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**Westerham Town Council
wishes to thank the following for their financial help with the
Christmas Lights 2018**

Barbers of East Street
Brunswick Law
Chartwell Apothecary
Kates Collection

Manuka Shoes
The Courtyard
The Interior Design Studio
Westerham Town Partnership

Also, many thanks to Westerham Society for their donation for the purchase and installation of the Christmas tree.

A big thank you to Wayne from L&W Scaffolding for providing a stage on The Green for the Event.

In addition thank you to the following businesses who provided, and paid for, electricity

Ruarch Kitchens, James Millard, The Kings Arms,
Nationwide Building Society and The Court Group

Thanks as well to

Wolfe Westerham Garage for the loan of the vintage car and driver Neil who drove Father Christmas to The Green and to the fantastic "Food for Thought" Elves

Mr and Mrs Healey for the tree at the Manor House,
Jane Hunter for her tree at Churchgate and
Mr and Mrs Taylor-Smith for the lights around Owl House



Final chance to give your views on Sevenoaks District draft Local Plan

The Local Plan, which will determine where development will take place across the district up to 2035 is at its final draft stage, and now is your last chance to make your voice heard on its contents.

What does it say about Westerham?

- It does NOT include the Which Way Westerham proposals.
- Any housing development should focus on the existing urban area, avoid any areas liable to flooding and harm the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- The sites between Granville Road and Farley Croft and at Currant Hill Allotments could be developed (the latter site is in the current Local Plan)
- The Westerham Trading Centre should be kept as one of the District's key employment sites

Are the Green Belt and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty protected?

- Yes: the AONB which washes over Westerham will be given 'the highest status of protection and will be 'conserved and enhanced'
- Yes, the District's Green Belt continues to meet the purposes for which the Green Belt is intended and development will ONLY be allowed where 'exceptional circumstances are clearly demonstrated.

I've already given my views to SDC. You don't mean I've got to do it all again???

- This time, the draft plan and all comments will be sent to the Planning Inspector who will make the final decision on whether the Plan is sound and can be adopted
- The Inspector will hold a public examination of the plan and will decide who will be able to speak
- **Any developer who has had their proposals left out of the plan will be able to ask to appear and argue their case for inclusion.**
- So it's important that the community's views are also heard – and that means you.....

What do I need to do?

- If you have already commented on the Local Plan, you should have received an email from SDC explaining how you can make our views known.
- But in any event, full details of the final draft and how to comment are at www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/localplansubmission

What is the Council doing?

- Your Council will be supporting the draft Local Plan – but first will be taking professional advice to make sure that its comments are comprehensive and appropriate. It will be posted on the Council's website and signposted on Facebook
- It is reopening its Information Room at the Council Offices where a complete set of information will be available, together with details on how to comment.

You have until 3 February to make your view known – please make sure you do!



DATE FOR THE DIARY

FREE FAMILY FUN SESSION

21st FEBRUARY 2019, 10:00am – 1:00pm
Westerham Hall, Quebec Avenue

Crafts, bouncy castle, indoor games,
No need to book just turn up. Suitable for ages 2-12.
Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.

Event sponsored by Westerham Town Council

O Christmas tree, o Christmas tree, o how we'll recycle thee 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 from Wednesday 2 January until Friday 1 February 2019, 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 7am 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

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 or call KCC on 03000 417373 for locations and opening times.



More speed volunteers are urgently required for Westerham. If you are interested or know someone that can commit to a couple of hours a month, weekdays or weekends (during daylight hours) then please do get in contact with the Town Council for further details. Training provided.

FORTHCOMING 2019 TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

February

4th Highways and Lighting
11th Youth and Community
14th Planning and Development
28th 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. Meeting agenda's and minutes are published on our website westerhamtowncouncil.gov.uk .