



END OF YEAR REPORT

BROADSTAIRS & ST. PETER'S
TOWN COUNCIL

1 APRIL 2025- 31 MARCH 2026



TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT



A WORD FROM THE TOWN MAYOR - CLLR MIKE GARNER

It has been another busy year for the Town Council as it pushed ahead with its Action Plan based on the Cleaner, Safer, Kinder principles. Highlights included the progress at Mockett's Wood to improve accessibility and bio diversity and various eco-projects around the town. You can read more about these on pages 8 and 9.

We were sad to receive the resignation of Cllr James Hobson who moved away from Broadstairs and delighted to co-opt Cllr Paul Jacobs in November.

Lastly we were very proud to receive the Kent Association of local Councils Silver Award. The award demonstrates that the Town Council goes beyond mere legal obligations and excels in governance, community engagement, and continuous improvement.

Please see our website for more details about our work and for a full calendar of meetings, all of which are open to the public.



YOUR COUNCILLORS



CLLR JILL BAYFORD
BRADSOWE WARD



CLLR PAUL JACOBS
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

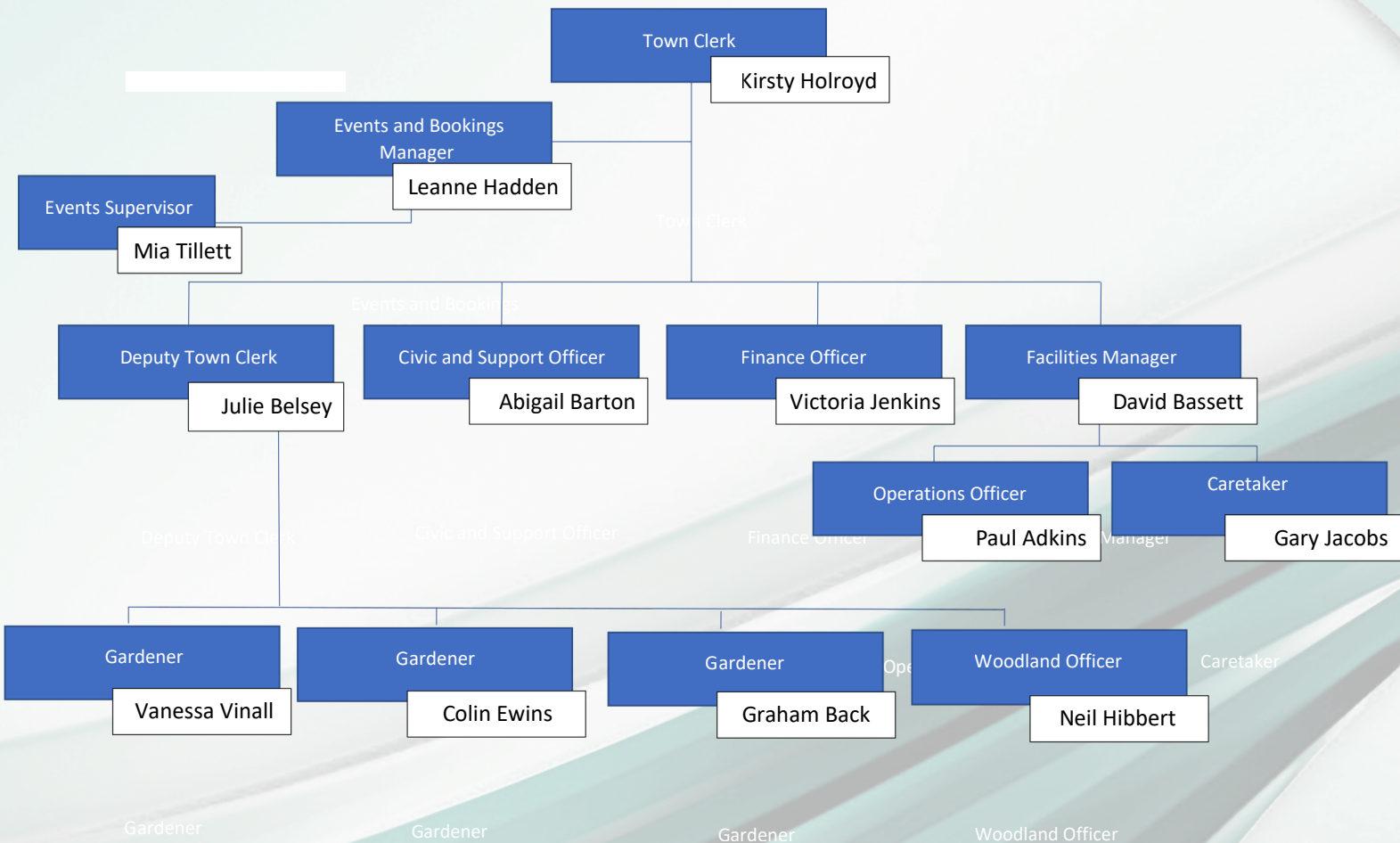


CLLR ALAN MUNNS
KINGSGATE WARD



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.

