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We asked what you thought of Ashford Voice. You told us, we listened. We discovered what you thought it should look like and what you wanted to read about. So here it is – the new-look magazine delivered direct to your doorstep.

In each edition we'll bring you features on life in Ashford and the surrounding communities, the services on offer, plus news and details of events in your area.

Inside, find out about Invicta Valiants, a remarkable football team for children with special needs and disabilities. We feature stories about Ashford people - how you work in 'A day in the life of...'; where you live in 'Your community', and what you can do in 'What's On'. Plus, read about the recently opened Singleton Environment Centre in South Ashford: a brand-new, eco-friendly development that will benefit the local and wider community.

We really do hope you enjoy your new-look Ashford Voice and we genuinely want you to tell us about what's going on in your part of the borough. So why not use your voice and get in touch today?



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News in Brief



Town's Growth Strategy Approved

Ashford's long term expansion plans have been given the thumbs up by an independent inspector.

The Core Strategy is the backbone of the long term plan to deliver the Government's growth agenda for the town up to 2021.

Ashford is one of only 8% of local authorities to have had their core strategies approved.



Back On Track

Eurostar has announced plans to resume a daily direct service from Ashford International to Brussels later this year. Ashford lost all of its services to Brussels, and some to Paris, when Eurostar opened Ebbsfleet International last November.

Since then, Ashford Borough Council, Ashford's Future, local MP Damian Green and other pressure groups have campaigned for a reinstated daily service to Brussels.

The new direct services to Brussels will start on December 14th.

To win Eurostar tickets see our competition on page 23.

New MD of Ashford's Future



Judith Armit has been appointed as the new Managing Director of Ashford's Future.

Judith brings to her new role extensive experience of managing major regeneration programmes.

As Chief Executive of Thames Gateway, she was responsible for Europe's most ambitious regeneration project.

Prior to joining Thames Gateway she was Chief Executive of Medway Council for nine years.

Judith Armit said: *"I am delighted to have been appointed Managing Director of Ashford's Future. This is a very exciting time to be working with Ashford with the new high speed rail services to London starting just next year."*



Active Ashford Launches

The Active Ashford website and programme of events has now launched.

Active Ashford, the Community Sports Network for Ashford Borough Council, has been set up to raise funding to help a range of sporting initiatives. The funds will be used to support up-and-coming athletes and disabled sportspeople, alongside getting local people of all ages and abilities involved in sport.

If you want to get active or for more information visit

www.activeashford.co.uk.



Stour Centre Takes Golden Opportunity

The world's greatest athletes could be coming to Ashford, following the announcement that the Stour Centre has been chosen to feature within London's 2012 Pre-games Training Camp Guide.

The centre, which has been remodelled to offer prestigious sporting and recreational facilities, beat off strong competition to be included in the guide.

Ashford Leisure Trust Needs New Trustees

Ashford Leisure Trust, a not for profit charitable organisation that runs the Stour Centre, needs new trustees to support the management team. Applications are welcome from Ashford residents with skills in finance, accountancy, law and human resources. Trustees are unpaid but expenses and training are available.

If interested, contact **Emma Wood**, Chief Executive of Ashford Leisure Trust on **01233 667123** or email emma.wood@ashfordleisuretrust.co.uk.

Bank Street Revamp Complete

The new-look Bank Street re-opened at the beginning of August.

Visitors will notice the improved paving and street furniture and a 20mph zone to increase safety. The works are part of a multi-million pound scheme to improve the appearance and character of the town centre.

Bank Street is the first phase of Ashford's shared space area to be completed with the whole scheme due for completion in the autumn.

New Mayor and Executive

Ashford has a new Mayor and a newly-formed council executive committee.



John Link

Tenterden Councillor John Link was elected as Mayor of the borough for the next year. Cllr Link takes the chains of office from Cllr Rita Hawes, for whom he has served as Deputy Mayor for the past twelve months.

Cllr John Holland was elected as Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming year.

Cllr Paul Clokie was once again elected as leader of the council, a post he has held since 1999. He appointed a refreshed executive committee with one extra member.

The new committee comprises:

- **Cllr Paul Clokie** – leader
- **Cllr Paul Bartlett** – deputy leader and portfolio holder for resources and finance
- **Cllr Gerry Clarkson** – portfolio holder for cultural services
- **Cllr John Kemp** – portfolio holder for planning, development and partnership working
- **Cllr Neil Bell** – portfolio holder for environmental services and IT
- **Cllr Peter Wood** – portfolio holder for housing and corporate governance
- **Cllr Michael Cloughton** – portfolio holder for parking, licensing, customer services, communications, community safety.

Much more to shopping in Ashford



From home-grown local produce on the lower High Street to catwalk designers in County Square, Park Mall and the Ashford Designer Outlet, Ashford's shopping offer just got a whole lot better with new shops and increased parking. Ashford Voice finds out why there's now much more to shopping in Ashford.

Ashford Street Market: one-stop-shopping in one location



Situated in the lower High Street, **Ashford Street Market** offers a wide variety of fresh products and household goods. Its new location has proved beneficial to both shoppers and traders alike. Now, all the stalls are together, offering more of a one-stop-shopping experience.

Chris Whelan, a 'fruit and veg' trader for over ten years in Ashford, explained why: "The new location has allowed our stall to be more visual. The additional space has given us the opportunity to offer a wider selection of fruit and vegetables. Together, traders have made this new location work; it's certainly a key focal point for Ashford's favourite stalls."

So, five days a week from Tuesday to Saturday, you'll find so much more in one place.

Park Mall in the heart of Ashford

Park Mall combines modern mall shopping with a traditional courtyard feel. With more than 30 stores and high street favourites such as Top Shop and Dorothy Perkins, Park Mall is at the heart of the town centre with easy access and parking. For more information visit www.parkmall.co.uk or call 01233 630811.

Mr A Carter, Greatstone

"I've always shopped in Ashford, but it's much better nowadays with a lot more choice. Only downside is it means I have more bags to carry for my wife!"



Millions of shoppers find that perfect design

The **Ashford Designer Outlet** already attracts over three million visitors a year and there's always something new to discover.



Whether it's new store openings like Phase Eight and Lacoste, special events or free kids' entertainment, there's something for everyone with at least 50% off the latest designs. Both stores join over 80 other designer and high street brands plus a selection of eateries, cafés and a safety approved children's play area.

Tanya Morris, Marketing Manager at Ashford Designer Outlet, said: "At the outlet we're keen to cater for a variety of tastes and, with permanent price reductions, a range of budgets too."



Megan & Sarah, Ashford

"The new shops are really good. We used to go to Canterbury but now we don't need to. Can we put in a request for a Miss Selfridge and a Zara though please?"



