



From Sevenoaks Town Council for the community of Sevenoaks

May 2019

A message from the new Sevenoaks Mayor, Councillor Nick Busvine OBE

It is an honour to have been elected Mayor of Sevenoaks and to have the opportunity over the coming year, both to promote the town, and to thank all those who contribute in a myriad of ways to building and supporting our local community. I should pay tribute, too, to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Roddy Hogarth and his wife Mary, who have been tireless over the past year in representing the town and supporting the Powerchair Football Club as the Mayor's charity, as well as those benefitting from the Sevenoaks Mayor's Fund.

Your Town Councillors – from whatever party – are dedicated to making Sevenoaks a wonderful place to live in, work in and visit. We are an activist council, with fantastic staff and a nationally recognized track record for delivering worthwhile community projects. As Mayor, I will be

looking to gather local views on how the Town Council should be shaping its future strategy. We have an exciting year ahead; we will see, for example, the start of the building of the new Bat & Ball Centre and the finalizing of the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

My own association with Sevenoaks stretches back to the 1960s. I grew up and was educated here. My career with the Diplomatic Service took me away from Sevenoaks for some 25 years. But the homing instinct was strong. My wife, Madeleine, now teaches at St Thomas's primary school and our three daughters were all educated locally.

During my time as a diplomat, I was posted to a range of conflict-torn environments and worked very closely with members of our Armed Forces. I therefore have some understanding of the stresses and strains that so many soldiers, sailors and airmen have had to endure in recent years. For this reason, I have chosen **SSAFA** as the Mayor's principle charity this year. I hope very much that I can help raise SSAFA's profile locally, encourage some new volunteers to sign up and raise some much-needed funding. For more information on SSAFA and on how you might be able to help, please see the article on page 2.

In addition to SSAFA, the **Sevenoaks Air Cadets** will also be a Mayor's Charity, and I will continue to support the two unfinished projects within the Mayor's Sevenoaks Fund namely the 3G Rugby Pitch at Knole and Stag refurbishment.



Sevenoaks TOWN council

Band	Day	Date	Timing
DVYM	Sunday	23rd June 2019	A
The Granville School	Thursday	27th June 2019	A
Sevenoaks & Tonbridge Concert Band	Sunday	30th June 2019	B
Fred Clark	Thursday	4th July 2019	B
Ian Fox	Sunday	7th July 2019	A
Mainly Sax	Thursday	1st August 2019	B
Oxted Band	Sunday	4th August 2019	B
East Peckham Silver Band	Thursday	8th August 2019	A
Biggin Hill Concert Band	Sunday	11th August 2019	B
Il Quarteto	Thursday	15th August 2019	B
London Saxophone Choir	Sunday	18th August 2019	B
Night Owls	Thursday	22nd August 2019	B
Bosville Valley Stompers	Sunday	25th August 2019	B
Orpington Band	Thursday	29th August 2019	A

FREE Concerts Vine Bandstand, TN13 3UH during Sevenoaks Summer Festival & August 2019

Timing	A	B with half hour interval
Sundays	3-5pm	3-5:30pm
Thursdays	6-8pm	6-8:30pm

SSAFA, The Armed Forces Charity, is delighted to have been chosen as the Mayor's Charity for this year.

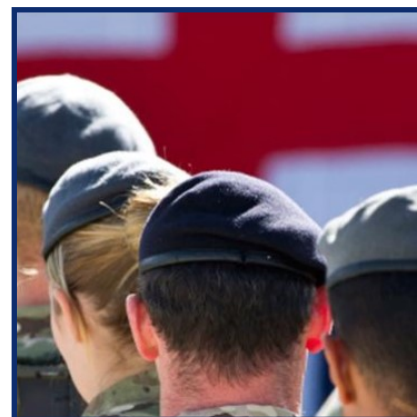
The Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association, as it was then, was founded in 1885 to support the families of those servicemen heading to Khartoum with the 2nd Expeditionary Force, and The Countess Stanhope of Chevening was President of the Sevenoaks Division. It's a long time ago, but we are proud that our SSAFA volunteers in West Kent continue that tradition of support for those that have served, and their families.

