

Antisocial Motorbike Activity

Residents are reminded that the riding of motorbikes, mini-motorbikes, quadbikes and similar vehicles is prohibited in any of the Council's open spaces, which include Woodland Avenue, Chantry Avenue and Longfield Hill playgrounds, Manor Field, Hartley Wood, Gorse Wood, Rectory Meadow Billings Hill Shaw and Northfield.

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 using either the Kent Police report a crime website or by telephone on 101.

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.

Changes to Recycling & Waste Collections

From April 2026, Sevenoaks District Council will introduce significant improvements to waste collections.

The changes will increase the items collected for recycling while making the waste collection services more convenient for residents, cost-efficient and better for the environment.

What are the changes?

- **Weekly kerbside food waste collections**

Most households (except those living in flats) will receive food waste collections from 27 April 2026. You'll be provided with a small caddy, you can keep in the kitchen, and a larger caddy for outdoors.

- **Wheelie bins for most residents**

Residents (except those in living in flats and hard to serve properties) will get two wheelie bins: one for general waste, the other for recycling plastic, metal tins, cans and trays, paper and cardboard and glass bottles and jars.

- **Glass collections**

Residents with wheelie bins will receive glass recycling collections for the first time from Autumn 2026.

- **Alternate weekly collections**

Alternate weekly waste and recycling collections will begin from Autumn 2026, once all residents (except those living in flats and hard to serve properties) have been given their wheelie bins.

- **Improvements to communal recycling facilities**

Additional communal recycling facilities will be provided for people who live in flats for food waste, textiles, small electrical items and other materials in future years.

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

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Northfield Horse Riding Route

The Northfield Ride will be re-opening at the end of March 2026 (weather permitting).

Annual membership is £5 plus a £20 returnable deposit for the access key.

Details of how to apply or to renew your membership, can be obtained from Ash Green Sports Centre on 01474 707164



Hartley Parish Council

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Serving the residents of Hartley

Annual Parish Meeting Friday 15th May

You are invited to attend this year's Annual Parish Meeting which will take place on

Friday 15th May at 7:45pm at Hartley Village Hall, Ash Road.

At the meeting, the accounts for the past year will be available to view and there will be reports from the Chairman of the Council and our District Councillors.

Our local MP has been invited as well as our Kent County Council Community Warden, Jackie West and our local PCSO.

Please come along to listen to what they have to say and to ask any questions that you may have. This is an ideal opportunity to find out what your Parish Councillors have been doing on your behalf during the past year.



Sevenoaks District Council's Local List

Did you know that you can nominate historic structures and places in Hartley for inclusion in the Sevenoaks District Council's Local List ?

The intention is for the Local List to contain buildings and structures of local architectural and historic interest that make a valuable contribution to the distinctiveness of our Parish and the District.

The Local List forms part of the local planning policy; this means that the special nature of anything on the Local List will be considered when deciding future planning applications.

Hartley Parish Council is now compiling a list of potential nominations to be included in the Local List so if you would like to make some suggestions please let us know.

For further information, and if you want to make your own nomination direct, please visit;

www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/localist



Road Closures

Are you frustrated by road closures and traffic measures in the Parish ? Did you know that you can go online and access details of the closures yourself ?

If you are interested in gaining more information in regards to roadworks or closures, if you log on to

<https://uk.one.network>

this website will allow you to see details of the roadworks, start and end dates and alternative routes where applicable.

Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council meets on the **SECOND** Monday of the month with no meeting in August.

The next meeting dates are as follows;

Monday 9th March 2026

Monday 13th April 2026

Monday 11th May 2026

Meetings are held at Manor Field Pavilion, Church Road DA3 8DT and start at 7:30pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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Kent Fraud Alert System

What is 159? The **159** number enables people to connect with their bank safely and securely when they receive an unexpected, suspicious or fraudulent call.

If you think that you may have been a victim of fraud, then contact your bank immediately, which you can do by calling **159**.

Call **159** if you experience the following;

- Someone contacts you claiming to be from your bank – even if they do not seem suspicious.
- You are contacted by someone claiming to be an authority figure such as the police or HMRC and told to transfer money – even if the request seems genuine.
- You receive a call about a financial matter and it appears suspicious.



Reporting a scam

If you think you or someone you know has been a victim of a scam report it immediately to Action Fraud online actionfraud.police.uk or over the phone **0300 123 2040**.



For more information and advice visit kent.police.uk/fraud or email KFAS@ecis.police.uk

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 -

01474 706690

cllr.abraham@sevenoaks.gov.uk

Cllr Penny Cole - 0754 066 8751

cllr.penny.cole@sevenoaks.gov.uk

Cllr Perry Cole - 0783 476 8315

cllr.perry.cole@sevenoaks.gov.uk

Kent County Councillor:

Cllr Maxine Fothergill -

03000 414141

Maxine.Fothergill@kent.gov.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**

Routine Maintenance Contract

The Parish Council is seeking to award a contract for the routine maintenance and patrol 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 2026 and expire on 30th June 2027.

The quotation period expires at noon on Friday 8th May 2026.

Any company, group or individual interested in providing the Council with a quotation for the above works should contact the Parish Clerk at the following address:

The Parish Council Office, Hartley Library, Ash Road, Hartley, Longfield, Kent, DA3 8EL or by email:

enquiries@hartleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Hartley Players Production

The next production by Hartley Players is **Confusions** by Alan Ayckbourn on the **25th–28th March** at 7.45pm in Hartley Village Hall, Ash Road DA3 8EL

The box office is now open at <https://buytickets.at/hartleyplayers>

Or by telephone on **0845 260 2545**

Tickets cost £12



Community Warden Award

Our Kent County Council Community Warden Jackie West was recently shortlisted for a Kent County Council Community Support Award as part of the GET Staff Awards 2026.

This nomination recognised the outstanding contribution in going above and beyond to support her local communities, fostering positive relationships and delivering meaningful outcomes.

Being shortlisted is a fantastic achievement and we are delighted to announce that Jackie won this category and was presented with her award on the 10th February at the ceremony in Maidstone.



Jackie West, Kent County Council Community Warden with her Community Support Award.

Considerate and Safer Parking

The Parish Office has received correspondence regarding inconsiderate and dangerous parking around the local schools.

Can we remind everyone of the importance of parking safely and with consideration everywhere but especially around the schools.

Hartley's Neighbourhood Plan

Ensure you have your say.....

The Neighbourhood Plan has been written in close consultation with residents and reflects their views.

The main concern was that the Plan should seek to retain the open countryside around the village, so that it can continue to provide space for recreation and enjoyment.

The Plan also contains a number of Policies for influencing future development.

The next stage of the Plan will be a Consultation with residents which will take place in late Spring. All residents will receive a letter with more details and a questionnaire.

The questionnaire will contain details of all the policies in the Plan and will be available online or from a display in the Library.

If the Plan receives the support of residents, it will enable the Community to influence Planning Decisions in Hartley in the future.