Marie & Linda, Ashford

Marie – The new Bank Street looks really nice, and what with all the cafés and restaurants with their tables outside it all looks very continental.

Linda – And moving the market altogether in one place is good because it makes it a lot easier to shop there.



Ashford to showcase Designers at Debenhams

Debenhams in Ashford really does have something for everyone this Autumn.

Simon Fagg, Store Manager:

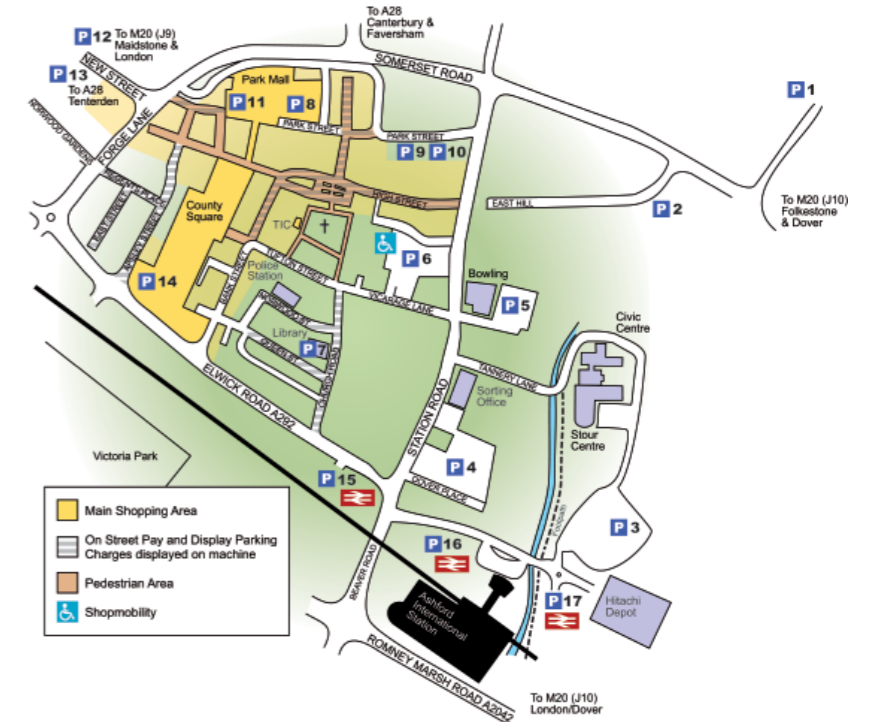
"Debenhams is now established as Ashford's biggest and best department store. The store team are proud to launch our Autumn ranges across the store. Watch out for exclusive events taking place in the cosmetics hall, take advantage of our Wedding Gift Service or come and have a drink in our air-conditioned restaurant. We think that we have superb products in a fantastic looking store and hope that Ashford's shoppers agree!"

County Square continues to attract more shoppers

County Square has a fantastic range of retailers offering everything from high street fashion, to homewares and electrical, all under one roof. It's home to Ashford's only department store, Debenhams, as well as several leading fashion retailers including Next, New Look, H&M, Jane Norman and River Island. Azuri and Past Times are the latest new arrivals to the centre. And as more and more new retailers get on board, it's no surprise that visitor numbers on average are up by 25% since the extension opened.

To find out more about all forthcoming events and news, visit www.countysquashoppingcentre.com.

It's open 9am-6pm Monday-Saturday with late night shopping till 8pm on Thursdays. Open 11am-5pm on Sundays.



Parking just got better for shopping

Finding somewhere to park just got easier. County Square has in excess of **564 spaces** with a further **360 spaces** at the new Dover Place car park. The new-look Bank Street has recently opened up to traffic via both Elwick Road and Church Road with the welcome return of buses. And with the completion of Elwick Square and West Street soon to follow, these substantial alterations will improve the appearance of the streets and the town centre's overall accessibility. There's now much more to shopping and parking in town.



Your community: Smarden Life



Key Facts

Population: 1,234

Business commerce: 44 businesses providing 160 job opportunities. Smarden "business" consists of farms, retailers, artists and commercial enterprises.

School: Smarden Primary School.

Community facilities: Anglican (Parish) Church of St Michael the Archangel, two Baptist Churches; Zion and Tilden, Heritage Centre (Charter Hall), recreation ground with children's play area, Big Cat Sanctuary, art gallery, Post Office, butcher's shop.

Sports/clubs: Skateboard Park, Youth Forum, Junior Time Team (local history), two Football Clubs, Cricket Club, Sports and Leisure Association, Short Mat Bowls, Gardening Society, Drama Group, Historical Society, Afternoon Club (over 50s), Bellringers, Conservative Association, Footpath Group, Friends of Smarden Church, Good Neighbour Scheme, Neighbourhood Watch, Parent and Toddler Group, Pre-school, Patchwork and Quilters, WI, British Legion Church Groups.

Pubs: The Flying Horse, Chequers and The Bell.

Village Hall: Charter Hall.

Doctors' surgery/dentist: Nearest are in Headcorn.

Parish Council: (where and when it meets)
Smarden Charter Hall, Chessenden Lane,
Smarden, TN27 8NF

Caroline Levett. Parish Clerk.
Telephone: 01233 770739

Meetings normally held on the second Monday of each month at 7.30pm. Planning Committee meetings are additionally normally held on the fourth Monday of each month at 6.45pm.

Councillor – name and contact details:
Cllr. Hugh F Ellison. Littlefield Road, Pluckley,
Smarden. Ashford, Kent TN27 8NL
Telephone: 01233 770594 Mobile: 07768 590694
Email: hellison@hotmail.co.uk

Any other interesting info:
Three charities: SOSD, to help families in need; Jacob Turner, to help older people; and Dadson, to support Smarden and Bethersden young people in further education.



Cllr. Hugh F Ellison

"I'm always interested in hearing the views of local residents. If local organisations are looking at Community Grants I will always try and help."

Photo by Laura Hawken

Useful Links:

www.smardenpc.kentparishes.gov.uk

www.ashford.gov.uk

There's more to Smarden than meets the eye

Smarden has been honoured as one of England's top villages, winning the title for South England in the 2007/8 'Calor Village of the Year for England' competition. Smarden is blessed with stunning scenery and understated charm, but beyond the beauty, there is a strong and vibrant sense of community spirit that is self-evident across the generations. It proudly retains its Post Office, a butcher, three pubs and a highly-acclaimed art gallery. This is Smarden life; and as a local resident maintains: "Behind this idyllic setting live true, genuine people from all walks of life, pulling together and making Smarden a living gem." Here's how they do it...

