



ANNUAL REPORT

BROADSTAIRS & ST. PETER'S
TOWN COUNCIL

APRIL 2024-MARCH 2025



TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT



A WORD FROM THE MAYOR

I was very proud to serve as Town Mayor and Chair to the Council for the civic year May 2024 - May 2025.

Highlights for me included the quiz night and gig which we organised to raise money for the mayoral charity, 21

Together, and the Remembrance Service which for the first time included Inspiration Creative who signed the service and the hymns. I was also pleased to welcome the first Mayoral Cadet, Able Cadet R.R Hards-Morris who will accompany the Town Mayor on future civic engagements.

Throughout the year, councillors and officers continued to deliver the Cleaner, Safer, Kinder agenda by implementing more of the projects and ideas identified in the Action Plan which can be viewed in full on our website. Details of the projects are in the following pages. We welcome all residents to keep in touch and follow what we are doing. Details of how to do so are on the last page.



CLLR MIKE GARNER

YOUR COUNCILLORS



CLLR JILL BAYFORD
BRADSOWE WARD



CLLR JAMES HOBSON
ST PETER'S WARD



CLLR JOHN NICHOLS
VIKING WARD



CLLR JOANNE BRIGHT
BEACON ROAD WARD



CLLR COLIN KEMP
BEACON ROAD WARD



CLLR ELVIRA ORHAN
VIKING WARD



CLLR KRISTIAN BRIGHT
VIKING WARD



CLLR CHARLIE LEYS
BEACON ROAD WARD



CLLR KEVIN PRESSLAND
ST PETER'S WARD



CLLR ROOPA FAROOKI
VIKING WARD



CLLR PAUL MOORE
ST PETER'S WARD



CLLR STEVE ROBERTS
BRADSTOWE WARD



CLLR MIKE GARNER
ST PETER'S WARD

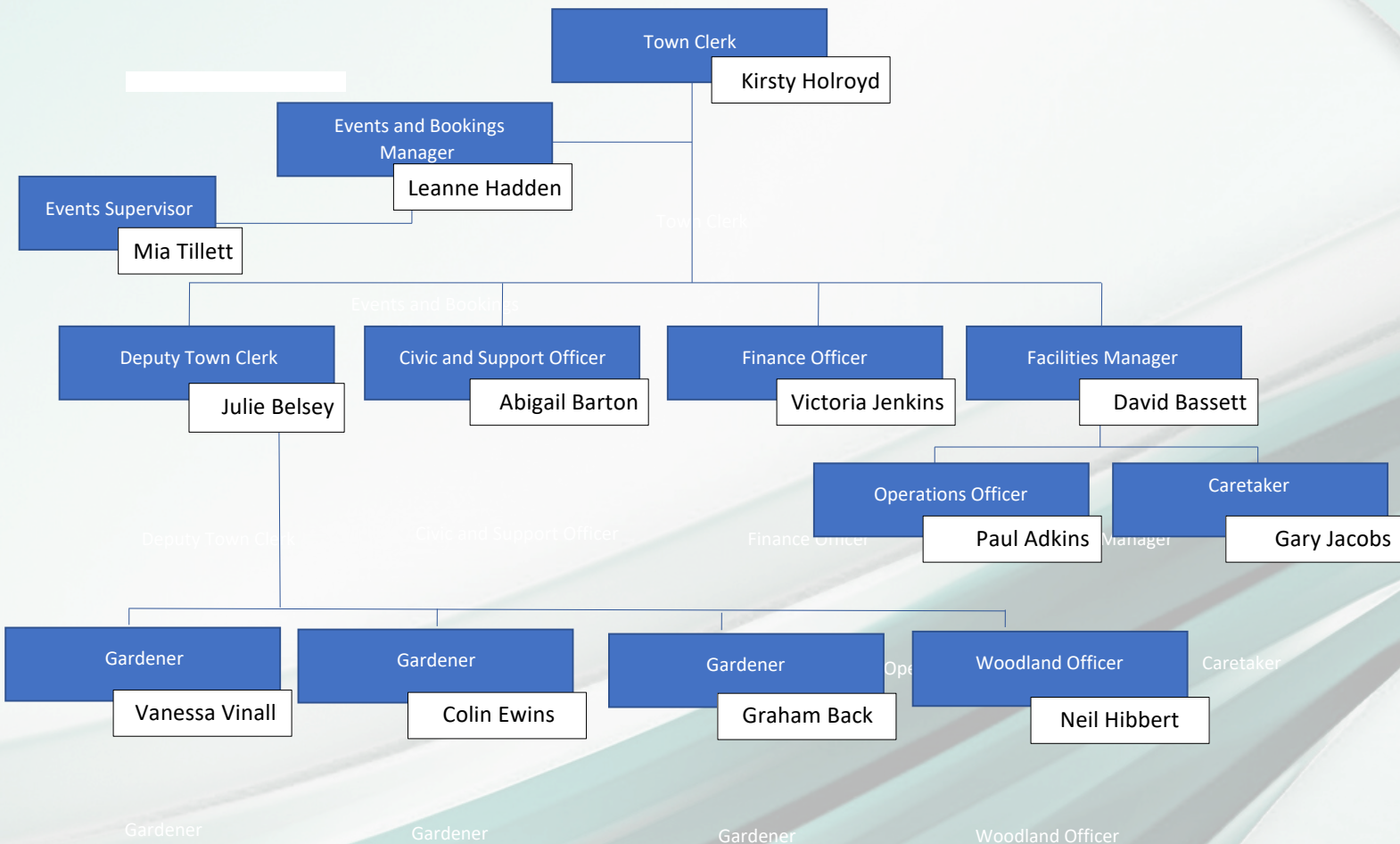


CLLR ALAN MUNNS
KINGSGATE WARD



CLLR GEORGE RUSIECKI
BRADSTOWE WARD

COUNCIL STAFF



Kirsty Holroyd Responsible for Council, Community Assets Committee, Finance and General Purposes Committee, Staff Management Sub-committee.

Leanne Haddon Responsible for promoting Pierremont Hall as a bookable community venue and organising community events

Mia Tillett Responsible for supervising commercial events at Pierremont Hall

Julie Belsey Responsible for Planning Committee, Neighbourhood Planning committee, Allotments and Land committee

Abigail Barton Responsible for Environment committee, social media and website, events and planning support

Victoria Jenkins Responsible for daily finance, vat returns, income and expenditure, banking

David Bassett Responsible for planned annual maintenance, health and safety, repairs, refurbishment and redecoration of assets as necessary.