So much has changed for the better within the armed forces' environment in the intervening years, such as the introduction of military pensions, compensation for injury, family housing, the NHS and statutory benefits. But much remains the same – the stress of injury, be that physical or mental, homelessness, the downward spiral of addiction, family separation and breakdown or just not being able to cope. Anyone who has received a full day's pay from the armed forces is eligible for support from our volunteer caseworkers who will work on a one-to-one basis to support that person and their family during a time of need. We may not be able to solve all the issues directly – we cannot offer medical, legal or financial advice and nor do we have housing – but we will work to find answers with the other service charities, local authorities, our CAB debt advice and the NHS to try and find the best solution for an individual's situation.

We hope this year as the Mayor's Charity will enable us to help more members of the military family by raising awareness of what we can do, but also promote The Armed Forces Charity to those who would like to volunteer with us, to help those servicemen and women, veterans, reservists and their families who feel vulnerable, perhaps out of step in the civilian world, and are seeking help.

The charity has teams of volunteer caseworkers throughout the country and we have nine in Kent, including our West Kent Division which embraces the area from the Surrey, Sussex and London borders to the edge of Maidstone, with Sevenoaks at its heart.

If you need help, would like to volunteer in any capacity or can offer support in any way, please do contact Margaret Wood, Branch Secretary at kent.branch@ssafa.org.uk, see the website www.ssafa.org.uk or call on 01622 792 363.



Here is a selection of events taking place in the Sevenoaks Town area from May to July



Town Charity Fayre

Saturday 29th June, 10am-4pm
Vine Gardens

Following last year's Charity Fayre, which was held on Armed Forces Day, the Town Council has decided to host the Fayre and Armed Forces Day together once more, with a host of activities to entertain the townsfolk of Sevenoaks.

For details of how to apply for a charity stall, contact: Michèle MacDonald on 01732 459 953 or email: council@sevenoakstown.gov.uk

Sevenoaks Breast Cancer Support Group

Every Tuesday 10.30am-12.30pm
HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café, TN13 1ZZ

Sevenoaks Breast Cancer Support Group hold a weekly meeting with regular guest speakers, treatments in relaxation and helping Lymphoedema and the best coffee and cake around.

council@sevenoaks.gov.uk

Vintage & Gift Fair

Saturday 25th May, 10am-3pm

The Stag Plaza, London Road

Fabulous locally-produced arts and crafts, unique vintage items and unusual gifts. Free entry.

www.eventissima.co.uk

Bouncy Kingdom

Wednesday 29th May - 2nd June,
Session 1: 11.30am-2.30pm
Session 2: 3pm-6pm

Greatness Recreation Ground
TN14 5BX

Bouncy castles, family rides and other attractions. Just £8.99 per session!

Open Mic Nights

Fridays 31st May & 28th June

HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café

Sevenoaks Town Council invites local young people to join in with our end of term summer festival to gain experience of performing LIVE to the public!

Please go along to the Open Mic Nights on the last Fridays in May and June to secure yourself a chance to perform at our...

Live on the Vine 2019

Friday 19th July

Vine Bandstand, TN13 3UH

There will be stalls and music, and the event will closed at 8pm by the most sought-after social media singer, Robbie White.



Councillor Pam Walshe retires from being a Town Councillor

After 32 years of dedicated service to the community, Councillor Pam Walshe has retired.

At a meeting on 29th April, Mayor Roddy Hogarth presented Pam with an engraved shield.

She was elected as a councillor in 1987 and was Town Mayor twice: in 1994-95 and again from 2008-09.

At the start of Pam's time with the council, Peter Storey was Town Clerk; and in February 1995, Barbara Sorensen became Clerk whilst Pam was Mayor.

When Pam was Mayor during 2008-09, she welcomed another new Town Clerk, Linda Larter, and saw the Council expand to take over the Stag Community Arts Centre, a project close to her heart, being very supportive of the dramatic arts. During this second year of office as Mayor, she held a literary competition which was very well-attended.

She has also chaired numerous committees over the years and has used her wealth of experience for the benefit of all.

She is still very interested in the participation of young people in HOUSE in the Basement and the Youth Council.

Sevenoaks Town Council would like to say a huge 'thank you' to Pam for her lengthy service to the local community and we wish her well in her retirement.



DNG EVENTS BRING

BOUNCY KINGDOM

OUR FIRST EVER VISIT!

WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY TILL SUNDAY 2ND JUNE
GREATNESS RECREATION GROUND | TN14 5BX

ENTRY £8.99 PER ADULT
UNLIMITED FREE RIDES

DAILY SESSIONS
Session 1: 11:30 - 2:30pm
Session 2: 3pm - 6pm
Ages 2 - 12

NEW ATTRACTIONS | BOUNCY CASTLES | FAMILY RIDES



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TOWN PARTNERSHIP

Sevenoaks Town INDEPENDENT SHOPPING EVENT

Come celebrate our wonderful array of independent businesses! All participating businesses will be offering fantastic discounts in store.

THURSDAY 4TH JULY 2019

CURRENT PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES
Horncastles - The Peacock Rooms - The Chinaman
Leslie Warren Opticians - County Clothes - MacMan
Sevenoaks Bookshop

For more information or to sign up to the event please contact Bonnie Tarling
on: 01732 459953 or admin.tp@sevenoakstown.gov.uk



Application forms to nominate the business of your choice within the following categories are now available on the Sevenoaks Town Partnership website or by emailing admin.tp@sevenoakstown.gov.uk

- ⇒ Independent Retailer of the Year
- ⇒ National Chain Retailer of the Year
- ⇒ Sevenoaks Apprentice of the Year
- ⇒ New Business (under 5 years)
- ⇒ Customer Choice – only category voted for by the public
- ⇒ Micro-enterprise of the Year
- ⇒ Judges' Choice – nominated by judges.

This year, the awards ceremony will be held at Knole Academy on Friday 13th September when the winners of each category will be announced. For more information please contact Bonnie Tarling on 01732 459 953 or email admin.tp@sevenoakstown.gov.uk

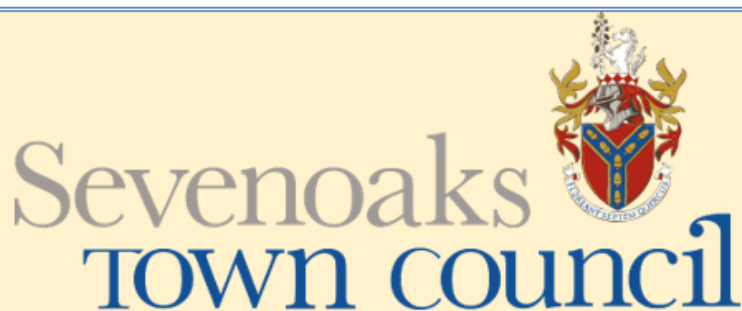


There are advertising opportunities available in Town Crier!

We currently distribute more than 1,500 hard copies across Sevenoaks Town and email it out to many addressees, some of whom send it on to their own distribution lists.

If you are interested in placing in an advert and reaching the whole of Sevenoaks Town, please contact us on towncrier@sevenoakstown.gov.uk or call Ruth on 01732 459953.

Full A4 page - £150 +VAT | **Half A4 page** - £100 +VAT | **Quarter A4 page** - £50 +VAT



Grant funding available for voluntary organisations, groups and charities in Sevenoaks

Do you need money for a good cause or project to benefit the community?

Applications can be made using the grant application forms via the website www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk or obtainable from the Sevenoaks Town Council Offices.

The next deadline for applications is 9th August 2019.

The decision on the grant applications will be made at a Finance & General Purposes meeting on 16th September 2019.

The meeting is open to the public and applicants may comment on their application.

For more information please contact Sevenoaks Town Council, Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 3QG.

Tel: 01732 459953 or email council@sevenoakstown.gov.uk



Chevening National Garden Scheme

The pleasure grounds of the Earls Stanhope at Chevening House are today characterised by lawns and wooded walks around an ornamental lake. First laid out between 1690 and 1720 in the French formal style, in 1770s a more informal English design was introduced. In early C19 lawns, parterres and a maze were established, and many specimen trees planted to shade woodland walks. A new cascade, modelled on a 1718 predecessor, commemorates 250 years of the Stanhope family's ownership of Chevening and 50 years' stewardship by the Board of Trustees. Gentle slopes and gravel paths throughout.

This is a wonderful opportunity to visit the historic gardens with the woodland, lake, maze and new cascade. Plants can also be bought from an independent nursery and you can buy tea and cakes on site in aid of Chevening Church. The car park is free.