Watch out for good neighbours



An award-winning volunteer support service for the older community providing everyday services that they might otherwise miss out on. For example, a weekly, dedicated car scheme ensures that the elderly have a sense of independence, offering an opportunity to shop in nearby Headcorn. It also enables them to keep regular appointments with vital services such as the doctor and dentist. 'Good Neighbour Volunteers' also provide 'Meals on Wheels', a highly-valued service for those who need that extra support. Mary Cheeseman is delighted with the Meals

on Wheels service she receives: "Having Meals on Wheels has been important in helping me to live independently in my own home."

Home from home: Connecting local needs



Photo by Laura Hawken

Ashford Borough Council has granted planning permission to English Rural Housing Association for the development of twelve affordable

homes for people connected to the community. There are 511 households in Smarden and this will support the growing community. The villagers have been actively encouraged to get involved with the consultation process. Louisa Morris, an existing resident of Smarden said:

"We are first time buyers and finding it very hard to get on the property ladder; we also want to live near family, so this proposal is ideal. My family has lived in Smarden for over 300 years, therefore we would love to start our family here and carry on our name."

The development is planned to be completed by Autumn 2009 and will be built on the already well-established Ashenden Scheme, which has provided an existing 20 local needs houses since 1990.

Picture this: Smarden through a child's eyes

Russell Thorne, Headteacher of Smarden Primary School is a driving force behind the integration of local children into the wider community. A recent Ofsted inspection highlighted: "The school is

particularly successful in encouraging pupils to become involved in activities beyond school and, consequently, their contribution towards the community is outstanding".

A recent initiative is the 'Images of Smarden' event co-ordinated by the West End House Gallery where the children were actively encouraged to create their own interpretation of what Smarden means to them.

Local colour to Smarden life

West End House Gallery is positioned perfectly at the centre of picturesque Smarden where the local artist Joel Arnstein has his unique gallery and painting studio. It has a wide appeal, attracting serious art collectors, casual browsers and curious students. 'Images of Smarden' is just one of a series of events that are held throughout the year. For more information about the exhibition schedule visit www.west-end-house-gallery.co.uk or call 01233 770261.

What next for Smarden?

Smarden is one of five finalists in line for the national title of 'Village of the Year'. The winner for England will be revealed in December 2008.

If you are interested in putting something back into the Smarden community, or indeed want to find out more about the area, visit www.smardenpc.kentparishes.gov.uk or contact Gill Bromley on 01233 770451.

If there's a part of the borough you'd like to see featured in Ashford Voice please let us know by email – voice@ashford.gov.uk

A day in the life of...

Welcome to a new feature of Ashford Voice. Each edition will focus on a day in the life of someone working for or representing Ashford Borough Council.

A Building Control Officer

Gary Clarke, 34, has worked for Ashford Borough Council for two years and enjoys being on hand to offer reliable, practical building advice.

Describe an average day?

My job ranges from dealing with applications to build an extension or garage conversion to handling large development applications for John Wesley School in Singleton, William Harvey Hospital and County Square.

How do you ensure that building work is safe?

We ensure certain standards are met and

make sure building work is done in a safe and correct way. Once a building application is made we follow a simple step-by-step process:

- We check the architect's plans
- We liaise with the resident and/or builder to ensure all work will be safe
- When work begins, Ashford Borough Council building surveyors visit the site
- Work is checked to ensure it is built to Building Regulations standards.

What's the best part of your job?

I really enjoy going out on site and



providing advice to both residents and builders. We believe we offer a friendly, service that people can trust. We give practical advice on a range of matters.

What do people say?

We have had a good relationship with every building control officer we have dealt with. If there is anything we are not sure about we give them a call and they offer help and guidance. **Aaron, Hillreed Homes**

Gary was always there to offer advice when needed; his advice saved us time and money. **Andy Hadlow**

Gary's been very helpful and is always quick to respond. When we've called, Gary has usually been able to come out to see us the next day. **Eddy Perk**

Grand Designs or DIY Disasters?

Your Guide to Hidden Dangers in your Home

If you are about to embark on a home improvement scheme, don't put your family or property at risk!

When choosing a Builder



- Try to get references and consider their reputation.
- Look at examples of their work - speak to previous clients.
- Consider getting at least three quotes before appointing.
- Do not give builders cash up front.

Building an Extension

- Consider appointing an architect or surveyor to advise you.
- Foundations need to be deep enough to ensure there is sufficient support.
- Consider the location of existing drainage. This must be able to accommodate any additional waste.
- Smoke detectors may be required or need upgrading.

Loft Conversions



- The conversion must be safe, so involve an expert.
- A structural engineer or architect will design a room that will comply with Building Regulations.
- You may need to strengthen the existing roof or floor structure.
- Internal doors may need replacing with fire doors.
- Smoke detectors may need upgrading.

Installing a New Kitchen or Bathroom

- New drainage provision must be adequate.
- Consider employing a "Part P" electrician.
- You will require extract ventilation for these rooms.

Replacement Windows

- A CERTASS or FENSA registered contractor will ensure the work meets Building Regulations.
- If installing windows yourself, contact Ashford Borough Council's Building Control department before starting work.
- Ensure there are sufficient openings to escape in the event of a fire.

A Conservatory / Porch or Carport



- Consider how they will affect existing means of escape in the event of a fire.
- These are usually exempt from Building Regulations - but you can always check first.

Subdivision of rooms and knock through

- Use a structural engineer or architect to design suitable support where necessary.
- Plan the new layout of doors and windows to assure an easy means of escape.
- Ventilation may need to be reconsidered.

Please note this is an introductory guide to building regulations and is not a definitive source of legal information. If you are in any doubt you should contact Ashford Borough Council's Building Control department before undertaking any work. It is always a good idea to discuss with neighbours work which might affect them.

For more information visit
www.ashford.gov.uk/buildingcontrol
or call 01233 330282.



Incredible Invicta Valiants



David Razman's son Alex has a passion for football. Like most boys his age he wanted to play for his local team. But Alex is partially sighted and David soon realised that finding a junior club to accept his son wasn't going to be easy.

How did it all begin?

We started Invicta Valiants in 2004 because my son, who is visually impaired, wanted to play football. We couldn't find any clubs in the area that organised football for children with special needs or disabilities so we decided to start the club ourselves. We started with six players, me and another coach to help out. Four years later, we have around 40 players signed up.

Who can join the team?

We welcome any child that has a special need; it could be a learning difficulty or a

physical disability. Children start from five up to 16. The training sessions involve a series of professional, fun, warm up exercises and drills and then a game. The emphasis is on fun and being part of a team.

And what about team spirit?

We have a real togetherness. The majority of the youngsters that have played for us over the last few seasons have come together as a group and feel they are actually playing for their club.



