

Tuesday, 04 November 2025

### ARTS & CULTURE WORKING GROUP

To be held the **John London Room, Bat & Ball Centre, Crampton's Road, Sevenoaks, TN14 5DN**  
on **Wednesday 12 November 2025, which commences at 14:00 pm.**

Town Councillors are reminded that they have a duty to state a Declaration of Interest prior to the appropriate agenda item and to consider the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 s.17 when reaching a decision.

### Town Clerk

To assist in the speedy and efficient despatch of business, members wishing to obtain factual information on items included on the agenda are asked to enquire of the Town Clerk prior to the day of the meeting.

### Committee Members – Quorum minimum of 2 members

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| Cllr Victoria Granville <b>(Chair)</b> | Cllr Lise Michaelides <b>(Vice-Chair)</b> |
| Cllr Dr Marilyn Canet                  | Cllr Tony Clayton <b>(Mayor)</b>          |
| Cllr Sally Layne                       | Cllr Claire Shea                          |

### PUBLIC QUESTIONS

To enable any questions previously submitted by members of the public on any matter to be drawn to the attention of the Town Council.

### AGENDA

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| <b>1</b> | <b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b><br>To receive and note apologies for absence.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>2</b> | <b>REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS</b><br>To consider written requests from Members which have previously been submitted to the Town Clerk to enable participation in discussion and voting on items for which the Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest. (s.31 & s.33 of the Localism Act 2011). |
| <b>3</b> | <b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b><br>To receive any declarations of interest from members in respect of any items of business included in this report.                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>4</b> | <b>TERMS OF REFERENCE- ARTS &amp; CULTURE WORKING GROUP</b><br>To receive and note the Terms of Reference as agreed by full Council on the 12th of May 2025.                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>5</b> | <b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 23 OF APRIL 2025</b><br>To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 23rd of April as a true record.                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <b>6</b> | <b>SEVENOAKS CULTURAL QUARTER STRATEGY</b><br>To receive and note the updated Sevenoaks Cultural Quarter Strategy document.          |
| <b>7</b> | <b>FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE FUTURE OF THE STAG</b><br>To receive and note the feasibility study for the Stag Community Arts Centre. |
| <b>8</b> | <b>SEVENOAKS SUMMER FESTIVAL</b>                                                                                                     |
| <b>9</b> | <b>UPDATES FROM ATTENDEES</b><br>To receive updates from those who attended the meeting.                                             |
|          | <b>Date of next meeting:</b>                                                                                                         |

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| <b>TERMS OF REFERENCE- ARTS &amp; CULTURE WORKING GROUP</b>    |
| (as agreed at Annual Council on the 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2025) |

- a) To pursue Objective 13 of the STNP (to develop and promote a cultural quarter in the town centre and to enhance the town's cultural offer and improve access to existing cultural assets)
- (b) To implement Policy COM2 (the Town Council will promote the development of a cultural quarter in the town centre together with an arts and cultural strategy)
- (c) To liaise with the Sevenoaks Summer Festival and consider all other opportunities to promote the arts in the town.
- (d) To receive regular reports from the Stag Theatre & Cinema as to its performance and consider all requests from the Stag for funding.

Meeting commenced: 14:00

Meeting Concluded: 15.38

**Present:**

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| Cllr Victoria Granville ( <b>Chair</b> ) | Present   | Cllr Lise Michaelides ( <b>Vice-Chair</b> ) | Apologies |
| Cllr Libby Ancrum ( <b>Mayor</b> )       | Apologies | Cllr Dr Marilyn Canet                       | Present   |
| Cllr Sally Layne                         | Apologies | Cllr Claire Shea                            | Present   |

| <b>Substitute</b>                         |         | <b>For</b>                         |
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| Cllr Nigel Wightman ( <b>Leader</b> )     | Present | Cllr Libby Ancrum ( <b>Mayor</b> ) |
| Cllr Tony Clayton ( <b>Deputy Mayor</b> ) | Present | Cllr Sally Layne                   |

**Also present:**

Linda Larter- Town Clerk and CEO of Sevenoaks Town Council,  
Ieuan Chandler-Wilson- Youth Committee Clerk,  
Mathew Wood- Owner of Second Floor Art Studios,  
John Levette- Sevenoaks Summer Festival, Kent Youth Jazz Orchestra, The Listening Room,  
Lee Kings- CEO of Sevenoaks Arts Club  
Roger Lee- SADC & Sevenoaks Camera Club  
Sue Eveans- Kaleidoscope Gallery  
Ros Barker - Kaleidoscope Gallery  
Cllr Diana Esler- Director of the Public Realm, SDC  
Kim Silver- Sevenoaks Literary Festival  
Barbara Ropek- representative for Knole Arts Society and the Young Arts Representative  
for the Arts Society Kent Area.  
Carol Estan  
Susan Beard

**7. INTRODUCTIONS**

The chair Cllr Granville invited all those who had attended to introduce themselves and the organisation that they represented.

**8. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

It was noted that the following had also sent their apologies for this meeting:

Mathew Ball- Sevenoaks History Hub  
Theo Gilbert- co-ordinator for Art in June Kent,  
Liz Botterill- Sevenoaks Museum  
Doreen Pascall- Sevenoaks U3A  
Sevenoaks Arts Society

**RESOLVED:** Received and accepted as noted above.

**9. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS:** There were no requests for dispensations.

**10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** There were no declarations of interest.

**11. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 17 FEBRUARY 2025**

To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> February as a true record.

**12. ARTS & CULTURE WORKING GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Working Group noted the Terms of Reference for the Arts & Culture Working Group.

1. To pursue Objective 13 of the STNP (to develop and promote a cultural quarter in the town centre and to enhance the town's cultural offer and improve access to existing cultural assets)
2. To implement Policy COM2 (the Town Council will promote the development of a cultural quarter in the town centre together with an arts and cultural strategy)
3. To liaise with the Sevenoaks Summer Festival and consider all other opportunities to promote the arts in the town.
4. To receive regular reports from the Stag Theatre & Cinema as to its performance and consider all requests from the Stag for funding
5. To recommend to the Community & Wellbeing Committee the priorities for annual grants to all art groups

**13. SEVENOAKS TOWN CULTURAL QUARTER STRATEGY**

The working group received the updated Sevenoaks Cultural Quarter Strategy Document. It was noted that there were several concerns around the sale of Hatton House, the Adult Education centre, as to the future of the provision of spaces for education courses, e.g. art and photography. It was noted that Sevenoaks Town Council registered the site with Sevenoaks District Council as an asset of community value, which allows a six-month grace period where community groups can place a bid along with a business plan to purchase the site.

Several updates were recommended to be made to the Sevenoaks Cultural Quarter Strategy Document, which are reflected in Appendix 1 attached to these minutes.

**14. STUDY TOUR OF FOLKESTONE CULTURAL QUARTER**

It was noted that members who attended the meeting were interested in taking a trip to see the Folkestone Cultural Quarter and hearing from the individuals who helped to lay the groundwork for what it is today.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the Meeting.

Signed

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Chair

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# Sevenoaks

**T**hese murals and panels represent  
some of the trades present here  
during the medieval period.  
Juliet Simpson, Tom Cousins, 1999  
Sponsored by Sevenoaks District Council

## A Thriving Cultural Town

Updated: 24/04/2025

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### Background to the Vision for a Thriving Cultural Town (see STNP document for full details)

The Sevenoaks Town Neighbourhood Plan (STNP) covers many important topics. During the creation of the STNP it was believed that a cultural strategy was needed within the STNP to create a Vision for a thriving cultural town for the future. The STNP and its appendices including the Cultural Vision was successful at a public referendum in May 2023 and is now a statutory planning document providing recommendations and guidelines for the development of Sevenoaks.

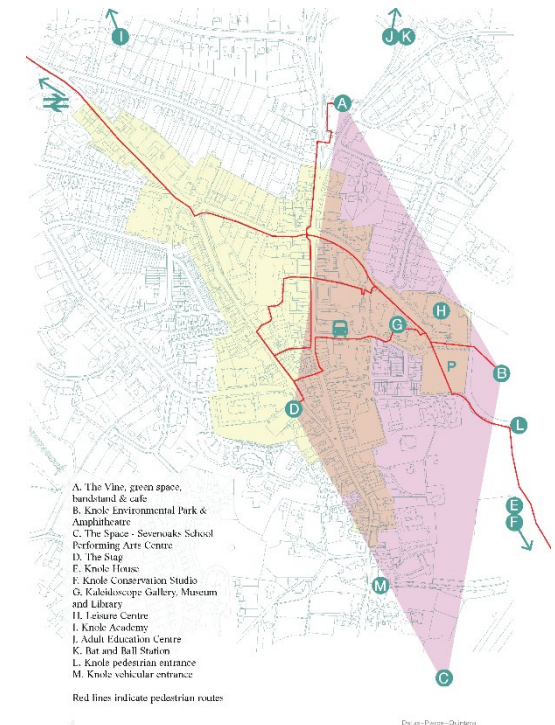
Arts, culture and creativity can help a town to feel welcoming, enhance the public realm and support the growth of a creative community. In Sevenoaks Town we are prioritising the following focus areas:

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| <b>Distinctiveness</b> |
| <b>Animation</b>       |
| <b>Growth</b>          |
| <b>Community</b>       |

The Cultural Quarter Vision focuses on a diamond shape geographical area and incorporates the current cultural facilities – The Vine event space and bandstand, Environmental Park and Amphitheatre, The Space at Sevenoaks School Performing Arts Centre, The Stag, Knole House, Knole Conservation Studio, Kaleidoscope Gallery – Museum, Library and Art Space, Leisure Centre, Knole Academy School, Adult Education Centre, Bat & Ball Station (restored heritage building and event space).

