

Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council Services Update



The Great British Spring Clean (GBSC) is a national campaign led by Keep Britain Tidy. The Kent Resource Partnership which represents the 13 Kent Councils have launched several new campaigns including [#KeepKentClean](#) which we ran in conjunction with GBSC. This had huge impact on our social media pages with a 'reach' which connected, informed and inspired over 103,000 people.

The following slides highlight a number of activities taking place in Tonbridge.



Spring Clean Events in Tonbridge – March/April 2018 Stats

Organisation	Location	Date	Volunteers (n)	sacks collected
TGS Duke of Edinburgh Award	Tonbridge	March / April	1	12
River Church Tonbridge (TACT)	Tonbridge	March/ July TBC	60	TBC
Sussex Road Primary School 'Flower Power' Litter Pickers	South Tonbridge (Judd)	Monthly patrols	12	7
Somerhill Green Community Litter Pick	South Tonbridge (Vauxhall)	Regularly	8	8
Woodland Walk Mgt Committee	Tonbridge	Sat 14 April 2018	10	TBC (20)
Haysden Country Park Volunteers	Tonbridge	Sat 3 March 2018	16	16
Tonbridge Street Monitors	Tonbridge	Sat 31 March 2018	2	3
Barden Road Litter Blitz	Tonbridge	Sunday 4 March 2018	25	14
Tonbridge Canoe Club	Tonbridge	Sunday 4 March 2018	35	32
McDonalds	Tonbridge	Wed 4 April 2018	20	14
McDonalds	Tonbridge	Ongoing	20	20
Tonbridge (Medway) MVCP	Tonbridge	Ongoing	15	30
Various locations	Walking Litter Picks	Ongoing	8	
TOTAL SACKS				156
TOTAL VOLUNTEERS			232	

Some stand out achievements are the ongoing commitment from the Franchisee of the two McDonalds outlets in the town. Led by Surjit Manger and his Assistant Manager, Christina McGath they garnered their 108 strong workforce to take part in two community litter picks over the Easter break in partnership with Kent Police (the two new Tonbridge PCSOs) and ongoing daily cleanses in the vicinity of the Sportsground, High Street, Tow Path, Town Lock and Cannon Lane.



McDONALD'S IN YOUR COMMUNITY

At McDonald's we recognise our responsibility to protect and preserve the environment for future generations to come.
That is why for over 30 years, our restaurants have carried out daily litter patrols.



We also work together with local communities to help reduce the effect that litter has on the environment.
We will be holding a litter picking event soon and would welcome anyone who would like to help. By working together, we can make a real difference.

Our next Litter Event:

WHEN:	APRIL 4th 2018 11am -3PM
WHERE:	RIVER LAWN ROAD & PLAYGROUND

If you would like to get involved or if you have any suggestions on where we can hold a future event, please speak to a manager.

Love where you Live 



Interest has been received from young people as individuals wishing to fulfil their 'Service' element of the Duke Of Edinburgh Awards from Tonbridge Girls Grammar School and Hillview School by doing weekly litter picks over a 3/4 month period.

Equally we have a young litter hero from Sussex Road Primary School, Miss Charlotte Flower who as part of her Eco Club is running weekly litter picks around Sussex Road with her young friends. The Head Teacher of Sussex Road Primary School has also set up a new litter picking group around the new development 'Somerhill Green' who are doing monthly events.



As always the failsafe groups from Gold 'Environmental Champions Award' Winners Tonbridge Canoe Club in partnership with Medway Valley Countryside Partnership and Haysden Country Park Volunteers are keeping the river rubbish under control. Historically removing over 22 trolleys from the River Medway in one event.



The volunteer Street Monitors for which we have 88 registered in Tonbridge have reported ad-hoc events and disposing of the waste in their own black residual waste bins and some even recycling the litter found at their local recycling site and / or green box.

On 12th May Street Monitors and Flood Wardens will be joining forces for a big rubbish clearance at Sovereign Way Car Park.

Additionally the One You Team have recruited and trained up new Health Walk Leaders across the Borough, many of whom are keen to combine these 'Health Walks' with litter picking on the go, which we fully support and encourage.

