



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

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Dated this day 13th November 2025

To: Councillors: Cllr P Ludwig, Cllr L Ludwig, Cllr S Waite-Gleave, Cllr E Crockford, Cllr D Richardson.

Non-voting members: Mrs D Bogue, Miss A Late.

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You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Walmer in Bloom Committee** to be held on **Tuesday 18th November 2025** at No 62 The Strand, Walmer, CT14 7DP at 5.30pm to transact the business set out below.

Mr Roland Aldred
Town Clerk

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.

Where a Member has a new or registered Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) in a matter under consideration, they must disclose that they have an interest and, unless the Monitoring Officer has agreed in advance that the DPI is a 'Sensitive Interest', explain the nature of that interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a DPI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation permitting them to do so. If during the consideration of any item a Member becomes aware that they have a DPI in the matter, they should declare the interest immediately and, subject to any dispensations, withdraw from the meeting

Where a Member is declaring an Other Significant Interest (OSI), they must also disclose the interest and explain the nature of the interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared an OSI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation to do so or the meeting is one at which members of the public are permitted to speak for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter. In the latter case, the Member may only participate on the same basis as a member of the public and cannot participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter and must withdraw from the meeting in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September 2025.

Attach 1

4. QUESTIONS AND/OR OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE OF WALMER

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- i. To Note: Update from Chairman.

Attach 2

6. ADMIN REPORT

- i. To Note: Update from admin regarding actions.

Attach 3

7. WALMER IN BLOOM CAMPAIGN

- i. WIB Evaluation
- ii. Small trophy purchase

Attach 4

8. HAWKSHILL

- i. Payment of grass cutting at Hawkshill
- ii. Payment for Daffodil bulbs
- iii. Repayment of consumables used at Haymaking

9. WALMER PEACE GARDENS

- i. To Note: Update from the WPG committee members.
- ii. Payment of grass cutting at WPG

Attach 5

10. PLANTERS

- i. RNLI Fountain
- ii. Movement of the planters

Attach 6

11. BUDGET

- i. To review final budget for 2026/2027

Attach 7

12. ISSUES FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

- i. Current priorities and focus.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

15th January 2026 at 5:30pm.



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Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Walmer in Bloom Committee held on 2nd September 2025 at 62 The Strand, Walmer, at 6.00 pm.

Present:

Cllr L Ludwig (Chairing)
Cllr P Ludwig
Cllr D Richardson
Mrs D Bogue
Miss A Late

Officers present:

John Miles (Administration Officer)

203. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr E Crockford and Cllr S Waite Gleave.

204. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None Submitted.

205. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes be taken as an accurate record with minor changes made to 147:1 and 159.

Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson

For 3

Against 0

Abstain 0

206. QUESTIONS AND/OR OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE OF WALMER

None.

207. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- i. **NOTED:** In view of decisions required at the meeting, no separate Chairman's report was provided.
 The Chairman also thanked Admin who turned the committee's thoughts into reality for the Walmer In Bloom Gardens Campaign.

208. ADMIN REPORT

- i. **NOTED:** Committee was given an update of actions from the last meeting.
 - **Actions:** Add names of companies that helped us to the WIB page.
 - Admin to have haymaking banners updated as soon as possible with the date changed to 24th September.
 - Admin to ask Clerk to contact KCC regarding the cutting of the hedges on the section of the junction from St Clare Road to Meadowside, which is causing an obstruction for road users and potentially making it hazardous for pedestrians.

209. HAWKSHILL

- The committee have been approached by a member of the public who would like permission to use a metal detector at Hawkshill. This person is a member of the National Council of Metal Detectorists and therefore has insurance.

RESOLVED: To give somebody a very restrictive licence for a restrictive short time, details of the agreement to be confirmed with Mr S Coates.

Proposed by: Cllr L Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson

For 2 Against 1 Abstain 0

- **Actions:** Agreement paperwork to be worked out and then signed by both parties.

