



# Sevenoaks Town Crier

From Sevenoaks Town Council for the Community of Sevenoaks

August 2017

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

It's been a very busy year so far.

I've had the honour of attending so many amazing end of year ceremonies and performances at local schools, it's been so wonderful to see all the talent there is in Sevenoaks.

We have also had the judging for South & South East in Bloom. When I walk around the town and see what lovely hanging baskets, outdoor play areas and open spaces we have and all the hard work local volunteers put in to make the town look amazing, in my mind we have already achieved a Gold Award.

I also held the Mayor's annual cocktail party at the beautiful Knole House which raised £7,000 for my chosen charity, Breast Cancer Care.

Which brings me on to the Breast cancer support group that I opened in June this year with the very generous support of the Province of West Kent Freemasons as part of their CALM appeal. The group is open every Tuesday 10.30-12.30 in the House in the Basement. It has been well received in Sevenoaks as it was important to have a local place for everyone to meet.

I wish you all a great summer and look forward to reporting back on all the wonderful things that are happening in our town.



Sevenoaks  
Breast Cancer  
Support Group



## **Green Flag for The Vine:**

This year The Vine was awarded a coveted Green Flag Award as a quality park. This national and internationally recognised standard is a first for Sevenoaks and, we believe, possibly the District.

With its iconic buildings, dignified war memorial and famous oak trees the park draws visitors from far and wide.

To build on this recognition the Town Council is working with two local firms to further enhance The Vine Gardens.

Reuthers Nursery & Gardens, renowned for its award winning rhododendrons, is taking over two beds in the autumn at the Vine and planting them with new and vibrant shrubberies.

F W Conway Ltd and Spadework are supporting the Town Council in its long term plan to rejuvenate the gardens and upgrade the herbaceous borders. The Council would be interested to hear from other businesses who may like to be involved in the future of the gardens. All companies will have promotional plaques and associated publicity in the renovation scheme for these historic gardens.

Part of the long term plan is also to have more community involvement in the evolution of the area and the Council would like to hear from local community gardening groups, charities and individuals who would like a 'hands on' gardening involvement.

Please contact [townclerk@sevenoakstown.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@sevenoakstown.gov.uk) for more information.



## Town Council supports claimed public right of way under railway arches

Sevenoaks Town Councillors met on Monday' the 3rd July 2017 to consider a request from Kent County Council for evidence supporting a claimed public right of way between Morewood Close and Bosville Drive in Sevenoaks under the arches of the mainline railway. Councillors felt strongly that the recently closed path had provided a key link for residents in the area for many decades, allowing them access to the mainline station easily and quickly. During its work on the Sevenoaks Town Neighbourhood Plan the Council has become increasingly aware that the railway lines in Sevenoaks act as significant blockages to pedestrian and cycle movements in the Town, turning what should be short journeys into 10-15minute diversions. The Town Council is keen to support any initiatives which minimise this blockage to movement.

To assist with the call for information the Town Council has produced a pro forma witness statement which can be used by members of the public to record their experience using the path to assist with Kent County Council's consideration process.

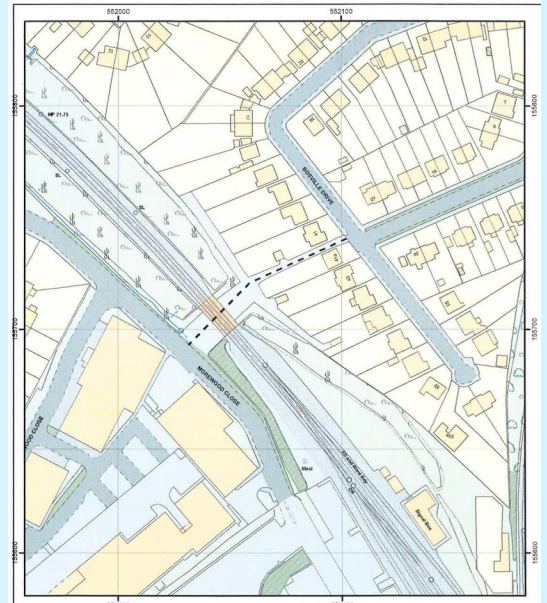
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## Sevenoaks Fund £1m Fundraising in a Year £212,595 raised to date!

### Please donate, every £1 counts

At the end of 2016 Sevenoaks Town Council agreed to launch an ambitious project named the Sevenoaks Fund with the aim of fundraising £1m in a year for four local charities.

Sevenoaks Town Council has committed £450,000 and £173,000 in kind to the four community projects 1) 3G Rugby Pitch, 2) 3G Football Pitch, 3) new buildings for Sevenoaks Day Nursery, 4) new auditorium ceiling for the Stag Theatre.

