



Weekly News & Information:

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Amendments to the Food Information Regulations introduced by <u>Natasha's Law</u> are effective from 1st October 2021 and requires prepacked for direct sale (PPDS) foods, other than those sold by distance means (internet, telephone etc.), to be labelled with an ingredient list that emphasises the presence of allergens in the food.

PPDS foods are those that are sold from the premises they are packed on, and which are packed before being offered for sale.

According to the new rules, PPDS food will have to clearly display the following information on the packaging:

- Name of the food.
- Full ingredients list, with allergenic ingredients emphasised (for example in bold, italics or a different colour).

To see the full article and how it might affect your trading standards please visit:

https://mailchi.mp/kent.gov.uk/natashas-law?e=541fbdc773

KCC - COVID 19 Safe Training

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3 OCT 2021

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WELCOME TO BIG DOG WALK KENT!

<u>St Clere Estate</u> is situated in the lovely town of Sevenoaks, just off the M26. It is in the westerly side of Kent, a county that has been coined the Garden of England.

This is so much more than a walk, once completed you can enjoy a mini festival in our fantastic **Event Village**.

- Test your dog's abilities in our Dogstacle course, see if they can steal the judges hearts in the Fun Dog Show, or if they have the strength resist in Temptation Alley.
- Grab a delicious bite to eat, whether you fancy a hot lunch or an delicious warm coffee.
- Get free canine advice from our partners <u>Bought By Many</u> and <u>YUMove</u>, who are more than happy to help.
- Bring your shoppers and treat pup to some goodies to take home check out what's available here.
- Raise money and walk for charity or simply donate to our Official Charity Partner, <u>Dogs</u>
 Trust.

Tickets are just £10.50 and kids under 16 go FREE! All tickets include:

An exclusive Big Dog Walk bandana - A rosette and digital certificate for completing your walk - Goodies and treats for your dogs at the walk - Entry to the Event Village - Parking - Entry to parks and estates.





Presents a

Concert Fundraiser

SATURDAY 23 OCTOBER - 7:30PM

Join us in the Pamoja Hall or watch live on: VouTube

ADULTS £15 CHILDREN £5
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WHAT WE DO

Sevenoaks Welcomes Refugees is a local charity formed in 2017 to help support refugees from Syria resettling in the Sevenoaks district, as part of the UK Government's Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme. That scheme has now evolved into the Government's global UK Resettlement Scheme.

We are a small and growing organisation, with about 100 active volunteers. We are currently supporting the resettlement of 4 Syrian refugee families in the Sevenoaks district area and are hoping to find accommodation for further families this year.

We provide local practical support to refugee families in our area, including welcoming, help with learning English, finding jobs, providing lifts, sourcing necessary household items, and making small grants.

We're looking for:

VOLUNTEERS

We're recruiting for more volunteers, and we have a wide range of activities to get involved with. For example, you could join a small 'family team' of volunteers and support one refugee family, or teach English, or find more landlords, find work and training opportunities or help with all the things a small charity needs help with including administration, finance, marketing, communications, and fundraising.

LANDLORDS

The scheme relies on private sector landlords, who receive rent according to Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rates. For example, the rate for a 3-bedroom house in Sevenoaks is £1130 pcm and for one in Swanley it's £1050 pcm. The rent is paid via Sevenoaks District Council, either directly to the landlord or to his/her agent managing the property.

If you'd like to volunteer with us, or you might be interested in renting a property to enable a refugee family to build a new future, please contact us at sevenoakswelcomesrefugees@gmail.com

www.sevenoakswelcomesrefugees.org

Registered Charity Number 1184120

Our latest adult social care engagement opportunities

Thank you for your interest in adult social care in Kent. Please see the following ways you can get involved and share your views.

Adult Social Care Strategy Consultation now open

Thank you to those of you who participated in our early engagement workshops at the beginning of the year, and our co-production workshops this summer. Your contributions helped us to shape the draft strategy for adult social care that is now out for formal consultation.

Our person-focused vision and strategy summarise how we plan to make changes over the coming years to put the person first, improve all the time and measure what matters. The aim is to work with people in Kent and all our partners to turn our ambitions into reality. You <u>can</u> read more about it on our website.