- RESOLVED:** The cutting of Hawkshill meadow will begin on 22nd September, raking will begin on the 24th September, both weather permitting.
- Haymaking poster is to be redesigned as laid out by the committee, posters and banners are to be sent out as soon as possible.
 - **Actions:** Admin to redesign poster and forward to Cllr Richardson.
Posters to be distributed to relevant groups, locations and on social media.
Finished version to be sent to committee members via email and WhatsApp.
Admin to send out official request to local groups to gauge interest in assisting in the haymaking.
Admin to ask RNLI if a banner can be erected for a time outside the lifeboat station.
- Committee were given two quotes for the cutting of the Liverpool Road side hedging at Hawkshill.
 - **RESOLVED:** The quote by Leaf Tree Services has been agreed on.
Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig
Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson
For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0
 - **Actions:** Admin to inform Clerk that the quote has been agreed and to be acted on.

210. WALMER PEACE GARDENS

- NOTED:** Update from Mrs Bogue
Mrs Bogue also thanked the committee for the certificate at the presentation.
Several new events will be going ahead over the next year.
The peace gardens have also seen an increase in visitors over the last year.
- The overhanging tree at Walmer Peace Gardens have increased in size, Mrs Bogue contacted Mr C O'Sullivan and due to the urgency of the work required, she will be meeting with him this week. Once confirmed what works are needed, WPG committee is to contact Admin to request quotes for trimming the tree.
- Walmer Peace Gardens members would like to purchase plants and claim the money back from the budget.
RESOLVED: Admin to confirm with Clerk regarding purchases and claims from the WPG committee.
Proposed by: Cllr L Ludwig
Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig
For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0
 - **Actions:** WPG Committee to attend meeting with Mr O'Sullivan.
Admin to request quotes for cutting once informed.
Admin to confirm purchases of plants for WPG.

211. PLANTERS

- Cllr L Ludwig informed the committee that five members of the public have agreed to take over tending of several of the council planters.

Three planters from Walmer Parish Hall and the Corner Café are to be removed from their current standings and offered to local groups for their own use. One will be moved to Walmer Peace Gardens, the others will be offered to local schools.

RESOLVED – Chair to liaise with owner of Deal Garden Centre, to enable volunteers to choose plants for council planters and the other green areas. Also, with the possibility of setting up an account for the volunteers to use, to be paid from the WIB budget.

Proposed by: Cllr L Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

- **Actions:** Chair to liaise with owner of Deal Garden Centre regarding volunteers choosing the plants for the planters.

RESOLVED - Corner Café planter to be moved to Walmer Peace Garden. Admin to get movement quote from Red Dog Garden Services.

Proposed Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded Cllr D Richardson

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

- **Actions:** Admin to inform Corner Café of the movement of the planter.
Admin to obtain quote from Red Dog Garden Services.

RESOLVED - Chair to discuss with volunteers how best to spend the remaining budget for the planters on suitable flowers/plants.

Proposed Cllr D Richardson

Seconded Cllr P Ludwig

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

- **Actions:** Chair to discuss with volunteers how best to spend the budget on the various planters, to include remaining budget for this year and an expanded budget for next year.
- **Actions:** More research required for replacement planters at the water fountain at the RNLI lifeboat house. Including Ripplevale for input and suggestions.

212. CAMPAIGN 2025

A. WIB CAMPAIGN

- i. **NOTED:** Members shown draft version of council feedback form.
- **Actions:** Admin to redesign as requested then forward to Cllr D Richardson for checking.

B. WIB PRESENTATION

- i. **RESOLVED:** To approve increase in expenditure for WIB Items:

- a. **RESOLVED** – Expenditure increase on the presentation event was voted on.

Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

- b. **RESOLVED** – Expenditure increase on publicity for the Walmer in Bloom campaign was voted on.

Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

- c. **RESOLVED** – Expenditure increase on the cost of hanging basket plants was voted on.

Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson

For 3

Against 0

Abstain 0

- ii. The committee were shown several possible small trophies or rosettes for purchase for the winner of the Allen Scott prize.

RESOLVED: Admin to show the choices to the winner of this year's prize and see which he would like to have, if any.

213. VOTE TO CONTINUE MEETING

RESOLVED – Members agreed to extend the meeting for ten minutes to complete the last items as the 2-hour limit had been reached.

Proposed Cllr D Richardson

Seconded Cllr P Ludwig

For 3

Against 0

Abstain 0

214. BUDGET

- i. Committee members were handed a preliminary budget for 2026/2027.

