

LYDD TOWN COUNCIL**JANUARY 2025****BRIEFING NOTE****ALLOTMENT PLOT RENT AND WATER AND AAMT UPKEEP REVIEW**

Lydd Town Council and the Allotments Association have a self-management agreement for the plots at Dungeness Road. This includes the Allotment Association Management Team (AAMT) keeping the land and property maintained and for this purpose Lydd Town Council pays an annual sum to the AAMT for maintenance of the land under that agreement.

There is shared use of a tractor purchased some years ago by Lydd Town Council and the cost of its insurance is shared between Lydd Town Council and AAMT. The Allotments remain the asset of Lydd Town Council.

Any income generated by the Allotments such as rent for plots and the payment from ARQIVA telecommunication mast is kept in a separate column in the accounts for Lydd Town Council and the money is ringfenced to spend on the Allotments and is not used for general funds.

The terms of the lease with Arqiva are that £1,500 is the current annual payment which has reduced over the years and this is the income used for projects on the Allotment land to improve the asset of Lydd Town Council.

Following the review of the annual Allotment Association Management Team allowance for the upkeep of the allotments in line with the self-management agreement in 2024 there was no increase and £1200 was agreed for the current financial year.

Lydd Town Council reviews the rent and water charges for the allotment plots annually. The decision on the charges will be made this year at the January Council meeting and will be implemented for the rent and water charges falling due on 1st October 2025.

Following the review of the charges for allotment plots due 1st October 2024 there was no increase made and the charges are currently £20 for a 5 perch plot which includes water.

There are currently 167 plots in total with 3 vacant plots and the income paid to date in the financial year 2024-2025 is £2,560 to 18th December 2024.

At the last review it was reported that the water bills had increased for the financial year 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 they were £1,843.92 compared to £1,361.26 in the previous financial year which was an increase of £481.66. However, the water bills to date have decreased significantly for the 2024-25 financial year due to some of the previous years' bills being estimated and a credit of £748.98 being applied at the start of this financial year. The actual charge for water usage for the period 1 April to 31 October 2024 was £825.80 which has resulted in the sum of £76.82 being the balance paid for this period. As we have overpaid over previous years the financial cost this financial year will be approximately £650 taking into account the credits. The projection to the end of the financial year based on current metered water usage will be £1,400.00.

The figure of £1,400 is the one to focus on when considering the rent and water charges to be applied 1st October 2025.

Councillors to note that we cannot overcharge and make a profit for the provision of water and the plot fee is therefore rent and water inclusive.

At the January 2024 Council meeting £1,500 was agreed for replacement cladding at the Allotment cabin. Unless there is an urgent project it would seem effective to earmark the Arqiva mast payments whilst we are still receiving these for a larger future project as there will likely be a review of payments in 2025.

For Councillors information Lydd Town Council spending on Allotment projects over the last five years was as follows:

2020-21	Replacement tiles	£4,000
2021-22	Track resurfacing	£4,750
2022-23	Project	£1,701
2023-24	Replacement cladding	£1,500

Lydd Town Council is currently holding the sum of £4,260 in allotment deposits which are therefore, not funds available to Lydd Town Council for spending.

The payment of £1,500 from Arqiva was received on 20th December 2024 for the Mast rental and is ringfenced for use at the Allotments.

**Statement by Residents of Lydd on Sea and others
Re: Land North East side of Dungeness**

We the attached signed along with countless others in the Dungeness and Romney Marsh communities, and further afield cherish the land marked K643840 Lydd On Sea/Dungeness. This uniquely diverse area, home to many special creatures including foxes, badgers, bats, hares, butterflies, lizards and field mice, is under threat. We must protect this land.

This land is behind Coast Drive, Battery Road and Dungeness Road where residents can safely take a stroll for the peace and tranquility, exercise, a safe place to walk dogs, socially interact taking in the uniqueness of the land with its ever changing colour flower and fauna where children can learn about nature in safe surroundings

Dungeness boasts an eclectic and unique variation of flora and fauna. Many of these species are not found anywhere else in the UK. Moreover, the land is triple protected, recognized as a centre for biodiversity, listed as a National Nature Reserve (NNR), a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), which we would work as a community to keep this status.

On the land is also No.1 Battery, Napoleonic fort. Built in 1798, The site of this battery still exists today, with some remains of the fortification and gun emplacements, whilst almost overgrown, clearly visible, and is considered a historical monument. We would commit to preserving No.1 Battery

Unfortunately, impending development threatens this unique ecological balance, possibly causing irreversible damage. Destroying this land not only disrespects the legal protection it holds but also casts a shadow over our commitment to environmental conservation. would be a devastating loss and immensely affect biodiversity, having a massive environmental impact.

We implore those in charge to respect the triple protected status of this land and help us to preserve and protect the land .

The residents would purchase the land from private funds and form a body in order to maintain the land and monument for all to enjoy for years to come.

