

SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL AND GREEN INITIATIVES

For more in-depth details of Sevenoaks Town Councils' Green Aims and ambitions see

- Sevenoaks Town Neighbourhood Plan
- Sevenoaks Town Council Green Community Investment Plan

Available to view at www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk

Or to collect copies from the Town Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road

Friends of the Earth states:

Parish and Town Councils may not be as powerful as local authorities, but they can 'do their bit' in addressing the climate and nature emergency and be a force for change.

We all know that Climate Policies & Politics both nationally and internationally is very complicated. In local communities, people have an incentive and hopefully one day it will all become joined up.

Sevenoaks Town Council – Key Green Aims

1. Review its own operation and assets and put in place affordable and practical initiatives with long term green benefits for the local community.
2. Support and encourage local residents to pursue a Green way of life.
3. Lobby and work with partners, including other Councils to progress Green projects for the benefit of Sevenoaks town.

SOME PRACTICAL EXAMPLES BUILDINGS

Reviewing our Town Council assets
and retro fitting where possible, rather than new build
and when funds are
available to make more sustainable.

When designing and building new such as the
Bat & Ball Centre as sustainable as possible

Bat & Ball Centre

Incorporated as many 'green' features as possible including solar panels, automatic lights, increased insulation.



Bat & Ball Centre SUDS

(Sustainable Underground Drainage System, Water Retention)



TOWN COUNCIL LAND

**40 HECTARES OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, PARKS,
ALLOTMENTS, PLAY AREAS, SPORTS PITCHES**

PROMOTING ALLOTMENTS



PROMOTING BIODIVERSITY

FIRST TOWN OR PARISH IN
DISTRICT TO HAVE A 10%
BIODIVERSITY GAIN IN
PLANNING POLICY

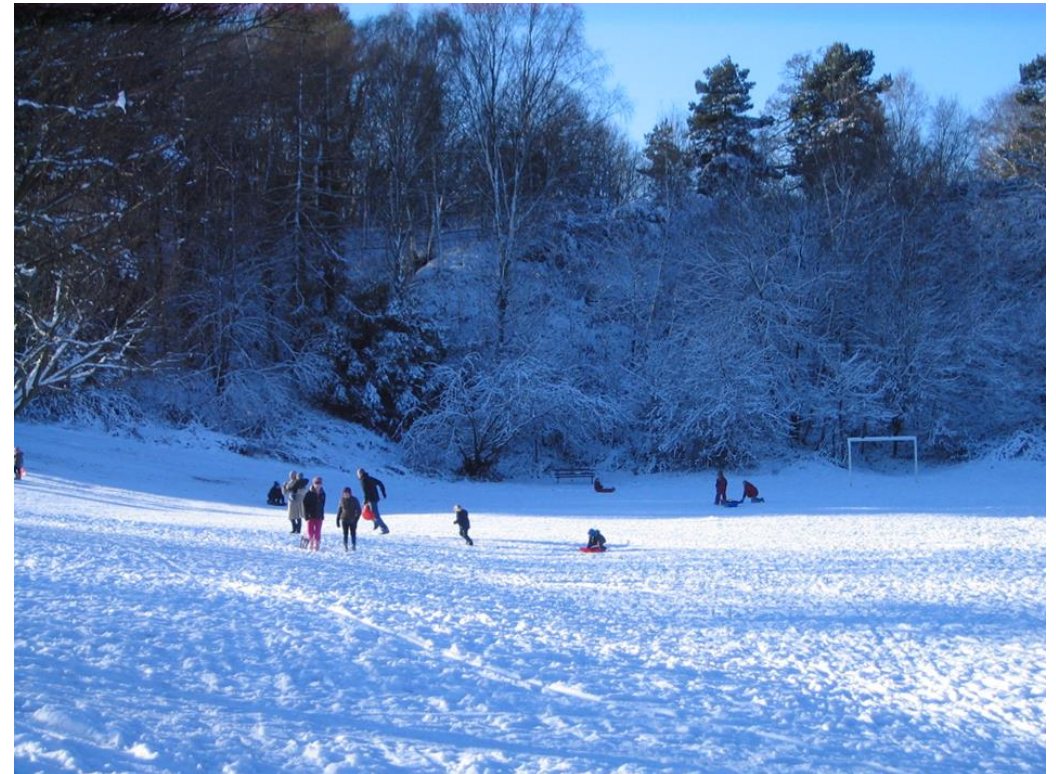
DUE TO NEIGHBOURHOOD
DEVELOPMENT PLAN

MORE EXAMPLES OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

Middlings Wood



Pontoise Close



And more ...