RESOLVED: Admin to make changes to budget before next meeting in November

215. ISSUES FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

- End of year evaluation of WIB campaign.
- Current priorities and focus.
- RNLI Fountain.

216. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members discussed start of next meeting and agreed to start meeting on Tuesday 18th November 2025, at 17:30.

The meeting closed at 20.10.

Signed _____

Dated _____



Item: **Chairman's Update**
 Date: **7th November 2025**
 Meeting: **Walmer In Bloom**
 From: **WIB Chairman**

1. **Haymaking at Hawkshill:** The Haymaking took place after the cut by Gazen Salts- from Wednesday-Sunday. Each day Steve Coates led the teams and bought along a huge tub of chocolate biscuits for half time. We also had home baked goodies from some of the volunteers.

Wednesday and Saturday were our best days for support and kind weather.

Next year we need to have posters on all 4 corners of the glen to make sure we capture the walkers that don't arrive by car.

There was an idea that perhaps we could proactively encourage people to come and 'rake their own hay', and they could then mitigate and check it for contamination by dog mess.

On the Sunday we gave a one off permission for 1 person to do some metal detecting, on the freshly cleared ground. This ensured minimal damage to any wildlife. Nothing significant was found.

2. **Hawkshill:** We have cut back the grass and planted wild flowers and herbs on the chalk bank.

Current focus is on the woodland walk, clearing the ground ready for bulb planting & where the bluebells were planted last year, to maximise impact. We are not going to waste time trying to clear all the undergrowth but focus on what we can maintain.

There are plans to extend the path for safe pedestrian access to join the path higher up.

We will be working with Red Dog to conduct the 'tougher clearing'.

Steve Coates has been rescuing plants from sites that are due to be built on, that we are rehoming at Hawkshill.

Contractors gave the roadside hedge, (from the car park to the end of our boundary), a really significant cut, which I'm sure road users have noticed. The regrowth needs to be monitored and the regular managing of the cutting diarised accordingly.

3. **WIB campaign:** As a result of visiting 2 residents who gave negative feedback, we now have some great ideas to include in the evaluation as well as replanted planters by the paddling pool, that were potentially being repurposed, ie new volunteers for the planters.

Further details will be discussed during the evaluation process.

The hanging baskets on the lampposts received lots of positive comments and I think were the best they have been so far.

4. **Planters:** We are waiting for planters to be moved from Walmer parish hall and swapped with 2 on Dover Road Canada Road junction.

The surrounds are in good condition and will unify this display. We will need additional compost and more paint.

The volunteers have been allocated prepaid vouchers to redeem at Deal Garden centre and new compost purchased and delivered.

The planters that we cannot use no longer maintain will be delivered to the 3 local schools and reused by them.

We are waiting for price and time lines from Ripple vale school for 2 new surrounds for the planters at the paddling pool.

5. **Regional competition-** Gold again.

We increased our marks by 3 to retain gold. There's no doubt that the fantastic work undertaken by the residents are what stand out. The allotments, Markewood Rose Garden volunteers, Walmer Peace Gardens and Hawkshill were highlighted in our feedback.

We will need to discuss whether we want to enter this again and what if any are the benefits?



Item: Walmer In Bloom Update Report

Date: 12 November 2025

Meeting: Walmer In Bloom

From: Admin Clerk

1. A quote has been received regarding the movement of the planters, admin is still in contact regarding possible changes.
2. Contact was made with DDC regarding the possibility of an info board for the rose garden, currently they cannot give consent at this time to locate one within the park.
3. KCC has been made aware of the need to cut the foliage along the junction of Liverpool Road and St Clares Road, no response has been received.
4. All Haymaking posters and media were completed and distributed as requested.
5. Daffodil bulbs were purchased and are now in the hands of the Hawkshill volunteers.

