



# **Crowborough Town Council**

## **Fireworks display**

### **Invitation to Tender**

Crowborough Town Council is seeking quotes for the annual Fireworks display.

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Crowborough Town Council organises an annual Fireworks display on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November. (Please note, if the 5<sup>th</sup> of November falls on a Sunday, the event will take place on the Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> of November) This extraordinary annual event has an exciting new display theme every year and is always very popular. This tradition has been held in Crowborough for years and is seen as an important part of the Crowborough Town Council's events programme. The event itself attracts up to 10,000 people from all over Crowborough, covering all ages and backgrounds. The event is greatly valued by young families, and it really sets the scene for the beginning of the festive season.

Crowborough Town Council is seeking quotes for the designing the Fireworks installation as well as running of the Fireworks display, on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November at the town's Fireworks night. The contract will be awarded for a period of three years commencing in 2026.

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# INSTRUCTIONS FOR TENDERING

## 1. Invitation to Tender

Crowborough Town Council, hereinafter referred to as CTC, invites tenders for the Fireworks display at Goldsmiths Recreation Ground.

**TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS. TENDERS NOT COMPLYING WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS IN ANY PARTICULAR WAY MAY BE REJECTED BY THE COUNCIL, WHOSE DECISION IN THE MATTER SHALL BE FINAL.**

While every attempt has been made to provide all the necessary and correct information, it is the responsibility of the tenderer to satisfy themselves that during site visits, discussions, and examination of all the documents, they understand and take account of the full extent and nature of the works as described.

CTC will not accept liability for any incorrect or missing information.

The council's **Contact Officer** for this tender is:

Mia Kelly

Events Manager

Crowborough Town Council, Council Offices,

Pine Grove, Crowborough, East Sussex, TN6 1DH

[www.crowboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.crowboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk)

Email: [events@crowboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:events@crowboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk)

Tel: 01892 652907

## 2. Tender Submission Closing Date and Time

Tenders should be sent by **registered post, recorded delivery, or delivered by hand** using an addressed envelope as below and marked **Fireworks display** in the top left corner of the envelope so as to arrive:

**NOT LATER THAN 12noon ON FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

### Tender Delivery Address

Mia Kelly

Events Manager

Crowborough Town Council, Council Offices,

Pine Grove, Crowborough, East Sussex, TN6 1DH

Where tenders are delivered other than by post to the tender delivery address stated above, they must be delivered during normal working hours, which are **09:30 to 16:30 Monday to Friday**, and a tender delivery receipt should be obtained.

### **3. General Tendering Information**

Tenders shall be submitted in accordance with these instructions. Any Tenders that do not comply may be rejected.

This Invitation to Tender does not constitute an offer or contract, and the council does not undertake to accept the lowest tender or any other tender.

The council reserves the right to accept a tender in part, rather than in full.

The council will not reimburse any costs incurred in completing and submitting tenders.

Any queries arising from the tender documents which may have a bearing on the offer to be made should be raised with the Contact Officer as soon as possible. If the Contact Officer considers any question or request for clarification to be of material significance, both the question and the response will be communicated, in a suitably anonymous form, to all tenderers on the tender list.

### **4. Confidential Nature of Tender Documentation**

Documentation in relation to this Invitation to Tender and any tenders received by the council in response to it shall be treated as private and confidential.

Tenderers shall not:

- Discuss the invitation or the tender they intend to make or release any information relating to the invitation and/or the tender that they intend to make, other than with professional advisers who need to be consulted with regard to the preparation of the tender.
- The tenderer shall not canvass for the acceptance of their tender with any other supplier, councillor, council officer, or any consultant employed by the council connected with the tender or its preparation.
- Failure to comply with the above instructions will result in the council rejecting the tender. Furthermore, the council may decide not to invite the supplier to tender for future work.

### **5. Preparation and Completion of Tender**

No alteration or addition shall be made by tenderers to any part of the Invitation to Tender.

Tenders shall not be subject to any pre-condition or otherwise qualified or accompanied by statements which might be construed as rendering the tender equivocal. Only unconditional tenders will be considered. The council's decision as to whether or not a tender is in an acceptable form will be final, and the tenderer concerned will not be consulted.

