



## TENTERDEN & DISTRICT RESIDENTS ' ASSOCIATION

### **Annual General Meeting 2025 Committee Report**

Unfortunately the Trustees of TDRA have concluded it is not sustainable to continue running TDRA and recommend members approve a resolution to wind down and close the Association.

In March the Committee was faced with a significant reduction in the number of active trustees. As a result we issued a note to members and an appeal to Tenterden residents via the My Tenterden newsletter (which reaches some 2,500 readers) for volunteers to come forward as potential new trustees. No individuals responded to the appeal.

With no additional trustees, a steadily declining membership, and a lack of major issues facing the town, we have had to conclude that the Association has come to a natural end. We are proud of it's history and it's achievements over the years.

The proposal to dissolve the Association (which is Charity Commission speak for winding it down) is set out in a separate AGM document with a note of the practical steps and the implications for members.

Other matters for the Committee to report are as follows

- Tenterden Neighbourhood Plan. Our thanks go to Siggi Nepp for a significant contribution to the drafting and approval of the Neighbourhood Plan in 2024. This is a major piece of work that will, by it's statutory strength in the legislation, provide assistance to the town in reducing the risk of undesirable developments.
- Ashford Borough Council preliminary call for development sites. The Committee chose to commission some external advice here, and as a result formulated a detailed review of the potential development sites in Tenterden over the coming years. By assessing each in terms of published development policies, it was possible to rate each in terms of their capacity to comply with said policies, and this work should be helpful to Tenterden Town Council and others in dealing with developers' applications as they arise.

We do want to thank our many members for your support over the years, and to the long list of trustees who have given their time to the Association. Special mention should go to Ian Marsden and Nigel Webb, who have been committee members for thirty seven and thirty nine years respectively.