Do you compete with other teams?

We have organised a number of tournaments in the last few years including a beach soccer tournament at the Julie Rose Stadium where we brought in about three tonnes of sand and one at the Hop Farm last year. We have also taken our group to Spain to play in a tournament.

Is it all about football?

We are not just about playing football. We run a number of social events and fun days. We have taken them sailing, abseiling, go-karting and to the ski centre.

Do you receive financial support?

Ashford Borough Council helped out with advice on sponsorship and publicity and gave us an £800 Community Grant. We also receive funding through the Football Foundation, Kent Community Foundation and some other bodies but we are always looking for sponsorship for kit etc. We have been sponsored by Honda for three years, but that arrangement will end soon, so if there are any companies who are looking to sponsor a team they should get in touch!

Community Grants

Are you a community or voluntary group delivering a community project in Ashford? Have you identified a need to develop or improve your facilities or the service you deliver?

If the answer is 'yes', you may be eligible to apply to the Ashford Borough Council Community Grants Fund to help meet the costs of your project. You can apply if you are a non-profit making or community group, charitable organisation or parish council.

For more information visit www.ashford.gov.uk or contact Regeneration Projects Coordinator Michelle Byrne on 01233 330 485.

For information about other sources of funding for community projects visit www.open4community.info/kent.





Singleton's best kept secret

A £1.9 million project that has been built around a highly innovative and eco-friendly building has risen out of the woodland in Singleton.

Work began on the Singleton Environment Centre back in June 2007, and this ground breaking project came to life in May this year when a special preview tour marked the opening.

Created to be a focus of environmental activity, as well as providing a focal point for the community, the centre has brought together a number of local groups. One that has been there right from the start is the Ashford Community Woodland Group. Their chairman, Jenny Tippen, said:

"This Centre is an important landmark for Ashford, Kent and the wider world. The way it has been built, from the involvement of the community through to the materials used (the roof is made from recycled cans and the benches outside are made from old tyres), is both hi-tech and environmentally friendly."



The Ashford Community Woodland Group manage the woodland that covers the hill behind the centre and believe that they complement each other perfectly:

"People who come up here to walk their dogs, or to enjoy the views and the tranquillity that these woodlands offer, can now go down to the Centre to learn more. Similarly, visitors to the Centre who may just be popping in for a coffee can discover and explore the woodlands. They act as a gateway for each other."

This mutually beneficial relationship is one of the reasons they are so proud to be involved with the Centre:

"It really is like a family. The BTCV, who manage the centre, are the parents and we are like the kids. The extended family also includes organisations such as Living Spaces, who have provided grants, and Ashford Borough Council."

Ashford Community Woodland Group meet on the first Saturday of every month and volunteers are always welcome.

With so much to see and do this could well be Singleton's worst kept secret very soon.



It's not easy being green

Tim Allen, a partner in a civil engineering firm in Ashford, is a stakeholder in the Singleton Environment Centre, though he didn't help to plan, design or build the project.

But Tim is a stakeholder because he is one of a growing number of local people that have come to adopt the Centre as their own, sampling the food and drink of the Footprints café, exploring the environmentally friendly building, and venturing out into the surrounding grounds and woodland.

"Singleton Environment Centre is acting as a magnet to attract visitors into questioning the environmental obligations and challenges that we all face. The growth of visitors and customers has been truly organic too, mostly through recommendation and word-of-mouth."

And the word is spreading fast. The success of the Footprints Café & Bistro, housed within the Centre, is another reason for visiting:

"By having local staff run the café, it enhances the feeling of pride and involvement. The atmosphere here is always friendly and welcoming."

Since first coming to the Centre, Tim and his family have become friends with the owners of the Footprints Café & Bistro, Neville Robinson and Caroline Shier. Neville told us:

"We wanted to create a place where you can nourish your soul with good food and drink, hear beautiful music and escape the bustle of everyday life."

Tim sees this as a model planning concept and could become the blueprint for successful planning in the future:

"The Centre has created an identity for itself and could well become a landmark due to its popularity. The environmental sustainability is a huge factor and this is a key consideration for any, and arguably all, similar projects."

Tim believes there is a good reason why this project is working so well:

"It acts as the glue that will bind people in the area together. It's something to be proud of and it serves as a focal point for the local community."

Maybe it is easy being green, after all.

Singleton Environment Centre is managed by BTCV (British Trust for Conservation Volunteers) on behalf of Ashford Borough Council, who own the building. For more information on the Centre, visit www.btcv.org.uk



The Youth of Today



Hundreds of councils and schools around the UK are planning events aimed at encouraging young people to get more involved in the democratic process.

Here in Ashford, this has been expanded to the whole of October to enable more councillors to get involved and engage with young people on a range of issues.

In and around Ashford there are a number of Neighbourhood Youth Forums that have been set up by the council to give young people a voice and to give them a real say in how their community is run. They are involved with a great number of projects, from producing an award-winning anti-bullying DVD, to securing funding for leisure facilities in their own local areas.

Local Democracy Week kicks off on Monday 13th October and this year's campaign is based around 'Listening to tomorrow's voters today'.



Ashford Voice went out to meet the young people who will be involved to get their views and opinions on life in the borough.

Becky, 17,
Ashford
Youth Forum
Chairman



I joined the Ashford Youth Forum when I was twelve because my older sister was part of it, but when she left, I found that I was enjoying it so much that I decided to stay on. It's a great way to meet new people and we get the opportunity to really make a difference for young people in Ashford.

I like the constant changes in Ashford and the way the town keeps evolving and there are lots of different things to do and places to go, but when it comes to the ring road and some of the old buildings, I sometimes wish we could knock it down and start again!

I see the biggest issues in the town as the lack of transportation and the road works. Also, I find there is quite a negative perception of young people, despite all the good work we try to achieve with the forums and working with the council.

My ambition with the forum is to make sure the voices of young people in the borough are heard so we can help to make Ashford a better place for young people in the future.

Luke, 14,
Little Burton
Neighbourhood
Youth Forum
Chairman



I've lived in Little Burton for about four years and there was never much to do so I wanted to get involved with the Neighbourhood Youth Forum. I would like to get more people involved and coming along to our meetings so we can achieve even more for young people.

Some of the roadworks and the masses of cones seem to be there for no reason, and this is one of the things that bother me about the borough. If I were in charge I would widen the roads, put the traffic lights in better places and sort out the ring road. I would also like to see more being done to deal with the litter that is everywhere.

I do like living in Ashford, though, because there is a lot to do and it's constantly changing, and some of the new facilities are really fantastic.

