



Latest updates for businesses affected by COVID-19



We wanted to share the latest updates with you including announcement by the Government of the intention to make full vaccination a condition of entry to nightclubs and other venues where large crowds gather by the end of September, updates to guidance for step 4 and updates to requirements to provide public health information to passengers travelling to England.

Also businesses can register for a [webinar we are running in partnership with the Caterer](#) dedicated to equipping operators with the tools to attract new employees and revealing ways to keep staff in long-term sustainable careers.

19 July press briefing

Today the Prime Minister Boris Johnson held a press conference with Government Chief Scientific Adviser, Sir Patrick Vallance, and Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Jonathan Van Tam.

The Prime Minister spoke about the move to step 4 in England and the importance of the test, trace and isolate system in identifying people who are more likely to be infected. He also mentioned that some of life's most important pleasures and opportunities are likely to be increasingly dependent on vaccination. There are already countries that require you to be double-jabbed as a condition of quarantine-free travel and that list seems likely to grow.

He then went on to express the concern of the UK Government by the continuing risk posed by nightclubs, asking them 'to do the socially responsible thing and make use of the NHS Covid Pass which shows proof of vaccination, a recent negative test or natural immunity – as a means of entry.'

He reiterated that the Government reserves the right to mandate certification at any point and gave notice now that by the end of September - when all over 18s will have had the chance to be double jabbed – of the intention to make full vaccination the condition of entry to nightclubs and other venues where large crowds gather. At this point proof of a negative test will no longer be sufficient.

[Read his full statement](#) as well as the [press release](#) issued earlier regarding England's move to step 4 in it's roadmap.

Guidance reflecting the change to step 4 in England has been updated on the following pages:

- [How to stay safe and prevent the spread of coronavirus](#)
- [Maintaining records of staff](#), customers and visitors to support NHS test and trace
- [Safer travel guidance for passengers](#) who are walking, cycling and travelling in vehicles or on public transport during the coronavirus outbreak. The [safer transport guidance for operators](#) has also been updated.
- [Safer aviation guidance for operators and for passengers](#).
- Guidance to help inform the planning and business operations as per step 4 of [grassroots sport participants, providers and facility operators](#).
- [Domestic cruise ship travel](#)
- [Wedding and civil partnership ceremonies, receptions and celebrations in England](#).



SEVENOAKS DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BOARD MEMBERS WANTED

The Sevenoaks District Chamber of Commerce has two openings on the Board of Directors following the end of tenure for both Gareth Walters and Nick Brooker.

Voluntary Board Member roles have always been integral to the Chamber and we have been fortunate to have had the support of some great local business leaders in the past.

The positions are for a three-year tenure. You will be required to dedicate a few hours per month to representing the Chamber at our networking meetings and events and are able to attend quarterly Board meetings, we would like to hear from you. We are looking for a wide range of skills to guide, support and challenge our CEO, offering strategic direction to ensure the interests of our members are represented on the Board.

A copy of the job description can be found below along with a copy of our Articles of Association. Applications will be closing at the end of August with appointments being made in September. It is anticipated that the newly appointed Directors will join the current Board for their Strategy Meeting on 6th October. If you are interested in joining our team and feel you have the skill and experience to help us develop, please get in touch, or call us for an informal chat.

With best wishes

Sevenoaks District Chamber of Commerce

01732 455188

[DOWNLOAD JOB DESCRIPTION HERE](#)

Current Diary dates:

October 6th First Wednesday Networking Event and strategy session

October 20th AGM

November 3rd First Wednesday Networking Event

December 1st First Wednesday Networking Event

EVENT DETAILS

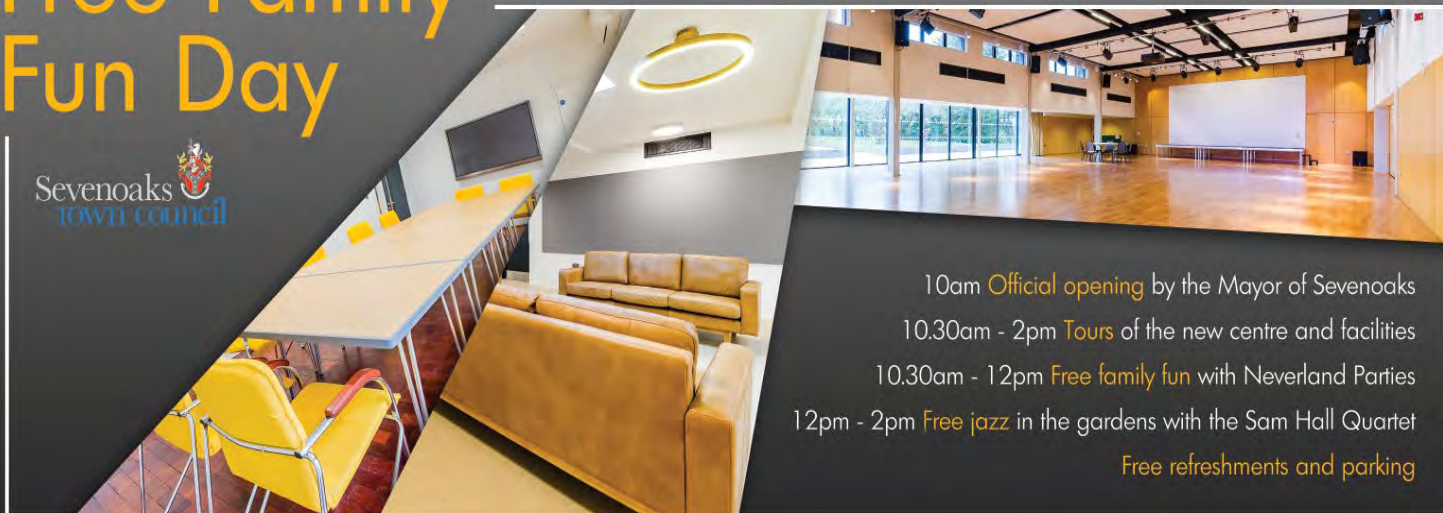
[BOOK HERE](#)

Visit and view the new co-working facilities at the Sevenoaks Business Hub

Join the Chamber Team for coffee and networking in their new home at Sevenoaks Business Hub from 11.00am



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

Don't lose your vote!

Residents are being urged to look out for their electoral registration canvass form that will be arriving from Monday 19 July.

The yearly exercise, carried out by Sevenoaks District Council, ensures the electoral register is up-to-date and gives an opportunity for residents who are not registered or whose details have changed to make sure they can vote in elections or referendums.