The Cultural Quarter Vision was created in consultation with various cultural groups within the town.

### Policy Principles



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The ambition to strengthen culture focused around a cultural quarter hub in Sevenoaks Town is consistent with local policy within the (SDC) Sevenoaks Local Plan, (STC) STNP and (KCC) The Kent Cultural Strategy Inspirational Creativity Transforming Lives Everyday 2017 - 2027.

### **STNP Themes**

There is exciting potential for culture to support delivery of all seven themes in the STNP, with a particular focus on promoting the following objectives within a Cultural Quarter:

- Welcoming Gateways
- Sustainability & Green Environment
- Creative Enterprise
- Character, Heritage & Identity
- Improved Public Realm
- Health & Wellbeing
- Creative Skills
- Enhanced Community Assets

### **Review**

This review follows the themes and headings provided within the Vision for a Thriving Cultural Town for a Cultural Quarter within the STNP.

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| Development Aspiration |                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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|                        | Location                    | Aspirations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Updates                                                                                                            | Working Group Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1.1                    | South Park Area             | <p>Development of Post Office site to sit alongside the Stag to include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creative workspace with public facing exhibition space</li> <li>• Creative retail on ground floor facing onto the street</li> <li>• Modest outdoor space</li> <li>• Expand on rear and side of Stag to create walkway (potential art gallery)</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                    | <p>Noted site had been submitted for consideration as part of SDC's Local Plan process.</p> <p>Noted that Stag had been registered as an Asset of Community Value.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1.11                   | South Park Area-Post Office |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | The Post Office site has not come forward for development to date, although owners are aware of STC's aspirations. | <p>Suggested improvements to footpath from London Road to Stag Car Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mural on wall</li> <li>• additional lighting</li> <li>• use noticeboard at entrance from car park, to mark entry point to town &amp; Sevenoaks Cultural Quarter</li> </ul> <p><u>Action</u><br/>Investigate ownership of the footpath and buildings backing</p> |

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| 1.11-Continued         | South Park Area-<br>Post Office |  |  | <p>onto it (Post Office &amp; Telecommunications site).</p> <p><u>Action</u><br/>To communicate with the Post Office and see if they will permit the painting of a Mural or a simple white colouration to the wall to the back of the building between the Post Office and the Stag Theatre to help brighten up the walkway from the car park to the Highstreet.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 1.12                   | South Park Area-<br>Busking     |  |  | <p>It was felt that the area in front of the Post Office was looking tired. Whilst it had a modern planter and a new bench – they were visually different styles. It was felt the area needed to be looked at as a whole.</p> <p><u>Action</u><br/>Investigate with SDC whether open space in front of the Post Office could include designated space for buskers.</p> <p>This area is within STC's premises licence and has been used for entertainers in the past.</p> <p>Sevenoaks District Council have confirmed they do not have a Busking Policy.</p> |

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| 1.12-Continued         | <b>South Park Area-Busking</b>      |                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                             | STC has prepared a draft policy, circulated separately, however this might be helpful to progress if and when a BID is put in place.                                                                          |
| 1.2                    | <b>Bus Station</b>                  | Location scope for regeneration – incorporating culture.<br>Open up access routes to improve permeability and improve access around the town centre.               | This development is within SDC's proposals for 'Land East of High Street'.                                                                                  | Noted SDC had approved £435k to progress the project.<br><br>Subject to redevelopment as put forward by SDC on the 17 <sup>th</sup> of February 2025.<br><br>Protect access and connectivity to Kaleidoscope. |
| 1.3                    | <b>Connecting Routes</b>            | Improved signposting to help people navigate the town and locate cultural facilities and a welcoming environment.<br><br>Key routes to be identified and promoted. | 'Tesco' walkway to be enhanced in size in new development and enable cross highway art installations (see attachment).                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 1.31                   | <b>Connecting Routes-Wayfinding</b> |                                                                                                                                                                    | Wayfinding project has identified walking routes to be promoted, awaiting funding opportunity.<br><br>Town Trails assist visitors and vibrancy of the town. | <u>Action</u><br>Requested numbers of people that had engaged with town trails.<br><br>See separate STC report ( <a href="#">184695-2024 10 09 Agenda A and CWG-Draft.pdf</a> Pages 18-19).                   |

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| 1.4.                   | <b>Animating the Public Realm</b> | <p>Improve public spaces to help animate the town centre, could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Street Arts</li> <li>• Outdoor Arts</li> <li>• Dance &amp; music</li> <li>• Public Art</li> <li>• Share creativity</li> </ul> | <p>STC has a Premises Licence for Town Centre (except Blighs) which enables public entertainment to take place – the Summer Festival Fair Day is a good example of this. It would be good subject to funding and resources to extend the opportunities for this.</p> <p>Many towns have introduced Public Art, sometimes using outside enablers. Subject to permissions and finances initial walls for public art in keeping with Sevenoaks could be 1) side wall of Stag, 2) side wall of Up &amp; Running, Pembroke Road, 3) new buildings to be developed by SDC 'Land East of High Street'.</p> <p>Town Trails assist visitors and vibrancy of the town.</p> <p>In addition to Wayfinding Signs, use of different colours, public realm e.g. coloured bollards, flags can be introduced to indicate key walking routes between cultural facilities.</p> <p>Sharing creativity – it is hoped that the new STC Arts &amp; Culture Working Group will assist with this. It would also be helpful if other authorities</p> |  |

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| 1.4.- Continued        | Animating the Public Realm                                |  | and organisations considering cultural elements in the town could liaise with STC and or Town Team.                    | <u>11<sup>th</sup> of December 2024 Minute-251:</u><br>To encourage partnership between landlords and artists for STC aspiration of unused buildings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 1.41                   | Animating the Public Realm- Tesco's Site (Chandlers Walk) |  | 'Tesco' walkway to be enhanced in size in new development and enable cross highway art installations (see attachment). | <p>Noted that developers, had submitted public realm details to SDC for approval.</p> <p>Noted that Section 106 attached to Purelake planning permission included a Public Art Contribution of £10,000 for the provision of public art within the development to be installed prior to the first occupation.</p> <p><u>Action</u><br/>Officers to investigate whether this was something SDC would be progressing.</p> <p>It was noted that Councillors hoped that some of the funding could be put towards the creation of a form of Public Art depicting the social history of prominent Sevenoaks women.</p> |
| 1.42                   | Animating the Public Realm- Post Office                   |  |                                                                                                                        | See section 1.1 <b>South Park Area- Post Office.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| 1.5                    | Young People & Skills | Seek ways to identifying involving young people and their skills. |  | <p>Suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Council and House in the Basement be consulted on ideas and creative projects</li> <li>• Working with youth workers to get young people more engaged with projects</li> </ul> <p>Recent workshops include Photography, Street Dance, Skate Sessions, Open Mic nights with professional support taking place on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October 2024.</p> <p>It was noted that Open mic nights at House in the Basement are continuing with two further dates confirmed for 2025- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p>It was also noted that on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of February House in the Basement will be hosting a Photography session from 1:30 pm to 4 pm. The Stag Theatre offered space for the young people who took part to display their photography.</p> <p>It was noted that the Lewis Project also use the House in the Basement site to hold sessions and lessons.</p> |

