



Shoreham WI have been running a monthly Community Coffee Morning in Shoreham for the past 12 months and it has been an amazing success. People living on their own have particularly enjoyed the chance to pop in and find a friendly face. It is not a profit making venture but simply the WI helping to bring people together. Pictured are Mandy Vickers (president), Debby Rose, Sylvia Pointer and Diane Harris

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paramedics arrived to take me to hospital.  
To those who helped me, many thanks and I will never forget your kindness

**E Sowton**  
Clare Way, Sevenoaks.

**Collections raised £583 for charities**

ON behalf of president Bryan Harris, and the members of the Swanley and North Downs Lions club, I would like to thank the generous folk who contributed to our Christmas collections held in Hextable and West Kingsdown. A total of £583.49 was donated, and it will be shared between the Ellenor hospice team and others in need.

**Colin McRobert MBE**  
Secretary

**Pedestrian crossings proposed at three sites**

IT has been drawn to my attention that there are three proposals for three additional pedestrian crossings in Sevenoaks, at least one of which could be of interest to people from beyond the Sevenoaks area. One of these crossings would be on the A25 Seal Road at the junction with Mill Lane, and I agree that a crossing is definitely needed there because it is a dangerous place to cross the road, especially if one is coming out of the pathway through the Mill Pond Wood and heading for the Greatness playing fields, home to the local Sevenoaks football club.

Another proposal would be for a crossing on the A225 St John's Hill at

the Camden Road junction (adjacent to the top end of Wickenden Road) but I suggest instead re-siting the existing crossing from further down the hill, so as to be part way between its present site and the proposed new site. I suspect that the reasoning behind this proposed new site probably relates to the signposted route to and from Trinity School. However, youngsters from that school are more likely to come out of the lower junction with Wickenden Road so it would make sense to resite the existing crossing so as to be outside McColl's as many of the young people will no doubt be making their way to that shop.

The third proposal is for a crossing on the A225 Dartford Road at the junction with Vine Court Road and Hitchen Hatch Lane (there always used to be a lollipop patrol here at school times, but I think that has ceased some time ago).

This proposal does not go far enough as the junction with Vine Court Road and Park Lane can be dangerous for pedestrians walking up or down Dartford Road.

There really needs to be a much more radical project to improve all aspects of safety at this awkward junction.

**John Humphrey**  
Sevenoaks