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## BENENDEN AND IDEN GREEN DIRECTORY

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### EMERGENCY AND MEDICAL

Ambulance	Emergency	999 ask for Ambulance
Fire	Emergency	999 ask for Fire
	Fire Service Headquarters	01622 692121
	For business safety, road safety & general community safety	01622 692121
	For home safety advice incl safe & well visits	0800 923 7000 <a href="mailto:home@kent.fire-uk.org">home@kent.fire-uk.org</a>
	Fire Precautions ( <i>detection in homes</i> )	01892 554241
	<i>Private Sector Housing &amp; Initiatives Team will advise</i>	
Hospitals	Benenden Hospital TN17 4AX	240333 <a href="http://www.benendenhospital.org.uk">www.benendenhospital.org.uk</a>
	Conquest Hospital, Hastings TN37 7RD. (NHS)	0300 131 4500
	Hawkhurst Community Hospital TN18 4PU. (NHS)	753345
	Hospice in the Weald, Tunbridge Wells TN2 4TA	01892 820500
	Maidstone Hospital ME16 9QQ. (NHS)	01622 729000
	Nuffield Hospital, Tunbridge Wells TN2 4UL	01892 531111
	Spire Hospital, Fordcombe TN3 ORD	01892 740047
	Tunbridge Wells Hospital, Pembury TN2 4QJ. (NHS)	01892 823535
	William Harvey Hospital, Ashford TN24 0LZ. (NHS)	01233 633331
Hospital Car Service	<i>Apply through GP or Hospital</i>	
Police	Emergency ( <i>if life is in danger or a crime in progress</i> )	999 ask for Police
	Non-urgent ( <i>assistance &amp; to report crimes</i> ) 101	<a href="http://www.kent.police.uk">www.kent.police.uk</a> <i>click Live Chat icon</i>
Professional Counselling for adults and young people	Rafaël Dupré	<a href="mailto:rafael@a-therapy.com">rafael@a-therapy.com</a> <a href="http://www.a-therapy.com">www.a-therapy.com</a>

### GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL

Member of Parliament for Maidstone & The Weald until General Election when constituencies change	Helen Grant	<a href="mailto:helen.grant.mp@parliament.uk">helen.grant.mp@parliament.uk</a>
Kent County Council	House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA	020 7219 7107
	Constituency Office: First Floor, 109-111 Week Street, Maidstone ME14 1RB	
	KCC Social Services	<a href="mailto:county.hall@kent.gov.uk">county.hall@kent.gov.uk</a> <a href="http://www.kent.gov.uk">www.kent.gov.uk</a>
	County Hall, Sessions House, County Road, Maidstone ME14 1XQ	
	County Councillor: Cllr Seán Holden	714880 <a href="mailto:sean.holden@kent.gov.uk">sean.holden@kent.gov.uk</a>
	<i>May be consulted on problems relating to County Council matters, environment, education, highways etc.</i>	
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council	Community Warden: Adam Osborn	07813 695741 <a href="mailto:adam.osborn@kent.gov.uk">adam.osborn@kent.gov.uk</a>
	Town Hall, Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS	01892 526121 <a href="http://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk">www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk</a>
	Borough Councillor: Cllr Seán Holden	714880 <a href="mailto:sean.holden@kent.gov.uk">sean.holden@kent.gov.uk</a>
	Borough Councillor: Cllr Nancy Warne	720765 <a href="mailto:nancy.warne@tunbridgewells.gov.uk">nancy.warne@tunbridgewells.gov.uk</a>
	Borough Councillor: Cllr Tom Dawlings	241750 <a href="mailto:tom.dawlings@btinternet.com">tom.dawlings@btinternet.com</a>
	Registrar of Births & Deaths: Tues, Cranbrook Library, Carriers Road TN17 4JT	03000 415151
	Registrar for Marriages	03000 412234
	Kent High Weald Project ( <i>Linking communities &amp; countryside</i> )	212972
	Refuse Collection ( <i>Tunbridge Wells Borough Council</i> )	01892 526121
	<i>The collection of large objects / bulky waste can be arranged with the Borough Council. A charge may be made.</i>	
Benenden Parish Council	Chair: Nicola Thomas	240364 <a href="mailto:nicolat@benendenparishcouncil.org">nicolat@benendenparishcouncil.org</a> <a href="http://www.benendenparishcouncil.org">www.benendenparishcouncil.org</a>
	Parish Council meeting: 3rd Mon of month, 7pm	
	Clerk: Caroline Levett	07593 226462 <a href="mailto:clerk@benendenparishcouncil.org">clerk@benendenparishcouncil.org</a>
	Noticeboards: Benenden Village Hall, Iden Green	
	Community Office: Benenden Village Hall, Benenden TN17 4DE	
Conservative Association	Benenden Branch Chairman: Tom Dawlings	241750 <a href="mailto:tom.dawlings@btinternet.com">tom.dawlings@btinternet.com</a>



