

News and information for the community of Sevenoaks



IT'S OFFICIAL! Woodland is secured



It is with great pleasure that the Mayor of Sevenoaks, Cllr Libby Ancrum, has signed the conveyancing papers for the purchase of Longspring Woods.

This could not have been achieved without the outpouring of support from the Sevenoaks community — from schoolchildren to local businesses — who stepped up with donations and pledges.

A total of £102,975 was pledged in just 23 days towards the purchase price of £185,000 for the 14 acres of ancient woodland.

Protected

This was matched by a substantial contribution from Sevenoaks Town Council, and now the purchase has completed, and the woodland is protected as a community

asset for future generations to come. The Town Council is preparing a Management Plan for the ongoing sustainability of the woodland, and also a community engagement plan.

For further details on this, please view the webpage dedicated to the project on the Town Council website. This includes background, as well as the original Feasibility Study.

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Dates for your diary

Saturday 7 September

12noon-7pm

Street Food Festival, Vine Gardens

FREE ENTRY

**Live music, children's crafts, a variety of food and drink.
(www.heartofsevenoaks.co.uk)**

Saturday 21 September

10am-4pm

Sevenoaks Bike Festival, Vine

Gardens FREE ENTRY

Test rides and children's test ride track (see page 11 and

www.sevenoaksbikefestival.com)

Saturday 5 October 10.30am-4pm

Vegan Market, Vine Gardens

FREE ENTRY

Live music, a range of vegan food and drink (see page 12 for

advert and see more at

www.veganmarkets.co.uk)

Friday 18 October

Business Awards. See page 8 for entry details.

Sunday 10 November

10.50am

**Remembrance Sunday Service,
Vine War Memorial. All welcome.
Road closures.**

Saturday 7 December 7.30-11pm

Holly Party, Bat & Ball Centre. Join the Christmas party (see page 7).

Saturday 30 November 3pm-

5.30pm (Lights switched on at 4.30pm)

**Christmas Lights Switch On event,
High Street, Sevenoaks (see page
7 for full details).**

Forget-me-not Cafés



Companionship over a cuppa



Dementia-friendly cafe at Bat & Ball Station

TN14 5AP
10:30am - 12:30pm

Every last Wednesday of the month. Enjoy a warm welcome plus interesting talks and activities with refreshments. Free event.

DATES TO JAN 2025

<u>28th August</u>	Being the Town Crier of Sevenoaks, a talk by Chris Conlan
<u>25th Sept</u>	Local Kent Heroes and Heroines, a talk by Bob Ogley
<u>30th Oct</u>	The Roman villa at Otford, a talk by archaeologist Kevin Fromings
<u>27th Nov</u>	Christmas Crafts from Creative Minds and festive refreshments
<u>29th Jan</u>	First cafe of 2025! Talk on Pearly Kings and Queens

Parking:
 There is free parking at Bat & Ball Centre or free Blue Badge parking in the Station carpark.

Any queries please contact Helen Cook
Comm@sevenoakstown.gov.uk 01732 459953





Join the Friends of Greatness Recreation Ground!



Why Join?

- Help Make a Difference:** Play a direct role in enhancing the beauty and utility of our park.
- Community Spirit:** Meet like-minded neighbours and work together on exciting projects.
- Family Fun:** Great opportunities for family activities and educational projects for kids.
- Health & Wellness:** Enjoy the physical and mental benefits of spending more time in nature.



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Mayor looks forward to busy and exciting autumn for town

For me, September always has a feeling of fresh starts and new ventures. There is a thrill of excitement in the air with the new school year and a return to work with a refreshed sense of purpose.

The Town Council has been busy over the summer implementing the detailed plans for making Sevenoaks a safer, greener place for all our residents to move around. We are delighted that children will be returning to school this Autumn with arrangements in place to improve traffic flows and to make it better for walking and cycling around the town.

Our objective to promote active and sustainable travel, as set out in the Local Neighbourhood Plan, is ongoing. As a dog owner, I have become acquainted with the network of footpaths which criss-cross Sevenoaks and In July I enjoyed the opportunity to share that with a number of residents who joined me in exploring some of the more hidden routes (see below).

I am looking forward to further developments to improve the walking and cycling routes here in Sevenoaks. On 21st



September the town council is adding another first to activities on the Vine with a **Bike Festival** organised by the Town Team, an event which we are pleased to support. September is turning out to be especially busy. On Saturday 28th September we are

celebrating the Opening of Longspring Woods as a Community Asset.

It was with a real sense of privilege that I signed the conveyancing documents for the purchase of this Ancient Woodland to be preserved for the enjoyment of all Sevenoaks residents.

Of course, this only happened because so many of you came forward to contribute to the initiative, a fitting tribute in this 50th anniversary year of the town council.

Another date for the diary which I would particularly like to highlight is 12th October Bradbourne Riding for the Disabled sponsored ride in Knole Park. As one of the two charities which I have nominated for support this year, I am pleased to be joining them in the park. Bradbourne RDA has a long and valued history in Sevenoaks and having celebrated its 60th anniversary last year is even older than the Town Council itself.

**Councillor Libby Ancrum,
Mayor of Sevenoaks**



Green walk and talk on hidden footpaths

The Mayor of Sevenoaks, Councillor Libby Ancrum, held a Green Walk and Talk on Saturday 20th July around some of the footpaths of Sevenoaks enjoyed by participants both two and four-legged.

It was a chance to discover some of the lesser-known parts of the town and appreciate the verdant backwaters. The walk ended at The Vine where one local resident of 30 years-standing declared that they had ventured on footpaths previously unknown to them despite living in the town for many years.

The Mayor said afterwards: 'Thank you to all who joined me on the walk. It's always a great pleasure to meet residents who like me enjoy walking in Sevenoaks town as well as showing our town off to visitors.'



8th Green Flag Award for The Vine

The Vine has been awarded Green Flag status for the 8th year running since joining the accreditation scheme in 2017 and is officially recognised as one on the country's best parks.

Volunteers from local organisations and businesses, together with Sevenoaks Town Council staff, have worked tirelessly throughout the year to make the gardens look their very best this year.

Clr Dr Merilyn Canet, Chair of the Community Asset Working Group, said: "The Vine is a vital focal point for the town and its people. It is a green space



enjoyed by all generations remaining Oak following for picnics and music, the Great Hurricane of specialist markets, sharing 1987 and is also home to environmental ideas and the seven younger trees." She added: "We will continue to maintain this historic ground. "The Vine is also a valued park for future people. It is a green space sanctuary for the last generations."

20mph signage is underway



Works to install 20mph signposts started on 12th August and will continue until 1st September, with the purpose of being installed primarily during school holidays.

When will it come into force?

Some additional works including road markings may take place after 1st September, prioritising night-time work where possible, to minimise traffic disruption. It will be enforceable from 1st October 2024.

From 1st September, KCC will advertise the intention to adopt the new speed limits, with opportunity for public to comment for 21 days from date of publication.

How will it be enforced?

This is a signage-only scheme designed to be self enforcing, and will be enforceable in the same way as any other speed limit.

See www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk for more information.

Parking survey to go ahead for St John's area

The parking situation in the St John's area can be strained, with residents often unable to park close to their homes, as well as cars blocking driveways and partially parking on the pavement, hindering pedestrian access.

On Monday 22nd July 2024, Sevenoaks Town Council's Finance & Delivery Committee resolved to commission a parking and beat survey to be conducted on various roads within the St John's area (see map on right).

The parking survey will map existing parking restrictions and where both on-street and off-street parking is, as well as engaging with Sevenoaks Primary School, Kent County Council (the Highway Authority) and Sevenoaks District Council (owners of the two car parks and responsible for parking enforcement) to understand any concerns, aspirations and recommendations for parking in the area. Analysis will be made of where parking pressures are the greatest and the likely reason for this, in order to inform potential parking control strategies to reduce the strain on residential parking.

The beat survey will record where and for how long vehicles park on the roads within



the study area as well as the two car parks between 6pm-9pm on a neutral weekday (Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday). A further beat survey will be conducted for the two car parks on a Saturday.

These surveys will help to understand the volume of commuters who may be using these residential roads and how this could be discouraged via short parking restrictions during the day. The benefit of

conducting a parking and beat survey at this stage is that the St John's Masterplan can incorporate the suggestions and take into account any impact of potential future development.

