

Town Clerk's Update

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

21 August 2026



Greatness Football & Community Centre

We are really pleased to report that the construction of the Greatness Football & Community Centre is due to be completed next month on schedule. The new centre is a joint project between Sevenoaks Town Football Club and Sevenoaks Town Council, made possible by funding from the Football Foundation, Premier League Fund and Community Infrastructure Levy from Sevenoaks District Council.



The new building will provide a huge improvement on facilities for the football club but also facilities which can be used by the wider community.

When we started the project, we thought we would only have the funds to finish off the ground floor, and the top floor would remain a carcass for later refurbishment. Prudent overseeing of the project has enabled the building to be fully completed.

Sevenoaks Town Council, mindful of its Green Infrastructure Plan, have been pleased to fund, in addition to contributing towards the total project, specific related items – solar roof panels, heat source pump, EV charging points and cycle stands.

As a separate but related project, Sevenoaks Town Council is funding a new play area (see image below), a new outdoor gym and improvements to the car park. Additional planting will take place in the autumn. This is all part of the long-term plan to upgrade the recreation ground into a more pleasant public open space.



Free concerts - Music on the Bandstand

Music on the Bandstand



	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

My meetings

My meetings since my last update were:

- Sevenoaks Kaleidoscope Gallery re signage
- Sevenoaks Cricket Club
- Chair & Vice Chair Meeting



Rail Safe Friendly Project

With some financial assistance from the Darent Valley Community Partnership, the Town Council has been pleased to provide the Rail Safe Friendly Project to local school children. The project is based around the Bat & Ball Station.

Over the last three months, the project has reached 1,913 young people and 3 new schools. Overall, the project has reached 3,235 young people at 9 schools.



Youth Activities



Skateness - Greatness Skatepark

On Wednesday 5 August, the Town Council hosted Skateness at Greatness Skate Park, facilitated by Kings Ramps. The event featured skateboarding, BMX and scooter demonstrations alongside stalls and activities from House in the Basement, Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust (SAYT), Sevenoaks Youth Council, NHS Recovery College and Sevenoaks Repair Café.

Sevenoaks Youth Council also held a bake sale as part of the event. Over the course of the day, it is estimated that approximately 100–150 young people attended.

Also this summer, Samsara Sports hosted two days of free skateboarding sessions at Greatness Skatepark open exclusively to girls. These provided a fantastic opportunity to try out skateboarding or learn new tricks!



Alice's Adventures in Wonderland – Free Outdoor Theatre

The week commencing 17 August saw the arrival of the Town Council's free performances of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, performed by Cats Grin Theatre Company and Stratford Theatre Company. Four performances were scheduled across the town from 18 to 21 August at Bat & Ball Centre, Pontoise Play Area, Greatness Recreation Ground and The Vine Gardens

Each event across the four locations sold out initially, with a high demand for The Vine Gardens, where the allocation was subsequently increased to 350 tickets – which then sold out for a second time before all of the other performances. At the Bat and Ball Centre, around 180 people attended.



Design a Christmas Light Competition

Alongside the summer programme, the Town Council has also launched its Children's Design a Christmas Light competition. With children invited to submit their designs by Thursday 17 September. Find out more at sevenoakstown.gov.uk/christmas-light-competition-2026



Volunteers wanted for conservation days at Longspring Wood

Sevenoaks Town Council is looking for volunteers to help with conservation work at Longspring Wood from 10am to 1pm on Friday 13 November and Saturday 14 November.

The Town Council purchased Longspring Wood in 2024 as part of our Green Community Investment Plan, made possible by the generous support of the Sevenoaks community.

Sevenoaks Town Council plans to enhance biodiversity at Longspring Wood and initial work will focus on removing invasive species and carrying out targeted planting.

In November, we're seeking volunteers to assist with the control of invasive rhododendron, and help with 'rhododendron bashing', to protect the woodland. If you would like to get involved, please email communityeng@sevenoakstown.org.uk



Save the date

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

Date	Event	Venue
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
Saturday 29 August	Sevenoaks Street Food Fest	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 13 November	Longspring Wood - Volunteer Day	Longspring Wood
Saturday 14 November	Longspring Wood - Volunteer Day	Longspring Wood
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



I am grateful to my fellow Clerk at Shrewsbury for creating this fun image.

Wishing you a good weekend.

Linda

