

Sevenoaks Town Crier



50 Years of Sevenoaks Town Council

Spring 2024

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We did it! Thank you!

Council campaign raises £100,000 to buy woodlands for the town

Sevenoaks Town Council is set to purchase 14 acres of ancient woodland for the benefit of the community, after an unprecedented response to a pledge campaign saw £102,975 pledged in just 23 days.

The Council is delighted and grateful to announce that the recently held Pledge Campaign, when the Town Council asked for donation pledges to match its own contribution of £100,000 towards the purchase of 14 acres of woodland, **met and exceeded its goal of £100,000 in 23 days.** Following this response, Sevenoaks Town

Council made the unanimous decision at the February 26 Town Council meeting to proceed with the purchase of the Longspring Woods.

Now it has been confirmed that the land sale agent has accepted STC's offer for £185,000.

The long-term goal is to improve links between Longspring Woods and Sevenoaks Common, to create an attractive and safe walking route for the public.

Town Mayor Councillor Claire Shea said: "In our anniversary year, marking 50 years since the Council was established, we are

delighted to be able to purchase these woods and keep them for the Sevenoaks community."

Pledges came in from the community from £5 upwards, many at £100, £1000, and larger pledges of £5,000, £10,000 and £50,000.

School children and residents' associations worked together to provide joint pledges. Those who have been unable to donate have pledged help in kind, including litter picking, gardening and manual labour.

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We did it! Thank you!

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It is because of the generosity of the public that Sevenoaks Town Council is able to proceed with the purchase as well as to progress initial improvements including interpretation boards, parking area improvements, litter bins and potential boundary repairs.

Sevenoaks Town Council registered the Longspring Woods as an Asset of Community Value in 2023, on the grounds that it furthers the social wellbeing and recreational interests of the community.

A Thank You video has been published, with statement from the Mayor of Sevenoaks, available to view via the following link: <https://youtu.be/DWBf4-EMxyY>

When the Woods came up for sale this year it presented a real challenge to find the funds quickly and before the statutory six month protection period ended – this being whereby the land is temporarily removed from the Open Market in order to allow community groups to gather funding so that the Asset of

Community Value can be retained for guaranteed current and future generations' use.

The Town Council could use some of its funds to the sum of £100,000 from a previous sale of land, which needs to be spent on Capital Projects including acquisition of land. It is one of the aims of the Town Council in its Green Community Investment Plan to act when rarely, but occasionally, land does come up for sale in Sevenoaks. The Town Council will seek to obtain additional land if available.

May Bank Holiday

May 4
10.30am-4pm Climate Fair on the Vine Gardens. See page 6 FREE EVENT

May 5
2pm On the Vine Gardens. Children's theatre performance. See page 5 FREE EVENT

June & July

June 2 2pm Concert at the Vine Bandstand. Come and meet Sevenoaks Samaritans as they celebrate Volunteer Week with a meet up and a free jazz concert. FREE EVENT.

June 6 D-Day celebrations for all on the Vine in Sevenoaks: Fish and chips and entertainment followed by the lighting of the D-Day Beacon at 9.15pm. See page 3.

Dates for your diary



June 7 Sevenoaks Business Show, Bat and Ball Centre, Cramptons Road TN14 5DN 10am - 2pm. See page 5

June 22 - July 7 Sevenoaks Summer Festival 2024 at venues around Sevenoaks and on the Vine Gardens. www.sevenoaksfestival.org.uk
June 29 & July 6 9am to 3pm Sevenoaks Art Club Exhibition on railings at the Vine Gardens, Sevenoaks. FREE EVENT

July

July 12 & 13 12noon to 11pm Round Table Beer Festival on The Vine, Sevenoaks
Sun 21 July to August 25 Music on the Bandstand every Sunday (3pm to 5.30pm) and Thursday (6pm to 8.30pm). FREE EVENT

Find more information as available at www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk and look out for posters and banners near to the event.



We need you to help shape the future of town centre



When we launched our campaign to raise funds for Longspring Woods, I could never have imagined the level of support which we received from the town.