Work experience database available for young people

Sevenoaks Youth Council has compiled a comprehensive database of local companies and organisations offering work experience opportunities. If you are interested in adding your business to the database, please email:



Youthwork@sevenoakstown.gov.uk

To view the database and learn more about the work experience opportunities in a variety of industries, please go to: www.sevenoaksyouthcouncil.weebly.com (Work Experience - SEVENOAKS YOUTH COUNCILLORS (weebly.com))

This initiative aims to bridge the gap between young people seeking practical work experience and eager to nurture the next generation of talent.

Council scoops Gold Award

Sevenoaks Town Council has received a prestigious Gold Award as part of the Local Council Award Scheme – one of just 51 councils in the UK to do so.

This achievement recognises that the council achieves good practice in governance, community engagement and council improvement.

Moreover, Sevenoaks Town Council goes above and beyond their legal obligations, leading their communities and continuously seeking opportunities to improve and develop even further.

The Local Council Award Scheme is a peer-assessed programme that has been designed to both provide the tools and encouragement to those councils at the beginning of their improvement journeys, as well as promoting and



recognising councils that are at the cutting edge of the sector.

The accreditation lasts for a period of four years.

It is through the sector working together to share best practice, drive up standards and supporting those who are committed to improving their offer to their communities that individual councils and the sector as a whole will reach its full potential.

Responding to the award, Sevenoaks Mayor, Councillor Libby Ancrum, commented: "Congratulations are due to everybody. We all know we are working with a great team but it's great to get official recognition."



Family fun day for all

Dinosaurs rampaged through a family fun day in Sevenoaks but everyone loved it – including Sevenoaks Mayor Cllr Libby Ancrum.

The event, on Thursday August 1, was arranged by Sevenoaks District Council.

The Fun Day was hosted at Greatness Recreation Ground by the Town Council who also

put on extra entertainment, including a visit from Razor the Tyrannosaurus, Tribus the Triceratops, Stripe the Velociraptor and Venom the Dilophosaurus from the Dinosaur Puppet Show.

Around 200 people flocked to the event in brilliant sunshine with slushies and candy floss on hand for refreshments.

Bat and Ball Centre now licensed for weddings

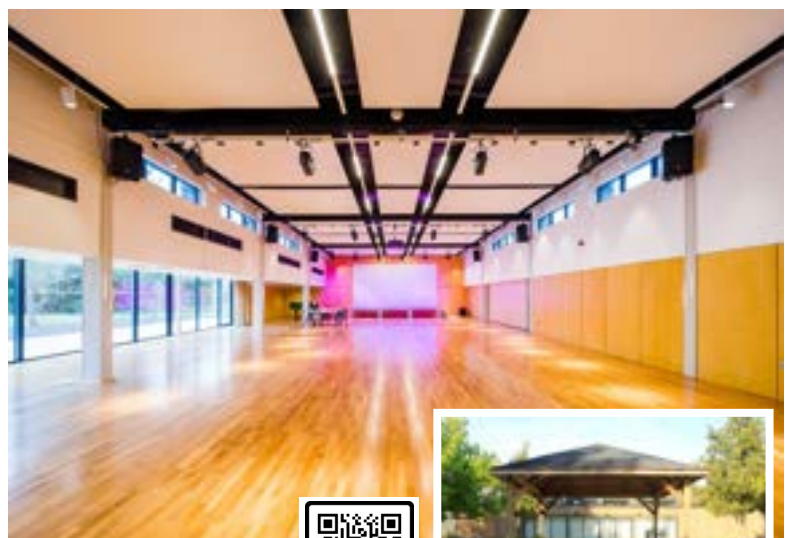
The Bat and Ball Centre in Sevenoaks is now registered as an Approved Premises for civil marriages and partnerships, offering the perfect backdrop for your special day.

The venue boasts abundant natural light with floor to ceiling windows overlooking the verdant garden and charming wooden gazebo, available for outside ceremonies in the summer months.

The centre is conveniently situated for easy road and rail connections to London and the M25, with the benefit of easy parking.

Hire the venue and create it bespoke for your vision with all the personal and stylish touches you would like to see, bringing in your own caterers to the fully equipped kitchens.