The Vine



Greatness Cemetery



Examples of Sevenoaks Town Council's Re-Wilding

The Pound



Bat & Ball Centre & wild planting areas

Formal areas for weddings & events



Wild planting areas for biodiversity

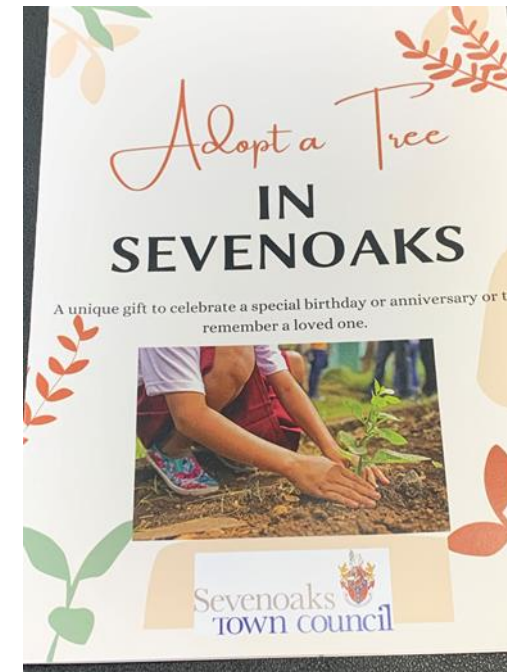


Sevenoaks – Town of Trees

**Planting more trees every year
(Greatness Rec – March 2024)**



**Encouraging the public to be
involved**



Purchasing & Protecting Open Spaces

Purchase of Longspring Woods (2024)

**Purchasing 14 acres of Ancient
Woodland**



**Amazing community fundraising
£100,000+ in 23 days!**



VEHICLES

Town Council using electric vehicles and machinery



Creating Sevenoaks Car Club and public electric charging points at the Town Council premises



OTHER GREEN INITIATIVES

Refill Scheme – public drinking fountains encouraging use of own water bottles

Sevenoaks Refill Scheme

Our new refill scheme aims to cut plastic waste and save you money!

Sevenoaks Refill Scheme locations:

- Sevenoaks Library
- Sevenoaks Town Hall
- Sevenoaks Sports Centre
- Sevenoaks Primary School
- Sevenoaks Secondary School
- Sevenoaks College
- Sevenoaks Community Centre
- Sevenoaks Cricket Club
- Sevenoaks Golf Club
- Sevenoaks Tennis Club
- Sevenoaks Football Club
- Sevenoaks Rugby Club
- Sevenoaks Hockey Club
- Sevenoaks Badminton Club
- Sevenoaks Table Tennis Club
- Sevenoaks Chess Club
- Sevenoaks Gardening Club
- Sevenoaks Book Club
- Sevenoaks Choir
- Sevenoaks Orchestra
- Sevenoaks Dance Company
- Sevenoaks Martial Arts Club
- Sevenoaks Judo Club
- Sevenoaks Karate Club
- Sevenoaks Taekwondo Club
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92% of Sevenoaks residents have pledged to use their own water bottles.

Let's make it green.

Sevenoaks Plastic Free Pledge

PLASTIC FREE SEVENOAKS

PROUD TO SUPPORT A SINGLE-USE PLASTIC FREE SEVENOAKS

TOGETHER WE WILL #BEATPLASTICPOLLUTION

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT WITH GREEN INITIATIVES

**Thermal Camera available to
borrow – no charge**



Edible Gardening



MORE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT WITH GREEN INITIATIVES

Involving young people in gardening
and cooking



Information Leaflet



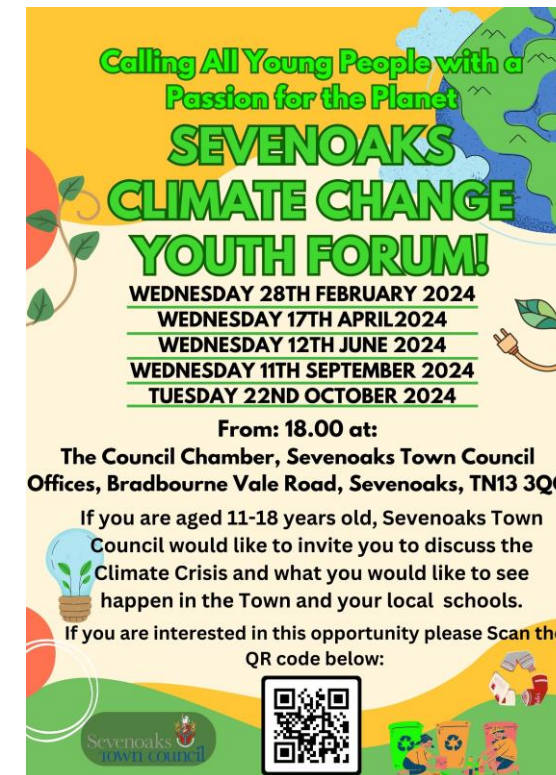
More examples of public engagement

Climate Fair

Working with SCAN



Climate Youth Forum



SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

Created and now member of Darent Valley
Community Rail Partnership

Linking 6 stations Swanley – Bat & Ball



Introduced the national award winning No 8 bus –
circular route around town

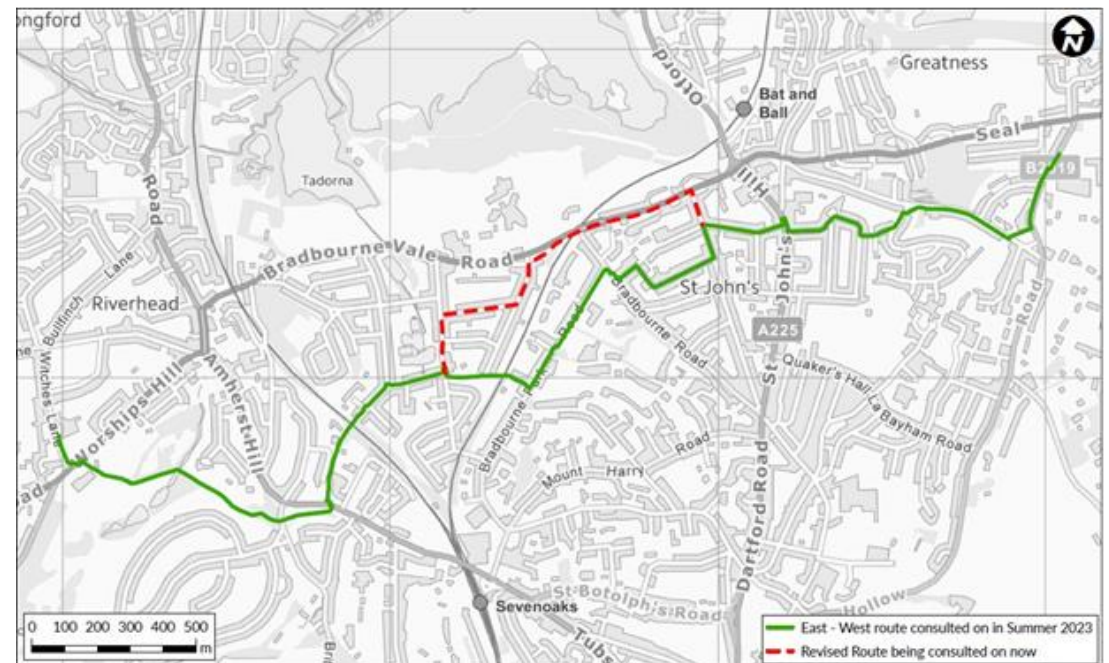


MORE SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

Providing Cycle Racks



Supporting and lobbying for cycle paths e.g. SDC East – West route



THANK YOU
ANY QUESTIONS ??