



## Latest updates for businesses affected by COVID-19



Visit Britain



Visit England

In a press conference this evening, [Prime Minister Boris Johnson](#) confirmed that England will move to step 4 from 19 July.

He said that we cannot return instantly to how life was before COVID-19. While cases are high and rising, everybody needs to continue to act carefully and remain cautious. The next steps have been set out in the moving to step 4 guidance published today (see below).

### New guidance on moving to step 4

The Government has published [new guidance on moving to step 4 of the roadmap for England](#) that outlines the key protections that will remain in place, the pathway through the summer and the five-point plan to manage the virus in the next phase.

At step 4, while many of the legal restrictions that the Government has imposed through the pandemic will be lifted, cautious guidance will remain, making it clear this is not yet a return to normal. The Government will continue to manage the virus and provide guidance over the coming months.

### Key protections that will be kept in place:

- Testing when people have symptoms and targeted asymptomatic testing in education, high risk workplaces and to help people manage their personal risk.
- Isolating when positive or when contacted by NHS Test and Trace or when advised to by the NHS COVID-19 app.
- Border quarantine: for all arriving from red list countries, and for those people arriving from amber list countries, other than those UK residents fully vaccinated in the UK vaccine programme.
- Cautious guidance for individuals, businesses and the vulnerable whilst prevalence is high including:
  - - Whilst Government is no longer instructing people to work from home if they can, Government expects and recommends a gradual return over the summer;
  - - Government expects and recommends that people wear face coverings in crowded areas such as public transport;
  - - Being outside or letting fresh air in; and
  - - Minimising the number, proximity and duration of social contacts.
- **Encouraging and supporting businesses and large events to use the NHS COVID Pass in high-risk settings to help to limit the risk of infection.** The Government will work with organisations that operate large, crowded settings where people are likely to be in close proximity to others outside their household to encourage the use of the NHS COVID Pass. If sufficient measures are not taken to limit infection, the Government will consider mandating the NHS COVID Pass in certain venues at a later date.

## NEW CEO APPOINTMENT TO SEVENOAKS DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



We are delighted to announce that Dawn Blee has joined the Sevenoaks District Chamber of Commerce and will be taking over from Julie Phillips as CEO. This appointment marks the next chapter for the Chamber, as Dawn will navigate the Chamber and support local businesses, with a focus on recovery and regeneration following the Covid Pandemic.

Dawn is an experienced business owner. She was co-founder of South East Tour Guides which makes her experience particularly relevant to our local Chamber as someone who has set up and grown her own business for the past twelve years. Concurrent with this, Dawn has until recently been a Board Director representing the 1800 strong membership of a London-based national organisation where her focus was on growing and enhancing the value of that membership, both internally and to the outside world.

Previously, Dawn worked in the hospitality industry as Training Director for an international hotel company, opening new hotels in Britain and Europe. She was responsible for the development and accreditation of their innovative Investors in People Awards, along with many other learning and quality initiatives.

Dawn says "Working for a corporate organisation developed my strategic thinking skills and reinforced my opinion of the importance of maintaining a holistic approach to all matters. These skills are invaluable to any business whatever the size, and especially so to a membership organisation".

Most recently, with her business temporarily closing due to the pandemic travel restrictions, Dawn has been working with Sevenoaks District Council supporting businesses with the EU funded Reopening High Streets Safely and Welcome Back initiatives.

With Dawns strong membership management experience coupled with her entrepreneurial spirit and local government experience we are confident that Dawn will be a tremendous asset to the Chamber. Former CEO Julie Phillips who has navigated the Chamber through the Pandemic will be supporting Dawn in her early days and will ensure a smooth and comprehensive handover is achieved.

Dawn's appointment is welcomed by Chair, Katrina Walker, who said that Dawn has the perfect mix of entrepreneurial and corporate experience. This, coupled with her board level responsibilities and experience of membership organisations made her the perfect candidate to take the Chamber to its next chapter. Dawn will be supported by a strong Board of Directors; Chair, Katrina Walker, client relationship manager at Thackray Williams Solicitors; Andrew Raby, senior partner at solicitors' firm Thackray Williams; Sharon Field, head of corporate and social responsibility at FM Conway; Sandhya Iyer, Managing Director at The HR Dept and Paul Baker, Director of Wealden Properties. Dawn will also be recruiting two further Board Members in the following months. The team will continue to be supported by Kathryn McKerlie who continues to lead the day-to-day Operations of the Chamber.

Katrina: said "We are delighted to welcome Dawn to the Chamber and feel she is the perfect complement to our team".

The Sevenoaks District Chamber of Commerce currently offer networking opportunities, partnerships, and advice to local businesses to help the local economy thrive. If you would like to get involved or would like a conversation with Dawn about being part of the Sevenoaks Chamber Community, please get in touch.



# Free Family Fun Day

BAT & BALL CENTRE SUNDAY 25 JULY



10am **Official opening** by the Mayor of Sevenoaks

10.30am - 2pm **Tours** of the new centre and facilities

10.30am - 12pm **Free family fun** with Neverland Parties

12pm - 2pm **Free jazz** in the gardens with the Sam Hall Quartet

**Free refreshments and parking**



**SEVENOAKS  
DISTRICT**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



**28th July 2021**

**Defusing the Covid debt bomb, repairing broken balance sheets  
and navigating through the post-pandemic world**

**with Mark Holborow, Restructuring Advisory Director at  
RSM Restructuring Advisory LLP**

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In an economy promising significant growth opportunities, RSMUK will provide insight on how to reach these opportunities and will discuss the best approach on exiting lockdown, amid very high debt levels, the shifting landscape of statutory protections and the ever reducing government financial support.

