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**Westerham Town Council and Westerham Town Partnership
wish to thank the Westerham Society for their donation for the purchase
and installation of the Christmas tree on The Green.**

**And, also to thank the following businesses for their financial help with
the Christmas Lights 2016**

Barbers of East Street

Design Gallery

Judy French

Posy and Wild

Prelude

Spring Shaw Dental

White House Framing

In addition, the following businesses provided, and paid for electricity:

Ruarch Kitchens, James Millard, The Kings Arms,

Nationwide Building Society, The Court Group,

Westerham Cyclery and Jane Hunter

**Thanks as well to Mr and Mrs Healey for the tree at the Manor House
and Ashton Taylor-Smith for the lights and
Jane Hunter for her tree at Churchgate.**



Vandalism in Westerham

Westerham residents will see an increased police presence in the town following a meeting with Kent Police and Sevenoaks District Council's Community Safety Unit on the 13th December. The Town Council and representatives from Westerham Hall and the Crown building described the cumulative effect on both businesses and residents of the vandalism, anti-social behaviour and criminal damage the town has recently experienced.

All present were united in their aim of catching those responsible and of preventing this behaviour re-occurring. It was noted that there has been an arrest of one of the alleged perpetrators who will be recalled from bail in January. The police presence will be unannounced and irregular and will include the use of unmarked cars and plain clothes police, as well as marked cars and uniformed police. It will focus on those areas where people have been worst affected. Zero-tolerance of drug dealing and use will be enforced.

As residents we can all help by reporting any incident we see or suspect. Times, places, details of cars or of individuals are all important. This all helps the police and other agencies to build a comprehensive picture and to target their effort where it is most needed. Please ring 101 – or 999 if you see a crime being committed. You can report anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111; it's free and the call does not show on a BT or cable bill. And let the Town Council know too on 01959 562147.

All at the meeting – Town Council, Kent Police and the Community Safety Unit – are committed to keeping a high level of communication and to keeping residents and businesses updated and reiterated its determination to resolve these issues. The group will meet again in three months' time to review progress.

The Community Safety Unit (CSU)

The Community Safety Unit (CSU) consists of Council Staff, Police, Community Wardens, Housing Associations and other partner agencies.

Partners meet on a daily basis to discuss Community Safety Concerns and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) calls that have come in from residents via agencies including the Police. Since January 2016 the CSU have dealt with over 600 calls.

The Unit also focuses on campaigns and especially around Christmas and New Year they work together to help keep the District a safe and fun place to live, work and visit.



Kelly Webb, Community Safety Manager, Sevenoaks District Council said that the CSU is a great way for partners to address current concerns and have a speedy and effective response to residents of which all are updated.

We have great initiatives for residents in rural and urban areas to keep them safe and their belongings safe. The CSU has timer switches, shed alarms, personal alarms and card protectors to name but a few which are free to residents. To find out more e-mail community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk or phone 01732 227000.

The CSU deals with all aspects of ASB and community safety. If you have a problem that you would like the CSU to get involved with then please contact them.

If life is in danger or a crime is in progress, always call 999.

For non – urgent police matter call 101.

Steve Grange - KCC Community Warden, 07813 712760

Victim Support are seeking volunteers for 2017!

Happy New Year - now that you have made your resolution to become more active in the local community in 2017, we are ready to assist you!

Victim Support does just what our name suggests - we offer emotional and practical support to victims of crime. We are dependent on volunteers - without them we couldn't do all the positive work for those unfortunate enough to have suffered a crime.

We offer emotional support and practical advice to victims of crime. As a volunteer you will receive training to support them from the outset until they can move forward on their own. If you can spare one or two hours a week of your time to help us, you will be providing a valuable service to your community.

You won't need qualifications or any previous experience of this kind of work to volunteer with us. All you need is the willingness to help and a little time. Age matters, so you will need to be 18+ in order to take on certain roles.

If you wish to volunteer, City and Guilds accredited training is given over four days at various dates in the year and we will need to complete a Disclosure and Barring Service check. Any travel expenses incurred when working for us are reimbursed.



We look forward to hearing from you!

<https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/how-apply/register-your-interest-volunteering>

Information from Gatwick airport

Submit a noise enquiry

If you want to know more about noise from planes or the airport, or have a specific complaint, then please contact our Flight Performance Team (FPT).

The FPT provides information to the public and responds to any comments you might have. They monitor the noise levels and track-keeping of all departing aircraft and answer complaints. They also give information about flight paths, for example to prospective home-buyers, and provide statistics to the airport's independent Consultative Committee, which is made up of local councillors, airlines, passenger and pressure groups.

Please contact us by using our noise enquiry form at flighttracking.casper.aero/lgw/complaint/

That way we can get all the information we need from you and get back to you in the quickest time.

Alternatively you can write to the address below.

Freepost GATWICK AIRPORT FLIGHT PERFORMANCE TEAM
South Terminal
Gatwick Airport
West Sussex
RH6 0NP

We have a published policy on our procedure for how we deal with noise complaints. You can read the policy at www.gatwickairport.com/globalassets/business--community/b_7_aircraft-noise/yla-complaints-handling-policy-2016.pdf



FORTHCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

January

Thursday 19th Planning & Development
Monday 23rd Council

February

Thursday 2nd Planning & Development
Monday 6th Highways & Lighting
Monday 13th Youth & Community
Thursday 16th Planning & Development

Members of the public are very welcome to attend these meetings. The first ten minutes of every meeting are available for members of the public to raise any issues with Councillors. All meetings start at 7.30 p.m. - except Planning which is held at 9.30 am - in the Town Council Chamber in Russell House. **Visit our website westerhamtowncouncil.gov.uk for more information**