

# ROLVENDEN AND TENTERDEN WEST

# NEWS



*Cllr. Kate Walder – Your Ashford Borough Councillor*

## COST OF LIVING CRISIS

“ The views are free in the countryside but pretty much everything else is more expensive ”  
- Prospect Magazine 2021

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete my resident survey, or talk to me on the doorstep about your concerns. I've not yet got around to everyone, so please do get in touch if you have an issue you want to raise.

The biggest concern on all of your minds is definitely the cost of living at the moment. Everyone is under pressure this winter. Inflation, mortgage rates and ballooning rents, petrol costs, food and every single household bill are rising and the Government's response is higher tax and public service cuts. There is a 'rural premium' paid by countryside dwellers on food, petrol and accessing public services - 'out in the sticks' means 'out of mind' for policy makers and politicians.



If you need help I've provided a summary of what's available locally on the back of this newsletter.

My contact details are also there, if you need advice or someone to talk things through with. Things are really tough right now but you are not alone and there are people out there who can help.

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## NEWENDEN 20 IS PLENTY CAMPAIGN

Residents in Newenden are campaigning to introduce a 20mph speed limit in the village. Resident Viv Robertson has led the campaign and says, '70 or 80 mph is not unusual at night - this is not a racetrack, it's a community where people live, work and raise their families'. Viv's petition to measure support in the village got a huge turn-out. Kent County Council Highways have refused to engage. Newenden is too small in their view but we are carrying on the fight - if Faversham can have safe road speeds, so can Newenden!



*Cllr. Kate Walder – with 20 is plenty campaigners*

## NEIGHBOURHOOD UPDATE

The Tenterden Wildlife community group goes from strength to strength! Come and join us - set up as part of the Neighbourhood Plan, the group is focused on action and practical help for our struggling wildlife. In the past 6 months, we have conducted a biodiversity study at Tenterden Golf Club, engaged with Ashford Borough Council and the Town Council on mowing and helped with bulb and flower planting and weeding the Lawns and High Street beds. Six local farms have signed up to support wildlife restoration and have worked with Kent Wildlife Trust for an area covering almost 2,000 acres. Please email us on [tenterdenwildlife@gmail.com](mailto:tenterdenwildlife@gmail.com) for more information and if you want to get involved.

If we have no green spaces we will have no wildlife. We will lose our community spaces and our way of life. Having a Neighbourhood Plan that protects green spaces in Tenterden has been an absolute focus of my time as a Borough Councillor. It is hard work, time-consuming and often thankless - the developers keep rolling into town with resources that we can only dream of but together with the Neighbourhood Plan Committee, all volunteers, I am determined to do what we can to protect our beautiful town and countryside. Take a look at our website [Tenterdenneighbourhoodplan.org](http://Tenterdenneighbourhoodplan.org) or Facebook page, 'Keeping Tenterden Green', for insights, updates and ways to support us.

## CAN I HELP?

If you have a comment or query about our area I'd love to know. Get in touch via email.



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## LOCAL HELP AVAILABLE

[www.ashford.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help](http://www.ashford.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help)

<https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk>

[www.ashfordadvice.org](http://www.ashfordadvice.org)

[www.tenterdensocialhub.org/services](http://www.tenterdensocialhub.org/services)

### Ashford Borough Citizens Advice

Town Hall 24 High Street  
Tenterden, Kent TN30 6AN  
United Kingdom

**01233 626185**

### The Old School House Larder

The Coffee Shop at EC30 Recreation Ground Road  
Tenterden, Kent TN30 6RA  
United Kingdom

**01580 765518**

**Rolvenden Care Bears** - support and food for families run by Councillor Lynne Walker with support from the Parish Council and myself.

Call Lynne on **10580 241369** or contact me on [Kate.Walder@ashford.gov.uk](mailto:Kate.Walder@ashford.gov.uk)

### Kent Savers Credit Union

Advice on finances, debt management, savings, loans on fair terms and credit cards.

[www.kentsavers.co.uk](http://www.kentsavers.co.uk)

**03333 219050**

### The Tenterden Family Foodbank

Makes foodboxes for people who suddenly find themselves in difficulty. If you need an emergency food parcel the first step is to get a voucher which you need to take to the pick up point (delivery is also available). Vouchers can be obtained in complete confidence from:

- Tenterden Vicarage:  
**01580 761591 / 07805 840493 / 07888 998874**
- Tenterden Social Hub: **01580 762882**
- EC30, Recreation Ground Road (Monday to Saturday 9-4) or by calling **07805 840493**
- Ivy Court Surgery (Keeley Harris): **01580 763666**

## WORKING HARD ON YOUR BEHALF



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