



From Sevenoaks Town Council for the community of Sevenoaks :

June 2018

A Message from Sevenoaks' new mayor...

The Town of Sevenoaks is a constantly refreshing place to live and work. Its reputation for being a great place to visit has been established for many years and it has grown to include the highly successful Stag Community Arts Centre, celebrating 10 years since it was saved by the Town Council, and which underpins the thriving restaurants in the evenings and weekends.



The job of the Town Mayor of Sevenoaks is made much easier when backed up by the confidence that we have something special here. It cannot be pickled in aspic and will always be changing. Who would have guessed we would have so many Coffee Shops, all bustling with customers? The Town Council has its own popular Café on the Vine as well as the Youth Café at House in the Basement. Ten years from now, the dynamics will have brought new changes to the look and feel of the town but of one thing I am absolutely sure, it will be better. Even so, the essence, that hard to define quality of Sevenoaks will still be there.

For the next 12 months, it will be my duty and pleasure to show appreciation for all that the Town offers residents and visitors alike and to show its virtues off to the wider world.

This year also marks the centenary of the end of the Great War. The Town will join together to commemorate this historic moment and will reflect on what can be learned.

Last year's Mayor, Councillor Maxine Chakowa, was such a ray of sunshine throughout her year that it is going to be very hard to follow in her footsteps. She was hugely successful in raising funds and awareness for the Breast Cancer Care charity.

For 2018-19 the Mayor's Charity will be the Sevenoaks Powerchair Football Club. We have one of the top teams in the country and I encourage everyone to come along to see them play. It will be a Paralympic Sport in 2024 and, who knows, Sevenoaks may contribute players to the national team. I will be supporting this and three other charities via the Sevenoaks Fund.

If you see me in Sevenoaks, please come over and say "hello".

Cllr. Roderick Hogarth - Mayor of Sevenoaks

Freeman Harry Garrett

Sevenoaks Town Council is pleased to announce the planting of a tree in Pontoise Close Play Area on Friday 27 April 2018 to celebrate the 100th Birthday of local resident Harry Garrett.

Harry is a well-known local resident and often seen out and about in the Bradbourne Lakes area of the town.

For many years he has kept a watching eye on the Pontoise Play Area and quickly reported any faults or concerns about the park to the Town Council. His vigilance has gained him the name of 'Sheriff of Pontoise'.

In honour of the duty he has given to his Country and his town, Sevenoaks Town Council proposes to convey upon him the honorary title of Freeman of Sevenoaks.





**Total Annual Budget =
£1,651,731**

Where the money comes from:



65% (£1,088,593) of the budget comes from the town domestic ratepayers precept. The council receives no business rates nor government support grants.



34% (£555,826) of the budget will come from fees and services such as community halls, sports pitches, markets, cemetery, and cafes.



1% (£7,312) of the budget will come from council reserves to make Bat & Ball station building cost neutral in initial phase of operation.

What it will cost local taxpayers:



**£114.95 per year
(£2.21 per week)**



An increase of £4.42 per year or 9p per week compared to 2017-18

Average Band D Household:

Wherever possible, the council aims to provide community facilities at zero net cost to reduce the burden on local taxpayers.

However, exceptions to this include maintenance of public open spaces and play areas, which do not generate income as they are free for public use.

Capital investment plans are funded by Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), grants and asset disposals.

Where the money goes:

Sevenoaks Town Council has made public its ambitious Community Investment Plan to provide new community facilities including a new Bat & Ball Centre, new sports facilities and continued investment in the Stag Theatre.

In addition, since 2014, further opportunities to benefit the community have come available. This includes refurbishment of the Bat & Ball Station, for which the Town Council successfully obtained a Heritage Lottery grant of £756k, and various proposals within the Northern Sevenoaks Masterplan.

The Town Council also sold the Raley's site and is reinvesting funds into future community assets, including £95k towards Sencio Leisure Centre.

The Council is mindful of the financial resources required to maintain current community facilities and meet the ambitions of the Community Investment Plan. For this reason, inclusion of a 'Development Fund' enables new projects and loans to be provided to release essential cash flow.

