

Nichola Reay

From: Nichola Reay
Sent: 02 April 2024 08:06
To: Nichola Reay
Subject: Application to be Town Councillor - East ward

Good morning,

Please take this email as request for application and request for further information in becoming a Town Councillor in Paddock Wood.

I have been a resident in the town for the past three years, and have worked in and around the town for 25 years.

I care about our town and want to give my efforts to help improve its wellbeing.

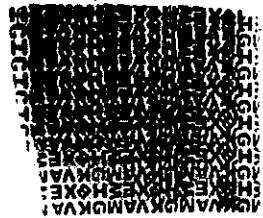
I have a keen interest in political affairs, and stood as an independent candidate for Borough Elections in 2022, finishing 3rd in the West ward, polling over 19% of the vote.

Personally, I have a young family with children attending Paddock Wood primary and local nurseries, and work with the fruit farming industry, much of which surrounds our town.

I look forward to your reply.

Kind Regards

Begnat Robichaud



Paddock Wood Town Council PAYMENTS LIST

Vouche Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
767	04/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		Electrical supplies	SSE	L	156.13	7.81	163.94
767	04/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		Electrical supplies	SSE	L	145.49	7.27	152.76
767	04/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		Electrical supplies	SSE	L	21.00	1.05	22.05
767	04/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		Electrical supplies	SSE	L	86.07	4.30	90.37
767	04/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		Electrical supplies	SSE	L	156.94	7.85	164.79
768	08/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		Data Protection Fee	Information commissioner	Z	35.00		35.00
769	12/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		fuel cards	Wex Retail Cards	S	12.00	2.40	14.40
770	18/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		HR Services	Croner	S	284.05	56.81	340.86
770	18/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		HR Services	Croner	Z	16.74		16.74
771	18/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		CC - Phone & Broadband	British Telecommunications	S	220.54	44.11	264.65
772	18/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		Water Rates - Kent Close	Castle Water	S	23.84	4.77	28.61
773	18/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		Water rates - Podmore	Castle Water	S	44.35	8.87	53.22
774	18/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		Water rates - Green Lane	Castle Water	Z	377.14		377.14
775	18/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		Water rates - Green Lane	Castle Water	S	42.07	8.41	50.48
776	18/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		Water Rates - Ringden Allotme	Castle Water	Z	85.38		85.38
777	18/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		Water rates - Memorial	Castle Water	S	17.00	3.40	20.40
778	18/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		Water rates - Badsell Allotment	Castle Water	S	39.79	7.96	47.75
779	19/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		Water rates - Elm Tree	Castle Water	S	14.72	2.94	17.66
780	19/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		Electricity - St Andrews Hall	Scottish Power	S	589.32	117.86	707.18
781	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 341		Professional fees	Salt & Pepper Group Ltd	S	543.25	108.65	651.90
782	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 342		CC - Cleaning	F & C Cleaning	S	1,300.00	260.00	1,560.00
783	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 343		Facilities Management Contract	Baxall	S	4,520.85	904.17	5,425.02
784	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 344		stationery	Viking Direct	S	17.94	3.59	21.53
785	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 345		Loan Interest	TWBC	E	2,991.78		2,991.78
786	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 346		Day Centre Annual Rent	TWBC	E	100.00		100.00
787	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 347		Van rental	Ton Hire	S	363.72	72.74	436.46
788	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 348		Microsoft licences	Symcar	S	7.50	1.50	9.00
789	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 349		security	Prestige Guarding	S	168.00	33.60	201.60
789	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 349		security	Prestige Guarding	S	168.00	33.60	201.60
789	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 349		security	Prestige Guarding	S	168.00	33.60	201.60
790	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 350		Estates supplies	Paddock Wood Garage	S	100.67	20.13	120.80
791	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 351		FHW expenses	Peter Prince	E	5.00		5.00
792	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 352		FHW expenses	Alison Noterman	Z	33.00		33.00
793	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 353		Website maintenance	Netwise	S	330.00	66.00	396.00