Tenders and supporting documents shall be written in English, and any Agreement subsequently entered into and its formation, interpretation and performance shall be subject to and in accordance with the laws of England and Wales.

## **6. Contract Price**

Pricing must be a fixed price and be fully inclusive of all overheads, general risks, liabilities and obligations.

All items are to be individually priced, expressed to 2 decimal places.

Tenderers should note that, due to financial constraints, it may be necessary to reduce or remove elements of the proposed works. Any such adjustments shall be notified to the tenderers prior to the award of the contract.

All rates and prices must be, and will be deemed to have been, tendered exclusive of VAT.

## **7. Site Visits**

Tenderers shall be deemed to have visited the site and to have satisfied themselves as to the nature of any operational limitations of the site that affect the execution of the works. Tenderers must consider any limitations in delivering plant, equipment and materials to the site and within the site in a safe manner without damage to the existing fabric of the site.

No claims will be entertained due to unfamiliarity with the site, and the site access and restrictions on the size of delivery vehicles.

Tenderers wishing to carry out site visits can do so without any prior arrangement.

## **8. Mandatory Additional Tender Information**

In support of your tender, you are required to give a detailed response indicating:

- Completed Form of Tender – signed and dated.
- Proposed Programme of Works – including installation, performance, and clean-up timeline.
- Company Profile & Experience – including three references for similar public fireworks displays.
- Health & Safety Documents:
  - Method Statement and Risk Assessments
  - Company Health & Safety Policy
  - Accident and enforcement history (past 5 years) including RIDDOR incidents
- Insurance Certificates:
  - Public Liability Insurance (minimum £5M)
  - Employer's Liability Insurance (minimum £10M)
- Technical Information:
  - Fireworks and effects specification
  - Sound system coverage plan
  - Music theme proposal
  - Clean-up and debris management plan
- Safety Perimeter Plan – Contractors should provide a scaled map or diagram indicating the exclusion zone, firing lines, crowd control barriers, access points, emergency escape routes, and marshalled areas. This plan should reflect safety distances for category 3/4 fireworks as per HSE guidelines.
- Social & Community Value Plan – environmental considerations, use of local resources, noise sensitivity.
- Subcontractor Details (if applicable) – including qualifications and scope.

- Declaration of No Conflict of Interest.

*Failure to submit any of the required documentation may result in the tender being deemed non-compliant and excluded from evaluation*

## **9. Tender Evaluation**

Tenderers are advised that all tenders will be evaluated by the Communications and Events Committee.

All Tenders shall be assessed for price, quality, experience and health & safety considerations.

Successful contractors may be invited for a post-tender interview before acceptance.

Full evaluation criteria and scoring method are detailed in Appendix 4.

## **10. Acceptance of Tender**

Until the execution of a formal agreement, Crowborough Town Council's written acceptance of a tenderer's signed offer on the Form of Tender shall form a binding agreement between Crowborough Town Council and the successful tenderer.

If and when CTC accepts a tender, written notification will be sent to each of the Tenderers.

## **11. Tender Validity**

Tenderers are required to state that your tender will remain open and valid for acceptance by CTC for a period of **90 days** after the closing date of submission of tenders.

## **12. Contract Start / Completion Dates**

The contract start date will be for 2026. The contract will last for three years or three displays. E.g. 2026, 2027 and 2028.

## **13. Submission of Tender**

The following documents must be submitted with your tender:

- Additional tender information including examples of work and references
- Completed certificates (Appendices A, B and C)

## **14. Insurance Requirements**

To comply with public event regulations and protect Crowborough Town Council from liability, contractors must provide evidence of active insurance coverage with the following minimums:

Public Liability Insurance – Minimum cover of £5,000,000

Employer's Liability Insurance – Minimum cover of £10,000,000

Insurance certificates must be dated within the current calendar year and remain valid throughout the term of the contract. Proof of renewal may be requested before each annual display.

