



Annual Report April 2022



Message from the Chairman Councillor Meryl Flashman



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.

Due to COVID the past year has continued to be a challenging one for the Town Council. We were forced by the Government to hold face to face meetings throughout the year. However, due to the size of the Day Centre this has proved to be difficult with one full council meeting having to be cancelled and others having to be relocated to the Winter Hall in St Andrew's Church. Also, unfortunately due to issues relating to COVID some Councillors have been unable to attend meetings where large numbers of people are gathered together. Working group meetings have continued via Zoom.

Life was further complicated by the recommendation that people work from home and for part of the year this caused the Town Council Office staff to only being contactable by email and phone with the Office itself being closed to visitors.

Despite all this we have had a busy year. The examination of the Borough Council local plan is underway, and the Town Council has employed its own consultant to represent its views and those of residents at the examination being undertaken by an Inspector. These hearings started several months ago and will be continuing well into the summer.

The Council will continue to ensure current and future development within the parish is carried out sympathetically and in keeping with the existing community. Flooding, surface water drainage and sewage disposal remain high on our agenda. The Neighbourhood Plan has completed its Regulation 14 consultation and analysis of the comments is currently being made. Once adopted this will fulfil an important role in helping us secure the best deal we can for Paddock Wood.

Construction of our long-awaited Community Centre has started and should be completed during the Autumn. Project updates are posted on our website.

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. Our internal and external auditors have once again approved our accounts and governance arrangements and the Council is pleased to have been able to set a budget requiring only a small increase in the precept.

We continue to be fortunate with both our office staff and our estates staff and our thanks go to them all. In particular I should like to mention Kevin Butler who retired from his role as Estates Manager at the end of March 2022. He has been replaced by Carl Smith. This year has also seen the promotion of Teresa Maxwell from Admin Assistant to Assistant Clerk which includes the role of Finance Officer.

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 the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and Kent County Council whenever we can. In May 2021 elections were held to replace Steven Barrett, Bill Hills and Elizabeth Thomas who had all stood down as Town Councillors. Henry Atkins, Trevor Bisdee and Andy Mackie were all elected to the Council at this time.

Sadly, I have to report that Elizabeth Thomas died shortly afterwards in October 2021. She was a Town Councillor for 38 years having joined it in May 1983. She held the post of Chairman from May 1988 until September 2000 and again from May 2016 to May 2018. She also served on Tunbridge Wells Borough Council from 2002 to 2021 and held the position of Mayor from 2011 to 2012. She worked hard on behalf of the Town, and we miss her very much. I shall always remember her comment "As Town Councillors our role is to hear courteously, answer wisely, consider soberly, and decide impartially. All for the love of it!"

If you require any further information regarding matters affecting Paddock Wood, please do get in touch with us via the Town Council office or the Town Council website. You can also follow the Council on Facebook and Twitter.

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.paddockwood-tc.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 clerk@paddockwoodtc.co.uk 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.

About Paddock Wood



Paddock Wood is a small town with an increasing population 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,
- Governance

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. Governance 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 Financial Officer/Assistant Clerk. 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 Financial Officer/Assistant Clerk works fifteen 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.

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 the Deputy Clerk is the Cemetery Clerk and also administers the Planning Committee.

Who are the Town Councillors?

	<u>Committees</u>	<u>Representative</u>
Henry Atkins	Estates Finance	
Rodney Atkins	Estates, Finance, Governance	
Trevor Bisdee	Planning & Environment, Governance	
Derek Boyle	Estates (Chairman), Personnel (Chairman)	Community Centre Board, Royal British Legion
Meryl Flashman	Estates, Finance (Chairman), Governance (Chairman), Chairman of Full Council	KALC, Business Association, Webmaster, Neighbourhood Plan steering group, Community Centre Board
Sarah Hamilton	Finance, Governance	
Don Kent	Planning & Environment, Governance	
Andrew Mackie	Planning & Environment, Governance	CC Centre working Party
Raymond Moon	Estates, Finance, Personnel, Planning & Env't (Vice Chair)	Allotments, Bereko, Community Centre Working Group, Foadhurst Wood, Hop Pickers Line
Mike Ridger	Planning & Environment,	CC Working Party, NP working Party
David Sargison	Estates, Planning & Env't	Medway Valley Line, Hop Pickers Line, Play Paddock Wood
Robert Turk	Finance, Personnel	
Carol Williams	Personnel (Vice Chair), Planning & Env't (Chairman), Policy, Vice Chairman of Full Council	Community Centre Board, Youth Council, Neighbourhood Plan steering group

Estates Committee

Another busy year for the Estates committee and the Estates staff, managing the complications of Covid and keeping as many of our services in place as is practicable and working to enhance our range of services to the town. Further work has been completed in many areas of the town, such as the improved drainage work in the New Cemetery, new fencing at Scalliwags, maintenance work on the ponds, lots of various tree work (including storm damage) and laying a new hedge at the Old Cemetery. Other works have included work on the war memorial, repair, and renovation work at Cobbs Close, working with UKPN on essential tree and power cable work in and around Green Lane Spinney and the replacement of a collapsed drain under the Memorial Field that connected the Pavilion to the main drain. This was a major project as tree roots had, over time, collapsed the drain, which meant that the work had to be done sensitively so as to not damage the trees in the area.

