

## Christmas Waste Collections

Sevenoaks District Council's staff will be working extra days over Christmas and the New Year so you don't miss a waste and recycling collection. Most collections will take place a day later than usual. Please refer to the table below for details.

Your normal day	Your revised collection day
Wednesday 24 December	No change, normal collection
Thursday 25 December (Christmas Day)	Monday 29 December
Friday 26 December (Boxing Day)	Tuesday 30 December
Monday 29 December	Wednesday 31 December
Tuesday 30 December	Friday 2 January
Wednesday 31 December	Saturday 3 January
Thursday 1 January	Monday 5 January
Friday 2 January	Tuesday 6 January
Monday 5 January	Wednesday 7 January
Tuesday 6 January	Thursday 8 January
Wednesday 7 January	Friday 9 January
Thursday 8 January	Saturday 10 January
Friday 9 January	Monday 12 January
Monday 12 January	Tuesday 13 January
Tuesday 13 January	Wednesday 14 January
Wednesday 14 January	Thursday 15 January
Thursday 15 January	Friday 16 January
Friday 16 January	Saturday 17 January
From Monday 19 January	Normal collection days resume

To view your collection days online, visit [www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/collectiondays](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/collectiondays).

**The Garden Waste Collection Service, will not be running from Monday 15th December until Monday 12th January 2026 when a normal service will resume.**

**Christmas tree collections**—There are several options available to recycle your real Christmas tree after this year's festivities have ended.

### Option 1 – Sevenoaks District Council's Garden Waste collection service (for permit holders only)

If you hold a Garden Waste collection permit, simply place the tree in or next to your green bin and they'll pick it up on your usual collection days from 12th January onwards. They can take trees with a trunk of up to 90mm (3.5") in diameter. (You may need to cut up the tree to ensure that the lid of your bin can close).

### Option 2 – Hospice in the Weald collection

For a donation of your choice, Hospice in the Weald will collect and recycle your real tree. To register, visit [www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk/christmas-tree-recycling](http://www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk/christmas-tree-recycling)

### Option 3 – Take your tree to a Household Waste Recycling Site

Take your tree to one of Kent County Council's Household Waste Recycling Sites (informally known as the tip or the dump). They will take larger trees that are too big for Sevenoaks District Council to collect. Visit [www.kent.gov.uk/waste](http://www.kent.gov.uk/waste) or call 03000 41 7373 to book a slot.

**Please note that there will be NO local collection points in the Parish this year.**

Your Parish Councillors are: Larry Abraham, Penny Cole, Perry Cole, Jim Colwell, David Conroy, Lesley Driscoll, Laurence Glander, David Graeme, Mally Malham, Anne Oxtoby, Brian Ramsay, Ian Ross & Vincent Sewell.

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# Hartley Parish Council

Serving the residents of Hartley

## Remembrance Sunday Service

This year's Remembrance Sunday Service took place on **Sunday 9th November** with the service being led jointly by Reverend Joss Walker and Father Clement Eru together with members of the Parish Council.

Kent County Councillor Maxine Fothergill read the poem "Do not call me hero" and representatives from local groups attended the service and laid their wreaths.

This was followed by readings from two members of the Guides and members of the Cubs and Brownie groups.

After the Service an award was presented to Malcolm Harris in recognition of his services to Hartley. Malcolm, a former Parish Councillor who assists with the Remembrance Sunday Service every year, was presented with the award by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Laurence Glander. Our congratulations go to Malcolm on this latest award.

As in previous years, the ladies from the W.I. decorated the Memorial Green beautifully and also provided refreshments at the Church Centre afterwards.

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.



## 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.



## Anti-Social motorbike activity

Residents are reminded that the riding of motorbikes/mini motorbikes and similar vehicles is **NOT** permitted on any of the Council's open spaces, which include Chantry Avenue, Longfield Hill and Woodland Avenue playgrounds, Billings Hill Shaw, Gorse Wood, Hartley Wood, Manor Field, Northfield and Rectory Meadow.

The riding of the above vehicles in any of these areas is classed as anti-social behaviour.

If you see anyone riding these vehicles illegally you can report it to the police by telephone on 101 or online;

[www.kent.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/](http://www.kent.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/)

**Remember that each time a crime is reported, it helps to record events that, together, may help to build a picture and generate additional police presence in the area to tackle the problem.**

## Sevenoaks District Council - Local Plan

Sevenoaks District Council has now published its Draft Local Plan, which sets out its policies and proposals for development over the next 15 years. Government has set a housing requirement for more than **17,000** new homes across the Sevenoaks District, including more than **1,400** new homes in Hartley and New Ash Green.

Sevenoaks District Council hosted a series of 'pop-up' sessions across the District. These sessions provided an opportunity for residents to speak directly with officers from the Strategic Planning Team and learn about the Local Plan. The Parish Council also hosted an additional session to include as many residents as possible.

The deadline for representations about the plan was the 11th December.

