



WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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FREE HALF TERM FAMILY FUN SESSION

Funded by Westerham Town Council

Thursday 27th October - 10.00am – 1.00pm

**Westerham Hall
Come and join the fun!**

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!!

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING & Christmas Lights Switch on

THURSDAY 24th NOVEMBER, 6-9pm

Trees on Grange Island

Westerham's connections with its past are many and varied, but there is one feature which is perhaps not as well known as others. The trees in Grange Island (the area in front of the parade of shops including the co-op) were planted in memory of the Canadian Forces who were stationed here during World War II. A memorial plaque at the west end of the island records their historical significance. Fittingly, the trees planted to commemorate Canadian forces, are maple (acer) trees. As well as marking a significant time in the town's history, they also provide an attractive entrance to the town centre.

As a memorial to Canadian forces it is important both that the town retains these trees, and that they continue to be maples, the national emblem of Canada. Sadly, one of the trees died during the last summer, and the two at the eastern end – the largest ones - have been found to be of a variety which will continue to

grow until they have doubled in size and will become unstable due to lack of space for their root structure. This is already causing damage to the retaining wall and will cause damage to the footpath, parking spaces and the roadway on both sides of the island. Following advice from several trees specialists, Westerham Town Council will be removing the dead tree, and replacing it. Reluctantly, it will also fell the larger trees and replace them with maples which will grow to a more compact size. The work will be carried out towards the end of October/early November and will be completed within a day.

Sad though it is to fell apparently healthy trees, it is more important that we keep this remembrance of our Canadian cousins alive for ourselves and for succeeding generations.

Moorhouse DPD Super Depot Protest

There was a fantastic turnout at the Protest to say 'NO' to the Moorhouse DPD Super Depot at the former Redlands tile site on the A25, near to Westerham. Thanks to everyone for turning up.





What is Lorry Watch?

Lorry Watch is a scheme run by local residents. Community volunteers record details of lorries that are suspected of using unsuitable roads or not sticking to the limits and restrictions. In Westerham London Road and Hosey Hill currently have Lorry Watch schemes running.

Once the information is collected, it is passed to Kent Police who can find the vehicle's registered keeper.

If the vehicle is ignoring the legal limits and restrictions, the police contact the company and warn them that if they continue it may result in formal action.

If there is no limit or restriction but the road is thought unsuitable, Kent County Council will contact the company and advise them to use the Kent Freight Gateway journey planner.

If you are interested in becoming a Lorry Watch volunteer please contact the Town Council.



Reporting a problem on the road or pavement

To report broken signs, overgrown trees, potholes, traffic signal faults go to **www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem**

If you are reporting a potential emergency situation (something that is likely to cause an immediate injury or death), please call Kent County Council immediately on 03000 418181 between 9am and 5pm Mon – Fri or on 03000 419191 at all other times instead of using the online form.

FORTHCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

November

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| Monday 7 th | Allotments, Playing Fields & Open Spaces |
| Thursday 10 th | Planning & Development |
| Monday 14 th | Youth & Community |
| Monday 21 | Highways & Lighting |
| Thursday 24 th | Planning & Development |
| Monday 28 th | Finance & General Purpose |

December

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| Thursday 8 th | Planning & Development |
| Monday 12 th | Council |
| Thursday 22 nd | 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.

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