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| 1.6.                   | <b>Street Greening</b> | Integrate planting schemes<br><br>Support pocket parks | Some relevant proposals will be included in the STC Town Centre Masterplan. | <p><u>Action</u><br/>Suggested discussions take place with shop owners in The Shambles area regarding ways to improve the appearance of refuse storage within the area. Noted that seating, similar to Bligh's and outside the Stag, together with more planting, would help make the space more inviting.</p> <p>To note the Shambles is SDC responsibility.</p> |

| Inspiration |                           |                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| 2.1         | <b>Creative Workspace</b> | <p>Affordable artist and maker studios in the heart of the town centre</p> <p>Studios open to the public couple of times per year.</p> <p>Flexible event space</p> | <p>See. 1.1.</p> <p>Continue to promote High Street Studios facilities.</p>                           | <p>Noted that art studios currently available above Hospice in the Weald shop in town centre.</p> <p>It was noted that Future proofing the provision of creative workspaces as there is currently a limited availability. It was noted that this is mentioned in the Sevenoaks District Community Hub Proposal.</p> |
| 2.2         | <b>Festivals</b>          | <p>Combine local arts and professional culture providers</p> <p>Spaces in town centre to enable performances.</p>                                                  | <p>Encourage collaboration.</p> <p>STC has Premises Licence for all of town centre except Blighs.</p> | <p>It was noted that a range of festivals and events are held each year, supported by the Town Council, including this year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sevenoaks Summer Festival (21<sup>st</sup> of June – 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2025)</li> </ul>                                             |

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| 2.2 - Continued | <b>Festivals</b>                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sevenoaks Literary Festival (26<sup>th</sup> September- 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025)</li> <li>• Sevenoaks Street Food Festival (6<sup>th</sup> September 2025)</li> <li>• Sevenoaks Bike Festival (20<sup>th</sup> September 2025)</li> <li>• Vegan Markets (5<sup>th</sup> of April and 4<sup>th</sup> October)</li> <li>• Band Stand events (every Thursday and Sunday from Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> of July- Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025)</li> <li>• Children's Theatre Shows (4<sup>th</sup> May 2025 on the Vine Gardens and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> of August – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 2025, finishing on the Vine Gardens)</li> </ul> <p>For a calendar list of events, please see Pages 19 onwards.</p> <p>Noted also that National Trust -Knoles hosts events such as an open-air cinema event.</p> <p>Proposed BID could achieve more.</p> |
| 2.21            | <b>Trails</b>                      | To “audit” current trails, create new trails, and Encourage involvement of commercial trails.                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2.3             | <b>Architecture &amp; Heritage</b> | <p>Telling local stories about places to help solidify unique locations for example via</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digital trails</li> <li>• Text on public realm e.g. plaques</li> <li>• Public art</li> <li>• Live walking tours</li> <li>• Performances</li> </ul> | All in place however with more funding and resources could be expanded. | <p>Noted that Town Crier’s historical tour is being developed and that a self-guided tour and a Millennium Trail are available.</p> <p>It was noted that Bob Ogley had contacted Sevenoaks Town Council with a request to create and place Plaques at specific sites/buildings that were bombed during the Blitz. It was noted that these were being Installed for VE day (8<sup>th</sup> May 2025).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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|             |  |  |  |  <p>It was also noted that in Deal the Deal Historical Society have created a trail of blue Plaques on shops detailing the history of that shop as well as other buildings in the town. Deal Historical Society criteria for the Plaques is shown below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. They must have been dead for at least 20 years, or were born more than 100 years ago.</li> <li>2. They must have contributed substantially to the Area and/or the Nation.</li> <li>3. They must be persons of good repute, and eminent in their profession or calling.</li> <li>4. They should preferably have been born in our Area, or</li> </ol> |

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|             |                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                               | <p>5. They should have been resident during the time of their endeavours for which they achieved prominence.</p> <p>6. Those of Foreign birth must have had an International reputation or significant standing in their own country, and their time here must have been important to their life and work.</p> <p>It was noted a similar installation could be done for shops in Sevenoaks as well as the School buildings.</p> <p>It was noted that Councillors hoped that some of the 106 funding for street art in Chandlers Walk could be put towards the creation of a form of Public Art depicting the social history of prominent women in Sevenoaks.</p> |
| 2.4.        | <b>Creative Promotion</b> | <p>Creative approaches to promoting local cultural and creative activity via</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bespoke signage</li> <li>• Maps</li> <li>• Websites</li> </ul> <p>Joint marketing increases footfall.</p> | <p>Events programme for activities on the Vine produced for summer 2024.</p> <p>Wayfinding proposals in place subject to funding and planning permission.</p> | <p>See 2.5 below.</p> <p>It was noted that Councillors would like another Programme for activities on the Vine similar to the one produced in 2024 for this year.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2.5         | <b>Culture Online</b>     | Local website and app linked to cultural events and local businesses.                                                                                                                                                               | To be pursued when BID created                                                                                                                                | It was agreed that an online Town Calendar drawing together information on all events provided within the town would be invaluable. QR code linking to calendar could be placed around town. It was felt that this was something that could be undertaken by the BID.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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|             |                                                  |                                |  | <p>Note that SDC has recently produced a website for this initiative.</p> <p>Better Together: <a href="http://www.bettertogethercommunity.org.uk">www.bettertogethercommunity.org.uk</a></p> <p>Visit Kent: <a href="http://www.visitkent.co.uk">www.visitkent.co.uk</a></p> <p>Visit Sevenoaks: <a href="http://www.visitsevenoaks.co.uk">www.visitsevenoaks.co.uk</a></p> |
| 2.6         | <b>Future of Arts &amp; Culture in Sevenoaks</b> | Sharing resources and projects |  | <p>Councillors would like to invite Kaleidoscope Gallery/Sevenoaks Visual Arts Forum, Sevenoaks District Arts Council, Sevenoaks Bookshop, Sevenoaks Summer Festival and Sevenoaks Literary Festival to future meetings to talk about their projects/plans.</p> <p>It was noted there will be an impact from local government reorganisation.</p>                           |

| Recommended Actions |                                 |                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| 3.1                 | <b>Planning</b>                 | Engage with planners and developers to secure long term sustainable opportunities to enhance the cultural offer. | Former Tesco site is a small example of collaboration includes wide open green link to Suffolk Way cultural facilities and opportunity for overhead art. | <p>Noted that stakeholder consultation events being held for Town Centre &amp; St John's Masterplans in November 2024. It was hoped that representatives from arts and cultural organisations could participate.</p> <p>St. John's Masterplan public consultation concluded on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025. Town Centre Masterplan public consultation commences 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025 for 6 weeks.</p> |
| 3.11                | <b>Land East of High Street</b> | SDC consulting on new plans.                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 3.12                | <b>96 High Street</b>           | SDC consulting on new plans reference "Cultural Hub".                                                            |                                                                                                                                                          | Research and development.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| 3.2                 | <b>Community &amp; Stakeholder Engagement</b> | Facilitate community and stakeholder engagement including with young people<br><br>Creation of a Cultural Forum engaging key stakeholders for progressing cultural plans. | New STC Arts & Culture Working Group will assist with this.              | Once Working Group had clearly defined its goals and set an agenda, it would be beneficial to draw together a forum of local arts and cultural organisations and groups. |
| 3.3                 | <b>Public Art</b>                             | Commission public art and procure and programme cultural activity<br><br>Development of Public Art Commissioning Guide                                                    | Subject to funding and resources<br><br>Subject to funding and resources | Councillors noted this could perhaps be pursued through the BID.                                                                                                         |
| 3.4                 | <b>Marketing and promotion</b>                | Oversee marketing and promotion<br><br>Development of process for joint marketing of the town's cultural offer.<br><br>Coordinate communications to maximise engagement   | To be pursued when BID created                                           | To consider producing a "What's Happening in Sevenoaks" leaflet, available for people to pick up in town centre areas.<br><br>See also 2.5 above.                        |
| 3.5                 | <b>Wayfinding</b>                             | Good quality wayfinding signage is needed to encourage public to use cultural facilities.                                                                                 |                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 3.6                 | <b>Premises Licence</b>                       | STC currently has a Premises Licence for most of the public spaces within the town centre. This may need to be extended.                                                  |                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                          |

