



# **MARDEN ANNUAL** **RESIDENTS' MEETING**

**TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026**

**OLD SCHOOL HALL  
MARDEN MEMORIAL HALL  
GOUDHURST ROAD  
MARDEN**

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Planning Committee Chairman: Cllr Andy Turner  
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## **PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT**

By Cllr Adrian Rabot, Chairman, Marden Parish Council

### Introduction

Welcome to the Marden Annual Residents' Meeting, which gives us an opportunity to explain to you our work on your behalf in Marden and for you to give us feedback. I would firstly like to acknowledge the hard work of Alison Hooker our Parish Clerk for leading the Council staff in our work and maintaining such good relations with our partner agencies and for her dedication to serving the community especially when facing issues of local concern. I also am very grateful for the hard work Marden Parish Councillors put in to make sure we can serve the community with a range of expertise and skills on environmental, planning and transport issues that are of local concern.

This year has seen the Parish Council being presented with a number of challenges such as the issues with South East Water outages, an Environmental Scoping Assessment for Land to the North of Marden, the coming Local Government Re-organisation and issues relating to our roads and railways.

We now have a new sub-group looking at highways issues such as extending double yellow lines to The Wickets from Stanley Road, request KCC for warning signs at the bend at West End and investigate the possibility of business sponsorship for Village Gateway signs.

Our new caretaker, Neil Watkins has made an impressive start this year in ensuring the cemetery is maintained to a high standard and is a contributes so positively to the landscape of Marden. On the 24th of January approximately 10 enthusiastic volunteers from Marden in Bloom and 12 Police Cadets planted 1000 local native hedging stock at the back of the Cemetery to enclose of the area where the Cemetery will be extended.

Rachel Weeks, our Deputy Clerk has been working hard on updating the Parish Council's website and we will soon have a much more accessible website to offer residents. She also continues to work on how we communicate with residents on social media and send out updates on the Weekly Bulletin. We now have 350 followers on Facebook, 118 followers on X, 518 followers on Instagram and 461 subscribers for the E- Newsletter. Cllr Anne Boswell's consistent efforts throughout the year to put together the quarterly newsletter is also much appreciated as the only sure way to communicate to all Marden residents. Anne also has been very supportive as the Vice-Chair of the Parish Council and very energetic in championing environmental issues.

As was acknowledged previously in the Parish Council being awarded the Quality Gold Award from the National Association of Local Councils the Parish Council continues to consistently deliver high quality community events for residents. Marden at Christmas was another example of a high-quality event. To see the sheer excitement generated by Santa's Grotto and the village come alive in winter with families having fun is something that exemplifies the spirit of Christmas. Feedback from businesses and stallholders will inform next year's event which I'm confident will

help enhance the event. Comments from residents was largely supportive as well, but requested we make efforts to encourage carol singing at the event.

The Summer Playscheme was once again a success, and it is hoped to be able to accommodate more children this year. On the 28th of March a retirement party was held at the John Banks Hall for Pat & John at the West End Stores to acknowledge their outstanding service to the community. During that day as well, totally unconnected, the Parish Council organised a Village Litter Pick, where 30-40 volunteers helped to clean up the village, including 10 Volunteer Police Cadets. This year marks the retirement of Dr Julie Morgan who has so caringly and professionally has served the community of 27 years.

As mentioned previously the Parish Council has sent a response to the Environmental Scoping Assessment for Land north of Marden which is an early document outlining the potential environmental issues a future planning application may need to address in detail. The scoping report is not to present final proposals, but to identify the likely significant impacts i.e.as on traffic, landscape, ecology, or noise and the methods that will be used to assess them. Accordingly, the Parish Council's comments are limited to whether the scope of these proposed assessments is appropriate and sufficiently comprehensive. At this stage we are not yet considering or determining the merits of the development itself as this will be assessed if and when a full planning application is submitted.

The Parish Council is updating the Marden Neighbourhood Plan and on the 7th of March we held an Open Morning to outline the updated sections of the Plan. This was very well supported with approximately 50?residents attending. The work at Marden Academy is progressing well and we are looking forward to it's completion and the new classrooms and other space that will be available to children in Marden. As you may be aware the government has set out proposals for reform of local government and the Parish Council has given feedback on the future structure of new unitary structures. From the consultations to date we have given feedback to ensure we can continue to shape local priorities and act as a bridge to a larger unitary authority. We may also be consulted to consider taking on local facilities.

The resilience of local services was recently challenged with the water shortages affecting Marden and surrounding areas. Intense pressure was placed on residents when South-East Water was unable to supply water to residents. We are very grateful to the partnership working our Parish Clerk, Alison Hooker forged with Staplehurst Parish Council to make their bottled water station available to Marden residents and for her hands on work in loading those bottles of water into people's cars herself! We hope to continue to work closely with Staplehurst's Emergency Help Team in managing other emergencies that affect us potential other neighbouring parishes. In doing so we need the help of local volunteers and hopefully we will be able to recruit more volunteers in the future.

Staying on the theme of water related issues, I would also like to recognise the hard work of Councillor Kate Tippen in leading the flood wardens to cope with the flooding emergencies we experience. The team's speedy response to flooding is met with a speedy efficiency thanks to her leadership and continual lobbying of partner agencies on your behalf.

We are very grateful for the contributions our local policing team make to keeping the community safe. PC Chad Maskell, PC George Head and PCSO Rebecca Mount keep us updated on crime in Marden and attend regular police surgeries to make themselves accessible to local people. They are supported in this by Maidstone Borough Council's Community Protection Team, by Laura Bullen. The police are keen for as many residents as possible sign up to 'My Community Voice' in Kent, so that Kent Police can accurately respond to the priorities of local people and are keep us informed on how the police are responding in dealing with crime and anti-social behaviour.

Since the closure of the Children Centre and the lack of any youth service for young people in Marden we have approached Maidstone Borough Council and Golding Homes for support in securing some detached youth work in Marden. This has been harder than we anticipated but there is a possibility that we can secure with our partners a Youth Activities Mini-Bus in the summer holidays through the support of Kent Cricket Foundation.