Social care and health have never been more prominent in our daily lives. Our dedicated workforce has pulled together with our partner organisations, providers and communities to respond to some of the most challenging times in recent history.

We need **your views** on the draft strategy, which sets out what will be different, and outlines the principles we will follow to achieve



our five-year vision of: "Making a positive difference every day, supporting you to live as full and safe a life as possible and make informed choices."

We would like to hear your views on our draft Adult Social Care Strategy so that we can make sure we're on the right track, we can find out what we might have missed or how you think it could be improved.

Please read the draft strategy and answer the questionnaire on the Kent County Council consultation web page to let us know what you think.

Visit: https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/adult-social-care-strategy to take part.

The consultation closes on 24 October 2021.

If you run a community group and you would like someone to facilitate a workshop either online or face to face, please contact the Stakeholder Engagement Team via the email address below.





As part of this year's Silver Sunday celebrations, Sevenoaks District Council is promoting a series of free events for older residents.

Silver Sunday (3 October 2021) was originally set up to tackle loneliness, however, in recent years, the national occasion has become an opportunity for older people to meet others, visit new places, try new activities and connect with their local communities.

Throughout October, older residents can sign up to coffee mornings, talks, health sessions and more!

The celebrations start on Monday 4 October with 'Pop Up' Sue Larken from AGE UK, running one of her famous 'Pop up and pop in' health sessions in Chiddingstone Causeway Hall at 10.45am.

The 'Every Step Counts' walking group is dedicating its nine walks throughout the District to Silver Sunday for the week beginning 11 October 2021. These walks are great social events and an opportunity to meet new people over a cup of tea and a slice of cake while getting some gentle exercise.

Cabinet member for People and Places, CIIr Lesley Dyball, says: "Silver Sunday is a really positive way of supporting the older community to try new things for free and meet new people by attending existing events and activities."

CIIr Dyball adds: "If you have an elderly relative or friend who you think would benefit from some more social interaction, encourage them to come along to a Silver Sunday event near them."

For more information, visit www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/silversunday





Take a closer look at Kent Libraries

Learn how to navigate our online services





BIPC Kent Launch and Kent Archives Quiz

National Poetry Day Get involved!





Events, Activities and Volunteering

Libraries Week Quiz World Mental Health Day



#LibrariesWeek

















Libraries Week

4 to 10 October 2021

Libraries Week is an annual showcase of the best that libraries have to offer. This year's theme is "Taking action, changing lives".

In Kent we are applauding the difference that our libraries have made over the past year and will make as we all look to the future. We are also celebrating the upcoming launch of our Business and Intellectual Property Centre (BIPC) Kent, providing free and accessible business advice, support, and resources.

What's on... online

Find Kent Libraries on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Soundcloud for free online activities to enjoy:

- → Monday Take a Closer Look at Kent Libraries
- → Tuesday Learn How to Navigate Our Online Services
- → Wednesday Business and Intellectual Property Centre Kent Launch Kent Archives Quiz
- → Thursday National Poetry Day Get Involved!
- → Friday Events, Activities and Volunteering in Libraries
- → Saturday Libraries Week Quiz
- → Sunday World Mental Health Day Reading Well

What's on... in your library

All our libraries are open, ready to welcome you back. We would love to see you in Libraries Week. If you don't have a library card, now is the ideal time to join and it's free. We have books galore, thousands of titles in our eLibrary, a huge range of online resources plus our groups and activities are beginning to start up again!

Visit kent.gov.uk/libs for details of your local library and more information or call us on 03000 41 31 31.

Tag us at #KentLibraries @KentLibraries on Twitter @KentLibrariesArchives on Facebook













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Get in touch to arrange your first session!

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Time to Talk: new support group



Time to Talk is a new peer to peer support group for those who have lost a close relative, partner, friend or colleague to suicide.

The first six week programme of Time to Talk will run from Wednesday 27 October – Wednesday 1 December 6pm-7.30pm. The group is run by a trained facilitator with lived experience, is held online and is open to anyone aged 18+ in West Kent. Share experiences and feelings in a safe space.

For more information visit <u>Time to</u>

<u>Talk on our website or</u>

email <u>community@westkentmind.org.uk</u>



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