

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.

The Garden Waste Collection Service, will not be running from Monday 13th December until Monday 13th January 2025 when a normal service will resume.

Please refer to the table to the below for details.

Your normal day	Your revised collection day
Tuesday 24 December	No change, normal collection
Wednesday 25 December (Christmas Day)	
Thursday 26 December (Boxing Day)	Friday 27 December
Friday 27 December	Saturday 28 December
Monday 30 December	Monday 30 December
Tuesday 31 December	Tuesday 31 December
Wednesday 1 January	Thursday 2 January
Thursday 2 January	Friday 3 January
Friday 3 January	Saturday 4 January
Monday 6 January	Monday 6 January
Tuesday 7 January	Tuesday 7 January
From Monday 13 January	Wednesday 8 January
	Normal collection days resume



Please put your sacks out at 7am on your collection day to help prevent attracting animals and the build-up of litter.

To view your collection days online, visit www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/collectiondays

Three, FREE ways to dispose of your real Christmas tree—There are lots of options available to recycle your real Christmas tree for free 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 13th 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 one of the District Council's collection points, at the dates and times listed below, and they will take it off your hands. Sevenoaks District Council can take trees with a trunk of up to 90mm (3.5") in diameter.

Location	Date and time
Hartley By the allotments, Woodland Avenue, DA3 7DB	Monday 6th January 8am to 8.45am
New Ash Green Centre Road Car Park DA3 8HU	Monday 6th January 9am to 9:45am

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/recycling or call **03000 41 73 73** to book a slot.

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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Remembrance Sunday Service

This year's Remembrance Sunday Service took place on **Sunday 10th November** with the service being led jointly by Reverend Joss Walker and Father Clement Eru.

Representatives from local groups attended the service and laid their wreaths to a live performance of the song "Lovingly Remembered" beautifully performed by 13 year old local girl Natalie Perera.

This was followed by members of the Cubs and Brownie groups, reading a poem of peace by Tali Sorek called "The Paint Box".

The ladies from the W.I decorated the Memorial Green and also provided refreshments at the Church Centre afterwards.

Our thanks go to everyone involved.



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.

Gorse Wood Management Plan

Hartley Parish Council is committed to developing and enhancing the woodland and green spaces across the Parish.

In particular it is keen to combat littering and fly tipping in Gorse Wood and to improve the quality of the overall appearance of the woodland environment.

To this end the Parish Council commissioned a Management Plan to be prepared for the Wood which was carried out by the North West Kent Countryside Partnership.

This Plan has now been approved and adopted and a work programme is being prepared for summer next year.

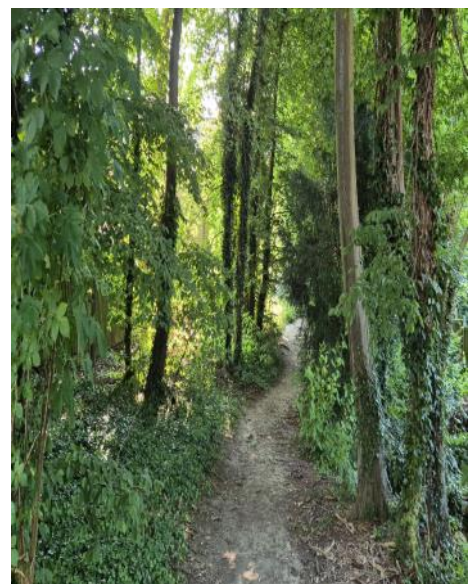
We are keen for residents to be part of this important project so please get in touch via the Parish Office If you would like to be involved.

Littering

Hartley Parish Council are concerned that there continues to be persistent littering in Gorse Wood and even fly tipping of large items. The Parish Council carries out weekly litter collections and also arranges for periodic removal of large items of waste, however this is at a cost to the Council and therefore its residents.

We therefore remind all residents, that rubbish should be disposed of via the Sevenoaks District Council weekly refuse collection service and that large items can be taken to the various KCC Household Recycling Centres.

Visit www.kent.gov.uk/recycling or call **03000 41 73 73** to book a slot.



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Sevenoaks District Electoral Review

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) are currently undertaking an electoral review of Sevenoaks District Council.

They announced that they have decided that the number of Councillors on Sevenoaks District Council should be 48.

This is a change from the current council, which has 54 Councillors and will take effect from the elections held in May 2027.

At the same time the LGBCE have opened a consultation, that will run for 10 weeks, ending on 20 January 2025 to shape new council wards for the District Council.

In drawing up a pattern of electoral wards, the LGBCE will seek to:

- Make sure that, within an authority, each District Councillor represents a similar number of electors
- Create boundaries that are appropriate, and reflect community ties and identities
- Deliver reviews informed by local needs, views and circumstances

The Commission has no power to create new parishes or alter the external boundaries of existing parishes.

Further information about the review is available on the LGBCE website at www.lgbce.org.uk/allreviews/sevenoaks

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	www.kent.gov.uk
Young Minds	www.youngminds.org.uk

District & County Councillors

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

Sevenoaks District Councillors:

Cllr Larry Abraham -

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Kent County Councillor:

Cllr David Brazier - 03000 415879

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Fence Repairs - Woodland Avenue

Following several acts of vandalism, the Parish Council has replaced the wooden fence at the playground in Woodland Avenue recreation ground with a new metal fence.

The perimeter fencing also suffered at the hands of vandals and the Parish Council is currently seeking quotations for its replacement.

Scout Leader Recognition

After the Remembrance Sunday Service an award was presented to Malcolm Harris in recognition of his 50 years of service to the Scouting Group.

Malcolm, a former Parish Councillor who assists with the Remembrance Sunday service every year, was presented the award by Group Lead Volunteer Chris Russell at the Church Centre.

Malcolm started as leader when his sons joined as Scouts and was the driving force behind the construction of the current headquarters in Larkwell Lane.

Malcolm has also served on the Scouting District Team.

Our congratulations go to Malcolm on this latest award.



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;

- At the junction of Ash Road with;
Bramblefield Close,
Copse side,
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.



Playgrounds—Dog Free Zones

Please remember that dogs are **NOT** allowed in the playgrounds at Woodland Avenue, Chantry Avenue and Longfield Hill for Health & Safety reasons.

Please be a responsible dog owner and refrain from taking your dog into the playgrounds.

Thank you for your co-operation.



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

