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Summer 2025

Sevenoaks welcomes new Mayor

Councillor Tony Clayton has been elected the new Mayor of Sevenoaks. Councillor Victoria Granville has been elected as Deputy Mayor.

Cllr Clayton was first elected to Sevenoaks Town Council in 1987, and last year he held the position of Deputy Mayor.

He was elected Mayor at the Annual Meeting of Sevenoaks Town Council, held on Monday 12th May 2025. Cllr Clayton previously held the position of Sevenoaks Town Mayor in 1995/96.

The new Mayor and his wife, Gill, have lived in Sevenoaks since 1983, after moving from Glasgow with their two children.

Over the last two years, he has chaired the Finance Committee, the Town Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, and the Sevenoaks Town Team, which brings together councils, businesses, residents and voluntary organisations to improve the town centre.

Cllr Clayton has also served as a District Councillor for much of the time he



Mayor of Sevenoaks
Cllr Tony Clayton with
Deputy Mayor Cllr
Victoria Granville

has worked as a Town Councillor.

As the Vice Chair of Housing, he oversaw major investment in the quality and sustainability of social homes. As the Chair of Town Centre Development, he supervised the evolution of the Bligh's Shopping Centre plan, and the commissioning of the successful developer.

The Mayor has spent most of his career working as an economist, specialising in performance improvement and marketing strategy, for companies in Kent, across the UK and internationally.

He has also held roles in the Office for National Statistics, including Director of Economic Analysis, and worked as the Chief Economist of the UK Intellectual Property Office.

Cllr Clayton has worked to promote cycling in Sevenoaks. He continues to cycle and is often seen around Sevenoaks on a locally made e-bike. The new Mayor is particularly interested in green initiatives, including promoting tree planting, supporting sustainable energy, and improving recycling. **See Page 3**

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We explain what local government devolution might mean for our town, and ask if we should take on responsibility for more local community assets? see page 7

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Summer/Autumn 2025

Sevenoaks Markets run all year on Wednesdays in the High Street 8am to 2pm, and on Saturdays in the High Street and Bligh's Walk 9am to 4pm.

June

Friday 6 June 5pm-11pm & Saturday 7 June noon-11pm **The Annual Beer on the Vine event** organised by the Round Table. See www.sevenoaksroundtable.co.uk

Sunday 8 June Outdoor Pentecost Church Service at 6pm on the Vine Brandstand and Vine Gardens, by St Nicholas Church. See www.stnicholas-sevenoaks.org

13 June Sevenoaks Business Show at Bat and Ball Centre. Organised by Sevenoaks Town Team. See page 10.

15-21 June Refugee Week - including Desperate Journeys immersive workshops www.sevenoakswelcomesrefugees.org

21 June Sevenoaks Summer Festival starts with the Festival Fair and performances in the town centre. Visit www.sevenoaksfestival.org.uk and see guide on pages 8&9.

28 June The Sevenoaks Society Community Open Day 10am to 4pm at The Stag Plaza Suite including the launch of the Consultation for the Town Centre Masterplan. See advert page 4.

28 June Concert for Armed Forces Day at St Nicholas' Church, Sevenoaks at 7pm. Sponsored by Sevenoaks Town Council. See page 13.

July

8 July Tidy Up Volunteer Day for Britain in Bloom. Please come and help with some tidying up and weeding to get the town looking its best! Meet at rear of Stag at 10am or 1pm. See page 5.

11 July Open Mic night at House in The Basement Youth Cafe for ages 11-17. See advert page 11.

20 July to 7 Sept Music on the Bandstand free concerts organised by Sevenoaks Town Council, every Thurs evening 6-8pm and Sun afternoons 3-5pm. See www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk and Facebook page. Look out for our **Events on the Vine and Vine Gardens** brochure which will be available to pick up from the end of May at Cafe on the Vine, the Council offices and community centres.

August

Bandstand concerts continue through August every Thursday evening & Sunday afternoon.

4 August Free Family Fun Day at Greatness Recreation Ground with Sevenoaks District Council and Sevenoaks Town Council. More information at www.sevenoaks.gov.uk

5 August Tidy Up Volunteer Day for Britain in Bloom. Please come and help with some tidying up and weeding to get the town looking its best! Meet at Bus station cafe at 10am or 1pm. See page 5.