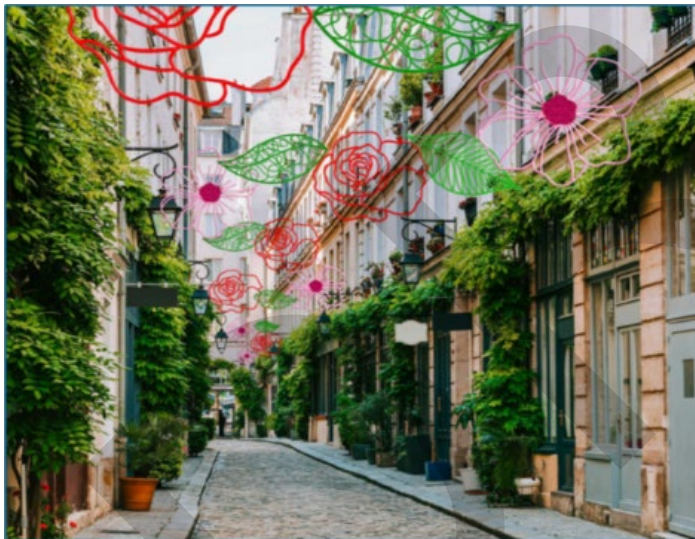
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| 3.7                 | Schools                         | To include school provision when considering the cultural strategy. |  |                                                                                                                |
| 3.8                 | Cultural Project & Philanthropy | Consider a key project for the Town.                                |  |                                                                                                                |
| 3.9                 | Kaleidoscope Exterior Signage   |                                                                     |  | Assist with planning and progressing the installation of exterior signage.                                     |
| 3.10                | Knole                           |                                                                     |  | Discuss the ability to within Knole promote the Town and Facilities including Wayfinding, Trails and Leaflets. |

| STC – Background to involvement in Arts & Culture in Sevenoaks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
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| <p>STC does not normally initiate its own and arts and culture projects unless it is connected to its current project and initiatives.</p> <p>STC aims to act as an enabler where resources are available to enable those experienced in the arts and culture to provide these community activities.</p> <p>This can be via</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Events</li> <li>• Grant Funding</li> <li>• Bands on the Vine – Thursday evenings &amp; Sunday afternoons during summer</li> <li>• Promotion of cultural events via road banners, leaflets, Town Crier</li> <li>• Stag – continued investment</li> <li>• Literary Festival – sponsor, free double page coverage in Town Crier</li> <li>• Summer Festival – sponsor, free double page coverage in Town Crier</li> <li>• Public Art – murals, Infinity project</li> <li>• Exhibitions – various, sponsored and enabled.</li> <li>• Children’s art competitions</li> <li>• Providing venues and licensing e.g. Premises Licence for Vine and Bandstand, Premises Licence for Town Centre for Summer Festival.</li> <li>• Cultural Strategy – planning for the future.</li> <li>• Input in planning e.g. walkway in new (Tesco) development to enable provision for similar to attached.</li> </ul> |  |

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**Cross highway art installations and illuminated trees seating examples**



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**Sevenoaks Events 2025**

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|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sat                             | 3           | May          | 10 – 4 pm                                      | Climate Fair                                                                                                                            | Vine Gardens        | Sevenoaks Climate Action Network (SCAN) |
| Sun                             | 4           | May          | 12.30 – 2 pm<br><br>2-3 pm                     | Children's rock painting for Sevenoaks<br>In Bloom – Ladybirds & Bees<br>&<br>Children's Theatre Event – Professor Slug's House of Bugs | Vine Gardens        | Sevenoaks Town Council                  |
| Thurs                           | 8           | May          | 6 – 8 pm<br>6.30 – 8 pm<br><br>8.30 – 9 pm     | <b>VE Day Anniversary</b><br>Volunteer Showcase<br>Music on the Bandstand<br>Fish & Chip and Ice Cream Van<br>Beacon Lighting           | Vine Gardens        | Sevenoaks Town Council                  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> May- 25 August |             |              | 10-5 pm                                        | <b>The World of Peter Rabbit™ Storytime Trail</b>                                                                                       | Knole Park          | National Trust- Knole                   |
| Thurs                           | 5           | June         | All day                                        | Set Up for Beer Festival                                                                                                                | Vine Gardens        | Sevenoaks Lions Club                    |
| Fri & Sat                       | 6 & 7       | June         | Friday 5 – 11 pm<br>Saturday, 12 noon to 11 pm | Beer on the Vine                                                                                                                        | Vine Gardens        | Sevenoaks Lions Club                    |
| Sun/Mon                         | 8 & 9       | June         | All day                                        | Clear Up from the Beer Festival                                                                                                         | Vine Gardens        | Sevenoaks Lions Club                    |
| Sun                             | 8           | June         | 6 – 7 pm                                       | St Nicholas' Church - Open Air Service for Pentecost                                                                                    | Bandstand           | St. Nicholas' Church                    |
| Fri                             | 13          | June         | 10-2 pm                                        | Business Show                                                                                                                           | Bat & Ball Centre   | Sevenoaks Town Team                     |
| Fri-Sat                         | 13-21       | June         | TBC                                            | Refugee Week                                                                                                                            | STC Office Car Park | Sevenoaks Welcomes Refugees             |

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| Sun        | 22          | June         | All Day     | Sevenoaks Summer Festival<br>Music on the Bandstand                           | Vine Gardens<br>Bandstand                         | Sevenoaks Summer<br>Festival |
| Sat        | 28          | June         | 9 – 3 pm    | Art on the Vine<br>Sevenoaks Art Society – Exhibition on<br>the Vine railings | Vine Garden Railings                              | Sevenoaks Art<br>Society     |
| Sat        | 28          | June         | All Day     | Sevenoaks Summer Festival<br>Colour scape & children's art activities         | Vine Gardens,<br>including the<br>Bandstand       | Sevenoaks Summer<br>Festival |
| Sun        | 29          | June         | All Day     | Sevenoaks Summer Festival<br>Music on the Bandstand                           | Vine Gardens<br>Bandstand                         | Sevenoaks Summer<br>Festival |
| Sun        | 6           | July         | All Day     | Sevenoaks Summer Festival<br>Music on the Bandstand                           | Vine Gardens<br>Bandstand                         | Sevenoaks Summer<br>Festival |
| Wed- Sat   | 16-<br>26th | July         |             | Sevenoaks Camera Club's Exhibition                                            | The Kaleidoscope<br>Gallery- Sevenoaks<br>Library | Sevenoaks Camera<br>Club     |
| Sun        | 20          | July         | 3-5 pm      | Music on the Bandstand                                                        | Vine Gardens<br>Bandstand                         | Sevenoaks Town<br>Council    |
| Thurs      | 24          | July         | 6-8 pm      | Music on the Bandstand                                                        | Vine Gardens<br>Bandstand                         | Sevenoaks Town<br>Council    |
| Fri        | 25          | July         | 11 – 4 pm   | Skatepark Event                                                               | Greatness Skatepark                               | Sevenoaks Town<br>Council    |
| Sun        | 27          | July         | 9 am - 9 pm | Seniors Smash Cricket Tournament                                              | The Vine                                          | Sevenoaks Smash<br>Cricket   |
| Thurs      | 31          | July         | 6-8 pm      | Music on the Bandstand                                                        | Vine Gardens<br>Bandstand                         | Sevenoaks Town<br>Council    |
| Sat        | 02          | August       | 6- 8:45pm   | Outdoor Theatre: The Tale of Jemima<br>Puddle Duck with Quantum Theatre       | Green Court- Knole<br>House                       | National Trust-<br>Knole     |
| Sun        | 03          | August       | 3-5 pm      | Music on the Bandstand                                                        | Vine Gardens<br>Bandstand                         | Sevenoaks Town<br>Council    |

