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Another leap forward!

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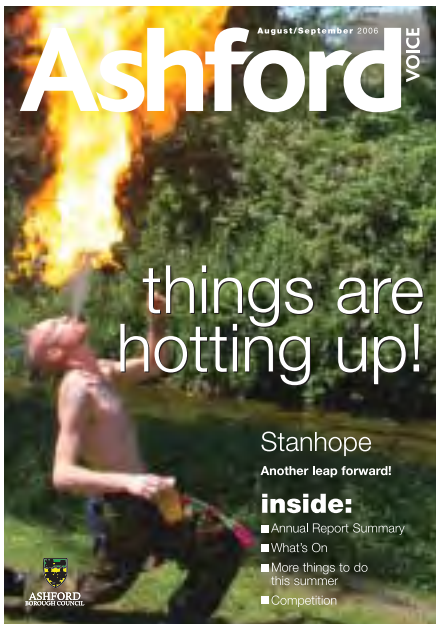
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Welcome to the August/September edition of Voice packed with news about your local area and the issues that affect you plus plenty of things to see and do over the coming weeks.

Many thanks to those who completed the Readers' Survey published in the June/July edition. We will be reporting back on the results in October/November but have already incorporated some ideas into this edition including council services at a glance.

Remember we are always happy to hear from groups with a story to tell whether it's a sports club, youth organisation or local charity. You can also let us know about events you may be holding and we'll do our best to include them in our listings section.



You can contact us by email at: voice@ashford.gov.uk write to us at the Civic Centre or call: **01233 330209**

Caroline Owen
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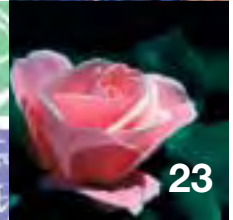
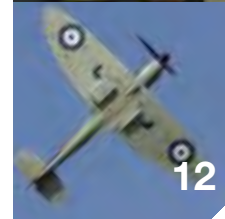
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Stanhope Takes Another Leap Forward - Chrysalis Named as Preferred Bidder



Ashford Borough Council has chosen the Chrysalis consortium as the preferred bidder for the multi-million pound transformation of Stanhope. This follows a four month period of evaluation including presentations and consultations both to the Council and to local residents.

Chrysalis will work in partnership with the residents of Stanhope to create a project which refurbishes the rented homes, builds new homes and regenerates the whole estate,

Over the next six months Ashford Borough Council and Chrysalis will be working closely on detailed negotiations prior to the final contract being signed.

During that time Chrysalis will continue extensive consultations with residents in order to prepare detailed planning applications.

This includes a plan to open a temporary office in Stanhope to enable residents to register their views and help contribute to the design details.

Cllr Neil Bell, Portfolio Holder for Housing, said: "We are very pleased to have Chrysalis on board. They emerged the clear leaders in the bidding process and bring a wealth of experience to the project. In particular I welcome the emphasis placed on houses and the integration between home-owners and tenants. Their initial plans were well received by local residents.

"There is still a great deal to be done before the final contract is signed and work begins but we are delighted we have reached this important stage in the transformation of Stanhope and I am sure local tenants and residents are looking forward to meeting with Chrysalis to continue the consultation process." ■



Chrysalis is made up of some of the country's leading housing and PFI specialists together with one of Kent's finest housing management and construction teams. They are:

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• Gleeson Group - major housing developers and regeneration experts, who led and won the first pathfinder PFI Housing scheme in the UK.
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• Nationwide - the nation's largest mutual housing lender which funded that first PFI deal and have gone on to win further schemes.
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• Moat - one of the principal Registered Social Landlords in the country who specialise in providing homes in the south east of England and whose office is in Kent.
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• Denne Group - a company which has been constructing in and around Kent for more than 200 years and over half their employees come from the Ashford area.
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• PRP Architects - specialists in designing homes and neighbourhoods that last the test of time for people to enjoy.



Work to Begin on Junction 10

Work on the long-awaited improvements to Junction 10 of the M20 is set to begin late August/early September.

The Highways Agency project aims to maximise the capacity of the junction and will include adding a further lane to the gyratory system across the bridges, widening the on and off slip roads, providing a new junction between the A292 Hythe Road and M20 London bound slip road, a new footbridge over the motorway and other, minor improvements.

The Highways Agency spokesperson explained: "These proposals, funded by developers not the tax payer, aim to relieve congestion at the junction until 2014 when a brand new junction will be built to the east."

Drivers can expect speed restrictions and delays until the works, due to be completed in June 2007, are completed. ■

You can find out more information by visiting the Highways Agency website: www.highways.gov.uk

Minister Visits Ashford

Minister for Housing and Planning Yvette Cooper recently visited Ashford. The visit involved a presentation from key Ashford's Future partners and a discussion with Ashford Borough Councillors on the growth plan. The Minister also had the opportunity to look at development areas from Charter House.



Ashford Borough Council Leader Paul Clokie said: "It was a pleasure to meet Ms Cooper and have the opportunity to brief her on the excellent progress being made by the Ashford's Future Partnership in laying the foundations for sustainable growth in Ashford." ■

Ashford Partnership Update

The Ashford Partnership is the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP). LSPs are made up of key public and private sector partners who deliver services within the borough including Ashford Borough Council, Kent County Council, Kent Police, the Primary Care Trust, Chamber of Commerce, the voluntary and community sector and the Kent Association of Parish Councils. The LSP is considering a review of the Community Strategy and Action Plan adopted in 2004. Much of the Action Plan has been implemented by partners, but there is a real commitment to continuing working together to deliver joint aims and objectives within the context of the Government's Shaping Their Future agenda for LSPs.

Officers from Ashford Borough Council will be co-ordinating the community engagement part of the exercise once a draft has been approved by the Partnership, which is likely to be during the early part of 2007. It is hoped that the review will inform the Council's own review of its Corporate Strategy, also due to be refreshed later this year. ■

For further information on the Community Strategy see the Council's website or contact the Council's lead officer Ian Bailey (Assistant Head of Cultural services) on 01233 330689

Government Money Available For the Eco-Friendly

The Department for Trade and Industry's low carbon buildings programme can provide grants for microgeneration technologies for householders, community organisations, schools, the public sector and businesses. Microgeneration is the stand alone generation of low carbon heat and/or electricity which for example, could be through solar panels, wind turbines, small hydro, solar thermal hot water, ground/water/air source heat pumps, bio energy, and renewable combined heat and power.

The UK-wide programme will run over three years and will demonstrate how energy efficiency and microgeneration will work hand in hand to create low carbon buildings. ■

There will be two streams of grants available:

Stream one – for smaller projects for home owners and community groups among others.

Stream two – for larger projects which include larger businesses, community organisations and the public sector.

For information call the helpline on: **0800 915 7722** or visit: **www.est.org.uk** or **www.dti.gov.uk**

news in brief

Voluntary Sector Worth £150m:

A recent report for Ashford's Future on the borough's voluntary sector shows the sector provides more than £150 million worth of services each year; over 12,000 people volunteer at least once a month – that is 1 in 8 of the population; there are more than 800 organisations ranging in turnover from almost nothing to £5 million; the sector employs over 2,000 full and part time workers.

The sector is developing plans and seeking funding to expand the delivery of services in line with the growth of the population and the changing demographic profile. For a copy of the research or an executive summary email:

simon.bannister@ashford.gov.uk

Developer Chosen for Victoria Road

site: National regeneration agency English Partnerships has appointed Bellway Homes as preferred developer to build a mixed-use development for its 1.4ha site on Victoria Road which will contribute to the overall regeneration of Ashford town centre.

The site has been earmarked for the provision of around 260 high-quality homes, with 20% classed as affordable, plus retail and employment outlets.

Arts Website: Find out what's happening in the Arts in Ashford by checking out the Ashford Presents website. With information on the latest festivals and events, arts projects and available venues it's your one stop shop for the arts.

www.ashfordpresents.co.uk

Licences for Multiple Occupancy

Homes: Landlords and agents who let large properties must be licensed by law or face fines of up to £20,000. The mandatory licences relate to properties of three storeys or more containing five or more tenants not living as a family. For more information and to identify whether you have a property that fulfils the criteria, visit www.propertylicence.gov.uk or contact David Herrick, Private Sector Housing Manager at Ashford Borough Council on **01233 330220**.

New Lettings Policy: Ashford Borough Council has a new, revised Housing Lettings Policy which comes into force on August 1. The new policy consolidates all previous policies and incorporates new areas of policy, legislation and government guidance on good practice in operating a Choice Based Lettings system. The new policy will only affect new applicants and current applicants who move or have other changes in circumstances.

To find out more contact Housing services on **01233 330688**.

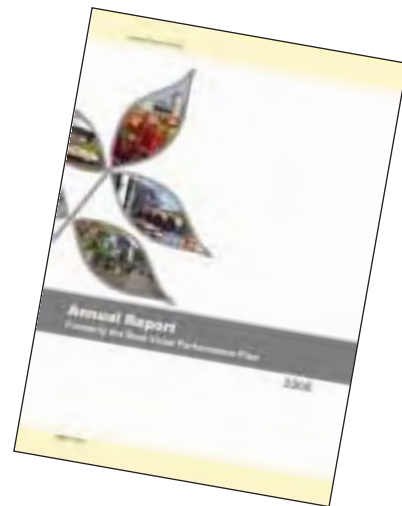
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Effective organisations measure performance to understand when and how they do things well and recognise any problems. Central Government requires all local authorities to measure different indicators to help encourage efficient, effective and economic service. Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPI's) can help the council set standards and ensure that we remain focused on the service we provide to residents.

The annual report summary details the council's performance over the past year and looks at current and future aims and objectives.



Statement from the Leader of the Council

Welcome to Ashford Borough Council's Annual Report which outlines the services we provide, highlights our achievements from April 2005 to March 2006 and sets out our plans for improvement for the coming year.



