



Totton and Eling
Town Council

Annual Report



Statement from the **Chair of the Council**



It barely seems a year since our Town's last annual report. With covid more or less behind us, our calendar of events - such as the Carnival, Remembrance Parade and Lantern Procession - mark our year and pull us together as a Town so it's good to see that back in full swing.

We have a number of changes this year at the Council, among both Officers and Councillors, making it a good time for us to take stock. As we look ahead to the year coming, it's possible to see that Totton and Eling have a few advantages. We have been linked to the New Forest for centuries and yet as a larger town we are still partly quite a new community, growing more quickly than other local Towns.

All this means that we are a contemporary, modern Town with opportunities that historic Towns don't have. We are also privileged to have an enviable set of wildlife areas – the Test Nature Reserve, Testwood lakes and a wonderful stretch of the Bartley Water and its estuary. We need to take advantage of these opportunities – improve and protect our natural environment, make our Town centre a vibrant, pleasant place to spend time.

Over the coming years we hope to communicate much more with residents through our invigorated website and to hear what residents really want for our Town. We helped each other through the pandemic and now we need to help each other through the cost-of-living crisis too, so as a Council we'll also be focusing on where we can help with people's wellbeing.

We all look forward to the year ahead and to what we can do for our community. Our Town is one to be proud of, but we still have to work hard to improve it, with much to do.

Cllr Caroline Rackham

Chair, Totton and Eling Town Council.

A Thank You note

We have had several changes among our Officers over the past year and would like to thank two in particular for their dedicated service to the Town. Derek Biggs who was Town Clerk for 49 years left in July and Neil Garfoot, our Operations Manager who joined the Council 30 years ago. They have both worked hard to keep our services and amenities available for us all.

As a Council we would also like to congratulate Susan Cutler in her new position as Town Clerk and CEO of the Town. Susan has been part of the Council for a number of years and takes over to ensure the smooth running and on-going improvement of the Council.

Facilities

Allotments

- Salmon Leap with 133 plots
- Compton Park with 65 plots
- Water Lane site housing 128 plots
- Foxhills Site containing 35 plots.

Community Buildings

- Calmore Community centre
- Calmore Village Hall
- Hounsdawn Hall
- Totton & Eling Community Centre
- West Totton Centre
- Garage Youth Centre

Recreational Facilities

- Bartley Park BMX and skateboarding
- Totton and Eling Bowls Centre
- Testwood Pool
- Hanger Farm pool
- Eling Splash Park
- Hanger Farm Park Tennis Courts
- Testwood and Eling Tennis Courts
- West Totton Community Centre Squash and Badminton Courts
- Totton and Eling football grounds
- 30 play areas located in and around Totton and Eling
- Tennis courts at two recreation grounds

Arts & Heritage

- Eling Tide Mill Experience with Visitor Centre and Café
- Hanger Farm Arts Centre
- Various local walks in and around Totton and Eling

For more details on what facilities we provide, head over to our website tottoneling-tc.gov.uk



Precept message

Council tax is a mandatory tax paid by residents to the district council which in turn distributed to local and county councils. This money is known as a precept, and we rely on it to finance a wide range of services and initiatives that directly benefit the community.

The precept is utilised to provide essential services such as litter collection, maintenance of local infrastructure, green routes, and parks. Cultural activities, recreational facilities, and community events are also made possible through the allocation of these funds.

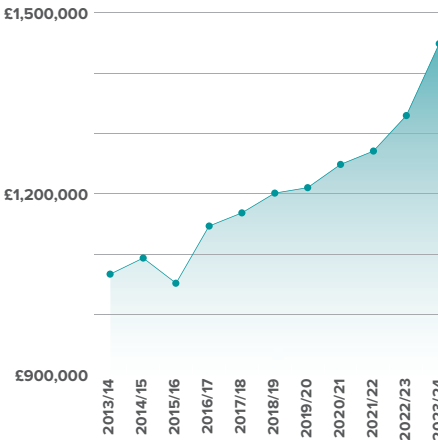
And when compared to other Towns, it becomes evident that our Council offers

a more varied array of services than other Town or Parish Councils.