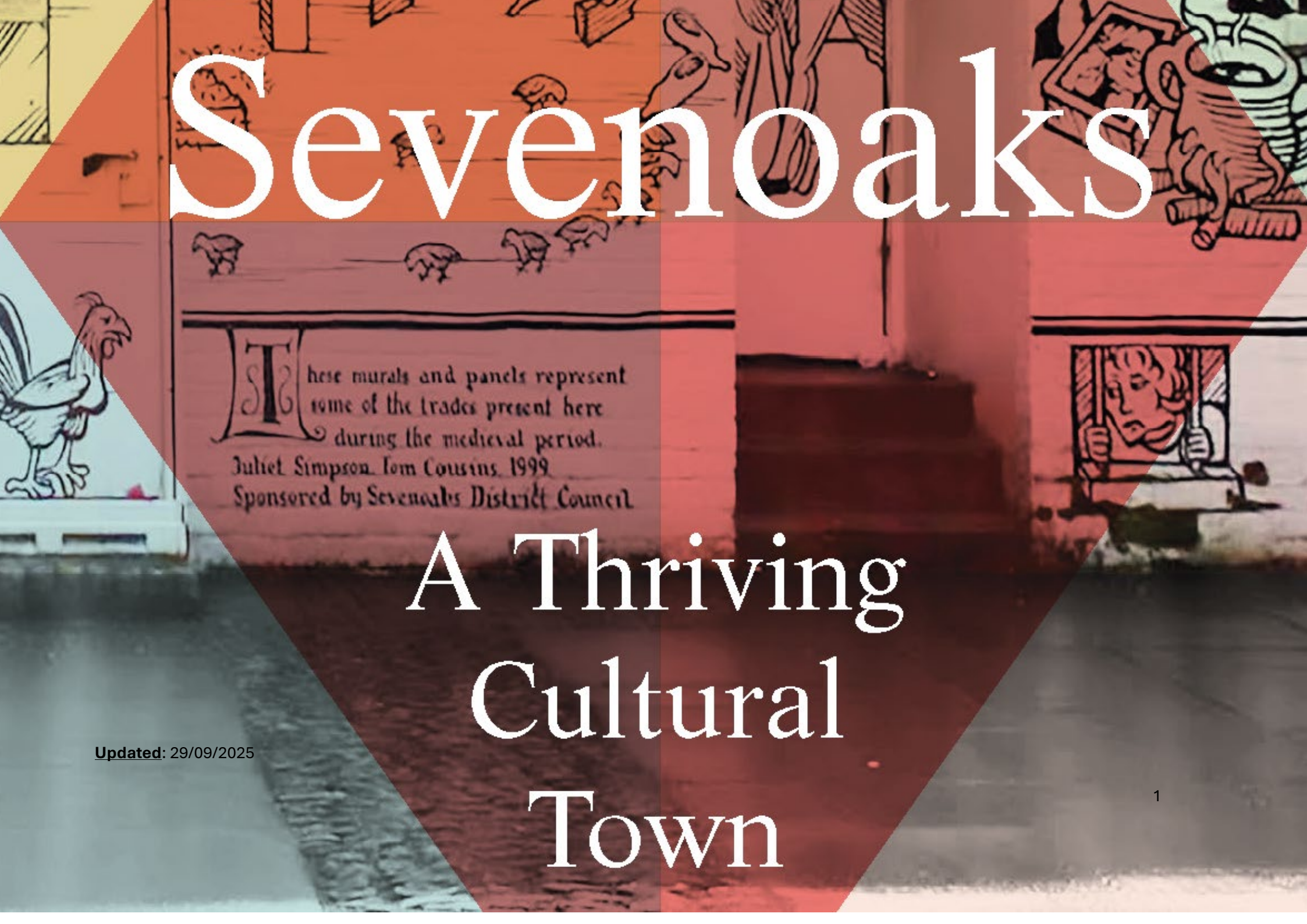
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| Mon        | 04          | August       | 10.30 – 1.30 pm | Family Fun Day                                           | Greatness Recreation Ground   | Sevenoaks District Council- facilitated by Sevenoaks Town Council |
| Thurs      | 07          | August       | 6-8 pm          | Music on the Bandstand                                   | Vine Gardens Bandstand        | Sevenoaks Town Council                                            |
| Sun        | 10          | August       | 3-5 pm          | Music on the Bandstand                                   | Vine Gardens Bandstand        | Sevenoaks Town Council                                            |
| Thurs      | 14          | August       | 6-8 pm          | Music on the Bandstand                                   | Vine Gardens Bandstand        | Sevenoaks Town Council                                            |
| Sun        | 17          | August       | 3-5 pm          | Music on the Bandstand                                   | Vine Gardens Bandstand        | Sevenoaks Town Council                                            |
| Tues       | 19          | August       | 2-3 pm          | Children's Theatre Show<br>Fungi Frida & the Myco Heroes | Bat and Ball Centre           | Sevenoaks Town Council                                            |
| Wed        | 20          | August       | 2-3 pm          | Children's Theatre Show<br>Fungi Frida & the Myco Heroes | Pontoise Play Area            | Sevenoaks Town Council                                            |
| Thurs      | 21          | August       | 2-3 pm          | Children's Theatre Show<br>Fungi Frida & the Myco Heroes | Greatness Recreational Ground | Sevenoaks Town Council                                            |
| Thurs      | 21          | August       | 6-8 pm          | Music on the Bandstand                                   | Vine Gardens Bandstand        | Sevenoaks Town Council                                            |
| Fri        | 22          | August       | 2-3 pm          | Children's Theatre Show<br>Fungi Frida & the Myco Heroes | Vine Gardens                  | Sevenoaks Town Council                                            |
| Sun        | 24          | August       | 3-5 pm          | Music on the Bandstand                                   | Vine Gardens Bandstand        | Sevenoaks Town Council                                            |
| Thurs      | 28          | August       | 6-8 pm          | Music on the Bandstand                                   | Vine Gardens Bandstand        | Sevenoaks Town Council                                            |
| Sun        | 31          | August       | 9am – 9 pm      | Smash Cricket Tournament                                 | The Vine                      | Sevenoaks Smash Cricket                                           |
| Sat        | 6           | September    | 12-7 pm         | Street Food Festival                                     | Vine Gardens                  | Heart of Sevenoaks                                                |

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| Sun                                                | 7           | September    | 3-5 pm      | Music on the Bandstand<br>Almost the Last Night of the Proms<br>Oxted Band | Vine Gardens<br>Bandstand             | Sevenoaks Town<br>Council      |
| Sat                                                | 13          | September    | 6:30-9 pm   | Outdoor Cinema: Peter Rabbit (2018)                                        | Green Court- Knole<br>House           | National Trust-<br>Knole       |
| Sat                                                | 20          | September    | 10-4 pm     | Sevenoaks Bike Festival                                                    | Vine Gardens                          | Sevenoaks Bike<br>Festival     |
| Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept- Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct |             |              |             | Sevenoaks Literary Festival                                                | Various Locations<br>around sevenoaks | Sevenoaks Literary<br>Festival |
| Sat                                                | 5           | October      | 10-4 pm     | Vegan Market                                                               | Vine Gardens                          | Sevenoaks Town<br>Team         |
| Sun                                                | 9           | November     | 10.45       | Remembrance Sunday                                                         | Vine Memorial                         | Sevenoaks Town<br>Council      |
| Sat                                                | 29          | November     | 3-5 pm      | Christmas Lights Switch On                                                 | Town Centre                           | Sevenoaks Town<br>Council      |

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The background image shows a wall with several murals. On the left, there is a mural of a rooster. In the center, there is a sign with text. On the right, there is a mural of a person's head. The wall is made of light-colored stone or plaster. The murals are painted in a medieval style with black outlines and some color. The sign is a rectangular plaque with a decorative border.

**T**hese murals and panels represent  
some of the trades present here  
during the medieval period.  
Juliet Simpson, Tom Cousins, 1999  
Sponsored by Sevenoaks District Council

## A Thriving Cultural Town

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#### Background to the Vision for a Thriving Cultural Town (see STNP document for full details)

The Sevenoaks Town Neighbourhood Plan (STNP) covers many important topics. During the creation of the STNP it was believed that a cultural strategy was needed within the STNP to create a Vision for a thriving cultural town for the future. The STNP and its appendices including the Cultural Vision was successful at a public referendum in May 2023 and is now a statutory planning document providing recommendations and guidelines for the development of Sevenoaks.

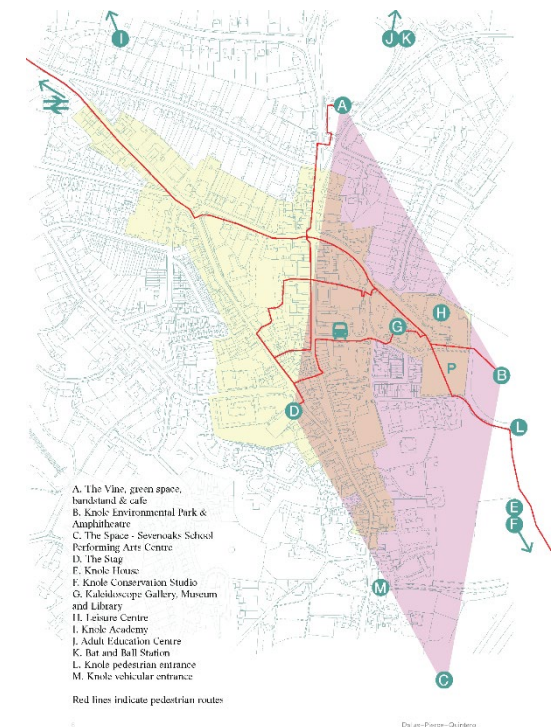
Arts, culture and creativity can help a town to feel welcoming, enhance the public realm and support the growth of a creative community. In Sevenoaks Town we are prioritising the following focus areas:

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| <b>Distinctiveness</b> |
| <b>Animation</b>       |
| <b>Growth</b>          |
| <b>Community</b>       |

The Cultural Quarter Vision focuses on a diamond shape geographical area and incorporates the current cultural facilities – The Vine event space and bandstand, Environmental Park and Amphitheatre, The Space at Sevenoaks School Performing Arts Centre, The Stag, Knole House, Knole Conservation Studio, Kaleidoscope Gallery – Museum, Library and Art Space, Leisure Centre, Knole Academy School, Adult Education Centre, Bat & Ball Station (restored heritage building and event space).

The Cultural Quarter Vision was created in consultation with various cultural groups within the town.

#### Policy Principles



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The ambition to strengthen culture focused around a cultural quarter hub in Sevenoaks Town is consistent with local policy within the (SDC) Sevenoaks Local Plan, (STC) STNP and (KCC) The Kent Cultural Strategy Inspirational Creativity Transforming Lives Everyday 2017 - 2027.