14 August Open Mic Night on the Vine! 6-8pm Open Mic night for ages 11-17 years, organised by House in the Basement Youth Cafe. See advert on page 13.

19-22 August Free Children's Theatre: Fungi Frida and the Myco Heroes organised by Sevenoaks Town Council - performances at four venues in the town. 19 (Bat and Ball Centre), 20 (Pontoise Play Area), 21 (Greatness Recreation Ground), 22 August (Vine Gardens) More information nearer the time on the website and social media. See advert page 13.

September

6 Sept Street Food Festival on The Vine See www.heartofsevenoaks.co.uk

7 Sept Almost the Last Night of the Proms See the summer out in style with the final free Bandstand concert from Oxted Band on the Vine Gardens 3-5pm. Come and wave a flag, bring the Pimms and picnic or buy food and drink from the licensed Cafe on the Vine. The Pavilion Bar will be open.

20 Sept Sevenoaks Bike Festival on The Vine. See page 10.

4 October Autumn Vegan market with live music on The Vine. See page 10.

Please visit the Town Council's Facebook page and website for updates:
www.facebook.com/SevenoaksTC
www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk

New Mayor looks ahead to exciting developments to come for the town

Cllr Tony Clayton
Mayor of Sevenoaks



It's an honour to become Town Mayor again - thirty years after my first term. It's a bigger job now as Sevenoaks Town Council does so much more than in 1995, and we have important decisions to take on the future of the town over the next twelve months. So we need your help.

Local government changes should give the Town a chance to take more local control of parks and other services. An exciting sports development at Greatness Recreation Ground is due to start with Sevenoaks Football Club.

We're developing ideas for the community building at Greatness Lake, as well as thinking about the long-term potential of the Stag to grow and play an even bigger role in plans for the Town Centre.

I hope we can involve even more members of the Sevenoaks community to make the most of all these opportunities. Town and Parish Councils will continue through local government changes affecting Districts and Counties, and will continue to speak for their communities. Sevenoaks Town Council aims to capture the widest possible range of voices in charting the future of our wonderful town. We would love to hear your ideas.

I will continue the approach of the last two mayors, Councillor Libby Ancrum and Councillor Claire Shea, working with the Sevenoaks community to make investments in safer streets, better facilities for young people and safeguarding green spaces.

Sevenoaks will continue to grow under government housing targets. It is vital that we get the right homes in the right places, and that we invest in local infrastructure to support quality of life.



Mayor Clayton, Deputy Mayor Cllr Granville and outgoing Mayor Cllr Ancrum and (far right) at last year's Bike Festival

During the year I'll be supporting two local charities:

- **Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust** which works with the Town Council to deliver detached youth services and run events for young people at the House in the Basement, our youth centre at the Stag Theatre.
- **Sevenoaks Citizens Advice** which harnesses volunteer expertise to help people make better decisions about their lives, and secure their legal rights. Not many people realise that it's a charity; many national and local government services use it, but its success depends on people giving time and money.

These are just two of the voluntary organisations which make a huge difference to life in Sevenoaks, and which need all the support we can give them.



Our calendar (see opposite page) has a wide range of events, for young people, for music and food lovers, for cyclists and all those who value our green spaces, as well as for the Sevenoaks business community. Many of these are supported by local volunteers. Take a look and make the most of them this summer.

- **If you want to find a volunteering role suited to your talents and background, please look at the Volunteering Opportunities on page 14.**

Help get Sevenoaks ready for Britain in Bloom 2025!

Please join us for the 'Tidy Up' Volunteer Days ahead of the judging for South and South East in Bloom and the prestigious Britain in Bloom, for which Sevenoaks is a national finalist.

The town has been chosen to represent the South & South East region in the 2025 RHS Britain in Bloom UK Finals in the Town Centre & City Centre category. Sevenoaks last qualified for Britain in Bloom in 2022 when it won the Silver Gilt award.

The judging period will run from 28 July to 15 August 2025, with the winner announced in October.

Volunteering and community engagement is a vital aspect of the In Bloom judging criteria and our essential volunteers

also make a huge difference to our lovely open spaces.

The first volunteer day is on Tuesday July 8th. Please meet at the rear of the Stag, at the Plaza suite door, at 10am for a morning session and 1pm for an afternoon session

Volunteers should bring gardening gloves if they have them, and any favourite small tools like trowels and weeders, but other tools will be provided, along with First Aid, bottled water and Hi Viz vests.