Sevenoaks Town Council is also committed to ensuring that current community facilities are refurbished and maintained for future generations (e.g. new public toilets at Greatness Recreation Ground) and that funding is not reduced for voluntary groups who do so much for Sevenoaks.



ARMED FORCES DAY
armedforcesday.org.uk

the official Armed Forces Day takes place on

Saturday 30 June 2018
Vine Gardens,
Sevenoaks TN13 3UH
10:00 - 4:00


Come join us and experience our armed forces day and enjoy:

- WWI Based activities
- Poppy Making
- Concert Bands
- Charity Fayre with many stalls

With many more interesting activities...

 **ARMED FORCES DAY**
SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

 **SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL**



We are pleased to announce the opening of a new play area at Kippington meadow.

The opening was on the 29th May and had local residents attending along with children's entertainer.

SEVENOAKS VINE BANDSTAND
Sevenoaks Town Council present you with a series of free open air concerts...

Sevenoaks Summer Festival
24th June - 1st July 2018
&
2nd - 30th August 2018
(Bands playing Thursdays 6-8pm & Sundays 3-5pm)

 **Sevenoaks Town Council**

At the Vine Bandstand TN13 3UH



A History of Sevenoaks



by Janet Davies

How much do you know about the history of Sevenoaks?

Try this quick quiz:

1. Which engineer helped build the first railway line to Sevenoaks?
2. Where was the original Sevenoaks workhouse?
3. Who rang a bell each morning, to 'wake the lazy people of Riverhead'?

(Check your answers at the bottom of the article)

A history of Sevenoaks by Janet Davies is on sale now at Sevenoaks Bookshop and local libraries, priced £7.99. It answers questions like these and explains why Sevenoaks became a settlement and then eventually a prosperous town.

Full of bite-sized snippets of information, fun facts and lots of pictures, this is an essential reference book for school children (and an interesting quick read for grown-ups too!)

1. Thomas Crampton. Cramptons Road was named after him. The first railway line to Sevenoaks terminated at Bat and Ball, not Sevenoaks (Tubs Hill).
2. It was on St John's Hill (often known as 'Workhouse Hill' in the past).
3. Francis Crawshay, who bought Bradbourne Hall in 1870.

Public WC at Greatness Rec

Sevenoaks Town Council are pleased to announce that the new public toilet at Greatness Recreation Ground is now open. The facility was opened by Chairman of Open Spaces & Leisure Committee, Cllr Richard Parry.

Along with the new public toilet a new noticeboard has been installed to provide information about events, meetings and emergency contact details for the public.

These facilities have been provided as a response to requests from local residents. The funding for the provision for these new facilities has come from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) which is paid by developers relating to their planning applications.



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

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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 2018/2019 is £1,088,593 per year equivalent to £114.95 per Band D House.

- ALLOTMENTS:
Bradbourne Vale Road
Quaker's Hall
- ARMED FORCES DAY TOWN SUPPORTERS
- BAT & BALL STATION BUILDING
BETHEL ROAD BURIAL GROUND
- BRITAINS COMMON
- BRITTAINS 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
- CONSULTANTS (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 Botolph's 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
- MARKETS
- MASTERPLAN FOR NORTHERN SEVENOAKS
- 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
- RED CROSS BUILDING
- RHEINBACH GARDENS
- SEVENOAKS COMMON
- SEVENOAKS COMMUNITY CENTRE – Available for hire – meetings, conferences
- SPORTS PITCHES
- SEVENOAKS TOWN PARTNERSHIP
- 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
Public Toilet
Telephone Kiosk with defibrillator
- VINE CRICKET GROUND & PAVILION (including Tea Kiosk)
- VINE CAFÉ
- VINE WASTE
- VINTAGE BUS
- WAR MEMORIAL
- WHITE HART BEECHES
- WOODSIDE ROAD OPEN SPACE
- YOUTH COUNCIL

Please consider donating to the Sevenoaks Fund...



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The Town Council or its Committees meet on most Monday evenings at 7 pm and members of the public are welcome to attend. For further details of the meetings please contact the Town Council Offices - 01732 459953. council@sevenoakstown.gov.uk www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk