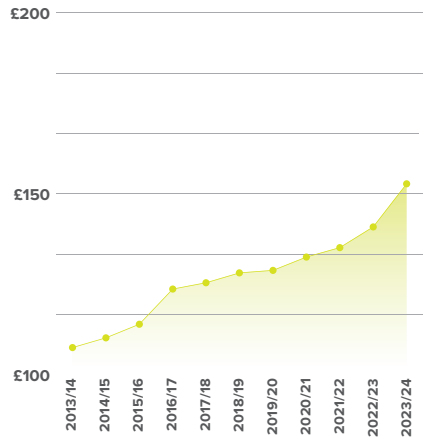
Below are two graphs showing the precept money we have received, and the Band D tax that residents have paid over the past ten years.

We have confidence that these figures illustrate outstanding value for money, especially given that no Town Council services have been terminated. Furthermore, in the past year, the council has introduced numerous new and enhanced services. This newsletter highlights the extensive range of services administered by the Town Council, whilst keeping costs down to our residents through lower precept increases.

PRECEPT



TAX BAND D





Hanger Farm Paddling Pool

Following many years of general wear and tear, this year we decided it was time to bring improvements to Hanger Farm Paddling Pool. In agreement with New Forest District Council (NFDC), these works are being paid for using developers' contributions.

Works have been underway since the start of May and have involved breaking up of much of the original concrete to strengthen the base of the pool and alter the existing gradient.

Some amendments have been made to the operating system and supply and return pipework.

However, the most noticeable change is that of the surfacing which is more like that of a play park being somewhat softer underfoot. We have also improved accessibility by implementing a beach like

ramp and supporting rail into the pool and have added a raised island feature near the centre of the pool.

After the successful completion of the project, our residents have been delighting in the transformative improvements, and we have received fantastic feedback regarding the diligent efforts to finish it before the summer's end.

Furthermore, we hope that residents and visitors alike are pleased with improvements and wish you all a lovely and safe, splashy future.



Currently our mill is undergoing maintenance to help protect this piece of history for generations, come visit to see the repairs being made

The Grade II* listed Eling Tide Mill, which has stood at the centre of life in Eling for centuries, is one of only a handful of regularly working tide mills left in the UK.



The Eling Tide Mill, its gift shop, adjacent Visitor Centre, Mill Café and the surrounding riverside walks, combine to form The Eling Tide Mill Experience.



Our café provides high-quality casual dining in a light spacious area within the same building as the visitor centre, opposite Eling Tide Mill overlooking Bartley Water.

Free to enter, our Café is ideal for morning coffee, light lunches or afternoon tea.

We serve a selection of specialty teas and coffees, cakes and sandwiches.

We offer sandwiches, rolls and scones made by a local baker using our flour.

Please visit our website for opening times between October and March.

EXCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP

We are thrilled to be able to offer membership of the Eling Tide Mill Experience exclusively to Totton residents, to give an opportunity to support and enjoy the mill towards its next phase!

Benefits of this offer are:

- **Unlimited access** to the mill and visitor centre for just **£10 per year** (for a family membership card - up to four named people*)
- Bring family and friends to visit at a reduced rate of **25% off standard admission** prices.
- Receive **10% discount** in the **Mill Gift Shop**
- Receive **10% discount** in the **Mill Café**

In order to qualify for this exclusive offer, you must live in the following postcodes: SO40 2, SO40 3, SO40 7, SO40 8, SO40 9 and **SO40 4 Marchwood**

*All members must live at the same address and be named on the card.

To apply simply visit

elingtidemillexperience.co.uk and click on the Exclusive Membership Offer button, which will guide you through the steps required to complete your application.