I am grateful for the work of our newest Councillor Neil Griffiths for accelerating the work to prepare for the refurbishing of the changing rooms on the Playing Field and I'm confident that work to convert the building into a much-needed local resource for the community may start soon. There also seems to be progress with Redrow in negotiations to prepare the allotments on Highwood Green for use by community. We are looking for the Allotment Society to help us in taking this forward.

Cllr Mike Summersgill has reinvigorated Speedwatch activity in Marden at a number of sites in an around the village and over the past few months the number of vehicles speeding at some locations has reduced. In addition, a few more volunteers have now being trained, so we can cover more locations.

I would also like to thank our Borough Councillors, Councillors Mike Summersgill, Grace Couch and Cllr Claudine Russell for their hard work on local issues of concern and their support and expertise they provide throughout the year.

Last, but not least, this year's Kent Association of Local Councils Community Award was awarded to Pat and John Wilkins for their 36 years' service at West End Stores where they have continually gone above and beyond for the community what could normally be expected from a village shop. The certificate was presented to them at their retirement party on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026 by Cllr Kate Tippen.



## **PARISH COUNCIL AMENITIES COMMITTEE REPORT**

By Cllr Paul Dobinson, Chairman of Amenities

The Amenities Committee oversees the lovely green spaces in the village - the Playing Field, Napoleon Drive Play Area, Rookery Path and Southons Field, as well as Marden Cemetery and Public Toilets. Both the Environmental Sub-Group and the Village Events Sub-Committee also report to Amenities. We also held a successful Village Litter Pick on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

### Southons Field

Southons Field is a lovely dog-free haven with many specimen trees for residents to enjoy and children can run around in a safe and peaceful environment. As well as the Play Trail there's a bay of swings and picnic benches which are inspected weekly by the caretaker. It is great to see so many children and adults using the football goal and the Rugby Taggers run a couple of sessions on the field on a Saturday morning and a girl's football team from Staplehurst is using the field for training.

There are various memorial trees in the field including a 'Roots of Remembrance' tree to acknowledge those who were affected by Covid in the Parish and memorial trees for HM the Duke of Edinburgh and HM Queen Elizabeth II. A Wild Service/Chequer tree will be planted to commemorate HM King Charles III. The Wildflower Meadow, which Marden in Bloom created, has been overtaken by grass, but some work will be undertaken shortly.

The field also hosts the Village Beacon and is where most of the large village events take place. Last year, the Beacon was lit on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May to commemorate VE Day 80, the Marden Motor Club Show on 24<sup>th</sup> May and the Rude Mechanicals Theatre Company performed on 27<sup>th</sup> June. This year we have the following events booked:

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Marden Motor Show  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Russet Runners 10K Event  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Rude Mechanicals Event  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Marden in Bloom – Garden Safari  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Marden Primary Academy – Year 6 Leavers Event  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Marden in Bloom – Scarecrow Safari

Opening times: April-August 7am to 8pm, September-October 7am-7pm, November-January 8am-4pm, February & March 8am-6pm (or dusk if earlier).

### Marden Playing Field and Rookery Path

The children's playgrounds in Napoleon Drive and the Playing Field are popular and well-used. As well as the play equipment, there's an adult gym, sports wall and youth shelter which are inspected weekly by the caretaker and a Dog Bag Station. CCTV was installed which now covers the Youth Shelter and the rest of the field.

At the request of a resident, two fixed football goals were installed for those keen footballers to sharpen up and practice their football skills.

The old changing rooms will be refurbished and used as a small community space with three storage areas, a WC facility, small community room and kitchenette area. The planning application has been approved along with building regulations, and we are due to go out to tender in the next two months.

Our caretakers spend many hours keeping our green spaces in good order, and it is unfortunate that some of these hours are spent removing litter and graffiti.

There is an Annual Play Inspection carried out at the Marden Playing Field play area, Napoleon Drive play area and the play equipment at Southons Field by a Contractor to make sure all our play equipment is kept safe.

### Marden Cemetery

Marden Cemetery is a tranquil place of rest with a plethora of wildlife. We welcome Neil Watkins in May 2025 and he has done a sterling job at maintaining the Cemetery and Southons Field. We would like to thank Graham Carey for all his help and effort.

In the new Section 4 only headstones are permitted in the burial areas. For ease of maintenance, tended, fencing or the placing of other items on plots are not permitted. There is a small area for the scattering of ashes under a tree where wildflower seeds have been planted and a memorial stone placed.

If you are visiting a loved one, please do remember to remove any plastic wrapping from flowers and think sustainably about your tributes. We would also like to remind cemetery visitors that when there is a funeral taking place, we would appreciate you visiting another time.

### Parish Council Trees

The Parish Council is very proud of its trees on our open spaces and has a duty of care to protect them. We have a robust and sustainable Tree Management Policy as well as a new Hedgerow Policy, and our caretakers check them on a monthly basis and after high winds. A detailed Tree Audit is undertaken every three years by an external contractor.

Following the planting of a hedgerow, further hedging was planted earlier this year with the assistance of the Police Cadets. Leftover whips filled in areas of the Cemetery and Marden Playing Field which were planted by the Caretaker and Cemetery Groundsman.

### Public Toilets

Whilst the building is owned by Maidstone Borough Council, the Parish is fortunate that the Parish Council can maintain this important facility and we are lucky to have a contract with an excellent cleaning company who checks them regularly and keeps them cleaned to a very high standard.

The solar panel project is nearing completion with a licence between the Parish Council and Maidstone Borough Council due to be signed this month. Once this is

finalised, structural work should commence shortly with the panels being installed following this. Baby changing facilities would then be installed.

The Amenities Committee carries out site visits to all these areas on a regular basis and in between our caretakers keep us posted.

