



Westgate on Sea Town Council 2021: Action Plan

Following the adoption of the Forward Plan by the Town Council in early 2020 it is now best practice and timely to form an action plan for the forthcoming financial and Town Council year from April 2021 to April 2022.

The Town Action Plan is drafted by the Town Council and will then be used to consult with the residents and the community to seek what the priorities should be and where the resources and funds should be focussed.

There will be recommendations identified from the Forward Plan formed from various themes and issues that seek to support and meet the needs of the local community, in particular the residents.

PRIORITY	CURRENT ACTIONS TO MARCH 2021	PLANNED ACTIONS FOR PERIOD APRIL 2021-22
Neighbourhood Plan (NP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft NP nearly completed. Consultation to commence in second half of year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation to commence in second half of year.
Planning – proposed developments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council opposes plans to build 2000 houses on agricultural land, planning decision expected soon. • Letter sent to local MP Sir Roger Gale MP to lobby for change of law on building on agricultural land, copies sent to Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government, Secretary of State for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and Prime Minister. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Council to help shape planning proposal for the proposed 2,000 houses, future phases, if permission granted. • Town Council to pursue S106 agreement for renovation of the community centre. • Town Council to work in collaboration with Birchington PC and engage with other action groups.
Highway Improvement Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collated short list for HIPs and £1,000 earmarked in budget for traffic surveys. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult with the community/residents on the shortlist for HIPs; budget to be considered for next year included in any Precept requests.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaise with KCC on any proposed HIP to seek accurate estimate of timescales.
Partnership working & Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with community groups/organisations to deliver events and projects, such as Pancake Races, Remembrance Parade, Paint the Town Poppy Red, Westgate Against Rubbish, Speedwatch, food donations and Westgate in Bloom. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events planned for this year include:- Train Station Birthday, Annual Town Meeting and Westgate Day, also working in collaboration on the Food and Drink Festival, Scarecrow Festival and Remembrance Sunday. • To seek new partnership opportunities in the private sector; build on those achieved so far, for example South East Rail and Stagecoach. • Organise various consultation opportunities across different mediums with the local community this year.
Defibrillators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the funding of the two new defibrillators and one donated; the four newly acquired outside heated cabinets have now arrived and are ready for installation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise the installation of the four outdoor heated cabinets whilst seeking to host CPR/Defibrillator training sessions for the community
Collaboration with other authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaising with TDC and KCC to support services provided by both authorities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To expand co-operation with town and parish councils in the area in relation to training, plant management, etc
Shop canopy repairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researched approach and explored funding opportunities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate collaboration approach and secure funding
Facilities for Young People & Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired the War Memorial Recreation Ground under a Community Asset Transfer from Thanet District Council. • Researched funding opportunities for the War Memorial Recreation Ground to secure renovation of the site. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the formation of a Youth Council for Westgate on Sea. • Seek funding and volunteers for Pavilion improvement works. • Engage with young people in the community to seek opinions and feedback on the facilities at the recreation ground and how they can be improved for future generations.
Business Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Forum launched virtually in 2020. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to promote the Business Forum and support the local traders in the

		bounce back of the local economy whilst encouraging employment opportunities.
Environmentally Sustainable Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling initiative continues at the Town Council office. • Westgate in Bloom and tree planting scheme continued throughout lockdowns in 2020. • Allotment garden rules now permit more allotment plots to be let to those in the local community; enabling residents to grow their own produce. • Recycled/refurbished furniture/hardware purchased where possible as part of Town Council procurement strategy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Environment Policy for the Town Council. • Consider Climate Change Emergency and how the Town Council can support the community in reducing carbon footprints and reaching local carbon reduction targets.
Promotion of Town and Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with the Westgate Heritage Centre to promote unique history of the Town. • Community events used to raise the profile of the Town. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark the 150th anniversary on 12th April 2021 for the Westgate Train Station. • Promote the Westgate Day town anniversary including values on 18th July 2021. • Work with Thanet District Council during the summer months to promote the bays and other attractions that Westgate has to offer visitors. • Purchase new Christmas lighting for the Town and manage the installation and maintenance for the future.
Improve the standards and progress the recognition for the Town Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulated and adopted various policies, plans and procedures to establish firm foundation for the Town Council. • Good governance and best practice now accomplished as routine habits at the Town Council. • Local Council Award Scheme adopted by Council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work towards the Foundation Level in the Local Council Award Scheme for 2021.