Minstead Trust
Hanger Farm
Arts Centre

Autumn shows now booking

Totton's live entertainment venue

🎵 **The Songwriter's Gallery presents:
Little Lore and Hugmynd**

Tue 5 Sep • £10

★ **Pete Fireman: TrikTok**

Fri 22 Sep • £19 / £17

🎵 **The Bowie Experience**

Fri 6 Oct • £19

🎭 **Jo Caulfield – Here Comes Trouble**

Fri 27 Oct • £17

🎭 **The Haunting**

Thurs 9 Nov • £17 / £15

🎵 **Kiki Dee and Carmelo Luggeri
– The Long Ride Home Tour**

Fri 24 Nov • £22

🎭 **The Captain Calamity Santamime Adventure**

Mon 18 Dec • £31 / £11 / £7.50



Book now



hangerfarm.co.uk
or 02380 667683

Aikman Lane, Totton, Southampton, SO40 8FT

Arts Centre run by local charity Minstead Trust, providing employment and training for people with learning disabilities
Charity no. 1053319



Anyone for tennis

The Totton & Eling Tennis Centre, established in 2004, is managed by a dedicated family team in partnership with Totton & Eling Town Council.

What we offer

- eight outdoor **floodlit courts**
- available for **casual hire** up to 72 hours in advance
- online court booking - **totton.tennis/court-hire**
- junior and adult **coaching programme**, with around 350 local participants
- **membership packages** available, allowing play in box leagues and teams

How it works

Online court hire is available to everyone, providing a convenient way to secure a court. Once a booking is confirmed, you can use the supplied pin number to access the court gate. Floodlights will switch on automatically, where required. Bring your own racquets and balls.

Our popular **group coaching programme** specialises in introducing new children and adults to the sport, and then focuses on retaining them for the long-term. We offer a simple introduction to tennis, completely free-of-charge, which includes an initial

assessment with a coach, followed by a taster session of a suitable group. Please email to book.

Tennis club membership offers enhanced social and competitive playing opportunities, including free court usage when playing with other members, 30-day booking priority and box leagues. Membership payments are via monthly direct debit.

Hanger Farm, Aikman Lane, Totton
SO40 8FT

Phone: 023 8155 0122

Website: www.totton.tennis

Email: play@totton.tennis

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 @TottonTennis

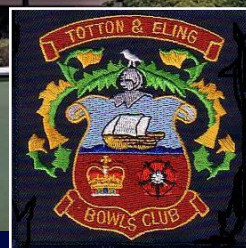
Courts: open seven days per week,
7:30am - 9.30pm

Enquiries: we try to be available seven days per week by phone and / or email

Reception: generally, only open alongside coaching and club activities (please check with us)



Bowls Club



Calling all bowling enthusiasts, newbies and veterans alike! Welcome to our bowling club, where an exciting experience awaits you.



Open for Pay & Play or join Totton & Eling Bowls Club as a member, you'll have access to a diverse range of engaging activities throughout the year. Compete and showcase your skills in friendly matches and thrilling club competitions alongside fellow members. Our leagues for both ladies and gentlemen are affiliated with NFBA and S&D, ensuring top-notch standards.

Join our regular club outdoor roll-ups on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturday mornings. These sessions offer a fantastic opportunity for casual games and practice. And that's just the beginning – we have even more in store for our members.

We also offer winter and short mat memberships. Engage in friendly short mat club leagues that put a twist on traditional bowling. Additionally, we host various social events, allowing you to connect with fellow bowlers and forge lasting friendships.

Contact the centre regarding memberships, pricing and play times.

