

# **Annual Report April 2019**



# Message from the Chairman Councillor Meryl Flashman

In May 2018 Elizabeth Thomas stepped down from her second term as Chairman of Paddock Wood. As her Vice-Chairman I was delighted to be elected to the post of Chairman for 2018-19 by my fellow Town Councillors.

Paddock Wood Town Council aims to provide residents with a high standard of service, and I want to take this opportunity to update you on a number of key achievements and set out some challenges and opportunities for the year ahead.

The Neighbourhood Plan and Community Centre project continue to take up a lot of our time and you can read more about these projects further on in the Annual Report.

The next challenge we will face will be to examine the draft Tunbridge Wells Local Plan which will be made public in June 2019. All residents are asked to make their views known to the Borough during the eight week consultation period over the Summer. Much land in the Paddock Wood area has been put forward to the Borough Council for possible development and this is the time when we will find out which land the Borough considers to be suitable. The Town Council will also be making its views known but your views are equally important.

The Council will do all it can to ensure current and future development within the parish are carried out sympathetically and in keeping with the existing community. Flooding, surface water drainage and sewage disposal also feature high on our agenda.

We continuously monitor our expenditure and examine very closely how and where we spend the money. Every project has to be considered and evaluated in terms of cost-effectiveness, and benefit to the community at large. The Council was pleased that it has been able to set a budget which is only a 0.3% increase on last year.

We are extremely fortunate with both our staff and our Estates team. Our thanks go to them all but to Nichola Reay and Claire Stewart in particular for the way in which they have dealt with new challenges and experiences this year. I am also particularly grateful for the help that has been given to me as a new Chairman.

I would like to thank all Councillors for their contributions over the past year. We are all unpaid volunteers who give up our own time in order to represent our Community. Our powers are limited but we aim to work with, and, influence Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and Kent County Council whenever we can.

Several of our current Councillors have made the decision not to stand again in the forthcoming election in May. Their wise and invaluable contributions will be greatly missed.

If you require any further information regarding matters affecting Paddock Wood please do get in touch with us via the Town Council offices, the Town Council website, Twitter or Facebook.

In the words of my predecessor Cllr Elizabeth Thomas "As Town Councillors our role is to hear courteously, answer wisely, consider soberly and decide impartially. All for the love of it!"

# Community engagement statement

#### 1. Introduction

1.1 Paddock Wood Town Council aims to provide services of high quality and to represent the interests of the area. Its conduct is governed by statute. This statement outlines the Council's intentions with regard to community engagement.

#### 2. The Community

- 2.1 The Council is directly responsible to the people of its area, who collectively form 'the community'. Within the community there are a variety of different bodies with whom the council must also engage.
- 2.2 This group includes:
- Business and their representative bodies;
- Those who use the services provided by the Council, whether residents or not;
- Non-residents working in the Town Council area;
- Visitors, whether tourists or those using the town's facilities and shops;
- Voluntary groups including church and youth organisations;
- Schools and other educational establishments;
- Other statutory bodies providing services within the Town Council area.

#### 3. Aims and objectives

- 3.1 The Council aims to ensure that residents and the groups above are appropriately involved in its decision making process.
- 3.2 Whenever possible and practicable the Council will encourage the involvement of community members in order to identify their needs and concerns.

#### 4. Opportunities for community involvement

- 4.1 As a matter of good practice, the Council engages with the community in a variety of ways, including:
- Providing access to the Council's office on a daily basis (Monday to Friday)
- A web-site www.paddockwoodtc.kentparishes.gov.uk which includes a wide range of information about the Council and its work as well
  as about the Council Members themselves;
- A presence on social media
- The publication of a regular report online,
- The publication of an Annual Report summarising activities in the year in question including accounts;
- Displaying throughout the area the agendas for all Council and Committee meetings, including a clear statement encouraging the public to attend:
- Advertising the annual timetable of all Council and committee meetings;
- Providing a specific period for public questions at the beginning of each Council meeting;
- Nominating Councillors to attend meetings of other organisations and groups.
- Organising the annual town meeting open to all residents;
- Publishing contact details for councillors in the Annual Report
- Holding regular councillor surgeries.
- Surveying stakeholders
- Use of Social Media