A significant amount of work considered by the committee each year centres on the trees that are on our estate and working with local residents to be a “good neighbour” by undertaking work to our trees as and when it is needed. We always try and work in partnership with local residents to resolve concerns as they arise.

Annually we undertake risk assessments on all of our play areas to ensure they are compliant with the relevant health and safety legislation and carry out all required works to keep our younger residents and visitors safe when they play.

Unfortunately, a significant amount of work has had to be undertaken this year recently to rectify the damage caused by illegal incursions onto our land resulting in considerable criminal damage. I would like to thank the Estates team, members of Paddock Wood Football Club and members of the public who helped to quickly return the Elm Tree pitches back into a usable condition within days. Unfortunately, the new fencing at the new cemetery was yet again destroyed by an illegal incursion there, so we are proactively looking at ways we can improve the long-term security of that sensitive site, as well as upgrading again the anti-ram barriers at the Elm Tree site.

Cllr Derek Boyle
Chair of the Estates Committee

Planning and Environment Committee

It has been a busy year for Planning and Environment, with ongoing applications relating to the major developments around and within Paddock Wood, a high number of smaller residential applications and the requirement to comment on the Draft Local Plan drawn up by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.

There have been a number of disappointments: having opposed the additional houses on Berkeley's and Countryside developments and the development by Churchill Homes in the Town Centre, these were all approved.

We have also seen approval of a number of infill developments, which the Upper Medway Internal Drainage Board have stated is the biggest risk to flooding in Paddock Wood. However, despite regular objection on the grounds of flood risk, we have been unable to prevent these infill builds.

We have been pleased to see resident comments on many of the major applications, as the voice of local people is important. Even though it can sometimes feel like we are not listened to, it is important to have our say, as sometimes it seems to have an impact.

Cllr Carol Williams
Chair of the Planning Committee

Governance Committee

This Committee has continued to develop and update a wide range of policies regarding most aspects of the Council's work and responsibilities. The Committee has recently been renamed the Governance Committee and its responsibilities amended as the Town Council has employed a Human Resources company to help it discharge its duties even more effectively.

Personnel Committee

This year the personnel committee has been working with our office and Estates staff to maintain a covid safe working environment during the early part of the year. It was important for us to work in partnership with our teams to ensure that they felt supported with remote working where this was practicable and on-site working when this was essential. Frequently reviewing risk assessments, control measures and consulting with the staff were important ways in which we ensured that the core functions of the council remained operational.

This year we also planned for Kevin's retirement, which meant we needed to recruit a new Estates Manager, that would have a wider remit to take on more of the contracts management work and working with suppliers to seek best value in all tendered work. The Estates Manager, Carl, has hit the ground running and in the short amount of time that he has been in the role so far, he has helped the team to adjust to amended ways of working and has great plans for our estate.

Cllr Derek Boyle
Chair of the Personnel Committee

Finance

The Town Council's Finance Committee meets four times a year to monitor council spending and to set the budget for the following year. For 2022/2023 the Town Council has kept its council tax increase to 3.6% despite the increasing/projected level of inflation. This follows a decrease in 2021/2022 of 0.3%.

Over the past year in addition to ongoing yearly expenditure the Council spent £10000 on improving the drainage at the New Cemetery. £15 000 was also spent on Town Council elections as well as £10 000 being spent on employing a consultant to represent PWTC at the inspection of the TWBC draft local plan. Money was also allocated for the planting of trees at Putlands field and a new hedge at the cemetery.

In conjunction with our County Councillor, who has funded its installation, PWTC has also replaced the old KCC bench at the corner of Ringden Avenue.

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 2021/22 grants were made to the following organisations:

Paddock Wood Community Advice Centre	£10,000
Paddock Wood Lights Up	£500
Bereko Community Partnership	£316
Community Car Service	£500
5th Paddock Wood Guides	£500
Paddock Wood & District Lions	£500
Olympian Boxing	£500

Neighbourhood Plan



Despite delays caused by the draft local plan produced by TWBC there has been considerable progress with the Paddock Wood Neighbourhood Plan in the past year.

Much of the year has been spent developing the Regulation 14 version of the Neighbourhood Plan that includes policies which will help shape the future development of Paddock Wood up to 2038. This has involved consolidating previous drafts, papers and policies into one document.