We have taken some significant steps over the last year to live up to our mission to protect and improve the quality of life of every resident of the Borough, now and in the future. These include:

- Providing quality services while keeping Council Tax rates at one of the lowest in Kent.
- Securing over £20 million from the Department for Communities and Local Government (formerly the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister) to fund a range of development projects.
- Consulting with Ashford residents to gain approval for the Local Development Framework Core Strategy. This sets out our vision for the future of the Borough including the growth of the Ashford urban area.
- Achieving a 5% reduction in crime through the effective crime and disorder partnership (CDRP) with the Police and Fire and Rescue
- Investing over £1.5m to improve the Borough's parks and open spaces.

Some exciting and challenging times lie ahead of us as we seek to meet Government proposals to provide 31,000 new homes and 28,000 jobs by 2031. We will have to manage carefully how we resource the increasing responsibilities being placed upon us and ensure that as the population of Ashford grows, the provision of transport links, health care, education and leisure facilities grow too. Working in partnership with other public, private and voluntary sector organisations and listening to the views of Ashford residents will help us to do this. You can let us know your views through our website at www.ashford.gov.uk or by visiting the public consultation events that will be taking place around the Borough over the coming year.

More information about our services and the latest news can be found at www.ashford.gov.uk and in Ashford Voice, the Council's bi-monthly magazine delivered to all households in Ashford

We remain committed to providing high quality and cost effective services to everyone living in the Borough and I look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Councillor Paul Clokie

Leader of the Council

Comment from the Chief Executive David Hill



2005/6 was another year of significant achievement for the Council. We were recognised as a Beacon Council for our excellent approach to asset management. We also won further awards for our excellence in the use of Information Technology and for the way we support and work with the voluntary sector in the Borough.

As this report shows, there has also been an across-the-board improvement in performance against a whole range of statutory and local performance indicators.

I'm proud that we have secured these achievements whilst also delivering significant efficiency savings, reinforcing our claim to be the best value for money local authority in Kent.

We are poised to deliver further significant community benefits in the next two years, particularly as a number of key projects in Ashford town centre come to fruition. And during 2006 we will be reviewing and updating our corporate objectives and the Borough's Community Strategy to make sure that we are well placed to meet the community's expectations and fulfil our Members' aspirations for the future.

David Hill

Chief Executive

Table of BVPI's

What we have Achieved

- Risk Assessment Programme rolled out throughout the council to improve service resilience
- Creation of Ashford Community Network
- Community Safety Unit continues to help reduce local crime rates



- Tidiness of the Borough review helps to improve and enhance the local environment



- Improvements to the councils payment systems
- Stanhope PFI moves forward with the Chrysalis consortium announced as preferred bidder
- Ashford Gateway continues to expand the services available



- Improving Youth Democracy with a 16+ register to vote campaign
- Consultations have taken place on several major initiatives affecting the town centre

INDICATOR	DESCRIPTION	2005/06 Result	2005/06 Target	2004/05 Result	Target met?	2006/07 Target	2007/08 Target	2008/09 Target
BV 2a	The Level of the Equality Standard ABC achieved for race, gender and disability. (1-5, 5 is best)	1	1	0	YES	2	3	3
BV 2b	Quality of ABC race equality scheme. Checklist system -Number out of 19 shown as a %	26.32%	25.00%	26.00%	YES	74%	74%	74%
BV 174	Number of Racial Incidents (where ABC has some direct involvement) reported to ABC and recorded per 100,000 population	1.85	4	1.85	YES	32	2	2
BV 175	Racial Incidents reported to ABC that are followed up	100%	100%	100%	YES	100%	100%	100%
BV 11a	Percentage of Top paid 5% of ABC staff who are women	30.00%	25.00%	21.50%	YES	40.28%	40.28%	40.28%
BV 11b	Percentage of Top paid 5% of ABC staff from an Ethnic Minority	0%	2.4%	0%	NO	3.39%	3.39%	3.39%
BV 11c	Percentage of Top paid 5% of ABC staff who class themselves as disabled	8.50%	7.60%	NEW	YES	9.00%	10.45%	11.80%
BV 12	Working days lost due to sickness (average days per FTE)	7.47	6.50	8.61	NO	8.44	8.44	8.44
BV 14	Early retirement rate (excl ill health) Calculated annually	0%	0.14%	0.76%	YES	0.19%	0.19%	0.19%
BV 15	Early retirement rate - ill health only Calculated annually	0%	0.30%	0.19%	YES	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%
BV 16a	% Employees declaring Disability	3.74%	6.00%	8.82%	NO	3.74%	3.74%	3.74%
BV 16b	% Economically active population (age 18-64) who have a disability	10.45%	10.45%	NEW	n/a	10.45%	10.45%	10.45%
BV 17a	% Employees from an ethnic minority	2.0%	2.4%	1.9%	NO	4.6%	4.6%	4.6%
BV 17b	% Economically active (age 18-64) ethnic minority people in the borough	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%	n/a	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%
BV 156	% of ABC buildings – open to the public- where all public areas suitable for access by disabled people	66.67%	66.67%	66.67%	YES	75.14%	75.14%	75.14%
BV 170a	Number of visits to galleries and museums per 1,000 population	54	66.67%	26.17	YES	877	877	877
BV 170b	Number of visits to galleries & museums that were in person per 1,000 population.	54	32	26.17	YES	514	514	514
BV 170c	Number of pupils visiting museums and galleries in organised school groups	422	92	New	YES	7031	7031	7031
BV 226a	Total amount spent on advice and guidance services provided by external organisations	£146,248	£120,000	New	YES	£124k	£128k	£130k
BV 226b	% of monies spent on organisations holding the CLS Quality Mark at General Help level & above	76.19%	98.00%	97.70%	NO	98.20%	98.40%	98.60%
BV 226c	Total amount spent on advice & guidance for housing, welfare benefits and consumer matters – direct provision by ABC	Awaiting result		New	n/a	tbc	tbc	tbc
BV 82ai	% of household waste sent for recycling	14.99%	18.00%	13.36%	NO	19.00%	20.00%	21.00%
BV 82aii	Total tonnage of waste sent for recycling	6,086.27	7215.72	new	NO	tbc	tbc	tbc
BV 82bi	% of household waste sent for composting	3.77%	3.00%	0.60%	YES	9.93%	9.93%	9.93%
BV 82bii	Total tonnage of waste sent for composting	1,529.19	1352.95	new	YES	tbc	tbc	tbc
BV 84a	Number of kilograms of waste collected per head	377.0	425	413.9	YES	396.7	396.7	396.7
BV 84b	% change in waste collected per head	-8.92%	0%	new	YES	-1.00%	-1.00%	-1.00%
BV 86	Cost of waste collection per household	£40.75	£39.29	£37.51	NO	£35.31	£35.31	£35.31
BV 91a	% of population with kerbside collection of one recyclable	82.1%	£39.29	82.14%	YES	100%	100%	100%
BV 91b	% of population with kerbside collection of at least two recyclables	82.1%	78.35%	New	YES	82.14%	82.14%	82.14%
BV 126	Domestic burglaries per 1000 households	9.3	10.04	10.57	YES	6.90	6.90	6.90
BV 127a	Violent crimes per 1000 population	16.3	15.6	New	NO	14.9	14.4	14.0
BV 127b	Robberies per 1000 population	0.6	0.4	New	NO	0.4	0.3	0.3
BV 128	Vehicle crimes per 1000 population	8.2	7.60	8.00	NO	7.77	7.77	7.77
BV 166a	Score against checklist for environmental health / trading standards checklist	94.2%	94.2%	84.2%	YES	97.0%	97.0%	97.0%
BV 199a	% land and highways with unacceptable litter	11.5%	24.00%	16.30%	YES	11.00%	11.00%	11.00%

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Looking Forward

- New Web site planned to improve access to information on council services



- Looking to develop further joint working relationship with other Local Authorities
- Plans for the Big Bus project – a hop on/off service to improve access to key facilities for young people and the wider community

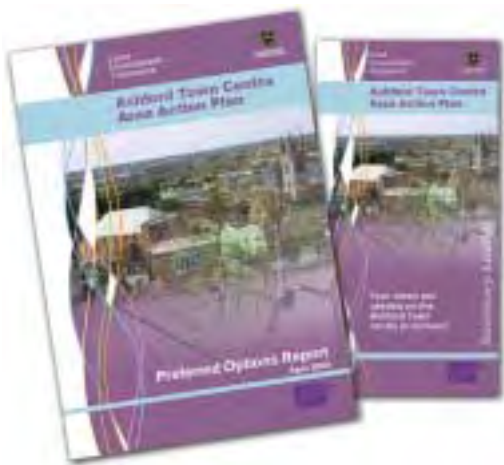


- Plans to improve consultation on the budget process
- Aiming for a reduction in homelessness and temporary housing



