

The design from playground provider KOMPAN received the most public support, attracting more than 25% of the public votes, and Town Councillors have now chosen to go with this proposal.

In their feedback about the KOMPAN design, the local community praised the large variety of play equipment including a zipline, trampoline, climbing net, swings, roundabout and sensory play area. Many commented on how inclusive the equipment was and lots of people loved the animal-theme.

When selecting the final design, Town Councillors considered both the public feedback as well as considerations such as best value, quality of play equipment, inclusive play provision, maintenance requirements and trade references. KOMPAN achieved the highest overall score.

Eight companies submitted designs for the new outdoor gym. Again, it was KOMPAN's plan that was the public's favourite, receiving 46% of the votes.

Survey respondents praised the range of strength and cardiovascular equipment, layout, wheelchair accessibility, variable-resistance equipment and companion mobile app providing guided exercise programmes.

The existing gym has been in place for around fifteen years and was identified through a previous public consultation as requiring replacement and upgrading. The new facility will provide a modern and accessible outdoor fitness space.

The £250,000 project has been made possible with a Community Infrastructure Levy grant of £100,000.

Outdoor Gym
Sevenoaks Town Council - Option 2

5 New items, 10 No. of users, 25 Exercises

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GREATNESS RECREATION PARK OUTDOOR GYM encourages users to come together and use the proposed gym equipment regardless of age or ability, encouraging the community to grow and develop together at a destination that all the family and friends can enjoy.

KOMPAN

Combi 1, Hand holds for accessibility, Inclusive double chest press, Leg lift & pull up, Bike, Cross trainer

CARDIO - CALISTHENICS - STRENGTH TRAINING - RESISTANCE TRAINING

KOMPAN FIT APP
Available for download in App Store or Google Play

- Free App
- No ads
- No subscription required
- Digital Personal Trainer
- Guided workouts & exercises
- Connects users with KOMPAN fitness sites
- Exercise videos available
- Workouts tailored to each KOMPAN site

The KOMPAN App shows the user how to use the equipment and get an efficient workout. This is a great guide for the inexperienced user.

Use the free app to create your own workout

Wow! 10 levels of resistance for varied abilities

Wheelchair accessible pathway

LIFETIME WARRANTY

- Galvanized structured parts
- Cross Beams
- Floor frames
- Top brackets
- Stainless steel hardware
- EcoCore and other HDPE Panels

TO FIND OUT MORE ON HOW THE APP WORKS SCAN HERE!

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Celebrating 10 years of The Vine being awarded the coveted Green Flag Award



Sevenoaks Town Council has received the prestigious Green Flag Award for The Vine for the 10th consecutive year. This is a fitting recognition of The Vine's place at the heart of the Sevenoaks community.

The Green Flag Award scheme, managed by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy under contract from the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, recognises and rewards well-managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of green spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world.

Paul Todd MBE, Green Flag Award Manager at Keep Britain Tidy, said, "Sevenoaks Town Council have shown what can be achieved when parks are properly supported and managed. As we celebrate 30 years of the Green Flag Award, we want every community to have access to green spaces like this that are safe, welcoming and maintained to a high standard. Congratulations to everyone involved."

Last year, Sevenoaks Town Council transformed the pond and pergola area of The Vine Gardens with a new ground surface made from the equivalent of more than one million plastic straws. The improvements have created a more accessible, attractive and welcoming space for everyone.

There is plenty for the community to enjoy at The Vine this summer, including free Music on the Bandstand concerts, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland show, the Street Food Festival and cricket. Families can also take part in the Sevenoaks in Bloom bug and plant trail. Free activity sheets are available from Café on the Vine, and children who complete the trail can collect a sticker.

We are hoping to extend this success story to another of the Town Council's Open Spaces and will be looking to put in place requirements to meet the criteria at Greatness Recreation Ground.

The Green Flag Award Scheme is run by the environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, under contract from the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, in partnership with Keep Scotland Beautiful, Keep Wales Tidy and Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful.



Local Government Reorganisation



As expected, the Government has now confirmed plans for Local Government reorganisation in Kent. The Government will disband Sevenoaks District Council, Kent County Council, Medway Council and the 11 district, borough and city councils, and replace with four Unitary Authorities from 2028. In the future it is expected that there will also be 1 Strategic Authority (elected Mayor).

The new Council for West Kent includes Sevenoaks, Tonbridge & Malling, Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone.

There are no plans for changes to Town and Parish Councils.

Donations for Ukraine

Our colleagues at Swanley Town Council arrange regular Humanitarian Aid Trucks full of essential items to Ukraine.

If you wish to donate, Sevenoaks Town Council can collect items and arrange for collection or delivery.

Help Swanley's Twin City of Fastiv - Donations Needed for Humanitarian Aid truck to Ukraine leaving August

KentRelief (Charity number 1204501) are planning their next truck of humanitarian aid to Ukraine for August, and will be taking aid to Fastiv, twin town of Swanley. We are collecting donations for Fastiv as well as raising funds towards the cost of the truck. Essential aid needed includes tinned food, pasta, flour, general medicines and hygiene items. They are also in need of slimline wheelchairs. You can drop these donations off at our Swanley drop off points Swanley Link and the Civic Centre. For monetary donations you can donate via our partner KentRelief – please see details further below.

Please help our twin town of Fastiv!



KentRelief details for monetary donations
Account Name: KentRelief
Account Number: 44520968
Sort code: 30-99-50

You can also donate to us via the Charities Aid Foundation
<https://www.cafonline.org/home/donate>



For any queries please contact enquiries@kentrelief.org.uk

To see KentRelief's previous humanitarian aid deliveries and other ways to donate including GoFundMe and PayPal, please visit their website www.kentrelief.org.uk



Hosting a Study Tour from the Japan Local Government Centre

The Town Council was pleased to host a Study Tour from the Directors, Assistant Directors and staff of the Japan Local Government Centre (CLAIR London) on Friday 24th July 2025.

Please see below feedback from those who attended:

"An inspiring day in Sevenoaks exploring the role of town government. Today our colleagues led by the Director General visited Sevenoaks Town Council at the kind invitation of the Clerk Linda Larter. Linda guided us through several sporting and cultural facilities managed with the council, demonstrating how developer contributions and heritage funding have helped revitalise parts of the town, enhancing the public realm and improving residents satisfaction.



Over a working lunch with the Town Mayor, Victoria Granville and Council Leader Claire Shea we discussed the challenges and opportunities facing smaller councils in both England and Japan. The exchange of ideas highlighted the important contribution that town and parish councils can make to local communities, particularly as local government reorganisation continues across England.

Our sincere thanks to Linda Larter, Cllrs Granville and Shea and the whole Sevenoaks Town Council Team, including Kassia for their warm welcome and generous hospitality. It was a valuable opportunity to learn more about the vital role of the parish sector and to strengthen the exchange of local government knowledge between England and Japan"



Tai Chi on the Vine



Sat 1st Aug
9:30am



Join Cllr Lionel O'Hara for another relaxing morning of Tai Chi at The Vine following last month's great turnout.

The session is free to attend, but if you'd like to, you can make a voluntary donation in support of the Mayor's chosen charity Hospice in the Weald.



Music on the Bandstand



Enjoy free concerts at the Vine this summer and free children's activities at our Thursday concerts!

	JULY 19	JONAH'S WAIL 3pm-5pm: This popular band kicks off the summer playing 1960's classics up to current chart hits
	JULY 23	WEST KENT CONCERT BAND 6pm-8pm: Wind and brass musicians playing traditional, classical, rock, pop & jazz music
	JULY 26	KENT POLICE BAND 3pm-5pm: Brass band made up of serving and retired police officers as well as civilian players
	JULY 30	SOUL TRAIN CHOIR 6pm-8pm: Fun choir performing uplifting soul and motown songs
	AUGUST 6	SEVENOAKS & TONBRIDGE CONCERT BAND 6pm-8pm: Playing orchestral pieces, film scores & military band pieces
	AUGUST 9	SEVENOAKS SAXES 3pm-5pm: Featuring soprano, alto, tenor, baritone, sopranino and bass saxophones
	AUGUST 13	IAN FOX 6pm-8pm: Singer/songwriter performing blues, rock & Americana
	AUGUST 16	SEVENOAKS ROCK CHOIR 3pm-5pm: Pop, gospel & motown music from the local rock choir
	AUGUST 20	KENT YOUTH JAZZ ORCHESTRA 6pm-8pm: Talented young musicians from all over Kent make up this jazz orchestra
	AUGUST 22	OXTED BAND: ALMOST THE LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS 3pm-5pm: This brass band is always a crowd favourite - enjoy a summer afternoon of great tunes
	AUGUST 27	WHITE LIGHT BAND 6pm-8pm: Join us as we rock around the Vine to end the summer with this lively band!



Find out more at www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk



Read our free summer events guide at:
<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/3fc6ccdb6e.html>

My meetings

My meetings since my last update were:

- Planning & Environment Committee*
- Town Council Meeting*
- Finance & Delivery Committee*
- Sevenoaks Rugby Club Liaison Meeting
- SDC Clerks Forum
- Association of Democratic Service Officers – Review of Standing Orders
- Hosting visit from CLAIRE – Japan Local Government Centre
- Sevenoaks Football Club Project Meeting

*All of Sevenoaks Town Council's main meetings are open to the public and available to watch live on YouTube see www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk for details.



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Save the date

Visit our events page for more information: sevenoakstown.gov.uk/events/

Date	Event	Venue
Saturday 1 August	Tai Chi on the Vine with Cllr O'Hara - Hospice in the Weald fundraising event	Vine
Tuesday 4 August	Family Fun Day	Greatness Rec
Wednesday 5 August	Skateness	Greatness Rec
Tuesday 18 August	Alice in Wonderland - free theatre show	Bat & Ball Centre
Wednesday 19 August	Alice in Wonderland - free theatre show	Pontoise Play Area
Thursday 20 August	Alice in Wonderland - free theatre show	Greatness Rec
Friday 21 August	Alice in Wonderland - free theatre show	Vine
Wednesday 26 August	Forget-me-not Cafe: free dementia- friendly event	Bat & Ball Station
Thursday 27 August	Music on the Bandstand: last concert of the summer (White Light Band)	Vine
Wednesday 30 September	Forget-me-not Cafe: free dementia- friendly event	Bat & Ball Station
Saturday 3 October	Kent Biodiversity & Regenerative Food Festival	Vine
Wednesday 28 October	Forget-me-not Cafe: free dementia- friendly event	Bat & Ball Station
Sunday 8 November	Remembrance Service	War Memorial
Friday 20 November	Sevenoaks Business Awards	Bat & Ball Centre
Wednesday 25 November	Forget-me-not Cafe: free dementia- friendly event	Bat & Ball Station
Saturday 28 November	Christmas Lights Switch-On	High Street

Wishing you a good weekend,
Linda