### Environmental Sub-Group

The Parish Council has a statutory duty to exercise all its functions regarding the purpose of conserving biodiversity, and this includes raising public awareness of biodiversity issues in the community. The Environmental Sub-Group endeavours to provide information on sustainable initiatives and has an Estate Management Plan which looks at realistic and manageable ways in which the Parish Council operates such as recycling, energy, purchasing and has agreed a sustainable Maintenance Strategy for its open spaces. Further Councillors have also attained Carbon Literacy status.

### Health & Wellbeing

Marden Parish Council strives to provide as much information as possible on health and wellbeing particularly in the parish newsletter. We are part of the Marden Community Engagement Group which is a very useful collaborative liaison group who link up and share information to try and tie up missing links. Members include Marden Medical Centre, the PPG, the Parish Church, Involve (Social Prescribing), the Marden Dementia Community group, the Primary Academy etc.

Many thanks to our Clerks, Ground Maintenance staff and Amenities Councillors for all their hard work and continuing support.

## **PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

By Cllr Paul Dobinson, Chairman of Finance

Marden Parish Council Finance Committee meets at least four times a year to discuss the financial aspects of the council.

The Clerk, acting as Responsible Financial Officer (RFO), reports to the Committee on the income and expenditure incurred each quarter and the Committee discuss this along with comparing to the budget set the previous year.

On 28th October 2025 the Finance Committee met to receive the RFO's report to Councillors providing the income and expenditure forecast to 31st March 2026 along with a draft budget for the forthcoming financial year. Councillors reviewed this along with any requests for additional expenditure, revenue and/or capital, and started to prepare the document ready for agreement in January when setting the precept and finalising the budget for 2026/27. A further Finance Committee meeting was held on 4th November 2025 to review the budget further. These were approved by the Finance Committee at a meeting on 20th January 2026 and both the budget and precept for 2026/27 were ratified by Full Council at an Extra Ordinary Full Council Meeting on 27th January.

The precept is an amount set by Parish Councils which is added to the annual council tax bill and collected by Maidstone Borough Council on behalf of Marden PC.

The Parish Council makes every effort to maintain the existing level of service as well as staying on a sustainable financial footing. We always strive to be prudent and diligent with our finances. Councillors have once again undertaken a thorough review but due to inflation, a need to start rebuilding the council's reserves to a more sustainable level and a general percentage increase in the cost of various services, the Parish Council has had to make the difficult decision to make an increase in the amount of money collected from residents to be spent in Marden in the next financial year from April 2026 for a Band D taxpayer will be £104.39 per annum or £8.70 per month. This is an increase of £4.95 per year or £0.41 per month for a Band D property. We understand how difficult it is for residents in the current financial crisis and hope you understand our decision to make the slight increase.

Other forms of income include play scheme fees, cemetery fees, external grants and parish services grant. The Parish Services Grant is set and paid to us by Maidstone Borough Council for services that are received by residents living within the urban area of Maidstone Borough who are not charged an additional Precept payment. In Marden PC's case this is for maintenance of open spaces.

The Parish Council accounts are audited twice a year by Mulberrys, an Internal Auditor, who is independent from the Council and an external audit undertaken at the end of the financial year by an auditor, currently Mazars, agreed by Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments (SAAA). All financial information is available on the Parish Council website.

Thanks are expressed to Alison and all Cllrs on the Finance Committee

## **PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

By Cllr Andy Turner, Chairman of Planning

2025/26 saw business as usual for the Marden Parish Council's Planning Committee.

Meetings continue to be held in the Parish office twice monthly and occasionally in the Old School Room for some of our larger applications or where large numbers of the public wished to attend.

The Planning Committee this year has been, as ever, reviewing and commenting on planning applications that have come forward within the parish. The scope of application varies greatly from small scale domestic extensions/loft conversions to strategic housing sites to large scale infrastructure projects like solar farms and everything in-between!

This has involved keeping on top of all the policy requirements both locally and nationally, and all the changes that have occurred alongside.

Proposed changes and updates to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) have meant that the Planning Committee has had work to do to formulate a response to the government consultations regarding Marden specifically.

I would like to thank all my colleagues, both on the Planning Committee and our Borough Councillors for keep the MPC abreast of all these changes and developments.

The Marden Neighbourhood Plan (MNP) review has been completed by the Neighbourhood Planning Team and is at Regulation 14 stage which is now being consulted on. Last month an open morning was held and part of this was to showcase the policy changes (under Regulation 14).

Details can be on the Parish Council's website, and the consultation is open until 17th April 2026. I would urge people that have an interest in the planning process to have a look and comment where possible.

This year 83 planning applications have come before the Council, which is slightly down on last year's 106. However, these have included the EIASCO for land North of the Marden and our own Planning Application for the refurbishment and extension to the changing rooms on the playing field.

I hope that all residents' views have been considered and we endeavour to listen to all concerns in formulating a response to the Borough.

As always, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors on the Planning Committee, who bring passion and drive to do the very best for their community. These Councillors bring a vast array of knowledge and skills to all meetings. In particular, I would like to thank the Parish Clerk, Alison Hooker. It is not an easy job translating a range of Councillor comments into a coherent and concise format. I know that Ali puts in a huge amount of preparation time, and for this we should all be grateful.

## **PARISH COUNCIL CLERK'S REPORT**

By Alison Hooker

My role at the Parish Council is still as varied as ever even after nearly 24 years.

This past Council year (May to April) the Parish Office staff will have covered 12 Full Council meetings; 1 Extra Ordinary Full Council meeting; 7 Amenities Committee meetings; 5 Finance Committee meetings and 19 Planning Committee meetings along with many Neighbourhood Plan, Sub-Committee, Sub-Group and external meetings. These involve not just preparing the agendas, taking and typing up minutes but obtaining information and gathering papers ready to send to Cllrs prior to the meeting.

We have also been involved with organising the Summer Play Scheme, village litter pick and Marden at Christmas and holding open mornings for the Marden Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 consultation.

Projects that are, hopefully, nearing completion are the transfer of the allotment site at The Parsonage and the solar panel installation at the public conveniences.

The Changing Room refurbishment is gathering momentum and planning permission and building regulations have been approved and we are due to go out to tender in the next month or so. Work should then commence later in 2026.