#### 5. Opportunities for formal representation to the Council

- 5.1 The Council encourages the attendance at meetings of individuals or organisations.
- 5.2 On a day to day basis, the Town Clerk is generally available to meet those who may wish to attend the office in order to discuss matters of interest or concern. The town council address is The Podmore Building, St Andrews Field, St Andrews Road, Paddock Wood TN12 6HT. Tel 01892 837373 or email paddockwoodtc@btconnect.com. The office is normally open between 9 am and 4 pm, but visitors should call in advance to make sure the clerk available.

#### 6. Involvement in partnerships

6.1 In addition to nominating representatives to attend meetings of voluntary groups and organisations, the Council often works in partnership with other organisations such as the Police, Borough and County Councils, where formal representation is required.

#### 7. Specific areas for community involvement

- 7.1 The Town Council leads in the arrangements for the Annual Town Meeting and may invite presentations from guest speakers on a topic of current and particular interest to the community.
- 7.2 The Town Council holds, when necessary, consultations on major infrastructure projects which have an impact on the community.
- 7.3 From time to time particular topics arise which are of sufficient community wide interest to justify the organisation of a public meeting. The Council may also undertake consultation on a specific issue with a particular group.

#### 8. Role of Council Members and Officers

- 8.1 Councillors are the elected decision makers of the Council. Members of the public are welcome to contact Councillors to raise any issues.
- 8.2 The Council's officers are staff who are employed to carry out the day to day functions of the Council and make sure that its services are provided for the local community. The Town Clerk is the Proper Officer for the Council, which means he/she has overall responsibility for the provision of Council services.

#### Communication



The Town Council continues to develop its website with the ongoing purpose of creating a source from which all residents of Paddock Wood can obtain a wide range of information. We also use social media to engage with our residents and you can now follow us on both Twitter and Facebook.

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The Town Council is continually exploring ways in which it can improve its communication with the people of Paddock Wood. Quarterly "Meet Your Town Councillors" events in the town centre have been introduced together with a quarterly newsletter which can be collected from the library, station, Putlands Sports Centre or the Town Council offices.

#### **About Paddock Wood**

Paddock Wood is a small town with a population of 8,253 (according to the 2011 census) which lies between Maidstone, Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge. Unlike many of the surrounding villages Paddock Wood is comparatively new and owes its existence to the railway, which arrived in 1842.

By 1851 a sizeable village had grown and by the turn of the century Paddock Wood was the hub for a network of branch lines throughout the Weald.

It was the railway that brought the thousands of hop-pickers to the area for their annual hop-picking holiday. Although some travelled on to other areas, Paddock Wood was becoming the centre for the hop growing industry so many remained in the area.

Ideally located for London and the South Coast, Paddock Wood has become a busy commuter town. There is a diverse range of commerce and light industry, and it is the centre for the distribution of fruit and vegetables to and from Europe. It also continues to be a centre for hop growing.

As a small rural town Paddock Wood has much to offer including an interesting range of local shops, good schools and excellent sports facilities.



#### Introduction to the Town Council

Paddock Wood Town Council is divided into two wards. The East Ward has seven members and the West Ward has six members. Although elected to a specific ward, members can speak on any issue and not just those related to their ward.

Full Council meets on the 3rd Monday of every month, at the Day Centre, Commercial Road. Meetings commence at 7.45, unless otherwise stated.

The Council has five Committees:

Planning and Environment (P&E),

- Estates,
- Finance,
- Personnel,
- Policy, Procedures and Protocol (PPP)

The P & E committee meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month. The Estates Committee meets on the 2nd Monday of every month, except January and August. The Finance Committee meets in June, November and January to review and set the budget for the following financial year, and the Personnel Committee meets as and when required. The PPP Committee meets quarterly. Other meetings are arranged as and when required.

