



**This document outlines key actions to be undertaken by Battle Town Council during the term 2019 to 2023**

Battle is famous for being the site of the battle between King Harold and William, Duke of Normandy in 1066. The civil parish of Battle is on the edge of the High Weald and contains an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, a Site of Nature Conservation Importance and various wildlife meadow areas that are helping to restore and enhance wildlife habitats.



The Almonry, High Street, Battle

At the last Census in 2011, there were 6673 residents:

- 17% aged 0-14 yrs;
- 15% aged 15-29 yrs;
- 15% aged 30-44 yrs
- 29% aged 45-64 yrs
- 24% aged 65 yrs +

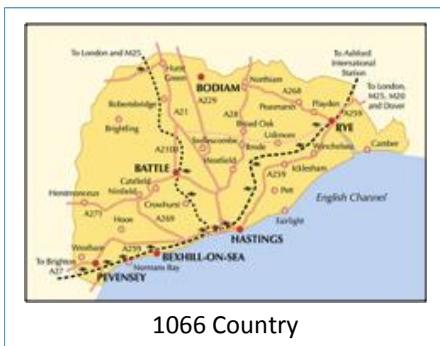
### Battle Town Council

Residents are represented by 13 Councillors on the Town Council, which is divided into four Wards: Marley (4); Netherfield (2); Telham (1) and Watch Oak (6). There were 5245 registered voters in 2019.

The Council meets at the Almonry (Town Hall) on the third Tuesday of each month. However, much of the Council's work is undertaken by the four Standing Committees: Environment; External Relations & Town Development (ER&TD); Finance & General Purposes (F&GP) and Planning & Transport (P&T). There is also a Personnel Sub-committee.

## Tourism

1. We will endeavour to encourage more tourism by working with businesses and local organisations to improve the offer.
2. The Almonry will be restored and reinstated to include a Tourist Information Centre and space for exhibitions.
3. We will continue to work with Beautiful Battle to improve the town centre with more floral displays.



## Services for Residents

1. We will develop the Almonry to include a one stop shop for Town Council and District Council enquiries, to improve facilities for use by local groups/charities, to provide space for meetings/consultations and for our MP's surgery.
2. We will consider the possible use of Community Infrastructure Levy funds for local projects and seek the views of residents.
3. We will develop an online payment system and a card payment system.

## Crime and Policing

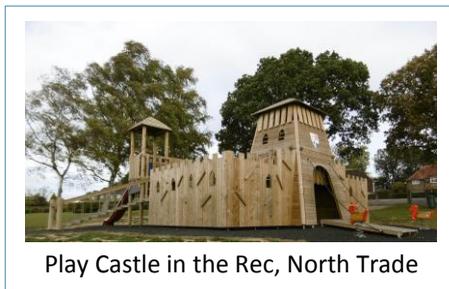
1. We will continue to support the policing in the parish, including the protection of wildlife and heritage.
2. We will continue to consider the reduction of crime in our decision making.
3. We will continue to monitor and report vandalism on Council property to the police and provide CCTV evidence whenever possible.

Trains connect Battle with London and Hastings (connecting to Ashford, Eastbourne and Brighton). The listed Victorian Railway Station is a valuable heritage building, but has limited accessibility for passengers who are unable to use the footbridge between platforms.

There is a daily bus service to London Victoria. A bus service between Hastings and Hawkhurst (connecting with Tunbridge Wells) runs during the day. Netherfield is served by the Community Transport Bus.

### Highways and Transport

1. We will continue to work towards the reclassification of the A2100 to a C road between High Street roundabout and Queensway in order to reduce usage by HGVs and through traffic which have a major impact on pollution and congestion in the town.
2. We will continue to look for land for car parks / park and ride as it is acknowledged that visitors will come by car.
3. We will meet with transportation partners and respond to their effect on Battle and surrounding villages.



### Leisure

1. We will continue, through partnerships, to develop the Rec into a landscaped sport and leisure area by installing the Battle Health Pathway, together with cycle skills track and outdoor gym equipment.
2. We will continue to fundraise for the replacement of the skate ramp on East Sussex CC land near the Statue Roundabout.
3. We will rebuild the pavilion to provide modern changing facilities, a club room and a refreshment area that will also act a community hub.

## Communication

1. We will continue to produce quarterly newsletters, but also implement other ways to communicate in keeping with the demographics of the parish, including through a Town Forum and a Youth Forum.
2. We will undertake wide consultation on future projects using a range of communication methods.
3. We will trial a change in day, time and format of the Parish Assembly to encourage attendance by a wide range of residents.

Truly affordable homes, both rented and shared ownership, are desperately needed in order to enable residents to move out of their parents' home and also to encourage young people to remain in the area or return after education or training.

## Housing and Planning

1. We will monitor the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and review the final plan prior to submission to RDC.
2. We will open talks with developers to obtain good facilities for residents e.g. pedestrian access from Blackfriars to the railway station.
3. We will take into account the Council's Heritage Charter, sustainability, environmental impact and biodiversity when considering all documents submitted with planning applications for land in the Council's area.

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Sculpture depicting the town's motto,  
*Per Bellum Patria*  
Through Battle the Land  
and the Nation