingress |
| PASSABLE | HHBX006 | 50 High Street England CT10 1JT |  | Column is in an ok condition. There is no isolator cover and the 16 amp socket has the cable coming in from the top which may cause water ingress but not urgent to be replaced. Cut out also has cables coming through the top of the isolator which may cause water ingress |
| PASSABLE | HHBX012 | 104 High Street England CT10 1JB | O/S Ashley & co | Column is in an ok condition. There is no isolator cover and isolator is lose in column. and the 16 amp socket has the cable coming in from the top which may cause water ingress but not urgent to be replaced. Cut out also has cables coming through the top of the isolator which may cause water ingress |
| REQUIRES REPLACEMENT | HHBX013 | 116 High Street England CT10 1JB |  | No 16 amp socket or isolator on column as column looks brand new. Needs new infrastructure. |
| PASSABLE | HHBX017 | 164 High Street England CT10 1JA | O/S the harvest partnership | Column is in an ok condition. There is no isolator cover and the 16 amp socket has the cable coming in from the top which may cause water ingress but not urgent to be replaced. Cut out also has cables coming through the top of the isolator which may cause water ingress |
| PASSABLE | HHBX018 | 1 Lloyd Road England CT10 1HZ | O/S Evolve | Column is in an ok condition. There is no isolator cover and the 16 amp socket has the cable coming in from the top which may cause water ingress but not urgent to be replaced. Also right next to a CCTV camera so only braids will be allowed |
| PASSABLE | HTDU006 | 20 The Broadway England CT10 2AA | O/S station | Column is in an ok condition. There is no isolator cover and the 16 amp socket has the cable coming in from the top which may cause water ingress but not urgent to be replaced. Cut out also has cables coming through the top of the isolator which may cause water ingress |
| PASSABLE | HTDU005 | 18A The Broadway England CT10 2AD | O/S library | Column is in an ok condition. There is no isolator cover and the 16 amp socket has the cable coming in from the top which may cause water ingress but not urgent to be replaced. Cut out also has cables coming through the top of the isolator which may cause water ingress |
| PASSABLE | HTDU004 | 16 Saint Peter's Park Road England CT10 2BL | O/S library | Column is in an ok condition. There is no isolator cover and the 16 amp socket has the cable coming in from the top which may cause water ingress but not urgent to be replaced. Cut out also has cables coming through the top of the isolator which may cause water ingress |
| REQUIRES REPLACEMENT | HVAJ001 | England CT10 2TQ | Opp Red Lion | Isolator in column is loose and just dangling in column. This needs to be replaced with a fixed isolator. 16 amp socket is ok but should be replaced shortly as it is deteriorating and cable goes into the top of the socket allowing water ingress more easily. However column isn't in a dangerous state. |
| REQUIRES REPLACEMENT | HCDH003 | 8 Church Street England CT10 2TP | O/s no.8 | Starting with the isolator. It requires replacing as the cable goes through the top of the isolator which could easily allow water ingress.However the cut out is far too low to safely replace the isolator so local DNO will need to raise it up. Mechanical timer installed which I would recommend to a digital one which will be more reliable. Also the 16 amp socket is loosely fitted on with a whisker box and could also get water ingress. Recommend we also fit a new 16 amp socket which is properly fitted onto the columns. |
| REQUIRES REPLACEMENT | HCHD002 | 4 Church Street England CT10 2TP |  | Starting with the isolator. It requires replacing as the cable goes through the top of the isolator which could easily allow water ingress.However the cut out is far too low to safely replace the isolator so local DNO will need to raise it up. Mechanical timer installed which I would recommend to a digital one which will be more reliable. Also the 16 amp socket is loosely fitted on with a whisker box and could also get water ingress. Recommend we also fit a new 16 amp socket which is properly fitted onto the columns. |
| HEALTHY CONDITION | HHDE 001 | Hopeville Avenue England CT10 2TR | O/S green | No issues relatively new set up on column |

**Light Repairs**

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| \_title | type | comments | repair/replacement |
| Warm rope white warm and blue string lights fully faulty | Motif | Needs new rectifier | £50exVAT |
| Column wrap | String Product | Broken | £80exVAT |
| column wrap | String Product | Broken | £80exVAT |
| Warm/Cool white X-mas tree string lights | String Product | Broken 2x | £80exVAT |
| RGB string lights  5 sets, String Product, 52712 | String Product | Many sequence lamps not working. Require 5x sets | £240exVAT |
| Warm rope with warm and blue lights | Cross Street | Blue lights out | £40exVAT |
| Warm white sphere | 3D item | 1x set of warm white lights out | £40exVAT |
| Warm string lights ball | 3D item | 2x sets of warm white lights out | £80exVAT |
| Warm string lights ball | 3D item | 1x set of warm white lights out | £40exVAT |
| Warm string lights ball | 3D item | 1x set of lights out, plug burnt and power cable fault - socket burnt | **\*will retrieve price\*** |
| Warm string lights ball | 3D item | Sphere damaged | **\*will retrieve price\*** |
| Warm rope and warm with blue string lights | Cross Street | Blue Xmas Lights - Out Warm white Xmas lights - out | £80exVAT |
| Warm rope and blue with warm string lights | Cross Street | Blue Xmas Lights - Out Warm white Xmas lights - Flashing out | £80exVAT |
| Warm white rope with blue and warm string lights | Cross Street | Blue lights out | £40exVAT |
| Warm rope with warm and blue lights half of the blue string lights not working | Cross Street | Needs new rectifier and blue lights out | £90exVAT |
|  |  | **Labour** | **£950** |
|  |  | **Total** | **£1,970** |

**Catenary Pull Test**

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| \_status | address | catenary\_wire\_or\_eyebolt | single\_or\_doublecross\_st\_anchors | comments | Supply + fit |
| FAIL | 174 High Street Broadstairs CT10 1JA GB | Eyebolt | Double | Failed at 5KN | £400exVAT |
| PASS | 23 High Street Broadstairs CT10 1LP GB | Eyebolt | Double |  |  |
| PASS | 23 High Street Broadstairs CT10 1LP GB | Eyebolt | Double |  |  |
| PASS | 28 High Street Broadstairs | Eyebolt | Double |  |  |
| PASS | 28 High Street England CT10 1LH | Eyebolt | Double |  |  |
| FAIL | 65-67 High Street England CT10 1JL | Eyebolt | Double | Passed however cat wire and tensioner needs replacing | £195exVAT |
| FAIL | 65-67 High Street England CT10 1JL | Eyebolt | Double | Failed at 4KN. New cat wire also needed | £595exVAT |
| FAIL | 75A High Street England CT10 1NQ | Eyebolt | Double | Failed at 8KN. New cat wire also needed | £595exVAT |
| test | 116 High Street England CT10 1JB | Eyebolt | Double | unable to test - scaffolding in the way |  |
| FAIL | 75A High Street England CT10 1NQ | Eyebolt |  | Eyebolt passed but new cat wire needed | £195exVAT |
| test | 116 High Street England CT10 1JB | Eyebolt |  | unable to test - scaffolding in the way |  |
| PASS | 125 High Street England CT10 1NG | Eyebolt | Double |  |  |
| PASS | 125 High Street England CT10 1NQ | Eyebolt | Double |  |  |
| FAIL | 174 High Street England CT10 1JA | Eyebolt | Double | Failed at 4KN | £400exVAT |
| PASS | 68 High Street England CT10 1JZ | Eyebolt |  |  |  |
| PASS | 68 High Street England CT10 1JZ | Eyebolt |  |  |  |