#### **STNP Themes**

There is exciting potential for culture to support delivery of all seven themes in the STNP, with a particular focus on promoting the following objectives within a Cultural Quarter:

- Welcoming Gateways
- Sustainability & Green Environment
- Creative Enterprise
- Character, Heritage & Identity
- Improved Public Realm
- Health & Wellbeing
- Creative Skills
- Enhanced Community Assets

#### **Review**

This review follows the themes and headings provided within the Vision for a Thriving Cultural Town for a Cultural Quarter within the STNP.

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| Development Aspiration |                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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|                        | Location                     | Aspirations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Updates                                                                                                            | Working Group Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1.1                    | South Park Area              | <p>Development of Post Office site to sit alongside the Stag to include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creative workspace with public facing exhibition space</li> <li>• Creative retail on ground floor facing onto the street</li> <li>• Modest outdoor space</li> <li>• Expand on rear and side of Stag to create walkway (potential art gallery)</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                    | <p>Noted site had been submitted for consideration as part of SDC's Local Plan process.</p> <p>Noted that Stag had been registered as an Asset of Community Value.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1.11                   | South Park Area- Post Office |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | The Post Office site has not come forward for development to date, although owners are aware of STC's aspirations. | <p>Suggested improvements to footpath from London Road to Stag Car Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mural on wall</li> <li>• additional lighting</li> <li>• use noticeboard at entrance from car park, to mark entry point to town &amp; Sevenoaks Cultural Quarter</li> </ul> <p><u>Action</u><br/>Investigate ownership of the footpath and buildings backing</p> |

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| 1.11-Continued         | South Park Area-<br>Post Office |  |  | <p>onto it (Post Office &amp; Telecommunications site).</p> <p><u>Action</u></p> <p>To communicate with the Post Office and see if they will permit the painting of a Mural or a simple white colouration to the wall to the back of the building between the Post Office and the Stag Theatre to help brighten up the walkway from the car park to the Highstreet.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 1.12                   | South Park Area-<br>Busking     |  |  | <p>It was felt that the area in front of the Post Office was looking tired. Whilst it had a modern planter and a new bench – they were visually different styles. It was felt the area needed to be looked at as a whole.</p> <p><u>Action</u></p> <p>Investigate with SDC whether open space in front of the Post Office could include designated space for buskers.</p> <p>This area is within STC's premises licence and has been used for entertainers in the past.</p> <p>Sevenoaks District Council have confirmed they do not have a Busking Policy.</p> |

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| 1.12-Continued         | <b>South Park Area-Busking</b>      |                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                             | STC has prepared a draft policy, circulated separately, however this might be helpful to progress if and when a BID is put in place.                                                                          |
| 1.2                    | <b>Bus Station</b>                  | Location scope for regeneration – incorporating culture.<br>Open up access routes to improve permeability and improve access around the town centre.               | This development is within SDC’s proposals for ‘Land East of High Street’.                                                                                  | Noted SDC had approved £435k to progress the project.<br><br>Subject to redevelopment as put forward by SDC on the 17 <sup>th</sup> of February 2025.<br><br>Protect access and connectivity to Kaleidoscope. |
| 1.3                    | <b>Connecting Routes</b>            | Improved signposting to help people navigate the town and locate cultural facilities and a welcoming environment.<br><br>Key routes to be identified and promoted. | ‘Tesco’ walkway to be enhanced in size in new development and enable cross highway art installations (see attachment).                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 1.31                   | <b>Connecting Routes-Wayfinding</b> |                                                                                                                                                                    | Wayfinding project has identified walking routes to be promoted, awaiting funding opportunity.<br><br>Town Trails assist visitors and vibrancy of the town. | <u>Action</u><br>Requested numbers of people that had engaged with town trails.<br><br>See separate STC report ( <a href="#">184695-2024 10 09 Agenda A and CWG-Draft.pdf</a> Pages 18-19).                   |

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| 1.4.                   | <b>Animating the Public Realm</b> | <p>Improve public spaces to help animate the town centre, could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Street Arts</li> <li>• Outdoor Arts</li> <li>• Dance &amp; music</li> <li>• Public Art</li> <li>• Share creativity</li> </ul> | <p>STC has a Premises Licence for Town Centre (except Blighs) which enables public entertainment to take place – the Summer Festival Fair Day is a good example of this. It would be good subject to funding and resources to extend the opportunities for this.</p> <p>Many towns have introduced Public Art, sometimes using outside enablers. Subject to permissions and finances initial walls for public art in keeping with Sevenoaks could be 1) side wall of Stag, 2) side wall of Up &amp; Running, Pembroke Road, 3) new buildings to be developed by SDC 'Land East of High Street'.</p> <p>Town Trails assist visitors and vibrancy of the town.</p> <p>In addition to Wayfinding Signs, use of different colours, public realm e.g. coloured bollards, flags can be introduced to indicate key walking routes between cultural facilities.</p> <p>Sharing creativity – it is hoped that the new STC Arts &amp; Culture Working Group will assist with this. It would also be helpful if other authorities</p> |  |

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| 1.4.- Continued        | Animating the Public Realm                                |  | and organisations considering cultural elements in the town could liaise with STC and or Town Team.                    | <u>11<sup>th</sup> of December 2024 Minute-251:</u><br>To encourage partnership between landlords and artists for STC aspiration of unused buildings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 1.41                   | Animating the Public Realm- Tesco's Site (Chandlers Walk) |  | 'Tesco' walkway to be enhanced in size in new development and enable cross highway art installations (see attachment). | <p>Noted that developers, had submitted public realm details to SDC for approval.</p> <p>Noted that Section 106 attached to Purelake planning permission included a Public Art Contribution of £10,000 for the provision of public art within the development to be installed prior to the first occupation.</p> <p><u>Action</u><br/>Officers to investigate whether this was something SDC would be progressing.</p> <p>It was noted that Councillors hoped that some of the funding could be put towards the creation of a form of Public Art depicting the social history of prominent Sevenoaks women.</p> |
| 1.42                   | Animating the Public Realm- Post Office                   |  |                                                                                                                        | See section 1.1 <b>South Park Area- Post Office.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| 1.5                    | Young People & Skills | Seek ways to identifying involving young people and their skills. |  | <p>Suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Council and House in the Basement be consulted on ideas and creative projects</li> <li>• Working with youth workers to get young people more engaged with projects</li> </ul> <p>Recent workshops include Photography, Street Dance, Skate Sessions, Open Mic nights with professional support taking place on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October 2024.</p> <p>It was noted that Open mic nights at House in the Basement are continuing with two further dates confirmed for 2025- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p>It was also noted that on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of February House in the Basement will be hosting a Photography session from 1:30 pm to 4 pm. The Stag Theatre offered space for the young people who took part to display their photography.</p> <p>It was noted that the Lewis Project also use the House in the Basement site to hold sessions and lessons.</p> |

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|                        |                        |                                                        |                                                                             | Over the Summer holidays House in the Basement hosted more Open Mic nights with one being held on the Vine Bandstand as part of the Music on the Vine. They also held a photography session visiting the Kent Wildlife Park on Bradbourne Vale Road.                                                                                                              |
| 1.6.                   | <b>Street Greening</b> | Integrate planting schemes<br><br>Support pocket parks | Some relevant proposals will be included in the STC Town Centre Masterplan. | <p><u>Action</u><br/>Suggested discussions take place with shop owners in The Shambles area regarding ways to improve the appearance of refuse storage within the area. Noted that seating, similar to Bligh's and outside the Stag, together with more planting, would help make the space more inviting.</p> <p>To note the Shambles is SDC responsibility.</p> |

| Inspiration |                           |                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| 2.1         | <b>Creative Workspace</b> | <p>Affordable artist and maker studios in the heart of the town centre</p> <p>Studios open to the public couple of times per year.</p> <p>Flexible event space</p> | <p>See. 1.1.</p> <p>Continue to promote High Street Studios facilities.</p> | <p>Noted that art studios currently available above Hospice in the Weald shop in town centre.</p> <p>It was noted that Future proofing the provision of creative workspaces as there is currently a limited availability. It was noted that this is mentioned in the Sevenoaks District Community Hub Proposal.</p> |

