

# Olympic Torch Relay

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## **Who is paying for the Torch Relay to come to Borough Green and how much will it cost local residents?**

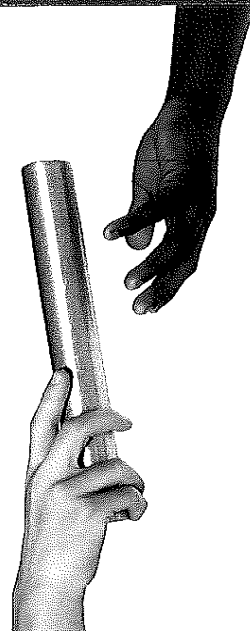
The corporate sponsors of the London Olympic Games, which include Coca Cola, Lloyds TSB and Samsung will be paying for the cost of the torch relay. The costs of security, road closures and decorating the route as a result of the Torch Relay passing through Borough Green will be paid for by Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, hopefully with support from other organisations. In turn, the 2012 Olympic Games as a whole are expected to give a significant boost to the nation's economy in 2012, from additional tourism activity and business contracts to supply services to the Games, and this in turn will also benefit local businesses.

## **Security and Policing**

Kent Police has a formal responsibility for the security of the Torch Relay and safety of its passage through Kent, to ensure that these aspects are at the forefront of everyone's attention. The security of the Torch Relay convoy and official Torch stops will be in the hands of the Metropolitan Police, with Kent Police responsible for all other Torch Relay security matters within the county. Kent Police is also sending officers to earlier stages of the Relay in an observation capacity so that Kent is fully prepared and knows what to expect.

## **What celebrations or events will there be on the day and how can I join in?**

The Torch Relay is a unique occasion and local residents and businesses are encouraged to join in the celebrations. Volunteers will be needed to help marshal the route through Borough Green, and if you wish to put your name forward please get in touch using the contact details on the back cover.



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[www.tmbc.gov.uk](http://www.tmbc.gov.uk)

email: [leisure.services@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:leisure.services@tmbc.gov.uk)

or visit the official Torch Relay website:

[www.london2012.com/olympic-torch-relay](http://www.london2012.com/olympic-torch-relay)

Annex 1



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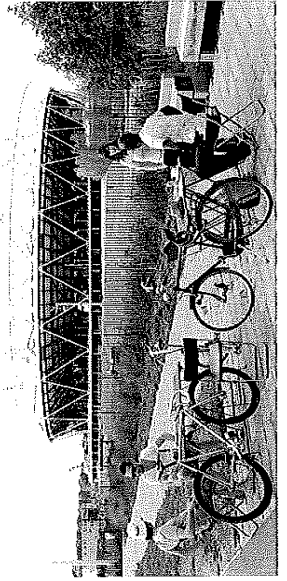
Borough Green has been selected to host the Torch Relay by LOCOG, the organising body for the 2012 London Olympic and Paralympic Games, and is the only community within the borough of Tonbridge and Malling to host the Olympic Torch Relay.

Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council is immensely proud to be able to welcome the Torch and is keen to work with local Parish Councils, schools and community groups to ensure that this is a successful and exciting event for all concerned, and to encourage as many local residents as possible to join in and enjoy this unique experience by supporting the torch Bearers as they pass through Borough Green. This is a wonderful opportunity to draw the community together at this event, which will be broadcast live to a worldwide television audience.

You may have questions on how the Torch Relay will be organised, how it may affect residents, businesses, visitors, and of course, on how the community and local residents can join in. The purpose of this newsletter is to answer as many of those initial questions as possible. As more information becomes available to the Borough Council and as the day of the Torch Relay approaches, there will be further newsletters to keep you informed about the exact route and timing of the Relay and other important details.

**In the meantime, further information will be available on the Borough Council's website: [www.tmbc.gov.uk](http://www.tmbc.gov.uk), or by contacting Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council on 01732 876166 or emailing [leisure.services@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:leisure.services@tmbc.gov.uk)**

LOCOG: London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games



## **When and for how long will the Torch Relay be in Borough Green?**

The timetable of the Torch Relay is carefully worked out by LOCOG, and is scheduled to arrive in Borough Green at 12.06pm on Friday 20 July 2012. The Relay will last for just over eight minutes, and it is anticipated that three Torch Bearers will each run 300m carrying the Olympic Torch along the route through Borough Green.

## **What route will the Torch Relay take?**

The exact route the Relay will take has not yet been announced by LOCOG. The Relay will be coming from Maidstone where it will have stayed overnight on 19 July and then will be travelling to Guildford to arrive on the evening of 20 July. As soon as the exact route is announced, details will be given to residents and businesses in Borough Green.

## **What will it look like?**

The Relay convoy will have 12 vehicles. A Metropolitan Police security team will travel with the Torch. Three presenting partner vehicles will travel out in front of the Torch whipping up the crowd, with the convoy, followed by two buses to pick up and drop off the Torch Bearers when it is their turn to run.

## **Will there be any disruption to traffic?**

On its journey through the county the Torch will be transported in some parts in Convoy mode and in other parts in Torch Bearer mode. Convoy mode is when the Torch is back on the host vehicle and will generally be used when travelling between communities. When in Convoy mode only designated A 'class' and B 'class' roads will be used, to keep disruption to a minimum on minor roads. Kent Highway Services is working with Kent Police and District Councils to minimise disruption to local residents and work will be done to evaluate the possible knock on effects of any road closures or delays. Kent Highway Services will also be working closely with bus companies in relation to timetabling issues and ensuring that planned road works and utility repairs are appropriately managed during the Relay. Details of road closures will be announced later in the year.

## **Who will be carrying the Torch?**

Torch Bearers are nominated in the first instance (nominations closed on 29 June 2011) and are then selected by one of 12 judging panels around the UK. Approximately 8,000 Torch Bearers will be selected nationwide. 50 per cent of the Torch Bearers will be aged 12-24 years. It is not yet known who the Torch Bearers in Borough Green



will be, but it is hoped that people from the local area will have been selected and have the honour of carrying the Olympic Torch. The London 2012 Olympic Torch consists of 8,000 small circles, each of which represents an inspirational story from one of the 8,000 Torch Bearers who will carry it on its journey around the United Kingdom.

## **Why is the Relay coming to Borough Green?**

The organising body for the Olympics, LOCOG, has selected which cities, towns and villages should host the Olympic Torch Relay. Borough Green is the only community in the borough of Tonbridge and Malling to have been selected by LOCOG to host the Torch Relay.

## **Where else will the Torch be going?**

The Torch arrives in the United Kingdom on 18 May 2012 on its journey from Olympia in Greece and will spend 66 days being relayed throughout the United Kingdom. On its journey across Kent the Olympic Torch will pass through the following communities on a date between 17 July and 20 July 2012:

Tunbridge Wells, Ham Street, Ashford, Hythe, Sandgate, Folkestone, Samphire Hoe, Dover, Deal, Sholden, Sandwich, Ramsgate, Broadstairs, Cliftonville, Margate, Westgate-on-Sea, Birchington-on-Sea, Upstreet, Sturry, Canterbury, Faversham, Challock, Harrietsham, Leeds Castle, Maidstone, Chatham, Gillingham, Rochester, Higham, Gravesend, Borough Green, Seal, Sevenoaks, Riverhead.

The Torch will then arrive at the Olympic Stadium in London for the Olympic Opening Ceremony on 27 July 2012.