



The Hartley Herald

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The Parish Council Office, Hartley Library, Ash Road, Hartley, Longfield, Kent DA3 8EL

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Your Parish Councillors would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE



This year's Remembrance Sunday Service took place at the War Memorial on Sunday 8th November with the service being led by The Reverend Adele Barker.

Due to the restrictions in place, a small number of Councillors and Representatives from local groups attended the shorter service and laid their wreaths.

The ladies from the WI were still able to decorate the memorial green with their fantastic knitted poppies and a new bench to commemorate VE and VJ Day was installed in time to add the finishing touches for the day.

Our thanks go to the WI ladies and also to Steven Glover and Mr Munday for assisting with the installation of the bench.

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 2021-22

The Parish Council is seeking to award a contract for the routine maintenance, inspection and grass cutting of its open spaces located within the parish and to undertake minor repairs to fences, gates and equipment. The contract shall take effect from 1st July 2021 and expire on 30th June 2022.

Any company, group or individual interested in providing the Council with a quotation for the above works should contact the Parish Clerk at the address below by no later than 15th January 2021.

HARTLEY VILLAGE HALL

The Annual General meeting of the Hartley Village Hall Trust was held in November where the Annual Report was approved. Copies of this report can be obtained from the Parish Office.

It was agreed by the Trustees to carry out the necessary refurbishment works over the next few months.

Your Parish Councillors are: Larry Abraham, Chris Alford, Sheila Bennett, Penny Cole, Perry Cole, Lesley Driscoll, David Graeme, Fiona Hughes, Mally Malham, Matthew Mohr, Anne Oxtoby, Ian Ross and Vince Sewell They can be contacted via the Clerk, Helen Boden at the Parish Office, Hartley Library, Ash Road, Hartley, Longfield, Kent, DA3 8EL, by email: mail@hartleyparishcouncil.org.uk or by telephone: 01474 709441



SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COUNCIL DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

Sevenoaks District Council is considering the next steps for its Local Plan after an unsuccessful Judicial Review.

Last year, the Planning Inspector rejected the Council's draft Local Plan for failing on the Duty to Co-operate. In June 2020, Mr Justice Dove gave the Council permission to review the Planning Inspector's decision.

The Planning Inspector's reasons for rejecting the plan only came to light after the first round of the Local Plan hearings in October 2019. This was a full seven months after the Plan and the supporting evidence were submitted to the Inspector. Within the submission, there were more than 800 pages of evidence setting out how the Council had worked with its neighbours.

The judicial review was heard by Mr Justice Dove at the High Court on 2nd and 3rd September 2020. The Court published its decision on Friday 13th November 2020.

The existing Local Plan, with all its current protections, will continue to be used to help decide planning applications until a new plan is agreed.

SALT BIN LOCATIONS

Salt bins are located at potentially hazardous locations for use by the public to treat ice and snow on small areas of the carriageway or footway. As the colder weather approaches, please find below a list of the salt bins in the village, including the newest one;

- At the junction of Ash Road with:
Bramblefield Close, Copseside, Merton Avenue (NEW) Quaker's Close and Larks field.
- In Banckside, Porchester Close and Caxton Close
- At the junction of Woodland Avenue and Wellfield
- At the junction of Church Road with Manor Lane.

For more general information about salting and snow clearance, please visit www.kent.gov.uk and search Winter Service Policy.



KENT COUNTY COUNCIL—HIGHWAYS REPORTING PORTAL

Did you know that Kent County Council operates a Highways Portal service to report problems on the highways such as potholes, fly tipping, overhanging tree branches etc? This system allows residents to report any problems on the highways directly with KCC and track and monitor the faults themselves.

For more information visit

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>



BENCHES

In addition to our newly installed Commemorative bench on the Memorial Green, you may have also noticed a bench 'appear' on Hoselands Green. This bench was originally sited on the Memorial Green but has been refurbished and re-sited in this location.

We would like to extend our thanks to Jim for his work.

DEFIBRILLATORS

Do you know where your nearest defibrillator is located?

One unit is positioned outside Hartley Village Hall, Ash Road, one is in Hartley Country Club and there is a third unit complete with paediatric pads positioned at The Pavilion, Manor Field, Church Road.

These units can be used without training.

LOCAL ASSISTANCE

In the unprecedented times that we find ourselves in, it has become more apparent that people may need more help than usual. Our Community Warden has kindly put together the following details for anyone that may need any extra assistance now or in the future;

Kent Together

KCC 24 Hour Helpline

Support to vulnerable people in Kent who need urgent help, supplies or medication.
This is also the place to report your concerns about the welfare of someone else.
03000 41 92 92

NHS Volunteer Responders

Help with shopping, prescription pick up or a Check-in and Chat.
08081963646

Release The Pressure

24 hour free, confidential support for those requiring Mental Health Support.
0800 107 0160
Or text the word "Kent" to 85258

24 Hour Kent Dementia Helpline

Confidential service offering support and guidance for people with Dementia and their Carers.
0800 500 3014

Imago

Delivering a range of services designed to support and empower those most vulnerable in our communities.
0300 011 1965

Community Cupboard

Supporting local communities with food provisions
07526 823122

Age UK - Gravesend

Independent Living Services—Nail cutting, bathing, shopping, cleaning, befriending, daily meal service.
01474 564898

The Cottage Community Fawkham

Hot Meal Service
01322 668106

For further information or support please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jackie West, KCC Community Warden

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HARTLEY LIBRARY - UPDATE

At present, both Hartley and New Ash Green Libraries remain closed.

The re-opening of these will be considered by Kent County Council at the beginning of April. As soon as we have any more details, we will update residents via our newsletter, website and notice boards.

In the meantime, for more information on your nearest branch call 03000 41 31 31

YOUR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR REFUSE, RECYCLING AND GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS

Following the Christmas and New year Bank Holidays, there will be changes to your refuse, recycling and garden waste collections. Most collections will take place a day earlier or on the same day. A normal service will resume on the 4th January 2021.

The Council has asked that you put your refuse out at 7:00am on the collection day to help to prevent attracting animals and the build up of litter. To view your revised collections online, visit www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/collectiondays

Your normal day

Monday 21 December
Tuesday 22 December
Wednesday 23 December
Thursday 24 December
Friday 25 December
Monday 28 December
Tuesday 29 December
Wednesday 30 December
Thursday 31 December
Friday 1 January
Monday 4 January

Your revised collection day

Saturday 19 December
Monday 21 December
Tuesday 22 December
Wednesday 23 December
Thursday 24 December
Usual collection day
Usual collection day
Usual collection day
Usual collection day
Saturday 2 January
Normal collection service resumes

FREE CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION SERVICE

After this year's festivities have ended, Sevenoaks District Council can collect and recycle your real Christmas tree for free. The Council will take any tree with a trunk of up to 90mm (3.5 inches) in diameter, with its Garden Waste Collection Service, from 2nd January until 31st January 2021. Simply leave your tree by the boundary of your property, where you would usually put your refuse and recycling sacks, by 06:30a.m. on the day the Council's Garden Waste Collection Service visits your road.

Visit www.kent.gov.uk or call KCC on 03000 41 73 73 for locations and opening times.



Welcome to our new Councillor

We are pleased to welcome Cllr Fiona Hughes who joined the Parish Council in October.