It is humbling and gratifying that so many of you supported the project, whether financially or with offers in kind.

I am really looking forward to bringing the woods into the Town's ownership and getting started with the team on improving access and connections to Sevenoaks Common, for people and for wildlife.

Councillors have since been hearing suggestions for further sites to be considered, and we are all looking at the assets in our wards which we think have community value, and which we would prefer to protect should they become available.

Quiz night success

Many of you joined our **Quiz Night** in March, and I'd like to thank you for coming to our sell-out evening in the lovely Bat and Ball Centre. In total, we raised in excess of £1,500 towards the Mayor's charity fund.

As you know by now, this year I am supporting Sevenoaks Larder and Sevenoaks Welcomes Refugees.

Please do support the brilliant children's show (I've seen the entertainer in action, and they are great!) and evening **concert at the Stag** on April 27, our last and biggest



Mayoral fundraiser for the year. Tickets are available from the Stag Box Office.

Safer roads to come

With agreement now in place for an **extended 20mph speed limit** in Sevenoaks, work is starting on implementation, as well as a **new zebra crossing** at the Vine.

All your feedback on the consultation has been extremely valuable. It will be funding

the work from developer contributions (or CIL) intended just for infrastructure, and hope to get started soon. **See page 4**

Work should be starting soon on the town's first **cycle route** as well, and I hope that this is the beginning something great for our health and wellbeing in Sevenoaks.

What next for our town?

Our next big project is a **masterplan** for Sevenoaks town centre and St John's Hill retail spaces.

Retail, offices and hospitality have changed enormously in recent years, and our needs and expectations of town centres is shifting. What does the market town of the future look like? How are its public spaces used? What are the movement needs?

How do we use our spaces for a town expected to grow significantly? How do we make the most of the wonderful landscape around us?

Get involved

I hope that you will get involved in the conversation as we draw on all your ideas to set out a **vision to shape the future** of our town.

**Councillor Claire Shea,
Mayor of Sevenoaks**

Beacon lighting on D-Day 80th anniversary

Sevenoaks will be joining with the nation to celebrate the 80th anniversary of D-Day on June 6.

Along with towns across the United Kingdom, Sevenoaks will be hosting a beacon lighting ceremony on the Vine at 9.15pm. And it is also planned that a traditional fish and chip supper will be available to buy, plus free entertainment, on the Vine Gardens before the lighting. The D-Day Normandy landings was the largest naval, air and land operation in

history as Allied Forces launched the invasion of German-occupied western Europe. Operations Neptune and Overlord unfolded when over 154,000 troops from



eight allied nations boarded 6,000 vessels to cross the English Channel. 24,000 Allied paratroopers and glider infantry drifted down from above.