Gardens open 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Admission: £7.00 | Children under 16: £1.00

Pay on entry

Dogs on short leads welcome

Wheelchair access at main features

Plant sale

Refreshments available

Should you require any additional information please call the Chevening Estate Office on 01732 744809.

**NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME**
Garden Open For Charity

Chevening

Nr Sevenoaks, TN14 6HG

Sunday 2 June
2 - 5pm
Adults £7 Children £1

TEA DOGS WELCOME PLANTS FOR SALE WHEELCHAIR ACCESS

More information at ngs.org.uk

Registered Charity No. 1111549

Get yourself a plot at the Quaker's Hall Allotments and benefit from the health benefits you gain from growing your own produce



Imagine picking your own sun-kissed strawberries. How about sweet corn picked fresh and cooked just minutes later? Salad? You can have lettuce in June – and in January. Do you make your own jam? It tastes a

lot better than store-bought and better still when made with fruit from bushes you have lovingly tended yourself. As do freshly-dug potatoes and fresh brassicas, which could provide part of your five-a-day throughout the winter.

If this appeals to you, have you thought about having your own allotment? We currently have vacancies at the Quaker's Hall Allotments in Sevenoaks. If you start now, you could be harvesting your own produce by the summer.

Of course, having your own allotment requires time and effort and, like any farmer, you will sometimes battle with elements, be it the 'beast from the east' or the scorching summer of 2018. But the rewards of hard work and patience can be considerable, and you will have the pleasure of working with nature in a beautiful environment where many of the plots offer stunning views of the North Downs.

For families, the allotments provide the ideal opportunity for little ones to engage with the natural environment and discover where some their food comes from; and that hard work in the fresh air also brings health benefits for young and old alike.

With many experienced growers on site, you will also find that help and advice are never far away. Supplies are available at very reasonable prices from the allotment Trading Centre every Sunday, which is where volunteers from Sevenoaks Allotment Holders' Association (SAHA), are on-hand to answer your questions.

Whether you are an experienced gardener or a novice, you can soon become part of the allotment community. Get to know your neighbours at SAHA's monthly Brew & Bacon Butty mornings (through-out the main growing season), at the Solstice Tea or at the annual Summer Fair. What's not to love about that?

Interested? Contact Ruth at allotments@sevenoakstown.gov.uk and experience the rewards of allotment gardening.



Macular Society

Beating Macular Disease

Have you or has anyone you know been diagnosed with a Macular condition?

Do you understand what this means for you?

Do you want to meet others and to find out more?

Why not come along to the Sevenoaks Macular Support Group meeting.

They are held on the fourth Thursday of every month from 10.30am to 12.00noon, at: Stag Community Arts Centre, (upstairs foyer – there is a lift) London Road, TN13 1ZZ.

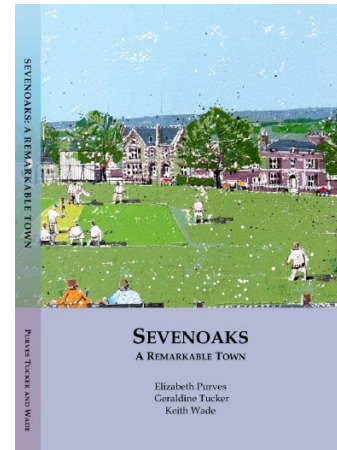
Just turn up or call me for more details: Stella Black (Regional Manager Macular Society) on 07494 467 980.

We would love to see you there.

Sevenoaks: A Remarkable Town

The accompanying book to the Sevenoaks Heritage Exhibition relates the 900 year old tale of Sevenoaks through its heritage buildings, artefacts and iconic landmarks such as the Vine cricket ground. Knole and the historic Town Centre, the old landed estates, farms, public houses, industry, schools, churches and the Town's expansion following the arrival of the railway are all covered. The book is fully illustrated with photographs and paintings.

The book will be on sale in the Sevenoaks Library Kaleidoscope Gallery during the period of the Heritage Exhibition from 19th June to 6th July at a special discount price of £10. All proceeds go to the Sevenoaks Society. Copies will also be available in the Sevenoaks Bookshop and the Bat & Ball station café for £14.95.



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Like getting a little help from your friends®

OUR LOVING, CARING, COMPASSIONATE SENIORS ARE THERE TO HELP.

There's a huge difference in the kind of home care you can receive from someone who really understands what your life is like as a senior; the concerns you have; your need for independence. Someone who, like you, has a lot of living experience under his or her belt.

