



From Sevenoaks Town Council for the Community of Sevenoaks

May 2017

A message from the new Mayor of Sevenoaks, Cllr Maxine Chakowa

It gives me great pleasure to be elected Mayor of this beautiful historic town and keeping up the good work that has been set by previous Mayors, with such a diverse community we have so many great shopping and services in this town to suit all needs, I'm looking forward to representing and telling everyone how fantastic Sevenoaks is. The Town Council have many great projects going on that will make Sevenoaks more vibrant and exciting to visit and live in. We have just started Sevenoaks fund which has been put in place to help four local charities.

This year I have chosen my charity as Breast Cancer Care . I have chosen Breast Cancer Care as they are the only UK wide charity providing care, information and support to people affected by breast cancer. For this reason, I also intend to support the launch of a Sevenoaks Breast Cancer Support Group.

When a woman or man is diagnosed with breast cancer the impact ripples outwards, affecting many people. Family, friends, employers, colleagues and acquaintances – the list goes on. I'm looking forward to meeting many of you on my journey this year.



West Kent Meditation's Top 10 tips to deter neighbourhood disputes.

As BBQ season gets under way WKM's realistic and practical tips, amassed from 20 years of service to West Kent communities, offer a diplomatic alternative to the many complaints made about nuisance neighbours to Environmental Health Departments each year.

WKM's Top Ten Tips to Deter Disputes

- Before you decide to have a party or BBQ that may be noisy or affect your neighbours in any way – let them know in advance, apologise for any inconvenience and ask if this will cause them any specific problems
- Ask your children to consider their neighbours whilst playing outside
- Look after the outside of your home – rotting rubbish is unpleasant for neighbours
- Keep trees and hedges regularly trimmed and in good condition
- Be considerate over parking on public roads
- If you have a dog, try not to let it bark for long periods of time, and clean up after your pets in communal areas
- Position speakers away from shared walls and try to use your appliances during the day
- When you move into a new neighbourhood, introduce yourself to your neighbours – perhaps offer and accept assistance
- Find and discuss common interests
- Remember we are all different and celebrate that. Life would be boring without it!!



SUMMER 2017 EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
31st May	12pm - 3pm	Knole Family Roadshow	The Vine
17th June	6pm - 11pm	Hospice in The Weald Moonlight Walk	The Vine
24th June	All day	Sevenoaks Charity Fayre	Bligh's Walk
25th June - 27th August	3-5pm	Free live music every Sunday	Vine Bandstand
29th June - 31st August	6-8pm	Free live music every Thursday	Vine Bandstand
15th July	12pm - 6pm	Sevenoaks Players performing Princeford Pals songs	The Vine Bandstand
21st July	6:00pm - 8.30pm	Live on The Vine	The Vine



Creation of a Sevenoaks Fund - to raise £1 million in 2017



The community of Sevenoaks has historically been generous in fundraising and donations for the provision of community facilities.

Notable amongst these are Sevenoaks War Memorial, Sevenoaks Community Centre and the Stag Theatre. This past generosity has provided facilities appreciated by all.

Today there are also many wonderful community organisations in our Town who are fundraising to provide improved facilities.

Sevenoaks Town Council has decided to launch the Sevenoaks Fund, to assist voluntary groups to share resources and fundraise for new facilities to be used now and in the future. The overall concept is based upon the idea of the community being direct beneficiaries of its own investment - similar to crowdfunding, but without the fees and constraints.

2017 will be the first year of the Sevenoaks Fund which has the ambitious target of raising £1m to support four local charities. If the Sevenoaks Fund is successful new projects will be considered for future years. The four projects being supported for 2017 are:



3G Pitch at Knole Paddock for Rugby

Help local children play sport on a surface they deserve

A floodlit all-weather 3G rugby/football/multi-sports pitch, on existing playing fields at Knole Paddock, will help Sevenoaks Rugby club give local children the facilities they deserve.

The Club is working closely with Sevenoaks Town Council, the RFU and our community to be a centre of excellence for rugby in the South East.

Eight hundred boys and girls aged 6-to-18 play for Sevenoaks. The Club runs four senior teams and our volunteering work in eight state Primary and six state Secondary schools is introducing rugby to a new generation of players.

Fundraising Target: £500,000

Town Council Contribution: £250,000

Project Total: £750,000



3G Greatness Recreation Ground for Football

Sevenoaks Town FC plays a major role in the local community providing football for over 700 people every week including junior football, girls' football, senior football and our powerchair football teams. Since 2007, the club has grown from 16 teams to 59 teams and, with this new facility accommodating further growth, we forecast that by 2019 we will be in excess of 68 teams.