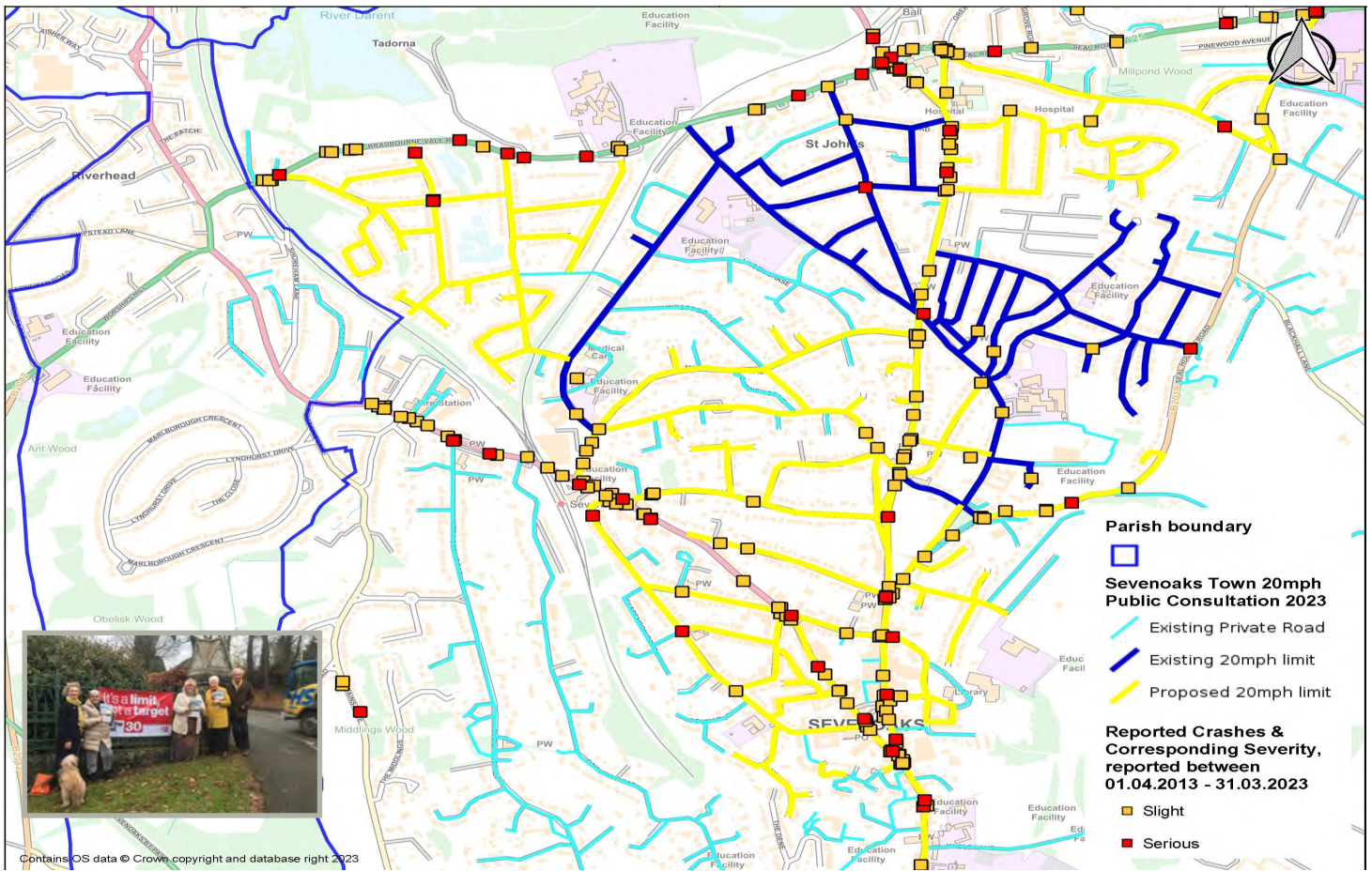
Towns across the land are being asked to light a beacon at 9.15pm on June 6 2024, in

celebration of the 'light of peace' that emerged out of the darkness of war. National Fish and Chip Day has been moved from its traditional Friday slot to Thursday June 6 2024, in support of the D-Day 80th celebrations.

During the war years the ingredients of this popular meal were left unrationed to help feed those involved in the war effort.

Look for more information nearer the time on posters/banners, and check www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk





Thank you for your views - 20mph update

How does it work?

The plan is for a signage only scheme which means signs stating the 20mph limit would be placed on appropriate roads.

Latest update: At the Sevenoaks Town Council Planning Committee on March 18, Kent County Council were requested to accept the public's majority response for the scheme as a whole and for all the constituent roads. STC requested for KCC

to move forward with the scheme as designed, subject to all roads being compliant with Department for Transport and KCC policies on compliance.

STC recommended in addition that the proposed zebra crossing on Dartford Road which was part of the original 20 mph consultation by KCC, be progressed.

On March 20, at the county council's Joint Transportation Board, the JTB, reduced the

extent of the scheme to reflect the findings of the consultation and ensure compliance by removing Mount Harry/Hitchen Hatch Road, St Botolph Road, and the northern section of the A225 from the Vine to the Bat and Ball junction.

Now the scheme is with the KCC Portfolio Holder for decision.