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793 website	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 353		Website maintenance	Netwise	Z	60.00		60.00
794 Equipment Fund	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 354		Estates equipment	Kidmans	S	401.06	80.22	481.28
795 Equipment Fund	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 355		Estates equipment	Kidmans	S	485.00	97.00	582.00
796 Staff Training	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 356		Training - E Small	Kent Association of Local C	S	70.00	14.00	84.00
797 Electricity	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 357		Electrical Testing	E Elvins Electrical Contract	S	414.00	82.80	496.80
797 Elm Tree - Electricity	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 357		Electrical Testing	E Elvins Electrical Contract	S	366.00	73.20	439.20
797 Green Lane - Electricity	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 357		Electrical Testing	E Elvins Electrical Contract	S	1,098.00	219.60	1,317.60
797 St Andrews - Electricity	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 357		Electrical Testing	E Elvins Electrical Contract	S	486.00	97.20	583.20
797 Workshop - Electricity	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 357		Electrical Testing	E Elvins Electrical Contract	S	1,128.00	225.60	1,353.60
797 Workshop - Electricity	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 357		Electrical Testing	E Elvins Electrical Contract	S	804.00	160.80	964.80
797 Podmore - Electricity	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 357		Electrical Testing	E Elvins Electrical Contract	S	486.00	97.20	583.20
798 Salaries	15/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 358		Pension	Claire Stewart	Z	117.21		117.21
799 Trees/Plants	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 359		Plants	Capel Cottage Nursery	Z	1,011.08		1,011.08
800 Water Rates	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 360		Water Rates - Day Centre	Business Stream	Z	540.91		540.91
801 Audit fees	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 361		Internal Audit Fee	April Skies Accounting	Z	433.50		433.50
802 Memorial Plaques	14/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 362		Memorial plaque	Anglia sign casting	S	75.54	15.11	90.65
803 Professional fees	18/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		Payroll ~Services	Sage Payroll	S	40.00	8.00	48.00
804 Telephones	25/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		Cloud Phone	British Telecommunications	S	108.84	21.77	130.61
805 Electricity	26/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		Electricity Supplies - Street Light	NPower	L	125.67	6.28	131.95
806 Fuel	26/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		fuel cards	Wex Retail Cards	S	65.56	13.11	78.67
807 Telephones	26/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		Broadband	British Telecommunications	S	103.85	20.77	124.62
808 Telephones	28/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		Mobile Phones & Wifi	Active digital	S	11.50	2.30	13.80
808 WIFI	28/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		Mobile Phones & Wifi	Active digital	S	20.00	4.00	24.00
808 Workshop - Telephones	28/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		Mobile Phones & Wifi	Active digital	S	11.50	2.30	13.80
809 Podmore - Electricity	28/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		Electrical supplies	SSE	S	175.96	35.19	211.15
810 Rates/Utility Fees	28/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		Water rates - Cemetery	Castle Water	S	3.32	0.66	3.98
811 Maintenance	28/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		Waste collection	Veolia Environmental Servi	S	206.50	41.30	247.80
811 Contractors	28/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		Waste collection	Veolia Environmental Servi	S	164.18	32.84	197.02
811 Podmore - Waste Collection	28/03/2024		Current/Business Re: DD		Waste collection	Veolia Environmental Servi	S	16.90	3.38	20.28
812 Bank interest/fees	28/03/2024		Current/Business Re: BACS		Bank charges	Veolia Environmental Servi	E	3.30		3.30
813 CC Facilities Management	27/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 363		Facilities Management Contract	Matt Hayden	Z	312.50		312.50
814 CC Facilities Management	27/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 364		Facilities Management Contract	Matt Hayden	Z	1,187.50		1,187.50
815 CC Utilities	27/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 365		Water Rates - Community Cent	Castle Water	S	84.99	17.00	101.99
816 Hop Pickers Line (Reserves)	27/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 366		Hop Pickers Line - Train Signs	N P Seymour	S	590.00		590.00
817 Insurance	27/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 367		Insurance	Zurich Municipal	E	10,000.00	118.00	10,000.00
817 CC Insurance	27/03/2024		Current/Business Re: 367		Insurance	Zurich Municipal	E	4,436.96		4,436.96

