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Welcome back to Ashford Voice, your borough magazine delivered straight to your doorstep. It's full of features on living, working and enjoying life in Ashford and the surrounding communities.

In this issue discover more about the importance of local democracy and how you can have your say. Also, find out more about the hidden gems of South Willesborough in **Your community**.

Public art can really make a difference to the place you live. Ashford Voice meets local artist Cathy Streeter to find out more.

We also have our regular features such as **"A day in the life of..."** which this time looks at Colin Green, Project Manager for Housing Plus a new advice service offering help with housing and much more.

Whether it's theatre, music, days out, spooky Halloween events or firework displays our **"What's on"** section has something for everyone.

A big thanks to everyone who responded to our Reader's Survey. Voice got a real thumbs up with most respondents saying they like the look and find the articles useful. Plus, a whopping 88% said they thought the magazine was value for money. You can find the full results on [www.ashford.gov.uk/voice](http://www.ashford.gov.uk/voice).

In the next edition **Your community** will be featuring **Smeeth**, so if you're a resident please get in touch and let us know about living, working and playing in this part of the borough.



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# News in brief

## New Chief Executive



John Bunnett has been appointed as the new Chief Executive of Ashford Borough Council.

As a long-term Ashford resident, educated at Norton Knatchbull School John is already passionate about the borough.

He explains, "As someone who has lived in Ashford for many years, I have more than a passing interest in the borough, how Ashford is evolving into a vibrant and growing town and the role the council has to play in delivering this by providing quality services.

"I'm really looking forward to taking on the responsibilities the job presents and I'm looking forward to getting to know the employees and partners who are so committed to making a difference to the lives of people across the borough, and to working together as the town and borough grows."

John lives in Mersham, and is married with two daughters. He was previously Deputy Chief Executive at Thanet District Council.

## Online advertising



With over 25,000 visitors a month there's no better way to get your message across than advertising on Ashford Borough Council's website.

We now offer online advertising opportunities, perfect for local businesses.

**For more details and costs visit [www.ashford.gov.uk/advertising](http://www.ashford.gov.uk/advertising)**

## Save paper, save time, save the planet

At Ashford Borough Council we are always looking at new ways of keeping in touch with our residents and we want to hear from you about receiving information or services by text or email in the future.

We already have a whole range of services and information on our website, saving you time and allowing you to access

services when you need them, and by signing up to receive information electronically we can work together to save money and the environment.

To find out more and subscribe for e-communications, go to **[www.ashford.gov.uk/contact](http://www.ashford.gov.uk/contact)**

## Swine flu advice

If you have flu-like symptoms and are concerned that you may have swine flu you should stay at home and call your GP who will be able to provide a diagnosis over the phone.

Do not go to your GP surgery or to a hospital as you may spread the disease to others.

**For the latest swine flu advice call the Swine Flu information line on 0800 1 513 513 or visit [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)**

## Stanhope celebrates two years of regeneration



April 2007 saw the signing of the ground-breaking £150 million, 30 year Private Finance Initiative contract to transform the Stanhope neighbourhood.

Two years on 273 Ashford Borough Council homes had been refurbished, home owners have moved into brand new shared ownership homes and the new local centre including a supermarket and post office are now

open. Residents have moved into fifteen apartments and 21 houses for affordable rent as well as four rented family homes.

By 2012 the Chrysalis consortium will have refurbished 323 homes and replaced seven blocks of apartments with 442 high quality homes.

**For more information visit [www.moat.co.uk](http://www.moat.co.uk)**



## Full speed ahead for High Speed

The High Speed 1 preview services, running since June, continue to slash journey times from Ashford International to London to just 37 minutes.

Hundreds of commuters and day trippers are using the service from Ashford to St Pancras every week which has proved so popular train operators Southeastern are introducing additional services in September.

The full service with two trains every hour throughout the day starts on 13 December.

A £2.4 million project set to improve facilities at Ashford International Station is underway and due to be completed in time for the launch.

**For more information see our High Speed feature on pages 16 and 17, or visit [www.southeasternrailway.co.uk](http://www.southeasternrailway.co.uk)**

## Ashford & Tenterden tourism awards

The search is on for the people you think go out of their way to provide a warm welcome to visitors and local residents.

Just pick up one of the thousands of postcards being distributed in hotels, restaurants, leisure centres, visitor attractions and tourist information centres across the borough and nominate the staff you feel go that extra mile.

**For further information contact Visit Kent on 01622 696936 or email [celebratingkent@kent.gov.uk](mailto:celebratingkent@kent.gov.uk)**

## New service offers peace of mind in an emergency

If you're involved in an accident or are taken ill every second counts.

With one simple phone call the Telecare Emergency Card can ensure emergency services find out who you are, if you have any medical conditions and who to contact.

When you sign up you will be issued with a credit size card that has a unique

**For more information visit [www.ashford.gov.uk/telecareemergencycard](http://www.ashford.gov.uk/telecareemergencycard) or call 01233 642095.**



reference number and a phone number emergency services can call 24 hours a day, seven days a week and access pre-arranged information.

The service is run by Ashford Borough Council's Monitoring Centre which has been looking after the people of Ashford for over 20 years.

## Housing Plus a whole lot more

Ashford Borough Council launches Housing Plus, a brand new advice service in September.

You can talk to Housing Plus about housing, employment, training, debt and much more at the Ashford and Tenterden Gateways.

**For more information see our day in the life of... feature on pages 8 and 9, visit [www.ashford.gov.uk/housingplus](http://www.ashford.gov.uk/housingplus) or call 01233 330688.**





# Have your say

**Voting is central to the way in which our democracy works and is the most important way to make your voice heard on the issues that concern you.**

**D**ecisions are made on your behalf every day ranging from local issues such as the recreational facilities you have, how your refuse is collected and parking fees, national issues like healthcare and education, to global issues like defence and the environment.

Voting is the sure fire way you can hold your elected representatives accountable.

The next Ashford Borough Council election will be held in May 2011 but you don't have to wait to vote to get involved.



Many of the council's meetings are open to the public so why not go along and find out what's planned for your community and what decisions the council are taking on your behalf.

You can find details of committees as well more information about how the council works at [www.ashford.gov.uk/democracy](http://www.ashford.gov.uk/democracy).

For more information about voting visit  
[www.electoralcommission.org.uk](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk)  
[www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk)  
[www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk)



## 16+ and ready to vote

People are always complaining young people are apathetic about politics but that's not the case in Ashford. Since 2006 Ashford Borough Council has been working with the Ministry of Justice on a campaign to get more 16 to 18 year olds registered to vote.