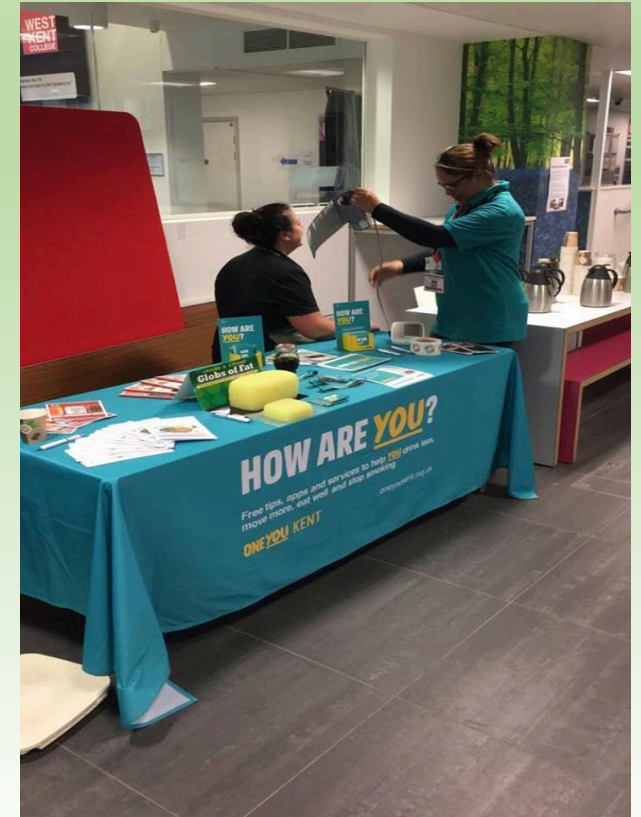
We have received 35 referrals from Tonbridge Medical Practice, Warders and Hildenborough and Tonbridge Medical Group since the One You campaign began in October 2017. About 10 of these are live with fantastic changes being made to people's lifestyles including weight loss, people quitting smoking, cutting back on alcohol, housing adaptations being made to those who need more support etc.

The One You team hosted a Wellbeing Day at West Kent College (Hadlow College Group) as part of our Workplace Wellbeing programme. We saw over 80 members of staff from across the Network for wellbeing checks and advice for their own wellbeing. You can find out more by trying the [One You Kent quiz](https://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/health/one-you-kent) for yourself. Three individuals were referred to their Doctor for further support. <https://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/health/one-you-kent>



Plans are in place to recruit a One You 'your home' advisor who will be based at Warders Medical Centre and will be required to see those residents who present at the doctors most frequently for home and One You assessments.

Lastly the TACT (Tonbridge Area Churches Together) are running summer events, litter picking events for young people with an estimate of 60 volunteers over the 6 week summer break.



Our facilities continue to be improved through our success in securing external funding from developer contributions and grant sources. Improvements made include:-

Hayden Country Park

- **Play area improvements**
- **Café area**
- **Barden Lake path improvements**
- **Pond dipping platform path improvements**



**Hayden Country Park
Play Area**



**Hayden Country Park Pond
Dipping Platform Improvements**



**Hayden Country Park
Café Area
Improvements**



Barden Lake Revetment

- **Tonbridge Racecourse Sportsground – new baseball facility, tennis academy, river revetment works**
- **Tonbridge Cemetery – path extension**
- **Tonbridge Castle river wall revetment**
- **Angel Centre gym refurbishment – all equipment replaced and facility refurbished**
- **Introduction of full time pay & display parking around the Castle Grounds Car Park to meet on-going demand for public parking around the Castle**
- **Tonbridge Town Lock – full refurbishment of the site including flood protection works and new boating facilities**
- **Tonbridge Memorial Garden wall – following previous refurbishment works to the memorial gardens, works have been progressed to the wall.**
- **Remembrance gardens cycle way – upgraded / installed new lighting to ensure the area is appropriately lit.**



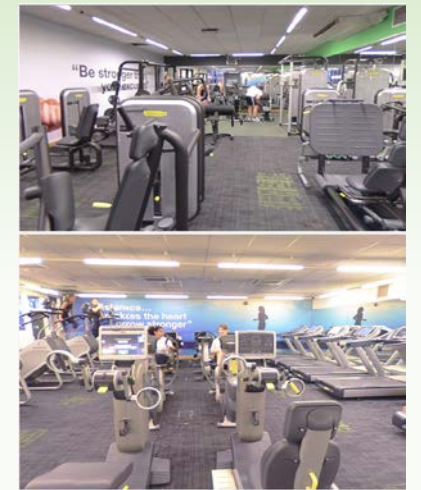
Tonbridge Baseball Club



Tonbridge Tennis Academy



Remembrance Garden cycle way lighting



Angel Centre Gym Refurbishment

There are a number of improvements planned including:-

- **Haysden Country Park - car park extension, woodland sculptures, sewage work improvements, volunteers container**
- **Tonbridge Racecourse Sportsground – cycle path improvements**
- **Tonbridge Cemetery – refurbishment of chapel including roof works and re-carpet**



