

JUST A FEW OF OUR RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

OUR RECORD OF ACTION...

Investing £7,500 towards improved access and refurbishment of the Devonshire Rooms at Snodland Town Hall

Leybourne Lakes Country Park has won the prestigious Green Flag Award from Keep Britain Tidy for 12 years in a row

54 Saturday bulky waste collection sites across the Borough every month - such as three in East Malling

Awarding West Malling Parish Council £7,465 towards improved signage and noticeboards in the town

Funding improvements to local village shopping parades across the Borough - such as Aylesford, Borough Green, East Peckham, Ditton and Wrotham

A new 'Careers Adviser Network' links schools and local businesses to create industry-relevant careers advice in schools across the Borough such as Aylesford, Wrotham, Hillview, Hadlow and West Kent College

Investing £500,000 and making a successful bid for national funding for improvements to the Leigh Barrier and Hildenborough Embankments

Funding of £25,600 for new Christmas Lights for Tonbridge town centre

Haysden Country Park has won the prestigious Green Flag Award from Keep Britain Tidy for 13 years in a row

Improvements to Town Lock and River Walk in partnership with the Environment Agency, Kent County Council and from levies secured from housing developers

Money from property developers used to secure emergency housing for homeless people, saving Council Tax payers £10,000s a year on B&B accommodation

Contributing £225,000 towards two new dance studios, a gym extension with new equipment, and an immersive spin studio at Larkfield Leisure Centre

A CLEAN AND TIDY BOROUGH

The Borough Council is responsible for emptying the bins of over 52,000 households and sweeping over 400 miles of roads, pavements and footpaths. Latest official figures record that 99.96 per cent of what is collected is recycled or turned into energy. We take a 'no tolerance' approach to littering with those caught facing a fine of £100. Since 2016, 61 fixed penalty notices (fines) totalling £17,300 and 4 additional prosecutions pursued with total fines of £1,500. Our record is reported as an example of best practice in a Government National Litter Strategy for England.

INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC REALM

We have secured over £3.86million from a levy on property developers during the past four years so that we have been able to make significant investments in our local environment. Such improvements can be seen along the River Medway in Tonbridge at Town Lock, River Walk and the Castle. We support local retail centres throughout the Borough, for example, with grants to independent retailers to improve the appearance of their shops.

GREAT LEISURE FACILITIES

We have a strong record of investment in our leisure facilities, Country Parks and over 300 acres of green open space in Tonbridge alone. Working in partnership with the Leisure Trust, significant improvements and investment at Tonbridge Swimming Pool, Larkfield Leisure Centre, the Angel Centre and Poul Wood Golf Club. We host Park Runs in Tonbridge and Leybourne Lakes and a Junior Park Run at Longmead. We have invested in our two Country Parks and helped provide local sports clubs with high quality sports pitches and facilities.

POSITIVE MOVE FOR PROVIDING MORE TEMPORARY HOUSING

We have invested £1.6m of contributions from housing developers for the purchase of temporary accommodation within the Borough area. It means that those without a permanent home can stay closer to friends and family locally, and reduce the cost burden of more expensive options such as B&B, hotel rooms and private rented housing.



AND A PROMISE OF MORE...

✓ OUR COMMITMENT TO A FINANCIALLY SOUND AND WELL-RUN LOCAL COUNCIL

Conservatives at Tonbridge and Malling will continue our record of a well-run and financially sound Council. Since April 2016 our planning and financial prudence has delivered efficiencies in excess of £2.4m including investments made so far that are expected to generate £200,000 towards protecting services. It is a Conservative-led Council that has achieved this.

✓ FREE PARKING ON SUNDAYS

The Conservatives have continued to keep free car parking on Sundays in the main town centres where there is charging at other times. We pledge to keep free Sunday parking in those car parks and so remain the only Council in West Kent to have free Sunday parking in our town centre car parks.

✓ FAIRER AND BETTER RECYCLING FOR ALL

We are introducing a new and fairer recycling service. This means a doorstep recycling service taking bottles, plastics, electrical waste and textiles in addition to the existing collection of paper, cardboard and tins. It is a Conservative Council that will be delivering a better and fairer service - meaning we can all make our contribution to reducing waste.

✓ MORE SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The cost of home ownership and renting in the private sector is a huge barrier for many people. Our new Local Plan will force developers to build more homes for low cost rent and shared ownership. For housing schemes of 11 homes or more, we say that 40 per cent must be allocated for lower cost housing for those who are struggling to get a foot on the property ladder.

✓ FEWER COUNCILLORS NEEDED

In the last eight years, we have reduced the size of the bureaucracy at Tonbridge and Malling resulting in real savings for Council Tax payers. But more can be done. The Council no longer needs 54 Councillors. There will be a Boundary Review before the next elections in four years' time, and the Conservatives will be proposing a reduction of one third in the number of councillors saving hundreds of thousands of pounds.

If our local record "ticks your box" please place your cross in ours!



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