PROFORMA: WIB REVIEW 2025

1. Poster Competition

Poster Competition

- The new poster design seemed to work well with the variants popular.
- The Certificates were all customised for each winner and runner up.
- Possibility to include the Beacon, this will slightly increase costs for the overall 18 recipients.
***Admin Recommendation:** To open up to all three schools if they are interested, this will also require a minor increase in costs. Ensure that all permissions for exhibition, posters and press releases are finalised together. Continue with certificate and prizes as this year.*

Poster Judging

- The new form ensured that the details of each winner was easily catalogued and kept in the right category.
- Initial Judging was completed via use of folders at the office and offsite for final decisions
- Final judging was done via email etc, there were several ties both in the initial voting and in the finalists.
***Admin Recommendation:** To find a quicker and easier way to vote for the overall winners via online form.*

Poster Exhibition

- St Saviours Church allowed a short exhibition for the winners and runners up of the poster competition.
***Admin Recommendation:** Continue to request permission especially during specific weekends.*

Poster Presentation

- Both presentations were booked ahead of time, although one was postponed due to school requirements.
- An additional presentation may be needed if a third school is added.
***Admin Recommendation:** If third school is added, adjust budget to compensate. Contact the schools as soon as the finalists are chosen and give them the information about the winners later. This should help to keep the schedules of all parties clear.*

Posters etc.

- The initial posters were distributed at the same time as nominations began, an updated version was produced for the voting period.
- The WIB banners and signs used this year will be reused next year, some vinyl strips will be used for the 'vote now' cross on the banners.
- DDC have inform WTC that we are no longer allowed to mount banners on railings without permission. One will be able to be put up at the RNLI, but the second will need a new home.
***Admin Recommendation:** To continue with the new poster design and distribution. Banners to be put up at RNLI and somewhere in Upper Walmer.*

2. SSEIB

Local Judge.

- Mrs J Daulton will no longer be judging as she has retired
***Admin Recommendation:** I do not believe a local judge is needed anymore*

SSEIB Application

- Applications are usually every two years to allow for changes, we entered in 2023 and 2025 for gold awards.
***Admin Recommendation:** I would recommend continuing to enter every two years.*

SSEIB Judging

- The SSEIB judge was show a presentation of a video, pictures and other information in the meeting room.
- The judge was escorted to Marke Wood Rose Garden, Walmer Peace Gardens and Hawkshill by the Chairman and Admin.
***Admin Recommendation:** No changes recommended.*

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3. Garden Awards

Nominations.

- An online system was used this year to allow for the public to nominate for the competition, although not all had suitable information to follow up, including lack of photos.
- Almost half the overall nominations came from the committee, office staff and volunteers. This led to over one hundred entrants in five categories.

Admin Recommendation: *To find a more suitable way to nominate for the competition via online form.*

Include questions about advertising and increasing the number of categories- this will also increase costs.

Voting.

- As with the nominations, a custom designed voting page with pictures kept on the council website.
- Only three votes via paper copy were received, two of those at the Children's Festival.
- Over 900 individual votes for the nominees were received.

Admin Recommendation: *To find a more suitable way to vote for the winners via online form.*

Add in questions about advertising and contact details (email preferably) for each nomination or nominator.

Gardens Presentation

- A new venue was used for the garden winner presentation, with thirty winners, guests, committee members and volunteers invited.
- The original quoted cost was above the amount that was earmarked for the presentation, however the final cost due to non-attendance brought it below that.
- A Press Release was put out shortly after and published the next month.

Admin Recommendation: *To increase budget for presentation.*

Ensure that all permissions for press releases are finalised together.

Garden Awards

- This year saw the introduction of the Allan Scott award, the winner of the award has been offered a smaller one to keep for himself.
- The other winners were all given vouchers and certificates.

Admin Recommendation: *To continue with the presentations as before, possibly use stand up banners or boards for photos of award giving.*

Increase budget to include purchase of smaller prize and possible extra prizes for new categories.

Confirm with Walmer Castle that they will be available at beginning of campaign.

4. Admin

Quotes/Colours/Plants.

- Young's Nurseries and Chapmans both did excellent work for the baskets,
- Young's were able to create very attractive decorations.

Admin Recommendation: *To continue with contracts next year, get quotes early and confirmed at committee.*

Advertising

- This year's advertisements were more extensive than before. The standard posters and banners were distributed or displayed.
- Local press and social media used to advertise the campaign as well as the winners of both competitions.
- The WIB Chairman also went onto Deal Radio to explain what the competition was about.
- We also purchased reusable signs with QR codes on it.

Admin Recommendations: *To continue with current advertising, contact Deal Radio to ask about appointments.*

Application for street furniture

- No unexpected findings

Admin Recommendation: *No changes recommended.*

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Floral baskets

- Floral baskets were installed along both sides of The Strand, Mr Chapman expressed that the flowers could be taken down at an earlier point due to wear on the plants.