The centre is available for dry-hire and can seat up to 160 guests for the ceremony. Take a virtual tour by scanning the QR code (right) or via the hall hire page on the STC website. To express interest in hiring the venue for marriages, please call 01732 459953 or send an email inquiry to: halhire@sevenoakstown.gov.uk



Scan QR code for a virtual tour of the Bat and Ball Centre



Thermal Image Camera Loan Scheme



Give your home a free thermal MOT!

As part of its Green Investment Plan, Sevenoaks Town Council has created a Thermal Imaging Scheme to help local residents identify cold and damp spots and where heat may be lost within their home.

The council has purchased two Thermal Imaging Cameras which are available to borrow for residents within the Town Council's parish boundary.

Thermal Imaging accuracy is dependent on weather conditions with dark, colder days being most useful to identify problem areas.

Internal and external areas of the building can be scanned, however if the weather is bright and sunny, it will not be possible to take exterior scans as the

sun's rays will distort readings.

Thermal Imaging Cameras can be borrowed by residents at no charge; however, the Town Council will charge a late fee of £25 a day if the Camera is not returned on time.

This is to cover the additional administrative processes required to re-arrange bookings for other users and ensuring the camera is set up in good time.

Residents using the camera will also be asked to complete and agree to Terms and Conditions of Hire and complete a short questionnaire so that the success of the scheme can be evaluated.

Visit www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk or call 01732 459953 for information.



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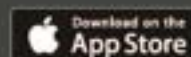
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Children's Christmas light competition



Deadline for entries is September 26!



From this ...to this!



Design a REAL Xmas light!

Young designers aged 0-11 years are invited to submit a design which could become a REAL Christmas Light!

The winning design will be manufactured into a Christmas light to be displayed in Sevenoaks.

Above is last year's winner Lottie viewing her very own light design with then Mayor Cllr Shea.

Pick up entry forms at:

- The Vine Cafe (TN13 3HU)
- Sevenoaks Town Council Offices (TN13 3QG)
- The Bat & Ball Cafe (TN14 5AP)

Return entries to STC offices.

Entries close on September 26th.

For more information see advert below.

Sevenoaks CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

Daytime slot this year for Lights Switch-on

Sevenoaks Town Council is delighted once again to provide a Christmas Lights Switch-On event to launch the festive season in Sevenoaks.

This family-friendly outdoor event will take place on **Saturday 30th November 2024** in Sevenoaks from **3pm to 5.30pm**.

The Mayor will switch on the lights in Sevenoaks High Street at **4.30pm**.

The event will include live entertainment, fairground rides, Father Christmas Grotto, stall holders, food concessions and street entertainment.

The High Street and part of Akehurst Lane will be closed from 1.30 -6.30pm.

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18+

DESIGN A Christmas LIGHT COMPETITION

Calling all young people **aged 0-11**
Your design could become a **REAL** Christmas Light displayed in Sevenoaks!

Here are some fun ideas to get you started:

- Angels
- Christmas tree
- Bells
- Reindeer
- Candles
- Snow people

Entries close on September 26th

To pick up an entry form please pop into either:

- The Vine Cafe (TN13 3HU)
- The Bat & Ball Cafe (TN14 5AP) or
- Sevenoaks Town Council Offices (TN13 3QG)

or **Scan the QR Code**

For more information, please contact:

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Town Team Update



The work of Sevenoaks Town Team is constantly evolving and in recent weeks the Team has been assisting with organising and promoting the **Sevenoaks Street Food Festival** on September 7th and the **Sevenoaks Bike Festival** on September 21st.

The **Vegan Market** is now a firm favourite and that returns on October 5th. All these take place in the Vine Gardens, where, by the time you read this, the installation of the tree uplighting scheme should be complete.

This will not only create a new attraction in the town but provide greater security through having the gardens gently illuminated.

The **Sevenoaks Business Awards** are held during September and October with the Awards evening being on Friday October



Sevenoaks Business Awards 2023

18th. Nominations for your favourite business are invited and forms can be downloaded: www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk

There are seven categories, so at least one should be perfect for your nominee.