OFFICE OPENING TIMES

1 April to 30 September

Monday and Wednesday	12noon to 6.00pm
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday	12noon to 4.30pm
Saturday	10.30pm to 3.00pm
Sunday	Closed

October

Monday to Saturday 11.00am to 3.00pm

1 November to 28 February

Monday to Friday	12noon to 3.00pm
Saturday	11.00am to 2.00pm

March

Monday to Saturday 11.00am to 3.00pm

CONTACT

The Bowls Pavilion
Crabbs Way, West Totton SO40 8FA
Tel: 023 8086 8846
Email: bowls@totton-eling.co.uk
Web: tottonandelingbowlsclub.com



The Garage

We offer a safe welcoming space for young individuals to socialise, receive support, learn new skills, and engage in activities of their choice. Our sessions provide games, activities, refreshments, and snacks, with our team available for guidance and assistance.

Join us for activities like pool, table tennis, and arts and crafts. Each evening, we tailor sessions based on young people's preferences. We aim to create an environment that caters to their interests.

Additionally, we run a sexual health clinic every Monday from 4.00pm to 6.00pm, led by a certified NHS nurse. Its primary focus is to provide comprehensive care and support related to sexual health, addressing specific needs and concerns that individuals may have.

On Tuesdays, we have "GROUNDBREAKERS," where young participants learn skills like fire-lighting and gain knowledge about the environment. They actively contribute to transforming and preserving the garden, encouraging our young people to protect and care for our world.

The Garage, Eling Recreation ground, Totton SO40 9JG

Who for:

Ages 9 to 16 (Mondays age 13+ only)

Days we are open:

Monday	3.00pm to 7.00pm (Age 13+ only)
Tuesday	3.00pm to 7.00pm
Wednesday	3.00pm to 7.00pm
Thursday	3.00pm to 7.00pm

Facebook: TheGarageYO

Email: enquiries@youthoptions.org.uk

Phone: 01794 525510

Totton facilities



Parks and nature reserves

- 1** King George V Recreation Ground
- 6** Hanger Farm Paddling Pool
- 8** Testbourne Play Area
- 14** Goatee Beach
- 13** Eling Water Park
- 15** Eling Boardwalk
- 21** Testwood Walk
- 22** River Test Boardwalk
- 23** Testwood Paddling Pool
- 24** Cheam Way Park
- 25** Testwood Lakes Nature Reserve

Council and community buildings

- 2** Calmore Community Centre
- 3** Hanger Farm Arts Centre
- 7** West Totton Centre
- 12** The Garage Youth Centre
- 18** Civic Centre
- 19** Totton Library

Sports and clubs

- 4** Totton and Eling Tennis Centre
- 5** Totton and Eling Bowls Centre
- 9** Bartley Skate Park
- 10** BMX Track
- 11** Basketball Court
- 17** Totton and Eling Cricket Club
- 20** Tottonians Rugby Club
- 26** Totton and Eling Football Club
- 27** AFC Totton Football Club

Eling Tide Mill

- 16** Eling Tide Mill

♥ Defibrillator (defibrillator.uk for availability and access)

Calmore Community Centre



Rooms for hire

The Calmore Community Centre serves as a vibrant hub for a wide range of activities and events, facilitated through our diverse collection of halls. Our facility accommodates numerous groups, including but not limited to Bingo, Brownies, Quiz nights, yoga, and a multitude of other engaging programs.

We encourage you to visit our website, where you can explore our weekly calendar and discover the exciting events taking place. Should any activity pique your interest, we invite you to get in touch with us for more detailed information on how you can participate.

At Calmore Community Centre, we are dedicated to fostering a welcoming environment that promotes community engagement and enriching experiences. We look forward to connecting with you and helping you become a part of our vibrant community.

Calmore Community Association, which has been in existence since 1979 who occupy a large part of the building and host a variety of events throughout the year for its members and the local community. These include Christmas, Easter and family fun events. If you wish to join details are obtained through centre office.

HALL HIRE

The Community Centre is the ideal venue for any occasion. We have two halls for hire: each with kitchen facilities and bar, plus one meeting room.