Three years on Voice spoke to Louise Trice about her involvement with the campaign as a member of the Ashford Youth Forum.



### Louise Trice

*I've always thought it was important to vote so I'm a big supporter of 16+ and I registered as soon as I could. It's not just about being able to vote when you're 18. You can be more independent if you're registered to vote because you can't rent a flat in your own name, or even get a mobile phone contract if you're not.*

*I was 16 when the Youth Forum got involved in the campaign and we got to help out with things like designing publicity materials and making sure they were in all the local schools and colleges.*

*I'm now 19 so I got to vote for the first time earlier this year when the County and European elections were held and I'm glad I got to have a say.*



(l-r) Godwin, Charleene, Bradley and Roisin

## Democracy supporters

Bradley, 17, registered to vote after being given a 16+ and ready to vote campaign postcard at school. He says, "The more people that go out to vote, the more views will be heard."

Twenty-one year old Charleene has also had the chance to use her vote. "With everything that happened with the suffragettes it's important to vote and thanks to postal voting, I can still vote while I'm away at university."

Roisin, 15, agrees. "I can't wait to vote. We're lucky that we have the right to, many countries don't, which makes it even worse that people in this country don't even bother."

At 14, Godwin is the youngest of the group. "I don't know much about democracy and voting yet but I do know I will definitely vote when I'm older."

16+ and ready to vote registration cards are available in Nepalese and Chinese as well as English at schools and colleges across the borough.



For more information visit [www.whatmattersashford.co.uk](http://www.whatmattersashford.co.uk)

## Democracy Month

Ashford Borough Council will once again be running Democracy Month throughout October giving young people the chance to become involved in local politics.

Schools and colleges across the borough have been invited to send students to the Civic Centre to find out more about the democratic process, meet local

councillors and debate the issues that are important to them.

The focus this year is on Ashford's growth plans with representatives from Ashford's Future, the organisation tasked with delivering the growth agenda for the area, on hand to discuss the future of the town and the borough.

# Your community: Willesborough life



Boys Hall

## Key facts

**Population:** 12,482.

**Business/commerce:** 100 plus businesses providing a range of commercial and retail enterprises together with sub-Post Offices, garage and filling station, takeaway food outlets, convenience stores and mini supermarkets.

**Schools:** Willesborough Infant and Junior schools, East Stour Primary School, North School.

**Community facilities:** St Mary's Church, Christchurch, Willesborough Baptist Church, The Salvation Army, The Swan Centre, Hythe Recreation Ground, Gas House Fields Allotments, Willesborough Windmill, Willesborough WI Hall.

**Community/sports groups:** South Willesborough and Newtown Environment Group, 1st Willesborough Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, 2nd Willesborough Brownies, Willesborough Cricket Club, Highfield United Football Club, Furnace Youth Church and X:cess Youth Club, South Willesborough After School Club, Willesborough WI.

**Hotels/Pubs:** Boys Hall, The Windmill, The Churchill, The White Horse, The Blacksmiths Arms, The Albion, Hooden on the Hill, The William Harvey.

**Doctors' surgeries/dentists:** Willesborough Health Centre, Bentley Road, Willesborough, TN24 oHZ. Telephone: 01233 621626. Romney House Dental Health Centre, Romney Road, Willesborough, TN24 oRW. Telephone: 01233 622598.

**Urban Forum:** Willesborough Community Forum.

The Forum Steering Group meets four times a year at Hythe Road Baptist Church at 7.30pm. In addition they hold four Open Meetings a year.

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*“Willesborough – a thriving community full of hidden gems and peaceful open spaces providing an oasis of peace and quiet away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life”*

## South Willesborough – with hidden gems and open spaces discover more about its wilder side.

The Willesborough we see today owes its existence to the coming of the railway and Ashford's resulting growth and prosperity. But dotted here and there are nods to an older age when the area was mainly agricultural with a scattering of workers cottages, larger farm houses and landowner's grander homes.



Willesborough Windmill sits high on its hill overlooking mainly residential North Willesborough with homes from every decade since the Victorians plus more ancient properties going back to the 15th Century and beyond.

But South Willesborough is a quite separate neighbourhood which owes its distinct community feel, to that fact that it is cut off from its neighbours by two railway lines and the East Stour River.



Sue Williamson and Theresa Partington are wild about South Willesborough and as members of the South Willesborough and Newtown Environmental Group they are passionate about their community and the local environment.



Sue says, "People from outside the area have no idea what beautiful public open spaces we have and how widespread they are. You can walk for hours from one to the next through a network of footpaths and green links where the houses and businesses seem miles away.

"It truly is a haven of peace and quiet which our group has helped shape with Ashford Borough Council and others and which we are happy to look after and protect with monthly litter picks, wildlife surveys as well as nature walks and practical projects such as tree planting and ditch clearing."



Also tucked away are hidden gems from the past including one of Ashford's most beautiful ancient properties – Boys Hall the Jacobean masterpiece built around 1661 with stone and timber from an even earlier property, the nearby Sevington Moat whose remains are now protected.

Boys Hall was built by the Boys family (formerly known as Du Bois) who arrived with the Norman conquest. Five years ago Marcus Collins bought and refurbished the hall turning it into a successful hotel and sees his role as guardian of this wonderful building and its wildlife.

"In our three acres we have a small lake with a large colony of great crested newts, we have an orchard and an area set aside as a nature reserve carefully managed to protect and encourage local wildlife and all just a stone's throw from local homes and businesses.

Willesborough's thriving community with its dozens of clubs run by its churches and community groups is set to benefit from new sports and community facilities adjacent to the existing Swan Centre.

Planning permission has been granted for a new youth club, multi-use sports area and children's centre in partnership with Kent County Council the Salvation Army and Sure Start.

It is hoped details will be finalised and building work started this autumn with the project completed by next summer.

## Contact details

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**01233 635313**  
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The Salvation Army: **01233 643480** [www.salvationarmy.org.uk](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk)  
 Willesborough Baptist Church: **01233 632739**  
 Willesborough WI: **01233 661556**  
 Willesborough Cricket Club **01233 616564**

To search for other Willesborough clubs and organisations visit  
[www.ashford.gov.uk/clubsdirectory](http://www.ashford.gov.uk/clubsdirectory)





Meet Colin Green the friendly face of Housing Plus, a new service giving people advice on housing and much more.

Colin, 33, joined Ashford Borough Council last December as project co-ordinator and adviser to set up and run Housing Plus, a new service which gives local people a personalised, one-stop approach to advice on housing, employment, training debt and much more.