The Parish Office also deals with all the admin in regard to funerals, provide details of who the best point of contact is for residents who raise issues if we can't deal with them ourselves, along with the many telephone calls, emails and visits in person to the parish office. We also work closely with our Beat Officers and County & Borough Cllrs.

Rachel is our Deputy Clerk and has been in the role 7 years. She takes on my role when I am on leave/sick and prepares and attends the Amenities Committee meetings as well as undertaking all the social media, e-newsletter and formatting the three editions of the Parish Council newsletter a year.

I continue to be the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) alongside my clerking role and many of the day to day roles for the RFO include budget preparation, providing spreadsheets on current income and expenditure to the Finance Committee along with reviewing future years forecasts, meeting with the Internal Auditor twice a year and submitting the Annual Return to our External Auditor prior to which there is the closure of the financial year accounts to be undertaken.

In April last year Ian Jones, our long-term cemetery caretaker retired and we were pleased to employ Neil Watkins in the role as Parish Groundsman who undertakes all the grounds maintenance at the cemetery, Southons Field and other areas of small open space around the village. Neil joins Chris in our grounds maintenance/caretaker team and they keep all the areas looking lovely for residents and visitors.

My thanks go to Rachel and Lisa who make my role easier in the Parish Office, Neil and Chris and our 11 Parish Councillors.

### **KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

By Cllr Brian Black

Verbal report to be given at the meeting.

### **MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

By Cllrs Couch, Russell and Summersgill

The Borough Election in May 2024 saw Claudine Russell re-elected as a Borough Councillor for the Ward, and 2 new Councillors elected from the Green Party, Michael Summersgill and Grace Couch; there was no election in 2025 or 2026, as the posts are for four years. The Council is still led by a Green & Independent Alliance and Liberal Democrat coalition, in minority control; a by-election in 2025 added three new ReformUK Councillors for one Ward, at the expense of three Independents.

Cllr. Russell leads the Conservative group on Maidstone Council (as well as now being a KCC Councillor for the Cranbrook Division) and is Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, holding the Cabinet to account on its policy directions; the

topics that O&S have worked on this year have included assessing the Borough's Infrastructure provision via S.106 funding & Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies and reviewing the direction of Planning Enforcement.

Cllr. Summersgill's role as a Cabinet member changed in September 2025 from the portfolio covering Climate Transition & Nature Recovery to one covering Corporate Resources (which covers Budget and general Management), after an Independent councillor resigned her post. Mike has spent much of the half-year understanding the complexities of local government finance and preparing the budget for the coming financial year and what might change with Local Government Reorganisation (LGR); the latter is still a 'work in progress'! One legacy of his previous Cabinet role, which included updating the Council's Climate & Biodiversity strategy, was rewarded by MBC achieving 'Gold Award' status in the Kent Wildlife Trust awards in March, alongside just one other Town/District Council.

Cllr. Couch continues to utilise her previous experience as a council officer (in Swale and London Boroughs) to be applied in her role as vice-chair of the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC), dealing with climate themes, corporate matters and environmental services. Grace has also been working to recruit youth representation on LGR consultation and at the citizen deliberation on Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG). She also brought a 'member agenda item request' to the Health committee, securing £10,000 for a project to tackle period poverty.

Across the Borough and Ward, all three of us have been involved closely in dealing with individual issues and problems of many constituents, which have covered a wide range of issues, as well as matters affecting the wider community like continuing fly-tipping activity and concerns over Traffic. We have liaised closely with the five Parish clerks and numerous councillors, to facilitate or assist queries that they have brought up, and that may need MBC action. There have been several speculative Housing applications, or threats of applications, recently that we continue to monitor. It has also been great to support Borough-wide initiatives such as the fourth Eco-Hub last Autumn, grants to KWT for river restoration, homes for social rent, the first electric bin lorry in Kent, as well as drone expansion, prosecutions and vehicles being seized as part of waste crime initiatives.

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## **MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT**

Katie Lam MP

In January, after thousands of people across the Weald were left without running water for days, I wrote to every home asking people to share their thoughts on South East Water. The response was overwhelming.

More than half of you said you've been without running water three or more times over the last decade. Eighty-five per cent of people rate the service as poor or appalling, and over ninety per cent feel the chief executive shouldn't remain in post. Thousands of replies described experiences that completely contradict what South East Water has been saying. Again and again, people told me they couldn't get through on the phone, didn't receive promised callbacks, and were left without clear information about what was happening.

What was most worrying was the total failure to support those who were most vulnerable. People on the priority services register, including families with newborn children and those with serious health conditions, reported receiving no water deliveries and, in many cases, no communication at all.

I've passed all these findings on to the regulators now investigating South East Water, and I'll keep pushing for proper accountability, a change of CEO, and a service we can actually rely on.

Now to a different survey – my crime questionnaire, in which almost everyone said they would like to see a much more active police presence. Kent Police have implemented a new neighbourhood policing model that allocates a dedicated Beat Officer to every ward. It's their job to build up a picture of the area, understand where and when crime happens, and disrupt crime and antisocial behaviour based on the information they gather and what you tell them.

They won't necessarily be the first on the scene when there's a crime, because another officer might be able to get to you faster, but they will gather intelligence, hold surgeries, and can come and meet people who live locally at parish meetings or at dedicated events.

The local ward officers for Marden are: Chad Maskell and George Head. If you want to tell them about anything you're seeing or worried about in your area, or you'd like to invite them to an event, you can do so by via the Kent Police website. Visit the 'Contact Us' section, select 'Contact an officer directly', and complete the form. You'll just need your own contact info and your ward officer's name (there are other questions, but ignore them, they're optional).

If you're just passing on information, they may not respond, but if you're asking them a question, they'll get back to you within 72 hours. Remember, though, if you need to report a crime, call 999 if it's happening now, or otherwise 101. And if you're having trouble getting in touch with the Police, you can always reach out to me, and I'd be happy to help!