They will highlight the potential reactions of key stakeholders to these changes and discuss what the implications will look like for companies; in addition they will consider strategies for managing the fallout for companies with balance sheets that have been badly damaged as a result of the pandemic. **[BOOK HERE](#)**



**27,28TH,29TH,30TH JULY 2021!**

# SONG WRITING STUDIO

**WRITE, RECORD &  
PERFORM A SONG  
IN 4 DAYS**

**SIGN-UP NOW!**

**HOUSE** IN THE  
**Basement**

Work with songwriter-producer 'Adam Wedd' for 4 days where you'll learn how to write, record and produce your own song. Whether it be Rap, Trap, R&B, Hip-Hop, Rock or Pop this will be 4 days for anyone who loves music of any kind. Adam has shared stages with Ed Sheeran, worn Stormzy's Hoody and AJ Tracey's T-shirt as well as having had music played on over 150 Radio stations world-wide and had his music used in TV shows. Adam has also toured all over the USA and Europe and signed with James Brown's manager, so just don't let him in the kitchen!

## **OVERVIEW - The Life of a Song**

### **Day 1 - Who are ya and what do you want to say?**

Ice-breakers  
Mood-board  
Mind-Mapping  
The process of a song's life

### **Day 2 - Building**

Writing songs  
Melodies & Lyrics  
Song-Structure  
Beginning the recording process

### **Day 3 - Recording**

What it says on the tin, recording, recording and more recording  
Learning basics of EQ Mixing and Mastering and the distribution process

### **Day 4 - The Final Showdown**


Perform your songs to each other  
Playback session to each other  
(featuring possible special guest)

## **INTERESTED? GET IN TOUCH:**

Simply email: [manager@houseinthebasement.co.uk](mailto:manager@houseinthebasement.co.uk)







HAVE YOUR SAY.

# Interested in becoming a Youth Councillor?

Have you ever wanted your voice to be heard? Wanted to improve your town? Get people aware of issues close to you? Or simply want change?

If so, becoming a Youth Councillor for Sevenoaks may be right for you.

Becoming a Sevenoaks Youth Councillor is a great opportunity to get involved with local politics and have an impact on your town & future career.

Have you thought about becoming a Youth Councillor? How do I become a Youth Councillor?

As long as you -

1. Are between the ages of 11-18 years old

2. Live within 5 miles of Sevenoaks Town

3. Attend a school within Sevenoaks

You can then apply to become a Youth Councillor for Sevenoaks.

To apply for the role:

Simply email your interest to:

[council@sevenoakstown.gov.uk](mailto:council@sevenoakstown.gov.uk)



# Help us shape the future of bus services in Kent!



We are creating our first  
**Bus Service Improvement Plan**  
for Kent and we need your help  
to make sure it reflects the needs  
of Kent residents.



Find out more and tell us your views at  
**[kent.gov.uk/busfuture](https://kent.gov.uk/busfuture)**

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**[alternativeformats@kent.gov.uk](mailto:alternativeformats@kent.gov.uk)** or call **03000 42 15 53**  
(text relay service number: 18001 03000 42 15 53).  
This number goes to an answering machine, which is monitored  
during office hours.





*Live music every  
Thursday & Sunday*

# MUSIC ON THE BANDSTAND

*Come Join us for some live music at the  
Vine Bandstand*

**THURSDAYS: 6:00PM - 8:30PM**

**SUNDAYS: 3:00PM - 5:30PM**

**22<sup>nd</sup> JULY - 29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

**The Vine Bandstand, Vine Gardens, Dartford Rd, TN13 3SY**





# SEVENOAKS MARKETS

HIGH STREET: 9AM - 3PM EVERY SATURDAY

BLIGH'S MARKET: 9AM - 4PM EVERY SATURDAY

BUCKHURST LANE: 8AM - 2PM EVERY WEDNESDAY





- **A new business?**
- **Fed up with commuting?**
- **Working from home not working for you?**
- **Looking for flexibility in your business accommodation needs?**
- **Wanting to work in a supportive business atmosphere and to meet like-minded people?**
- **Easy parking!**



**sevenoaks  
business  
hub**

## **Some of the reasons why the Sevenoaks Business Hub will meet your requirements.**

The Hub is newly established, finished and furnished to a high standard, offering a choice of office permutations with no fixed term. Accommodation options range from open plan hot desking, through reserved hot desking to private single desk office pods. Hires are available full day or half days 7am - 1.00pm and 1.15pm - 9pm.

### **Features and Facilities include:**

- Access 7am – 9pm, Monday to Saturday
- Meeting room for 8 people
- Great up to the minute connectivity
- Cycle parking and shower rooms
- Free on-site parking
- Electric vehicle charging points
- Kitchen with café area and break-out lounge
- Decked outdoor area with seating
- Easy access, with Sevenoaks Rail Station 0.9 miles, Bat & Ball Rail Station 0.4 miles, Service 8 bus service to the door and Go2 on-demand transport.

Business related functions can be hosted on a private or communal basis. The advantageous pricing includes rent, business rates, Wi-Fi, utilities, cleaning & maintenance.

The Business Hub is situated in Bradbourne Vale Road, TN13 3QG, home to Sevenoaks Town Council Offices. Sevenoaks & District Chamber of Commerce is based at the Hub and manages the booking system and other arrangements. The Council and Chamber are both keen to foster enterprise in the town and hence the motivation to provide a high-class facility offering total flexibility at very reasonable rates.



**Sevenoaks  
TOWN council**



**For more information visit  
[www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk](http://www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk)**