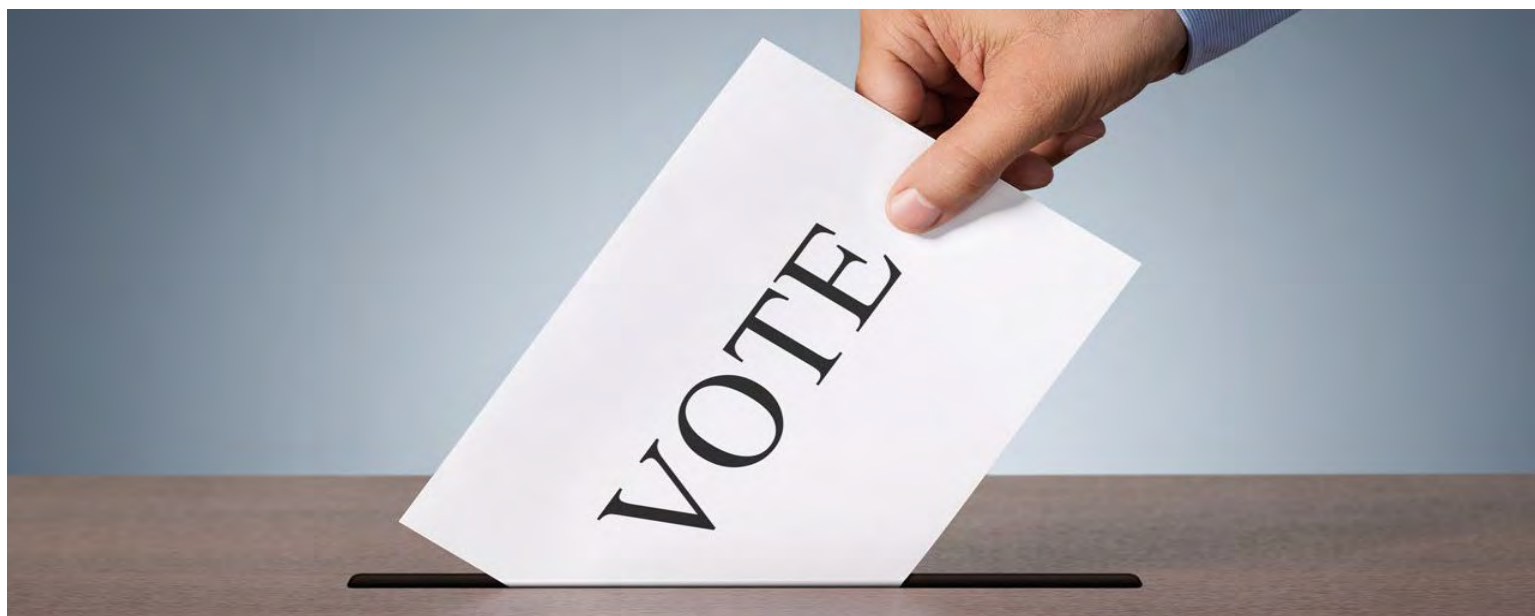
Dr Pav Ramewal, Chief Executive and Electoral Registration Officer at Sevenoaks District Council said:

"It's now easier than ever to complete the Annual Canvass and in many cases, no action is required at all. However, it is important to read the form when it arrives and follow the instructions carefully.

"It's vital we have the right details to ensure you will be eligible to vote in local or national elections and referendums. If your details are incorrect and need updating, the simplest way to tell us is online.

"If you're not currently registered to vote or have just moved house, the easiest way to register is online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote, or call us and we'll send you an application form in the post."

To find out more about the Annual Canvass, visit www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/annualcanvass





Kent Children
and Young People

Reconnect

The Kent community is uniting to give children and young people a summer of fun and opportunities.

From free bus travel and discounted 6-week leisure centre passes through to summer learning and a guide to what's on, [Reconnect](https://kent.gov.uk/reconnect) has something for children and young people of all ages.

Discover more, visit:
kent.gov.uk/reconnect



About Reconnect

Reconnect is uniting the Kent community in providing opportunities for children and young people to help them get ahead as we emerge from the Covid pandemic. We want our children and young people to reconnect with friends and family, get ahead in their learning and future employment, and be physically and mentally healthy. It's a year of exciting and varied opportunities, new and old, for children, young people and their families to become involved in.

All details are on the [Reconnect website](#).

Local events, activities and clubs

Clubs, groups and community organisations across Kent are offering a range of activities – from one-off events, to regular, weekly sessions. Find out more by visiting the [Reconnect What's On guide](#).

Free bus travel for 11- to 18-year-olds

Young people in school year groups 6 to 13 can travel for free by bus from 22 July to 31 August. Pupils will receive their Reconnect bus pass from their school by the end of term. The Reconnect bus pass is also available for college students (via their college) and children and young people (aged between 11 and 18) who are home-schooled (via open libraries, youth hubs and children's centres).

Passes can only be used on journeys that start and finish in Kent.

Visit the [Reconnect website](#) for full details about using the bus pass.

6-week leisure centre pass for £25 (or £10 if you receive free school meals)

Local leisure centres across Kent are offering a £25 six-week leisure centre pass to cover the summer holidays. Parents can buy the pass for their child or children direct from the leisure centre they want to use this summer. There is no limit on the number of times that children and young people can use their pass during the summer holidays. Full details of what's available at each participating leisure centre will be available on their websites.

