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## ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS TOWN FORUM

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25<sup>th</sup> January 2008

To: Councillors Mrs Barbara Cobbold and Peter Crawford (Broadwater), John Miller, Leonard Price and David Wakefield (Culverden), Glenn Hall, Len Horwood and James Scholes (Pantiles & St Mark's), Peter Bulman, Sean Lockhart and Mrs Catherine Mayhew (Park), Barry Edwards and Robert Wratten (Rusthall), Mrs Mary Lewis and David Neve (St James'), Simon Bannister, Mrs Lesley Herriot and Christopher Woodward (St John's), Ted Jolley, Robert Mayall and Frank Williams (Sherwood).

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Dear All

Since becoming Chairman of the Town Forum I have initially been concentrating on giving the Town Forum focus, gaining wider public awareness and to broaden membership. If you have read the minutes of the most recent Town Forum meeting you will also be aware that I have requested the Town Forum membership to come up with Aims and Objectives for the forthcoming year.

As you are all members of the Town Forum I would appreciate hearing of matters relating to your Wards, which would be of interest to the Town Forum. Currently, we receive little information relating to local community concerns that might be affecting your Wards and are given little information on community groups who may wish to have their voice heard. You should be aware that we asked Father Ed Tomlinson to speak at the Town Forum, and for those of you who attended, the presentation proved to be of particular interest and gained Barnababies a much deserved outlet to a wider audience.

In this coming year it is my intention to have a community slot at each Town Forum meeting and I therefore ask you to send details of the following:

- Community Groups and Resident Associations including Neighbourhood Watch.
- Known Community Issues.
- Problems with pavements and lighting.
- Safety concerns relating to roads, lighting or otherwise.
- Recreational facilities – lack of or otherwise.
- Parks in your area – are they used enough/promoted enough/safe?
- Grot Spots.
- Any other item that you may feel relevant.

As some of you have existing commitments, which may conflict with Town Forum meeting dates, I believe this would be an ideal way for those of you who cannot always attend to be fully involved with what is going on.

I look forward to hearing from you soon and thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Thomas  
Chairman