Alan, 17,
Ashford
Youth Forum
Committee
Member



Like Becky, I followed in the footsteps of my brother, who used to be the chairman, and I've been involved for a couple of years now. Initially it was helping with the anti-bullying DVD but I'm still here because I think it's important that the views and opinions of young people are put forward and that those views really count for something.

I like living here because there are lots of things to do and it's easy to find things to occupy your time but I would still like to see more things being done to improve the leisure facilities in the borough.

Sometimes, it can be frustrating because it seems that there are lots of good initiatives and ideas but they aren't always followed through. I think we could do more for transport around Ashford and I'd like to be more confident that we're being less wasteful with public services.

Key Facts

- The Youth Forum scheme has been running for nearly two years
- Currently, there are four active forums with another four in the pipeline
- Around 16 young people are involved at present
- Their ages range from 12yrs – 21yrs

Local Democracy Week

The Local Democracy Week is about making young people aware of their local council and getting them more involved in politics - in a fun way!

Set up by the Local Government Association (LGA) the initiative involves hundreds of councils and thousands of schools from up and down the country.

For more information on the Youth Forums and how to get involved:

Call: 01233 330290

Email: info@whatmattersashford.co.uk

Website: www.whatmattersashford.co.uk

What's On

Find out more about other local events on www.ashford.gov.uk/events

September

North Down Way 30th Anniversary Celebrations, Withersdane Hall, near Wye

Saturday 13 September – 9am

Enjoy guided walks along the North Downs Way near Wye and at 12.30 pm join the celebrations - two world record attempts, face painting and a birthday cake. From 2.30pm, there are more walks. All proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer Support.

08458 247600
www.ndwcelebration.org.uk



Photo by Tony Gowers

Happy 1st Birthday to the Stour Centre

Saturday 13 September – 9am – 5pm

To celebrate their first birthday, the Stour Centre is holding an open day with lots of activities to keep you fit and having fun, such as: free weight workshops; fitness classes; under 5s activities; trampolining; football, and plenty more. Entry is £1 (Direct Debit members get in for free), plus there's a chance to win a year's membership and you can join the health club for only £1!

01233 663503
www.thestourcentre.co.uk

Ashford Visual Arts Festival

September

Now in its third year, the theme for the 2008 festival is 'Moving In, Moving On', and features a new sculpture for Stour Valley Arts, exhibitions and talks by Ashford Visual Artists, workshops at the Singleton Environment Centre and much, much more.

For up-to-the-minute information on the programme of events, please visit www.ashfordpresents.co.uk

EQUATOR - WORLD MUSIC SERIES

Salome

Friday 12 September & Saturday 13 September – 7:30pm.

Ashford Youth Theatre present a strikingly modern interpretation of Salome in collaboration with Indian musicians from ShivaNova. Featuring ShivaNova's live music with virtuoso improvisations and Indian drumming this promises to be an exciting, powerful and visceral experience.

Ashford Youth Theatre, 1 Dover Place, Ashford, Kent TN23 1HU

Advance Tickets: £8 (conc £7, students £5) (not suitable for children under 16 years of age)

Papa Noel and Adan Pedroso

Saturday 18 October – 7:30pm.

Two master guitarists from the Congo and Cuba visit Ashford to showcase their sublime blend of Congolese and Cuban roots music, visibly proving that the roots of Cuban music came from Africa.

St Mary's Church, The Churchyard, Ashford
Advance Tickets: £10 (conc: £7); family ticket: £25 (2 adults and 2 children); children under the age of 16 years: £3



October

Givaudan 10k Race and Children's Fun Run

Sunday 12 October – 10am

Celebrating their 21st year, Ashford Athletic Club and some 1,000 participants will be under starter's orders for the annual Givaudan 10k run. Now part of the British Athletic Grand Prix, the race will start and finish at the Julie Rose Stadium. It's great fun to watch, and kids of all ages can take part in the Fun Run too!



Email: pauljakeman@btinternet.com

www.quest10k.co.uk

Ashford Leisure Trust Academy

27 – 31 October

The Academy, an OFSTED registered playscheme for children aged 4-14 years old, is crammed full of games, creative arts and crafts, sports, treasure hunts and theme days and will be taking place at The Stour Centre, Julie Rose Stadium and Kingsnorth Recreation Centre.

Times
Morning session: 8.30am – 12.30pm
Afternoon session: 1pm – 5pm

Prices
Morning/Afternoon only: £7.75
All day: £15.50

Stour Centre: 01233 663503
Julie Rose Stadium: 01233 613131
Kingsnorth Recreation Centre: 01233 503846

Tenterden Folk Festival

Friday 3 – Sunday 5 October

Watch the transformation of quiet Tenterden into a mecca for music lovers with the ever popular Folk Festival. There will be three days of folk song, music and dance; folk clubs; concerts; English barn dance; sing-a-rounds; music sessions; workshops; dance displays; Morris, Appalachian and Scottish dancers; street theatre; workshops; story telling; family events; craft fairs and street stalls.

www.tenterdenfolkfestival.co.uk

Ashford's Got Talent

20 September – Heat 1, over 18s
18 October – Heat 2, under 18s
22 November – Xmas Factor Final

If you think you've got hidden talent, Ashford wants to find it. Ashford's talent contest starts in September. There will be two heats, one at Park Mall on 20 September for



over 18s and the other to be held in County Square on 18 October for under 18s. The winners will win fabulous prizes and be invited back to perform in County Square and Park Mall on 22 November for the Christmas lights switch on,

and the family fun day and late night Christmas shopping on 27 November 2008.

www.ashford.towntalk.co.uk

Eliza Carthy

Friday 14 November – 8pm

Eliza Carthy is a winner of two Mercury Prize nominations and innumerable other accolades over a 15 year career. Performing and recording with a diverse array of artists from Paul Weller to The Wainwrights, Billy Bragg, Nick Cave to Joan Baez, Eliza is a truly inventive and innovative singer and fiddle-player and arguably, the most impressive and engaging performer of a generation.

Norton Knatchbull School Hall, Hythe Road, Ashford, Kent TN24 0QJ

Advance Tickets: £14 (conc: £11), family ticket: £40 (2 adults and 2 children); children under the age of 16 years: £6 (in collaboration with Tenterden Folk Festival)



Rare Breeds Halloween Weekend

Wednesday 29 October to Saturday 1 November – 10.30am to 10pm

Enjoy the Halloween Fright Nights at the Rare Breeds

Centre in Woodchurch. There are four days and nights of spooky Halloween fun down on the farm. Why not dress up in your best scary costume and join in the fun. Plus, the farm will remain open into the night with Twilight & Darkness rides for braver folk running from 6pm and frightening Forbidden Forest walks.