Admin Recommendation: *To reduce the amount of time the baskets are up to 14 weeks as suggested. Ensure Youngs are willing to look after them for the winter.*

Budget

- One of the biggest issues this year was the overspending in some areas and the lack of spending in others, we were able to use the overall budget to solve these issues.

Admin Recommendation: *Check the budget and compare what we used with forecast for next year.*

Feedback

5. Social/Public Comments

- Hello, I am (I think) Compact entry on the Walmer in Bloom as the numbering isn't obvious. It is the entry with Wee Gordon Lambsay and the succulents garden in a potato painted potato crate. Next year can I suggest that you put a number on each photo or make the numbering more obvious. Can you also allow the photos to be enlarged as the photo is so small you cannot see the succulent plants. Plus, can you allow the entrants to have a few words to describe their entry. Many thanks.
- I can remember the days when councillors got off their bottoms and mixed with the community, the very people that voted for them.
- Following my previous email I realise that 17 St Clare Rd the winner of the container category nominated their back garden. I always understood the competition to be for front garden displays. How do the public vote for a garden they can't see? I have had many people in the last few days who have stopped me and said they can't understand why my garden didn't get a mention. I explained that your system of judging has changed. Unfortunately I live in an area with very elderly people who do not have iPads or iPhones to vote online or can't get to your office to manually vote. It is disappointing, not even a certificate. Much fairer to have a horticulturist judge.
- Sorry but I feel it's unfair as said majority of people in my area don't go online. I won't bother next year. 15+ certificates I have had over the years. Many locals are disappointed this year to not even get a certificate. How can you judge a garden from a photo it should be judged properly.
- I was told that instead of the W in B committee judging all the Walmer gardens and handing out the much appreciated certificates, this year people have to nominate gardens. I have just walked past a very colourful 3, Balfour Road, on my morning walk. Perhaps this could be looked at? I will send in other addresses as I notice them. But, only if this is the correct procedure.
- Tried a few times and tried to upload photos but complicated and unable to do so. Oh well. So much easier before
- This year's Walmer in Bloom is such a sad iteration of what it has been in past years. So many people toil to produce beautiful gardens for themselves and those around them and your revised system does not reward them. Where are the 'highly commended'. Following the categorisation used by Chelsea was fun with Gold, Silver Gilt etc. To have just first, second and third awards is pedestrian and does not appreciate the dedication and hard work of these people. It is saddening that this is an award for the people of Walmer and you have ruined it.

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- Just to say thank you for organising such a lovely afternoon at the Castle for our Walmer in Bloom prize giving. The Education Centre was beautifully prepared when we arrived, with ample refreshments for all. The scones were extremely tasty!
Special thanks to Lesley as well for a lovely tour. A couple of the less mobile winners opted to do their own wanderings or to find some shade, but most of us learned lots about the history of the gardens and how the planting has evolved with each new occupant. Walmer Castle is always a wonderful place to visit, the weather was very kind, and feedback from the day extremely positive.
I do hope (if I can persuade the committee) we might be able to make it an annual event!
- I was told that instead of the W in B committee judging all the Walmer gardens and handing out the much appreciated certificates, this year people have to nominate gardens. I have just walked past a very colourful 3, Balfour Road, on my morning walk. Perhaps this could be looked at? I will send in other addresses as I notice them. But, only if this is the correct procedure. Daughter was new to gardening and enjoyed filling containers with plants...thrilled to be one of the winners.
- It made her dad's day to win a category. Caring for the plants and taking part in the competition gave purpose to him as he was struggling since his wife died.

Haven't visited Walmer Castle Gardens in a long time. Really enjoyed and appreciated the presentation, cream tea and guided walk.

Guided walk was abandoned by some due to walking difficulties.

