



# Town Clerk's Update

Council news and information from Sevenoaks Town Clerk, Linda Larter MBE



**17 October 2025**

## Hollybush Recreation Ground – Asset of Community Value Registration

It is disappointing that Sevenoaks District Council (SDC) have not agreed to the Town Council's request to register the whole of Hollybush Recreation Ground as an Asset of Community Value. They have removed the currently disused bowling green and two adjoining woodland areas. SDC believe these areas do not meet the criteria, that they are not in use now or in the recent past to further social wellbeing or cultural, recreational or sporting of the local community.

Our view is that the Recreation Ground should be considered as a whole, not divided up. Even areas that are not regularly in use contribute to the biodiversity and visual amenities of the park, creating natural boundaries in some areas.

It would be like saying the Stag is registered except the room on the third floor which hasn't been used for a while.

Unfortunately the only right of appeal is by the owner, which in this case is SDC.



## Anti-social behaviour

All of the fencing at the toddler area at the Buckhurst Road Play Area has been replaced again – hopefully for the last time.



## Please vote for The Vine for the Green Flag People's Choice Award

The Vine, much loved and used by many, is an entry in the Green Flag People's Choice Award.

Voting is open until 5 pm on 31 October. To vote for the Vine, visit [www.greenflagaward.org/park-summary/?park=3008](http://www.greenflagaward.org/park-summary/?park=3008)



## My meetings this week were:

- Society of Local Council Clerks Board Meeting & Conference
- SDC Clerks Meeting
- Meeting with Solicitors



## Knitted poppies for Remembrance Day



### Poppy Knitting Pattern

Cast on 60 stitches. Work 8 rows in Knit 2, Purl 2.

Next row Knit 2 together, repeat until end.

Next row – slip 2 stitches, knit 1, Passover.

Pass wool through remaining stitches, pull and fasten.

Sew a black button or embroider with black or green thread in the centre.

In previous years, Sevenoaks has displayed knitted red poppies (also purple poppies in remembrance of animals) around the exterior of the Vine, leading up to Remembrance Day. We welcome donations of these.



# Sevenoaks Business Awards

Many businesses, new and well established, have been nominated for the 2025 Sevenoaks Business Awards.

There is one award which is voted on by the public – Customer Choice. Vote for your favourite via this short form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QZ3SR9F>

Poll closes at midnight on 24 October.



## Save the date

Visit our events page for more information: [www.tinyurl.com/STCNewsEvents](http://www.tinyurl.com/STCNewsEvents)

| Date                 | Event                                        | Venue             |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Friday 31 October    | Britain in Bloom results                     | Brighton          |
| Sunday 9 November    | Remembrance Service                          | War Memorial      |
| Tuesday 11 November  | Remembrance War Graves                       | Cemetery          |
| Friday 14 November   | Sevenoaks Business Awards                    | Bat & Ball Centre |
| Saturday 29 November | Christmas Lights Switch-On                   | High Street       |
| Tuesday 2 December   | Launch of Bob Ogley Book – Fundraising Event | Knole             |
| Friday 5 December    | Holly Party                                  | Bat & Ball Centre |
| Saturday 7 February  | Mayor's Fundraising Quiz                     | Bat & Ball Centre |

Wishing you all a good weekend.  
Linda