On the second day on Tuesday August 5th, volunteers should meet at the Bus Station café area, with the same times and details as above.

Last year for the first time The Vine won the top prize for Park of the Year at the



South & South East In Bloom awards. And Sevenoaks also scooped Triple Gold for The Town Centre, the Upper High Street Gardens and The Vine.

The signature colours for Sevenoaks are purple and blue, with flashes of white and yellow, and the theme is Celebrating Bugs. See the In Bloom page at www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk and also see the advert below.



BRITAIN IN BLOOM UK FINALIST 2025
with the RHS



Our theme is Celebrating Bugs!

'TIDY UP' DAYS FOR BRITAIN IN BLOOM!

Do you have an hour to spare? Please join our Sevenoaks in Bloom volunteers to help us get our town ready for judging for South and South East in Bloom and Britain in Bloom 2025!

July 8	August 5
Meet at rear of Stag Theatre at 10am & 1pm	Meet at cafe in Bus Station at 10am & 1pm

Bring your favourite trowel or weeder if you like. We'll supply everything else. Hope to see you then!

For more info email
osl@sevenoakstown.gov.uk
or call 01732 459953.

www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk





25th Anniversary of twinning for the Friends of Rheinbach

Sevenoaks is to celebrate 25 years of friendship with its twin town in Germany. This July the Friends of Rheinbach will visit the twin town of Sevenoaks in West Germany to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the formal twinning arrangement.

Well before the year 2000, strong links had been established between the two towns with a number of visits in either direction but by then both town councils decided the time had come to make the arrangement formal. So, during a weekend of celebrations in Sevenoaks a delegation from Rheinbach, including a local school choir, were able to witness on The Vine the signing of two charters by the mayors of each town.

Since that time friendship between the two towns has continued to deepen, helped by ongoing financial support

from Sevenoaks Town Council.

Regular visits to Rheinbach and by Freunde von Sevenoaks have led to the development of strong ties on an individual and family level. Contact between schools and interest groups is actively promoted.

The biennial visit to Rheinbach is always enjoyable. Members not only enjoy the ambience of a very attractive town of similar size to Sevenoaks but excursions in the region and the warm hospitality of the Freunde von Sevenoaks.

By joining the Friends of Rheinbach you will have the opportunity to visit Rheinbach every other year, to benefit from at least three social events each year and to make new friends with an interest in Germany.

For information visit: www.friends-of-rheinbach.org.uk

1,000 people at VE Day celebration on the Vine



Over a thousand members of the community came together to celebrate VE Day 80 in Sevenoaks on May 8 at Vine Gardens. The event included a free concert on the bandstand with The Jean Bentley Orchestra playing wartime tunes, a volunteer showcase of local groups, a Beacon Lighting by the Mayor of Sevenoaks and a performance by soprano Fiona Henry.

Above: Local residents enjoying the event and (right) a young fundraiser for RBL

Free meals for youngsters in need this summer at HiTB

Sevenoaks Town Council has bagged £1,500 from Tesco's Stronger Starts scheme, which it will use to provide meals and sandwiches to children who may be experiencing food insecurity over the school holidays. These meals will be provided from the House in the Basement Youth Café, located in the basement of the Stag Theatre. The HiTB is a welcoming and free space for young people. Community members can find out more information about the scheme and how to access it by emailing the Sevenoaks Town Council Deputy Clerk at rfo@sevenoakstown.gov.uk. Further details will soon be available on the Sevenoaks Town Council website at : www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk

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Survey: should town council take over local assets in reorganisation?

There is still a good deal of uncertainty about the Government two proposals for Local Government Reform.

1) **Devolution - creation of Strategic Authority and Elected Mayor and**

2) **Reorganisation and creation of Unitary Authorities.**

It has been confirmed that Kent is not within the fast track for Devolution and therefore a timetable is not available.

Local government reorganisation process has started. District and Borough Councils had to submit outline plans in March 2025 for proposals for disbanding and creating new Unitary authorities which is expected to be several district councils combining. A more detailed plan is required in November 2025.

The government is expected to provide a decision and timetable relating to these plans in November/December 2025. Sevenoaks District Council will liaise with the public and interested parties on these proposals.