Loved the informality and friendliness of the presentation. The lady giving out the certificates was lovely.
- Posters need to be placed in better places for non drivers
- Disappointment that there weren't certificates posted through the door (albeit explanation given to mop).
- Potential for street/neighbourhood award
- Better advertising - think bus stops groups and halls
- More photos of gardens
- Nomination process off putting Especially regarding permission from owner if not known
- Finalists to get invites to presentation
- Professional presentation
- Really nice to have volunteers acknowledged- very unexpected

6. Member Comments

- *Always publicity, but overall I believe the layout of WIB was greatly enhanced this year. To benefit wildlife to the maximum the competition could run throughout the year so that there is a constant and appropriate source of food available from January to December. This would provide a better balance. The criteria for success would need to change and the judging would be more difficult.*

Obviously this was a new approach and we relied on the public to take action rather than wait for the WIB team to nominate and vote. I wonder how many members of the public missed their Commendation Certificates? Having popped them through letter boxes and handed them over in the past, I saw first-hand how chuffed people were.
- *Nominating needs to be refined*
- *Producing flowers that all bloom at a time that the judging takes place is artificial and can trick some invertebrates into thinking the nectar source will continue when it doesn't. Publicity that suggests this competition helps wildlife is probably misleading.*
- *Limited photos- that needs to increase*
- *Did we use all Walmer Facebook pages to show pictures of the winning entries?*

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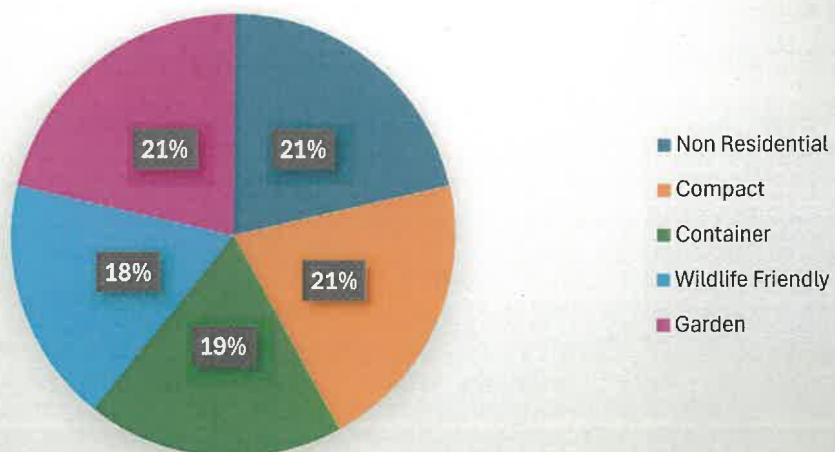
- 12 month competition
- Wider guest lists- maybe have top 3 nominations
- WiB is a good community activity that encourages a small number of participants but give pleasure to some more. The poster competition is good for the children to think about the relationship between plants and the creatures that rely on them.

The new approach definitely saved time going around Walmer on foot (which gets my vote). However, we need to bear in mind it doesn't fully reflect the gardens etc in Walmer as a whole. I'm sure a lot of beautiful gardens weren't nominated. We can build on this for next year.

- Develop certificates for children and heart warming circumstances eg gardener nominated by carer, or doing it for charity etc, or when someone wins in more than 1 category? Good news stories..
- More photos -1 is too difficult to give fair impression
- Posters and banners in locations for non-drivers
- Certificates/notices in windows/gardens of nominations. ("I've been nominated or I'm in the WIB competition-get ready to vote").
- Less off putting nomination form re permissions
- Send by post info when hand delivery not practicable or not done at the time of nominating.
- Decide on categories and people specify at time of entry.
- Do we need additional ones? Including 'other'?
- Option to enter more than 1 category- ie there should not be a condition that you can only enter 1 category? (there isn't)
- Best Neighbourhood- encourage and trial neighbours to join together to enter?
- Timing- sufficient? Too long? Some gardens better at start & some later. Happy with dates from last campaign?
- Public Voting pros and cons. Lack of availability of impartial judge and practicalities with private areas versus potential playing the system. Most important is public participation and engagement.
- Do we invite Top 3 in each category to announce at presentation?
- Better office display - take file/s to library/cafes/clubs/churches?