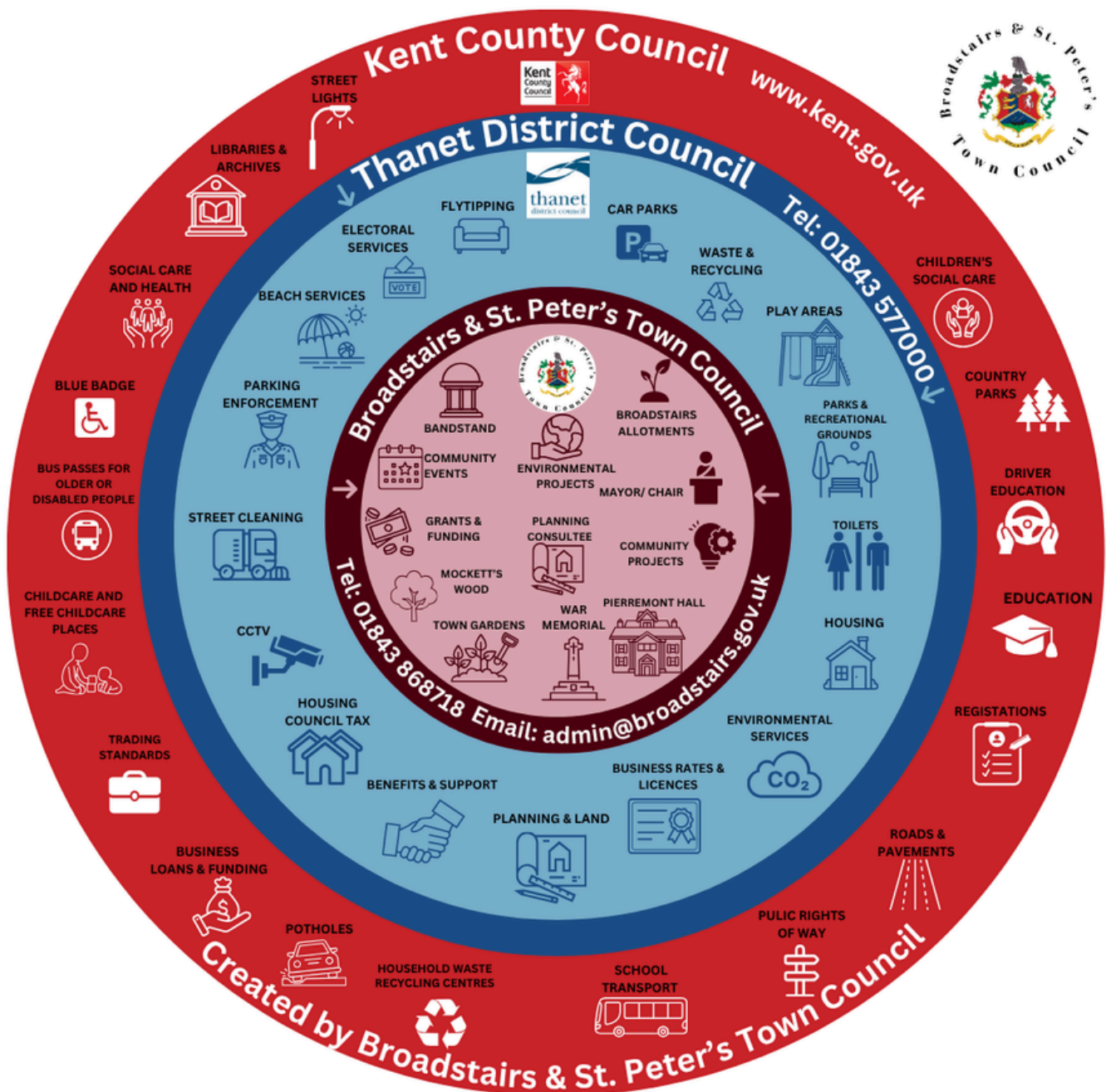
Paul Adkins Responsible for refurbishment and redecoration of assets as necessary, minor repairs and enhancements around the town.