In the meantime, SDC is working with town and parish councils to enable the protection of local assets via transfers, if possible, to town and parish councils or voluntary organisations. It should be noted that the default position being all assets transfer to new Unitary Authority. This will not be an easy process due to resources required to produce Business Proposals for each asset and current legislation.

SDC SUBMISSION DATES FOR CONSIDERATION OF ASSET TRANSFER

- Round 1/Round 2
- Application opens:
- 6th May 2025/1st September 2025
- Application deadline
- 30th June 2025/31st October 2025
- Finance & Investment Advisory Committee:
- 2nd September 2025/6th January 2026
- SDC Cabinet:
- 18th September 2025/15th January 2026
- SDC Council:

• 19th November 2025/24th February 2026

SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL'S TRANSFER OF ASSETS ETHOS

Sevenoaks Town Council is providing Expressions of Interest for the transfer of several assets and requests that these are considered as a 'package.'

Some of the assets will be income generating and some only having outgoing costs. The aim is that the overall 'package' will be cost neutral where possible both to the new Unitary Council and the local taxpayer.

Notes:

1. Asset of Community Value (ACV) – STC have registered some assets to date as Assets of Community Value. It is hoped that they would have priority in transfer discussions.

2. Overage – this is expected to be included within transfer to mitigate against STC selling in the future.

3. Market Value – there is still some uncertainty about how market value for assets is going to be established. Transfer of some assets valued at over £2m may have to be signed off by the Secretary of State.

Sevenoaks Town Council has asked for the transfer of the following assets to be considered in the first tranche of discussions.

The Town Council believes that these will be of benefit to the community being owned and operated at the most local level.

- **Stag Theatre & Cinema** (currently leased from SDC)
- **Bradbourne Vale Road horse field** (currently leased to Sevenoaks Riding for the Disabled)
- **Hollybush Recreation Ground & Related Assets**
- **Land & Market Rights in the High Street**
- **St John's Hill Car Park & Public Toilets** (public toilets currently leased from SDC)
- **St James Car Park**



Sevenoaks Town Council wants to safeguard the historic market rights

There is a list of additional assets which are owned by Sevenoaks District Council and would transfer to the new Unitary Authority if and when established.

These include Sevenoaks Leisure Centre, Bligh's Car Park, Bus Station, Bradbourne Lakes, Mill Pond and others.

PLEASE TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

Sevenoaks Town Council are keen to hear from the local community on whether there is a need for these in principle to be moved to the Town Council and operated locally.

Due diligence on costs would be required to be considered. To see the full list please go to this link bit.ly/SevenoaksSurvey (if reading the e-version), use the QR code above, visit www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk or collect a paper survey from Sevenoaks Town Council offices in Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 3QG, to complete and return.



2025 21 June - 6 July 2025

60 events



Sea Symphony
Stag Theatre
Saturday 28 June



Pam Ayres
Sun 6 July Pamoja Hall

Colourscape



On The Vine
Sat 28 June
Specsavers



GOLDIFOX
Sat 21 June



White Rock Inn
Open Air Shakespeare

BBC BIG BAND
THE MUSIC OF
JAMES BOND
... AND BEYOND
Saturday 5 July Pamoja Hall

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The Second Best Bed
Mon 30 June Sackville Theatre

FESTIVAL FAIR
Saturday 21 June

BLIGH'S MEADOW
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**Russ Kearton TRIO
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Good news as 95 per cent of ground floor shop units in town are occupied

Did you know...?

That as of March when the survey was done, that of 324 ground floor units, Sevenoaks had all but 14 occupied. That is a massive 95.7%! Against a national vacancy rate of about 13.9%, Sevenoaks must be close to the top of the tree with just 4.3% vacant.

Inevitably there are always comings and goings and since that survey, about half are now re-occupied.

It is sad to see though that Cote and Poundland have closed, but on the plus side, Tesco are returning to the High Street in the new Purelake building.

Talking of Purelake they are the main sponsors for the town's entry in Britain in Bloom this year, and joining them is

another new sponsor, NFU Mutual, which in addition has been a sponsor of the 2025 Sevenoaks Business Show which is being held on June 13.

The Show stands were once again sold out and feature a wide range of exhibitors ranging from perhaps the obvious professionals to Sevenoaks Rugby Club, Barclays Bank, Sevenoaks Bikes and even Zo's Retro Sweets.

Thanks go to all our sponsors for the Show, and particularly Clive Emson Auctioneers who are main sponsors for the fourth year in a row.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There is plenty going on in Sevenoaks this year and the Town Team events dates

for your diary are:

- **Friday June 13th** – Sevenoaks Business Show at Bat and Ball Centre.
- **Saturday September 6th** – Sevenoaks Street Food Festival on The Vine
- **Saturday September 20th** – Sevenoaks Bike Festival on The Vine
- **Saturday October 4th** – Autumn Vegan Market with live music on The Vine
- **Friday November 14th** – Sevenoaks Business Awards at Bat and Ball Centre
- **Friday December 5th** – Holly Party at Bat and Ball Centre.



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What goes on at our youth cafe for 11-17yrs?

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

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

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

This club offers a crucial space for young people with disabilities and additional

needs to connect, learn, and grow. The SEN Club helps attendees build confidence, develop social skills, and participate in fun and educational activities.

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

This initiative supports young people who are not currently in traditional education or employment, offering them guidance and resources to explore new opportunities.

See the advert (right) for details of opening times and events.



HOUSE IN THE Basement
FREE Youth cafe for all ages 11-17
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Tuesday (SEN Club):	5 - 8 PM
Wednesday:	4 - 8 PM
Friday:	4 - 8 PM
Saturday:	2 - 8 PM

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 FOR AGES 11-17

FRIDAY 11TH JULY & FRIDAY 12TH SEPT
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MANAGER@HOUSEINTHEBASEMENT.CO.UK

HOUSE IN THE Basement



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25 JULY 2025

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Sevenoaks Quarry

What's happening at the quarry?

Planning Permission was granted in October 2024 for the redevelopment of the site for 950 homes including 150 homes for older people and a new country park.

This will not only deliver new and affordable homes, but also community facilities, environmental benefits and much-needed improvements to infrastructure.

The planning application is available to view on the council's planning portal or via our website below.

Our work with the community is only just beginning.

Tarmac is now working with the community to understand what the needs of the residents of Sevenoaks are while working on the details of the development.



Tarmac were proud to be a main sponsor at last year's Sevenoaks Summer Festival. It was a great few weeks and thank you to the organisers for such a well run community event.



Find out more!

Visit our website by scanning the QR code or by going to <https://sevenoaks.tarmac.com/>

Have a question? Please do get in touch:

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**Dementia-friendly cafe at Bat & Ball Station
TN14 5AP**

10:30am - 12noon

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

2025 DATES

Cafes will then run on these dates.
Speakers announced nearer the time.

25th June

30th July

27th August

24th September

29th October

26th November

No cafe in December

Parking: There is free parking at Bat & Ball Centre nearby or free Blue Badge parking plus paid parking in the Station car park.

Any queries please contact
CommunityEng@sevenoakstown.gov.uk
01732 459953.



In partnership with



Armed Forces Day Concert

The Central Band of The Royal British Legion will be performing at St Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks, for an evening filled with inspiring music. This special event honours our brave servicemen and women and forms part of a series of celebratory concerts marking the band's 80th anniversary.

Saturday 28th June 2025 at 7:00pm (Doors open at 6:30pm)
St Nicholas Church, Rectory Lane, Sevenoaks, TN13 1JA

Tickets: £14 (£12 for concessions)

Book now: www.centralband.com/AFD2025

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<https://www.centralband.com>



**Tuesday 19th August to
Friday 22nd August**

**FREE
EVENT**

FUNGI FRIDA AND THE MYCO HEROES

by Georgie Taylor

Free family show for 0-12 yr olds



A fun show about
how fungi can
help save the
environment!

**2pm
start**

Bring a rug
to sit on!

**Tues 19th August - Bat & Ball Centre
Wed 20th August - Pontoise Park
Thurs 21st August - Greatness Rec Grd
Fri 22nd August - the Vine Gardens**

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FOR AGES 11-17

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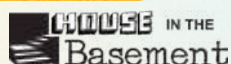
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Volunteering roles

If you have a bit of time why not do some voluntary work and meet new friends in the process? Here are the organisations who came to our Volunteer Showcase on the Vine for VE Day.