9/23/24, 9:00 AM

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STATEMENT OF INTEREST
Community Right to Bid

Re: Land North East Side of Dungeness

We the Residents and wider public being the attached signatures set out our reasons to register a Community Right to bid :-

Historical

The land in question has a Monument being Battery No.1 which at present has been neglected over the past years, the plaque which Kent County Council placed on the Monument is missing. The Monument and surrounding land has not been maintained for some years. We feel that if the Monument was maintained this would draw visitors to the area. Historical England has been notified of the missing plaque. There is also the Pluto pipeline which was used during the war.

The land Uniqueness

There are trenches from the war when the area was a Defence area again this would be of interest to people interested in WW11. We do not know what lies beneath the shingle, only recently at the quarry an Elizabethan-era ship was found. The lay of the land is unique as is the whole area surrounding the land which is why many people visit the area and the same should be kept for many more years to come.

Flower and Fauna

The land benefits from a SSSI the flower and fauna change with the seasons as do the colours and again is unique to this area with some maintenance and advice from Natural England and Dungeness Ranger the flower and fauna could thrive tremendously this year we had Sheep Bit which has not been seen for sometime The Residents would like very much to be able to manage the land in order for it to thrive and flourish.

Wildlife

It is widely known we have a species of bees, butterflies i.e Jersey Tiger, moths, pond flies, lizards, field mice, jumping spiders, foxes and many others which all depend on the flower and fauna and the landscape being natural and undisturbed.

The miniature railway

The passengers know that when exiting the tunnel at Kerton Road they are entering a unique surrounding which is an asset for the railway to encourage the public to use the railway.

The community

The land is used by the community for various reasons ,these being social well being, this being a stroll with friends in a tranquil environment or walking their dogs in a safe environment. Photo opportunities of wildlife and flowers, Children being able to walk around in a safe environment learning about the wildlife together with the flower and fauna and yet all respecting the land and keeping to the grass path.

The community of Lydd on Sea will purchase the land from their own private funds. The community are all very interested in working together in maintaining and enhancing the land in order for the land to stay unique. Many residents have lived with this land for many years and all have strong memories here. The interest of the land is not monetary but for maintaining the uniqueness and tranquility of the area which many visitors enjoy also as stated in many articles that have been written i.e Guardian and Telegraph also our Local papers.





Lydd Club Day Committee



Cllr Bob Jones

Guild Hall

13 High Street

Lydd

Kent TN29 9AF

Dear Mr Major,

As you are aware Lydd Club Day takes place annually on the 3rd Saturday of June, this year Lydd Club Day takes place on Saturday 21st June 2025.

The Lydd Club Day Committee formerly request permission from yourself and Lydd Town Council to use 'The Rype' to once again host our much-loved town event.

I will once again provide all necessary event planning information and insurance to the Town Clerk ahead of the event.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Cavanagh

Club Day Committee Secretary



Confirmation of Liability Insurance

This document may be useful to you when you are asked to provide evidence of insurance to one of your clients.

Policyholder	Who Let The Dogs Out
Policy Number	CE05515
Policy Form	Insurance Policy for Charities and Community Groups
Insurer	Markel International Insurance Company Limited

Public Liability Insurance

Period of Insurance	07-Aug-2024 to 06-Aug-2025
Limit of Indemnity	£5,000,000
Basis of Cover	Applies to each claim but in respect of Products Liability is the total for all claims made during the period of insurance

Signed for and on behalf of Markel (UK) Limited:

Date: 07-Aug-2024

Note: This confirmation of insurance is for information purposes only. You should refer to the actual policy document for the binding terms, conditions and exclusions of cover.

LOST CHILDREN	All	Lost children need to be brought to the Hub where it will be announced over PA system	
LOST PROPERTY	All	All lost property to be handed into the Hub	
VEHICLE MOVEMENT	All	Stall holder vehicles will be directed where to go (pitch) Vehicles to stay for the duration. Public to park in appropriate places (NO PARKING ON THE RYPE)	If stall holder has to move vehicle try to limit the amount of moving and this to be supervised
PUBLIC TOILETS	All	No provision has been made by this event organisers (Who let the dogs out) however public toilets on Park Street will be requested to be open.	Request for public toilets Park Street to be open
GENERAL RUBBISH	All	Bins will be provided but volunteers will be doing a litter pick after the event	
ABUSIVE & INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR	All	If at any time members of the public become abusive volunteers to report to lead person where it will be reported to organisers. At no time is a volunteer to become confrontational and deal with this issue.	Safety Talk prior to start reminding everyone do's & Don'ts along with expectations.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Name of activity Event Location	Who let the Dogs Out (Dog Show) The Rype Lydd	Date of Risk Assessment	02/04/2023	Review Date	22 nd July 2023 Ongoing
Hazards identified / Risks from it.	Who is at risk	How are the risks controlled what extra controls are needed?			What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled
Hazard – something that may cause harm or damage. Risk – The chance of it happening		Controls – Ways of making things safer by removing the risk from it. For Example – You may use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way an activity is carried out.			Keep Checking throughout the activity / event in case you need to change it... or even stop it.
		Safety Talk prior to start of event with all involved Marshalls to have Hi-Viz so to be easily identified			This risk assessment to be read and then signed by all involved prior to event
ARENA AREA Slips trips and falls (uneven ground)	All	All personnel involved are aware. Make sure access is free and unrestricted at all times and appropriate signage is visible to the public Arena to be fenced off appropriately			To be included as part of safety talk
DOGS Nips, Bites, Fouling	All	All dogs to be on a lead at all times and under the control of owner. Dog owners to pick up their dogs fouling and placed into designated bins for this only.			Signage to be placed around and visible to public Poo bags will be given to owner if they have not got one to pick up their dogs fouling. Announcements to be given frequently on PA system
FIRST AID	All	First aider will be at the Hub (First Aider Jack Revel-Hughes)			All Scout Marshalls have Emergency Aid training