Paddock Wood Town Council

PAYMENTS LIST

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
818 Planning Fees	27/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	368	Planning consultancy fees	Troy Planning	S	7,650.00	1,530.00	9,180.00
819 General expenses	27/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	369	Hire of Hall for council meeting	Paddock Wood Community	E	78.00		78.00
820 Podmore - Public Toilets	27/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	371	Cleaning public toilets	F & C Cleaning	S	50.75	10.15	60.90
821 Water Rates	27/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	372	Water Rates - Day Centre	Castle Water	S	633.11	126.62	759.73
822 Memorial Plaques	27/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	373	Water Rates - Day Centre	Anglia sign casting	S	75.54	15.11	90.65
823 Estates Equipment	11/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	Credit Card	Estates equipment	Tudor Environmental	S	257.50	51.50	309.00
824 materials (Estates)	11/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	Credit Card	Estates Materials	UK Tapes	S	71.40	14.28	85.68
825 Maintenance	11/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	Credit Card	Cemetery Stone Checking Equi	SureGreen	S	146.68	29.34	176.02
826 Bank interest/fees	11/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	Credit Card	Bank charges	Lloyds Bank	Z	3.00		3.00
826 Bank interest/fees	11/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	Credit Card	Bank charges	Lloyds Bank	Z	3.00		3.00
827 Bank interest/fees	31/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	BACS	Bank charges	Unity bank	Z	47.70		47.70
828 Salaries	28/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	DD	Pension - fees	Aviva Life	Z	15.25		15.25
828 Salaries	28/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	DD	Pension - fees	Aviva Life	Z	15.25		15.25
829 Salaries	28/03/2024		Wages Imprest	BACS Salary	Wages	PWTC Wages Imprest Acc	Z	5,489.56		5,489.56
829 Salaries	28/03/2024		Wages Imprest	BACS Salary	Wages	PWTC Wages Imprest Acc	Z	630.00		630.00
829 Salaries	28/03/2024		Wages Imprest	BACS Salary	Wages	PWTC Wages Imprest Acc	Z	230.42		230.42
829 Salaries	28/03/2024		Wages Imprest	BACS Salary	Wages	PWTC Wages Imprest Acc	Z	5,489.26		5,489.26
829 Salaries	28/03/2024		Wages Imprest	BACS Salary	Wages	PWTC Wages Imprest Acc	Z	99.28		99.28
829 Wages - Foal Hurst Wood	28/03/2024		Wages Imprest	BACS Salary	Wages	PWTC Wages Imprest Acc	Z	108.12		108.12
829 Wages - memorial	28/03/2024		Wages Imprest	BACS Salary	Wages	PWTC Wages Imprest Acc	Z	2,000.04		2,000.04
829 CC Salaries	28/03/2024		Wages Imprest	BACS Salary	Wages	PWTC Wages Imprest Acc	Z	50.00		50.00
829 Neighbourhood Plan (Reserves	28/03/2024		Wages Imprest	BACS Salary	Wages	PWTC Wages Imprest Acc	Z	2,064.18		2,064.18
830 Salaries	28/03/2024		Wages Imprest	BACS HMRC	Tax/NI	PWTC Wages Imprest Acc	Z	57.40		57.40
830 Salaries	28/03/2024		Wages Imprest	BACS HMRC	Tax/NI	PWTC Wages Imprest Acc	Z	2,078.91		2,078.91
830 Salaries	28/03/2024		Wages Imprest	BACS HMRC	Tax/NI	PWTC Wages Imprest Acc	Z	746.17		746.17
830 CC Salaries	28/03/2024		Wages Imprest	BACS HMRC	Tax/NI	PWTC Wages Imprest Acc	Z	649.83		649.83
831 Salaries	28/03/2024		Wages Imprest	BACS Pension	Tax/NI	PWTC Wages Imprest Acc	Z	649.66		649.66
831 Salaries	28/03/2024		Wages Imprest	BACS Pension	Tax/NI	PWTC Wages Imprest Acc	Z	231.17		231.17
831 CC Salaries	28/03/2024		Wages Imprest	BACS Pension	Tax/NI	PWTC Wages Imprest Acc	Z	74.00		74.00
832 CC Salaries	28/03/2024		Wages Imprest	BACS Student Loan	Tax/NI	PWTC Wages Imprest Acc	Z	18.00		18.00
833 Bank interest/fees	31/03/2024		Wages Imprest	DD	Bank charges	Unity bank	Z	-25.92		-25.92
834 Salaries	31/03/2024		Wages Imprest	BACS Pension	reversal of 288	PWTC Wages Imprest Acc	E	70.00	14.00	84.00
835 Members allowances	27/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	370	Training - C Williams	Kent Association of Local C	S			
Total								68,587.87	5,104.02	73,691.89