Results from the STC survey below

Q.1 Do you support 20 mph limits in residential roads and roads in close proximity to schools? (Yes / No closed response)

% INDICATING YES	Number of consultees of total answering 2,524	% of total answering 2,524
Consultees living in Sevenoaks Town only	1,166	74%
Consultees living in Sevenoaks District Council boundary but excluding Sevenoaks Town	418	52%
Consultees living outside Sevenoaks District Council boundary	84	64%

Q.2 Do you support the proposal for a 20-mph limit for most of central Sevenoaks including schools? (map provided) (Yes / No closed response)

% INDICATING YES	Number of consultees of total answering 2,525	% of total answering 2,525
Consultees living in Sevenoaks Town only	965	61%
Consultees living in Sevenoaks District Council boundary but excluding Sevenoaks Town	303	38%
Consultees living outside Sevenoaks District Council boundary	67	48%



50th anniversary of the town council

Remembering Sevenoaks - Now and Then. Send us your memories and pictures for a special publication



It is 50 years since the Sevenoaks Town Council was created to serve the town area.

The Council hopes the best way to mark the anniversary is by acquiring the Longspring Woods for the townspeople to enjoy in perpetuity.

The anniversary will also be celebrated by the May Bank Holiday events on the Vine, the Climate Fair (Sat) and the free family show Robin Hood Rescues the Forest (Sun) at 2pm. See page six for fair information and see below for family show flyer.

The Council would also like to produce a commemorative publication for local residents to share their memories and pictures of Sevenoaks town at the time.

Do you remember the 1970s in Sevenoaks town? Or do you have pictures you'd like to share from then? Maybe of the town,

local streets, events on the Vine, your friends and townspeople enjoying Sevenoaks life.

Were you at a local school, working in a local company, or commuting to London on the train? Did you have a favourite pub? Did you go to the local cinema?

Was there a local baker or butcher you used to shop at? Or any other shops now no longer in the town? How different did the town look then, as now?

Do you remember attending some events, enjoying nights out in the town, picnics on the Vine?

If so we want to hear from you. Email your memories of 1970s Sevenoaks to: Comms@sevenoakstown.gov.uk and let us know if you have any photographs you'd like to share as part of the 50th commemorations.

We can share them on our social media

channels as well as creating a printed magazine.

You can email scanned versions of images you own the copyright to, and make sure you include your full name and a contact phone number.

If you don't have internet access, you can arrange a time to bring them in to our offices to be scanned into our system so you can take them straight home again.

Or send by post to Community Engagement Manager, Sevenoaks Town Council, Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 3QG.

We can't guarantee to use them all but we will do our best.

Deadline for submission is May 31.

Email Comms@sevenoakstown.gov.uk with any questions or to arrange to come in, or call 01732 459953.

SEVENOAKS BUSINESS SHOW 2024

WHEN: Friday June 7 2024

WHERE: Bat & Ball Centre, Cramptons Road, Sevenoaks TN14 5DN

WHEN: 10am - 2pm

Sevenoaks has a thriving economy and many of the most successful businesses exhibit at this annual show. It is a great opportunity to meet your local MP, Laura Trott MBE MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, who will be opening the show.

Around 30 businesses exhibit with visitors drawn from across the town.

The speakers at this year's event will be talking about the opportunities that will arise if Sevenoaks is successful in the process of creating a Business Improvement District (BID).

Please come along and tell us what you think is important to enhance Sevenoaks.

A BID is an initiative to market and promote the town, increase money for town security such as CCTV and

town wardens, more training in all aspects of customer relations, First Aid and security for staff from businesses in the town. It could also create new events and improvements to the look of the town and streets.

A BID is funded through a levy paid by the businesses in the area of the town to which it applies. Consultation will soon take place with businesses to decide the area to be included in the BID and the levy rate before a referendum is held to decide whether to go ahead.

If Sevenoaks is to join Orpington, Oxted, Tunbridge Wells and about 300 other UK towns improving themselves for the benefit of residents and visitors alike, then it is hoped the proposal will be successful.