Colin explains, "The project's called Enhanced Housing Options Trailblazer Extra but that doesn't mean much to people so we called it Housing Plus because that's exactly what it is – Housing, plus a whole lot more."

Colin knows first hand what's it's like to need help and not know which way to turn. "I'd been out of the UK for a couple of years and couldn't get a job or a home when I came back. I had to call and visit lots of different places for help, none of it was joined up – it was a nightmare," he added.

As well as working in the background making sure the project got off the ground and now runs smoothly Colin also works advising the people who use Housing Plus.

"I really enjoy helping people and get a real buzz when I can find information or practical solutions to people's problems. Once you start talking to someone you often find they also need help with training or employment, or it can be with money management, child care or benefit problems.



"In the past this would have meant being sent to several different places for advice and help but thanks to the Ashford and Tenterden Gateways we already work with others to deliver services from one place.

"We have built on this and have got all the key local organisations working together to stop people have to go here and there to get help in the first instance. You may get referred to other organisations but they will be aware of Housing Plus and will work with us to make the process as easy as possible.

"We've already seen some really good success stories and I'm really pleased to have been part of the process."

Ashford is one of just 12 councils across the UK chosen by the government to run the Enhanced Housing Options Trailblazer Extra project. They will also share their experiences and mentor other councils to set up similar projects in the future.



**Brett Green and Chelsea Stevens were the very first customers to use the new service and have found it invaluable.**

*“Going to the Gateway and finding out about Housing Plus was the best thing we could have done.”*

The young couple lived in Spain with their families but moved back to the UK earlier this year with their baby son Kaiden when Brett found it impossible to find work because of the global economic down turn.

Brett (23) explains, “My Mum and Dad had come back before us but we had no idea where to go for help and advice – it’s just not something my family has ever done. We’re not spongers; Chelsea and I have always worked and have no intention living off the state but just need help and advice on how to get back on our feet.



“We went along to the Gateway and they explained there was a new service called Housing Plus and made us an appointment to see Colin and we were impressed to discover Housing Plus could offer help and advice on most of our problems.”

Colin was able to make a referral to the Kent Benefit Partnership a new advice service to sort out benefit problems, showed the couple how to access the free Internet facilities at the Gateway which Brett now uses most days to look for work. They have also

received help to create new CVs and been put in contact with a Sure Start children’s centre just a few minutes walk from their home – vital as they cannot afford a car.

Chelsea said, “It’s made such a difference to our lives to have somewhere to go where Kaiden can meet other children and where I can begin to find friends.”

Just as **Ashford Voice** went to press Colin arranged a local temporary work placement for Brett.

Brett says, “It’s what I have been hoping for, a chance to show an employer just what I can do. With any luck it will lead to a permanent job. I can’t thank Colin enough for this opportunity.”

Housing Plus is delivered from the borough’s two Gateways.

Gateways are a collaboration between Kent County Council, district councils and other partner organisations offering a wide range of public and voluntary services under one roof in a convenient town centre location. For more information visit [www.ashfordgateway.co.uk](http://www.ashfordgateway.co.uk)



**For more information about Housing Plus:**

**Visit** Ashford Gateway, 19 Park Mall, Ashford or  
Tenterden Gateway Manor Row, Tenterden  
**See** [www.ashford.gov.uk/housingplus](http://www.ashford.gov.uk/housingplus)  
**Call** 01233 330688



# Public art in Ashford

## Why Ashford is looking for its 'angel effect'

**F**rom dazzling structures to dynamic buildings, there is growing evidence that public art plays a vital role in a town's regeneration, both visually and economically.

Ashford Voice spoke to Chair of Ashford Visual Artists and the creative mind behind the Till the Cows Come Home installation on Elwick Road, Cathy Streeter, to learn more about public art and what projects are in store for Ashford.

### So what is 'public art'?

"Traditionally public art was a statue of a general, royalty, gods, or a war memorial.

Then came abstract sculptures and wall murals. Now public art can encompass many things – it could be a performance, a community project, or a new building with striking architecture.



Till the Cows Come Home saw images of cows etched into a wall along Elwick Road in memory of the old cattle market.

"A lot of pieces are interactive and invite you to listen, look or touch them and the subject matter is now more democratic, in that it is often worked on with the community, which makes it more appealing to wider groups of people."

### What are the benefits of public art?

"Public art can make a place extraordinary just by its presence. The benefits are not always obvious, but many regeneration projects are underpinned by inspirational and innovative public art.

"A recent Government report found that public art plays a key role in making a



Vibrant colours and shapes were incorporated into the Stour Centre's multi-million facelift.

town stand out, and commercial developments that incorporate art in their designs often have a competitive edge over their rivals.

"When a town appears cultured, dynamic and innovative, more people – visitors and long-term investors – are more likely to go there."

#### **Why do you think some people have a negative opinion about public art?**

"Public art can appear unnecessary to many people, like an expensive accessory.

"Obviously, all art is subjective and aesthetics are of personal taste. But when you look at people's taste in décor, clothing, cars, we are all different - in fact it would be rather boring if we were all the same!"



Dynamic designs built into the Shared Space scheme.



Nimby the elephant – produced by local artist Oliver Winconek.

"Even the most impressive pieces of public art we have today, like the Angel of the North, had their detractors at the beginning. But 10 years on, and the angel has been so successful in making Gateshead more attractive and successful, it has become known as 'the angel effect.'

#### **What public arts projects are coming up in Ashford?**

"The next big project is Hidden Passages, a series of art installations for the fourth Ashford Visual Arts and Architecture Festival, which starts in September.

"The festival is a great way of getting some experience in public art and there were plenty of workshops to create material for the festival over the summer holidays. This year's theme looks at the town centres many historic passageways, with installations on show in alleys and passages throughout September. There will be a grand finale performance on 26th September where the passageways will come alive with music, travel and movement."

You can learn all about it at [www.hiddenpassages.org.uk](http://www.hiddenpassages.org.uk)

#### **What advice would you give to people wanting to get involved in public art?**

"It is difficult to get started - you need to demonstrate your capability and experience, and build your reputation; it's very chicken and egg!"

"I started to involve the public in my work and was able to apply to be part of a mentoring programme, shadowing practising artists working in the public realm.

"The best way to get started is to gain experience by shadowing, mentoring, or through work experience with other artists, and then take steps towards starting your own small project and build from there."

For more information about Cathy Streeter's work, visit [www.cathystreeter.co.uk](http://www.cathystreeter.co.uk)

## **Public art in Ashford**

Ashford Borough Council is developing its own public arts strategy to ensure high-quality works of art are included in all regeneration plans for the town.

The strategy is out for consultation with key partners, and if approved, could be adopted by the end of the year.