Tile Barn Farm



Tonbridge Racecourse Sportsground Cycle Route

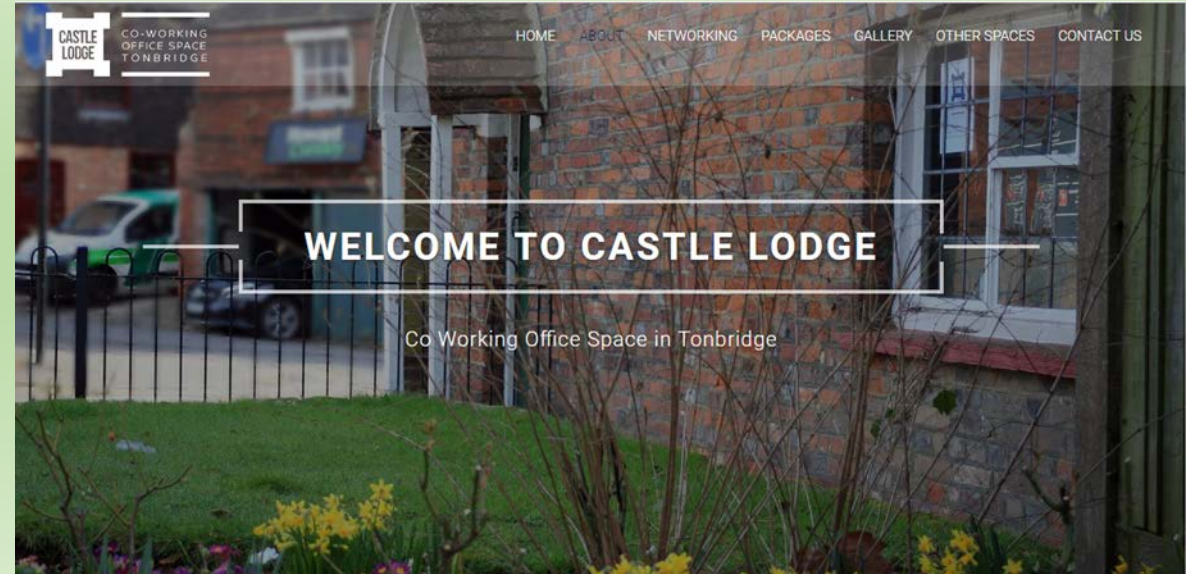
The Chancellor in the March 2017 Budget announced that the Government would provide £300m nationally to support those businesses most affected by the revaluation of business rates due to take effect from April 2017.

In 2017/18 TMBC received an allocation of £338,000, and will get an allocation of £164,000 in this financial year 2018/19.

TMBC adopted a scheme during 2017 in order to pass on the support to local businesses affected by the revaluation. In Tonbridge, 68 separate business have benefited.

The council is working in partnership with the operators of 'The House' in Tunbridge Wells to create new flexible co-working space for small and start-up businesses:

- Help to mitigate, in a small way, against the loss of office accommodation in Tonbridge Town Centre.
- Aims to improve business survival rates.
- Create a support network for people starting up a new business.
- Offers opportunities for seminars and information events that are specifically geared towards start-ups.
- Opens late Spring 2018.



The council has supported 'Tonbridge Creates' to deliver a pop-up shop on Tonbridge High Street at Angel Walk:

- Re-animating an empty High Street unit.
- Providing something different on the High Street and encouraging additional footfall.
- Giving small local businesses an outlet to promote and sell their products.
- Supporting a range of community activity

TONBRIDGE CREATES IS
COMING

*Join us for the launch of
Tonbridge Creates*

Friday 23rd Feb 2018
8 Angel Walk
5:30pm - 7pm

Please RSVP to Louise
Tonbridgecreates@hotmail.com
07813 067 228

The council has established business engagement events to help support local businesses:

- Enabling the council to talk to businesses about the issues they face.
- Highlighting support (grants/loans/advice) that is available.
- Giving businesses an opportunity to talk to each other.
- Next business meeting 24 April 2018.