## **MARDEN ORGANISATIONS AND CLUBS**

### **MARDEN COMMUNITY CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION (CIO)**

The objective of the charity is the relief of financial hardship, either generally or individually, of people living in Marden Parish by making grants of money for providing or paying for items, services or facilities.

There are 3 strands to the charity:

- Support individuals who are suffering financial hardship by making grants of up to £100 available towards the purchase of specific items
- Grant of up to £500 to village organisations to assist with specific projects for the benefit of the people of Marden
- Grant of up to £100 towards the support of education and training of the children and young people of Marden.

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Over the past year we have worked in conjunction with the food bank to make a number of grants to residents who are suffering severe financial hardship. We have also made grants to residents whose properties were damaged in fires. We have made contributions towards the cost of the Christmas meal for lonely and vulnerable residents and to Bramley Court towards the cost of a lifting cushion.

We rarely see applications for grants to support education and training and would encourage residents to submit applications for any aspect of education and training. Full information about the charity can be found at

<http://www.mardenkent-pc.gov.uk/community/marden-parish-council-13394/marden-cio/>

### **MARDEN GOLF SOCIETY (WET MUGS)**

The WET MUGS (WET Marden Unicorn Golf Society) was founded in 2019 when 12 golfers played together at Hever Castle. Since then, the Society has grown to 34 members in 2026.

In 2025 we enjoyed some really good (and some really bad) golf and held a number of social events and raised money for charity.

Our golf days started in April when our members played at Kings Hill Golf Club. Each month we played various local-ish courses, culminating in our flagship event at Hever Castle Golf Club where we played 27 holes. Our Golf Days include dinner at The Unicorn where partners attend and prizes are presented. Our Champion Golfer of the Year was Phil Scotton, who scored the most points over 4 of the 6 fixtures.

In addition to our Golf Days, we ran a knockout competition over the summer. The matches were played at The Village Golf Club in Staplehurst. After a nail-biting final Neil Campbell was the winner. Nick Gower was our runner up for the second year running – maybe 2026 is his year?

10 of our members went on tour in September. There was the usual drama with the shuttle and the traffic but remarkably they all made it to Le Touquet on time. Three

days of golf at Le Touquet and Hardelot, nice dinners and intense golf chat made it a special time. The Tour winner was Mark Truman, who narrowly beat our Captain. Our pre and post season Social events were nice evenings to get together and catch up. Our Christmas Social included a topical quiz and we often play pub games at the other Socials.

We have supported Macmillan, the Cancer Charity, since our inception, raising well over £5,000 in 2025. Last year we canvassed our members and for 2026 we are also raising money for The Hospice in the Weald. We fundraise at every Golf Day, where a bottle raffle is held after dinner. We have held several Coffee mornings as part of "The World's Biggest Coffee Morning" for Macmillan, where Marden - residents and businesses - were very generous with their support in donations, baking and attendance. In addition, four of our members play 4 rounds in one day for the Macmillan 72 Hole Challenge. This year, to support our fundraising we are having a big event at The Unicorn in the summer, where The Blues Brothers Little Brother (now known as BBLB) will be performing.

We have both male and female members of all abilities. We welcome anyone who is interested in playing golf and socialising with like-minded people. Our Captain Paul can be called on 07831 463446 or our secretary emailed on [wetgolfers@gmail.com](mailto:wetgolfers@gmail.com)



### **MARDEN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

By Julie Nicols, Chairman

[www.mardengardeners.uk](http://www.mardengardeners.uk)

During 2025 the weather was variable with long hot spells lasting to late Autumn and no rain where we all had to use watering cans as a hose pipe ban was in place. Then we had our new rainy season. So it was of great interest that we listened to the variety of speakers, and the information provided on our website.

In the past year we had a coach trip to Horniman's gardens and museum in London. Our yearly plant sale was another successful event which is very popular with Marden residents.

A cream tea in a member's garden, and the topics in our monthly meetings covered a variety of subjects.

Growing shrubs, and grasses. Vegetable growing no matter the size of your plot, landscaping, creating borders, and many more.

We also hold a monthly raffle, and various garden-related competitions.

We are always open to new members.



## **MARDEN IN BLOOM**

By Diana Rabot, Secretary and all the “Blooming” Team

Marden in Bloom had another busy and successful year in 2025 both with its projects and fund-raising activities.

### Fund Raising/Events

We held our first Marden in Bloom quiz in the Village Club in 2025 and this was a significant fund raiser, the Bulb Sale in September went well as well as the Scarecrow Safari in October. We also held Marden’s first ever dog show and this too proved to be successful, attracting dog owners and their families.

### Sponsorship

Once again Golden Hill Nursery kindly supplied most of the summer plants for the planters. Peter Hall, Stanley’s Garage and Marden Village Club sponsor 3 of the planters in the village, Marden Parish Council sponsor the troughs/bike rack in the High Street and Marden Horticultural Society look after the planter by the library.

### Planters

Many members of the community comment positively on the planters and the colour they bring to the village. We now have an organised group of Marden in Bloom members who have taken responsibility for watering and maintenance and this has been an improvement compared to previous years.

### Watering

This is always an issue and we do struggle with this task particularly in hot dry summers. We have tried to overcome this issue, but it is always difficult.

### Projects

The flower beds at both the Memorial Hall and Library area continue to be tended. We have planted another 1,000 bulbs at Windsor Meadows and will be reviewing other areas of the village where we think we can place some more bulbs. We should be installing a wooden edge to the flower bed that runs opposite the library so that it is easier to maintain and we can keep the size of the flower bed manageable. Since it is the group’s tenth anniversary this year, we have been successful in applying for a grant from Kent Country Council with Councillor Black, and this will go towards planting a crab apple tree commemorating the occasion opposite the library in the autumn.

### Wildflower Meadow in Southons Field

Managing the wildflower meadow has been somewhat challenging. While in previous years wildflowers have bloomed, it is now being overtaken by grass. It is a difficult and time-consuming task and hopefully we will undertake some clearing, re-seeding and defining the edge. We may also make the area smaller.