**For more details of the Ashford Visual Arts and Architecture Festival check the What's On section on pages 18 & 19.**

# Ashford raises the bar with its sports offer

## Sport – most of us need to do more of it.

There's no point denying it, avoiding it, or putting on a limp in an effort to get a note from your mum – a little bit of regular sporting activity goes a long way towards a longer life.

Luckily, there has never been more on offer in Ashford to keep people of all ages and all abilities fit, healthy and entertained. Ashford's sports offer is constantly improving, with excellent facilities and various clubs and activities expanding every year.



Ashford Borough Council Sports Operations Development Officer Simon Harris says, "Not only do we have some superb clubs in the borough – some of which people might not even know about yet – but we also have some top notch facilities available for the 2012 Olympic games."

The last year saw the opening of Pitchside, the town's first all weather football pitch, which follows on from the opening two years earlier of its neighbour Courtside, the £2m outdoor venue with six multi-use courts for netball, basketball and tennis in South Ashford.

The Stour Centre is still going strong following its multi-million pound revamp, and its fitness centre has recently been awarded an Inclusive Fitness Initiative Mark for its services for disabled users.



But even with all these venues on our doorstep, the biggest challenge is convincing people to get off the sofa and dig out their trainers.

For those wanting something more dynamic than a weekly gym session, the borough's many sports clubs could be the answer.

Football, skateboarding, bowls, hockey, equestrian, fishing, golf – you name it, Ashford's got it.

Simon adds, "Being part of a sports club is a great way to keep fit and healthy, particularly if you tend to find straight exercise a bit boring or hard to stick to.

"In a club, you can make great friends who will help you get the most out of your exercise and will motivate you to achieve your desired goal, whether it's losing weight, toning up or hitting a certain skills level."

With so many activities and facilities on offer, it is little wonder that Ashford is not only being mooted as a potential training base for London 2012, but also has its fair share of potential Olympians.

Four local sport facilities have been earmarked as potential 2012 Olympic pre-game insert training camps - The Julie Rose Stadium, The Stour Centre, Great Chart Golf & Leisure and Chilham Equestrian Centre.



Possible Ashford medallists at the London games (and Active Ashford ambassadors) include Beijing gold medallist cyclist Jamie Staff MBE, athlete Lisa Dobriskey, and Paralympic hopefuls athlete Vicky Silk, and swimmer Nick Boylan.



Jamie Staff said: *"Ashford is now so close to London, I'm sure other countries will be looking for sport specific venues for training in the lead up to, and during the Games. I'm hoping the London games will get people thinking more about sport. It has so many benefits, from staying healthy to providing confidence and boosting your self worth and morale."*

For information about Ashford's sporting clubs, email Simon Harris at [simon.harris@ashford.gov.uk](mailto:simon.harris@ashford.gov.uk) or visit [www.ashford.gov.uk](http://www.ashford.gov.uk) and go to Health and Wellbeing or search the groups and clubs directory at [www.ashford.gov.uk/groupsandclubsdirectory](http://www.ashford.gov.uk/groupsandclubsdirectory).

## Active Ashford

Ashford Borough Council is committed to promoting the benefits of physical activity and encouraging uptake by residents of all ages, abilities and backgrounds through the Active Ashford campaign.



The campaign allows people who might not normally be physically or financially able to use Ashford's sports facilities or clubs to try out particular sports for free or a reduced fee.

One of current projects underway is Active Swim, which offers free swimming sessions and lessons specifically to older or disabled people, young people who are registered homeless, minority groups and vulnerable children or families on low income.

For more information about Active Ashford projects, visit [www.activeashford.co.uk](http://www.activeashford.co.uk)



## Hints to keep fit and healthy

The current recommendations for keeping fit and healthy are:

- Adults should be participating in a minimum of 30 minutes a day of moderate intensity physical activity.
- Children should be participating in a minimum of 1 hour per day of moderate intensity physical activity.

You can even do it in small bouts throughout the day, such as 3 sessions of 10 minutes for adults, making it easier to fit into your everyday life.

Any activity that makes you breathe slightly deeper and harder, and feel slightly warmer is 'moderate intensity physical activity'.

# London's top spots in under an hour

With High Speed 1 London's tourist attractions are now even closer than ever.

37 minutes takes you from Ashford to St Pancras International in the heart of London – perfect for exploring the best the capital has to offer.

Ashford Voice checks out some of London's key day trip destinations – perfect for a family treat this half-term.

You could even travel for free by entering our High Speed 1 competition on page 23.

## Baker Street

**Madame Tussauds** the internationally renowned waxwork collection is still one of London's top attractions continuing to draw the crowds after 125 years.

*Take the Circle Line or Hammersmith & City Line for Baker Street - journey time from St Pancras 14 minutes.*

[www.madametussauds.com](http://www.madametussauds.com)



### Hannah Owen, 11, Chartfields.

*Travelling on the new train is so cool. It's nice and clean with plenty of room and you get to London so quickly you can do even more. As well as Madame Tussards, I got to go to London Zoo and the London Dungeon all in one day. I can't wait until half term to see where we go next.*



## Leicester Square

The West End has it all, from cinemas and restaurants around Leicester Square to shopping in **Oxford Street**, **Regent Street**, and **Bond Street**.

The heart of London's theatre land, the West End is home to 40 of the capital's best-loved theatres.

*Leicester Square is only six minutes from St Pancras on the Piccadilly line.*

[www.westendlondon.com](http://www.westendlondon.com)



### Amanda and Sarah Pett, from Ashford.

*West End shopping, lunch, a trip to the theatre and home in time for tea – what more could a girl ask for?*



### Further afield

As well as great links within the capital, St Pancras also has great links to the rest of the country.

East Midland trains from St Pancras International and services from nearby King's Cross connect St Pancras to the North of England and Scotland. First Capital Connect has services to Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and beyond.

### Travel times from Ashford via St Pancras International/King's Cross

Leicester	1h 54	Sheffield	2h 56
Derby	2h 28	Leeds	3h 28
Nottingham	2h 31	Newcastle	3h 54
York	2h 54	Edinburgh	5h 24

## Ashford – well connected

Once you've arrived at St Pancras getting around London couldn't be easier - the King's Cross St Pancras underground station has more connections than any other station with six of the major tube lines running through it - Victoria, Hammersmith and City, Piccadilly, Circle, Metropolitan and the Northern line.

Visiting St Pancras can even be an event in itself with the £800m station redevelopment transforming the station once dubbed 'the cathedral of the railways' into a shopping and entertainment destination in its own right.



