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Christmas Message from Westerham Town Council

All the Councillors and staff of Westerham Town Council wish everyone who lives or works in Westerham or Crockham Hill a very Happy Christmas.

Whatever 2019 may bring, we will continue to work on behalf of all those we represent. Our hope is that it will be a peaceful, healthy and prosperous New Year for all of us.

Sevenoaks District Council Draft Local Plan

Westerham Town Council was pleased to hear that the Which Way Westerham proposals had not been included in the draft Local Plan published last week. Sevenoaks District Council planners have concluded that, 'the infrastructure proposals are not supported by the relevant providers and it has not been demonstrated that the benefits of the development outweigh the harm to the Green Belt and the AONB'.

This is not the end of the story. This draft Local Plan still has to be discussed and approved by SDC's Planning Advisory Committee, its Cabinet and the full Council before being submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for final agreement, probably early next year. Which Way Westerham will have the right to appeal.

Westerham Town Council will continue to stay abreast of developments, to represent its residents' views and will as ever Keep You Informed.

Covers Farm Planning application

The application to restore Squerryes Sandpit has been released for consultation. This is a very weighty document in which the major argument is that the pit (now a deep lake) must be filled in by importing by road via Biggin Hill or via Brasted and Sundridge to Beggars Lane 800,000 cubic meters of infill. From the Beggars Lane

roundabout some 200 lorries a day would travel along a haul road, to be constructed between London and Croydon Road. The project is expected to take some 6 years.

Your Council is examining the detail, will be taking professional advice and will be seeking to establish that any work needed is the minimum necessary and is carried out with the minimum disruption to Westerham and its neighbours. We will keep you informed.

The consultation closing date is 22nd December. For details go to

www.kentplanningapplications.co.uk/Planning/Display/KCC/SE/0495/2018?cuuid=55125

Westerham Town Council Christmas Light Switch on Event 2018

Westerham Town Council in partnership with The Kings Arms and Bar No.17, supported by the Westerham Town Partnership and the Westerham Society would like to thank everyone who attended the Christmas Light Switch on event. We hope you enjoyed yourselves despite the rain and liked the snow!

Huge thanks to everyone who helped to make this, our first event such a success.

Photos of the event have been posted on our website.





**Congratulations to the winner of the Best Dressed Window Competition,
The Courtyard, 19a High Street, Westerham.**



Westerham Town Council used some of the Community Infrastructure Levy received from new developments in the town to replace the bridge from the Darent car park into King George's Field. We are currently undertaking some of the finishing touches, such as extending the post and rail fencing in the Darent car park to meet the handrail of the bridge on either side. We are monitoring the surface of the access path as it may need additional work to ensure that the whole surface solidifies.



Christmas rubbish and recycling collections

This year, Sevenoaks District Council's staff will be working extra days over Christmas and New Year so you don't miss out having your waste and recycling picked up. Most collections will take place a day later than usual except the Christmas Eve collection, which takes place EARLIER on Saturday 22 December, and the Christmas Day collection, which takes place a day EARLIER on Monday 24 December.

Your normal day	Your revised collection day
Monday 24 December	Saturday 22 December
Tuesday 25 December (Christmas Day)	Monday 24 December
Wednesday 26 December (Boxing Day)	Thursday 27 December
Thursday 27 December	Friday 28 December
Friday 28 December	Saturday 29 December
Monday 31 December	Normal collection day
Tuesday 1 January	Wednesday 2 January
Wednesday 2 January	Thursday 3 January
Thursday 3 January	Friday 4 January
Friday 4 January	Saturday 5 January
Monday 7 January	Normal collection service resumes

Please put your sacks and bins out at 7am on your revised collection day. To view your collection days online, visit www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/collectiondays



Free Christmas tree collections

After this year's festivities have ended, Sevenoaks District Council will collect and recycle your real Christmas tree for free.

From Wednesday 2 January until Friday 1 February, the Council will collect any tree with a trunk of up to 90mm (3.5 inches) in diameter.

Simply leave your tree at the boundary of your property, and visible from the road, by 7am on the day the Garden Waste Collection Service visits your road.

If you're not sure when the service is scheduled for your area, visit www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/collectiondays and search for your road.

All the trees collected are turned into environmentally friendly compost and for this reason, the Council cannot take trees which are decorated or in pots or stands.

If your tree is too big for this service, you can take it to one of Kent County Council's (KCC) Household Waste Recycling Centres. Visit www.kent.gov.uk or call KCC on 03000 417373 for locations and opening times.

FORTHCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

January 2019

- 3rd Planning and Development
- 7th Finance and General Purpose
- 14th Allotments Playing Fields
- 17th Planning and Development
- 21st Council
- 31st Planning and 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 a schedule of meetings. You can also follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/WesterhamTownCouncil