Some of the main benefits of the new 3G pitch will be:

- an increase in training and match capacity at Greatness Park every week of the year for junior, youth and senior football with a hugely reduced risk of cancellation due to adverse weather conditions
- an opportunity to offer local primary schools a free two hour slot every week so they can utilise the facilities for their physical education classes or extra-curricular activities - promoting regular exercise and healthy living to their students without the fear of having to cancel sessions due to waterlogged school fields
- an opportunity to offer the facility to other local organisations, secondary schools and community groups

The installation of our new state-of-the-art 3G pitch is pivotal to the club's future and will enhance, grow and widen the provision of football the club is already offering.

Fundraising Target: £300,000

Town Council Contribution: £200,000

Project Total: £500,000



New Sevenoaks Day Nursery Building and Facilities

Sevenoaks Day Nursery is a charity that provides low-cost daycare for local children and emergency early years places for families in crisis. All of our children enjoy learning, playing and developing in a friendly, home-from-home environment.

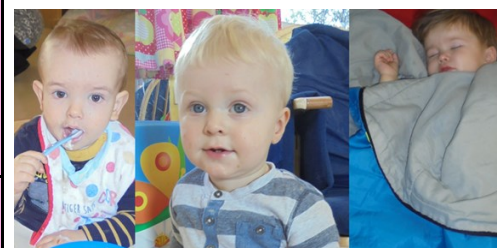
The parents and volunteers are currently fundraising to replace the ageing Nursery buildings on the Community Centre site.

Fundraising Target: £100,000

Town Council Contribution in kind (Project Management): £173,000

Project Total: £400,000

Funding also being sought elsewhere.



Stag Theatre & Cinema

Please help the Stag Theatre to keep developing as an important part of the local community. The building is sound and solid but the 1935 lath internal roof of the auditorium needs replacing so that it can last for another 80 years. So please donate generously and support your local theatre.

Fundraising Target: £100,000

Project Total: £100,000

To donate, please see website: www.sevenoaks.fund

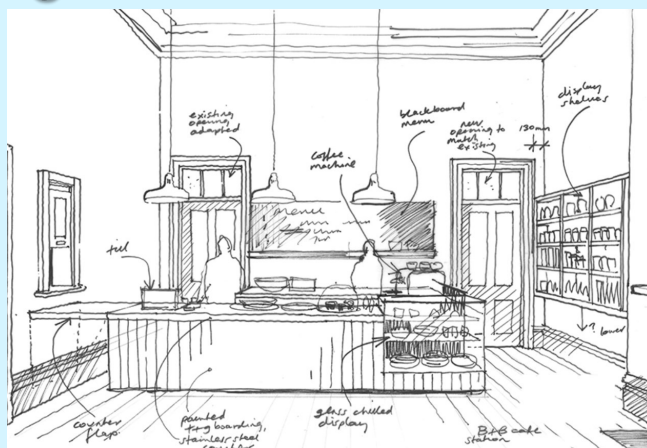


Bat & Ball Station regeneration

Sevenoaks Town Council with the help of the Friends of Bat & Ball Station are developing a £900,000 project with support from National Lottery Players through the Heritage Lottery Fund to renovate the station building on a 25 year pepper-corn lease and develop it into a sustainable community facility.

In the next few months we will be looking for volunteers to help progress the following parts of the project. If you are interested please contact Bonnie Tarling on 01732459953 or email admin.tp@sevenoakstown.gov.uk

- **Heritage Explainers** - recruitment of volunteers to learn and pass on details of the heritage of Bat & Ball Station and building.
- **Restoration Talks**
- **Children's Arts and Crafts workshops related to the station**
- **Hard Hat days enabling public to see and learn about the heritage and restoration**
- **Volunteer Researchers. To research and create historical records:**
 - Station Building
 - Station Building History
 - Significant events including two Royal visits
 - Railway Heritage significance
 - Memorabilia e.g railway posters
 - Impact on surrounding area and how it has changed including social history
 - Background of previous employees at Bat & Ball station/Vicinity.
- **Photographic/Video record of refurbishment of building**
- **Railway Children—to produce a reading of production**
- **Creation of website/information leaflets**



The above image indicates part of the plans.

Northern Sevenoaks Masterplan - Official Consultation

In 2016 Sevenoaks Town Council appointed URBAN INITIATIVES STUDIO to develop a Masterplan looking at Northern Sevenoaks in an attempt to guide and capitalise on future development to ensure it benefits local people and improves services and movement throughout the area. This Masterplan will help to inform policies in the Town Council's Neighbourhood Plan and the District Council's Local Plan Review both of which are currently being developed and will be the subject of further extensive public consultation exercises, and in the case of the Neighbourhood Plan a public referendum.

A number of pre-consultation events have now taken place open to members of the public and key stakeholders.

This pre-consultation has led to refinements in the draft plan taking into account feedback from members of the public and stakeholders.

The draft plan has now been finalised and consultation is open until **4th June 2017**.