### Activities in 2026

We are continuing to hold our successful quiz in Marden Village Club in April and will be holding our fourth Garden Safari in June. This will be followed by a dog show in August, another bulb sale in September and of course the ever-successful Scarecrow Safari in October.

We always need help with our projects, so if you can spare a little bit of time, even if an hour or two, please email: [anne.boswell@ymail.com](mailto:anne.boswell@ymail.com) Also check out our Facebook page and give us a like.

### **MARDEN LIBRARY**

We continue to have a good level of customers and are delighted that existing customers and new customers continue to enjoy visiting our library.

The last year has been busy with lots of activities for children and a very successful Summer Reading Challenge, which again encouraged our primary aged children to keep reading through the summer holidays. It was super to see both more children signing up and more children completing the challenge. We are already looking forward to this year's challenge which we will be launching in July. Other activities available for children include both a Lego Club on Saturday mornings and a Fun with Homework Club on a Thursday after school. On Fridays we have split our popular Rhyme Time to accommodate everybody with a 'Baby Rhyme Time' followed by a 'Toddler Sing Along'. For more details on any of these groups, please do call in and speak to staff in the library.

For adults we have two groups who meet in the library weekly for a friendly chat. On Tuesdays the group meet to chat over a game of Upword (similar to a game of Scrabble) and on Thursdays the group meet for a cup coffee or tea (this group was started to support those who are affected by dementia and their carer's). We supply books for several Book Groups, two of which meet in the library monthly on a Saturday and are proving very popular, so much so that we may need to start another group if numbers keep increasing.

Marden library also offers Audio books, Large Print books and jigsaws. Customers can use the public Wi-Fi and computers, as well as the photocopier and printer. Books can be ordered from other libraries, and our customer can download Apps for Ebooks, Newspapers and Audio books. (Please note there is a small charge for some of these services).

More details of any of our clubs, groups or services can be obtained by calling in to the library which is open Tuesdays – Friday 10am – 1pm and 2pm -5pm and on Saturdays 9am -1pm.

## **MARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

By Memorial Hall Trustees

At the Hall Committee meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, following the AGM, Ian Newton was re-elected Chairman of the Marden Memorial Hall Management Committee for 2025/26.

### Staffing

The hall continues to employ a Facilities Administrator for 10 hours per week who assists with bookings, obtaining quotes, ensuring all certificates are up to date and contacting external companies when they are required to assist with any work that is required. The hall also has contracted staff to undertake the caretaking and cleaning.

### Residential Flat

Following the previous tenant moving out in November 2024 new tenants moved into the flat in March 2025.

### Hirings

The hall continues to be very well used with the pre-school being the main user. Other regular groups /organisations continue using the facilities at other times of day and evenings and several new regular hirers have started to use the John Banks Hall. As well as a continual stream of bookings for parties.

Marden Parish Council still rent the office area and the hall Facilities Administrator works from here for majority of her 10 hours and is able to use the printer and other facilities when required.

### Projects

In 2025 the hall purchased a large projector screen for the main hall and a range cooker for the main kitchen. The ladies' toilets were also refurbished. In 2026 we are needing to upgrade the hall fire alarm system and, if funds allow, refurbish the main kitchen area.

### Other

Regular statutory inspections continue with safety gas checks, Pat Testing, fire alarm and CCTV systems.

Thanks are expressed to all the Trustees for their hard work and commitment during the year.

## **MARDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY**

### Building and expansion works:

We are pleased to announce that the long-awaited new building for our Early Years and Year 1 children is now nearing completion. We anticipate moving into the new facility following the Easter break. This new building will feature a modern kitchen, servery, and dining hall, significantly enhancing our provision for our school community.

During the upcoming summer holidays, we will undertake the removal of the old dining hall and portions of the existing brickwork. In its place, we will establish a brand new outdoor area specifically designed for the EYFS and Year 1 children, promoting an engaging and stimulating environment for their development. Furthermore, we are currently in the process of planning an open event, in collaboration with our (PTA), to showcase the new building. We will extend invitations to parents and the local community to visit and explore the new facilities.

Links with the local community:

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Reverend Nicky for her invaluable contributions to our school community. Her regular outings with the children to the church have enriched their understanding of local heritage, while her visits to lead assemblies have significantly enhanced their inquiries and understanding of religious education. Furthermore, we have enjoyed multiple visits to Marden Library, where the staff have graciously welcomed us, fostering a love of reading. Additionally, we are thankful to the parents and carers who have volunteered to share insights about their professions, inspiring our students to contemplate their future career opportunities.

### **MARDEN SCOUT GROUP**

Marden Scout Group has had a fabulous, fun filled year of activities! Last year the Beavers enjoyed taking part in the "Beavers Got Talent" show, did camp craft, worked with maps, went kayaking and finished the summer term off with a water fight. This year they have been busy working towards their faith, builder and disability badges and are showing great enthusiasm in working towards other badges in their own time.

Both Cubs packs have had trips out for orienteering, kayaking and climbing last year and have been working towards various badges. Pioneer pack also celebrated impressive two Chief Scout Awards and are looking forward to participating in a summer camp in June.

Finally, the Scouts had a great weekend camping out at the Scout Hut in November and are planning a weeklong camp in the summer at Hamlet Wood. As ever, the Scouts demonstrated their community spirit at Marden at Christmas by providing their now legendary and delicious S'mores to passers-by on their way to the Memorial Hall.

In the summer we held a community BBQ and AGM to say thank you to our wonderful volunteers, children and parents and meet new ones. The Remembrance Sunday parade and church service was also a particular highlight of year as it was well attended by all sections and showed pivotal role the group has within the community.

The Group then had a busy December, really getting into the Christmas spirit and supporting various events within the village. Firstly, our Scout elves again joined the Paddock Wood Lions and Santa for the Santa Sleigh, handing out presents to the village's children and getting everyone into the festive mood. Marden again showed huge generosity and raised an amazing £660, with the Scouts donating their half to the Marden Food Bank and the remaining going to the worthwhile charities

supported by the Lions. A huge thank you to everyone who donated! Our Pioneer Pack also beautifully decorated a tree in the Church with home-made baubles and biscuits.