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### CHURCHES

Harmsworth Court Service Iden Green Congregational Church	3rd Sun of month, 4.30pm, Community Room Pastor: Tobin Bird Nigel Gray Sunday Services, 10am & 5.30pm Family Service, 1st Sun of month, 10am Sunday School: Jo Bird	240642 revpmichell@gmail.com 240027 tobin@woodside-farm.com 01424 883341 nigelfgray@icloud.com www.idengreen.org.uk
Parish Church of St George	Rector: Revd David Commander, The Rectory, The Green, Benenden TN17 4DL Associate Priest: Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie Administrator: Cathy Baker Reader Emeritus: David Harmsworth Churchwarden: David Collard Churchwarden: Sue Fisher Lifts to Church: Marilyn and Dick Hill PCC Secretary: Julia Collard Treasurer: Charles Trollope Planned Giving: Paul Hewitt Archivist: Julia Collard Bell-ringing Secretary: Karen Lebon Electoral Roll Officer: David Collard Flower Arranging: Alison Prall	240658 revdavidcommander@gmail.com 07766 711957 rev.ylva@gmail.com 850849 benendenchurch@gmail.com www.benendenchurch.org 240683 daharmsworth@hotmail.com 241944 d.collard49@btinternet.com 241907 sue@undaunted.co.uk 240517 dd.rhill@btinternet.com 241944 julia.collard@btinternet.com 240821 cetetal@btinternet.com 07703 532744 phewitt1203@gmail.com 241944 julia.collard@btinternet.com 240083 karenlebon57@gmail.com 241944 d.collard49@btinternet.com 240417 alisonprall40@gmail.com
Roman Catholic Church	St Theodore, High Street, Cranbrook TN17 3DT Priest: Fr Barry Grant Mass: Benenden: Sun 9am; Cranbrook: daily 10am, Sat 6pm, Sun 11am	www.sttheodore-cranbrook.org 713364 email@bazgrant.plus.com

### CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (see also churches)

Benenden CE Primary School	Headteacher: Lindsay Roberts Chair of Governing Board: Oliver Miller	240565 office@benenden-cep.kent.sch.uk
Benenden Pre-School	Lucy Oakley	241137 supervisor@benendenpreschool.co.uk www.benendenpreschool.co.uk
Benenden School Cakes & Chaos (toddler group)	Headmistress: Samantha Price Helen Commander Fri 9-11am (term time only), St George's Church	240592 schooloffice@benenden.school 240658 helenjcommander@gmail.com
Iden Green Toddlers	Jo Bird	240027
Mr Noah's Nursery School	Director: Rev Peter Michell Mon-Wed & Fri 9-3pm, Thurs 9-1pm	240642 revpmichell@mrnoahs.org www.mrnoahs.org
Namaste Kids & Teens Yoga	Hayley Sanderson Supporting children & educational settings by improving wellbeing through yoga. Yoga for Neurodiverse, Anxiety & Mindset workshops & weekly community Teen Yoga class.	hayley@namastekids.co.uk www.namastekids.co.uk
Professional Counselling for young people District Scouts Woodland Wide-Games (11-18yrs)	Rafaël Dupré District Lead Volunteer: Mark Lawrence Tobin Bird 1st Fri of month, 7pm (term time only), Iden Green Congregational Church	rafael@a-therapy.com www.a-therapy.com mark.lawrence@wealdscouts.uk 240027

### CHARITIES

Arnold Cole Trust	Secretary: Steve Robinson	240503 robinsonsv@hotmail.co.uk
Benenden Almshouse Charities	Chairman: Robin Dalton Holmes Clerk: Deborah Jenkins	240923 robin.dh@virgin.net 240454 benendenalms@gmail.com
Benenden Village Trust	Chairman of the Trustees: Martin Dickson Manager: Caroline Levett	07973 858292 martincgdickson@gmail.com 07593 226462 bvtrust@gmail.com www.benendenvillagestrust.org
Community Office: Benenden Village Hall, Benenden TN17 4DE		