Copies of the Masterplan draft can be collected from the Sevenoaks Community Centre and Sevenoaks Town Council Offices. Alternatively, you can view the draft and respond on our website:

STNP.co.uk/northernmasterplan

For more information or if you require assistance in responding to this consultation please contact Sevenoaks Town Council:

Tel: 01732 459 953 Email: planning@sevenoakstown.gov.uk

Town Councillors 2015-2019

NAME	PARTY
EASTERN WARD	
Cllr E T Waite	Liberal Democrat
Cllr A S Clayton	Liberal Democrat
Cllr Mrs P C Walshe	Liberal Democrat
KIPPINGTON WARD	
Cllr A Eyre	Conservative
Cllr R J Parry	Conservative
Cllr R L Piper	Conservative
NORTHERN WARD	
Cllr Mrs R E Parry	Conservative
Cllr P E Towell	Conservative
Cllr M Canet	Liberal Democrat
ST JOHNS WARD	
Cllr M A Chakowa	Conservative
Cllr R M C Hogarth	Conservative
Cllr S G Raikes	Conservative
TOWN WARD	
Cllr N J L Busvine OBE	Conservative
Cllr E Parson	Conservative
Cllr O Schneider	Conservative
WILDERNESSE WARD	
Cllr S L Arnold	Conservative

To contact a Sevenoaks Town Councillor, please use the following email format:
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i.e. To contact Councillor Piper, the email address would be:
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Functions & Facilities Provided By Sevenoaks Town Council

Precept

The Town Council's portion of the Council Tax for the Financial year 2017/2018 is £1,029,625 per year equivalent to £111 per Band D House.

- ALLOTMENTS
- ARMED FORCES DAY TOWN SUPPORTERS
- BETHEL ROAD BURIAL GROUND
- BRITAINS COMMON
- BRITAINS LANE WOOD
- BUCKHURST LANE PLAY AREA
- BUS SHELTERS (*Dartford Road x2, St John's Hill x3, Bradbourne Vale Road x1, London Road x4, Seal Road x1, Tonbridge Road x1*)
- CHRISTMAS TOWN ILLUMINATIONS
- CIVIC FUNCTIONS
- CONSULTEES (*Planning, Highways, etc.*)
- FREE SUMMER CONCERTS/ VINE BANDSTAND
- GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS
- GREATNESS PARK CEMETERY
- GREATNESS RECREATION GROUND & PLAYGROUND
- HANGING BASKETS
- HILLINGDON RISE PLAY AREA
- HITB (HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT) YOUTH CAFÉ
- HORSE TROUGHS (*Old Police Station, Rheinbach Gardens, St Boltophs Road*)
- INFO-PODS & DIGITAL DISPLAY SCREENS
- THE GREEN, HILLINGDON RISE
- JUBILEE CLOCK (*Old Market House*)
- JUDD'S PIECE
- JULIANS MEADOW & PLAYGROUND
- KIPPINGTON MEADOW
- LAND AT:
 - LETTERBOX LANE
 - LITTLEWOOD
 - TONBRIDGE ROAD
- LITTER BINS AND GRIT BINS
- SPORTS PITCHES
- MARKETS
- MIDDLEINGS WOOD
- MILLPOND WOOD
- MOUNT CLOSE OPEN SPACE & PLAYGROUND
- NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN
- ORBITAL NO 8 BUS
- PLANTERS (*The Shambles, Dorset Street, Pembroke Road, London Road, Buckhurst Lane*)
- PONTOISE CLOSE OPEN SPACE & PLAYGROUND
- PUBLIC TOILETS (*The Stag, The Vine, Lower St Johns*)
- RALEYS CAR PARK
- RALEYS & KNOLE PADDOCK
- RHEINBACH GARDENS
- SEVENOAKS COMMON
- SEVENOAKS COMMUNITY CENTRE – Available for hire – meetings, conferences
- SEVENOAKS TOWN PARTNERSHIP
- SEVENOAKS YOUTH COUNCIL
- STAG COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE
- STREET LIGHTS IN SOME UNADOPTED ROADS
- THE POUND
- TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES / CHAMBER – Available for hire – meetings, conferences
- TWINNING WITH PONTOISE AND RHEINBACH
- UPPER HIGH STREET GARDENS
- VARIOUS PUBLIC SEATS, VINE GARDENS (*including Public Toilet*)
- VINE CRICKET GROUND & PAVILION (*including Tea Kiosk*)
- VINE CAFÉ
- VINE WASTE
- VINTAGE BUS
- WAR MEMORIAL
- WHITE HART BEECHES
- WOODSIDE ROAD OPEN SPACE
- YOUTH COUNCIL

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Saturday Markets



Wednesday Market

High Street & Bligh's Meadow



Buckhurst Lane