FREE FREE FREE

Fun family show ROBIN HOOD RESCUES THE FOREST

Join us on the 5th May 2024

as our eponymous hero uses cunning and more than a little help from the peasants, and even a spot of Morris dancing to Rescue the Forest from the evil Prince John who wants to Burn it down to rid Sherwood forest of outlaws.

**Vine Gardens,
Sevenoaks,
TN13 3UH**

**Performance starts
at 2pm.**



SATURDAY 4TH MAY

THE VINE GARDENS 10:30AM - 4:00PM

SEVENOAKS

**FREE
ENTRY**



EVERYONE WELCOME!

TALKS STALLS WORKSHOPS FOOD & DRINK & MUCH MORE

BRINGING TOGETHER BUSINESSES, CHARITIES & COMMUNITY GROUPS
WHO ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT SOLVING THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY,
TO EMPOWER SEVENOAKS TO REACH NET ZERO



Do you know an Unsung Eco-Hero? Then get in touch!

Sevenoaks Climate Action Network (SCAN) is looking to celebrate unsung eco-heroes in the community with a new award. The prize will champion those making a difference to the climate crisis and ecological disaster through grassroots action.

SCAN wants to hear from volunteer litter pickers, green school pupils, wildlife rescuers, eco-businesses - anyone in fact from any walk of life, who devotes time

and energy to these causes.

The winners will be announced at the SCAN Climate Fair on Saturday May 4 on The Vine Gardens from 10.30am-4pm.

The exciting event, free to everyone, will bring together community groups, charities and businesses who want to be part of the solution for a carbon zero future.

Stalls include e-bikes, vegetable growers, beekeepers, a repair cafe, financial advisors, green energy firms and eco-

travel. There will be food and drink as well as children's activities, and a vintage fashion show.

TO ENTER:

Award entries should be emailed to: sevenoaksclimatefair@gmail.com including the name, age, and story of nominees in no more than 500 words. Please include a photograph.



Sevenoaks Quarry Delivering for Sevenoaks

In the summer Tarmac's exciting proposals to redevelop the Sevenoaks Quarry received a resolution by Sevenoaks District Council to grant outline planning permission.

This will not only deliver new and affordable homes, but also community facilities, environmental benefits and much-needed improvements to infrastructure.



Our work with the community is only just beginning.

Tarmac is now working with the community to understand what the residents of Sevenoaks would like to see in the Reserved Matters applications.



Jo Brookbank from the Seal Scout Group with Michaela Kekerri, Development Manager from Tarmac on site after confirmation that the Seal Scout Group would have a permanent future on the site after Tarmac identified a barn for them to use.

Find out more!

Visit our website by scanning the QR code or by going to www.sevenoaks.tarmac.com



Have a question? Please do get in touch:

Call 0203 3706 735 or email georgekup@meeting-place.uk



**OPEN
DOOR
SESSIONS**
YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCILLORS PUBLIC SURGERIES



In addition to the right of every resident to come and ask questions at Town Council Committee meetings, Sevenoaks Town Councillors would like to make themselves available to talk about issues affecting individuals and neighbourhoods across the town.

Town Councillors will be available for regular Public Surgeries at the Bat & Ball Community Centre Cramptons Road, TN14 5DN.
At Cafe on the Vine Dartford Road TN13 3SU.
At House in the Basement Youth Cafe at the Stag TN13 1ZZ.



Members of the public will be welcome to meet their Town Councillors, and raise any local concerns. The first three surgeries will be at:

Saturday 13th January 2024	10am - 12pm	Meeting Room, Bat & Ball Centre
Saturday 10th February 2024	10am - 12pm	Cafe On the Vine
Saturday 9th March 2024	10am - 12pm	Meeting Room, Bat & Ball Centre
Saturday 13th April 2024	10am - 12pm	House in the Basement at the Stag
Saturday 11th May 2024	10am - 12pm	Meeting Room, Bat & Ball Centre

You can also contact your local Councillors between surgeries using the details shown on the back page. If you have suggestions to make the arrangements more accessible please let us know.