Alterations also had to be made to reflect feedback from the consultation 're-launch' event, changes to national planning policy issued since early drafts were prepared, and to reflect the policies of the emerging TWBC Local Plan and associated Structure Plan within this.

At the same time, AECOM, also working on behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan group, completed a design guide which will form part of the supporting documentation for the Neighbourhood Plan. Once the Neighbourhood Plan is adopted, applicants, developers and landowners will be expected to follow the guidelines as they seek planning permission, TWBC will use them as they assess planning applications, the Town Council planning committee will use them to ensure design guidelines are complied with, and statutory consultees and the community will also be able to use them when they comment on planning applications.

An 8 week Regulation 14 consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan has just been completed and the steering group and its consultant Troy Planning are now considering the responses from residents and the statutory consultees. The document will be amended as necessary. The timespan for this will depend on how much alteration and amendment needs to be made.

Once the Steering Group and Paddock Wood Town Council are happy with the amended document, responsibility for taking the next steps is transferred to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC) who will publicise the plan as part of a Regulation 16 consultation and arrange for an independent examination. This will consider whether the plan meets the basic conditions for a Neighbourhood Plan and complies with other legal requirements. The final step for the Neighbourhood Plan will be a referendum.

To keep up to date with what is going on with all aspects of the Neighbourhood Plan you are welcome to join the Steering Group at its meetings. These are being held via Zoom on the third Wednesday of the month. Invitations can be obtained via the agenda accessed through our Facebook page or the Town Council website.

You can also follow and contribute to the Paddock Wood Neighbourhood Plan Facebook page.

Further information about the Neighbourhood Plan and its draft policies can also be found on the Town Council website <http://paddockwood-tc.gov.uk>

Paddock Wood Community Centre



Work has now started on the long-awaited Community Centre in the Memorial Field. It has taken four years of hard work and dedication from councillor's, residents, and staff, supported by Project Manager Jonathan White from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council along with other Borough officers and members.

It is being built by the respected local firm Baxall Construction, Net Zero Champions in July 2021 and is thought to be one of the greenest buildings in the borough.

This facility will bring much needed community space for use by residents. It will include flexible hall space, café, meeting room and pre-school. Also included in the project will be two new LTA compliant tennis courts, a new cricket wicket and improvements to the pavilion.

The Town Council, with the assistance of TWBC, was able to secure over a million pounds worth of developer funding from the three housing developments currently under construction to help fund the Project.

Chairman of the Town Council Meryl Flashman said: "I am delighted that the construction of the Community Centre has now begun. This is a much-needed facility for the town which has not had a large Community Hall since the loss of the Parochial Church Hall, demolished in the 1960s. I give my thanks to all those who have enabled this dream to become a reality."

Further detailed information on the project can be found on the Paddock Wood Town Council website. Photographs of various stages of the development can also be seen in the windows of the Podmore building on St Andrew's Field.



Youth Council

The Youth Council continued to meet virtually during the pandemic, with amazing commitment from a small core of young people who have kept the group going. We are now meeting face to face and have adult support from Sarah Woodcock (St Andrews Youth Leader) and have been joined this year by Jonathan Alawo (Youth Worker, St Andrews) who has brought experience of working with young musicians. The group have started to look at possible extension of the skate park and had a productive meeting with local skate boarders.

PWYC would like to see more community events in Paddock Wood and generated the ideas for the forthcoming Jubilee Picnic on 5th June 2022.

We would like to recruit new members to the Youth Council and would also like to hear from anyone interested in working with us on the skate park. Young people from 11 to 18 years are welcome to attend a PWYC meeting on the second Monday of the month at 6 pm in the Day Centre near Dowding House.



**ARE YOU AGED BETWEEN 11-18?
FREE ON THE 2ND MONDAY EACH
MONTH (6-7PM)?**

**WANT TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON ISSUES
AFFECTING PADDOCK WOOD?
THEN JOIN PADDOCK WOOD
YOUTH COUNCIL !**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE ON 01892 837373**



PWYC REPRESENTS THE VIEWS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN PADDOCK WOOD, COMMUNICATING WITH PADDOCK WOOD TOWN COUNCIL ABOUT ISSUES IMPORTANT TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE. PWYC WORKS WITH THE TOWN COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.

WHO ARE WE?

WE ARE MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUPS AND INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS IN PADDOCK WOOD. THESE GROUPS TYPICALLY INCLUDE:

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS
CHURCH GROUPS
SPORTS CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS
SCHOOLS
INDIVIDUALS

ANY YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN 11 AND 18 YEARS CAN BECOME A MEMBER OF PWYC. WE WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO ATTEND A MEETING TO SEE HOW THE YOUTH COUNCIL OPERATES.