01233 861493 Email: info@rarebreeds.org.uk
www.rarebreeds.org.uk

Crash Course Swimming Lessons

27 – 31 October

The Stour Centre is running crash course swimming lessons for children aged 4 -14 years old. They will be teaching ASA Stages 1, 2 & 3 and each daily lesson over the five-day intensive course will last approximately half an hour.

Lesson times are at 8.30am, 9am and 9.30am and the cost is £22.50 for the entire course.



Cranbrook & Tenterden Food and Drink Festival

Friday 31 October – Sunday 2 November

Join in a celebration of the very finest in locally produced food and drink in the Weald of Kent at the Cranbrook & Tenterden Food and Drink Festival. Events include a local produce market, an apple fayre, celebrity chef talks, young masterchef competition and food demonstrations and tastings.

01233 614525
www.tenterdentown.co.uk



November

Christmas Lights Switch On

Saturday 22 November - 11am to 5pm

Come along to a Family Funday of activities in the town centre leading up to the switch on of Ashford's Christmas lights at around 4.15pm.

Christmas Late Night Shopping

Thursday 27 November – 4pm to 8pm

There's an evening full of entertainment to launch the start of Ashford's late night Christmas shopping on Thursdays, including the very special arrival of Santa to his Ashford-based grotto.



Fireworks

Shadoxhurst

Saturday 25 October

Recreation Field, Hornash Lane

Gates open 6pm, bonfire 7.00pm, fireworks 7.45pm
Adults £4 Children £1
Funfair, Barbecue, Refreshments.

Biddenden

Friday 31 October

Gordon Jones Playing Fields

Gates open 6pm
Fair and other entertainment.
07956 827377

Pluckley

Wednesday 5 November

Elvey Farm (meet at Black Horse pub for procession)

Gates 6pm
Tickets £7 (£5 advance)
Jazz Band, BBQ, Beer Tent, Bedouin Curry Tent and Fireworks.

01233 840422

Smarden

Saturday 8 November

Cornes Meadow Field

Parade 6:45pm. Fireworks 8pm.
Free Entry
Bonfire, fireworks, float parade & more!



Your council

Summary of Accounts

The following information is an extract from our Summary of Accounts 2007/08, which details the council's spending. The full document is available on our website at www.ashford.gov.uk. You can also obtain a copy by contacting the council (see Page 22 for contact details).

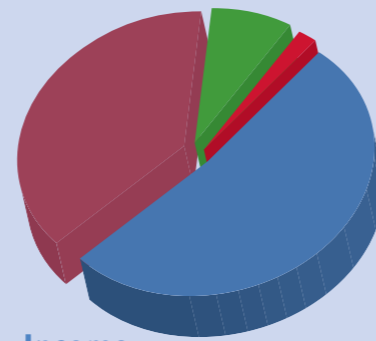
Cost of Running Council Services

| Services | Gross Exp £'000's | Gross Inc £'000's | Net Exp £'000's |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Environmental | 7,082 | 2,106 | 4,976 |
| Cultural | 5,700 | 1,187 | 4,513 |
| Planning & Development | 5,524 | 3,787 | 1,737 |
| Highways & Transportation | 2,482 | 1,988 | 494 |
| Housing | 47,799 | 40,659 | 7,140 |
| Corporate and Democratic Core | 3,136 | 629 | 2,507 |
| Other | 10,429 | 7,538 | 2,891 |
| Net cost of Services | 82,152 | 57,894 | 24,258 |

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| Add External levies | 839 |
| Less Net Interest and Investment earnings | (1,126) |
| Less Internal charge for use of capital assets | (14,149) |
| Appropriations and other internal accounting | 4,395 |

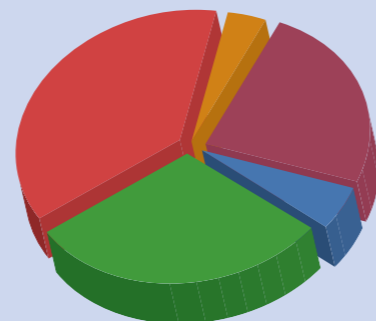
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| Amount to be met from Govt Grants and local taxation | 14,217 |
| Government Grant | (8,094) |
| Council Tax | (6,123) |
| Net Surplus | - |

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| General Fund Balance April 07 | 1,105 |
| General Fund Balance March 08 | 1,105 |



Income

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|------------------------------|-----|
| Council Tax | 8% |
| Interest | 2% |
| Government Grants | 52% |
| Charges etc (including Rent) | 38% |



Expenditure

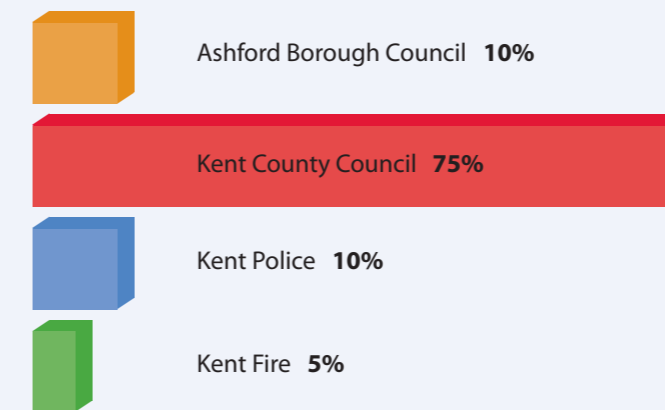
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| Employees | 24% |
| Premises | 5% |
| Goods and Services | 30% |
| Housing Benefits | 37% |
| Transfer to Balances & Reserves | 4% |

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 only 8% of the council's total income.

The average bill for an Ashford Borough Council resident living in a band D property is £1,271.34.

The chart below shows how council tax payments are allocated:



Summarised Balance Sheet

| Balance Sheet | £'000's |
|---|----------------|
| Buildings and land owned by the Council | 385,451 |
| Investments | 21,696 |
| Stock | 25 |
| PFI (Notional Balances) | 35,094 |
| Money owed to the Council | 10,675 |
| Money owed by the Council | (13,608) |
| | 439,333 |
| Financed by: | |
| Borrowing | 8,514 |
| Cash overdrawn | 121 |
| Non Distributable Reserves & Accounts | 414,757 |
| Distributable Reserves | 15,941 |
| | 439,333 |

Cash Flow

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Cash overdrawn (at end March 2007) | £0.072m |
| Cash in | (£172.095m) |
| Cash out | £172.144m |
| Cash overdrawn (at end March 2008) | £0.121m |

Changes to Benefits on the Way

This Autumn the government is making changes to welfare benefits. Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) will be introduced from 27th October 2008. It will replace Incapacity Benefit and Income Support for new claimants who are incapable of work due to illness or disability. Its aim is to support a return to paid employment as soon as possible.