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BV 199b	% land and highways with unacceptable graffiti	4%	12.00%	New	YES	8.00%	4.00%	4.00%							
BV 199c	% land and highways with unacceptable fly-posting	0%	3.00%	New	YES	2.00%	1.00%	1.00%							
BV 199d	Reduction of fly-tipping	Not required to be reported for 2005/2006				4.00%	4.00%	4.00%							
BV 216a	Number of sites with land contamination concerns	1073	1073	New	n/a	tbc	tbc	tbc							
BV 216b	Contaminated Land: % of sites that details are known to decide whether to take action	2%	2%	New	YES	tbc	tbc	tbc							
BV 217	% of pollution control improvements to existing installations completed on time	97%	90%	New	YES	90%	90%	90%							
BV 225	Actions against domestic violence	27.3%	27.3%	New	n/a	36.4%	45.5%	45.5%							
BV 8	% of invoices paid within 30 days	94.68%	95.00%	88.95%	NO	95.94%	95.94%	95.94%							
BV 9	% of council tax collected monthly	98.90%	97.80%	97.83%	YES	98.30%	98.30%	98.30%							
BV 10	% of non-domestic rates collected	98.90%	98.90%	99.65%	NO	99.14%	99.14%	99.14%							
BV 76a	Number of housing benefit claimants visited per 1000 caseload	298.16	325.00	311.00	n/a	282.16	282.16	282.16							
BV 76b	Number of fraud investigators employed per 1000 caseload	0.41	0.40	0.40	n/a	0.40	0.40	0.40							
BV 76c	Number of fraud investigations carried out per 1000 caseload	36.30	38.00	37.00	n/a	53.40	53.40	53.40							
BV 76d	Number of benefit prosecutions per 1000 caseload	9.79	4.50	5.40	n/a	5.31	5.31	5.31							
BV 78a	Average processing time for new benefit claims in days	31.1	35.0	42.8	YES	29.4	29.4	29.4							
BV 78b	Average processing time for change in circumstance notifications	10.4	8.0	8.4	NO	7.4	7.4	7.4							
BV 79a	Accuracy of processing benefit claims	94.60%	98.40%	98.40%	NO	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%							
BV 79bi	% of recoverable overpayments recovered	57.68%	60.00%	45.11%	NO	49.93%	49.93%	49.93%							
BV 79bii	% of recoverable overpayments recovered: Outstanding and identified	37.87%	40.00%	New	NO	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%							
BV 79biii	% of recoverable overpayments recovered: Written Off	0.90%	10.00%	New	YES	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%							
BV 63	Energy efficiency of housing stock	67	67	67	YES	68	69	70							
BV 64	Number of unfit private dwellings returned to occupation or demolished as a result of our action	7.00	6.00	3.00	YES	56.25	56.25	56.25							
BV 66a	Proportion of housing rent collected	99.22%	99.00%	99.00%	YES	98.33%	98.33%	98.33%							
BV 66b	% of Council tenants with more than 7 weeks rent arrears	14.77%	15.00%	New	YES	14.50%	13.50%	13.50%							
BV 66c	% of Council tenants in arrears who have had Notices Seeking Possession served	53.17%	53.00%	New	NO	52.00%	52.00%	51.00%							
BV 66d	% of tenants evicted as a result of rent arrears	0%	0%	New	NO	0%	0%	0%							
BV 74a	% of tenants satisfied when surveyed	80.60% (2003/4)	Survey being conducted in 2006/07		n/a	78.00%	n/a	n/a							
BV 74b	% of Ethnic Minority tenants satisfied when surveyed	72.20% (2003/4)	Survey being conducted in 2006/07		n/a	78.00%	n/a	n/a							
BV 74c	% of Non Ethnic minority tenants satisfied when surveyed	80.70% (2003/4)	Survey being conducted in 2006/07		n/a	78.00%	n/a	n/a							
BV 75a	Satisfaction of tenants with participation	60.50% (2003/4)	Survey being conducted in 2006/07		n/a	62.00%	n/a	n/a							
BV 75b	Satisfaction of Ethnic Minority tenants with participation	57.90% (2003/4)	Survey being conducted in 2006/07		n/a	62.00%	n/a	n/a							
BV 75c	Satisfaction with participation non Ethnic Minority	60.80% (2003/4)	Survey being conducted in 2006/07		n/a	62.00%	n/a	n/a							
BV 164	Tackling racial equality in social housing	Yes	Yes	Yes	YES	Yes	Yes	Yes							
BV 183a	Average length of stay in temporary bed and breakfast accommodation for the unintentionally homeless	4.26 weeks	1 week	9 weeks	NO	1 week	1 week	1 week							
BV 183b	Average length of stay in temporary hostel accommodation for the unintentionally homeless	0 weeks	0 weeks	0 weeks	YES	0 weeks	0 weeks	0 weeks							
BV 184a	Proportion of non-decent local authority dwellings	1%	4.41%	2.00%	YES	21.00%	21.00%	21.00%							

- We aim to provide improved services to the public through the expansion of our Customer Relationship Management system
- Gearing up for the May 2007 elections
- Local Development Framework - Core Strategy to be submitted to the government and adoption of the Statement of Community Involvement.



INDICATOR	DESCRIPTION	2005/06 Result	2005/06 Target	2004/05 Result	Target met?	2006/07 Target	2007/08 Target	2008/09 Target
BV 184b	% change in proportion of non-decent dwellings over the financial year	14.5%	25.00%	66.10%	NO	22.60%	22.60%	22.60%
BV 202	Number of people sleeping rough on a single night	2	<5	3	YES	<5	<5	<5
BV 203	% change in the average number of families placed in temporary accommodation	-4.59%	-5.00%	26.37%	NO	-6.94%	-6.94%	-6.94%
BV 212	Average time to re-let Council dwellings	24 days	28 days	New	YES	24	22	21
BV 213	Number of households no longer homeless due to Council action	9	10	New	NO	11	12	13
BV 214	% of homeless households who have been homeless within last two years (repeat homelessness)	7.48	35.00	New	YES	16	14	12
BV 157	% of interactions enabled for electronic delivery	100%	100%	86.19%	YES	Deleted		
BV 106	Number of new homes built on previously developed land	17.35%	7.00%	13.85%		94.00%	94.00%	94.00%
BV 109a	% of major applications determined within 13 weeks	58.14%	55.00%	52.50%	YES	70.00%	70.00%	70.00%
BV 109b	% of minor applications determined within 8 weeks	85.37%	70.00%	71.12%	YES	76.00%	76.00%	76.00%
BV 109c	% of 'other' applications determined within 8 weeks	92.51%	85.00%	84.52%	YES	88.00%	88.00%	88.00%
BV 200a	Local Development Scheme (LDS) produced by March 2005	Yes	Yes	Yes	YES	Yes	Yes	Yes
BV 200b	Milestones set out in LDS met?	Yes	Yes	Yes	YES	Yes	Yes	Yes
BV 200c	Annual monitoring report published by December last year	Yes	Yes	Yes	YES	Yes	Yes	Yes
BV 204	% of appeal decisions allowed against refusal of planning applications	34.5%	40.00%	24.40%	YES	25.00%	25.00%	25.00%
BV 205	Score against 'quality of planning services' checklist	94.4%	95.0%	83.3%	NO	88.9%	88.9%	88.9%
BV 219a	Number of conservation areas	43	43	43	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
BV 219b	% of conservation areas with an up-to-date character appraisal	0%	9.30%	New	NO	30.23%	51.16%	65.11%
BV 219c	% of conservation areas with published management proposals	0%	9.30%	New	NO	30.23%	51.16%	65.11%

You can see the full annual report on the council's website www.ashford.gov.uk
Hard copies will be available at the Civic Centre and local libraries.

Satisfaction Survey

Every three years Ashford Borough Council is required by Central Government to conduct a 'satisfaction survey' and the latest is due to be carried out this year.

The survey is designed to find out the views of people living in the borough with regards to improving the local area and the services which the council provides.

The council will select 3000 addresses at random from a list of 5000 provided by the Government and mail out questionnaires between September and November.

If you are chosen to receive a survey we hope you will take the time to complete and return the questionnaire and help the council improve the services we provide.

If you do receive a copy and have any questions please contact Philip Bond on **01233 330403**. ■

New Corporate Plan

Ashford Borough Council is in the process of renewing its Corporate Plan which sets out the aims and objectives it wishes to achieve.

The current Corporate Plan comes to an end in 2007 and the new plan, which will run from 2007 to 2010, will consist of a number of core themes and the aims designed to achieve each theme.

The core themes are:

- **Good quality services giving best value for money**
- **Local leadership that enables strong partnership working**
- **Customer/Citizen focus**
- **Our environment**
- **Ashford's Future**
- **Housing**

The council would like your views on its proposals. Details can be found by visiting www.ashford.gov.uk. For further information contact Malcolm Johnston, Head of Corporate Policy and Planning: malcolm.johnston@ashford.gov.uk

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what's happening in and around your area

Have you ever wondered what it is that motivates dozens of people from all over the county, to become VOLUNTEERS for the Kent Air Ambulance?

saving time- saving life

Kent Air Ambulance

In this, his second article for ASHFORD VOICE, David Philpott, the CEO of the charity introduces us to one very special Ashford couple.

John and Joy Parnell of Willsborough Lees were travelling back from their son's house near Hawkhurst last June when suddenly John started to get chest pains.

"I stopped at the side of the road for 20 minutes until the pain had eased off. We got home to Ashford 15 minutes later but the pain hadn't gone so my wife called an ambulance" said John a former BBC Employee.

He was taken by ambulance to Ashford's William Harvey Hospital where he was diagnosed with unstable angina. Things deteriorated and he suffered a heart attack after having an angiogram.

Medical staff at the hospital decided that John needed to be moved, and moved very quickly so that he could receive specialist care. The Kent Air Ambulance was called and John was flown to Kings College Hospital in London.

"The one thing I can remember is flying over the McArthurGlen shopping complex" John recalled. *"I hate shopping and thought it was funny I flew over it".*

While he was recovering in hospital Air Ambulance Pilot Richard Cooke came in to visit his patient.

John and Joy who have been married for over 40 years were so grateful for the help they received they became registered Volunteers and started raising money for the charity.

"When it happens to you it makes you stop and think" said John. *"I think it's payback time now and we try to do as much as we can. Whenever the air ambulance flies over our house to the William Harvey Hospital, I feel happy that I'm helping to save someone's life knowing that someone did it before us and helped save my life".* ■



The Kent Air Ambulance is one of 16 independent air ambulance operators and is funded entirely by charitable donations, receiving no Government or National Lottery funding.

If you would like to know about how you can be a volunteer contact Veronica Wiseman at the Kent Air Ambulance

www.kentairambulance.com

Tel: 01622 833833



South East Coast Ambulance Service **NHS** Trust

making the difference *when it matters*

By Alan Hougham,
Paramedic Team Leader – Ashford.

