



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 13th November with the service being led by Father Alphonsus Beni and accompanied by Reverend Jayne Shillito.

Representatives from local groups attended the service and laid their wreaths.

The ladies from the W.I. decorated the memorial green with their fantastic knitted poppies and also provided refreshments at the Church Centre after the service.

Our thanks go to the ladies of the W.I. for their continued support and hard work and to everyone else who helped on the day.

MAKE A CHANGE—BECOME A COUNCILLOR



WE NEED YOU

Are you passionate about your community ?

Do you want to help make a long-lasting change?

Do you have innovative ideas for the council?

Do you have concerns about a specific issue and want to do something about it ?

If this is you, then we need you.

We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect their community to put themselves forward for election. Make a change and become a councillor.

Anyone who is 18 years old or over who is a local government elector, lives or works in the parish or lives within three miles of the area of the Local Council may stand for election.

The next scheduled elections are the local district, town and parish council elections on Thursday 4 May 2023.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office using the details below.

Your Parish Councillors are: Larry Abraham, Chris Alford, Penny Cole, Perry Cole, James Colwell, Lesley Driscoll, Laurence Glander, David Graeme, Mally Malham, Anne Oxtoby, Brian Ramsay, 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 LOCAL PLAN- PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Residents will recall the concern which was expressed in 2018 about possible development proposals in the Fawkham Valley, partly in Hartley and Fawkham, which were included in the draft Local Plan produced by Sevenoaks District Council. The Planning Inspector rejected the Council's draft Local Plan for failing on the Duty to Co-operate.

Sevenoaks District Council is now running a public consultation to help shape the District's Local Plan. Known as a 'Regulation 18' process, Residents have until the **11th January 2023** to submit their views at www.sevenoaks.gov.uk Paper copies can be obtained from the District Council on 01732 227000 or via the Parish Office.

The views of Residents will form the basis of a further consultation looking at Green Belt and other 'non-settlement' areas to be conducted in 2023.

As current housing targets are unlikely to be met solely through utilising available sites in existing settlements, it is therefore important for all Residents in Hartley to reply to the current consultation, as the number of houses the District Council can build in towns will dictate how, and to what extent, the Green Belt may be affected.

The Parish Council is also working on a Neighbourhood Plan which will have more detailed policies, approved by the community, as to how planning issues in Hartley will be dealt with in the future.

This Plan, when approved, will sit alongside the District Plan and have the same legal status.

For more information visit <http://www.hartleynp.org.uk/>



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 bin locations, including the newest one:

- At the junction of Ash Road with; Bramblefield Close, Copseside, Merton Avenue, 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.



HARTLEY BURIAL GROUND

Anyone visiting Hartley Burial Ground may notice new signage reminding people of the Rules & Regulations in the Burial Ground. These Rules & Regulations are not only to keep the area looking tidy but also for health and safety reasons.

In particular, please ensure that any floral tributes are placed on the plinths to the side of the Gardens of Remembrance and not on the ground.

Any tributes left on the ground cause a hazard to the cutting equipment used by our Contractors and could prevent the grass being cut.

If you see our Contractors removing any tributes, please understand that they are doing this for a reason and treat them with civility and respect— thank you.



FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK

The Parish Council wish Colin and Anne Senneck well as they leave Hartley for pastures new.

Both Colin and Anne were very active members of the Hartley Community and involved in many different projects over the years. Colin turned his hand to most things helping with projects such as maintenance work in Fawkham Church, ground preparation work in the burial ground and co-producing The Hart magazine to name but a few.

Anne was equally involved on a daily basis and most recently will be remembered for her help decorating the Memorial Green with our beautiful Queen mannequin.

They will both be missed by many in the village.

Cllr Anne Oxtoby presenting Colin with a KALC Community Award in 2021

KCC Community Warden: Jackie West

Please find below some of the support services available to residents in our community:

Kent Together

KCC's 24 Hour Helpline

Provide 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 419292

Release The Pressure

A 24-hour free, confidential support for those requiring Mental Health support.

0800 1070160

Or text the word "Kent" to 85258

24 Hour Kent Dementia Helpline

A confidential service offering support and guidance for people with Dementia and their carers.

0800 5003014

Imago

Delivers a range of services designed to support and empower those most vulnerable in our communities.

0300 011 1965

Age UK - Gravesend

Provide independent living services e.g., Shopping, cleaning, befriending, daily meal service.

01474 564898

The Cottage Community - Fawkham

Provide a hot meal service, day care service and day trips.

01322 668106

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

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KCC Community Warden

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

The collection crews from Sevenoaks District Council will be working on the bank holidays and Saturdays over Christmas and into the New Year so you don't miss a collection.

There will be no changes to your collection days before Christmas day. However, collections will be one day later than usual from Monday 26 December for the next two weeks.

If you are due a garden waste collection, the same changes will apply to this service.

Please put your black and clear sacks and your garden waste out at 7am on your collection day. If you're not sure when your waste collection day takes place, visit www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/refuse



Normal collection day	Revised collection day
Monday 26 December (Bank Holiday)	Tuesday 27 December
Tuesday 27 December (Bank Holiday)	Wednesday 28 December
Wednesday 28 December	Thursday 29 December
Thursday 29 December	Friday 30 December
Friday 30 December	Saturday 31 December
Monday 2 January (Bank Holiday)	Tuesday 3 January
Tuesday 3 January	Wednesday 4 January
Wednesday 4 January	Thursday 5 January
Thursday 5 January	Friday 6 January
Friday 6 January	Saturday 7 January
Monday 9 January	Collections return to normal from this date

THREE WAYS TO DISPOSE OF YOUR REAL CHRISTMAS TREE

This year Sevenoaks District Council has changed the way you can recycle your real Christmas tree for free after this year's festivities have ended:

Option 1 - Use their Garden Waste collection service (for permit holders only) If you hold a Garden Waste collection permit, simply place the tree in your green bin and they will pick it up on your usual collection days throughout January They can take trees with a trunk of up to 90mm (3.5") in diameter.

Option 2 - Take your tree to a local collection point— Take your tree to a collection point by the allotments, Woodland Avenue, DA3 7DB Mondays 9 and 16 January.

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Option 3- Take your tree to a Household Waste Recycling Centre. They will take larger trees that are too big for the District Council to collect.

