



Weekly News & Information:

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PLASTIC FREE SEVENOAKS PLEDGE In respons

What's the problem?

Plastic pollution is a global challenge. Every year the world produces millions of tonnes of plastic, of which half is estimated to be single use. Much discarded plastic ends up in rivers, waterways and oceans, finally entering the food chain. In response to the global problem of plastic pollution, Sevenoaks Town Council and Sevenoaks Youth Council have committed to phasing out single-use plastic across all its facilities. This also means it strongly encourages groups and organisations to find alternatives to single-use plastic when using Town Council venues.

Sevenoaks has been in the vanguard of towns looking to become greener and progress has been made. But with "lockdown" and the disruption to life generally some of the focus has been taken away. The Town Team now intends to re-invigorate our efforts.

As a starting point did you know that there are now all these locations in Sevenoaks where you can refill a water bottle free of charge? Look at the list:

Brewers Sweaty Betty Malabar Coffee House Hamptons The Stag
Theatre COOK Neal's Yard Remedies Nando's Costa Coffee x3

Seasalt A Plan Insurance The Sennockian Bill's Sevenoaks Town Council Café on the Vine Eat for Energy Knole Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve

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Our thanks go to all these forward thinking businesses and organisations. If there are others wishing to join the scheme then please get in touch with townteam@sevenoakstown.gov.uk. There is no joining fee and it will do your credentials good, maybe bringing you some more customers too! For more info on the scheme go to: Home-Refill-find more than 280,000 Refill Stations globally.

Tree-cycle for free



Residents can tick one thing off their post-Christmas to-do list by recycling their real Christmas trees for free with the Council's fortnightly Garden Waste Collection service.

Trees with a trunk of up to 90mm (3.5") in diameter will be collected by the service until Friday 28 January 2022, which ensures all the trees are turned into environmentally friendly compost.

Residents need simply put their tree by the boundary of their property, where they normally place their refuse or recycling sacks, by 6.30am on the day the Council's fortnightly Garden Waste Collection service takes place on their road.

Trees should not be potted or on a stand, and must be free of decorations before being put out for recycling.

Residents unsure when the service is visiting their road can go to www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/collectiondays.

Cllr Margot McArthur, the Council's Cabinet Member for Cleaner and Greener, says: "I'm delighted that once again, we are offering this quick and easy way of disposing of your Christmas tree free of charge. It should save you a trip to the dump - not to mention the hassle of removing all those needles from your car!"

Trees with a trunk exceeding 90mm can be recycled at one of Kent County Council's (KCC) Household Waste Recycling sites. Visit www.kent.gov.uk/recycling for locations and opening times and to book a slot.



'Three and Four'

A new sculpture for Sevenoaks

Meet local artist Oliver Barratt and see a model of his proposed sculpture for Blighs.

Saturday 15 January 2022 | 12noon to 2pm

Outside M&S, Sevenoaks







A foot on the land

12-22 January 2022

Kaleidoscope Gallery at Sevenoaks Library

Feathers found along the way have become an evolving artwork. Please do look for any size or colour feathers when out walking and bring them to the gallery to add to the piece.



All the photographs in this exhibition were taken between the autumns of 2020 and 2021 on walks within easy reach of Sevenoaks.

The images are *known* in that they are all of familiar places but *unknown* in being viewed from unfamiliar standpoints.

Roger Lee is a former academic who now spends most of his time making photographs. He is currently working on a book of photographs of amazingly skilled people who make things in and around Sevenoaks. It is imaginatively entitled *Making Sevenoaks*.

Roger shot the photographs for the recent exhibition and book *Sevenoaks in a time of change* and is the author of *Sevenoaks Image-ined*. He is also a member of the Sevenoaks Camera Club.

Instagram: @writingimages01

Sevenoaks kaleidoscope gallery

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NEW TELEPAL TELEPHONE CONVERSATION SERVICE.

Do you live in the Sevenoaks District?

In conjunction with Sevenoaks
District Council and Age UK we are
relaunching Telepal, our
telephone conversation service.

YOU MUST LIVE IN THE SEVENOAKS DISTRICT TO USE THIS SERVICE

Telepal is for people living alone or those who feel isolated. With Telepal you can talk to a friendly volunteer over the phone for half an hour each week.

To register, email volunteering@westkentmind

Contact: Angela Riley

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Careers in policing - event for women and people from ethnic minority backgrounds

Do you want to work for a supportive employer that provides you with opportunities to develop?

Do you want to work for an employer who celebrates diversity and is inclusive? If so, have you considered a career with Kent Police?

The Positive Action team are holding a drop-in event for women and individuals from ethnic minorities who would like to find out more about a career in policing. You will be able to meet and speak with serving officers and staff who are female and from an ethnic minority, as well as meeting our Positive Action and Recruitment team who can provide you with further information and advice.

Workforce data shows that Kent Police is currently under-represented by women and people from ethnic minority backgrounds. Our informal event at

Tonbridge Baptist Church

Darenth Avenue Tonbridge Kent TN10 3HZ

on 17 January between 4pm and 7pm is exclusively for people from these groups who are interested in finding out more about a rewarding career with Kent Police.

All events are subject to short notice changes due to the pandemic and may become a virtual event. Please ensure you register your interest so we can contact you to inform you of any changes.

We welcome parents and guardians who want to find out more about what a career in policing will mean for their family. Our officers and staff can speak with you about their experiences and what their journey in policing has meant to them.

We hope that you will come and join us. We are excited to talk with you about our current career opportunities and we look forward to meeting you.