Following the recent merger of Kent, Surrey and Sussex Ambulance Services, the new South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Trust puts patient care at the forefront of its aims and objectives, aiming to have a highly qualified ambulance crew to all life threatening 999 calls within eight minutes. Recent advances in pre-hospital care allow our State Registered Paramedics and Technicians to administer care to the highest standards. These include:

- Providing pre-hospital diagnosis and treatment to heart attack victims with improved cardiac monitoring equipment and the use of clot busting drugs.
- Improved advanced life support (ALS) skills for adult and paediatric patients.
- Improved trauma management at the scene of road traffic crashes and other accidents.
- Alternative care pathways for those patients not requiring admission to hospital.



In Ashford we operate two day and two night crews from our main station on Ellingham Industrial Estate and an outpost at Rowcroft Barracks, ensuring 24 hour emergency cover for the local community.



Cardiac monitor

Crews are supported by the Emergency Communications Centre within Kent's Ambulance Headquarters at Maidstone and the latest hi-tech ambulances. ■



Key points to remember if you call an ambulance:

Just because you have dialled 999 does not mean you will automatically receive an ambulance. Your call will be prioritised and graded by our Medical Priority Despatch System. A Paramedic on our Unscheduled Care Desk may call you back if your condition is suitable for alternative advice and possibly refer you for assistance from other healthcare providers.

There is no such thing as an ambulance driver. When attended to by an ambulance you can be assured that both crew members are qualified medical professionals.

Dialling 999 and being admitted to hospital by ambulance will not get you seen quicker.

Please save the ambulance for the real emergencies. The consequences of an inappropriate 999 call could be detrimental to others.

For more information call:
01622 747010



Useful contact: NHS Direct
www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk or **0845 4647**

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<h2>what's on</h2> <p>in & around the area in August</p>		Tues 1 Jumping Giants. A bug hunt through fields and streams for children aged 5 plus. Meet Aylesford Green, South Willesborough, 2pm. Tel: 01233 813307.	Wed 2 Fun Day - Pond Dipping. Take samples from the pond, draw and identify all the species found. Smallhythe Place, Tenterden, 2pm - 4pm. 01580 762334.	Fri 4 'Wearable Art'. Second annual event of wondrous wearables! West End House Gallery, Smarden, 10am - 6pm, Thurs - Sun and Bank Holiday Mon. Tel: 01233 770261.
Sat 5 Ashford Poets. Starbucks, Ashford. 7pm. 01797 363828. Smarden's Spectacular Elizabethan Charter Fair. Themed fair with sideshows, demonstrations, entertainment & refreshments. Smarden Village Centre, 12 noon - 6 pm plus evening entertainment. Tel: 01233 770451. Smallhythe Place - The Building. Illustrated talk by David Martin describing the structure and early history of the buildings. Smallhythe Place, Tenterden. 2pm - 4pm. 01580 762334. Sat 5 and Sun 6 Paintball Championships. Pure Rush paintball event, Julie Rose Stadium, Ashford, 8am - 7pm. Tel: 01233 613131.	Sun 6 Wings 'n' Things. Three hour flying display, classic vehicles, stalls and family entertainment. Little Engeham Farm, Woodchurch, 10am - 5.30pm. Tel: 01233 860586.		Mon 7 Brilliant Bats. Another chance to discover bats in the Green Corridor. Meet Aylesford Green, South Willesborough, 8.30pm. Tel: 01233 813307. Natural Photos. Come on a photography trail around Victoria Park. Suitable for children aged 5 plus. Meet Victoria Park Fountain, 2pm. Tel: 01233 813307.	
Tues 15 River Creatures. Learn about two rare creatures living in the Great Stour River! For children 5 plus. Meet Singleton Lake Car Park, Ashford, 2pm. Tel: 01233 813307.	Thur 17 The Importance of Being Earnest. Open-air theatre production. Godinton House and Gardens, Ashford. Gardens open 6pm for picnics, performance at 7.30pm. Tel: 01233 632652.		Sat 19 Bilsington Flower Show. Village vegetable and flower show. Bilsington Village Hall, 3pm - 5pm. Tel: 01233 720434. Sat 19 & Sun 20 Art Exhibition. Sale and viewing of the results from Artist's Day held in May. Kent and East Sussex Railway, Tenterden. Tel: 087 060 060 74.	Sun 20 Classic Car Show. Classic cars in and around the beautiful gardens. Beech Court Gardens, Challock, 10am - 5.30pm. Tel: 01233 740735.
	Tue 22 Flying Machines! Discover dragonflies and damselflies and make a giant dragonfly. For children 5 plus. Meet Buxford Meadow, Ashford, 2pm. Tel: 01233 813307.	Wed 23 History of Smallhythe. Take part in an archaeological dig, find out about the objects and learn about boat building at Smallhythe. 2pm - 4pm. 01580 762334.		Sat 26 Chilham Castle. Gardens specially open under the National Garden Scheme, 2pm - 5pm. Tel: 07814 758809. Sat 26 - Mon 28 Flower Festival. With various events incl. evening concert, art show and more. St Mary the Virgin Church, Rolvenden. Tel: 01580 2411529. Flower Festival. Challock Church, 10am - 5pm. Tel: 01233 740735.
Sun 27 Jazz Picnic. Set in the grounds of Chilham Castle. Join the expected large crowd for a fun night from 6pm. Tel: 01277 731905.	Mon 28 Bethersden Garden Fete. Various games, stalls, band and great food. Street Cottage (opposite The George). 11.30am - 4pm. 01233 820728. Mon 28 to Sun 3 September Weald of Kent Art Group Summer Art Exhibition. Tenterden Town Hall. 10am - 6pm, (10am to 4pm Sunday). 01580 291227.	Tue 29 Fun & Games at Buxford Meadow. Treasure hunt, games and bird and bat box making. Children 5 plus. Buxford Meadow, Ashford. 2pm. Tel: 01233 813307.	Wed 30 Fun Day - Treasure Trail. Follow the trail around the garden and claim your reward. Smallhythe Place, Tenterden. 2pm - 4pm. 01580 762334.	

Local Theatre Listings

Sinden Theatre, Tenterden

September 16 The Bootleg Shadows
A unique tribute to the famous group.

September 30 An Evening with Sir Donald - Part 2! The theatre's patron Sir Donald Sinden in a light-hearted look back over a career and life spanning eight decades.

For full listings, times, tickets, prices and booking call **01580 763826** or visit www.sindentheatre.biz

Smallhythe Place, Tenterden

August 5 Yuk it's a Duck
Openwide Theatre Company present the real story of the ugly duckling. Big Beak, flat feet and lots of cheek. A great family show.

August 12 John (Mad Jack) Fuller
The life of the eccentric Georgian squire presented by Geoff Hutchinson in costume and in the first person.

August 13 Truly Yours C.B.
The story of Charlotte Bronte starring Alison Neil. Determined, brilliant and romantic, Charlotte Bronte's story is one of passion and duty.

<h2>what's on</h2> <p>in & around the area in September</p>		<p>Sat 2 Ashford Poets. Starbucks, Ashford. 7pm. 01797 363828.</p>		
		<p>Sat 2 and Sun 3 A Day Out with Thomas. Thomas the Tank Engine and his friends visit Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway, 9am – 6pm. Tel: 01797 362353.</p>		
	<p>Wed 6 Valuation Day with Bonhams. Bring your treasures to be valued by experts. £2 - first item - £1 each after (max 5). Smallhythe Place, Tenterden. 11am-4pm. 01580 762334.</p>		<p>Sun 3 Orchard and Vineyard Day. Autumn displays, garden produce, crafts etc and combine with Chapel Down Vineyard. Smallhythe Place, Tenterden. 11am – 4pm. 01580 762334.</p>	
	<p>Sat 2 – Sun 1 Oct 'Landscapes'. Local views, exotic panorama, abstract, prints and paintings. West End House Gallery, Smarden. 10am – 6pm, Thurs – Sun. Tel: 01233 770261.</p>		<p>Sat 9 Heritage Open Day. Visit some of Ashford's historical landmarks with a local historian. Ashford town centre. 01233 664410.</p> <p>Tenterden & District Horticultural Society Autumn Show. Junior School, Tenterden. Public viewing 2pm – 3.30pm.</p> <p>Sat 9 and Sun 10 Hoppers' Weekend. Re-living bygone days. Kent and East Sussex Railway, Tenterden. Tel: 087 060 060 74.</p>	
<p>Tue 19 - 21 Pensioner's Treat - £7.50 a seat! For the 'young at heart'. Kent and East Sussex Railway, Tenterden. Tel: 087 060 060 74.</p>			<p>Sun 10 Challock Goose Fair. Rides, stalls and displays, Challock Lees, 10.30am. Tel: 01233 740310.</p>	
<p>Sat 16 Music & Motor Show. See what's on offer in the Ashford Motor trade. A family day out with entertainment for all ages. Town Centre, Ashford. Tel: 01233 664410.</p> <p>Art Sale Sale of work from artists around Kent. Ashford School of Art and Design, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford. 12pm-4pm Tel: 01233 330352 For artist pitches and information.</p>				
<p>Sat 23 East Stour Watermills Bike Ride. 26 mile ride to discover the cycle network. Meet at the Domestic Railway Station, Ashford, 10am. Tel: 01233 813307.</p> <p>Autumn is here! Enjoy the autumn colours and make a Green Man. For children 5+. Meet Victoria Park fountain. Tel: 01233 813307.</p>		<p>Sat 23 and Sun 24 A Day Out with Thomas. Special service. Kent and East Sussex Railway, Tenterden. Tel: 087 060 060 74.</p>		
<p>Sun 24 Toy & Train Fair. Stour Centre, Ashford, 10.30am – 3pm. Tel: 07803 229235.</p> <p>Norman Cycles Club Day. Willesborough Windmill, 2pm – 5pm. Tel: 01233 733416.</p>		<p>Sat 30 - Sun 1 Oct A Day Out with Thomas. Special service. Kent & East Sussex Railway, Tenterden. Tel: 087 060 060 74.</p>		

August 20 A Midsummer Night's Dream
The ultimate in traditional Shakespeare presented by the Lord Chamberlain's Men. This group recreates the company that Shakespeare performed in, with an all male cast and a set based on the precursor to The Globe.