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Catching Lives: supporting the homeless Christian Aid	Paul Hewitt 07703 532744 phewitt1203@gmail.com www.catchinglives.org
Citizens Advice in North & West Kent	Deborah Jenkins 240454 jenkinsdeborah26@gmail.com Adviceline, Advisers avail Mon-Fri 9-5pm 0808 278 7810 www.citizensadvice.org.uk Mon-Thurs 10-4pm, Unit 311, 8th Floor, Royal Victoria Place, Tunbridge Wells TN1 2SS Drop-in service: Wed 10-12.30pm, Cranbrook Library, Carriers Rd, Cranbrook TN17 3JT Pre-booked appts: Wed 2-4pm, Cranbrook Library, Carriers Rd, Cranbrook TN17 3JT Offering free, confidential & impartial advice with issues incl, housing, employment, benefits, relationships, consumer, debts, health, education & immigration.
Dr Curteis Charity	Michael Wells 762353 wells.associates2@gmail.com Limited funds available for people in need.
Friends of Kent Churches Friends of St George's Church Gibbon & Buckland Charity	Local Rep: Alison Prall 240417 alisonprall40@gmail.com Chairman: Martin Pexton 241394 pextonmartin@gmail.com Clerk: David Harmsworth 240683 gibbonandbuckland@gmail.com Educational grants are available, at the discretion of the Trustees, for young persons under 25 with 3 years residence in Benenden.
Hawkhurst Community Hospital League of Friends Iden Green & Benenden Women's Institute	Village Contact: Colin Williamson 752370 office@hawkhurstlof.co.uk President: Shirley Fidler 752232 3rd Tues of month, 2-4pm, Memorial Hall
Royal British Legion	Secretary: Mick Moore 240755 m.moore131156@gmail.com Poppy Appeal Organiser: Jane Dalton Holmes 240923 jane.dh@icloud.com Any person serving who supports the RBL's work with those who have served in the Regular or Reserve Armed Forces is eligible for membership.
Samaritans	116123 free from anywhere in UK jo@samaritans.org 24hr
Weald of Kent Protection Society	Local Rep: Colin Czapiewski 240415 colin@czapiewski.co.uk www.wkps.org.uk

### CLUBS, SPORTS AND RECREATION

Benenden Angling Club	Chairman: Doug Mynard 850378 mynardk@aol.com
Benenden Bonfire Society	info@benendenfireworks.co.uk www.benendenfireworks.co.uk
Benenden Players	Chair: Nancy Tolhurst 240893 nancy.tolhurst@btinternet.com www.benendenplayers.co.uk
Benenden Tennis Tournament	Chairman & Junior Secretary: Georgina Wixley 07368467322 juniorbenendentennistournament@gmail.com www.benendentennistournament.com
Benenden Village Fete	Adult Secretary: Charlotte Cunningham benendentennistournament@gmail.com
Benenden Wine Society	Enquiries and Volunteers: Athena Cripps athenacripps@gmail.com Peter Thomas pmartinthomas@hotmail.com 3-4 tastings a year, Benenden School Café
Bowls Club	Secretary: Glenda Marshall 243089 glendajoy@gmail.com
Cranbrook & District Probus Club	Secretary: Dr John Wyatt 07715 495041 jwyattassociates@live.co.uk 2nd Mon of month, 12noon, lunch at The Bull
Cranbrook Museum & Local History C.I.O.	Chair: Sue Beavis 712929 (museum answerphone) secretary@cranbrookmuseum.org Details of events, opening times & meetings: www.cranbrookmuseum.org
Cricket Club	Club Secretary: Guy Mawhinney 07867 153431 guymawhinney66@gmail.com Fixtures, results & stats: www.benendenc.play-cricket.com
Iden Green Tennis Club	Chair: Nick Conington 07794 336063 nick@conington.com Club Secretary: Wendy Pullen 07778 666671 wenpull3@gmail.com info@idengreentennis.net www.idengreentennis.net
Keep Fit Classes for Seniors	Organiser: Jean Chapman 240232 jean1chapman@aol.com Mon 10-11am, Benenden Village Hall
Merry & Bright Club	Laraine Penny 241763 julia.collard@btinternet.com 4th Tues of month, 2-4pm, Memorial Hall
Rhythm of Life Choir	Leader: Carla Smith 07743 430797 carlasmith882@gmail.com Thurs 10-11.30am, St George's Church
St George's Social Club	Secretary: Glenda Marshall 243089 glendajoy@gmail.com