Once the consultation has closed, the Planning Officers will consider all comments made by stakeholders and finalise the plan which will then come back for further consultation during summer 2026. Residents will then have a further opportunity to provide comments on the finalised plan, which will be submitted to the Planning Inspector for examination in Autumn 2026 to go live by the end of the year.

The Government has mandated that all Councils must have a Local Plan by the end of 2026, otherwise they may take over the Council's planning department and they could potentially mandate where the houses will be built.

The Parish Council has engaged the services of a Planning Consultant in order to protect the Parish to the best of its ability.

### ADVICE, MEDIATION & USEFUL NUMBERS

Kent County Council .....	03000 418181
Sevenoaks District Council.....	01732 227000
Kent Police - Emergency Calls.....	999
Kent Police - Non Emergency Calls .....	101
KCC Community Warden .....	07811 271259
Hartley Library .....	03000 413131
Doctors Surgery .....	01474 702127
Citizens Advice .....	03003 309001
Arriva Northfleet.....	01474 535138
West Kent Mediation.....	01732 469696
Samaritans .....	116 123 (free)
Childline .....	0800 1111
Community Cupboard.....	07526 823122
Kent Integrated Domestic Abuse Service .....	08081 689111
Papyrus Suicide Prevention Under 35s.....	0800 0684141 (free)
For GAS emergencies .....	0800 111999
For ELECTRICITY emergencies .....	105
KCC website .....	<a href="http://www.kent.gov.uk">www.kent.gov.uk</a>
Young Minds .....	<a href="http://www.youngminds.org.uk">www.youngminds.org.uk</a>

## District & County Councillors

**Do you know who your local County & District Councillors are and how to contact them? Their contact details can be found below;**

### Kent County Councillor:

**Cllr Maxine Fothergill - 03000 414141**  
[Maxine.Fothergill@kent.gov.uk](mailto:Maxine.Fothergill@kent.gov.uk)

### Sevenoaks District Councillors:

**Cllr Larry Abraham - 01474 706690**  
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**Cllr Penny Cole - 0754 066 8751**  
[cllr.penny.cole@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.penny.cole@sevenoaks.gov.uk)

**Cllr Perry Cole - 0783 476 8315**  
[cllr.perry.cole@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.perry.cole@sevenoaks.gov.uk)

## Public Rights of Way

If you notice broken or missing gates at the entrance to any Public Rights of Way in the Parish in particular at the entrance to Hartley Woods or Gorse Wood, please report them to the Public Rights of Way Team as they are responsible for maintaining them. This can be done by telephone on **03000 41 71 71** or online; <https://www.kent.gov.uk/environment-waste-and-planning/public-rights-of-way/report-a-problem-on-a-right-of-way>

## Neighbourhood Plan—Update

A draft Neighbourhood Plan for Hartley has been submitted to Sevenoaks District Council for assessment. This draft Plan which contains policies for future planning proposals in Hartley has been developed to reflect the comments and ideas which have come forward from residents over the past 4 years.

Residents are reminded that the priority for the Neighbourhood Plan was to retain the Green Belt and countryside around the village so that it can continue to provide space for recreation and enjoyment. This was seen to be the most important of the policies but in all there will be a number of other policies to consider.

Following the assessment, the Draft Plan will be the subject of a major consultation with residents, land owners and businesses in the Parish in the Spring of 2026. The consultation papers will be made available to everyone and it is important that you look out for the publicity documents. The completed consultation papers should be sent, or delivered to the Parish Office. If approved, at a Referendum in the future, the Neighbourhood Plan will have legal status and will sit alongside the new Sevenoaks wide Local Plan which has recently been consulted.

The Neighbourhood Plan will therefore enable the local community to influence planning decisions in Hartley in the future.

## 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 public footway.

As the colder weather approaches, please find below a list of the salt bin locations;

At the junction of Ash Road with;

- Bramblefield Close, Copse Side, Merton Avenue, Quaker's Close & Larks Field
- Porchester Close & Caxton Close
- In Banckside
- At the junction of Woodland Avenue & 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](http://www.kent.gov.uk) and search Winter Service Policy.



## My Community Voice

My Community Voice is a messaging service that helps Kent and Medway residents, businesses, and community groups to keep in touch with their local policing teams. The service sends updates about your local area directly from the police officers themselves.

My Community Voice is more than just a messaging service; it allows you to reply to the alerts, share information and report issues affecting you.

You will be able to play an active part in police appeals as well as keeping updated in what is happening in your local area.

For more information, visit [www.MyCommunityVoiceKent.co.uk](http://www.MyCommunityVoiceKent.co.uk)

## Defibrillators

There are **FOUR** defibrillators in Hartley;

One is positioned outside the Village Hall, Ash Road and there is another unit complete with paediatric pads positioned at The Pavilion, Manor Field, Church Road.

There is a third unit located in Hartley Country Club and a fourth in Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre, Ash Road.

**THESE UNITS CAN BE USED WITHOUT TRAINING**