Paddock Wood Town Council RECEIPTS LIST

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Receipt No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
243 Grants of Right	01/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	BACS	Cemetery Fees	Sears Funeral Service	E	556.00		556.00
243 Opening Fee	01/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	BACS	Cemetery Fees	Sears Funeral Service	E	474.00		474.00
244 Grants of Right	02/03/2024		Current/Business Re:		Cemetery Fees	Sears Funeral Service	E	556.00		556.00
244 Opening Fee	02/03/2024		Current/Business Re:		Cemetery Fees	Sears Funeral Service	E	474.00		474.00
245 Memorial Fees	08/03/2024		Current/Business Re:		Cemetery Fees	Tara Turbull	E	120.00		120.00
245 Memorial Plaques	08/03/2024		Current/Business Re:		Cemetery Fees	Tara Turbull	S	75.54	15.11	90.65
246 Putlands	12/03/2024		Current/Business Re:		Hire of Pitches	East Peckham Rugby	E	70.75		70.75
246 Putlands	12/03/2024		Current/Business Re:		Hire of Pitches	East Peckham Rugby	E	14.15		14.15
247 Rents	13/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	BACS	Allotment Rents	Allotment	E	20.00		20.00
248 Memorial Pitches	15/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	BACS	Hire of Pitches	Insulators	E	35.37		35.37
248 Memorial Pitches	15/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	BACS	Hire of Pitches	Insulators	E	35.37		35.37
248 Memorial Pitches	15/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	BACS	Hire of Pitches	Insulators	E	56.36		56.36
249 Rents	15/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	BACS	Allotment Rents	Allotment	E	20.00		20.00
250 Hop Pickers Line (Reserves)	20/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	BACS	refund	Paddock Wood Community	E	22.00		22.00
251 Trees/Plants	22/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	BACS	Grant - TWBC	TWBC	E	938.00		938.00
251 Contractors	22/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	BACS	Grant - TWBC	TWBC	E	1,100.00		1,100.00
252 Green Lane Pitches	26/03/2024		Current/Business Re:		Hire of Pitches	Pembury Football	E	35.38		35.38
253 Rents	27/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	BACS	Allotment Rents	Allotments	E	10.00		10.00
254 CC General Expenses	28/03/2024		Current/Business Re:		Recharge of Baxall Invoice	Paddock Wood Community	S	1,398.30	279.66	1,677.96
254 CC General Expenses	28/03/2024		Current/Business Re:		Recharge of Baxall Invoice	Paddock Wood Community	S	443.00	88.60	531.60
255 Opening Fee	27/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	304	Cemetery Fees	Sears Funeral Service	E	474.00		474.00
256 Memorial Fees	27/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	304	Cemetery Fees	Dignity Memorials Kent	E	120.00		120.00
256 Memorial Fees	27/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	304	Cemetery Fees	Dignity Memorials Kent	E	60.00		60.00
257 Hire Charges	27/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	304	Hire of Day Centre	Royal British Legion PW	E	16.08		16.08
258 Cemetery Admin Fees	31/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	305	Cemetery Fees	Rod White	E	58.00		58.00
259 St Andrews Hall - Maintenance	25/03/2024		Current/Business Re:		Hire of St Andrews Hall	Scalliwags Nursery School	S	890.18	178.04	1,068.22
260 Bank interest/fees	31/03/2024		Liquidity Account	BACS	Interest	Unity bank	Z	4,091.77		4,091.77
261 Rents	26/03/2024		Current/Business Re:	BACS	Allotment Rents	Allotments	E	40.00		40.00
Total							12,204.25	561.41	12,765.66	

REPORT

COUNCIL MEETING 15TH April 2024.