**Tony Hills KCC member for the Romney Marsh Division Report
January 2025**

Happy New Year
2025

Wishing you all on the Romney Marsh a very happy and peaceful New Year.

What will the New Year bring

I thought I would take this opportunity to commit to you our residents that everything I will do this year will be seen through a lens of putting the Romney Marsh first.

My resolutions for this year are:

Sorting out the Marshes long term flood risk.

Improving water quality for Hythe Bay

Getting better measurement and control of water quality

Making sure the Marsh gets its fair share of highways spending

Fighting to protect the Marsh from over development

Bringing in a new nuclear power station to Dungeness

South Kent Energy Park

The plan for the solar farm at Old Romney. I am hoping to meet with 'Lo Carbon' later this month. I realised that the agreement to proceed will be given by the Secretary of State, but my driving concern is to make sure that Marsh residents of Old Romney will not lose out. Also, the Marsh infrastructure is improved.

Local Democracy

The Government is determined to change how our local democracy will be delivered.

The English devolution 'white paper' that the government produced just before Christmas talks about a new framework.

As I see it this will be the biggest change we have seen in over fifty years for Kent. It will affect all levels of local government.

Kent will have a Mayoral Strategic Authority. No details yet but I guess it will work with leaders of the Tier 2 organisations to decide the County's strategy.

District councils, our 12 District Councils will be reorganised into I think 3 or 4 Unitary Councils (including Medway) the aim of government is to have unitary councils of around 500k of residents, Kents population, I believe Kents growing population is around 1.9 billion.

Then we come to Parish Councils, these organisations concern me the most, as I see it a lot more responsibilities could be placed on their shoulders. Taking over toilets, play areas and the like.

There are no details now, but these ideas have been kicking around for some time, but the current government has put 'Rocket Boosters' under the process.

Kent has been encouraged to go early, I believe this could bring more funding and support to the County, decision then will be taken on the 9th of January by the Kent County Council to go early in the process or not and we have to inform the Secretary of State by the 10th of January.

So exciting times ahead.

If you have concerns, please email me... tony.hills@kent.gov.uk

Tony

Tony Hills, Kent County Councillor for Romney Marsh. F&H District councillor for Romney Marsh Ward. For details on how I will use your information please click [here](#) for my privacy notice. Home Telephone 01797 321246 Mobile 07860 295730



CIVIC AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS 2024-2025

November 2024

The Worshipful The Town Mayor
Cllr Bob Jones

10th Lydd – Remembrance Sunday

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11th Lydd – Memorial Garden Armistice Day

December 2024

The Worshipful The Town Mayor
Cllr Bob Jones

6th Lydd – Gurkha Band Concert

TS

13th Lydd – Mayors Christmas Reception

16th Lydd in Lights

LYDD TOWN COUNCIL

THE CENTENARY 1985 BURSARY

During 1985 the Town of Lydd celebrated the Centenary of the granting of its Charter.

As part of the celebrations the Town Council decided to create a living testimony to the achievements of the past, and also to look to the future with confidence and hope.

To this end a Bursary has been established, to be awarded annually, which will provide the opportunity for a young person to participate in an enterprise or adventure of their own choosing, which will lift their horizons by extending their knowledge and experience.

A selection panel has been appointed consisting of two Councillors, two representatives of Youth Organisations and the Head of Southland's School. They will consider the applications submitted and at their discretion make the award.

The criteria sought are: (a) that proposals are well researched; (b) that applicants benefit from the project; (c) that they may impart some of their experience to others and that there will be some advantage to the community.

The Panel will be prepared to assist applicants if necessary. Contact should be made in the first instance with the Town Clerk of Lydd Town Council.

CONDITIONS

1. Applicants shall normally be from 16 to 20 years of age.
2. They shall have had their home and have lived in the Parish of Lydd for not less than twelve months at the time of application.
3. The applicant will apply by completing the application form provided and submitting details of the proposed project.
4. The application shall be supported by two referees, who shall not be members of Lydd Town Council at the time of making the application.
5. They shall satisfy the panel that they have the necessary qualities to fully benefit from the project.
6. The applicants shall in no way canvas their application before the selection panel has met.
7. The award shall be used strictly in accordance with the directions of the panel and any deviation/variation shall only be permitted with the panel's consent.
8. The successful applicant shall, on completion of the project, meet with the panel so as to provide a report, which can be written, verbal or illustrated. The panel may then require such a report to be made public.
9. The panel's decision in all matters shall be absolute and final.

The value of the award will be approximately £500.