August 22 George and the Dragon
The famous story is brought to life by the Garlic Theatre Company using rod and glove puppetry, masks and live music.

September 2 The Mill on the Floss
Margaret Wolfitt performs this adaptation of George Eliot's novel. A charmingly Victorian evening, performed in costume, in which the richly woven romantic story comes to life with a series of beguiling characterisations.

For full listings, times, tickets, prices and booking call **01580 762334** or visit **www.nationaltrust.org.uk**

The Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury

For what's on at the Marlowe Theatre call **01227 787787** or visit **www.marlowetheatre.com**

The Leas Cliffe Hall, Folkestone

For what's on at the Leas Cliff Hall call **01303 228600** or visit **www.leascliffhall.co.uk**

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A host of ideas for summer fun from your Tourist Information Centres

As summer turns to early autumn there's still plenty to see and do in the borough.



Why not pop into the Tourist Information Centres in Ashford and Tenterden where you can find dozens of ideas for things to do and places to visit and all on your doorstep too!

They have leaflets and information on hand on local tourist attractions, museums and historic buildings, gardens, vineyards, walks and cycles rides, places to go, places to eat, upcoming events and lots more besides.

So go on, find out what's on your doorstep – you'll be surprised. ■

Tourist Information Centres:

18 The Churchyard, Ashford
01233 629165

Tenterden Town Hall, High Street,
Tenterden **01580 763572**

Experience a real Garden Fete this Bank Holiday Monday

Set in the beautiful gardens of Street Cottage Bethersden, the St Margaret's Fete is one of the last true garden fetes in Kent with stalls, produce, games and attractions around every corner. Not only is it a great local event - it also attracts people from far and wide and last year raised a record breaking £3600 for church funds. So why not treat yourself to a piece of quintessential Englishness. ■

August 28th from 11.30am to 4pm.
For more information contact Alan Pattenden on **01233 820728**

Fancy taking the kids to London's West End this summer?

Kids Week 2006 makes the West End more accessible and affordable with complimentary tickets, exclusive activities, events and workshops and much more!

From 18 August until 1 September 2006 one child between age 5-16 can go free to any participating show when accompanied by a full paying adult, and another two children can go for half price.

Kids can not only learn and perform famous show-stopping numbers but also get involved in set-designing, script writing, costume workshops and find out about what it takes to put on a West End show. ■

For more information visit www.kidsweek.co.uk and subscribe to the free fortnightly Family Bulletin or call the Kids Week hotline on **0870 400 0800**

Summer Fun For Kids

Keep the kids active and happy at the Summer Fun Camps at the Stour Centre and Julie Rose Stadium which run until September 1.

Mini Ashes ensure any budding Andrew Flintoffs can try and perfect their skills. Or if your child prefers to be the next Maria Sharapova then Mini Wimbledon might be up their street and for those still suffering from World Cup fever there is always football.

Other activities include Bowling, Track Attack, Worldwide Sports, Trampolining, Bouncy Castles, Crafty Capers, Crazy Cooking and loads more.

Fun camps are registered with Ofsted so you can leave your child in the care of fully trained staff while you go off to work, shop or have a go at one of the many activities available at the Stour Centre or Julie Rose Stadium for yourself. ■

For more information, prices and to book a place call **01233 639933**.

This summer why not take a walk on the wild side and explore some of Ashford's glorious countryside.

There are countless great places to walk in the borough including our very own Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Enjoy the extensive views from the Wye Downs and Devils Kneading Trough, or go further and discover hidden dry valleys, open plateaux, broad river valleys, ancient woodlands, pasture and orchards. ■

For more information on the Kent Downs, what to see and do, visit www.kentdowns.org.uk or call **01303 815170** for a copy of the free newspaper, The Orchid.



this summer



Tenterden Folk Festival

Next month sees the return of this popular annual folk spectacular now regarded as one of the best in the UK.

Starting on Friday 6 October and dominating the town for the weekend there's a plethora of traditional and contemporary folk music, dance, arts and crafts and more – it's a definite must-see event for the whole family.

With more venues than ever the organisers have been able to book even more guests and include more events. This year looks set to be a bumper event.

The festival kicks off on Friday with a concert, sing-a-rounds and music in many local pubs. Saturday boasts around 30 events including English barn dance, children's events, street theatre, Appalachian dancers, exhibitions to name just some of what's on offer. Sunday's climax features a folk club, Morris Dancers and numerous workshops. Many of the events are held in the High Street and others are held in Church halls, function rooms or public bars. Admission is free or by way of donation.

Festival tickets are available from Tenterden Folk Festival or from the Tourist Information Centres in Tenterden and Ashford.

You can find out more by visiting
www.tenterdenfolkfestival.org.uk ■

ASHFORD MUSIC SOCIETY

The Ashford Music Society opens its 64th Season on Monday 2 October with a concert by the Primavera Chamber Ensemble playing Mozart's Piano Quartet in E flat, K493, Shostakovich's Piano Quintet in G minor, Op.57 and the Piano Quintet Op.84 by Elgar. Formed in 1986 by its Director Paul Manley, Primavera has created an enviable reputation as one of Britain's finest ensembles. The concert will be held at the Norton Knatchbull School, Ashford 7.30 p.m. Tickets £9 (Adults) and £3 (Students) and can be obtained on the evening at the door. **Tel 01233 622971.** ■

Farmers' Markets

Egerton	Fri, 2pm - 4.30pm, Egerton Millennium Village Hall.	01233 756286
Rolvenden	Thurs, 10am - 12 noon, St Mary's Church & Village Hall.	01797 252248
Tenterden	2nd Sat of every month, 9.30am - 1pm Recreation Ground Rd.	01580 765111
Wye	1st & 3rd Sat of every month, 9am - noon, Village Green.	01233 813303

Queen Elizabeth (The First) To Open Village Fair!

Travel back in time at Smarden's Elizabethan Fair and Pageant on 5 August.

Smarden became a market town in 1332 when Edward III granted a Royal Charter which was later confirmed in 1573 by Elizabeth I which granted the right to an annual fair. The custom was revived in 1964 and twice in the 1970's as fund raising events for the village.

The fair has been revived once again as the high spot in the villagers' efforts to raise over £600,000 for the new village hall and more than 200 villagers have been working for over a year to ensure the event is a success.

Activities will take place throughout the village with a strong focus on its Tudor heritage.

Starting at 11am with a pageant led by 'Good Queen Bess' herself the day will include Tudor re-enactments, swordfighting, archery, stalls and sideshows, strolling players, jugglers, traditional games, Morris and Country dancing, the stocks and pillory, a ducking stool, crafts, a fun dog show and performances by The Smarden Players of the BBC's famous Blackadder to be held in the grounds of Dragon House.

Add to this a heritage trail for visitors to admire the beautiful buildings, and a hog roast and the lighting of the millennium beacon in the evening and you will have a day to remember. ■

ASHFORD ROCKS GIG GUIDE

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Friday 1 September

Zero Space, My Life in the Making, Shadow Aspect.

Saturday 9 September

The Leigh Highwood Band

Friday 15 September

Love that Kills, Go for Broke, My Lucky Night, Rise with the Fallen.

Time: 7:30pm. **Price:** £5.

Venue: Homelands.

Details: www.ashfordrocks.com

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Business Advice for The Arts

Ever thought of turning your creative endeavours into a business but don't know how to start? Do you run an established art business but need help to make it grow? If the answer is yes then the Creative Business Advisory Service (CIBAS) could be just what you are looking for.

CIBAS advisor Lorna Dallas-Conte has been working closely with Ashford Visual Arts and the Ashford School of Art and Design and other groups and individuals and can offer guidance and help people create business plans and with funding applications.

You can find out more at a networking event for creative people on Monday 18 September 2006. ■

For more information contact Lorna Dallas-Conte at lorna@CIBAS.org.uk or on **07710 449972**. CIBAS is sponsored by Arts Council of England, South East and Ashford Borough Council.

Ashford Visual Arts and Architecture Festival

This September sees a new annual festival celebrating the visual arts and architecture, showcasing high quality, diverse work of international, national and local artists.

Running from September 14 to 18 Ashford Borough Council Arts Project Officer Chris Dixon hopes the series of events, exhibitions, workshops and talks, the festival will provide a perfect platform for raising the profile of Ashford, inspire the local community and generate debate about how and what artists, architects and designers are visualising to help shape growth projects. ■

Check the local press and the council's website for event information or contact Chris Dixon on **01233 330352** chris.dixon@ashford.gov.uk.



The Changing Face of St Marys

The Rev Colin Preece talks about plans to make this much loved place of worship open to a wider audience.



"A church has stood on the present site for more than 1000 years and every generation has rebuilt, re-ordered, and re-fashioned this house of God to meet the needs of its own time. St. Mary's is undoubtedly an iconic building, but it is a much underused resource for the town which is why we have embarked on a project which has the potential for setting this right.

Over the past ten years there has been an Arts Festival and a number of other concerts, recitals and exhibitions held in the church for the people of Ashford to enjoy and a partnership between Ashford Borough Council and the Parish Church hopes to develop its use as an arts venue much further.

However there are problems to be overcome. This is a listed building, but more importantly, it is a place of worship for many of the town's people and it is a much loved building. Any work that is to be carried out must be done sensitively and at every stage various conservation bodies such as English Heritage and the Victorian Society will be consulted.