The funds raised to date have enabled the new 3G Football Pitch at Greatness Recreation Ground to be provided – due to open for the 2017 football season. Residents and local businesses are encouraged to donate big or small to enable the other three charities projects to proceed.

The Sevenoaks Fund is a bespoke crowdfunding website with the aim of investing the local pound into local community facilities.

The bespoke website avoids fees and difficult conditions that such a large fundraising target would have via commercial sites.

Full details relating to the Sevenoaks Fund can be viewed at

[www.sevenoaks.fund](http://www.sevenoaks.fund)

### School and community Visits:

Sevenoaks Town Council owns and maintains many historic and interesting sites in the town and welcomes schools visits and participation in local projects. If your school or local group is interested in any of the open spaces or woodlands for conducting a visit or project.

please contact Ann White  
dtc@sevenoakstown.gov.uk

## Sevenoaks Breast Cancer Support Group



**Tuesdays 10.30 - 12.30**

House in The Basement TN13 1ZZ

*Free to attend, fully accessible.*

Cllr Maxine Chakowa has chosen Breast Cancer Care (charity no. 1017658) as her chosen charity for her civic year starting 15th May 2017.

In addition to raising funds and awareness for the national charity, the Mayor also wants some of the funds raised to be used locally. Funding of the Sevenoaks Breast Cancer Support Group is part of this initiative.

The Mayor is grateful to the Province of West Kent Freemasons who have generously offered to underwrite the costs for the years relating to the Support Group. The Mayor is also grateful to Breast Cancer Care who will be providing supporting literature and information for those attending.

### **The West Kent Freemasons are delighted to support the Mayor of Sevenoaks' Charity Appeal:**

As part of Freemasonry's Tercentenary Celebrations, the Provincial Grand Master of West Kent, Mark Estaugh, announced on 2 May that his members would be donating £10,000 to every Mayor in their Province.



This will be organised by the local Freemasons' "Community Appeal for Local Mayors" (CALM), and will be made up of donations from individual Lodges and members from across the Masonic Province of West Kent.

This £10,000 donation can then be used to support each individual Mayor's chosen charity for their year.

In Sevenoaks Town the Mayor is supporting Sevenoaks Breast Cancer Support Group.

Speaking at a recent Mayors Appeal Launch Dinner, Mark Estaugh explained:

"We are celebrating 300 years of the creation of the United Grand Lodge of England, and to mark this special occasion we want to forge stronger links our local communities, and be open and transparent about our organisation and its work. We are therefore delighted to support all of our local Mayors with a £10,000 donation for each of their chosen charities. "

The purpose of the West Kent Freemasons' CALM Appeal is to try to reach all the local communities in every part of the Province. The six boroughs that will be covered are: Bexley; Bromley; Dartford; Royal Tunbridge Wells; Sevenoaks; and Tonbridge & Malling.

### **Sevenoaks Commons:**

Sevenoaks Town Council is pleased to be an active partner in the Greensands Commons Project being run by Kent Wildlife Trust and Sevenoaks District Council.

A Heritage Lottery Grant is being sought by Kent Wildlife Trust and SDC with the aim of promoting the Commons along the Greensand Ridge by raising awareness and making them more accessible to the public.

More information can be obtained from [www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk)





## Town Councillors 2015-2019

| NAME   | PARTY            |
|--|------------------|
| <b>EASTERN WARD</b>  |                  |
| Cllr E T Waite   | Liberal Democrat |
| Cllr A S Clayton   | Liberal Democrat |
| Cllr Mrs P C Walshe  | Liberal Democrat |
| <b>KIPPINGTON WARD</b>   |                  |
| Cllr A Eyre  | Conservative     |
| Cllr R J Parry   | Conservative     |
| Cllr R L Piper   | Conservative     |
| <b>NORTHERN WARD</b>   |                  |
| Cllr Mrs R E Parry   | Conservative     |
| Cllr P E Towell  | Conservative     |
| Cllr M Canet   | Liberal Democrat |
| <b>ST JOHNS WARD</b>   |                  |
| Cllr M A Chakowa   | Conservative     |
| Cllr R M C Hogarth   | Conservative     |
| Cllr S G Raikes  | Conservative     |
| <b>TOWN WARD</b>   |                  |
| Cllr N J L Busvine OBE   | Conservative     |
| Cllr E Parson  | Conservative     |
| Cllr O Schneider   | Conservative     |
| <b>WILDERNESSE WARD</b>  |                  |
| Cllr S L Arnold  | Conservative     |
| <p>To contact a Sevenoaks Town Councillor, please use the following email format:<br/>Cllr.surname@sevenoakstown.gov.uk</p> <p>i.e. To contact Councillor Piper, the email address would be:<br/>Cllr.piper@sevenoakstown.gov.uk</p> |                  |

## 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

### Sevenoaks Town Council

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Saturday Markets



Wednesday Market

High Street & Bligh's Meadow



Buckhurst Lane