The Council employs a full time Clerk, a part time Deputy Clerk and a part time Administrative Assistant. They are based at the Town Council offices in the Podmore Building, St Andrew's Recreation Ground. The Clerk normally works 8.30am – 4pm, with time off in lieu for evening meetings. The Deputy Clerk works 9am – 1pm, Monday to Friday, also with time off in lieu for evening meetings. Whist the Administrative Assistant works nine hours a week spread over three days.

Also employed is a full time Estates Manager, and two full time ground staff who work 8am – 4pm and are based at the Memorial Recreation Ground. New workshops were built in 2007.

Two casual members of staff are also employed, one to clean and look after the Day Centre and the other one to lock the gates at the Memorial Recreation Ground and Foal Hurst Wood each day.

The Clerk acts as the Proper Officer of the Council and is also the Responsible Financial Officer. The Deputy Clerk is the Cemetery Clerk and also administers the Planning Committee.

# Who are the Town Councillors?



|                     | <u>Committees</u>   | <u>Representative</u>  |
|---------------------|---|--|
| Rodney James Atkins | Estates, Finance  | Joint Transport Board  |
| Derek Boyle         | Estates (Chairman), Personnel (Chairman)  | Youth Council, Community Centre Board, KALC, Speedwatch  |
| John Flashman       | Personnel, Policy (Vice Chair)  | KALC, Neighbourhood Plan steering group  |
| Meryl Flashman      | Estates, Finance (Chairman), Policy (Chairman), Chairman of Full Council                        | KALC, Business Association, Webmaster,<br>Neighbourhood Plan steering group,<br>Community Centre Board |
| Sarah Hamilton      | Finance   | Neighbourhood Plan steering group  |
| David Henshaw       | Finance, Planning & Envt, Policy  | Neighbourhood Plan steering group  |
| Raymond Moon        | Estates, Finance, Personnel, Planning & Envt (Vice Chair)                                       | Allotments, Bereko, Community Centre<br>Working Group, Foalhurst Wood, Hop<br>Pickers Line             |
| David Sargison      | Estates, Planning & Envt  | Medway Valley Line, Hop Pickers Line,<br>Play Paddock Wood   |
| Raymond Steward     | Estates (Vice Chair), Finance, Personnel  | Speedwatch, Neighbourhood Plan<br>Steering Group   |
| Elizabeth Thomas    | Estates, Finance  |  |
| Robert Turk         | Finance, Personnel  |  |
| Carol Williams      | Personnel (Vice Chair), Planning & Envt<br>(Chairman), Policy, Vice Chairman of Full<br>Council | Community Centre Board, Youth Council,<br>Neighbourhood Plan steering group                            |
| Eileen Wilson       | Estates, Planning & Envt, Policy  | Community Centre Working Group, Play<br>Paddock Wood, Youth Council                                    |

### **Estates Committee**

This has been another busy year for the Estates committee and the Estates team with an increasing amount of work being taken on and projects being delivered for the benefit of the town.

We have heard presentations from many of our user groups and this has enabled us to understand the needs and future development plans for the Athletics club, Bowls club, the football clubs, the Tennis club, Foalhurst Wood volunteers and most recently from Paddock Wood cricket.



The refurbishment work at the Memorial Pavilion has continued and we have completed works at the new Cemetery Memorial Garden to enhance that area for future generations. Pitch improvement works are being undertaken in partnership with Paddock Wood Football club at the Elm tree and we welcome the improvements to the changing rooms that were completed by the club over the last year.

The improvement works at St. Andrews Hall, the home of Scalliwags have been completed this year with the new heating being installed and new windows being installed to improve the insulation of the

building and this has also improved the light inside the building.

In Commercial Rd, we took on responsibility for painting the street furniture from KCC as their budget pressures meant that this work was unlikely to be completed for many years. We decided as a committee to take on this work as we wanted to improve the quality of the street scene before the 100th Anniversary of the armistice and the lights up Paddock Wood event.