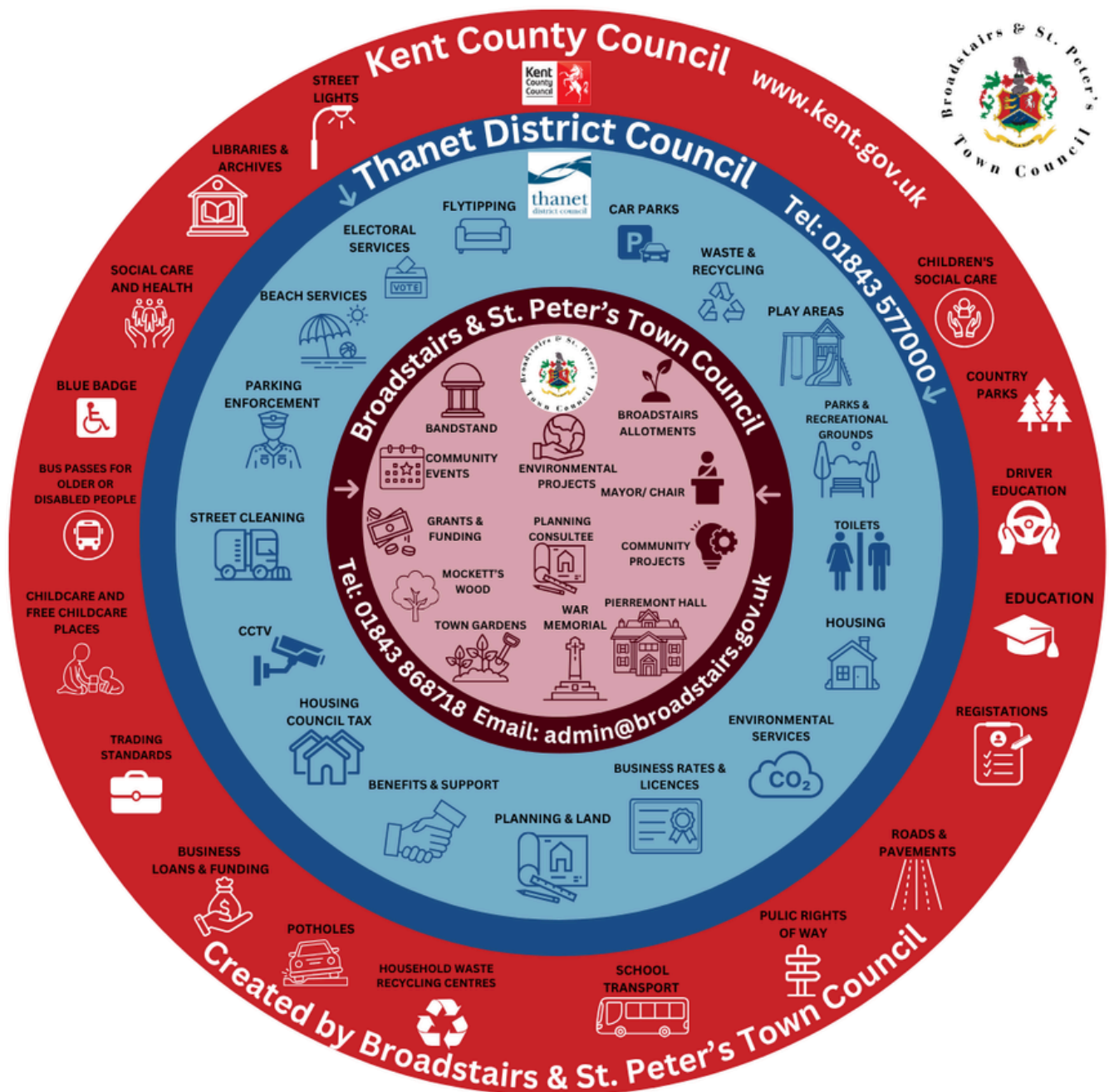
Paul Adkins Responsible for refurbishment and redecoration of assets as necessary, minor repairs and enhancements around the town.

Gary Jacobs Responsible for room set ups, office cleaning and fire safety checks and drills

Vanessa Vinall, Colin Ewins and Graham Back Responsible for upkeep of flower beds at Victoria Gardens, Balmoral Gardens, Pierremont Park and the War Memorial

Neil Hibbert Responsible for implementation of Mockett's Wood Management plan

WHAT DO WE DO?



Different Councils have different duties, powers and responsibilities. This infographic shows Kent County Council's responsibilities on the outer circle, Thanet District Council's responsibilities on the blue ring and the Town Council's responsibilities on the inner circle.

The Town Council is often seen as the first tier of local government and the one closest to the people it serves.



ANNUAL BUDGET 2025-26

COUNCIL TAX

PRECEPT	£	893,159.00
TAX BASE	£	10,668.71
BAND D EQUIVALENT	£	84.51
WEEKLY BAND D	£	1.63

PLANNED EXPENDITURE

ADMIN & OFFICE COSTS	£ 66,850.00
AMENITIES	£30,500.00
CIVIC COSTS	£17,500.00
COMMUNITY	£33,000.00
EVENTS	£63,865.00
GRANTS	£100,000.00
OPEN SPACES	£53,500.00
PHASE 3 - BASEMENT	£88,000.00
PIERREMONT ANNUAL MAINTENANCE	£75,581.00
PIERREMONT EVENTS	£2,500.00
PIERREMONT HALL	£30,050.00
PWLB LOAN	£35,824.00
RETORT HOUSE	£24,500.00
STAFF COSTS	£455,262.00

BUDGET REQUIREMENT	£1,076,932.00
TO RESERVES	£ 14,498.00
MINUS ANTICIPATED INCOME	£ 143,636.00
MINUS ANTICIPATED UNDERSPEND	£ 54,635.00
25-26 PRECEPT DEMAND	£ 893,159.00

COMMUNITY GRANTS



The Council sets an annual budget to provide financial assistance to such groups to enable them to provide a wide range of services and continue their work. Grants and sponsorship are available via an application process. Applications are reviewed and, if successful, approved at regular meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and the Events, Leisure and Tourism Committee.