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| 2.2             | <b>Festivals</b>                   | Combine local arts and professional culture providers                                         | Encourage collaboration.                                       | <p>It was noted that a range of festivals and events are held each year, supported by the Town Council, including this year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sevenoaks Summer Festival (21<sup>st</sup> of June – 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2025)</li> <li>• Sevenoaks Literary Festival (26<sup>th</sup> September- 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025)</li> <li>• Sevenoaks Street Food Festival (6<sup>th</sup> September 2025)</li> <li>• Sevenoaks Bike Festival (20<sup>th</sup> September 2025)</li> <li>• Vegan Markets (5<sup>th</sup> of April and 4<sup>th</sup> October)</li> <li>• Band Stand events (every Thursday and Sunday from Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> of July- Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025)</li> <li>• Children's Theatre Shows (4<sup>th</sup> May 2025 on the Vine Gardens and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> of August – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 2025, finishing on the Vine Gardens)</li> </ul> <p>For a calendar list of events, please see Pages 19 onwards.</p> <p>Noted also that National Trust -Knoles hosts events such as an open-air cinema event.</p> <p>Proposed BID could achieve more.</p> |
| 2.2 - Continued | <b>Festivals</b>                   | Spaces in town centre to enable performances.                                                 | STC has Premises Licence for all of town centre except Blighs. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 2.21            | <b>Trails</b>                      | To “audit” current trails, create new trails, and Encourage involvement of commercial trails. |                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 2.3             | <b>Architecture &amp; Heritage</b> | Telling local stories about places to help solidify unique locations for example via          | All in place however with more funding and                     | Noted that Town Crier’s historical tour is being developed and that a self-guided tour and a Millennium Trail are available.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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|             |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Digital trails</li> <li>Text on public realm e.g. plaques</li> <li>Public art</li> <li>Live walking tours</li> <li>Performances</li> </ul> | resources could be expanded. | <p>It was noted that Bob Ogley had contacted Sevenoaks Town Council with a request to create and place Plaques at specific sites/buildings that were bombed during the Blitz. It was noted that these were being Installed for VE day (8<sup>th</sup> May 2025). <b>Three out of four of the plaques have been installed in the following locations: Vine Gardens, Walthamstow Hall and the Bus Station.</b></p>  <p>It was also noted that in Deal the Deal Historical Society have created a trail of blue Plaques on shops detailing the history of that shop as well as other buildings in the town. Deal Historical Society criteria for the Plaques is shown below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. They must have been dead for at least 20 years, or were born more than 100 years ago.</li> <li>2. They must have contributed substantially to the Area and/or the Nation.</li> </ol> |

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|             |                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                               | <p>3. They must be persons of good repute, and eminent in their profession or calling.</p> <p>4. They should preferably have been born in our Area, or</p> <p>5. They should have been resident during the time of their endeavours for which they achieved prominence.</p> <p>6. Those of Foreign birth must have had an International reputation or significant standing in their own country, and their time here must have been important to their life and work.</p> <p>It was noted a similar installation could be done for shops in Sevenoaks as well as the School buildings.</p> <p>It was noted that Councillors hoped that some of the 106 funding for street art in Chandlers Walk could be put towards the creation of a form of Public Art depicting the social history of prominent women in Sevenoaks.</p> |
| 2.4.        | <b>Creative Promotion</b> | <p>Creative approaches to promoting local cultural and creative activity via</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bespoke signage</li> <li>• Maps</li> <li>• Websites</li> </ul> <p>Joint marketing increases footfall.</p> | <p>Events programme for activities on the Vine produced for summer 2024.</p> <p>Wayfinding proposals in place subject to funding and planning permission.</p> | <p>See 2.5 below.</p> <p>It was noted that Councillors would like another Programme for activities on the Vine similar to the one produced in 2024 for this year.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| 2.5                 | <b>Culture Online</b>                            | Local website and app linked to cultural events and local businesses.                                            | To be pursued when BID created                                                                                                                           | <p>It was agreed that an online Town Calendar drawing together information on all events provided within the town would be invaluable. QR code linking to calendar could be placed around town. It was felt that this was something that could be undertaken by the BID.</p> <p>Note that SDC has recently produced a website for this initiative.<br/>Better Together: <a href="http://www.bettertogethercommunity.org.uk">www.bettertogethercommunity.org.uk</a><br/>Visit Kent: <a href="http://www.visitkent.co.uk">www.visitkent.co.uk</a><br/>Visit Sevenoaks: <a href="http://www.visitsevenoaks.co.uk">www.visitsevenoaks.co.uk</a></p> |
| 2.6                 | <b>Future of Arts &amp; Culture in Sevenoaks</b> | Sharing resources and projects                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                          | <p>Councillors would like to invite Kaleidoscope Gallery/Sevenoaks Visual Arts Forum, Sevenoaks District Arts Council, Sevenoaks Bookshop, Sevenoaks Summer Festival and Sevenoaks Literary Festival to future meetings to talk about their projects/plans.</p> <p>It was noted there will be an impact from local government reorganisation.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Recommended Actions |                                                  |                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 3.1                 | <b>Planning</b>                                  | Engage with planners and developers to secure long term sustainable opportunities to enhance the cultural offer. | Former Tesco site is a small example of collaboration includes wide open green link to Suffolk Way cultural facilities and opportunity for overhead art. | <p>Noted that stakeholder consultation events being held for Town Centre &amp; St John's Masterplans in November 2024. It was hoped that representatives from arts and cultural organisations could participate.</p> <p>St. John's Masterplan public consultation concluded on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025. Town Centre Masterplan public consultation commences 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025 for 6 weeks.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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|                     |                                 |                                                       |  | <p>St Johns Masterplan consultation ran for 6 weeks from 17th March to 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025</p> <p>Town Centre Masterplan consultation ran from 28<sup>th</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025, with an extension to allow for more focused promotion of Local Government Reorganisation and SDC-owned assets survey</p> <p>Following conclusion of both consultation periods, the Town Council's Masterplan consultants are now reviewing their contents in line with feedback received. The final and revised Masterplans will then be considered by the Town Council for adoption.</p> <p>In the meantime, Sevenoaks District Council has agreed to use the draft Town Centre Masterplan as an evidence base for its second phase of the procurement process for a development partner for its Land East of High Street project. It has been issued to tenderers shortlisted for the detailed Invitation to Tender and inform subsequent proposals for the area's redevelopment.</p> <p>The District Council's Planning Policy team has also agreed to consider in future potentially adopting the final Masterplans either as an evidence base to its Emerging Local Plan, or as a Supplementary Planning Document – both options of which would give it material planning weight and inform decisions on future planning applications.</p> |
| 3.11                | <b>Land East of High Street</b> | SDC consulting on new plans.                          |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 3.12                | <b>96 High Street</b>           | SDC consulting on new plans reference "Cultural Hub". |  | Research and development.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| 3.2                 | <b>Community &amp; Stakeholder Engagement</b> | Facilitate community and stakeholder engagement including with young people<br><br>Creation of a Cultural Forum engaging key stakeholders for progressing cultural plans. | New STC Arts & Culture Working Group will assist with this.              | Once Working Group had clearly defined its goals and set an agenda, it would be beneficial to draw together a forum of local arts and cultural organisations and groups. |
| 3.3                 | <b>Public Art</b>                             | Commission public art and procure and programme cultural activity<br><br>Development of Public Art Commissioning Guide                                                    | Subject to funding and resources<br><br>Subject to funding and resources | Councillors noted this could perhaps be pursued through the BID.                                                                                                         |
| 3.4                 | <b>Marketing and promotion</b>                | Oversee marketing and promotion<br><br>Development of process for joint marketing of the town's cultural offer.<br><br>Coordinate communications to maximise engagement   | To be pursued when BID created                                           | To consider producing a "What's Happening in Sevenoaks" leaflet, available for people to pick up in town centre areas.<br><br>See also 2.5 above.                        |
| 3.5                 | <b>Wayfinding</b>                             | Good quality wayfinding signage is needed to encourage public to use cultural facilities.                                                                                 |                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 3.6                 | <b>Premises Licence</b>                       | STC currently has a Premises Licence for most of the public spaces within the town centre. This may need to be extended.                                                  |                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| 3.7                 | Schools                         | To include school provision when considering the cultural strategy. |  |                                                                                                                |
| 3.8                 | Cultural Project & Philanthropy | Consider a key project for the Town.                                |  |                                                                                                                |
| 3.9                 | Kaleidoscope Exterior Signage   |                                                                     |  | Assist with planning and progressing the installation of exterior signage.                                     |
| 3.10                | Knole                           |                                                                     |  | Discuss the ability to within Knole promote the Town and Facilities including Wayfinding, Trails and Leaflets. |

| STC – Background to involvement in Arts & Culture in Sevenoaks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
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| <p>STC does not normally initiate its own and arts and culture projects unless it is connected to its current project and initiatives.</p> <p>STC aims to act as an enabler where resources are available to enable those experienced in the arts and culture to provide these community activities.</p> <p>This can be via</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Events</li> <li>• Grant Funding</li> <li>• Bands on the Vine – Thursday evenings &amp; Sunday afternoons during summer</li> <li>• Promotion of cultural events via road banners, leaflets, Town Crier</li> <li>• Stag – continued investment</li> <li>• Literary Festival – sponsor, free double page coverage in Town Crier</li> <li>• Summer Festival – sponsor, free double page coverage in Town Crier</li> <li>• Public Art – murals, Infinity project</li> <li>• Exhibitions – various, sponsored and enabled.</li> <li>• Children’s art competitions</li> <li>• Providing venues and licensing e.g. Premises Licence for Vine and Bandstand, Premises Licence for Town Centre for Summer Festival.</li> <li>• Cultural Strategy – planning for the future.</li> <li>• Input in planning e.g. walkway in new (Tesco) development to enable provision for similar to attached.</li> </ul> |  |