Landscaping and maintenance work of our green areas has continued over the course of the year and due to the excellent

grass growing weather, the team has spent more time than normal with cutting grass and looking after our hedges and verges.

The planting in the Town centre has been particularly glorious this year and the hard work of Kevin and his team with this and all of the other work they have undertaken is much valued by the committee, the residents of the town and our many visitors.

Cllr Derek Boyle Chair of the Estates Committee

# **Planning and Environment Committee**

The Planning and Environment (P&E) Committee meets on the first and third Monday's each month to review planning applications and review other environmental issues such as transport, flooding and the wider environment. This often involves responding to consultations from Borough and County Councils relating to issues such as green space, footpaths and public transport. Often Council submissions are discussed at P&E Committee to make recommendations to Full Council for a decision prior to submission of consultation responses. Members of the public are able to attend meetings and can speak for up to three minutes on an application. If possible, the Deputy Town Clerk should be informed of the intention to speak prior to the meeting, so that we know how many people wish to speak. This is particularly important for large applications where a number of people may wish to speak.

Paddock Wood Town Council is a statutory consultee in the planning process, meaning we cannot make decisions but can aim to influence planning decisions with valid objections or expressed support. All Councillors sitting on the Council's Planning and Environment Committee are encouraged to undertake Kent Association of Local Councils training to enable them to put forward arguments for or against plans based on valid planning or 'material' considerations. The National Planning Policy Framework has seen frequent changes over the last two years, so attendance at training enables the Committee to keep up to date with the implications of changes.

One of the major applications in which we saw considerable public interest in was an application by Churchill Homes to build a block of retirement flats in the centre of town. Whilst neither the Council or residents were against retirement homes, we were opposed to this development in the heart of the town centre. Using local planning policy from the site allocations local plan and our knowledge of the sewage and flooding issues, as well as concerns about parking and traffic, we were able to produce robust reasons for opposing this. The large number of comments from residents showed the strength of feeling that we would like to see the town centre developed for retail, restaurants and employment opportunities. This supports our emerging Neighbourhood Plan, which has a policy to develop the town centre as one development, rather than piecemeal developments which do not work together to produce a vibrant town centre.

One of the major environmental problems affecting our town is issues relating to surface and foul water flooding. At the end of last year, we had invited Southern Water to meet with us which resulted in a wider stakeholder events to explore the issues of foul water flooding and sewage leakage in various points around the town. We have cooped a resident with specialist knowledge to the P&E Committee and have continued to meet with Southern Water to explore solutions to these problems. The ideal solution would be a new sewer around the town, connecting the new developments and taking the pressure off the existing system. Southern Water are still to inform us of their final decision based on modelling, but this is now several months overdue. Therefore, we have written to our MP Greg Clark and have drafted a letter to Michael Gove. In addition, we have met with representatives from Persimmon and Berkeley Homes, discussing the foul waste solutions for their developments and informing them of the sewage problems that already exist. We are hoping they will put pressure on Southern Water to build the new sewer. These meetings with developers have proved useful to keep us up to date with progress on the developments and raise issues from residents and councillors.

Two other areas that we have been struggling with are establishing a speed watch team and building a team of local flood wardens. These are important issues to keep residents safe within the town but require commitment from local residents to create the teams. If anyone has an interest in either role and has some time to commit, please contact the Town Council Office and speak to the Deputy Clerk, who can tell you about the roles, training provided and the time commitment.

Councillor Carol Williams, Chair of Planning & Environment Committee

# **Procedures (PPP) Committee**

Since its creation the PPP Committee has developed a wide range of policies regarding most aspects of the Council's work and responsibilities. The Committee's work continues with a view to developing other additional policies which will enable the Council to discharge its duties even more effectively.

#### **Finance**

The Town Council's Finance Committee meets three times a year to monitor Council spending and to set the budget for the following year. This year the Town Council has kept its council tax increase to 0.3%, this is despite increased pressures on its finances.