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 2026-27

Each autumn the Town Council considers what services it would like to offer in the following financial year (1 April - 31 March) and drafts a budget accordingly. The final request is approved by Council in February and sent to Thanet District Council which collects council tax from local taxpayers and passes on the requested proportion to the Town Council. In February 2026 the following budget was approved for the forthcoming financial year:

COUNCIL TAX

PRECEPT	£	945,529.00
TAX BASE	£	10,548.08
BAND D EQUIVALENT	£	89.64
WEEKLY BAND D	£	1.72

PLANNED EXPENDITURE

ADMIN & OFFICE COSTS	£ 66,850.00
AMENITIES	£34,500.00
CIVIC COSTS	£20,400.00
COMMUNITY	£61,700.00
EVENTS	£57,000.00
GRANTS	£100,000.00
OPEN SPACES	£79,500.00
PHASE 3 - BASEMENT	£40,000.00
PIERREMONT ANNUAL MAINTENANCE	£79,947.00
PIERREMONT EVENTS	£2,500.00
PIERREMONT HALL	£42,175.00
PWL B LOAN	£35,824.00
RETORT HOUSE	£24,500.00
STAFF COSTS	£500,200.00

BUDGET REQUIREMENT	£1,120,596.00
TO RESERVES	£ 52,752.00
MINUS SUMS BROUGHT FORWARD	£ 45,000.00
MINUS ANTICIPATED INCOME	£ 1,17819.00
MINUS ANTICIPATED UNDERSPEND 25-26	£ 65,000.00
25-26 PRECEPT DEMAND	£945,529.00

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 2025-26
Bowls Club	£ 2,778.00
Food Festival - October	£ 3,000.00
Food Festival - Spring	£ 5,000.00
Broadstairs Christchurch	£ 14,359.00
Broadstairs Summer Fireworks	£ 10,000.00
Dickens Festival	£ 3,500.00
Folk Week	£ 10,000.00
Crampton Museum	£ 4,900.00
Sarah Thorne Theatre	£ 3,500.00
The GAP Project	£ 4,097.00
Twinning Association	£ 500.00
Water Gala	£ 5,000.00
Visitor Information Group	£ 4,000.00
Town Team Gardening Group	£ 1,532.00
Hi Kent	£ 480.00
The Zone Youth Club	£ 7,422.00
Paddle Media	£ 5,247.00
Neurodivergent Friends	£ 5,810.00
Thanet Wanderers RUFC	£ 1,000.00
Thanet Disabled Riding Centre	£ 3,000.00
Cricket Club	£ 2,000.00
Total	£ 97,215.00

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS



Three of our most exciting projects included the installation of a second drinking water tap near the bandstand at Victoria Gardens in partnership with TDC. We also planted up a second wild flower meadow in Culmer's Amenity Land (off Vere Road) and held a planting day at Pierremont Hall (complete with mocktails!)

MOCKETT'S WOOD



Our Woodland Manager, Neil has been busy implementing the management plan we commissioned for the woods back in 2024. 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.

Neil has been busy installing hedging and fencing in order to create mini reserves to allow parts of the wood to re-wild. He is helped by the Friends of Mockett's Wood, and most recently by pupils at Life Skills Enterprise. Bug houses from 14 Broadstairs Scouts have been installed and plans are being developed for an accessible pathway through the wood.

VICTORIA GARDENS AND BALMORAL GARDENS



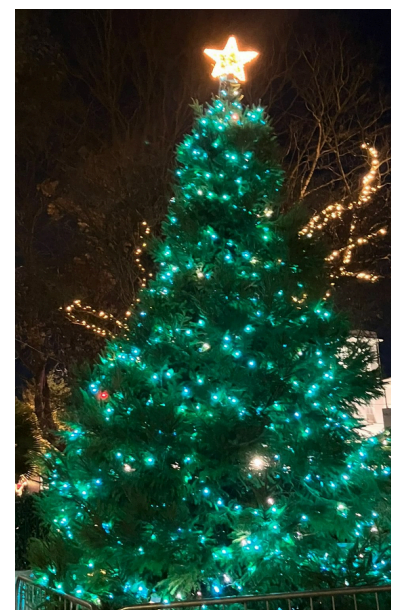
Following a very successful first year of the Town Council's own gardeners working the flower beds at Victoria Gardens, Balmoral Gardens, Pierremont Park and the war memorial, Thanet District Council which still owns the land were happy to grant us a three year licence to continue the works.

This year, Vanessa, Colin and Graham have concentrated their efforts on the Louise Bay end of Victoria Gardens. Here a new rockery has been created and work has continued to remove overgrown shrubs.