PWYC IS LED BY A MEMBER OF PWYC, NOMINATED AND ELECTED BY THE YOUTH COUNCIL. ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE ANNUALLY IN MAY.

THE LEADER WORKS WITH A TOWN COUNCILLOR TO AGREE THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND LEADS THE MEETING. A TOWN COUNCILLOR PROVIDES SUPPORT WITH MEETING NOTES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.

OBJECTIVES

- TO IDENTIFY ISSUES AFFECTING YOUNG PEOPLE AROUND THE TOWN AND WORK ON FINDING SOLUTIONS.
- TO GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE A VOICE ON ISSUES SUCH AS LOCAL FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
- TO MAKE LINKS WITH KENT YOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL TO SHARE IDEAS AND MAKE YOUNG PEOPLE AWARE OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES ACROSS THE COUNTY.
- ADVERTISE THE RANGE OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES WITH PADDOCK WOOD.

MEETINGS

PWYC MEETS ONCE A MONTH ON A MONDAY EVENING BETWEEN 6 AND 7 PM, WITH NO MEETING IN AUGUST DURING THE SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAYS. MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND ALL MEETINGS DURING THE YEAR OR IDENTIFY A DEPUTY WHEN UNABLE TO ATTEND.

Who does what? A guide to local Government

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



If you need further help with a query, please call their Customer Service team on **01892 526121** or visit the Gateway at 8 Grosvenor Road.

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 re-generation

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 PCSO currently covering Paddock Wood is Sam Bolton. To contact them either phone 101 or email csu.tunbridge.wells@kent.pnn.police.uk. In case of an emergency dial 999.

Community Warden

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 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

Osteopaths

Carol Michie 01892 836089

Tim Nelson 07711 531451

Hospitals

Tunbridge Wells Hospital 01892 823535

Maidstone Hospital 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 0330 3030368

Southern Water supply & leaks 0800 820 999

Flood Emergency 0345 9881188

Environment Agency 0800 807 060

SERVICES

Paddock Wood Pharmacy 01892 833203

Paddock Wood Library 03000 413131

Little Hoppers Vets 01892 883403

Putlands Veterinary Surgery 01892 835456

RSPCA (Cruelty line) 0300 1234999

Folly Wildlife Rescue 01892 543213

Tonbridge Job Centre 0345 6043719

EDUCATION

Paddock Wood Primary Academy

01892 833654

Mascalls Academy 01892 835366

Adult Education 03000 412222

NURSERY & PRE-SCHOOL GROUPS

Barnies Day Nursery 01622 872788

Bumble Bees Day Nursery 01892 835502

Discoveries Montessori 07971 289867

Little Pickles Parent & Toddler Group

01892 837617

Scalliwags Pre-School 01892 835980

Trillium Montessori House 07848 855820

SUPPORT SERVICES

Police (Crime in progress) 999

Police (Non-urgent crime) 101

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

DAVVS 01892 570538

Victim Support 01622 688550

Social Services (KCC) 03000 414141

Trading Standards 03454 040506

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

01892 526121

Paddock Wood Borough Councillors:

Paddock Wood East

Cllr. Rodney Atkins 01892 833115

Election on May 5th for remaining seat

Paddock Wood West

Cllr. Matthew Bailey 07968 067075

Election on May 5th for remaining seat

Kent County Council

24hr Helpline 03000 41 91 91

Member of Parliament

Greg Clark MP 01892 519854

RELIGION

P W Baptist Church 07934 063893

P W Christian Fellowship 01622 832267

Church of God Worldwide 01634 238780

St Andrews Anglican & Methodist Churches

01892 837617

St Justus Catholic Church 01892 833699

Salvation Army 01622 871055

Service & Welfare Organisations

Age UK Tunbridge Wells 01892 522591

Childline 0800 1111

Compaid 01892 834539

Headway 01892 619001

Hi Kent 01622 691151

Kent Ass. for the Blind 01622 691357

PW & District Lions Club 0345 8339564

PW Community Advice Centre

01892 838619

Community Storehouse 07582 142948

P W Royal Naval Ass. 01622 872281

Relate (Tunbridge Wells) 01892 529927

Royal British Legion 0808 8028080

St Johns Ambulance 01892 520873

Samaritans (Tunbridge Wells) 116 123

West Kent Mediation 01892 834539



PADDOCK WOOD

JUBILEE COMMUNITY PICNIC

Bring along a chair,
a picnic and a flag!

Sunday 5th June
PUTLANDS FIELD
1-7pm



Live Music

**Food and drink
stalls**

Bar

**Fun activities
for everyone**



This event is being organised by
Paddock Wood Youth and Town Council

PWYC