Funding was set aside in this financial year to purchase a further 2 defibrillators. These will be added to the one which was purchased last summer and installed outside the town council offices in \$t Andrews Road. The replacement of the safety surfacing in \$t Andrews Play Area has been completed.

Sadly, vandalism continues to cost the Council money, and a decision has been taken to install CCTV cameras in St Andrews Park. This should take place over the summer and will cover the buildings and play area. The fences have been targeted on several occasions. On a more hopeful note the town council has received a compensation award for damage to one of its benches, following a successful prosecution of the perpetrator by Kent Police.

The contract for the Christmas lights expired last winter and a new contract will be negotiated over the summer for a brand new scheme next winter.

The Finance Committee will be looking at an investment policy for the Council at its next meeting. Full details of the council's income and expenditure can be found on the Council's website

#### **Grants**

Every year the town council allows a sum of money to be handed out as a grant to local organisations. Details of how to apply can be found on the town council's website.

In 2018/2019 grants were made to the following organisations:

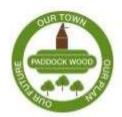
5<sup>th</sup> Paddock Wood Guides 11<sup>th</sup> Tonbridge Scouts

Homestart Paddock Wood & District Lions

Paddock Wood FC PW Lights Up
St Andrews Church Youth Samaritans

# **Neighbourhood Plan**

Throughout the past year the Neighbourhood Plan steering group, drawn from residents and Town Councillors, has continued to meet monthly. It has been a very frustrating period as we had to wait for the TWBC draft local plan to be released. However, the delay has given us the opportunity to tweak our own policies and to come up with several new ones.



At a meeting between TWBC and Paddock Wood Town Council/ Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group in March 2019, it was announced that the TWBC draft local plan would be going out to consultation in the Summer of 2019. This means that at last the Neighbourhood Plan steering group will be able to finalise its own policies and prepare for its own statutory Section 14 6-week pre-submission consultation with the residents of Paddock Wood.

It must be remembered that the TWBC new Local Plan will be the plan for the whole Borough. In addition, the Neighbourhood Plan must be compatible with the Borough Plan not the other way round.

All Steering Group meetings are advertised in advance and are open to the public. Minutes are placed on the Town Council website following ratification and the Neighbourhood Plan is also a Town Council agenda item every month. Monthly updates are placed in the Town Crier.

You can keep up to date with what is going on through the Neighbourhood Plan Facebook pages, the Town Crier and the Town Council website.

Neighbourhood Planning provides the chance for residents to be aware of, and to be involved in, the decisions about our Town especially given the scale of development Paddock Wood will be facing in the future. Residents are after all those who know the area best.

Cllr Meryl Flashman

Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

# **Paddock Wood Community Centre**

This has been a busy time for those involved with the development of plans for a Community Centre on the Memorial Field.

The year started with the employment of a quantity surveyor in May 2018, following which a consultation event was held in the Day Centre.

Subsequently, a special meeting of the Town Council was held to approve the RIBA stage 2 document which meant that the project was able to move forward. Throughout the summer the working group held a number of consultation events at gatherings such as the town carnival, the school fete, and a charity football match as well as having display boards in the cricket pavilion on the Memorial Field itself. Whilst all this was going on visits were being made by the Community Centre working group to other Community Centres in the area.

In autumn 2018 plans were made for a Community engagement event to be held in Paddock Wood library in January 2019, to be preceded by flyers which were distributed to all homes in the parish. The event itself was very successful with many residents expressing support for the project.

However, prior to the January 2019 engagement event opposition to the community centre project came from a group of residents led by the "Friends of the Memorial Field" who called a parish poll the result of which was largely inconclusive. Nevertheless, the Council agreed to hold a series of meetings to discuss the Group's concerns. These discussions are currently continuing but the Town Council nonetheless agreed at its meeting in January 2019 to continue the project to RIBA Stages 3 and 4.

