

Town Clerk's Update

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

25 September 2026



Sevenoaks in Bloom Results

Sevenoaks has done it again! Gold Award in all three categories:

- Town Centre
- Vine
- Upper High Street Gardens

Thank you to everyone who volunteers on this project and the STC Team for this achievement.



Fundraising for the Freehold of the Stag

We sincerely thank everyone who has pledged so far and those who are planning ways to help fundraise. The fundraising continues to rise!

Sevenoaks Town Council is proposing to acquire the freehold of the Stag Theatre and Cinema, as a prudent means of securing this important community asset for current and future generations. To make the purchase possible, the Town Council is seeking to raise £100,000 in community donations towards the cost, and is calling on residents, businesses and Stag supporters to contribute to help safeguard the venue's future.

A reminder for anyone interested in pledging a community donation to support the freehold purchase of the Stag to complete the pledge form, at www.surveymonkey.com/r/stagfreeholdpledge and at the Sevenoaks Town Council office, by 1 October.

TOGETHER, LET'S SECURE THE FUTURE OF THE STAG AND KEEP IT IN LOCAL HANDS

www.surveymonkey.com/r/stagfreeholdpledge



**Total pledged so far:
£72,717.87**

**WILL YOU PLEDGE TODAY TO
HELP US REACH £100,000?**

Official Opening of Greatness Football & Community Centre

Pleased to provide some photographs from the Opening of the Greatness Football & Community Centre last Friday.

It is a beautiful facility and will serve the local community for many years to come. The Town Council are delighted to have been able to work with Sevenoaks Town Football Club on this project. The Town Council invested in the overall project and particularly in the environmental elements including an air source heat pump, solar system and living green wall.

We look forward to completing the next phase at Greatness Recreation Ground with a new playground, outdoor gym and landscaping.



Exciting Opportunity for the Cultural Community in Sevenoaks

We have been in discussions with Hypha who have been appointed to provide a 'meanwhile use' for the old BT building specifically for artists of all genres.

It is likely that the facility will be available for 4-5 years and free of charge for artists.

At this early stage, Sevenoaks Town Council has expressed an interest to be involved with an allocated space which can potentially be used for children's workshops, Film in a Week projects, and by members of our Arts & Culture Working Group.

Our Arts & Culture Working Group represents over 40 local arts and culture groups. We are arranging a meeting with this Group on Wednesday 4 November to discuss this exciting opportunity.

The Town Council are keen to work with Hypha to promote the whole initiative especially as this year is the Mayor's year to celebrate culture in Sevenoaks.



War Memorial Restoration

The restoration of the Vine War Memorial has begun.

See our website for more information:
<https://sevenoakstown.gov.uk/vine-memorial-restoration/>



Dolly Parton FREE Tribute Concert

Featuring Sam Chara as *Dolly Parton*

Our Dolly Parton tribute concert at the Vine is today, Friday 25 September, at 6:30pm!

We look forward to seeing everyone – feel free to dress up for the event.





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CONSERVATION DAYS VOLUNTEER AT LONGSPRING WOOD

Sevenoaks Town Council is enhancing biodiversity at Longspring Wood. Initial work focuses on removing invasive species and carrying out targeted planting.

We're seeking volunteers to assist with the control of rhododendron, and help with 'rhododendron bashing', to protect the woodland.

**FRIDAY 13 &
SATURDAY 14
NOVEMBER
10AM-1PM**

No experience needed, any volunteers are very welcome to join! If you would like to get involved, please email communityeng@sevenoakstown.gov.uk

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Tree Works at Mount Close Play Area

Sevenoaks Town Council's contractors began important tree works at Mount Close Play Area on Thursday 24 September.

The works are being carried out in accordance with our approved management plan and Forestry Commission felling licence (WMP 1867 Felling licence 019/4277/2025).

The large Poplar trees within this small but important area of woodland are reaching maturity and dominate the site and nearby housing, so we are starting a process of felling. The removal of the trees will be followed by replanting of other tree species, more in keeping with the size of the site, such as Cherry and Apple.

Initially, around half of the Poplar trees will be removed on the eastern side of the site. Once the area has recovered and new plantings are growing successfully, we will continue to remove Poplar trees on the western half of the site.

To reduce the disruption to the public and wildlife, this work has been scheduled for this quieter time of year, outside of the nesting season.



My Meetings

My meetings since my last update were:

- Planning & Environment Committee*
- Civility & Respect Taskforce
- Hypha Studios re 160 London Road
- NALC Super Councils
- Youth Council
- Youth Services Committee*

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



Sevenoaks Art Club Fundraising for Mayor's Charity – Hospice in the Weald

Sevenoaks Art Club's Brushworks Exhibition is being held at Kaleidoscope Gallery, from 11 -21 November. Funds from the exhibition will be donated to the Mayor's Charity Fund for Hospice in the Weald.

Please support the exhibition and worthwhile cause.



Save the date

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

Date	Event	Venue
Friday 25 September	Dolly Parton Tribute Concert	Vine Gardens
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
Wednesday 11 November to Saturday 21 November	Sevenoaks Art Club's Brushworks Exhibition	Kaleidoscope Gallery
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

Wishing you a good weekend.
Linda