C149 ELECTRICAL TESTING

Following the five-year fixed testing for all the council's buildings a number of defects have been identified which need to be put right. The faults are divided into the following codes:

CODE C1 'Danger Present'
Risk of injury. Immediate remedial action required.
CODE C2 'Potentially Dangerous'
Urgent remedial action required.
CODE C3
'Improvement Recommended'
CODE F1
'Further Investigation Required'

None of the Council's buildings have any Code C1 or F1. However, there are some Code C2 and C3 faults which have been identified.

Quotes for the remedial works are as follows:

	Contractor 1 (quotation)			Contractor 2 (estimate)		
	Code 2	Code 3	Site total	Code 2	Code 3	Site Total
Elm Tree Pavilion	£814.50	£3375.00	£4189.50	£707.37	£828.10	£1435.47
St Andrews Hall	£297	£1967	£2264	£176	£487	£663
Podmore Building	£1410	£1191	£2601	£612.20	£795	£1407.20
Green Lane Pavilion	£494	£3146	£3640	£348	£640	£988
Memorial Pavilion & Allotment Store	£5463	£637	£6737	£1480.50	£1958.98	£3439.48
Memorial Workshop	£498	£1468	£1966	£218	£470.70	£688.70
Day Centre	£1801	£2663	£3166	£996.50	£430	£1426.50
Total	£10,777.50	£14,447	£25,224.5	£4538.57	£5609.78	£10,148.35

Members are asked to agree a contractor and determine whether all the work should be carried out immediately or just the Code 2 work. Members are advised that costs may increase if the contractor has to return for a second visit to carry out the Code 3 work. There is currently £31000 in the building maintenance reserve.



**WELCOME TO HOP PICKERS LINE HERITAGE GROUP
4th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & PRESENTATION
WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH 2024
PADDOCK WOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Hop Pickers Line is the Hawkhurst Branch Line, a single line railway which ran between Paddock Wood and Hawkhurst between 1892 and 1961, serving the communities of Paddock Wood, Horsmonden, Goudhurst, Cranbrook and Hawkhurst.

It also brought thousands of residents from the East End of London to this region every summer for their annual hop-picking "holiday" in this area of Kent, the Garden of England.

www.hoppickersline.org



HOP PICKERS LINE HERITAGE GROUP

Who we are and what we do:

Formed in 2008, the original ambition was to re-open the line for walking and cycling, which proved to be unfeasible at the time.

Since 2015, with support from Tunbridge Wells B.C. and the Parishes, members representing the communities served by the line have been working upon an interpretation scheme, with information panels and other features, beginning in 2017 with:

- 2 information panels at Paddock Wood railway station, and other way-marking features at Queen Street, funded by the solar farm development.
- followed by 2 information panels at Goudhurst in 2019/20.
- and a further information panel at Horsmonden in 2021.

The Group also keeps a close eye on all aspects of the line, commissioning an archaeological study in 2016, with a view to preserving the line's unique heritage, objecting to the proposed infill of a bridge near Cranbrook, and working with TWBC's Planning Department for preservation and interpretation opportunities.



EXPLORE THE HERITAGE OF THE HOP PICKERS LINE

Between 1892 and 1961 a single-line steam railway developed by the celebrated hop grower and entrepreneur, Sir John Lubbock, linked the hop growing areas of Paddock Wood, Horsmonden, Goudhurst, Cranbrook and Hawkhurst.

It also brought thousands of residents from the East of London to the hop-picking 'holiday' in the south of Kent, the Garden of England thus earning this little town the name 'the grand income of the hop'.

The Hop Pickers Line was built and given by William Pitt Rivers to the hop harvesters of Paddock Wood and Goudhurst. The railway was used to transport hop cuttings to the hop processing plant at Paddock Wood and to transport hop cuttings to the hop processing plant at Goudhurst.