Following comments made by residents at the January consultation it was agreed that the interior plans for the Community Centre required some amendment. The revised plans are now ready for presentation to the Council to discuss RIBA Stage 3. This will take place after the town council elections have been held on 2 May.



# Youth Council

Paddock Wood Youth Council was established in February 2016, to give young people a voice in the town. It meets monthly to discuss a range of issues relevant to young people, including litter, personal safety, the community centre and transport. Meetings take place on the second Monday of the month between 6 and 7 pm in the Day Centre.

The Youth Council members represent a variety of groups in Paddock Wood, including the Guides and St Andrews Church Youth clubs. The age range for membership is 11 to 18 or until completion of school. We are always looking for new members in the summer, when some young people leave for university and working life.

In the last year, the young people have established a Young Person of the Year Award, with the first award being made at the Christmas Lights event in November 2018. The winner supports two charities, which the young people are planning to raise funds for this summer. Look out for information about nominations for the 2019 award.

Other projects being worked on are a family picnic in the park on Memorial Field and updating the logo. Any young people who would like to attend a meeting to find out more or who would like to put forward ideas for future projects are welcome to attend a meeting. Volunteers to join Youth Council should contact Councillor Carol Williams or attend a meeting.

Councillor Carol Williams, Administrative support to Paddock Wood Youth Council

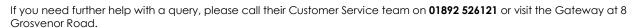
Paddock Wood is represented by four borough councillors on Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and one county councillor. All three tiers of government are independent of each other. The higher tiers do not have authority over the lower tiers.

In reality all three try to work together for the good of the local community. The borough and county councillors are invited to attend town council meetings where they have the opportunity to brief the town council on relevant issues, and where town councillors can ask questions of them

The town council may seek the help and/or support of the borough or county councillors on issues which fall under their remit.

## **Tunbridge Wells Borough Council**

www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk





Tunbridge Wells Borough Council take care of the essential, day to day services for people who live in the borough of Tunbridge Wells. i.e. those that require local knowledge and are better run on a smaller scale by staff that know the area and have specialist expertise. Their services for residents include:

- Bins & Recycling Bin collections, what goes into your bins, report a missing bin, North Farm waste recycling centre, bulky waste collection, civic amenity refuse collection, request a new bin, recycling sites, litter and dog fouling fines, garden bonfires, and disposal of other waste
- Parking & Roads Car Parks, Parking and bus lane fines, litter and dog fouling fines, parking permits and season tickets, Blue Badge holders,
  getting around the borough, bus passes, safety car, road works, street care & cleaning, car club, electric vehicle charging points, vehicle
  seizures.
- **Planning** Planning for householders, how to make a planning application, planning enforcement, planning policy, building control, house naming and numbers, conservation and heritage
- Council Tax -Paying your bill, reducing the bill, empty homes review, council tax support, banding and amounts to pay
- Benefits Housing benefits, council tax support, Welfare reform, advice on other benefits, benefit fraud
- Housing Affordable housing, private sector housing, homeless, housing standards & pest control, park homes and caravans, home safety, immigration visits
- Community Education & learning, childcare & pre-school, access and disability, community centres, halls for hire, volunteering, West Kent Wheels to Work, community grants and funding, twin town, community safety, safety car, help for the Armed Forces, Love Where you Live, community rights
- Sports, Leisure and Culture Assembly Hall, sports centres, TW Museum, public toilets (funded by Paddock Wood TC)
- Animals, Noise & Pollution Noise nuisance, air quality, pests and infestations, light pollution, lost and found dogs, dead animals
- Voting and elections Annual voter registration, local elections
- Business Taxi licensing, premises licences, business rates, food hygiene, health and safety, Environmental health, enterprise and regeneration

#### Kent County Council www.kent.gov.uk 03000 41 4141



KCC is a larger authority than TWBC with a bigger budget. They manage the services that concern the whole of Kent that are better looked after on a county rather than a local level.

