



WINTER 2023

CARING FOR TONBRIDGE

KENT HIGHWAYS SAID IT WOULD COST £3,000 TO CLEAN THE BRIDGE – SO WE DID IT



County councillors **Mark Hood** and **Paul Stepto**, were joined by borough councillors, **Bethan Parry**, **Robert Oliver**, **Anna Cope**, **George Hines** and **Lee Athwal**, together with another half-dozen volunteers to clean the grime off the Big Bridge

The **Green Party** cares about the space we share. Which is why we asked the County Council to clean the Big Bridge in Tonbridge.

We were shocked to be told that it would cost £3,000 for cleaners to be employed to do this, so with risk assessments in hand, **we set out to do it ourselves.**

Following a short briefing, and a few hours of hard work, the bridge is much improved, if not quite as good as new! We've also continued our quest to rid Tonbridge of litter, most recently in **Trench** and **Cage Green and Angel.**



Councillors **Mark Hood** (second left) and **Paul Stepto** (far right) with volunteers litter picking in Cage Green and Angel at the Angel Centre

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING GREEN PARTY: WORKING HARD TO GET THINGS DONE FOR YOU



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HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

WE'RE THE FIRST TOWN IN KENT TO SET OUT OUR AIMS

County councillors, **Paul Stepto** and **Mark Hood** have been working with Kent Highways to prioritise a number of locations and schemes which will improve safety and **reduce air pollution** through a Highways Improvement Plan. We are only the second town to have one as they are usually reserved for parishes.



Councillors Paul Stepto and Mark Hood in Cannon Lane



Councillor Anna Cope in Mill Stream

RATS!

WE'VE SEEN THEM AROUND THE RIVER TOO – WHAT WE ARE DOING TO HELP

Following reports from residents around the river area, **Anna Cope** has been pushing the Environmental Health team at TMBC to try and understand why the problem is getting worse. TMBC believe the issue is linked to dropped food and litter and so we've requested **greater street cleaning patrols** in the area. However, we know this hasn't solved the problem. If the problem really is dropped food and litter, we need **more bins** emptied more regularly.

HADLOW ROAD SURVEY

SPEED AND "RAT RUNNING" WERE KEY PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED

Earlier this year we carried out a survey on traffic issues on Hadlow Road. Speed was the main issue of concern and in April we shared residents' proposals with the Kent Highways team who have analysed the results and we are working with them on potential **amendments to key junctions**.

There was also interest in setting up a Speedwatch group. **Mark** and **Paul** have bought the equipment for this and training is being arranged. We will be sending letters to everyone who took part to keep them up to date.

GREEN TIP!

USE RECYCLABLE CARDS AND WRAPPING PAPER

Metallic wrapping paper is not recyclable and neither are cards covered in glitter. Take some time to understand what can be recycled – it may even be cheaper!

CONTACT US IF YOU NEED HELP ... OR IF YOU WANT TO HELP!



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