Parents whose children receive benefits-related free school meals will receive an electronic Reconnect Discount Voucher enabling them to buy the leisure centre pass for £10.

Find the participating leisure centres on the [Reconnect website](#).

Get ahead with your learning this summer

We have put together an exciting and innovative package of summer learning opportunities, designed to help children and young people catch up on any missed learning and to help them get a head start on the new school year in September with confidence. Full details are on the [Reconnect website](#).

- **Free** access for GCSEs and A-Level students to a library of more than 2,000 podcasts about the subjects they'll be studying from September. We've teamed up with Audiopi who bring to life a wide range of subjects in podcast format – and they're broken down into short episodes 10-12-minute episodes so students can tune in whether they're at home or on the move, fitting seamlessly around their lives.
- **Free** daily live maths and English lessons, fitness blast classes and Wellbeing Wednesday activities brought to children and young people by Invicta National Academy throughout the summer holidays. Available to all schoolchildren, KS1 to KS4, parents can pick and choose classes that fit with their child's needs. Classes are 45 minutes long and run 26 July to 27 August. Booking is open now.
- Get help with spelling those tricky words via the award-winning Sir Linkalot app, which is available for parents to download for **free** this summer. The Sir Linkalot app helps children of all ages spell any tricky word, all the way from 'was' to 'onomatopoeia' and is a gamechanger for those with dyslexia.
- Students can take a **virtual trip to six destinations** across the world and immerse themselves in the experiences of different cultures and perspectives using the Lyfta platform. The immersive and interactive journey gives children and young people the chance to connect with inspiring human stories from around the world, that model resilience, problem-solving, teamwork and other critical skills. [Click here](#) to access the registration form.
- There is a **50% discount** for all Kent families and children to join Kent Children's University, where they can develop practical and personal skills, build confidence, and discover new interests and talents beyond the classroom. Participating families can use Children's University Online to search for fun and enjoyable learning activities that their child can take part in outside normal school time. Activities range from trips to tourist destinations, music lessons, sessions in sports clubs, learning a language and much, much more.

Visit our [summer learning page on the Reconnect website](#) for full details of each offer and how to access them.

Summer Reading Challenge – Wild World Heroes

This year's summer reading challenge is Wild World Heroes, a celebration of nature and action for the environment, in partnership with World Wildlife Fund UK. Running until 11 September 2021, the challenge is to read six library books to be in with a chance of receiving a medal and certificate (while stocks last). Find out more and to get involved, [visit our website](#).

Free youth mental health first aid training

This **free** introductory session for parents/carers covers:

- Some of the common mental health issues affecting young people, including depression, anxiety, eating disorders and psychosis.
- Skills to work better with young people living with mental health issues.
- Ways to support young people with a mental health issue and relate to their experiences.

Visit [Maidstone Mind's website](#).

Imago Family Fun Days

Imago/Kent Young Carers are delivering family fun days across Kent for young carers and their families this summer. Contact 0300 111 1110 or email youngcarers@imago.community.

Young Persons Steering Group

Our Reconnect Young Persons Steering Group involves young people in the design and development of the programme and makes sure their voices are heard. The next meeting is in September - if you think your child might be interested in being involved, contact the Reconnect team:


reconnect.kentcyp@kent.gov.uk.

3 ways to keep in touch with Reconnect

- Visit the [Reconnect website](#).
- Like the [Reconnect Kent Facebook page](#).
- Sign up to receive the [Reconnect newsletter](#) straight to your inbox.

Discover more, visit:
kent.gov.uk/reconnect





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

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 Browns' 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



MUSIC ON THE BANDSTAND

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

Il Quartetto Fienile

Thursday 22nd July - 6:00pm - 8:00pm



Sevenoaks & Tonbridge Concert Band

Sunday 25th July - 3:00pm - 5:30pm

Ian Fox

Thursday 29th July - 6:00pm - 8:00pm



22nd JULY - 29th AUGUST

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