Many towns now have a **BID**

(**Business Improvement District**) which is set up to build business and hence the overall economy and wellbeing of a town. Sevenoaks was well down the path to doing this before, but the project stalled due to Covid. Consultations are now

progressing with the business community to decide whether to establish a BID for Sevenoaks. See www.sevenoaksbid.co.uk for details. The website is open for all to visit, but views are only sought from the businesses which would contribute.

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House in the Basement Youth Café



The House in the Basement Youth Café (HitB) is a vital community resource located in the basement of the Stag Community Arts Centre in London Road.

This inclusive space supports young people from all backgrounds and abilities, providing a safe and engaging environment after school.

A key part of HitB's work is the **Special Educational Needs (SEN) Club**, which meets every Tuesday evening from 5-8pm during school term and 2-8pm in school holidays.

This club offers a crucial space for young people with disabilities and additional needs to connect, learn, and grow. The SEN Club helps attendees build confidence, develop social skills, and participate in fun and educational activities.

Additionally, HitB operates a **Not in Education, Employment, or Training (NEET) project** every Tuesday during term time from 1.30pm to 3.30 pm.

This initiative supports young people who are not currently

engaged in traditional education or employment, offering them guidance and resources to explore new opportunities.

"When we came along to the SEN club, we were made so welcome"

A parent shared their experience:

"My son and my daughter have been attending House in the Basement for a few months now. They both have additional needs and find going to clubs and socialising very tricky and hard to fit in.

"Making friends is difficult for them and being in company of adults they trust.

"They both really look forward to attending every week"

"When we came along to the SEN club, we were made so welcome by all the very kind staff and they are included in all

the activities they want to take part in. They both have dinner there as well.

"It's so lovely to know that they're in a place they enjoy being in"

"They have things that interest them both and it's a calming environment for them both.

"They both really look forward to attending every week and I've never experienced this with either of them before and they really want to continue going."

The parent added: "It's so lovely to know that they're in a place they enjoy being in and I feel at

ease knowing that."

The young people can purchase a low-price meal deal at both of these sessions comprising of hot food and drink for £3.

For more information on **House in the Basement Youth Café**, the **SEN Club**, or the **NEET project**, please contact House in the Basement Manager Daren Mountain, via email at info@houseinthebasement.co.uk or visit our website at www.houseinthebasement.weebly.com

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Our work with the community is only just beginning.

Tarmac is now working with the community to understand what the residents of Sevenoaks would like to see in the Reserved Matters applications.



Jo Brookbank from the Seal Scout Group with Michaela Kekeri, Development Manager from Tarmac on site after confirmation that the Seal Scout Group would have a permanent future on the site after Tarmac identified a barn for them to use.

Find out more!

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THE SEVENOAKS LITERARY FESTIVAL 2024

DATE & TIME	AUTHOR	BOOK	VENUE
Friday 13th– Sunday 15th Various times	YA & Teen programme with Tia Fisher, Ravena Guron, David Fenne, Sylvia Bishop, Arki Kershenbaum, Caroline Lawrence		Sevenoaks School
Friday 13th September, 7.30pm	Margaret Rand Join wine expert and General Editor of <i>Hugh Johnson's Pocket Wine Book</i> Margaret Rand for a guided wine tasting of local wines to celebrate the opening of this year's festival		The Pavilion Restaurant, Wilderness House
Saturday 14th September, 2.00pm	Liz Earle Beauty brand founder and wellbeing expert shows us how to future-proof our health in midlife and beyond		The Assembly Hall, Walthamstow Hall
Saturday 14th September, 3.30pm	Oliver Franklin-Wallis The award-winning journalist takes us on an eye-opening journey through the global waste industry		The Ship Theatre, Walthamstow Hall
Sunday 15th September, 2.30pm	Claire Ratinon and Andrew O'Brien Two celebrated gardening writers explore the importance of reconnecting with your outdoor space		The Ship Theatre, Walthamstow Hall
Wednesday 18th September, 7.30pm	Charlie Bigham Charlie discusses entrepreneurship, building a much-loved food brand and the importance of sharing good-quality food with family and friends		The Assembly Hall, Walthamstow Hall