Thanks to Andy Wardley we have been able to make some vital improvements to the Scout Hut – including a new, accessible toilet – and have plans to build a firepit area over the summer and to spruce up the hut internally.

All this is not possible without the support of our wonderful team and we have several exciting volunteer opportunities, from the leadership teams for our Beavers and Cubs through to social media / marketing and Trustees. We need more helpers to be able to continue providing the young people of the village the great Scouting experiences we do today - no experience necessary!

For further information on how you can join the team and help, please contact [GSL@mardenscouts.org.uk](mailto:GSL@mardenscouts.org.uk) . Thank you for your continued support!

### **MARDEN SHORT MAT BOWLS**

We meet Monday and Friday evenings at 7.30 - 9.30 to play. We need new members to come to enjoy a relaxing time and learn the game. Tea and cakes are provided. Contact 07359658338 for more details. Come in for a try out.

### **MARDEN WI**

Marden WI meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7.45pm in the Vestry Hall. Our membership has been 38 this past year.

In the last year, our programme included a wide variety of subjects, which included a personal and very moving story from Paul Beard, who had worked with and fostered with Barnardo's, setting up a Flower Farm in Hawkenbury by Sally Oakey and Cake Decorating with Debbie Wells of Bonne Bouche.

So far this year, we have had a fascinating evening with Anthony Drewe, who lives locally, on his life Composing Lyrics for Musicals, working with Andrew Lloyd Webber, Cameron Mackintosh, Steven Spielberg and many more. One of our members, Wendy Singer, gave us a wonderful talk on her pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela.

We also enjoy pub lunches and tea with cake meets during the year. Various other events included Watercolour Painting workshops and the opportunity to learn Paddle Boarding and Kayaking.

This year is the Centenary of Marden WI and we are in the process of organising various events to celebrate this great achievement.

Our 2026 programme is nearly complete and includes subjects such as 'Potholes, Pigs and Paradise', 'Top 5 Nutrients', 'My Life as a Tiller Girl' and 'Look Good-Feel Good'.

Please come along as a visitor and hopefully enjoy the evening, which could lead to many more evenings with us.

Contact Barbara Hammond – President, for further information – 01622 831569.



## **MARDEN WILDLIFE**

The Group's work has continued apace during the last year, and membership is increasing slowly with more people actively involved in practical projects. As ever, though, more volunteers are constantly needed: as our activities expand, we realise how much more could be done, and there are more requests from other interested organisations that we are struggling to accommodate.

Our Facebook page remains a go-to place to watch the seasons unfold as pictures of garden visitors are posted alongside those of the wealth of ordinary (but always interesting) plants and animals found on residents' local walks. There are opportunities for a close (photo) encounter with a rarely seen plant or bird posted by one of our local birders or bird ringers, or by one of our many experts in identifying spectacular insects, plants or fungi. Pictures of mysterious creatures that turn up in local houses are frequently offered up for identification as well! Anyone visiting our page can take a vicarious walk around the village and be cheered up by the wildlife we share it with.

Our hedgerow survey team led by Liz Taylor is steadily evaluating the condition of our linear nature reserves that have been in situ for at least two-hundred years, many of them probably much longer. A call to Liz ([ramshillhouse@btinternet.com](mailto:ramshillhouse@btinternet.com)) will get you the opportunity to help in this fascinating (but very simple) and important work – and lots of privileged walks in an out-of-the-way parts of a farm on a summer's morning!

The rare local plant and meadow regeneration projects continue to attract attention from Natural England and other organisations across Kent. With Marden Horticultural Society members, and the help and support of local farmers, the work has attracted wider attention too. The project was shown as an example of what can be achieved by local people in a presentation Marden Wildlife gave at the public launch of the Kent & Medway Nature Recovery Strategy last November.

With our rich Weald mixture of woodland, water and arable farmland, our nationally recognised Turtle Dove project we run with Kent Wildlife Trust and accommodated by Marden Farmer Cluster members, is exploring ways to conserve and re-vitalise the dove's local population. While our grant-funded satellite tracking and passive audio technology is hugely adding our knowledge of the species, much of our work is dependent on volunteers, especially with our many cameras and audio recorders

deployed in the area. Do let us know if you can offer a few hours a week with the routine tasks this involves ([mardenwildlife@gmail.com](mailto:mardenwildlife@gmail.com))

Our group expertise is well-established, and members are now employed by Natural England to carry out surveys to support the work of DEFRA's evaluation of its conservation policies on the local population of moths and butterflies. As a result, I'm sure you'll be bemused by the fact that Marden is now one of only a few places in Kent that can lay claim to be home to the pretty, but scarce Brussels Lace, and the enigmatic Birch Bagworm moths.

As well as the thousand-plus plant and animal records we collect each year (all eventually lodged with the Kent & Medway Biological Records Centre) it can be argued that the outstanding one for 2025 was that for *Dichostereum effusatum*... Yes, you may well ask! It was the first, and so far, only, record of a species of fungus found in the UK, discovered on his daily stroll by local mycologist Jasper Sharp. From microscopically small organisms to the Weald-wide distribution of all our rapidly diminishing wildlife, our work is not only expanding but becoming increasingly dependent on volunteers. If you'd like to become actively involved in any way – recording moths and butterflies, rare plant propagation, bird ringing and surveys, promoting conservation through education – or have ideas you'd like to pursue (anyone keen to raise the profile of swifts?), do get in touch.

Ray Morris

Chair

[mardenwildlife@gmail.com](mailto:mardenwildlife@gmail.com)

## **PADDOCK WOOD & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB**

We are part of Lions Clubs International, a global network of volunteers working to support communities around the world. The Paddock Wood & District Lions Club is a volunteer led charity that has been supporting local communities since 1982. While our name reflects our origins, our work has always extended far beyond Paddock Wood. Today, we actively serve a wide rural area including Brenchley, Collier Street, East Peckham, Five Oak Green, Goudhurst, Horsmonden, Lamberhurst, Marden, Matfield, Staplehurst and Yalding, with members living across these communities.