- We are Beams, marie.moorey@wearebeams.org.uk
- Sevenoaks Summer Festival, secretary@sevenoaksfestival.org.uk
- Sevenoaks Repair Café, sevenoaksrepaircafe@gmail.com
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- Friends of Pontoise Evy & Michael friendsofpontoise@gmail.com



SAMARITANS
Sevenoaks

Train to be a Samaritan

Volunteer with us

It takes training and skills to know what to say and do when people reach out for help. We will train, mentor and support you all the way.

To find out more and apply, visit samaritans.org/volunteer

Email Sevenoaks.recruitment@samaritans.org

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WHAT'S ON AT THE STAG SEVENOAKS

WHAT'S ON SCREEN

**NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE:
A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE**

5TH JUNE

BILLY ELLIOT THE MUSICAL LIVE

8TH JUNE

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON

SHOWING FROM 13TH JUNE

F1 - STARRING BRAD PITT

SHOWING FROM 27TH JUNE

JURASSIC WORLD REBIRTH

SHOWING FROM 4TH JULY

NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE: INTER ALIA

4TH SEPTEMBER

NEW FILMS UPDATED WEEKLY!

BARGAIN WEDNESDAYS!

UPTO 50% OFF CINEMA TICKETS WHEN BOOKED ON THE DAY

WHAT'S ON STAGE

SO TRUE: 80S PARTY NIGHT

13TH JUNE

THE CLOSE-UP MAGIC SHOW

14TH JUNE

OLIVIA WITH A TWIST (GRANVILLE SCHOOL)

19TH JUNE

WISHWORKS INTERACTIVE PUPPETS

21ST JUNE

COLDPLACE: LEADING COLDPLAY SHOW

26TH JUNE

CHORAL & ORCHESTRAL CONCERT

28TH JUNE

GEOFF ROBB - MUSIC OF THE TREES

1ST JULY

FOLK MUSIC, FOLKLORE & FOLKTALES

3RD JULY

MONTHLY COMEDY IN FOOTLIGHTS BAR!

STAG
SEVENOAKS



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WWW.STAGSEVENOAKS.CO.UK
THE STAG SEVENOAKS,
LONDON ROAD,
SEVENOAKS, TN13 1ZZ



FREE HOT DRINK OR POPCORN

ENJOY A FREE HOT DRINK OR SMALL POPCORN ON PRODUCTION OF THIS VOUCHER AND A VALID THEATRE OR CINEMA TICKET. VALID UNTIL 01/08/25

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SEVENOAKS



The next few years will see renewed investment in your area. Please join us in making plans for the future of this treasured green space.



Together we'll be discussing:

- Playgrounds
- Sports Facilities
- Family Fun
- Health and Wellbeing
- Community Events
- The Skate Park
- Art Trails
- Tree Planting

and your ideas too!

If you are interested in joining contact us:

Email: osl@sevenoakstown.gov.uk

Tel: 01732 459 953

Bradbourne Vale Road,
Sevenoaks TN13 3QG



Follow us on social media on [@SevenoaksTC](https://www.facebook.com/SevenoaksTC) [@sevenoakstowncouncil](https://www.instagram.com/sevenoakstowncouncil)

Free Reusable Party Kit!

Planning a party?

Ditch disposables and borrow our Reusable Party Kit.

It's **free**, **eco-friendly**, and perfect for birthdays, BBQs, and more!

Kit includes: plates, side plates, bowls, jugs, cups, cutlery for up to 32 Children!!

The kit also includes bunting!

- ✓ Eco-conscious
- ✓ Community-friendly
- ✓ Hassle-free alternative

Please note: this kit is only available to Sevenoaks Town Parish Residents.

If you are interested in booking the Party Kit for your event please email: Council@Sevenoakstown.gov.uk



In partnership with



Pay-As-You-Go Vehicle Rental in Sevenoaks

Sevenoaks residents two year offer:

Join for ~~£120~~ **FREE** & get **£20 free driving credit**

Quote offer code: **SEVENOAKS20**



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Precept

Sevenoaks Town Council's total annual revenue budget for the 2025/26 financial year is £1,997,096.
The average Band D household would pay £153.67 per year, equating to £2.96 per week.