The process will be long, but well worth it. RRA Architects are at present working on a feasibility study which should be ready by early autumn this year. Part of this work will be to consult widely in the local community.

This is a really exciting project and will provide the town with a wonderful venue for touring artists and companies as well as for the local groups. It is something for the whole town to support and I believe the development of St. Mary's fits well into the ambitions for the future of Ashford and the Borough as a whole.

Some of the potential users are already keen to start. Shivanova, a British-based performing and recording world music company, are planning a series of concerts later this year by exponents of music from all over the world. " ■

Ashford's Youth – Your Chance to help Shape the Future

At a recent conference called by Kent County Council and Ashford Community Network they discussed what sort of youth provision was required as Ashford grows. What sort of buildings do you need? Where should they be placed – town centre or the surrounding areas? What activities and projects would be of interest? What should be done to improve the transport system – more buses, better cycle tracks etc? How can they best involve young people in shaping provision?

They would like to hear the views of local youngsters.

If you are interested in being involved in the process please complete and return this form.

Name

Address

Tel No.

Email

What is your preferred method of contact?

Email Phone Letter

What is your preferred method of being included in the process?

Meeting Carnival style event
 Small group meeting other

Completed forms should be returned to: **Simon Bannister, Ashford Community Network, 7th Floor, Charter House, Park Street, Ashford, TN24 8EQ OR email simon.bannister@ashford.gov.uk**



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Bowls Centre Goes From Strength to Strength

Keep Active At Any Age

Meet new people and have fun while improving your health and fitness with the Stour Centre's Active For Life classes.

Run twice weekly, the circuit-based exercise sessions are designed to help people aged 50+ set and achieve physical activity goals and improve their overall quality of life.

Taking part in regular physical activity has been proven to:

- lower the risk of developing obesity, heart disease, high blood pressure, osteoporosis and depression.
- Improve flexibility, strength, bone strength, stamina, digestion, quality and quantity of sleep.

People already diagnosed with heart disease have been shown to reduce their risk of fatal complications by up to 25% through exercise.

It's never too late to start. Even people in their 80s and 90s have been shown to regain muscle strength and mobility by regular, gentle exercise.

Active for Life classes

(Wednesday 10.30am and Friday 10.00am) allow you to exercise at a moderate intensity in a safe and friendly environment. The classes regularly receive referrals from the cardiac rehabilitation service and the GP referral scheme, allowing individuals with already diagnosed conditions to exercise at their own level. ■

For more information on Active for Life classes contact **Gail Sheppard on 01233 330283**

Barry Cook from Ashford Indoor Bowls Centre in Victoria Park talks about the club two years on from its opening

"The £1.2m centre, which replaced the old facilities in the Stour Centre can now boast 480 members.

In the early planning stages there were some objections to the scheme, but I am sure the local community is now happy with what has been provided. It certainly looks a lot better than what was there before and shows that the council is committed to providing us with some of the best sporting facilities in Kent. There are not many local authorities who would provide such a modern and impressive facility and the local bowlers are deeply indebted to them.

Although the centre is run as a private members club in principle, its facilities are available to local groups, especially schools, youth and disabled groups.

The centre has an excellent bar and restaurant and provides a kiosk service to the public visiting Victoria Park. The kiosk is normally open between 9.30am and 5.00 pm from 1 April through to the 30 September. This combined with the exciting new children's play area adjacent to the Centre, makes it an ideal meeting place for parents with children as well as the wider community.

Because of these excellent facilities, last year we hosted Inter-County matches, the English Women's Indoor Bowling Association Area National Finals which will be returning this year and more besides.

We welcome more members especially young people who are increasingly attracted to the sport, dispelling the myth that bowls is an older person's activity". ■

Whether you are young or old if you would like to come along and give it a try then please contact Barry on: **01233 631599 or www.ashford-lbc.co.uk**



Stour Centre Prize Draw Survey

Stour Centre staff are keen to encourage more young people to take part in physical activities and want to ensure they are providing what people want.

You can help by completing and returning this quick survey. Your reply will be placed in a prize draw for the chance to win a children's activity course.

How many children do you have under the age of 16?
 1 2 3 4+

What age and sex are your children?

What activities do your children participate in?

Where do your children participate in these activities?

Have you ever considered enrolling your children onto a sports activity at the Stour Centre?
 Yes No

If so, what activity?

If not, why?

What activities would you like to see taking place at the Stour Centre for your children?

What day and time is most suitable for your children to attend?

Would you prefer "pay as you go" sessions or an enrolled course?
 Pay as you go Enrolled course

Do you find transport an issue when visiting the Stour Centre?
 Yes No

If so, what issues do you have?
 Would you prefer your children to attend a coached activity or fun session?
 Coached activity Fun Session

Name:

Address:

Telephone number:

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what's happening in and around your area

Changes on the Way for Refuse Collection

Major changes to the way the borough's household waste is disposed of have taken place which means household waste collected in the borough will be diverted away from landfill sites to a new £150m private sector waste to energy power station in Allington, Kent.

Stringent European Union and Central Government regulations and targets to reduce the amount of waste being sent to landfill have prompted Kent County Council to switch the ultimate destination of the borough's rubbish.

Around 40,000 tonnes of waste is collected in Ashford each year. It costs Ashford Borough Council around £1.5m a year to collect the borough's rubbish and costs the County Council a further £1.75m to dispose of it. A large portion of both the borough and county's council tax is for rubbish collection and disposal. But the costs can be reduced if everyone plays their part.

The household waste collection services provided by the council are primarily for the rubbish generated by normal day to day life. This includes kitchen food waste, plastics and food wrappings and, if a separate service is not provided, garden waste.

For large items such as carpets and furniture householders can make special arrangements for collection through the council's bulk refuse system.

It is more important than ever that householders dispose of their waste in the correct place and recycle as much as possible. Many homes can use the council's blue box recycling scheme and there are local recycling centres across the borough at most shopping centres and in most villages with 'bottle banks', containers for cardboard and much more.

The borough's main recycling centre is Kent County Council's Household Waste Recycling Centre in Brunswick Road, Ashford, still affectionately know by most people as 'The Dump' or 'The Tip'.

Paul Jackson, Head of Environmental Services for Ashford Borough Council said. *"By working together to recycle as much as possible we can all make a difference not only to the cost of disposing of our rubbish but also to our environment"*

Refuse Sack	Blue Box (where applicable)	Local Recycling Centres	KCC Household Recycling Centre	Green Waste Scheme (where applicable)
Kitchen food waste Food wrappings Plastics Garden waste (if no green waste scheme)	Glass Cans Newspapers	Glass Cans Newspapers Cardboard	Glass Cans Newspapers Cardboard Liquids Gas containers Carpets Rubble Building Materials Non organic garden waste Electrical equipment	Organic garden waste



Have you registered your Intruder Alarm?

Did you know intruder alarms should be registered with the council's Environmental Services department and the local police notifying them of two keyholders who can silence your alarm in your absence.

Registration is free, forms are available by calling **01233 330571 or 330645** or pick one up from the Civic Centre.



Kent needs your views!

Growing at a rate of over 2% a year and costing tens of millions of pounds to collect and dispose of, household waste is a key issue for Kent. Every year Kent's waste would fill enough refuse trucks to go right round the M25 and still have some spare.

The Kent Waste Forum is now developing a Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Kent's domestic Waste for the next 20 years and beyond. The Headline Strategy will be out for consultation this summer.

If you would like to find out more and say what you think please visit the Kent Waste Forum Website at www.kent.gov.uk/kwf, email kentwasteforum@kent.gov.uk or telephone **01622 221859**.

Noise – Help your neighbours keep their cool this summer

Trying to sleep with windows open on a hot summer night and a party in full swing next door, nextdoor's television blaring into the small hours or the dog down the street constantly barking are just some of the things guaranteed to spark a complaint which Ashford Borough Council can investigate.

The council has more powers than ever to deal with noise nuisance including confiscation of televisions, stereos, videos, video recorders, DVDs, CDs and radios.

Everyone has a right to relax in their own home without unnecessary disturbance and a little bit of consideration can save disputes with neighbours and the risk of confiscation or prosecution.

This summer why not try...

- Telling neighbours if you are planning a party –being warned can make noise more acceptable – better still invite them along!
- Keeping music and televisions down to a reasonable level - ensure music is turned down by 11pm
- Training classes if you have a noisy dog
- Undertaking noisy DIY tasks at reasonable hours.

There are lots of other ways to ensure you don't disturb your neighbours for further information call Environmental Services on **01233 330571 or 330645**

Living life to the full

It's now even easier for people with a learning disability living in the Ashford area to access a wide range of services. Staff from KCC's Adult Services and the NHS have joined together to form the Ashford Community Learning Disability Team. Based at the Civic Centre in Tannery Lane it forms one point of contact for people with a learning disability, their families and carers to access specialist services such as occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, community nursing, clinical psychology and care management.



Kevin Lynes, KCC Cabinet Member for Adult Services, said: "It's really important we support people with a learning disability to be as independent as possible and to enjoy a full and active life.

"The multi-disciplinary team provide individual and group support on a range of topics such as healthy eating, anger management and guidance for people with a learning disability on how to interact with others and express themselves. For families and carers, help is also at hand for things like epilepsy awareness."

Adults and young people with a learning disability and their families can find out about Person Centred Planning while having fun with art, music and lots more at a Fun Day at the Rare Breeds Centre, Woodchurch on 9 September. ■

If you want to know more about the work of the Ashford Community Learning Disability Team or the Fun Day call **01233 205747**

Learning Campus Plans Move Ahead

The first consultation meeting for the new £46 million Ashford Learning Campus has taken place on the proposed site of the building in Victoria Road.

The event hosted by South Kent College included representatives from the College's key partners, the Learning and Skills Council, SEEDA, and the Department for Communities and Local Government who are part-funding the development along with the College and other stakeholders including English Partnerships, the Chamber of Commerce, Ashford's Future and Ashford Borough Council. Local residents were also briefed on the project.