Votes	
Non Residential	193
Compact	185
Container	169
Wildlife Friendly	162
Garden	192

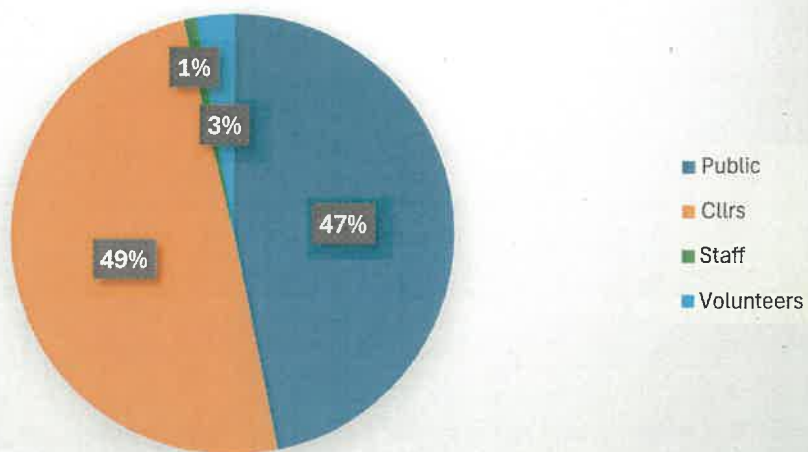
Percentage of Votes



Breakdown of noms

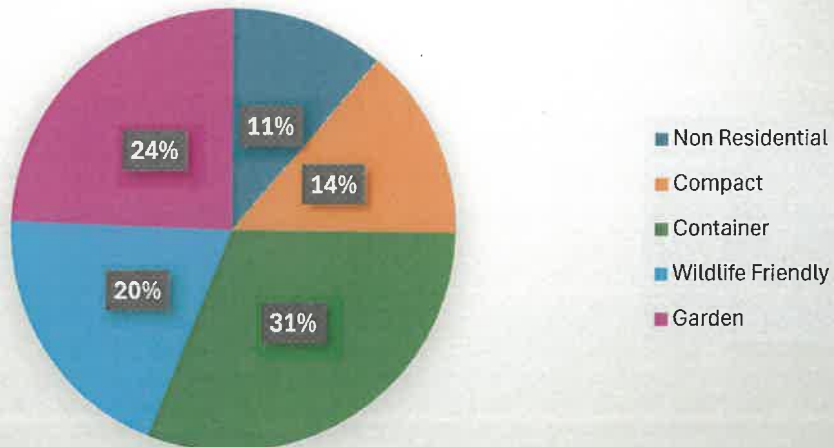
Public	50
Cllrs	53
Staff	1
Volunteers	3

Breakdown of Nominators



Entrants		
Non Residential		12
Compact		15
Container		33
Wildlife Friendly		21
Garden		26