Claims for the allowance, and calculation of any entitlement, will be made through Job Centre Plus.

Also from October, customers claiming Pension Credit for the first time will also be able to make a claim for Housing or Council Tax Benefit at the same time over the phone, without having to fill in or sign a paper claim form.

More information on these changes and how they affect your housing and council tax benefits claims can be found on our website www.ashford.gov.uk

Councillor Complaints

The procedures for complaining about a Councillor have recently changed. If you have any concerns about the conduct of an Ashford Borough Councillor, Town or Parish Councillor and wish to make a complaint, these will now be handled by the Standards Committee of Local Authorities.

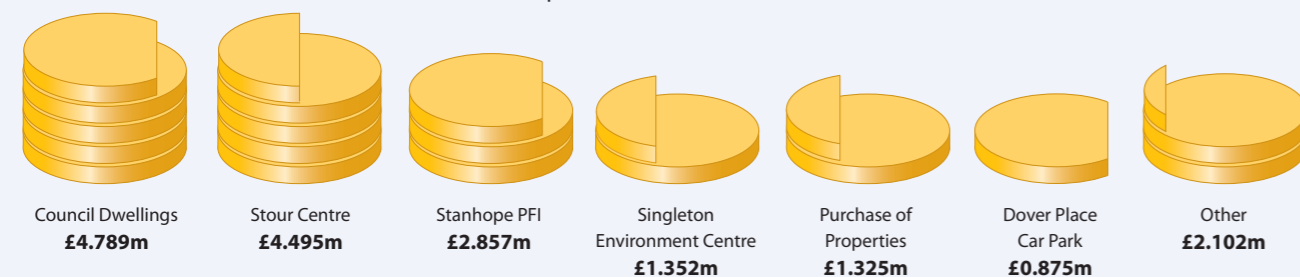
Forms are available to download from our website, along with guidance and information about the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

If you would like more information about this, please visit our website at www.ashford.gov.uk

or call the council's Statutory Monitoring Officer, Terry Mortimer, on 01233 330210.

Capital Expenditure

In 2007/08 we spent £17.795m on construction, acquisition or improvement of our assets. This chart shows how this was allocated.



Get in touch / A-Z

How to contact Ashford Borough Council

| | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Telephone | 01233 331111 8.30am – 5.30pm Monday to Thursday 9am – 4.30pm Friday |
| Typetalk | 01233 330744 |
| Out of Hours/Emergency | 01233 629911 |
| 24 hour Payment Line | 01233 330625 |
| Fax | 01233 645654 |
| Email | customer.care@ashford.gov.uk |
| Online | www.ashford.gov.uk |
| Post | Ashford Borough Council Civic Centre Tannery Lane Ashford TN23 1PL |
| Visit | Customer Contact Centre, Civic Centre 9am – 5pm Monday to Thursday 9am – 4.30pm Friday |
| Out and about | Ashford Gateway 19 Park Mall Ashford TN24 8RY 9am – 4pm Monday to Saturday Tel: 0845 8 247 247 Email: info@ashfordgateway.co.uk Online: www.ashfordgateway.co.uk |
| Tenterden Office | 6/7 The Fairings Tenterden TN30 6QX 9am – 5pm Monday to Thursday 9am – 4.30pm Friday Closed for lunch between 1pm – 2pm Tel: 01580 764066 |

Council Services and Useful Information

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| Kent County Council | |
| Website | www.kent.gov.uk |
| 24 Hour Helpline | 0845 8 247 247 |
| Environment & Waste | 0845 8 247 600 |
| Highways and Transport | 0845 8 247 800 <i>(including roadworks, potholes and street lighting)</i> |
| Kent Libraries | 01622 671411 |
| Social Care & Health | 0845 8 247 100 |
| Trading Standards | 01622 221012 |
| Emergency Services <i>If it's an emergency dial 999, otherwise, use the numbers below:</i> | |
| Kent Police (Ashford & Tenterden) | 01233 611055 |
| Community Safety Unit | 01233 660747 |
| William Harvey Hospital | 01233 633331 |
| Leisure & Tourism | |
| Stour Centre | 01233 663503 |
| Julie Rose Stadium | 01233 613131 |
| Kingsnorth Recreation Centre | 01233 503846 |
| Ashford Tourist Information Centre | 01233 629165 |
| Tenterden Tourist Information Centre | 01580 763572 |
| Other useful phone numbers | |
| Ashford's Future | 01233 330812 |
| Citizens Advice Bureau | 01233 626185 |
| Environment Agency | 0870 8 506506 <i>(polluted ditches and watercourses)</i> |
| Fraudline (benefit fraud) | 0800 0 262456 |

Ashford Borough Council Committee Meeting Dates

| | | |
|---|--|---|
| September | October | November |
| Tuesday 2nd - Joint Transportation Board | Tuesday 7th - Overview & Scrutiny | Tuesday 4th - Overview & Scrutiny |
| Tuesday 9th - Overview & Scrutiny | Wednesday 8th - Planning Committee | Wednesday 12th - Standards Committee |
| Wednesday 17th - Planning Committee | Thursday 9th - Council | Wednesday 19th - Planning Committee |
| Tuesday 23rd - Audit Committee | Thursday 16th - State of the Borough Debate | Thursday 20th - Executive |
| Thursday 25th - Executive | Thursday 23rd - Executive | |
| | Wednesday 29th - Planning Committee | |

State of the Borough debate

The Council's annual State of the Borough debate will take place in the Council Chamber at the Civic Offices from 7 pm on 16 October.

This year the debate will focus on the Ashford Sustainable Community Strategy, a document setting out a vision for the borough for the next 10 years.

For more information about the Sustainable Community Strategy, please visit www.ashford.gov.uk

Competitions



Win First Class Eurostar tickets!

We've got two First Class Eurostar Leisure Select tickets to give away.

Everyday, more and more people choose Ashford International as the preferred station to start their journey to continental Europe from.



So why not spoil yourself and take a short break in style with Eurostar? Ashford Voice is giving you the opportunity to travel in first class comfort. Explore the romantic streets of Paris; perhaps find that gorgeous Christmas gift in the vibrant markets of Brussels; or taste the difference in the French cuisine of Lille. The choice is yours!

To win tickets, fill in your details below and return to: Eurostar Competition, Ashford Voice, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL

Name:

Address:

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Postcode: Tel No:

Email:

Closing Date: 31 October 2008

Tick if you wish to receive further information from Ashford Borough Council and partners involved in the plans for Ashford's future.

ShivaNova: A world of outstanding music

Cutting-edge world music company ShivaNova brings an outstanding line-up of leading international musicians, dancers and storytellers to Ashford in 2008.