Applicants must meet certain eligibility criteria in order to be considered. Please see link below and read the information carefully before applying. Applications are welcome from charities, non-profit making organisations and voluntary groups. Grants are available for a variety of purposes.

Organisation	Grant awarded 2024-25
Bowls Club	£ 13,760.00
Food Festival - October	£ 4,500.00
Food Festival - Spring	£ 3,000.00
Broadstairs Society	£ 1,200.00
Broadstairs Summer Fireworks	£ 9,500.00
Dickens Festival	£ 3,500.00
Folk Week	£ 10,000.00
POW	£ 3,000.00
Sarah Thorne	£ 3,000.00
St Peter's Memorial Hall	£ 2,000.00
Twinning Association	£ 250.00
Water Gala	£ 4,700.00
Visitor Information Group	£ 5,000.00
Town Team Gardening Group	£ 3,200.00
Broadstairs Town Team	£ 1,200.00
The Zone Youth Club	£ 8,000.00
Broadstairs History Walks	£ 298.00
14th Broadstairs Scouts	£ 3,000.00
Thanet Wanderers RUFC	£ 1,000.00
East Kent College	£ 7,896.00
Thanet Disabled Riding Centre	£ 2,000.00
Ramsgate and Broadstairs Sea Cadets	£ 610.00
Pie Factory	£ 5,000.00
Cricket Club	£ 1,800.00
Total	£ 97,414.00

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS



Three of our most exciting projects included the installation of a new drinking water tap at Viking Bay and the planting of 20 trees in St Peter's Memorial Recreation ground. Both these projects were in partnership with TDC. We also planted up a wild flower meadow in Osborne Road, under licence from KCC. Watch out for more environmentally friendly projects in 2025.

MOCKETT'S WOOD



In autumn 2024 we identified that Mockett's Wood was underused as a community asset. As a result we commissioned a local biodiversity expert to conduct a review of the Wood and draw up a management plan which would help us to make the most of this valuable piece of woodland. The plan identified three main objectives:

1. To manage existing habitats to enhance biodiversity within the woodland.
- 2: To ensure the woodland is welcoming, safe and accessible.
- 3: To maintain and improve the woodland condition.

A Woodland Manager has now been appointed to work with the Friends of Mockett's Wood to implement the plan. Neil is making great strides with new habitats, pathways and planting.

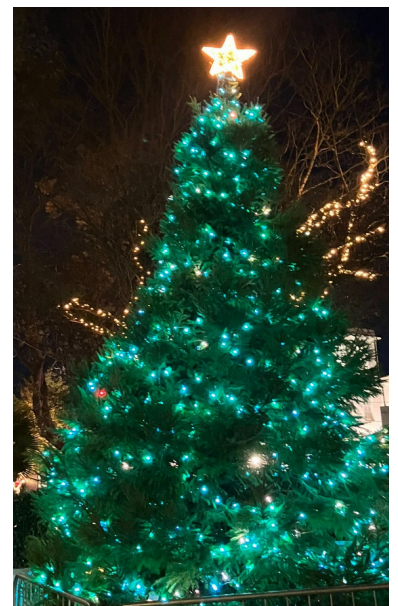
VICTORIA GARDENS AND BALMORAL GARDENS



In the spring of 2024 the Town Council started to work the flower beds in Victoria gardens under licence from TDC which owns the land. Our two gardeners quickly made impressive progress to the delight of visitors and residents keen to see the gardens restored to their former glory.

Inspired by this success, the Town Council sought to add Balmoral Gardens, the War Memorial and two beds at Pierremont Park to the renewed licenced in Spring 2025. A third gardener joined the team and the three can now be seen daily working around the town for the enjoyment of all.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



The Town Council puts on a range of free entertainment over the year which is offered free of charge as much as possible as part of its kinder agenda. Here are just some of the events we offered in 2024, all to be repeated in 2025.

WEDDINGS



The Town Council continues to offer Pierremont Hall Chamber and Music Room for weddings, parties, conferences and functions. This year we were delighted to be a finalist in the Kent Wedding awards. For more details about holding your event at Pierremont Hall, please contact events@broadstairs.gov.uk

2024-25 HIGHLIGHTS



STAY IN TOUCH



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Annual Town Assembly: 20 April 2026

All meetings open to the public

Calendar of meetings, agendas and minutes online

Website: Broadstairs.gov.uk