

# Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council

## Update on TMBC Activity in Tonbridge

**Tonbridge Forum  
September 2018**



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# Helping Homeless Households

- TMBC have taken action to increase affordable temporary accommodation through the purchase of a property on Tonbridge High Street.
- Funds from planning obligations derived from new private sector housing development.
- Creation of 6 flats.
- Reduce reliance on nightly paid accommodation from private providers.
- Safe and fit for purpose temporary accommodation for local households in need whilst permanent homes can be found

# Business Rates Retention Scheme

- Kent Authorities successful in bidding for Business Rates Retention Pilot.
- Part of the funding secured will go towards promoting economic growth.
- Proposed initiatives that are relevant to Tonbridge include:
  - a) Commercial Frontages Improvement Scheme – grants for independent businesses.
  - b) Tonbridge Town Centre Initiatives - including support for pop-up shops, wi-fi and events.
  - c) Business Accommodation Investment Pot
- Looking to start initiatives this financial year, subject to KCC sign off.



# Fairtrade Tonbridge

Since the update at the last Tonbridge Forum:

- Steering Group set up and has met 3 times.
- Application for Fairtrade Town Status completed and submitted in August 2018.
- Awaiting decision from the Fairtrade Foundation in November 2018.

If you are interested in getting involved, please get in touch!





# Tonbridge Events (Part One)

TMBC has supported a range of events over the past few months, including:

- Luna Cinema Events
- Illyria Performances
- Marking the Centenary of the end of World War I.....





# Tonbridge Events (Part 2)

.....and the Medieval Fair and Dragon Boat Races



# Leisure Improvements

- Tonbridge to Penshurst Cycle Path newly resurfaced – part-funded through a successful bid to the Istock Enover Trust, along with contributions from TMBC and KCC.
- Haysden Country Park – new footpaths and children’s play area following grant from Tesco Bags of Help funding.





# Recycling Bring Site Update

- Meeting increased demand at recycling banks
- Currently emptying in excess of 500 glass & can banks throughout the week across Tonbridge & Malling and Tunbridge Wells.
- If one of the vehicles breaks down, causes logistical issues.
- To improve the situation between now and the roll out of the new kerbside services - sourced a contractor who can supplement our collections with their own specialist vehicle.



- This supplementary service will start on 27 September 2018
- Any overflow reports should be reported to [waste.services@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:waste.services@tmbc.gov.uk)