



Town Clerk's Update

Council news and information from Sevenoaks Town Clerk, Linda Larter MBE

9 January 2026



Happy New Year!

I would like to start my update with wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

Community Asset Transfers

At its meeting on Tuesday evening, Sevenoaks District Council agreed to transfer the following assets, we are hopeful that this bodes well for the Sevenoaks assets to be considered in April.

Community Asset	To be Transferred to
Bartholomew Way Park	Swanley Town Council
Northview Playground	Swanley Town Council
Woodview Road Park	Swanley Town Council
Land at Reeves Crescent	Swanley Town Council
Cherry Avenue Playground	Swanley Town Council
Otford Scout Hut	Otford Scouts Group
Archbishop Palace and Land, Otford	Archbishop's Palace Conservation Trust

Facebook followers

Pleased to report that Sevenoaks Town Council Facebook page now has 2,000+ followers. The Town Council also has a presence on other social media platforms.



Buckhurst Play Area

Sadly, we start the year with repeated vandalism. We do not think this is mindless vandalism e.g. kicking out the fence. It is considered and must be taking considerable time and potentially use of tools to remove all the uprights from the fence panels. This is now the fifth time this has happened and been repaired by our Open Spaces Team.



The fencing is needed to keep dogs out and stop little ones 'escaping' from the toddler play area.

CCTV and lighting has been suggested but the park does not currently have electricity so would be a considerable investment to enable this. We are considering installing a different kind of mesh fencing to interrupt this ongoing issue / game.

The Mayor has also put out a plea for public to come forward if they know who is doing this.

Following the recently installed new zip wire surface, next week subject to weather we are due to install upgrades to the equipment. We are expecting this to take approximately two weeks to complete.

Electric Community Bus

Last year, the Town Council obtained grant funding from Kent County Council to purchase an electric Community Bus. This arrived last month and was sent away to be 'wrapped with branding'. The Community Bus will be available for voluntary organisations to hire on a daily hire charge. More information will be available soon on our website.



My meetings this week included:

- Planning & Environment Committee Meeting*
- Greatness Pavilion Project Meeting
- Meeting with Age UK representative
- Liaison meeting with Sevenoaks Rugby Football Club
- Chair & Vice Chair Meeting

*All of Sevenoaks Town Council's Meetings are open to the public and available to watch live on YouTube - see our website for details.

Greatness Football and Community Pavilion

The Greatness Pavilion building project continues to progress well at these early stages with the contractor reporting being approximately two weeks ahead of schedule. Although some of this has been eaten up by waiting for delivery of steel. The steel frame of the building is completed, roof next, followed by brickwork.



Save the date

Visit our events page for more information: www.tinyurl.com/STCNewsEvents

Date	Event	Venue
Saturday 7 February	Mayor's Fundraising Quiz	Bat & Ball Centre
Friday 6 March	International Women's Day Event	Bat & Ball Centre
Thursday 19 March	<u>Mayor's Charity Concert - Swing into Spring</u>	Stag

Wishing you a good and hopefully not too cold weekend.

**Best wishes,
Linda**