They have also planted a sensory garden at Balmoral Gardens, which should be in full bloom over the summer. Work has also been undertaken at Nuckells Garden at Dicken's House to assist local volunteers who usually tend the site.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

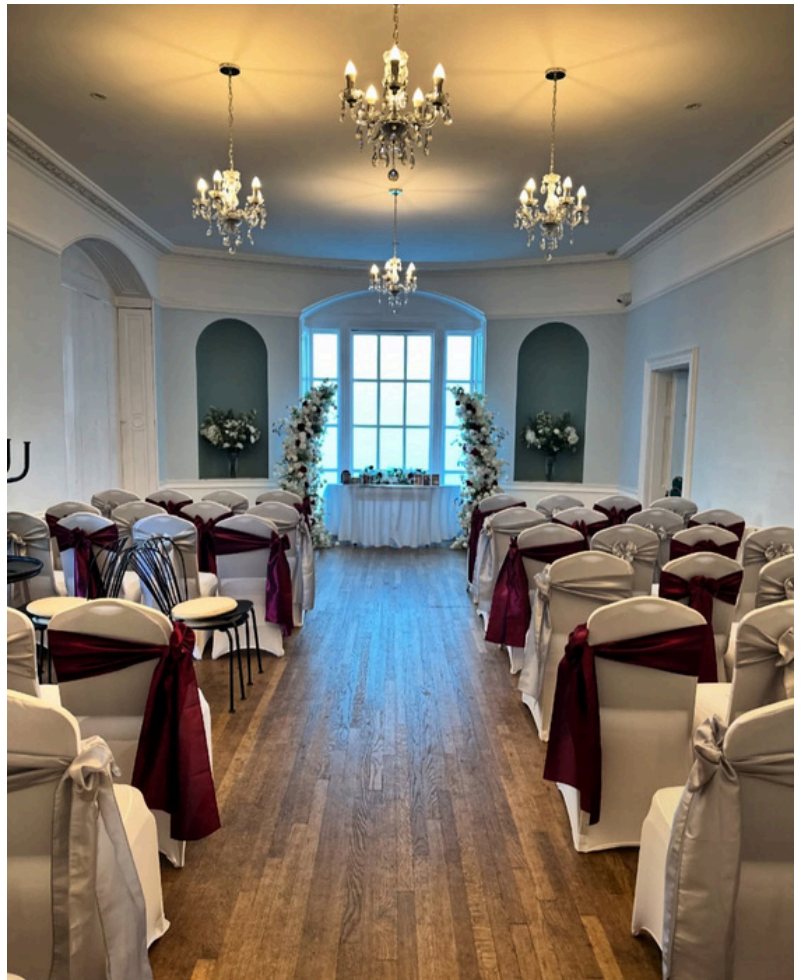


The Town Council puts on a range of free entertainment over the year which is offered free of charge as much as possible as part of its kinder agenda. Here are just some of the events we offered in 2025, all to be repeated in 2026.

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 the second year running and to receive an award from wedding website Hitched. For more details about holding your event at Pierremont Hall, please contact events@broadstairs.gov.uk



PIERREMONT DEPOT



In May 2025 TDC sought planning permission for four houses to be built on the land formerly operating as the depot and plant nursery for Pierremont Park. TDC stated they had no further use for the land and had therefore a statutory duty to dispose of it. They proposed to do this with planning permission already approved.

TDCs own planning committee recommended refusal on the application and requested further clarification on matters such as the inclusion of the access road in the proposal. In August the application was resubmitted but refused by the planning committee since these issues had not been resolved satisfactorily.

In September Thanet District Council announced they would sell the site at auction without pursuing the planning permission issue. There was much opposition to this and the Friends of Pierremont Park organised a petition requesting the sale be halted and the site offered to the Town Council instead. The Town Council had expressed an interest in acquiring the site some time previously but had been told it would not be possible for the two councils to come to any kind of special arrangement. This was confirmed at the cabinet meeting at which the petition was discussed.

At the end of September TDC announced it would no longer be looking to dispose of Pierremont Park depot via auction but instead would sell by private treaty. The site was marketed by a local agent and the District Council explained they would accept tenders with weight to be given to those bids demonstrating social value.

The Town Council therefore drafted a bid which attempts to demonstrate the potential of the site as a valuable community asset, imperative for the provision of high quality open spaces services in the town.

BSPTC proposes to breathe new life into the disused council depot by reinstating the site as a much-needed operational base for our Gardeners, Woodland Officer and Facilities Team. Our growing work force is striving to improve Broadstairs and St Peter's and a dedicated workspace, secure storage and workshop area will enable the ongoing improvements to the town to continue for future generations.

Our vision is to provide an efficient, modern workspace to future proof Broadstairs and St Peter's and enable the Town Council to deliver its services and meet its growing responsibilities and aspirations.

The bid was submitted on 31 March and the Town Council is awaiting the outcome.

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