St Pancras Station



### Camden Town

Camden Town is home to a vibrant live music scene, with bars and pubs doubling up as music venues. While the famous **Camden Market** is a treasure trove with clothing, accessories, art and furnishings - old and new, cheap and designer.

*Take the Northern Line towards Edgware or High Barnet - journey time 6 minutes from St Pancras.*

[www.camdenlockmarket.com](http://www.camdenlockmarket.com)

#### *Jim and Jill Wilson, Park Farm.*

*We had a fantastic day with friends hunting for arty bargains for our new home. There's no way we would ever use any other train again. You get so much more time to enjoy yourself.*



### Covent Garden

You can watch street entertainers, enjoy a show at a nearby theatre or take in some high culture at the **Royal Opera House**. Stroll around the shops and market stalls looking for bargains, or simply watch the world go by and indulge in a bit of people watching from the pavement cafés and restaurants.

*Covent Garden is just five minutes from St Pancras on the Piccadilly line.*

[www.coventgardenlondonuk.com](http://www.coventgardenlondonuk.com)

#### *Trevor Jones, Tenterden.*

*It's amazing how much you can do in a day thanks to High Speed. I had a fantastic 75th birthday treat on the London Eye, plus a visit to the Globe and several art galleries and a theatre matinee. As someone who remembers travelling to London on steam trains, travelling at 140 mph is just brilliant.*



### South Bank

On the south bank of the Thames you can visit the **Globe Theatre**, **London Eye** and the **London Aquarium** or check out the latest installations in the **Tate Modern**. There's also the **Southbank Centre** with **National Theatre**, **Royal Festival Hall**, **Queen Elizabeth Hall** and the **Hayward Gallery**.

*Take the Victoria Line towards Brixton changing at Oxford Circus for the Bakerloo Line towards Elephant & Castle and get off at either Embankment or Waterloo - just 14 minutes from St Pancras.*

[www.southbankcentre.co.uk](http://www.southbankcentre.co.uk)

Getting to Ashford International Station couldn't be easier with great bus, walking and cycle path connections. And with over 1000 spaces within a five minute walk parking shouldn't be a problem.

#### Useful links

[www.southeasternrailway.co.uk](http://www.southeasternrailway.co.uk)  
[www.stpancras.com](http://www.stpancras.com)  
[www.visitlondon.com](http://www.visitlondon.com)  
[www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk)  
[www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk](http://www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk)  
[www.firstcapitalconnect.co.uk](http://www.firstcapitalconnect.co.uk)

# What's on



## Throughout September

Now in its fourth year, the theme for this year's festival is Hidden Passages, exploring Ashford's network of hidden, historic passages and alleyways, with work being displayed in Ashford town centre throughout September.



Artist Cathy Streeter will be on hand to answer questions at The Art Room

in North Street, Ashford on Saturday 19th September between 11am and 1pm.

The festival will close with a spectacular performance in the town centre on September 26th, with drummers, dancers and free-runners converging on the bandstand for a colourful celebration.

[www.hiddenpassages.org.uk](http://www.hiddenpassages.org.uk)

## Woodchurch Dog Show

**Sunday 13 September – Middy onwards**

From pedigree to novelty to fancy dress, there is a competition class to suit every dog and owner at the Fun and Companion Dog Show at the Community Centre in Lower Road, Woodchurch.

Call **01233 860568** for more information.

## Smallhythe Place

Smallhythe Place in Tenterden has a whole host of activities for the whole family to enjoy this autumn, from Heritage Open Days to music and plays in the Barn Theatre.

For details of events call **01580 762334** or visit the website [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/events](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/events)



## Country Music Night

**Saturday 26 September - 7pm**



The Rotary Club of Tenterden invites you to a party night of country music and line dancing, with hot buffet supper and live music by Gemmani with Hills & Toes. Don your cowboy hat and spurs to join in the fancy dress.

**Falcons Centre, Rare Breeds Centre**  
**Tickets £25 with all proceeds to charity**

**Tel: 01233 861470**  
**Email: [richard@racopland.co.uk](mailto:richard@racopland.co.uk)**

## Astro Bash 2009

**Saturday 24 October**



The Ashford Astronomical Society are holding a special exhibition in Woodchurch with displays and exhibits including a science corner, a large inflatable multimedia planetarium, telescope workshops, a working Solar telescope and much, much more.

The day will culminate in a 'Star Party' in the evening with telescopes trained on the night sky.

**01233 637557 or 07971 435835**  
**[www.ashfordastro.org.uk](http://www.ashfordastro.org.uk)**

## Tenterden Folk Festival

**Friday 2 October – Sunday 4 October**

Tenterden Folk Festival, a full weekend festival of folk song, music and dance, returns for 2009 with a procession of Morris and other folk dancers, street entertainers, giants and mascots on **Saturday 3rd October**. You can follow the procession leaving the Recreation Ground at 3pm.

Email: [info@tenterdenfolkfestival.org.uk](mailto:info@tenterdenfolkfestival.org.uk)  
[www.tenterdenfolkfestival.org.uk](http://www.tenterdenfolkfestival.org.uk)



## Equator – a celebration of world music, dance and theatre

### Juan Martin

**Saturday 26 September - 7.30pm**

Back by popular demand, a stunning programme of flamenco guitar from the Andalusian maestro.

**St Mary's Church, Ashford**  
**Tickets £13 (concessions £10, families £34)**

### Alcazaba

**Saturday 17 October - 7.30pm**

Arabic, Spanish and Indian contemporary fusions.

**St Mary's Church, Ashford**  
**Tickets £10 (concessions £8, families £24)**

### Indian new year

**Saturday 24 October - 7pm**

Indian musicians, fine food and festive celebrations. Dress up and dance the night away.

**North School, Ashford**  
**Tickets £14 (Children under 3 free)**

### Jayne Stone & Mansa Sissoko

**Saturday 14 November - 7.30pm**

From Africa to Appalachia with Canadian banjo and African Griot singer and Kora player.

**St. Mary's Church, Ashford**  
**Tickets £10 (concessions £8, families £24)**

### Pete Coe

**Friday 27 November - 8pm**

English roots star with a vast repertoire of traditional and original songs.

**Norton Knatchbull School, Ashford**  
**Tickets £12 (concessions £10, families £28)**

[www.shivanova.com](http://www.shivanova.com)  
[www.equatorfestival.com](http://www.equatorfestival.com)

Find out more about other local events on [www.ashford.gov.uk/events](http://www.ashford.gov.uk/events)



## Rare Breeds Halloween Fear and Fun

**Wednesday 28 to Saturday 31 October**  
**10.30am to 10 pm**

Fun by day and scary by night, the Rare Breeds

Centre in Woodchurch is the place to be for all things Halloween this October.