DATE & TIME	AUTHOR	BOOK	VENUE
Thursday 19th September, 7.30pm	Robert Harris The <i>Sunday Times</i> number one bestselling author returns to Sevenoaks to discuss his new novel.		The Assembly Hall, Walthamstow Hall
Friday 20th September, 7.30pm	Tom Heap BBC TV and Radio 4 presenter explores how we can use land cleverly for the benefit of both humanity and nature		The Ship Theatre, Walthamstow Hall
Saturday 21st September, 2.30pm	Elizabeth Strout The Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist joins the festival during publication week of her 10th novel		The Assembly Hall, Walthamstow Hall
Sunday 22nd September, 2.00pm	Kate Williams Royal expert and TV historian opens the doors to 30 palaces, castles and houses that have been connected with the British royals over the centuries		The Ship Theatre, Walthamstow Hall
Sunday 22nd September, 4.00pm	Anton du Beke Strictly Come Dancing star joins the festival to talk about his sweeping new romance		The Assembly Hall, Walthamstow Hall
Tuesday 29th October, 7.30pm	Harriet Walter Having played most of Shakespeare's female characters, the renowned actress audaciously lets them speak their minds		The Ship Theatre, Walthamstow Hall



Functions & Facilities provided by Sevenoaks Town Council

Precept

Sevenoaks Town Council's total revenue budget for the 2024/25 financial year is £1,907,304 per annum. The average Band D house would pay £145.33 per annum equating to £2.79 per week.

OPEN SPACES & LEISURE

- ALLOTMENTS:
Bradbourne Vale Road
Quaker's Hall Lane
- BETHEL ROAD BURIAL GROUND
- BRITAINS COMMON
- BRITAINS LANE WOOD
- GREATNESS RECREATION GROUND
- 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
- MUGA (Multi Use Games Area)
- MIDLINGS 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
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- 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 CENTRE
(formerly Sevenoaks Community Centre)
Available for hire: meetings, conferences etc.
- BAT & BALL STATION BUILDING (*including Café and rooms available to hire*)
batandballstation.com
- BUSINESS HUB
- BUS SHELTERS (*Dartford Road x1, Bradbourne Vale Road x2, London Road x2, Tonbridge Road x1*)
- CAFÉ ON THE VINE cafeonthevine.com
- CONSULTEES (*Planning, Highways, etc.*)
- GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS
- GREATNESS PARK CEMETERY

- HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT (HITB) YOUTH CAFÉ (*available for hire*)
www.houseinthebasement.weebly.com
 - 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 CLOCKS (*Jubilee Clock Old Market House and Warren Clock above Brewers*)
 - PUBLIC SEATS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS
 - PUBLIC TOILETS (*The Stag, The Vine, Lower St Johns, Greatness Recreation Ground*)
 - SEVENOAKS TOWN TEAM
sevenoakspartnership.org
 - 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
 - YOUTH COUNCIL sevenoaksyouthcouncil.com
- ## COMMUNITY EVENTS
- CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS IN TOWN
 - CIVIC FUNCTIONS
 - VINE BANDSTAND/FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

Town Councillors 2023-2027

NAME	PARTY	NAME	PARTY
EASTERN WARD		ST JOHNS WARD	
Cllr L Ancrum	Liberal Democrat	Cllr S Camp	Liberal Democrat
Cllr A S Clayton	Liberal Democrat	Cllr P Dixon	Liberal Democrat
Cllr S Layne	Liberal Democrat	Cllr D Skinner OBE	Liberal Democrat
KIPPINGTON WARD		TOWN WARD	
Cllr C Daniell	Liberal Democrat	Cllr V Granville	Liberal Democrat
Cllr C Gustard	Liberal Democrat	Cllr L Michaelides	Liberal Democrat
Cllr N Varley	Liberal Democrat	Cllr G Willis	Liberal Democrat
NORTHERN WARD		WILDERNESSE WARD	
Cllr Dr M Canet	Liberal Democrat	Cllr N Wightman	Liberal Democrat
Cllr L O'Hara	Liberal Democrat	To contact a Sevenoaks Town Councillor, please use the following email format: Cllr.surname@sevenoakstown.gov.uk eg. to contact Councillor Ancrum, the email address would be: Cllr.Ancrum@sevenoakstown.gov.uk	
Cllr C Shea	Liberal Democrat		



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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.

