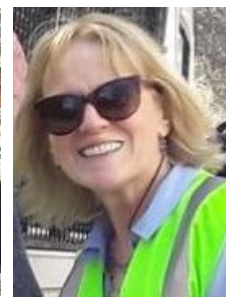




Becky Wing



Tricia Austin



Katie Gerrard

DELIVERED BY VOLUNTEERS FOLLOWING
COVID-SECURE GUIDELINES

DO YOU NEED A HELPING HAND?

Great community Covid response continues

The **local community response to coronavirus** has been fantastic – and **help is still available**. Since last March, local volunteers have kept an eye on neighbours, collected shopping & prescriptions, posted mail or just taken time to have a chat. Food banks and Our Kitchen have pulled out all the stops, and NHS staff and keyworkers have worked so hard to keep everyone safe.

Green Councillor Becky Wing says: *“I’ve been so impressed with how **our community has stepped up to help during this long & difficult time**. We know many people are still suffering in different ways – so **please ask if you or someone you know needs help or advice**. If you don’t know who to call, get in touch with me and I’ll help you find the support you need.”*

USEFUL NUMBERS

TDC Helpline: 01843 577330
Our Kitchen: 07912 793980
Age UK: 01843 223881
Asthma UK: 0300 222 5800
British Heart Foundation:
0300 330 3311
Diabetes UK: 0345 123 2399
Mind: 0300 123 3393
Scope: 0808 800 3333
Silver Line: 0800 470 8090



NHS STAFF AT QEQM
enjoyed the snack bags

NHS STAFF WELCOME SNACK BAGS

Thanet Greens’ support for NHS heroes

When Thanet Green Party heard that **hard-pressed NHS staff** at QEQM had **no time to take proper meal breaks**, they reacted by **raising funds and delivering snack bags** to the hospital through January when the hospital was busiest.

The campaign got a great response, with local people & companies including Tesco at Westwood Cross and Kabuto Noodles from Bristol stepping in with donations. We delivered **920 snack bags plus noodles, porridge & protein bars** to QEQM.

Thank-you messages showed staff enjoyed the food – but in particular were happy to know **we appreciated their hard work**.

'LITTLE LIGHTS'

Katie's article celebrates our fantastic local community

Katie's recent 'Little Lights' article in the Isle of Thanet News pays tribute to our amazing community. It links how we supported the stranded lorry drivers at Manston over Christmas with how Ramsgate people rescued and welcomed back the soldiers from Dunkirk. Here's an extract:

"Over Christmas thousands of lorries sat stationary at Manston airfield. Humanity meant Thanet people could not stand by and watch as drivers went hungry – so they took action, from making hundreds of bacon sandwiches to donating money to ferrying hot meals to drivers..."

In 1940, everyday Ramsgate people gave tiny amounts of time each. Little actions. Little lights. Dunkirk spirit is not about jingoism & nationalism. It's about humanity.

Thanet, so famous for this already, made me proud once again over Christmas. Little lights. Every action matters"

To read the whole article, visit: <https://bit.ly/3q6NKic>



Katie: "Every action matters"

'RAMSGATE FUTURE' SCHEME UPDATE

Becky wants to hear your views



Becky: "Potential"

Ramsgate Green Councillor **Becky Wing** has given a **cautious welcome** to a proposal for a **new TDC scheme** looking at the **future of Ramsgate**, building on recent external funding schemes and **including Ramsgate Port**.

Becky says:

"Ramsgate is a beautiful town with a fantastic community. It has so much potential – but it's been badly neglected. I welcome a new focus on Ramsgate, but it must be based on proper consultation with residents and businesses."

What should be our priorities for Ramsgate?
Becky would love to hear from you on the email or number below.

CAN WE HELP?

If you have a comment or query about Ramsgate, Becky, Katie and Tricia would be delighted to help:



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NEWS IN BRIEF

TDC PLANNING REVIEW

Green Councillors and campaigners have urged TDC to review Planning Enforcement in Thanet.



Ramsgate Green Party campaigner Tricia Austin says:

"Sadly, developers in Thanet can get away with felling trees or not doing what they've agreed, and owners of historic buildings can leave them to decay, because TDC does not employ enough enforcement officers in the Planning Department to ensure they behave properly.

We employ only two officers whereas other neighbouring authorities employ up to five. We are asking TDC's Overview and Scrutiny Panel to look into this."