College Principal, Dr Tom Johnson, promises a landmark building that would meet the skills needs of the growing

town of Ashford. He said; 'We now have the opportunity to create an exciting new centre for learning, and an iconic building which together can symbolise our high ambitions for the future.'

Learning Campus Project Director, Gary Gordon, said design proposals would be drawn up for a Campus that will be open and outward-looking with many community activities held there.

The Campus, which aims to open in 2009, will provide facilities for up to 14,000 full and part time students. ■



Urban Forums

The Independent Voice of the People

Most districts and villages in Ashford have a parish council where local people can get directly involved in a range of local issues. But historically in some of the town's urban areas there was no structure in place to provide a cohesive voice for people living in these areas.

Ashford Borough Council has enabled the formation of four urban forums in Willesborough, South Ashford, Kennington and Central Ashford which bring together local people wishing to get involved in the life of their community and local projects.

Urban Forums are independent of the council and operate much in the same way as a parish council and it is hoped they will eventually develop into parish councils.

Some of the things they have been involved with include:

- Willesborough – taking forward the plan for a new local community centre
- Kennington – refurbishing land to create a community garden
- Central Ashford – being heavily involved in the town centre planning proposals
- South Ashford – working to bring the many local community groups together to form a strong cohesive collective voice for the area.

Kim Harlow, Voluntary Sector Manager for Ashford Borough Council explained: "It's about bringing local decision making to the grass roots level. I would encourage people to find out more and get involved."

To find out more about what these groups can do for you and how you can get involved contact **Kim Harlow on 01233 330413** who can put you in touch. ■

16+ and Ready to Vote

Posters and leaflets aimed at 16 to 17 year olds, parents and carers are hitting the streets aimed at encouraging young people to register to vote.

Ashford Borough Council recently secured government funding for the campaign which will ensure young people don't miss out on the right to vote. As well as missing out on this fundamental right, not being on the electoral register can prevent you from getting a credit card, mobile phone and many other financial and retail services.

The council recently presented the campaign to the Local Government Authority (LGA) where it was well received. So much so that some material was used at the LGA's annual national conference.

Visit: www.goashford.com/youth

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Community safety unit



safe in their hands

“Perception vs. Reality”

I hope that many of you may have seen my article in the last edition of Ashford Voice magazine where I explained that Ashford was the best performing area for reducing crime. Despite that fact I am concerned that local people are worried that they may become a victim of crime but the truth is that this is often a case of a perception not matching the reality.

I rarely talk about reported crime rates because some people are sceptical about whether they represent a true picture. I accept that in some cases certain types of criminal behaviour do not get reported. But one crime that is well reported is burglary which we see as a serious crime which can have a devastating effect on the victim.

Thankfully the likelihood of somebody in Ashford being subject to a burglary is now very low with 409 reported last year. This works out to be 1.1 per day across the borough and, although every burglary is one too many, with more houses being built every day this is a low figure compared to similar areas elsewhere.

This is just one of the indicators that shows the reality that Ashford remains a safe borough to live in and that people should feel safe.

My aim is to create a safe environment for everyone, where people feel protected by a very visible and accessible local police service and only when I regularly hear people talking of feeling safe from all of our diverse communities in Ashford will I know that that aim has been achieved.

Rest assured that your local police will not be complacent in tackling this and indeed any crime and bringing the perpetrators to justice. The Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership and the Ashford Community Safety Unit will continue to take whatever steps are considered necessary to catch offenders and keep you safe in your homes.

If you would like details of your local officer who will be able to deal with any issues that may concern you please contact our Community Safety Unit on **01233 660747**. ■

Stuart Kehily

District Commander



Remove it or Lose It!

Satellite navigation systems are fast becoming this year's 'must have' item – for thieves. They are usually highly visible and an easy target and thefts from vehicles in the borough have rocketed over recent months.

If you don't want to become the next victim make sure you remove all traces of equipment when you leave your car unattended.

With hot summer days ahead remember to always close windows and your sunroof and make sure you lock your vehicle before you walk away. Never leave valuables on display, and never leave the keys in the ignition even if you are just getting petrol. ■

By following this simple advice you can look forward to a car crime free summer.

Wardens Work

Hard to Improve Local Life

Kent County Council's Community Wardens are dedicated people working with their local community to stamp out crime and nuisance behaviour.

Covering their 'patch' on foot they provide a uniformed presence assisting with problems such as anti-social behaviour, fly tipping and low level crime by offering both a proactive and reactive response. Their local knowledge enables them to give effective advice to members of the public and form good links with key local people and organisations.

Wardens have been working in Ashford since May 2002 and form part of the Kent Community Safety Partnership. The initial three-year pilot scheme was so successful it was expanded in 2005.

Wardens can be contacted directly by members of their community by mobile phone. Many also hold regular surgeries where people can have an informal chat about any issues that affect them.

To contact your local warden try the mobile number listed below or contact the Area Office. ■

Area Office	01797 321735
Aldington, Brabourne, Smeeth, Mersham & Sevington	07813 712805
Appledore	07813 694391
Bethersden	07813 711940
Charing & Hothfield	07811 271306
Godmersham, Chillham & Challock	07813 695817
Kingsnorth	07773 396646
Stanhope	07813 694389
Tenterden	07980 770578
Woodchurch & Hamstreet	07917 283809
Wye	07969 583920



It's Good To Talk

Everyone knows it's better to talk a problem over rather than bottle it up until you reach breaking point and when it comes to problems with neighbours this is too often the case and can lead to long term problems, sometimes with devastating results.

You can get help to resolve things thanks to the Ashford Mediation Service, a registered charity, providing free mediation for neighbour disputes for anyone who lives in the borough. The service exists to help neighbours resolve disputes and problems such as excessive

noise, boundary disputes, dogs and late night parties and more.

Ashford Mediation Service has recently increased its capacity to take on more cases following a successful 10 week training course for new volunteers taking their numbers up to 26.

Ashford Mediation Service co-ordinator, Kay Devereaux, said *"Thanks to part funding from the Community Chest, via the Community Safety Unit, we were able to undertake an accredited Mediation Training course for 14 volunteers. The course has come at a fabulous time as historically the summer is a busy period for us."* ■



If you think that mediation may be able to help you, or if you would like any further information regarding mediation, please contact Ashford Mediation Service on **01233 663488**.

Making the county a safer place to live and do business

Kent Trading Standards supports the county's 54,000 businesses to trade in a fair, safe and lawful manner and to protect the interests of consumers with officers involved in a range of advice and enforcement activities, including:

- Targeting rogue traders and disrupting their activities
- Reducing the supply of age-restricted goods
- Helping to prevent the easy disposal of stolen goods into the second hand trade
- Conducting focused campaigns
- Carrying out visits to traders and supporting local businesses to ensure that they comply with UK and European trading laws and businesses with complicated, technical or in depth enquiries and problems
- Helping vulnerable consumers
- Sending alert messages to warn consumers and partner organisations including Citizens Advice Bureau and Neighbourhood Watch especially about rogue traders who are in their areas
- Warning consumers about losing money to junk mail scams
- Encouraging young people to become 'confident consumers' through the Citizenship curriculum, and through school competitions

Rogue Traders on the Increase

Trading Standards are receiving more reports than ever about cold callers offering block paving, tarmacking, roofing, fascia and gutter repairs, tree cutting, switching energy suppliers and offering to purchase antiques. Trading Standards officers work closely with police, community wardens, banks and voluntary organisations to disrupt the activities of rogues and cowboys who feel no shame in taking thousands of pounds from susceptible consumers. All information received by officers helps to identify the traders and the areas currently being targeted.

Consumer Direct South East

Consumer Direct, the national consumer help line with a regional base in KCC's Invicta House, is delivered on behalf of local authority trading standards services. Since June 2005, Consumer Direct South East has taken over 160,000 calls. You can get straightforward and impartial advice on consumer issues ranging from rights, reporting scams, faulty or unsafe goods and dishonest traders.

Trading Standards is keen to hear from any organisation that would like to receive emailed 'alerts' for their localities you can email tsadvice@kent.gov.uk or contact Marion Ward or Mary Millgate on **01233 652385**.

If consumers are concerned about the activities of traders in their area, or would like more information, please contact **Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06** or visit www.consumerdirect.gov.uk ■

Community Liaison Officers

Kent Police have specially trained Community Liaison Officers (CLO's) who work closely with the local community, monitor hate crime and review underlying trends. They have regular contact with their local community as well as partner organisations including voluntary sector bodies. The ultimate aim is to eradicate all forms of prejudice and discrimination by building trust and confidence to encourage incidents to be reported enabling police and partners to deal effectively with offenders.

CLO's establish liaison groups which feedback and advise Kent Police on the effectiveness of the service they deliver within the community as well as challenge them on all aspects of local policing.

Your local liaison group in Ashford in the Hate Crime Forum, for further information contact PC Maria Hales on **01233 896345** or email maria.hales@kent.pnn.police.uk



ashford**business**

advice and opportunities in your area

Romney Enterprise Gateway- one year old and going strong

Gateway Director Jason Martin reflects on a successful start and looks forward to an even more successful future.

"The first year of the Romney Enterprise Gateway has been a resounding success with the number of individuals and businesses receiving help well ahead of the our estimated figures.

The first year's results represent an excellent return on the funding put into the Romney Enterprise Gateway by SEEDA and the other funding partners.

In its first year the Romney Enterprise Gateway has worked with over 100 individuals, companies and organisations to create a network of services and support for new and emerging businesses in the area.

By offering friendly, tailored and accessible support the Romney Enterprise Gateway has attracted 68 Enterprise members. There are 39 local people planning their business with the Gateway's help and aiming to start trading in 2006; 29 new local businesses are also receiving support, including 17 that started up with the Gateway's assistance.