## **15. Sustainability and Social Value Considerations**

To support the Council's sustainability goals and commitment to social responsibility, contractors are encouraged to provide a Social & Environmental Value Statement. This should include:

- Use of low-emission or low-noise fireworks to minimise air and noise pollution.
- Strategies for waste reduction, such as removal and recycling of casing, shells, and litter.
- Reduction of single-use plastics in packaging and operations.
- Engagement of local subcontractors or staff where possible.

## PART D

### Appendix A

#### CERTIFICATE AS TO CANVASSING OF MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES AND ADVISERS

##### **Tender for Fireworks display, Crowborough, East Sussex.**

We hereby certify that I/we have not canvassed any Members, employee or adviser of Crowborough Town Council in connection with the award of the contract to perform the Service and that no person employed by us or acting on our behalf has done any such act.

We further hereby undertake that I/we will not canvass any Member, employee or adviser of Crowborough Town Council in connection with the award of the contract to perform the Service and that no person employed by us or acting on our behalf has done any such act.

Signature .....

Firm or Company .....

Dated .....



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### **Appendix B - TENDER CERTIFICATE**

To: Chairman of the Council

Crowborough Town Council  
Council Offices  
Pine Grove  
Crowborough  
East Sussex  
TN6 1DH

Dear Sir,

#### **Tender for Fireworks display, Crowborough, East Sussex.**

I/We recognise that the essence of this tendering exercise is that Crowborough Town Council shall receive bona-fide competitive tenders from all those tendering.

In recognition of this principle, I/we certify that this is a bona-fide tender, intended to be competitive, and that I/we have not fixed or adjusted the amount of the Tender by or under or in accordance with any agreement or arrangement with any other person. I/We also certify that I/we have not done and we undertake that we will not do at any time before the hour and date specified for the return of this tender any of the following acts:

- (a) Communicate to a person other than the person calling for those tenders the amount or approximate amount of the proposed tender, except where the disclosure, in confidence, of the approximate amount of the tender was necessary to obtain insurance premium quotations required for the preparation of the tender.
- (b) Enter into any agreement or arrangements with any other person that he shall refrain from tendering or as to the amount of any tender to be submitted
- (c) Offer or pay or give or agree to pay any sum or valuable consideration directly or indirectly to any person for doing or having done or causing to be done in relation to any other tender or proposed tender for the said work any act or thing of the sort described above.

In this certificate, the word "person" includes any persons or any body or association, corporate or non- corporate, and "any agreement or arrangement" includes such transaction, formal or informal, and whether legally binding or not.

Signature .....

Firm or Company .....

Dated .....

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### **Appendix C - Form of Tender instruction**

Contractors are required to express their tender in the following terms:

“To Crowborough Town Council”

re: **Fireworks display, Crowborough, East Sussex.**

Having carefully examined and considered the Invitation to Tender including, without limitation, the Works Specification, the instructions for tendering and the conditions of contract and in consideration of the Council considering this Tender, we:

1. Offer to provide the works required to meet the Works Specification and to enter an agreement with the Council in the Council’s form of Contract for the **FIXED PRICE SUM OF:**

£ \_\_\_\_\_

(amount in word) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Confirm that we are able to provide the works required to meet the Works Specification and that we have read all of the conditions of contract and are satisfied as to our abilities and experience to satisfy the requirements of the Contract Documents.
3. Confirm that, if our Tender is accepted, we will upon demand:  
Produce evidence that the relevant insurances and compliance certificates with relevant legislation and policy are held and are in force; and  
Execute and deliver the required contract documents to the Council as set out in the Invitation to Tender;
4. Agree that this Tender shall constitute an irrevocable, unconditional offer which may not be withdrawn for a period of 90 days from the date of this Tender without the Council’s prior written consent and if the Council accept this Tender we will be bound to contract with the Council on the basis of the submissions made in this Tender.
5. Agree that in consideration of the Invitation to Tender being sent to us and by submitting our Tender we confirm we are bound by the conditions of this Tender as set out in the Invitation to Tender including but not being limited to the obligations of confidentiality.

We understand that the Council is not bound to accept any Tender that it receives.

**Signed for the Contractor**

**Signed for the Contractor**

**Name:**

**Name:**

**Title:**

**Title:**

**Company:**

**Company:**

**Date:**

**Date:**