Are you looking to help others?

We are always keen to hear from life-experienced, caring, compassionate, active, seniors who have time on their hands and feel they would like to help other seniors with similar interests. Why not be a provider of our non-medical home support services for other less active seniors?

01732 495665

enquiries@seniorshelpingseniors.co.uk
www.seniorshelpingseniors.co.uk



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Are you looking for help for yourself or a loved one?

As people get older they often find that they don't have the time or the energy for the things they once took for granted, such as mowing the lawn, preparing good meals or being sociable. Now there is help available for just what you need:

- We carefully match people's requirements and give you the chance to be supported by that one individual
- We arrange for you to meet your helper before any work is carried out so that you know you'll get along
- We offer free consultations and charge at an hourly rate, helping to keep you on budget

Seniors Helping Seniors will help you stay independent longer by providing non-medical home support services

Call us today and schedule a free assessment.



Community Policing Volunteer

A link between the police and your community



Could this be you?

We're looking for volunteers to play a new role in community policing.

Are you interested?

Volunteers will need to commit 16 hours a month and will be working alongside regular officers, special constables and police community support officers to reduce crime and improve community safety.

Register your interest at www.kent.police.uk/CPV



Kent Police

- Find 'Kent Police' on Facebook
- Follow us on Twitter: @kent_police
- Follow us on Instagram: @kentpoliceuk
- Visit our website: www.kent.police.uk

*Do you own a horse?
Do you have some free time and want to give something back to your local community?
Well, why not exercise your horse while volunteering with Kent Police as a **Community Policing Volunteer Equine**?
This exciting new role has just been launched countywide and we are looking for willing volunteer riders to assist us in making rural Kent safer.
To find out more please email 12654@kent.pnn.police.uk*



SEVENOAKS IN BLOOM 2019 BEST DRESSED WINDOW COMPETITION

THEME FOR 2019 IS RED, WHITE & BLUE COLOURS & EDIBLE PLANTS!

3 WINNERS WILL EACH RECEIVE 1 MONTHS ADVERTISING ON OUR COMMUNITY SCREENS (Stag Foyer, Sevenoaks Mainline Station & Bat & Ball Station)

WINDOW DISPLAYS DURING WHOLE OF JULY WITH JUDGING ON 15th JULY

TO ENTER PLEASE CONTACT BONNIE TARLING ON 01732 459 953 OR EMAIL OSL@SEVENOAKSTOWN.GOV.UK

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Schools Competition 2019



As part of this year's entry into South & South East in Bloom, schools are invited to take part in a competition to inspire gardening and cooking with vegetables.

From Pot to Plate

Step 1 Choose seeds and plants to grow the vegetables and herbs to make a tomato and basil soup

Step 2 Produce and bring along a photographic journal/scrapbook/portfolio with horticultural notes to be judged on 5th July.

Step 3 Bring along your tomato and basil soup to be judged by the Sevenoaks in Bloom Committee on Friday 5th July at 10.00am at HOUSE in the Basement, Sevenoaks, TN13 1ZZ.

For a sample recipe, please email Bonnie Tarling at STC on admin.tp@sevenoakstown.gov.uk



Functions & Facilities provided by Sevenoaks Town Council

Precept

The Town Council's portion of the Council Tax for the financial year 2019/2020 is £1,882,554 per year, which is equivalent to £118.43 per average Band D household. This is an increase of £3.48 per year, or 7p per week, compared with 2018/2019.

OPEN SPACES & LEISURE

- ALLOTMENTS:
*Bradbourne Vale Road
Quaker's Hall Lane*
- BETHEL ROAD BURIAL GROUND
- BRITAINS COMMON
- BRITAINS LANE WOOD
- THE GREEN, HILLINGDON RISE
- HANGING BASKETS
- HORSE TROUGHS (*Old Police Station,
Rheinbach Gardens, St Botolph's Road*)
- JUDD'S PIECE
- LAND AT:
*Letterbox Lane
Littlewood
Tonbridge Road*
- MIDDLEINGS WOOD
- MILLPOND WOOD
- PLANTERS (*The Shambles, Dorset Street, Pembroke Road, London Road, Buckhurst Lane*)
- THE POUND, POUND LANE
- RALEY'S FIELD & KNOLE PADDOCK
- RHEINBACH GARDENS
- SEVENOAKS COMMON
- SPORTS PITCHES
- UPPER HIGH STREET GARDENS
- VINE CRICKET GROUND & PAVILION
- VINE GARDENS
*Public toilet, telephone kiosk with
defibrillator*
- WAR MEMORIAL

