How can I get involved?

Volunteers are still needed to help marshal the route through Borough Green. If you wish to put your name forward, please get in touch with the Council using the contact details on the back of this leaflet. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or over.

There are also opportunities to become a London 2012 Local Leader. The Local Leader Programme has been launched by London 2012 to invite the nation’s organisers, planners and doers to get ready for the Games.

For further information, visit www.london2012.com/get-involved/local-leaders/

The Paralympics Road Cycling at Brands Hatch

LOCOG has announced that Brands Hatch near Sevenoaks will be hosting the Paralympic Road Cycling events which will take place from 5 to 8 September 2012. The events will include a course on the roads surrounding Brands Hatch which may also affect the areas of Stansted, Ightham and Wrotham. Further details of the events, their course and any resulting road closures will be released by Kent County Council nearer the time of the events.

*LOCOG London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games

For further information:
Visit the Council’s website: www.tmbc.gov.uk
email: leisure.services@tmbc.gov.uk
or visit the official Torch Relay website: www.london2012.com/olympic-torch-relay

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In the first edition of the Olympic Torch Relay Newsletter, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council was able to confirm that the Olympic Torch Relay would be passing through Borough Green on Friday 20 July 2012.

The Borough Council, local Parish Councils, Kent Police, Kent County Council and other members of the local community have been working together over the last few months to ensure that the Torch Relay event will be enjoyable and safe for everyone, and focused on the local community. We are now able to tell you more details about the route, the Torchbearers, plans for the day and how this may affect local residents and businesses.

When and for how long will the Torch Relay be in Borough Green?

The timetable of the Torch Relay is carefully worked out by LOCOG*, and it is scheduled to arrive in Borough Green at 12.06pm on Friday 20 July 2012. The Relay will last for just over eight minutes, and there will be three Torchbearers who will each run 300m carrying the Olympic Torch along the route through Borough Green.

What route will the Torch Relay take?

The exact route of the Torch Relay was announced by LOCOG on 19 March 2012. The Relay will be travelling from Maidstone, where it will have stayed overnight on 19 July and then will travel on to Guildford to arrive on the evening of 20 July. A map of the route through Borough Green is shown on the right.

What will happen on the day?

Approximately one hour before the Torch is due to arrive in Borough Green, a pre-Torch Relay convoy of vehicles supported by the official sponsors of the Olympics will travel along the route through Borough Green distributing promotional items amongst the spectators lining the route. The route will be decorated with an Olympic theme, as well as hanging baskets supplied by Borough Green Parish Council and street entertainment organised by Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council.

Will there be any disruption to traffic?

Due to the restrictive nature of the route through Borough Green, and in order to ensure the safety of spectators and participants, it will be necessary for flexible road closures to be enforced along the route for a short period between 10:30am and 1pm on the day. Closures will be kept to a minimum wherever possible. Please bear in mind any road closures when making arrangements for deliveries on 20 July, or if you require vehicle access to your property on the day. Arrangements for alternative residents’ parking along the route will be made.

Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council will be writing to individual businesses with further information on how the Torch Relay event might affect them. Further information on the route will be included in the next edition of this newsletter.

Where else will the Torch be going?

The Olympic Torch arrives in the UK on 18 May 2012 on its journey from Olympia in Greece and will spend 66 days being relayed throughout the UK. Other nearby locations where it will be possible to see the Torch Relay between 17 and 20 July are Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks, Riverhead, Seal, Gravesend, Higham, Maidstone and Leeds Castle, as well as many other locations across Kent. For full details of the Torch Relay across Kent and the rest of the country, visit www.london2012.com/olympic-torch-relay