Delivering, protecting and enhancing community facilities

In the May 2023 elections, a new Sevenoaks Town Council was created and it has been working on finalising its aims and objectives for delivering projects for the local community - these have been formalised in Sevenoaks Town Council's third Community Investment Plan 2023 - 2027. All the Key Projects are being funded by planning levies and/ or external grants.

The Key Project Aims within the Community Investment Plan are:

- Masterplan for Town Centre & St John's Hill
- Green Link Feasibility Study - cycling and walking route linking Sevenoaks and Dunton Green
- 20 mph Signage Scheme implementation (subject to public survey)
- Pedestrian Crossing at Dartford Road near The Vine
- Pedestrian Crossing at Seal Hollow Road
- Electric No 8 Bus
- Wayfinding Signage
- Business Improvement District (BID) development
- Greatness Recreation Ground - consider and implement outcome of consultation
- Greatness Sports & Community Pavilion
- Refurbish St John's Hill Car Park Public Toilets
- Redevelop Oast House for Community Use

Sevenoaks Town Council when considering its budget for 2024/2025 wanted to ensure that voluntary groups and organisations within the town which provide such valuable services were still able to access grant funding, Local Organisation Grants have increased by 25% to £15k and Youth Grants have increased 105% rising to £8k. A new grant for Greensands Common has also been agreed.

The Town Council wanted to continue to deliver services and retain and increase its General Reserves which are vital when needed to support the local community.

For any organisation to operate effectively it needs a sound budget. The past couple of financial years have been difficult for most and with the current concerns over the 'cost of living' including utility costs, there are expected to be continued financial pressures in the forthcoming year. Please see overleaf for figures relating to Sevenoaks Town Council Budget for 2024 - 2025.

Some of the functions and facilities the Town Council provides:

7 play areas

6 community buildings

17 public open spaces

Cemetery

Total Financial Support to local organisations £63k

Youth services

2 allotment sites

Community events

Litter bins and litter collecting in open spaces

Public toilets

Bus shelters

(For full details see www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk)

**Average Band D home contributes
£145.33 per annum/
£2.79 per week**



Where does the £1,907,304 Sevenoaks Town Council budget come from?

ANNUAL PRECEPT

£1,437,614

75% of the budget comes from the domestic ratepayer's precept (council tax). The Town Council does not receive any portion of business rates or government grants.

INCOME FROM SERVICES

£428,800

23% of the budget comes from fees and services such as community halls, sports pitches, markets, cemetery, and cafe.

RESERVES

£40,890

2% of the budget will be from Town Council reserves that have been allocated from the Heritage Lottery Fund. £40,890 supports Bat & Ball Station during initial years of opening.

Wherever possible the Town Council aims to provide community facilities at the lowest cost possible to reduce the burden on the taxpayer. At the same time providing the facilities that the community wants and needs. This is often achieved by volunteers assisting in this for which the Town Council continues to remain grateful.

There are some facilities which are not commercially viable including maintenance of public open spaces, play areas and youth facilities, these do not generate income as they are free for public use.

Cost per average household (Band D): £2.79 per week

COMMUNITY SERVICES	ADMINISTRATION & FACILITATION	COMMUNITY INVESTMENT	LOCAL REPRESENTATION
Public Open Space - £459k (net cost £395k)	Council Administration £531k (net cost £493k)	Public Works Loan - £72k	Planning Consultation - £32k
Community Events - £70k (net cost £52k)	Council Offices - £50k (net cost £38k)	Contingency - £70k	Democracy costs (including elections) - £20k
Cemetery - £158k (net cost £79k)	IT - £35k	Local Grants to voluntary organisations - £63k	Total £52k (3%)
Community Venues - £208k (net cost £54k)	Insurance - £19k	Total £205k (11%)	
Markets - £43k (net income £8k)	Professional Fees - £15k		
Youth Provision - £62k (net cost £57k)	Total £650k Net Cost £588k (34%)		
Total £1m Net Cost £645k (52%)			

