

Manor Field Pavilion

The Pavilion at Manor Field, Church Road is an ideal venue for family gatherings, regular or “one off” hiring, or as a venue for children’s birthday parties.



Hartley Village Hall

The Village Hall, located on Ash Road, is also available to hire. For further information and details of availability at either venue, please contact the Clerk at the Parish Office on 01474 709441, by email at

enquiries@hartleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Or by using the booking link on our website;

www.hartleyparishcouncil.gov.uk



Remembrance Sunday Service

This year’s Remembrance Sunday Service will take place on **Sunday 9th November** commencing at **3.00p.m.** at **Hartley War Memorial**, Ash Road. Following the Service, refreshments will be served in Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre, Ash Road.

Please join us to remember those who died for their country in the two World Wars and in more recent conflicts.

Family Fun Day 12th August

Thank you to everyone who attended our Family Fun Day on the 12th August.

Over **209** people attended the event and enjoyed the FREE crafts and games that had been organised by Sevenoaks District Council in conjunction with the Parish Council.

Future events will be promoted on the Parish Council website.



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 Woodland Avenue, Chantry Avenue and Longfield Hill playgrounds, Hartley Wood, Gorse Wood, Rectory Meadow, Manor Field, 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 by telephone on 101 or online;

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.



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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Serving the Residents of Hartley

Sevenoaks District Council — Changes to Recycling and Waste Collection Service

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

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

Background to the changes

New Government legislation means that residents should be offered a wider range of home recycling options from 1 April 2026.

Most residents wanted improved waste collection services. Over 4,000 people took part in Sevenoaks District Council’s recent 'BIG Waste Conversation', which asked for residents’ waste collection preferences. Most wanted to reduce the environmental impact of waste collections. They also supported the introduction of wheelie bins and new recycling collections for glass, food waste and other small items.

What are the changes?

- **Weekly kerbside food waste collections**

Most households (except those living in flats) will receive food waste collections from 1 April 2026. Residents will be provided with a small caddy, for use in the kitchen, and a larger caddy, to keep outside, for food waste.

- **Wheelie bins for most residents**

Residents (except those living in flats and certain properties situated away from the road) will get two wheelie bins: one for general waste, the other for recycling plastics, tins and metals.

- **Glass collections**

Residents with wheelie bins will receive glass recycling collections from the summer of 2026.

- **Alternate weekly collections**

Alternate weekly waste and recycling collections will begin from the summer of 2026, once all residents (except those living in flats) have been given their wheelie bin.

- **Improvements to communal recycling facilities**

The District Council will provide additional communal recycling facilities for people who live in flats, for food waste, textiles, small electrical items and other materials, in the near future.

Please visit www.sevenoaks.gov.uk for more information.



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Gorse Wood Volunteer Days

As part of an ongoing maintenance programme, volunteers are invited to join members of North West Kent Countryside Partnership Team who will be at Gorse Wood on the **13th & 27th November**.

On these days, they will be focusing on the removal of invasive woody plants and brambles, the coppicing of smaller trees and cutting back branches of larger trees.

The Team will meet at the Woodland Avenue Recreation Ground, Woodland Avenue, Hartley DA3 7DB at 10:00am and will work until 3:00pm.

Training, instruction and equipment will be provided.

Volunteers are reminded to wear suitable footwear and clothing for the weather conditions and to bring a packed lunch, water and gloves.

If you are interested in assisting with this project, please contact the Officer, Nina Skinner, before the day using the details below. She will arrange for all volunteers to fill out the relevant health and safety forms beforehand.

Contact: Email: Nina.Skinner@kent.gov.uk

Nina Skinner, Partnership Officer, North West Kent Countryside Partnership, Hall Place, Bourne Road, Bexley, Kent, DA5 1PQ



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)
Young Minds	www.youngminds.org.uk
KCC website	www.kent.gov.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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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



FREE Football Sessions

Join Millwall Community Trust for 12 weeks of lessons at Woodland Avenue Recreation Ground, Hartley DA3 7DB.

These **FREE** sessions will start on Thursday 4th September and run for 12 weeks as follows;

5:00pm-6:00pm 8-11 year olds

6:00pm-7:00pm 12-16 year olds

Parental consent will be needed so please do not drop your child off without completing the paperwork.

There is no need to book, just turn up on the day.



Be a Considerate Dog Owner

The Parish Council has received several complaints about an issue with dogs barking continuously early in the morning and late at night.

Can we remind all residents to be considerate to their neighbours with regard to excessive dog barking.?

Thank you for your co-operation.



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 or pavements 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>

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.

Neighbourhood Plan—Update

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is pleased to update residents with some positive news in regards to the Neighbourhood Plan.

Having secured a Government grant in 2024, the Group engaged the services of a Planning Consultant to assist with preparation of the Plan.

The Plan will influence future planning decisions in the Parish and reflects the views of residents wishing to retain the village and surrounding countryside in their present condition.

The next stage in the process is that the Plan will be submitted to the Sevenoaks District Council, as the Planning Authority, in October for verification.

Final consultations with all residents and landowners will take place in February/March next year. This will give everyone the opportunity to express their views, after which the final Plan will be produced.

The final stage of a Neighbourhood Plan, is a public referendum where residents vote on whether to accept the plan. If more than 50% of voters approve the plan, it is “made” and becomes part of the local statutory development plan.