OPEN SPACES & LEISURE

Allotments:
Bradbourne Vale Road
Quaker's Hall Lane
Bethel Road Burial Ground
Brittains Common
Brittains Lane Wood
Greatness Recreation Ground
The Green, Hillingdon Rise
Hanging Baskets
Horse Troughs (Old Police Station, Rheinbach Gardens, St Botolph's Road)
Judd's Piece
Land At:
Letterbox Lane
Littlewood
Tonbridge Road
Longspring Wood
Muga (Multi Use Games Area)
Middlings Wood
Millpond Wood
Planters (The Shambles, Dorset Street, Pembroke Road, London Road, Buckhurst Lane)
The Pound, Pound Lane
Raley's Field & Knole Paddock
Rheinbach Gardens
Sevenoaks Common
Sports Pitches
Upper High Street Gardens



Vine Cricket Ground & Pavilion
Vine Gardens
Public Toilet, Telephone Kiosk
With Defibrillator
War Memorial
White Hart Beeches
Woodside Road Open Space

CAR PARKS

Raleys Car Park

PLAY AREAS

Buckhurst Lane Play Area
Greatness Recreation Ground & Playground
Hillingdon Rise Play Area
Julians Meadow & Playground
Kippington Meadow
Mount Close Open Space & Playground
Pontoise Close Open Space & Playground

SERVICES

Bat & Ball Centre (Formerly Sevenoaks Community Centre)
Available For Hire: Meetings, Conferences Etc.
Bat & Ball Station Building (Including Café And Rooms Available To Hire)
batandballstation.com
Business Hub
Bus Shelters (Dartford Road X1, Bradbourne Vale Road X2, London Road X2, Tonbridge Road X1)
Café On The Vine
cafeonthevine.com
Consultees (Planning, Highways, Etc)
Grants To Local Organisations
Greatness Park Cemetery
House In The Basement (Hitb)
Youth Café (available for hire)
houseinthebasement.weebly.com
Info-Pods & Digital Display Screens
Litter Bins And Grit Bins
Markets (Wednesday And Saturday)
Masterplan For Northern Sevenoaks
Neighbourhood Development Plan
Orbital No 8 Bus
Public Clocks (Jubilee Clock Old Market House And Warren Clock Above Brewers)

Public Seats In Various Locations
Public Toilets (The Stag, The Vine, Lower St Johns, Greatness Recreation Ground)
Sevenoaks Town Team
sevenoakspartnership.org
Stag Community Arts Centre
Defibrillator In Foyer
stagsevenoaks.co.uk
Street Lights In Some Unadopted Roads
Town Council Offices/Chamber Available For Hire: Meetings, Conferences Etc.
Twinning With Pontoise And Rheinbach
Youth Council
sevenoaksyouthcouncil.weebly.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Christmas Illuminations In Town
Civic Functions
Vine Bandstand/Free Summer Concerts

SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES

Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks
TN13 3QG

Town Councillors 2023-2027

Name	Party	Name	Party
Eastern Ward		St Johns Ward	
Cllr L Ancrum	Liberal Democrat	Cllr S Camp	Liberal Democrat
Cllr A S Clayton	Liberal Democrat	Cllr Dr P Dixon	Liberal Democrat
Cllr S Layne	Liberal Democrat	Cllr D Skinner OBE	Liberal Democrat
Kippington Ward		Town Ward	
Cllr C Daniell	Liberal Democrat	Cllr V Granville	Liberal Democrat
Cllr C Gustard	Liberal Democrat	Cllr L Michaelides	Liberal Democrat
Cllr N Varley	Liberal Democrat	Cllr G Willis	Liberal Democrat
Northern Ward		Wilderness Ward	
Cllr Dr M Canet	Liberal Democrat	Cllr N Wightman	Liberal Democrat
Cllr L O'Hara	Liberal Democrat		
Cllr C Shea	Liberal Democrat		

To contact a Sevenoaks Town Councillor, please use the following email format: Cllr.Surname@sevenoakstown.gov.uk eg. to contact Councillor Ancrum, the email address would be: Cllr.Ancrum@sevenoakstown.gov.uk



Town Clerk/Chief Executive
Linda Larter MBE
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RFO/Deputy Town Clerk
Georgina Jackson
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The Town Council or its Committees meet on most Monday evenings at 7pm and members of the public are welcome to attend. For further details of the meetings please contact the Town Council Offices on 01732 459953.
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