Watch out for zombie attacks in the Forbidden Forest walks, experience the horror of the Boo Tunnel and the Terror Trailer Rides, or watch the daily Devil's Pig Race.

Join in by wearing your scariest outfit for the fancy dress competitions.

Tel: 01233 861493 ext 221 or 224  
[www.rarebreeds.org.uk](http://www.rarebreeds.org.uk)

## Givaudan 10k Race and Children's Fun Run

**Sunday 11 October – 10am**

Organised by Ashford Athletic Club, Ashford's 10K and Children's Fun Runs have been a permanent fixture now for over 20 years.



The race will start at finish at the Julie Rose Stadium and is a popular event for keen runners and new starters alike.

You can compete for the glory and a share of the £1,000 plus prize pool, run for the fun of it or just come along to watch and cheer.

Email: [pete@rossi80.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:pete@rossi80.wanadoo.co.uk)  
[www.ashford10k.co.uk](http://www.ashford10k.co.uk)



## Bonfire Night and Fireworks

**Smarden**

**Saturday 7 November**

6pm onwards from Charter Hall  
Free entry  
Bonfire, fireworks, refreshments and more!

**Shadoxhurst**

**Saturday 31 October**  
**Recreation Field**

Gates open at 6.00pm  
Adults £4 Children £1  
Free parking  
Funfair, barbecue, bonfire, fireworks

**Biddenden**

**Friday 6 November**  
**Gordon Jones Playing Fields**

Gates open 5.30pm  
Adults £5  
Children (under 16) £2  
Funfair, float procession, bonfire, fireworks  
**07956 827377**

## Ashford Leisure Trust

**Open Day**

**September 19**

The Stour Centre celebrates its second birthday with an open day on September 19 when entry for all activities will be just £1.

**Scary Sports**

**Monday 26 – Friday 30 October**

The Julie Rose Stadium and Stour Centre are running a week of Halloween themed activities for kids this October, ending with a Halloween Party on Friday with prizes for best fancy dress. Call for more details or visit the website.

Julie Rose Stadium: 01233 613131  
Stour Centre: 01233 663503  
[www.thestourcentre.co.uk](http://www.thestourcentre.co.uk)



**Crash Course Swimming Lessons**

**Monday 26 – Friday 30 October**

The Stour Centre is running a range of crash course swimming lessons for children during the half-term holidays. Open to absolute beginners and experienced swimmers alike, the courses are suitable for children aged four years and older and run for five days with each session lasting for about half an hour. Places are limited so booking is recommended.

## Rotary Ramble

**Sunday 6 September – 8am**

What do you get if you combine exercise with a charity fundraiser and some time in the lovely Wye countryside?

You get the Rotary Ramble and Cross Country Run, organised by the Rotary Club of Ashford.

Starting from Wye Village Hall at 8am, you can run, walk, ramble or amble along a five or ten mile course.

Go to [www.rotary1120.org/ashfordrotaryramble](http://www.rotary1120.org/ashfordrotaryramble) for more information and to download an application form.

## Christmas Lights and Shopping

**Christmas Lights Switch On**

**Saturday 21 November – 11am to 5pm**

Ashford Hospital Broadcast Service will be running a day of fun, activities and entertainment for the whole family leading up to the switch on of Ashford's Christmas lights at around 4.15pm.

**Late night shopping**

Shoppers will be treated to entertainment and free mince pies from staff at County Square this November as they launch the start of their late night shopping. Look out for a special appearance by Father Christmas, too.

[www.countysquashoppingcentre.com](http://www.countysquashoppingcentre.com)



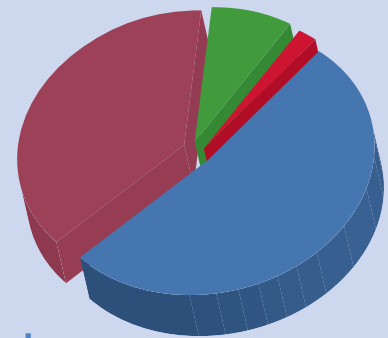
# Your council

## Summary of accounts

The following information is an extract from our Statement of Accounts 2008/09, which details the council's spending. The full document is available on our website at [www.ashford.gov.uk](http://www.ashford.gov.uk). You can also obtain a copy by contacting the council (see Page 22 for contact details).

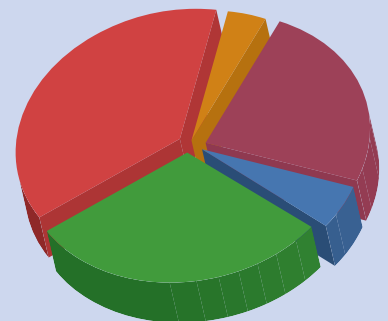
### Cost of running council services

Services	Gross Exp £'000's	Gross Inc £'000's	Net Exp £'000's
Environmental	7,607	2,443	5,164
Cultural	5,118	658	4,460
Planning & Development	5,542	4,119	1,423
Highways & Transportation	2,288	2,208	80
Housing	25,426	23,633	1,793
Corporate and Democratic Core	2,461	600	1,861
Other	11,098	7,801	3,297
<b>Net cost of services</b>	<b>59,540</b>	<b>41,462</b>	<b>18,078</b>
Add external levies			897
Less net interest and investment earnings			(1,123)
Less internal charge for use of capital assets			(3,894)
Appropriations and other internal accounting			(1,303)
Amount to be met from Govt grants and local taxation			12,655
Government grant			(8,137)
Council tax			(6,364)
<b>Net Surplus</b>			<b>(1,846)</b>
General Fund balance April 08			(1,105)
General Fund balance March 09			(2,951)



### Income

Council tax	8%
Interest	2%
Government grants	52%
Charges etc (including rent)	38%



### Expenditure

Employees	22%
Premises	6%
Goods and services	29%
Housing benefits	36%
Transfer to balances & reserves	7%

### Capital expenditure

In 2008/09 we spent £10.904m on construction, acquisition or improvement of our assets.