Total Annual Revenue Budget £1,907,304

Annual Cost per Household (Band D) £145.33 per year / £2.79 per week

An increase of £6.16 per year / 11 pence per week = 4.4% compared to 2023-2024



This leaflet provides a precis of the budget. Complete budget information is available to view on request or via Sevenoaks Town Council's website. Please forward any queries or comments you have regarding the budget by email to Linda Larter, Town Clerk, Sevenoaks Town Council, Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 3QG. Email: townclerk@sevenoakstown.gov.uk. www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk



SEVEN OAKS welcomes REFUGEES

Saturday 27 April

10:30 am 'Our Little House': CAPTAIN FANTASTIC



Join Captain Fantastic for entertainment and creative education! Kids will have a blast with hilarious age appropriate games, challenges, magic, and more!

Bought to you from the UK's No1 children's entertainment company, full of boundless energy and creativity this is a session your kids won't forget.

7:00 pm Concert Fundraiser



ELEKTRA Violin Duo

Elektra are breaking down barriers in classical music and challenging existing preconceptions, whilst bringing some of the world's best-loved music to life.

SQUEEZE A CROWD

Celebrate the sound of the 80s with the acclaimed covers band 'Squeeze a Crowd', and enjoy hit after hit from Crowded House, U2, The Pretenders, Fleetwood Mac, The Cranberries, R.E.M, and more!



Info and booking:
www.stagsevenoaks.co.uk
01732 450175

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW

10:30am



7:00pm



@sevwelref2023

www.sevenoakswelcomesrefugees.org





Volunteers Needed for Sevenoaks Summer Festival 2024

Saturday 22 June to Sunday 7 July
2024.

The Festival needs more helpers to share the organisational, administrative and promotional tasks not only during the Festival, but also from now onwards to make it happen.

Please get in touch if you can help ...

Message Ray Russell
chairman@sevenoaksfestival.org.uk

or '**Contact us**' on the website

MODEL RAILWAY QUEST PRESENTS:

SEVENOAKS MODEL RAILWAY SHOW

Sunday 28th July 10am - 4pm



DISCOUNTS
for TFL & rail staff

Adults: £7
Children/Over 65s: £5
Families: £15



17 scenic model railway layouts • Trade stands
REAL ALE bar • Cafe • FREE parking

Sevenoaks Primary School
Bradbourne Park Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 3LB

Early Bird Entry for pre-booked ticket holders (9:45am)
Book tickets at www.modelrailwayquest.com

SAMARITANS

Sevenoaks

Join our team of amazing volunteers

Be part of our team and help people
change their lives for the better.

Volunteer with us

We will train, mentor and
support you all the way.

To find out more and apply, visit
samaritans.org/volunteer

Email Sevenoaks.recruitment@samaritans.org

Sevenoaks Samaritans is part of Samaritans, a registered charity.

Forget-me-not Cafés



Companionship over a cuppa



Bat & Ball Station, TN14 5AP
10:30am - 12:30pm

Please note we've changed our dates to run
every **last** Wednesday of the month!

Dates for 2024

- 31st January - History of Bat & Ball Station
- 28th February - Sevenoaks Reserve History by Kent
Wildlife Trust
- 27th March - History of Chartwell by Chartwell National
Trust
- 24th April - River Hill Gardens History by Jane Rogers
- 29th May - 'Doodle Bugs come to Sevenoaks' talk by
Bob Ogley

There is free parking at Bat & Ball Community Centre or
free Blue Badge parking in the Station carpark.

Any queries please contact Iona Green
heo@sevenoakstown.gov.uk
01732 459953



BAT & BALL



Functions & Facilities provided by Sevenoaks Town Council

Precept

Sevenoaks Town Council's total revenue budget for the 2024/25 financial year is £1,907,304 per annum. The average Band D house would pay £145.33 per annum equating to £2.79 per week.