### A Year of Supporting Our Communities

Over the past year, our focus has remained simple. We bring people together, raise funds, and provide practical support across our district.

Our events continue to act as a cornerstone for community life. From the Carnival Weekend and Rockin' in the Rec, to the East Peckham 10K and our Santa's Sleigh runs through villages such as Marden, Staplehurst and East Peckham, these moments are about far more than fundraising. They create connection, shared experiences, and a sense of community across our villages.

Alongside this, much of our work happens more quietly. We have supported foodbanks in Marden and Staplehurst, contributed to the East Peckham Community Fridge, provided grants to Staplehurst Emergency Help Team, and helped families across the district with essentials such as school uniforms and household items. We

have also supported local youth initiatives, including Laddingford Primary School Challenger Troop.

This breadth of support reflects something we are keen to emphasise. Our work is not centred on one town, but spread across many communities throughout the district, responding wherever the need arises.

### Who We Are

We are a group of local people who give what time we can. Some of us are long standing members, others are newer, but we all share a common aim to help others and contribute positively to the communities we live in.

We meet monthly to discuss local needs and plan activities, and we balance our volunteering with social events that help keep the club welcoming and sustainable.

### Looking Forward: Working Together

One of our ongoing challenges is awareness. Despite working across a wide area, there is still a common perception that we are primarily a Paddock Wood organisation. This can make it harder to reach people and communities who may benefit from support, or who may wish to get involved.

We see local councils as key partners in helping to change this perception and improve awareness across all our communities. By working together and sharing information, we can ensure that residents across all our villages are aware of the support available and the opportunities to be part of it.

We are also always looking to grow our membership so that it better reflects the communities we serve.

### In Closing

We are proud of what has been achieved over the past year, but equally aware that there is more we can do, particularly by strengthening connections across the whole district.

We welcome continued dialogue with local councils, community groups and residents, and we are always open to hearing where support may be needed.

For more information, please visit: <https://paddockwoodlions.co.uk/>

or contact: [enquiries@paddockwoodlions.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@paddockwoodlions.co.uk)

## **SAFE ANAESTHESIA**

Safe Anaesthesia Worldwide (Registered Charity Number 1148254)

Safe Anaesthesia Worldwide (SAWW) is a local charity with an international reach. The charity was founded by retired anaesthetist, Dr Roger Eltringham, to improve anaesthesia services in hospitals around the world so that patients get the treatment they need. Worldwide five billion people have no access to affordable surgical and anaesthetic care, most in poor countries, and many suffer or die as a result.

In past year SAWW has donated equipment to hospitals in Cameroon, Ethiopia, Nepal, Uganda and Somaliland. The charity also supported training to improve anaesthesia skills and services in Tanzania.

The charity focuses on anaesthesia, pain relief, and oxygen provision for:

- Women in labour to prevent deaths and injuries in childbirth;
- Babies and children to prevent neonatal and infant deaths;
- Patients in need of essential surgery for life-threatening or disabling conditions such as injuries, tumours, hernias, obstetric fistulas, burns, infections, and birth deformities;
- Emergency response for those injured in natural disasters and conflicts.

SAWW has received generous support from the residents, clubs and groups in Marden, for which we are truly grateful. Overheads are kept to an absolute minimum and virtually every penny raised is spent on directly helping those in need, making every donation literally lifesaving. Thank you to everyone who has supported SAWW's work this year.

Copies of SAWW's Annual Report available on our website [www.safe4all.org.uk](http://www.safe4all.org.uk) or by request from [info@safe4all.org.uk](mailto:info@safe4all.org.uk) or from our HQ at White Lyon House, High Street, Marden.

Photo: A recent donation of respiratory and monitoring equipment to Chaurjhari Hospital in Nepal is already being used to save the lives of sick children and babies.



### **S.E.N.D SUPPORT GROUP**

S.E.N.D Help Marden is a relatively new support group established to provide a welcoming and understanding environment for parents and carers of children with disabilities and additional needs. Our aim is to create a space where individuals can come together, share experiences, and offer mutual support without fear of judgement.

The group meets biweekly during term time at the Vestry Hall, providing regular opportunities for families to connect in person. In addition to these meetings, we

maintain an active WhatsApp group, allowing members to stay in touch, share advice, and access support between sessions.

Since its formation, S.E.N.D Help Marden has received very positive feedback from parents and carers. Many have expressed how valuable it is to have a safe and supportive space where they can openly discuss their experiences and challenges. The sense of community and understanding within the group has been particularly meaningful, helping members feel less isolated.

We are especially proud that several of our members have recently achieved positive outcomes through their self-advocacy efforts. With encouragement and shared knowledge from the group, these parents have successfully navigated processes to secure the support their children need. These successes highlight the importance of peer support and the impact of coming together as a community. Looking ahead, S.E.N.D Help Marden is committed to continuing its work for as long as possible. We aim to keep supporting parents and carers, empowering them with information, confidence, and a strong network of support as they advocate for their children.

Overall, the group has already demonstrated its value within the community, and we hope to continue growing and making a positive difference for families in Marden and surrounding areas.

**Reports not received at time of meeting:**

Kent Police Beat Officers (Marden)  
Revd Nicky Harvey  
Badminton  
Come and Sing!  
Friends of Marden Medical Centre  
Little Fishes Baby & Toddler Group  
Marden Bell Ringers  
Marden Bowls Club  
Marden Community Lunches  
Marden Dementia Friendly Community  
Marden History Group and Heritage Centre  
Marden Motor Club  
Marden Oddfellows  
Marden Parish Church  
Marden Patient Participation Group  
Marden Play-On  
Marden Pre-School Playgroup  
Marden Sports Club  
Marden Society  
Marden Sporting Memories  
Marden Village Club  
Marden Walking Group  
Men's Breakfast