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The Weald Table Tennis Club	Ken Muhr Diccon Gray <i>Thurs 7.30-9.30pm, Sun 6.30-8.30pm, Benenden Village Hall</i> <i>All ages &amp; abilities incl beginners welcome. All equipment provided.</i>	752676 ken.muhr@btinternet.com 07970 575285 diccon.gray@gmail.com
Walk the Mind	<i>Facebook group that promotes awareness of the benefits that walking regularly can have on mental well being for all.</i>	
Wellbeing in the Weald	07961 669575 hello@wellbeingintheweald.co.uk <i>Promotes wellbeing activities in the Weald; incl opportunities to be more active, volunteer, learn something new, meet other people to feel more connected, and have a bit of friendly social interaction.</i>	www.wellbeingintheweald.co.uk

### LOCAL SERVICES

Accommodation	Beacon Hall House B&B The Holt B&B	240434 jjjex@icloud.com 240414 www.theholt.org	www.beaconhallhouse.co.uk
Assisted Living	Harmsworth Court <i>Managed by West Kent Housing Association.</i>	01732 749400	
Benenden Action Team	Co-ordinator: Guy Hagan <i>Volunteers on hand to provide support and advice to villagers.</i>	07494 398180	
Benenden Community Shop & Café	<i>Mon-Sat 7.30-5pm, Sun 9-1pm. Subject to change.</i> Chairman: Peter Traill	279808 pgtraill@gmail.com	www.benendens.co.uk
Coffee Shop	Organiser: Gilly Walton <i>Wed 10-11.45am, Memorial Hall</i>	242855 gilly.walton@gmail.com	
Hinxden Farm Dairy	The Manford family <i>Doorstep deliveries of fresh milk supplied in glass or plastic bottles. Cream, yogurts, crème fraîche, cheeses, free range eggs, fruit juices &amp; bottled water also supplied.</i>	240685 03000 416161	www.hinxdenfarmdairy.co.uk
Meals for Aged & Infirm	<i>Apply to Social Services (Promoting Independence Team)</i>		
Mobile Library	<i>Alternate Tues 10-10.30am, Benenden Village Hall</i> <i>Alternate Tues 10.40-11.10am, Benenden Hospital, Wood Lane, East End</i> <i>Mobile library timetable search available.</i>	03000 413131	www.kent.gov.uk/lib
Nourish	Village Collections: Gemma Coupland To receive referred support: <i>Short term emergency food and support for people in crisis, covering Benenden area.</i>	07548 262509 01892 548892	gemmalouhunter@gmail.com www.nourishcommunityfoodbank.org.uk
R.M Sports Therapy	Rebecca Manford <i>A sports therapist offering injury &amp; posture assessment, massage &amp; exercise rehabilitation.</i>	07923 965601	
Transport	<MTC> Taxis, Staplehurst Station <MTC> Taxis, Headcorn Station Anita Meekins Private Hire Elba Private Hire Hemsted cars Traveline	890003 01622 890003 240713 or 07774 672043 441302 or 07785 112021 242898 or 07707 242898 0871 2002233	mtctaxis@btconnect.com mtctaxis@btconnect.com anitameekinsph@btconnect.com book@elbaprivatehire.com www.elbaprivatehire.com info@hemstedcars.co.uk www.traveline.info
Volunteer Transport Group	Co-ordinator: Mick Moore <i>Voluntary vehicle assistance for those requiring transport to a medical appointment.</i>	240755 m.moore131156@gmail.com	

### VENUE HIRE

Iden Green Pavilion	Bill Lewis	243093 enquiries@idengreenpavilion.uk	
Memorial Hall	Jackie Liffen		memhall@daisystar.co.uk
The Bull at Benenden Green Room	240054 enquiries@thebullatbenenden.co.uk		www.thebullatbenenden.co.uk
Village Hall	Manager: John Betts	07419 989830 enquiries@benendenvillagehall.org	www.benendenvillagehall.org

### MISCELLANEOUS

Benenden, A Pictorial History CD	Kate Rundell	240414 kate@theholt.org	
St George's Church churchyard records			burials.benendenchurch.org
The History of Benenden	Ernie Pollard		www.benenden.history.pollardweb.com

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