

People First

Vote Liberal Democrat on May 2nd and choose:



- Safer streets, where people come before traffic
- A green town, which protects our parks and open space, and its history
- A community which works and invests in everyone's future
- Councillors who will listen to what you say



Jon Aldridge has lived in Edenbridge with his young family since 2016. An electrical engineer working in IT, Jon has worked for startups and charities in the UK and overseas, as well as having been elected to the council of the Royal Society for Asian Affairs, and a trustee of the Jinpa Trust.

Jon would like to see Edenbridge develop as a vibrant family-friendly town with strong links to West-Kent and London. Jon is standing in the Town and District elections.



Richard Streatfeild After 20 years service in the Army Richard now runs a local events business. He has served the community as chair of the High Weald Councils Aviation Action Group sitting on the Gatwick Noise Management Board. He is chair of a local parish council and has led local action against aircraft noise and expansion of Gatwick on behalf of Edenbridge residents. He has helped bring fast broadband to the area, delivered better sports and community facilities, and worked to ensure local housing needs are met appropriately. Richard is standing in the District election.

What are these Elections for?

Elections are being held for Edenbridge Town Council and Sevenoaks District Council. Kent County Council - responsible for schools, roads etc - is not part of this election.

Edenbridge Town Council has 15 councillors and responsibility for:

- Parks - Stangrove, recreation grounds etc.
- Edenbridge cemetery
- Some small and local grants
- Public toilets
- Planning application recommendations

Edenbridge South and West ward elects seven councillors to Edenbridge Town council.

Sevenoaks District Council has 54 Councillors and responsibility for:

- Planning Application decisions
- Domestic rubbish and garden waste
- Leisure Centre (through Sencio)
- Licensing (taxis, alcohol, gambling)
- Parking, tourism, some public-health, some community safety.

Edenbridge South and West ward elects two councillors to Sevenoaks District Council.

Want to vote but tied up at work? Away on holiday? Not well?

Just phone the District Council on 01732227000 or email elections@sevenoaks.gov.uk to ask for a postal vote form.

They will send it to you, so you can fill it in and return to arrive by 15th April

How Lib Dem Councillors make a difference:

Planning and Development:

The local plan obliges Edenbridge to identify sites for housing. The Liberal Democrats will work to ensure these:

- Prioritise local needs for affordable housing
- Don't overstretch existing facilities: transport, health & schools
- Have adequate pedestrian and vehicle access and parking
- Don't deprive us of existing public green-space (as has been proposed on the Stangrove Estate)
- Don't affect the countryside



Transport:

Everyone is fed-up with poor transport: temporary traffic lights, cuts to bus-services, disruption to rail services, and a lack of provision for cyclists and pedestrians. The Liberal Democrats will work to:

- Maximise walking and cycling opportunities around new developments including the proposed Health Centre
- Minimise impact of road-works
- Maintain our rail services
- Minimise aircraft noise from Gatwick
- Provide adequate parking on estates such as Spitals Cross & Stangrove.



Using your money effectively:

Sevenoaks District Council policy is to invest its reserves - your money - within 50 miles of Sevenoaks. Meanwhile Edenbridge Leisure Centre - owned by Sevenoaks and run by Sencio - lacks investment to the extent that people travel to neighbouring towns, or skip health activities. The District council should invest in its assets or allow Sencio to borrow to improve these.

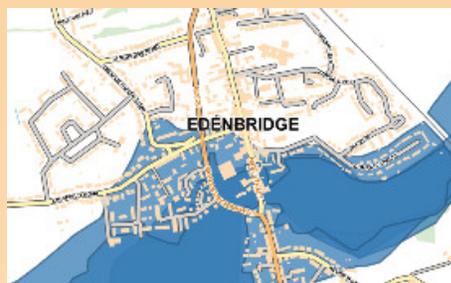
Liberal Democrats believe Council investments should be *in* the community, *for* the community.



Flooding:

Much of Edenbridge sits close to the river and is susceptible to flooding. We will:

- Seek to work with the the Medway Flood Partnership to improve water-storage upstream and downstream
- Ensure culverts are kept clear to maximise local drainage
- Ensure Edenbridge has enough trained flood wardens
- Review Flood Resilience plans.
- Keep local people informed



Historical Flooding extents
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