OPEN SPACES & LEISURE

- ALLOTMENTS:
Bradbourne Vale Road
Quaker's Hall Lane
- BETHEL ROAD BURIAL GROUND
- BRITTAINS COMMON
- BRITTAINS LANE WOOD
- GREATNESS RECREATION GROUND
- THE GREEN, HILLINGDON RISE
- HANGING BASKETS
- HORSE TROUGHS (*Old Police Station, Rheinbach Gardens, St Botolph's Road*)
- JUDD'S PIECE
- LAND AT:
Letterbox Lane
Littlewood
Tonbridge Road
- MUGA (Multi Use Games Area)
- MIDLINGS WOOD
- MILLPOND WOOD
- PLANTERS (*The Shambles, Dorset Street, Pembroke Road, London Road, Buckhurst Lane*)
- THE POUND, POUND LANE
- RALEY'S FIELD & KNOLE PADDOCK
- RHEINBACH GARDENS
- SEVENOAKS COMMON
- SPORTS PITCHES
- UPPER HIGH STREET GARDENS
- VINE CRICKET GROUND & PAVILION
- VINE GARDENS
Public toilet, telephone kiosk with defibrillator

- WAR MEMORIAL
- WHITE HART BEECHES
- WOODSIDE ROAD OPEN SPACE

CAR PARKS

- RALEYS CAR PARK

PLAY AREAS

- BUCKHURST LANE PLAY AREA
- GREATNESS RECREATION GROUND & PLAYGROUND
- HILLINGDON RISE PLAY AREA
- JULIANS MEADOW & PLAYGROUND
- KIPPINGTON MEADOW
- MOUNT CLOSE OPEN SPACE & PLAYGROUND
- PONTOISE CLOSE OPEN SPACE & PLAYGROUND

SERVICES

- BAT & BALL CENTRE
(formerly Sevenoaks Community Centre)
Available for hire: meetings, conferences etc.
- BAT & BALL STATION BUILDING (*including Café and rooms available to hire*)
batandballstation.com
- BUSINESS HUB
- BUS SHELTERS (*Dartford Road x1, Bradbourne Vale Road x2, London Road x2, Tonbridge Road x1*)
- CAFÉ ON THE VINE cafeonthevine.com
- CONSULTEES (*Planning, Highways, etc.*)
- GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS
- GREATNESS PARK CEMETERY

- HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT (HITB) YOUTH CAFÉ (*available for hire*)
 - INFO-PODS & DIGITAL DISPLAY SCREENS
 - LITTER BINS AND GRIT BINS
 - MARKETS (*Wednesday and Saturday*)
 - MASTERPLAN FOR NORTHERN SEVENOAKS
 - NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN
 - ORBITAL NO 8 BUS
 - PUBLIC CLOCKS (*Jubilee Clock Old Market House and Warren Clock above Brewers*)
 - PUBLIC SEATS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS
 - PUBLIC TOILETS (*The Stag, The Vine, Lower St Johns, Greatness Recreation Ground*)
 - SEVENOAKS TOWN TEAM
sevenoakspartnership.org
 - STAG COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE
Defibrillator in foyer
stagsevenoaks.co.uk
 - STREET LIGHTS IN SOME UNADOPTED ROADS
 - TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES/CHAMBER
Available for hire: meetings, conferences etc.
 - TWINNING WITH PONTOISE AND RHEINBACH
 - YOUTH COUNCIL sevenoaksyouthcouncil.com
- ## COMMUNITY EVENTS
- CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS IN TOWN
 - CIVIC FUNCTIONS
 - VINE BANDSTAND/FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

Town Councillors 2023-2027

NAME	PARTY	NAME	PARTY
EASTERN WARD		ST JOHNS WARD	
Cllr L Ancrum	Liberal Democrat	Cllr S Camp	Liberal Democrat
Cllr A S Clayton	Liberal Democrat	Cllr P Dixon	Liberal Democrat
Cllr S Layne	Liberal Democrat	Cllr D Skinner OBE	Liberal Democrat
KIPPINGTON WARD		TOWN WARD	
Cllr C Daniell	Liberal Democrat	Cllr V Granville	Liberal Democrat
Cllr C Gustard	Liberal Democrat	Cllr L Michaelides	Liberal Democrat
Cllr N Varley	Liberal Democrat	Cllr G Willis	Liberal Democrat
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