KCC's responsibilities include the following:

- education/schools
- highways maintenance including road, footpaths, verges and gritting. They are also responsible for pedestrian crossings, street lighting, and scaffolding and skip permits.
- major planning, such as changes to main highways or county wide housing
- fire and public safety
- social care for elderly residents
- libraries
- waste disposal (TWBC collects it but KCC disposes of it safely
- trading standards

# **Community Policing**

The PCSOs currently covering Paddock Wood are Sarah Stanley and Simon Fuller. To contact them either phone 101 or email **csu.tunbridge.wells@kent.pnn.police.uk**. In case of an emergency dial 999.

# **Community Warden**

ADAM OSBOURN - 07813695741

The role is funded by KCC and covers both Pembury and Paddock Wood. A community Warden:

- can tackle low-level crime and antisocial behaviour (such as graffiti, littering, fly tipping and vandalism)
- can take names and addresses and control traffic
- is a reassuring uniformed presence
- is fully trained to the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme
- encourages communities to work together and make things better for everyone

- works closely with **Kent Police** and other professional authorities
- talks with local people, offering information and advice
- takes part in local community activities.

A Community Warden is  $\underline{\text{not}}$  empowered to make arrests.

## **Directory**

#### HEALTH

**Doctors** 

Woodlands Health Centre 01892 833331

**Dentists** 

Aycliffe Dental Practice 0844 3756868 Marden Dental Surgery 01622 831556

Optometrists

Patrick Duff 01892 838608 Elaine M Yorwarth 01892 833017

Chiropodists

Deborah Hanger 01892 837277

Chiropractors

Vitae Spine & Wellness Centre

01892 834422

Osteopaths

Carol Michie 01892 836089 Tim Nelson 07711 531451

Hospitals

Tunbridge Wells Hospital at Pembury

01892 823535

Maidstone 01622 729000 Hospice in the Weald 01892 820500 NHS non-emergency 111 Dental Emergency 111

**EMERGENCIES** 

Gas 0800 111 999
Electricity 0800 404 090
Power cut 105

Southern Water sewage leaks

3030368

Southern Water supply and leaks

820 999

Flood Emergency 0345 9881188 Incident hotline (Environment Agency)

807 060

**SERVICES** 

Paddock Wood Pharmacy 01892 833203 Paddock Wood Library 03000 413131 Putlands Veterinary Surgery 01892 835456 RSPCA (Cruelty line) 0300 1234999 Folly Wildlife Rescue 01892 543213 Tonbridge Job Centre 0345 6043719

**EDUCATION** 

Paddock Wood Primary School

01892 833654

Mascalls Academy 01892 835366 Adult Education 03000 412222

**NURSERY & PRE-SCHOOL GROUPS** 

Bumble Bees Day Nursery 01892 835502 Scalliwags Pre-School 01892 835980 Barnies Day Nursery 01622 872788 Little Pickles Parent & Toddler Group

01892 837617

Trillium Montessori House 07848 855820

SUPPORT SERVICES

Police (Crime in progress) 999
Police (Non-urgent crime) 101
Crimestoppers 0800 555 111
Victim Support 01622 688550
Social Services (KCC) 03000 414141
Paddock Wood Community Advice Centre

01892 838619

Trading Standards 03454 040506

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council 01892 526121 Paddock Wood Borough Councillors:

Paddock Wood East

East Ward Elections in May 2019 for 2 seats

Paddock Wood West

West Ward Elections in May 2019 for 1 seat Cllr. Elizabeth Thomas 01892 837756

**Kent County Council** 

24hr Helpline 03000 41 91 91

**Member of Parliament** 

Greg Clark MP 01892 519854

**Members of European Parliament** 

Daniel Hannan, daniel.hannan@ep.europa.eu

Janice Atkinson,

contact@janice.atkinson.co.uk

**RELIGION** 

St Andrews Anglican & Methodist Churches 01892 837617

St Justus Catholic Church 01892 833699

Paddock Wood Baptist Church

07934 063893

Paddock Wood Christian Fellowship

01622 832267

Salvation Army 01622 871055

0330

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