Council Dwellings  
**£5.371m**



County Square  
Public Realm  
**£1m**



Stanhope PFI  
**£0.934m**



Singleton  
Environment Centre  
**£0.369m**



Disabled Facilities  
Grant  
**£0.353m**



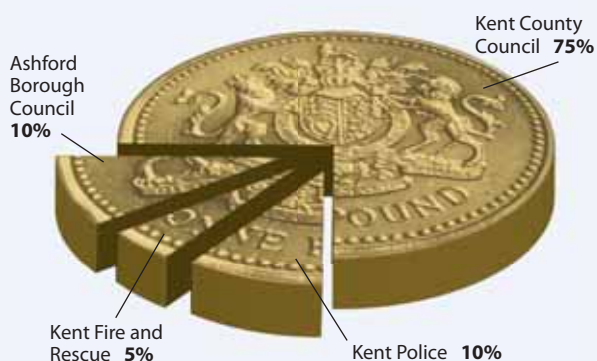
Other  
**£2.877m**

## Council tax

The council receives money from central government grants, business rates and by charging for some of its services. The total income from this is not enough to meet the cost of providing all council services and the difference is made up by council tax. Council tax payments make up 8% of the council's total income.

The average bill for an Ashford Borough Council resident living in a band D property is £1,388.01.

The chart below shows how council tax payments are allocated:



## Summarised balance sheet

Balance sheet	£'000's
Buildings and land owned by the Council	385,020
Investments	29,360
Stock	239
PFI (Notional Balances)	35,093
Money owed to the Council	9,332
Money owed by the Council	(34,799)
	<b>424,245</b>
<b>Financed by:</b>	
Borrowing	4,158
Cash overdrawn	-
Non Distributable Reserves & Accounts	407,742
Distributable Reserves	12,345
	<b>424,245</b>

## Cash flow

Cash overdrawn (at end March 2008)	£0.12m
Cash in	(£196.97m)
Cash out	£196.64m
Cash overdrawn (at end March 2009)	(£0.21m)

## Happy Birthday Scores on the Doors



As Scores on the Doors celebrates its second birthday local public health is better protected than ever.

Since the launch in October 2007 Ashford Borough Council's food safety team has seen the number of five star (excellent) food premises increase from 3% to 20% and the number of poor businesses drop to less than 1%.

There's strong support from local businesses and numbers attending food hygiene courses have dramatically increased since the launch.

The scheme offers a quick and easy way to find out more about the food hygiene standards of over 800 local businesses which are given a star rating based on how well they meet hygiene criteria.

By visiting the Scores on the Doors website (which has already received over 70,000 local enquiries) you can check your favourite restaurant or takeaway, find out which are the best rated caterers and farm shops, even how your child's school canteen shapes up.

Ashford Borough Council was one of the first councils in the UK to join the scheme which has since been adopted by the Food Standards Agency and rolled out across the country.

### Ash Miah owner of Kennington Tandoori and Cinnamon Spice.



*Scores on the Doors is a great success, driving up standards across the borough and helping us show customers that we take food hygiene seriously.*

You can find out more at

[www.ashford.gov.uk/scoresonthedoors](http://www.ashford.gov.uk/scoresonthedoors) or [www.scoresonthedoors.org.uk](http://www.scoresonthedoors.org.uk)

## New payment charges

Customers wishing to pay for Ashford Borough Council services by credit card will now incur an additional 1.5% transaction charge. This additional amount is to cover the cost of charges made to the council by banks and credit card companies. Payments made by debit card, cash or cheque will remain free of charge.

# Get in touch

## How to contact Ashford Borough Council

<b>Telephone</b>	01233 331111 8.30am – 5.30pm Monday to Thursday 8.30am – 5.00pm Friday
<b>Typetalk</b>	01233 330744
<b>Out of Hours/Emergency</b>	01233 629911
<b>24 hour Payment Line</b>	01233 330625
<b>Fax</b>	01233 645654
<b>Email</b>	customer.care@ashford.gov.uk
<b>Online</b>	www.ashford.gov.uk
<b>Post</b>	Ashford Borough Council Civic Centre, Tannery Lane Ashford, Kent TN23 1PL
<b>Visit</b>	Customer Contact Centre, Civic Centre 9.00am – 5.00pm Monday to Thursday 9.00am – 4.30pm Friday
<b>Out and about</b>	Ashford Gateway, 14 Park Mall, Ashford, Kent TN24 8RY  <b>Tel:</b> 0845 8 247 247 9.00am – 5.00pm Monday to Friday 9.00am – 4.00pm Saturday  Tenterden Gateway, 2 Manor Row, Tenterden, Kent TN30 6HP  <b>Tel:</b> 01580 762558 9.00am – 5.30pm Monday to Friday 9.00am – 4.00pm Saturday  <b>Gateway online</b> <b>Email:</b> info@ashfordgateway.co.uk <b>Online:</b> www.ashfordgateway.co.uk

## Council services and useful information

### Kent County Council

<b>Website</b>	www.kent.gov.uk
<b>24 Hour Helpline</b>	0845 8 247 247
<b>Environment &amp; Waste</b>	0845 8 247 600
<b>Highways and Transport</b> <i>(including roadworks, potholes and street lighting)</i>	0845 8 247 800
<b>Kent Libraries</b>	01622 671411
<b>Social Care &amp; Health</b>	0845 8 247 100
<b>Trading Standards</b>	01622 221012

### Emergency Services

*If it's an emergency dial 999, otherwise, use the numbers below:*

<b>Kent Police (Ashford &amp; Tenterden)</b>	01303 850055
<b>Community Safety Unit</b>	01233 330891
<b>William Harvey Hospital</b>	01233 633331

### Leisure & Tourism

<b>Stour Centre</b>	01233 663503
<b>Julie Rose Stadium</b>	01233 613131
<b>Kingsnorth Recreation Centre</b>	01233 503846
<b>Ashford Tourist Information Centre</b>	01233 629165
<b>Pitchside &amp; Courtside</b> <i>(formerly Ashford Mini Soccer Centre)</i>	01233 896511

### Other useful phone numbers

<b>Ashford's Future</b>	01233 330812
<b>Citizens Advice Bureau</b>	01233 626185
<b>Environment Agency</b> <i>(polluted ditches and watercourses)</i>	0870 8 506506
<b>Fraudline</b> (benefit fraud)	0800 026 2456
<b>Floodline</b>	0845 988 1188

## Ashford Borough Council Committee Meeting Dates

### September

**Tuesday 1st** - Joint Transportation Board  
**Tuesday 8th** - Overview & Scrutiny  
**Wednesday 9th** - Planning Committee  
**Thursday 24th** - Executive

### October

**Tuesday 6th** - Overview & Scrutiny  
**Wednesday 7th** - Planning Committee  
**Thursday 8th** - Council  
**Thursday 15th** - State of the Borough Debate  
**Thursday 22nd** - Executive

### November

**Tuesday 3rd** - Overview & Scrutiny  
**Wednesday 4th** - Planning Committee  
**Wednesday 11th** - Standards Committee  
**Thursday 19th** - Executive

# Competitions

## Win membership to the Stour Centre worth £200!



The new Stour Centre celebrates its second birthday with an open day on September 19 when entry for all activities will be just £1.