The Hunter Hall

Ideal for Children's parties, weddings, birthdays parties and family celebrations
200 people

The Rufus Hall

Ideal for Children's parties, weddings, birthdays parties and family celebrations
100 people

Forest Room

Ideal for meetings, conferences, seminars
50 people

MULTI-SPORT

All weather multisport area

GYM

Situated within the centre is a well-equipped gym, details of joining are obtained through the centre office.

BAR

We also have a social lounge within the Community Centre that is open to members of the Community Association, their guests and the users of the centre. The bar runs many events throughout the year which includes live music.

**Calmore Drive, Calmore, Totton
Southampton SO40 2ZU**

Landline: 02380 868455

Email: calmorecc@hotmail.co.uk

Web: calmorecommunitycentre.co.uk

Facebook: CalmoreCommunityCentre

Charity number: 270 240

Office hours

Monday - Friday	9.00am - 12noon
Saturday and Sunday	Closed

West Totton Centre

A Totton and Eling Town Council Facility 

Community FOCUSED

The West Totton Community Centre provides a range of sports facilities including three badminton courts and four squash courts. The sports facilities at the Centre other than Squash and Badminton are Tables Tennis, Racket Ball and Pickleball. On top of these excellent sports facilities, the centre also offers various non-sporting activities including clubs, groups and classes such as Yoga, Pilates and Martial Arts. The halls are available for booking parties/children's parties.

Our Small Hall and Community Room are used by Squirrels pre-school from Mondays to Fridays 7.55am to 3.55pm during term time and are not available to the public for hire.

See below details of each hall available for booking, for further information about our halls and their operating hours please contact the Centre.

The Main Hall

Ideal for dances/discos, birthdays, weddings and children's parties

Capacity: 300 or 200 seated theatre style

The Small Hall

Ideal for children's parties, christenings, baby showers, clubs/groups and smaller events

Capacity: 100 or 60 seated theatre style

The Community Room

Ideal for meetings and smaller groups

Capacity: 25



There is a Cafe Bar on site, SO40 Cafe Bar provides tasty refreshments and delicious food. Enquire when booking for availability.

The bar has a Facebook page where you can see events and opening time

 [SO40cafebar](#)

Hazel Farm Road, Totton SO40 8WU

Telephone: 023 8086 1712

Email: wtc@tottoneling-tc.gov.uk

 [westtottoncentre](#)

Opening hours

Monday to Thursday	9.00am - 10.30pm
Friday	9.00am - 9.30pm
Saturday to Sunday	9.00am - 7.30pm

Contacts

Totton and Eling Town Council

Civic Centre
Totton
Hampshire
SO40 3AP

Email: info@tottoneling-tc.gov.uk

Web: tottoneling-tc.gov.uk

Open to the public

Monday to Thursday 9.00am - 4.30pm

Friday 9.00am - 4.00pm

For telephone calls

Contact us on **023 8086 3138**

Monday to Thursday 9.00am - 5.00pm

Friday 9.00am - 4.30pm

Out of Hours Emergency

Contact out of hours on

07876 513970

Service feedback



Scan the QR code with
your smart phone to go
to our feedback form

Community contacts

Calmore Community Centre

023 80 86 8455

Calmore Village Hall

023 8086 1712

Eling Tide Mill

023 8086 9575

Garage Youth Centre

023 8066 9908

Hangar Farm Arts Centre

023 8066 7683

Hounslow Hall

07501 336498

Totton and Eling Bowls Centre

023 8086 8846

Totton and Eling Community Centre

023 8086 3769

Totton and Eling Tennis Centre

023 8066 7532

Community Warden

07584 166107

communitywarden@tottoneling-tc.gov.uk

West Totton Centre

023 8086 1712

Neighbourhood Plan Enquiries

023 8086 3138

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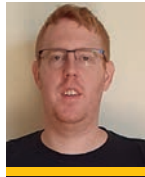
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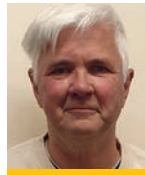
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