In addition, a growing number of more established local businesses are seeking support from the Gateway and it's anticipated that demand for support from established local businesses will continue to grow in the coming year.

The Gateway has raised its profile in the area through continuing local networking, sponsorship arrangements, regular public relations activities and through its referral network. This would not have been achieved without the help and enthusiastic support of the Romney Resource Centre, local media interest, Ashford Voice magazine and the Gateway members themselves.

In the coming year the Gateway will engage with more local businesses, develop more ways of helping the South East Kent business community and will encourage more local people to think about working for themselves.

So what is the secret of Gateway's success? It's simple, we listen to our members, treat them as individuals, give them really useful help and speak to them in a language they understand." ■



To find out more about the Romney Enterprise Gateway call **01797 369336**, email **info@romneyenterprisegateway.net** or check out their newly-launched website **www.romneyenterprisegateway.net** where you can view their annual report.



news in brief

Twinning – A Host of Fun

Are the words Bad Munstereifel and Fougères simply names on the road signs at the entrances to Ashford to you? If so, would you like to find out more about the two European towns that have collectively been twinned with Ashford for more than 60 years?

This September Ashford will be hosting a civic visit from Bad Munstereifel, situated close to the triangle formed by Cologne, Bonn and Aachen, and from Fougères, located near to Rennes in Brittany. The visit has been timed to co-incide with the first-ever Ashford Visual Arts and Architecture Festival.

The visit takes place from the 14 – 18 September and a busy and exciting programme of activities awaits the guests from the twin towns. Return visits are planned to Bad Munstereifel in 2007 and to Fougères in 2008.

If you are interested in getting involved in the visit and perhaps even hosting a guest or guests from Bad Munstereifel or Fougères contact Sarah Barber at the Civic Centre on **01233 330345** or email **sarah.barber@ashford.gov.uk**

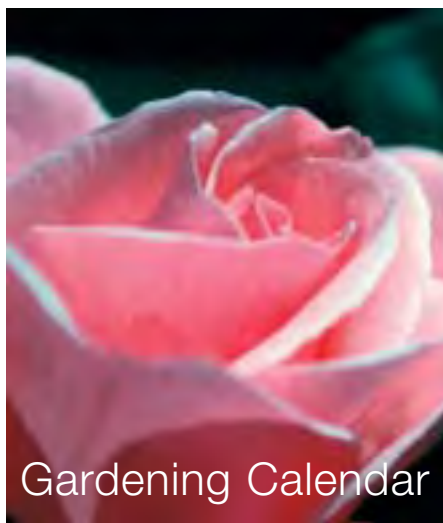
Young people have more say in their community

Ashford's youth now have a better chance than ever to influence what happens in their community thanks to new Neighbourhood Youth Forums.

Thanks to funding from the Department for Constitutional Affairs Ashford Borough Council has been able to establish forums in High Halden, Smeeth, Brabourne and Little Burton Farm and there are plans roll out the project to other areas of the borough.

Drawing representatives from a range of local youth groups, parish councils, the voluntary and statutory sectors the forums give young people the opportunity to raise their needs and concerns about their immediate neighbourhood.

If you are interested in Neighbourhood Youth Forums please contact Carol Morton on **01233 330290**.



Gardening Calendar

Things are hotting up in the garden!

As things hot up this summer bulk up your borders with late starters that can stand the heat. With milder autumns September is no longer the end of the season so you can risk growing plants that peak late. Keep up the watering (no hosepipes!) and dead heading but with little need for weeding sit back and enjoy the show for as long as you can – but get ready to start those regular jobs again.

Ashford Borough Council Services at a Glance

Cultural Services:

- Head of Service - Mark Carty**
 ● Leisure ● Culture & Arts ● Voluntary Sector
 ● Heritage & Tourism ● Regeneration
 ● Community Development

Environmental Services:

- Head of Service - Paul Jackson**
 ● Waste Collection/Recycling ● Street Cleansing ● Parking Services/Engineering Services ● Environmental Health ● Licensing
 ● Health & Safety ● Parks/Open spaces
 ● Abandoned Vehicles ● Cemeteries
 ● Allotments ● Community Safety
 ● Monitoring Centre ● Dog Warden
 ● Pest Control

Financial Services:

- Head of Service - Pauline Adams**
 ● Council Tax ● Housing Benefit ● Business Rates ● Financial Management

Housing Services:

- Head of Service - Tracey Kerly**
 ● Housing Management ● Housing Advice
 ● Homelessness ● Affordable Housing
 ● Private Sector Housing Regulation

ICT/Customer Services:

- Head of Service - Rob Neil**
 ● Customer Services ● Customer Contact Centre ● Customer Call Centre
 ● Information Systems

Legal & Democratic Services

- Committee/Member Services ● Elections Monitoring Officer ● Legal Services

Planning and Development:

- Head of Service - Richard Alderton**
 ● Strategic Planning ● Development Control
 ● Building Control ● Urban Design ● Land Charges ● Economic Development ● Historic Buildings

Further information about Council Services can be found on our website www.ashford.gov.uk

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- Pot up self-sown seedlings
- Plant autumn-flowering bulbs
- Take cuttings of alpines
- Sow early carrots, peas, turnips, lettuce, spring cabbages, & oriental leaves
- 'Stop' outdoor tomatoes
- Take cuttings from herbs
- Cut strawberry runners from the parent plant
- Prune gooseberries, redcurrant and blackcurrent bushes
- Clip beech, hornbeam and hedges
- Take semi-ripe and heel cuttings of woody herbs, shrubs and roses

sep

- Scarify, spike, repair, feed and top dress lawn
- Plant spring bulbs leaving tulips and hyacinths until next month
- Replace summer bedding plants with plants for winter and spring
- Move tender plants under cover
- Cover late crops with cloches or fleece
- Leave tomatoes on the plants until the weather turns
- Give hedges their final cut
- Reduce feeding and watering greenhouse plants
- Stop feeding container plants
- Get the compost going from all that autumn clearing!

win £100

Prize Sudoku August/September

Fill in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each smaller 3x3 block contains all the numbers from 1 to 9.

Once you have completed the puzzle, fill in your details on the coupon and post to Ashford Voice for a chance to win £100!

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 Please complete and return this entry form along with your completed Sudoku puzzle to:
Ashford Voice, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent TN23 1PL.
 The decision of the editor is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
Closing date for entries is Monday 21 August 2006

ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

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 2005/06 financial year was as listed below.

Councillor	£ Basic Allowance	£ Special Responsibility Allowance	£ Travel Allowance	£ Subsistence	£ Carers' Allowance	£ Total before Tax and N. I.*
Allcock	4005.30	1665.77	258.40	0.00	0.00	5929.47
Ayres	4005.30	0.00	185.30	0.00	0.00	4190.60
Bartlett	4005.30	8328.78	104.00	0.00	0.00	12438.00
Bell	4005.30	6308.91	60.00	0.00	0.00	10374.21
Brunger	4005.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4005.30
Burgess	4005.30	1262.19	874.10	0.00	0.00	6141.59
Claridge	4005.30	1385.41	461.60	0.00	0.00	5852.00
Clokie	4005.30	17564.68	2679.10	0.00	0.00	24249.08
Clarkson	410.58	0.00	5.60	0.00	0.00	416.18
Cooling	4005.30	6308.91	2138.53	99.85	0.00	12552.59
Cowley	4005.30	0.00	45.60	0.00	0.00	4050.90
Davidson	4005.30	0.00	2.60	0.00	0.00	4007.90
Davison	4005.30	6432.59	625.60	195.00	0.00	11258.49
Eke	4005.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4005.30
Elliff	4005.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4005.30
Enock	4005.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4005.30
Feacey	4005.30	0.00	0.00	70.00	0.00	4075.30
French	4005.30	0.00	288.00	0.00	0.00	4293.30
Gillard	2458.83	1730.15	62.40	0.00	0.00	4251.38
Goddard	4005.30	247.31	520.10	0.00	0.00	4772.71
Greaves	4005.30	280.36	26.40	0.00	0.00	4312.06
Harrington	4005.30	395.62	137.16	0.00	0.00	4538.08
Mrs Hawes	4005.30	5870.40	193.60	0.00	0.00	10069.30
Heyes	4005.30	178.99	113.80	0.00	0.00	4298.09
Holland	4005.30	0.00	151.93	0.00	0.00	4157.23
Hubert	4005.30	791.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	4796.66
Mrs Hutchinson	4005.30	6308.91	652.80	0.00	0.00	10967.01
Mrs Kelly	4005.30	0.00	223.20	0.00	0.00	4228.50
Kemp	4005.30	6308.91	260.40	0.00	0.00	10574.60
Koowaree	4005.30	166.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	4171.75
Mrs Larkin	4005.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4005.30
Link	4005.30	0.00	336.00	0.00	0.00	4341.30
Maltby	4005.30	1665.77	267.60	0.00	0.00	5938.67
Mrs Marriott	4005.30	5047.73	618.00	0.00	0.00	9671.03
Mrs Martin	4005.30	0.00	715.20	0.00	0.00	4720.50
Packham	4005.30	0.00	180.20	0.00	0.00	4185.50
Taylor	4005.30	2523.38	946.20	0.00	0.00	7474.88
Wallace	4005.30	1196.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	5201.46
Wedgbury	4005.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4005.30
Weller	4005.30	0.00	473.60	0.00	0.00	4478.90
Wells	4005.30	0.00	214.40	0.00	0.00	4219.70
Wickham	4005.30	0.00	86.40	0.00	0.00	4091.70
Wood	4005.30	832.87	170.88	0.00	0.00	5009.05
Yeo	4005.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4005.30
TOTAL	171,092.01	82,801.60	14,078.70	364.85	0.00	268,337.17

**T J ROBERTSON,
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES
MANAGER**

Ashford Borough Council, Civic
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Members Allowances 2006

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