To celebrate Ashford Leisure Trust are offering one lucky winner the opportunity to win a six month adult membership to the gym worth up to £200. This includes free induction, free use of the gym, swimming pools and fitness classes.

For a full list of facilities visit [www.thestourcentre.co.uk](http://www.thestourcentre.co.uk)

For your chance to win simply answer the question, fill in the form and return it to

**Stour Centre Competition, Ashford Voice,**

**Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent TN23 1PL.**

*Closing Date: 30th September 2009.*

**Q** How long has the remodelled Stour Centre been open?

**A** .....

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Postcode: ..... Tel No: .....

Email: .....

Tick if you wish to receive further information from Ashford Borough Council and partners involved in the plans for Ashford's Future. For a full list of our Terms and Conditions, please refer to our website, [www.ashford.gov.uk/competitions](http://www.ashford.gov.uk/competitions) or write to us at the address on Page 2.

## See London's top attractions with High Speed 1

**Q** How many minutes does it take to get from Ashford to St Pancras on High Speed 1?

**A** .....

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Postcode: ..... Tel No: .....

Email: .....

Tick if you wish to receive further information from Ashford Borough Council and partners involved in the plans for Ashford's Future. For a full list of our Terms and Conditions, please refer to our website, [www.ashford.gov.uk/competitions](http://www.ashford.gov.uk/competitions) or write to us at the address on Page 2.

Ashford Voice readers have the chance to try out the new High Speed 1 service to St Pancras for free thanks to train operators Southeastern.

Three sets of family tickets are up for grabs for the fantastic new service which takes you into the heart of London in just 37 minutes.

Use them to visit the sights, visit friends or family of simply just to sit back and enjoy the ride – perfect for a half term treat.

For more information about High Speed 1 visit [www.southeasternrailway.co.uk](http://www.southeasternrailway.co.uk)

For your chance to win simply answer the question, fill in the form and return it to **High Speed 1 Competition, Ashford Voice, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent TN23 1PL.**

*Closing Date: 30th September 2009.*



**Reader's Survey winner:** Congratulations to Mrs C J Schofield of Charing lucky winner of our Reader's Survey £100 prize draw.

# Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 16 (b) of the above Regulations that the total amounts paid by the Authority in accordance with the Ashford Borough Council Members' Allowances Scheme, to each Member of the Council as a Basic, Special Responsibility, Travel and Subsistence, and Carers' Allowance during the 2008/09 financial year was as listed below.



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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Councillor	£ Basic Allowance	£ Special Responsibility Allowance	£ Travel Allowance	£ Subsistence	£ Carers' Allowance	£ Total before Tax and N. I.*
Ayres	4,228.64	0.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	4,268.64
Bartlett	4,228.64	9,092.33	55.20	0.00	0.00	13,376.17
Mrs Bell	4,228.64	185.31	340.00	0.00	185.00	4,938.95
Bell	4,228.64	6,644.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,872.66
Mrs Blanford	4,228.64	0.00	755.84	31.65	0.00	5,016.13
Bradberry	4,228.64	0.00	6.40	0.00	0.00	4,235.04
Burgess	4,228.64	1,377.88	1,028.80	0.00	0.00	6,635.32
Clarkson	4,228.64	6,644.02	484.03	0.00	0.00	11,356.69
Claughton	4,228.64	5,431.02	147.20	0.00	0.00	9,806.86
Clokier	4,228.64	19,823.17	2,279.40	0.00	0.00	26,331.21
Cowley	4,228.64	0.00	45.60	0.00	0.00	4,274.24
Davidson	4,228.64	7,238.21	0.50	0.00	0.00	11,467.35
Davison	4,228.64	3,218.52	540.70	0.00	30.00	8,017.86
Ellison	4,228.64	1,530.69	626.50	0.00	0.00	6,385.83
Feacey	4,228.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,228.64
French	4,228.64	0.00	48.00	0.00	0.00	4,276.64
Goddard	4,228.64	268.82	307.20	0.00	0.00	4,804.66
Mrs Hawes	4,228.64	0.00	102.40	0.00	0.00	4,331.04
Mrs Heaton	4,228.64	0.00	216.30	0.00	0.00	4,444.94
Heyes	4,228.64	2,754.70	72.00	0.00	0.00	7,055.34
Mrs Heyes	4,228.64	0.00	26.40	0.00	0.00	4,255.04
Mrs Hicks	4,228.64	0.00	156.80	0.00	0.00	4,385.44
Miss Hodgkinson	4,228.64	0.00	14.30	0.00	0.00	4,242.94
Holland	4,228.64	370.54	137.84	0.00	0.00	4,737.02
Honey	4,228.64	1,280.79	168.80	0.00	0.00	5,678.23
Howard	4,228.64	0.00	132.00	0.00	0.00	4,360.64
Mrs Hutchinson	4,228.64	0.00	620.00	0.00	0.00	4,848.64
Kemp	4,228.64	6,644.00	136.60	0.00	0.00	11,009.26
Koowaree	4,228.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,228.64
Mrs Laughton	4,228.64	0.00	86.40	0.00	0.00	4,315.04
Link	4,228.64	0.00	236.80	0.00	0.00	4,465.44
Mrs Marriott	4,228.64	5,510.47	606.81	4.40	0.00	10,345.92
Mrs Martin	4,228.64	0.00	101.70	0.00	0.00	4,330.34
Naughton	4,228.64	370.54	261.00	0.00	0.00	4,860.18
Norris	4,228.64	0.00	51.20	0.00	0.00	4,279.84
Packham	4,228.64	0.00	253.20	0.00	0.00	4,481.84
Smith	4,228.64	431.94	371.70	0.00	0.00	5,032.28
Taylor	4,228.64	2,754.70	517.25	0.00	0.00	7,500.59
Wallace	4,228.64	4,592.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,820.69
Wedgbury	4,228.64	1,818.46	27.40	0.00	0.00	6,074.50
Wells	4,228.64	431.94	167.84	0.00	0.00	4,828.42
Wood	4,228.64	6,644.02	0	0.00	0.00	10,872.66
Woodford	4,228.64	0.00	267.60	0.00	0.00	4,496.24
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>181,831.52</b>	<b>95,058.16</b>	<b>11,437.71</b>	<b>31.65</b>	<b>215.00</b>	<b>288,574.04</b>

\* with the exception of travel and subsistence allowances, the allowances are subject to tax and National Insurance Contributions

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