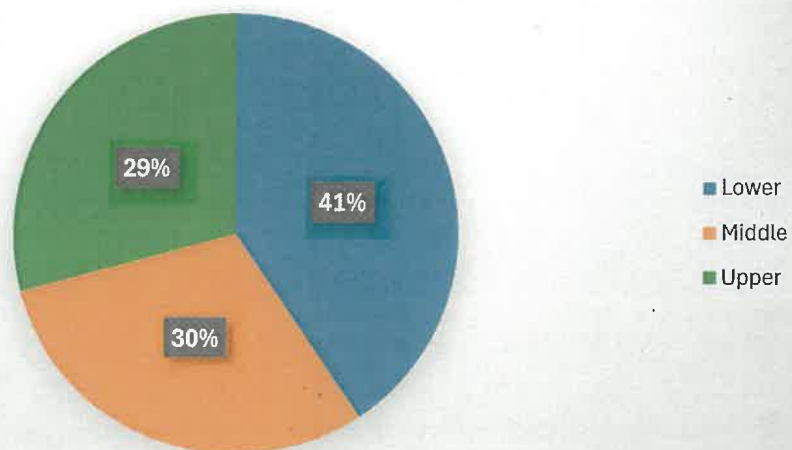
Percentage of Entrants



Breakdown of Locations

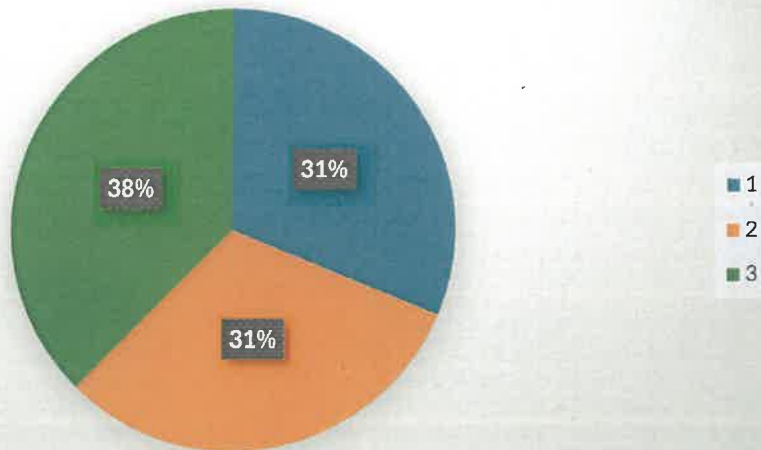
Lower	39
Middle	29
Upper	28

Breakdown of Locations



Area	
Upper	5
Middle	5
Lower	6

Locations by percentage





WALMER PEACE GARDENS COMMITTEE

REPORT

29 October 2025

General maintenance continues, and the grassed activity area and pathways are regularly mown.

On 7 October, a third of the meadow was selected and the grass was cut. Our thanks go to Cllr Peter Findley and Sarah from Gazen Salts Nature Reserve for their time and help, and for the loan of the scissor mower. It's very much appreciated. A few days later, a team of us raked the hay, placed it under the hedges for mulching and wildlife habitat, bagged up the remaining cuttings and disposed of them appropriately.

Our focus has been on collecting seeds from this year's flowers, clearing invasive plants such as the blackthorn, tidying the entrance, and sowing freshly prepared beds with the Kent wildflower seeds to increase biodiversity.

We have sought advice regarding the maintenance of the trees.

D Bogue



WALMER
PEACE GARDENS



Amy Cottage
Reach Road
St Margarets-at-Cliffe
Kent
CT156AP

4th November 2025

Quotation

Dear John Miles,

Thank you for asking Red Dog Garden Services to provide a quotation to empty the planters at Walmer parish hall, dispose of the soil and plants then to move to the Dover road Junction of Canada road, then to take the replaced planters to local schools. (Times to be organised , agreed with all parties and co ordinated by John miles)

To do these works will £220.00

I can do this at your earliest convenience. Any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Kindest regards
Chris Dawson

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Environment Agency Registered Waste Carrier: CBDL274023

Walmer In Bloom Campaign 2026/27

ITEM	2026/2027 Forecast
FLORAL DISPLAYS	
PLANTING	£1,400.00
Hanging basket plants	£1,200.00
Planters	£200.00
EQUIPMENT	£1,045.00
Hanging Baskets & Brackets	£0.00
KCC Permission	£45.00
New Planter	£1,000.00
Delivery of new Planter	£0.00
PLANTER REPAIRS	£750.00
Standing Planter Repairs	£500.00
Hanging Basket Repairs	£250.00
CONTRACTORS' COSTS	£3,800.00
Watering & maintenance (14 Weeks)	£3,500.00
Collect Baskets	£200.00
Plant bedding	£0.00
Removal of baskets	£100.00
COMPETITION COSTS	£1,570.00
S & SE in Bloom Entry Fee	£120.00
School Donations	£100.00
School Prizes	£100.00
Garden prizes	£250.00
Presentation event	£400.00
Publicity	£200.00
IT	£250.00
Postage Stamps	£150.00
CONTINGENCY	£300.00
SPEND - Committed	£8,865.00
TOTAL BUDGET	£8,865.00
Difference	£0.00

Hawkshill 2026/27

ITEM	2026/2027 Forecast
Cut - Oct	£500.00
Removable bollards	
Tree cutting and management plan	£12,000.00
Tool replacement and maintenance	£1,200.00
Planting	£700.00
Publicity	£1,200.00
SPEND - Committed	£15,600.00
TOTAL BUDGET	£15,600.00
Difference	£0.00

Walmer Peace Gardens 2027/26

ITEM	2026/2027 Forecast
Grass Cutting	£500.00
Signs	£400.00
Meadow Management	£200.00
Tree Works	£2,000.00
Planting	£250.00
Tools/Fuel	£400.00
Contingency	£500.00
SPEND - Committed	£4,250.00
TOTAL BUDGET	£4,250.00
Difference	£0.00