

A lush forest scene with a stream, white flowers, and green foliage. The image shows a dense forest with tall trees and a stream flowing through it. The ground is covered in a thick carpet of white flowers, likely snowdrops, and some purple flowers are visible in the foreground. The overall atmosphere is vibrant and natural.

# Section 3: Tenterden's Future: a vision to 2030



In 2030, Tenterden, St Michaels and Smallhythe to be a safe, friendly, healthy and socially cohesive community centred in a thriving, culturally rich market town, where people of all ages can enjoy accessible, welcoming and peaceful green spaces together with recreation facilities for all ages.

The high-quality Weald countryside and biodiversity will be protected and enhanced to preserve and sustain the unique environment. This will allow a peaceful and cohesive open space flowing seamlessly between the town and countryside, via interconnecting routeways for walking and cycling.

Our Parish will continue to provide local employment opportunities and will be a vibrant tourist attraction with a pedestrian-safe high street with many traditional shops and markets, steam railway and other appealing historic sites.

New developments will be designed to maintain the vernacular integrity and style of a historic town, whilst preserving the harmony with the countryside and minimal destruction of nature and intrinsic beauty.

Initiatives extending beyond the Neighbourhood Plan will be considered to improve air quality, reduce pollution emissions such as CO<sub>2</sub> in accordance with climate change targets to ensure Tenterden remains green and sustainable.

The aim is to honour Tenterden's title of the 'Jewel of the Weald'.