- WHITE HART BEECHES
- WOODSIDE ROAD OPEN SPACE

CAR PARKS

- RALEYS CAR PARK

PLAY AREAS

- BUCKHURST LANE PLAY AREA
- GREATNESS RECREATION GROUND & PLAYGROUND
- HILLINGDON RISE PLAY AREA
- JULIANS MEADOW & PLAYGROUND
- KIPPINGTON MEADOW
- MOUNT CLOSE OPEN SPACE & PLAYGROUND
- PONTOISE CLOSE OPEN SPACE & PLAYGROUND

SERVICES

- BAT & BALL STATION BUILDING (*including Café and rooms available to hire*)
batandballstation.com
- CAFÉ ON THE VINE cafeonthevine.com
- CONSULTÉES (*Planning, Highways, etc.*)
- GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS
- GREATNESS PARK CEMETERY
- HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT (HITB) YOUTH CAFÉ (*available for hire*)
- INFO-PODS & DIGITAL DISPLAY SCREENS
- LITTER BINS AND GRIT BINS
- MARKETS (*Wednesday and Saturday*)
- MASTERPLAN FOR NORTHERN SEVENOAKS
- NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN
- ORBITAL NO 8 BUS

- PUBLIC SEATS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS
- PUBLIC TOILETS (*The Stag, The Vine, Lower St Johns, Greatness Recreation Ground*)
- SEVENOAKS COMMUNITY CENTRE
Available for hire: meetings, conferences etc.
- SEVENOAKS TOWN PARTNERSHIP
sevenoakstownpartnership.wordpress.com
- STAG COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE
Defibrillator in foyer
stagsevenoaks.co.uk
- STREET LIGHTS IN SOME UNADOPTED ROADS
- TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES/CHAMBER
Available for hire: meetings, conferences etc.

- TWINNING WITH PONTOISE AND RHEINBACH
- VINTAGE BUS
- YOUTH COUNCIL sevenoaksyouthcouncil.com

EVENTS

- ARMED FORCES DAY TOWN SUPPORTERS
- CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS IN TOWN
- CIVIC FUNCTIONS
- VINE BANDSTAND/FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

PROPERTY

- BUSINESS HUB (*former Red Cross Building*)
- BUS SHELTERS (*Dartford Road x2, St John's Hill x3, Bradbourne Vale Road x1, London Road x4, Seal Road x1, Tonbridge Road x1*)
- JUBILEE CLOCK (*Old Market House*)
- WARREN CLOCK (*above Brewers*)

Town Councillors 2019-2023

NAME	PARTY	NAME	PARTY
EASTERN WARD		ST JOHNS WARD	
Cllr A S Clayton	Liberal Democrat	Cllr S Camp	Liberal Democrat
Cllr T Morris	Liberal Democrat	Cllr R M C Hogarth	Conservative
Cllr E T Waite	Liberal Democrat	Cllr S G Raikes	Conservative
KIPPINGTON WARD		TOWN WARD	
Cllr A Eyre	Conservative	Cllr K Bonin	Conservative
Cllr R J Parry	Conservative	Cllr N J L Busvine OBE	Conservative
Cllr R L Piper	Conservative	Cllr Lise Michaelides	Liberal Democrat
NORTHERN WARD		WILDERNESSE WARD	
Cllr M Canet	Liberal Democrat	Cllr Mrs R E Parry	Conservative
Cllr V Granville-Baxter	Liberal Democrat	To contact a Sevenoaks Town Councillor, please use the following email format:: Cllr.surname@sevenoakstown.gov.uk eg. to contact Councillor Piper, the email address would be: Cllr.piper@sevenoakstown.gov.uk	
Cllr C Shea	Liberal Democrat		

Town Clerk/Chief Executive:

Linda Larter MBE:

townclerk@sevenoakstown.gov.uk

Deputy Town Clerks:

Ann White:

dtc@sevenoakstown.gov.uk

Hugh D'Alton:

deputy.clerk@sevenoakstown.gov.uk

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

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