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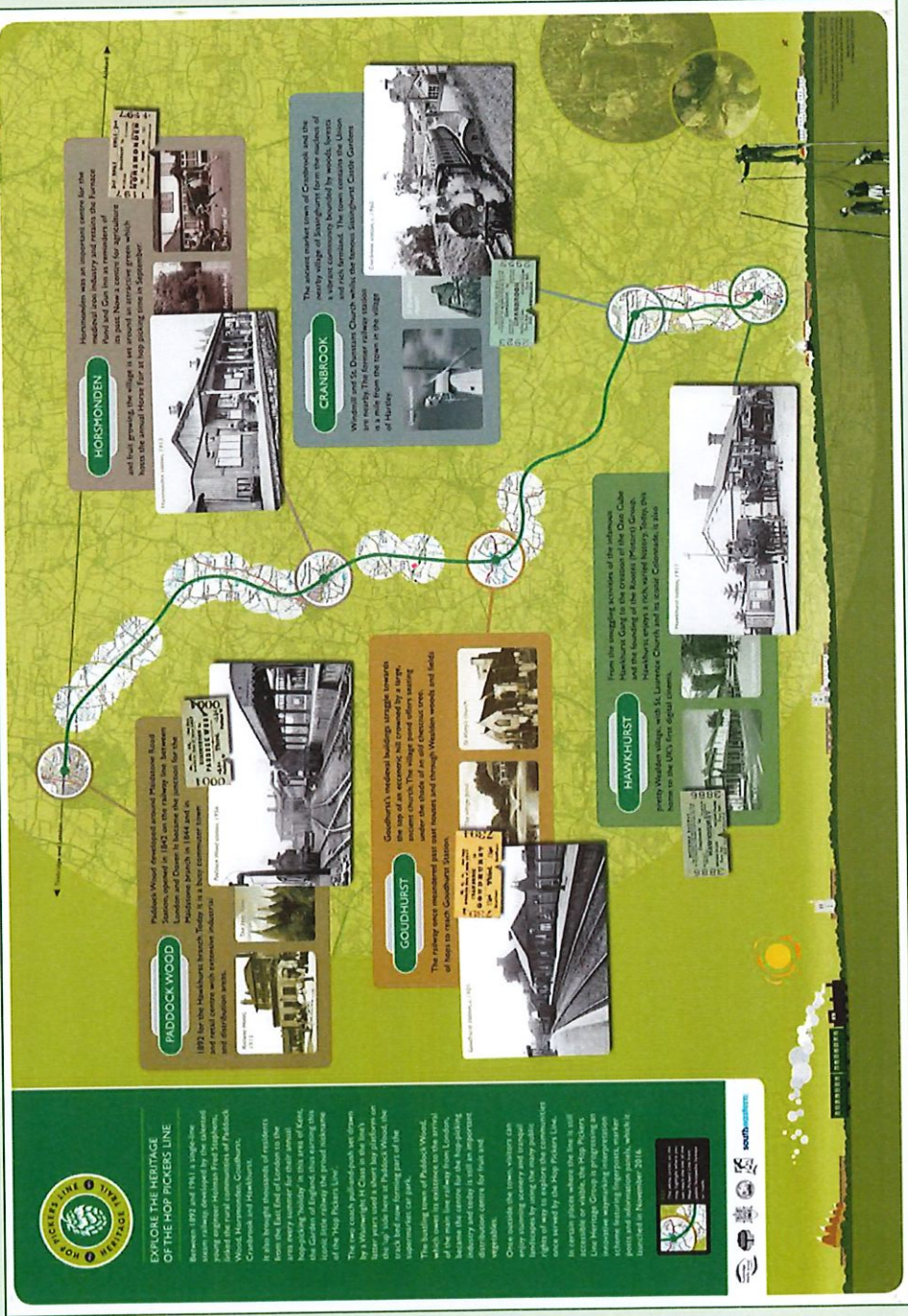
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The first of these maps were installed at Paddock Wood railway station in July 2017, followed by 2 more at Goudhurst (2019/20), and 1 at Horsmonden (2021).

We are currently exploring a further possible site at Cranbrook.



THE CHURCH FARM DEVELOPMENT, PADDOCK WOOD

From this new housing development, started in 2022, HPLHG was awarded just over £12,000 of s106 monies, undertaking to deliver the following, within a “Waymarking Strategy” agreed with TWBC. TWBC then transferred the £12,000 to Paddock Wood Town Council (PWTC), our accountable body, who receives payments and pays invoices on our behalf.

Within this Waymarking Strategy, we agreed to deliver:

- a website covering aspects of the Hop Pickers Line railway, and hop-picking in the area, together with a Facebook facility.
- 2 information panels to be sited opposite the John Brunt pub and near the footbridge at the end of the Black Path.
- train motif silhouettes to be placed along the Black Path (utility poles and the Network Rail Training Centre fence).
- a “feature” to be sited at the Black Path end of the Church Farm development .

We also updated our A5 handout with the new website address and Facebook symbol.

Finance



How the budget has been spent so far.

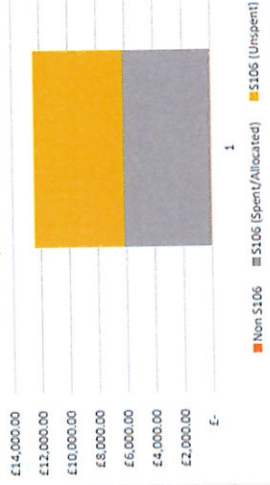
Hop Pickers Line Heritage Group Financial Accounts

Paddock Wood Church Farm Development "Black Path" Interpretation Project

Funded by S106 monies through TWBC/PWTC

	Non S106	S106	Budget	Contingency
Funds at End 22/23	£ 199	£ 12,181		
Spend 23/24				
Website/Facebook Stencils (Steam Engine Motif)	£ 1,000	£ 1,200		
Clamps	£ 590	£ 1,000		
Labour for Fixing	£ 195			
Licence to Affix	£ 150			
Updating of Design & Map	£ 127			
Information Panels (*2)	£ 1,000	£ 500		
Buffer Stops (*2)	£ 2,795	£ 2,400		
Miscellaneous	£ 200			
Contingency for Website Updates (3 yrs to Dec 26)				£ 450
Licence Fee to KCC for silhouettes (2 years to Dec 26)				£ 300
Hire of PWCC meeting 14/2/24	£ 22			
Hire of PWCC meeting AGM 27/3/24	£ 39			
Feature to be commissioned in accordance with TWBC Public Art Guidance Procurement Policy to fit with available spend			£ 5,102	
Current Balance	£ 199	£ 6,063		

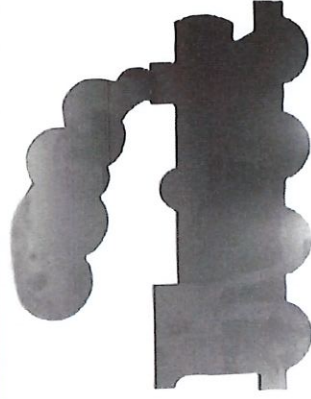
Hop Pickers Line Funds



Hop Pickers Line Funds
 Non S106
 S106 (Spent/Allocated)
 S106 (Unspent)

£ 199.22
 £ 6,117.55
 £ 6,063.43

What's next?



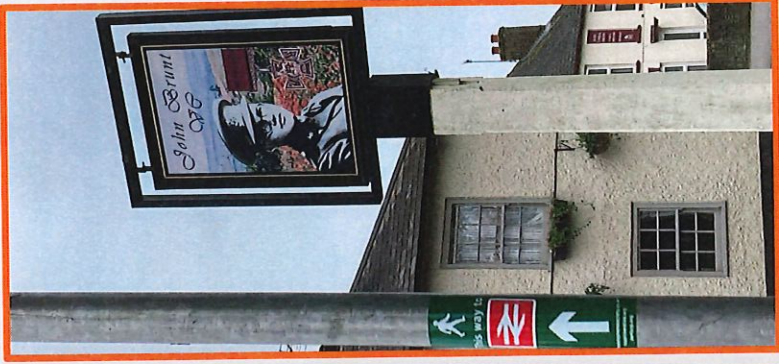
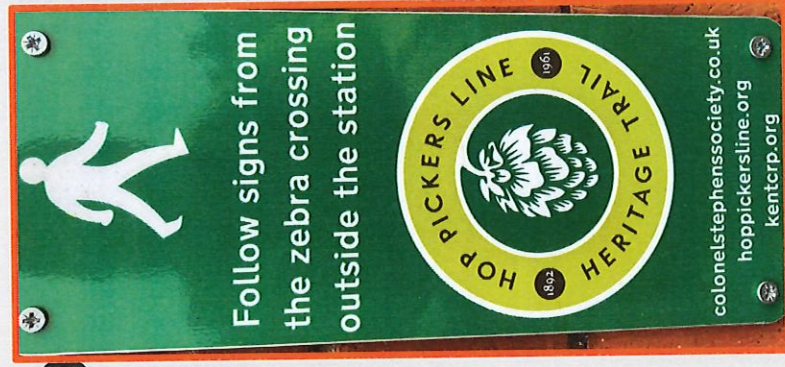
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Ideas for a “feature” to be sited at the Church Farm Development (with approval from Church Farm developer and Tunbridge Wells B.C.)



Waymarking the Hop Pickers Line Heritage Trail

Using logos for the Hop Pickers Line Heritage Trail and leveraging Sustrans connections with KCC Highways, Kent Community Rail Partnership have Added waymarking signs between the station and the John Brunt VC.



Celebrating Colonel Stephens and the Hop Pickers Line

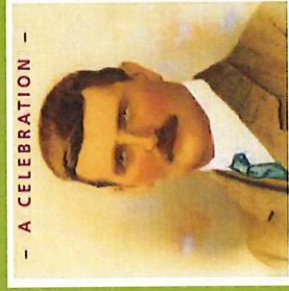
Supported by the Colonel Stephens Society, Kent Community Rail Partnership have developed an additional information board for the station.

The board is currently with Southeastern, awaiting installation by their facilities team.



Colonel Stephens and the Hop Pickers Line

- A CELEBRATION -



A museum celebrating Stephens and his work, including the Hop Pickers Line, is at Tenterden, Kent & East Sussex Railway, Tenterden Town Station, Tenterden, TN30 6HE 01580 765155 www.kesr.org.uk

Who was Colonel Stephens?

The engineer for the Hop Pickers Line was Holman F Stephens, later following service in the Great War, to become Lt. Col. Stephens. He had worked on and promoted some 16 railway lines across the country, mainly through agricultural districts.

He managed his lines from an office in Tonbridge. All were notable for economical construction and basic provision of facilities.



The Hop Pickers Line

Work to build the 11 mile Cranbrook and Paddock Wood Railway began in 1890, employing some 400 navvies in its construction. The line opened to Goudhurst in 1892, with the stretch to Hawkhurst completed the following year, at an overall cost of £100,000. The ambition to continue the line to Hastings was never achieved.

The advent of the First World War caused a shortage of hop pickers, with farm owners having to improve conditions and facilities to tempt the pickers down from London. The Second World War saw many

people leave the bomb-damaged streets of London and there was no storage of pickers for the harvests.

The line closed to services in June 1961, the track was lifted in 1964 and the disused station sites offered for sale in 1967. Whilst parts of the line have been lost, the Hop Pickers Line Heritage Group work to maintain its memory in the rural communities of Paddock Wood, Horsmonden, Goudhurst, Cranbrook and Hawkhurst that it once connected.

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This project was funded and supported by The Colonel Stephens Society in the County of the Kent
Colonel Stephens Museum
www.colonelstephensmuseum.co.uk



Thank you for attending our AGM today



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- Tunbridge Wells Borough Council for their continuing advice and the Parishes for their support
- our sponsors, including Goudhurst P.C. (room hire) and Wealden Advertiser (A5 handouts)

- the Hop Pickers Line Heritage Group representatives for all they contribute:

Cllrs. Raymond Moon and David Sargison (Paddock Wood)

Peter Bird (Horsmonden)

David Boniface, Susan Newsam and Cllr. Suzie Kember (Goudhurst)

Graham Holmes (Cranbrook)

Ed Bates (Co-opted member)

Please speak with any of us for further information, and please enjoy the display tables around the meeting room

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Yolanda Laybourne, Chair