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**Cross highway art installations and illuminated trees seating examples**



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|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sat                             | 3           | May          | 10 – 4 pm                                      | Climate Fair                                                                                                                            | Vine Gardens        | Sevenoaks Climate Action Network (SCAN) |
| Sun                             | 4           | May          | 12.30 – 2 pm<br><br>2-3 pm                     | Children's rock painting for Sevenoaks<br>In Bloom – Ladybirds & Bees<br>&<br>Children's Theatre Event – Professor Slug's House of Bugs | Vine Gardens        | Sevenoaks Town Council                  |
| Thurs                           | 8           | May          | 6 – 8 pm<br>6.30 – 8 pm<br><br>8.30 – 9 pm     | <b>VE Day Anniversary</b><br>Volunteer Showcase<br>Music on the Bandstand<br>Fish & Chip and Ice Cream Van<br>Beacon Lighting           | Vine Gardens        | Sevenoaks Town Council                  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> May- 25 August |             |              | 10-5 pm                                        | <b>The World of Peter Rabbit™ Storytime Trail</b>                                                                                       | Knole Park          | National Trust- Knole                   |
| Thurs                           | 5           | June         | All day                                        | Set Up for Beer Festival                                                                                                                | Vine Gardens        | Sevenoaks Lions Club                    |
| Fri & Sat                       | 6 & 7       | June         | Friday 5 – 11 pm<br>Saturday, 12 noon to 11 pm | Beer on the Vine                                                                                                                        | Vine Gardens        | Sevenoaks Lions Club                    |
| Sun/Mon                         | 8 & 9       | June         | All day                                        | Clear Up from the Beer Festival                                                                                                         | Vine Gardens        | Sevenoaks Lions Club                    |
| Sun                             | 8           | June         | 6 – 7 pm                                       | St Nicholas' Church - Open Air Service for Pentecost                                                                                    | Bandstand           | St. Nicholas' Church                    |
| Fri                             | 13          | June         | 10-2 pm                                        | Business Show                                                                                                                           | Bat & Ball Centre   | Sevenoaks Town Team                     |
| Fri-Sat                         | 13-21       | June         | TBC                                            | Refugee Week                                                                                                                            | STC Office Car Park | Sevenoaks Welcomes Refugees             |

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| Sun        | 22          | June         | All Day     | Sevenoaks Summer Festival<br>Music on the Bandstand                           | Vine Gardens<br>Bandstand                   | Sevenoaks Summer<br>Festival |
| Sat        | 28          | June         | 9 – 3 pm    | Art on the Vine<br>Sevenoaks Art Society – Exhibition on<br>the Vine railings | Vine Garden Railings                        | Sevenoaks Art<br>Society     |
| Sat        | 28          | June         | All Day     | Sevenoaks Summer Festival<br>Colour scape & children’s art activities         | Vine Gardens,<br>including the<br>Bandstand | Sevenoaks Summer<br>Festival |
| Sun        | 29          | June         | All Day     | Sevenoaks Summer Festival<br>Music on the Bandstand                           | Vine Gardens<br>Bandstand                   | Sevenoaks Summer<br>Festival |
| Sun        | 6           | July         | All Day     | Sevenoaks Summer Festival<br>Music on the Bandstand                           | Vine Gardens<br>Bandstand                   | Sevenoaks Summer<br>Festival |
| Wed- Sat   | 16-<br>26th | July         |             | Sevenoaks Camera Club’s Exhibition                                            |                                             | Sevenoaks Camera<br>Club     |
| Sun        | 20          | July         | 3-5 pm      | Music on the Bandstand                                                        | Vine Gardens<br>Bandstand                   | Sevenoaks Town<br>Council    |
| Thurs      | 24          | July         | 6-8 pm      | Music on the Bandstand                                                        | Vine Gardens<br>Bandstand                   | Sevenoaks Town<br>Council    |
| Fri        | 25          | July         | 11 – 4 pm   | Skatepark Event                                                               | Greatness Skatepark                         | Sevenoaks Town<br>Council    |
| Sun        | 27          | July         | 9 am - 9 pm | Seniors Smash Cricket Tournament                                              | The Vine                                    | Sevenoaks Smash<br>Cricket   |
| Thurs      | 31          | July         | 6-8 pm      | Music on the Bandstand                                                        | Vine Gardens<br>Bandstand                   | Sevenoaks Town<br>Council    |
| Sat        | 02          | August       | 6- 8:45pm   | Outdoor Theatre: The Tale of Jemima<br>Puddle Duck with Quantum Theatre       | Green Court- Knole<br>House                 | National Trust-<br>Knole     |
| Sun        | 03          | August       | 3-5 pm      | Music on the Bandstand                                                        | Vine Gardens<br>Bandstand                   | Sevenoaks Town<br>Council    |

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| Mon        | 04          | August       | 10.30 – 1.30 pm | Family Fun Day                                           | Greatness Recreation Ground   | Sevenoaks District Council- facilitated by Sevenoaks Town Council |
| Thurs      | 07          | August       | 6-8 pm          | Music on the Bandstand                                   | Vine Gardens Bandstand        | Sevenoaks Town Council                                            |
| Sun        | 10          | August       | 3-5 pm          | Music on the Bandstand                                   | Vine Gardens Bandstand        | Sevenoaks Town Council                                            |
| Thurs      | 14          | August       | 6-8 pm          | Music on the Bandstand                                   | Vine Gardens Bandstand        | Sevenoaks Town Council                                            |
| Sun        | 17          | August       | 3-5 pm          | Music on the Bandstand                                   | Vine Gardens Bandstand        | Sevenoaks Town Council                                            |
| Tues       | 19          | August       | 2-3 pm          | Children's Theatre Show<br>Fungi Frida & the Myco Heroes | Bat and Ball Centre           | Sevenoaks Town Council                                            |
| Wed        | 20          | August       | 2-3 pm          | Children's Theatre Show<br>Fungi Frida & the Myco Heroes | Pontoise Play Area            | Sevenoaks Town Council                                            |
| Thurs      | 21          | August       | 2-3 pm          | Children's Theatre Show<br>Fungi Frida & the Myco Heroes | Greatness Recreational Ground | Sevenoaks Town Council                                            |
| Thurs      | 21          | August       | 6-8 pm          | Music on the Bandstand                                   | Vine Gardens Bandstand        | Sevenoaks Town Council                                            |
| Fri        | 22          | August       | 2-3 pm          | Children's Theatre Show<br>Fungi Frida & the Myco Heroes | Vine Gardens                  | Sevenoaks Town Council                                            |
| Sun        | 24          | August       | 3-5 pm          | Music on the Bandstand                                   | Vine Gardens Bandstand        | Sevenoaks Town Council                                            |
| Thurs      | 28          | August       | 6-8 pm          | Music on the Bandstand                                   | Vine Gardens Bandstand        | Sevenoaks Town Council                                            |
| Sun        | 31          | August       | 9am – 9 pm      | Smash Cricket Tournament                                 | The Vine                      | Sevenoaks Smash Cricket                                           |
| Sat        | 6           | September    | 12-7 pm         | Street Food Festival                                     | Vine Gardens                  | Heart of Sevenoaks                                                |

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| Sun                                                | 7           | September    | 3-5 pm      | Music on the Bandstand<br>Almost the Last Night of the Proms<br>Oxted Band | Vine Gardens<br>Bandstand             | Sevenoaks Town<br>Council      |
| Sat                                                | 13          | September    | 6:30-9 pm   | Outdoor Cinema: Peter Rabbit (2018)                                        | Green Court- Knole<br>House           | National Trust-<br>Knole       |
| Sat                                                | 20          | September    | 10-4 pm     | Sevenoaks Bike Festival                                                    | Vine Gardens                          | Sevenoaks Bike<br>Festival     |
| Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept- Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct |             |              |             | Sevenoaks Literary Festival                                                | Various Locations<br>around sevenoaks | Sevenoaks Literary<br>Festival |
| Sat                                                | 5           | October      | 10-4 pm     | Vegan Market                                                               | Vine Gardens                          | Sevenoaks Town<br>Team         |
| Sun                                                | 9           | November     | 10.45       | Remembrance Sunday                                                         | Vine Memorial                         | Sevenoaks Town<br>Council      |
| Sat                                                | 29          | November     | 3-5 pm      | Christmas Lights Switch On                                                 | Town Centre                           | Sevenoaks Town<br>Council      |