The Equator World Music Series, supported by the Arts Council England and Ashford Borough Council, will run from September to December. St Mary's Church Ashford, Norton Knatchbull School, Ashford Youth Theatre, and Brake Hall at Ashford School will host this outstanding line-up of artists including Eliza Carthy - one of England's best-known folk musicians and singers, and figurehead of the English Folk revival.

As a special offer to Ashford Voice readers, we are giving away an Autumn season ticket to see the Equator World Music Series. This will mean free entry for two to each event in the season. To be in with a chance to win this fantastic prize all you need to do is answer the following question:

Q Which figurehead of the English Folk revival is appearing at this year's Equator?

A

Complete the adjacent form and return to:

ShivaNova Competition, Ashford Voice, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL

Find out more about Equator visit www.shivanova.com

Name:

Address:

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Postcode:

Tel No:

Email:

Closing Date: 10 October 2008

Tick if you wish to receive further information from Ashford Borough Council and partners involved in the plans for Ashford's future.

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 2007/08 financial year was as listed below.



ASHFORD
BOROUGH COUNCIL

| Councillor | £ Basic Allowance | £ Special Responsibility Allowance | £ Travel Allowance | £ Subsistence | £ Carers' Allowance | £ Total before Tax and N. I.* |
|--|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| A. COUNCILLORS ELECTED OFFICE MAY 2007 | | | | | | |
| Ayres | 4,125.50 | 0.00 | 16.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,141.50 |
| Bartlett | 4,125.50 | 8,906.76 | 112.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 13,144.26 |
| Mrs Bell | 3,748.44 | 684.75 | 291.60 | 0.00 | 230.00 | 4,954.79 |
| Bell | 4,125.50 | 6,671.02 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 10,796.52 |
| Mrs Blanford | 3,748.44 | 0.00 | 532.80 | 49.90 | 0.00 | 4,331.14 |
| Bradberry | 3,748.44 | 0.00 | 48.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,796.44 |
| Burgess | 4,125.50 | 1,349.76 | 884.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6,359.26 |
| Clarkson | 4,125.50 | 5,128.74 | 463.60 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 9,717.84 |
| Cloughton | 3,748.44 | 684.75 | 52.80 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,485.99 |
| Clokier | 4,125.50 | 19,312.38 | 2,422.66 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 25,860.54 |
| Cowley | 4,125.50 | 0.00 | 74.40 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,199.90 |
| Davidson | 4,125.50 | 5,451.30 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 9,576.80 |
| Davison | 4,125.50 | 6,192.45 | 583.60 | 0.00 | 135.00 | 11,036.55 |
| Ellison | 3,748.44 | 1,152.77 | 575.30 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5,476.51 |
| Feacey | 4,125.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,125.50 |
| French | 4,125.50 | 0.00 | 96.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,221.50 |
| Goddard | 4,125.50 | 263.34 | 678.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5,067.34 |
| Mrs Hawes | 4,125.50 | 1,116.36 | 83.20 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5,325.06 |
| Mrs Heaton | 3,748.44 | 0.00 | 269.95 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,018.39 |
| Heyes | 4,125.50 | 2,280.52 | 73.20 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6,479.22 |
| Mrs Heyes | 3,748.44 | 0.00 | 28.80 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,777.24 |
| Mrs Hicks | 3,748.44 | 0.00 | 220.64 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,969.08 |
| Miss Hodgkinson | 3,748.44 | 0.00 | 33.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,781.94 |
| Holland | 4,125.50 | 1,369.49 | 172.22 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5,667.21 |
| Honey | 3,748.44 | 0.00 | 263.60 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,012.04 |
| Howard | 3,748.44 | 0.00 | 60.80 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,809.24 |
| Mrs Hutchinson | 4,125.50 | 1,542.28 | 568.60 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6,236.38 |
| Kemp | 4,125.50 | 6,671.02 | 82.25 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 10,878.77 |
| Koowaree | 4,125.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,125.50 |
| Mrs Laughton | 3,748.44 | 0.00 | 67.20 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,815.64 |
| Link | 4,125.50 | 0.00 | 339.20 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,464.70 |
| Mrs Marriott | 4,125.50 | 5,398.00 | 681.75 | 4.40 | 0.00 | 10,209.65 |
| Mrs Martin | 4,125.50 | 0.00 | 123.60 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,249.10 |
| Naughton | 3,748.44 | 1,369.49 | 200.80 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5,318.73 |
| Norris | 3,748.44 | 0.00 | 62.40 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,810.84 |
| Packham | 4,125.50 | 0.00 | 288.15 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,413.65 |
| Smith | 3,748.44 | 282.08 | 290.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,321.02 |
| Taylor | 4,125.50 | 2,698.48 | 747.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 7,571.48 |
| Wallace | 4,125.50 | 4,082.25 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 8,207.75 |
| Wedgbury | 4,125.50 | 1,369.49 | 41.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5,535.99 |
| Wells | 4,125.50 | 325.30 | 205.84 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,656.64 |
| Wood | 4,125.50 | 6,168.67 | 547.82 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 10,841.99 |
| Woodford | 3,748.44 | 0.00 | 287.60 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,036.04 |
| SUB TOTAL | 171,363.54 | 90,471.45 | 12,571.38 | 54.30 | 365.00 | 274,825.67 |
| B. COUNCILLORS CEASING OFFICE END OF APRIL 2007 | | | | | | |
| Allcock | 365.97 | 306.46 | 26.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 698.43 |
| Brunger | 365.97 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 365.97 |
| Claridge | 365.97 | 306.46 | 96.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 768.43 |
| Cooling | 365.97 | 1,147.68 | 414.80 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,928.45 |
| Eke | 365.97 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 365.97 |
| Elliff | 365.97 | 0.00 | 320.48 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 686.45 |
| Enock | 365.97 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 365.97 |
| Greaves | 365.97 | 0.00 | 22.40 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 388.37 |
| Harrington | 365.97 | 72.79 | 24.64 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 463.40 |
| Hubert | 365.97 | 145.59 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 511.56 |
| Mrs Kelly | 365.97 | 0.00 | 56.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 421.97 |
| Mrs Larkin | 365.97 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 365.97 |
| Maltby | 365.97 | 306.46 | 32.40 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 704.83 |
| Weller | 365.97 | 0.00 | 73.20 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 439.17 |
| Wickham | 365.97 | 0.00 | 14.40 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 380.37 |
| Yeo | 365.97 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 365.97 |
| SUB TOTAL | 5,855.52 | 2,285.44 | 1,080.32 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 9,221.28 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 177,219.06 | 92,756.89 | 13,651.70 | 54.30 | 365.00 | 284,046.95 |

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

T J ROBERTSON, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent TN23 1PL