



WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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BARLEY CHARITY

Westerham Town Council invites applications for general charitable purposes for the benefit of the residents of Westerham parish.

The closing date for applications is **31st March 2020**.

Please apply in writing to the Town Clerk to request an application form or download from our website westerhamtowncouncil.gov.uk/barley-charity

ASH DIEBACK – what you need to know

Important information and advice from Sevenoaks District Council

Ash Dieback is a nasty tree disease that has swept through the Sevenoaks District over the last year

The fungal disease, also known as 'chalara', originates from eastern Asia and has been widespread in continental Europe for the past 30 years.

European ash populations have been devastated as they have no natural defence against the disease.

Ash Dieback was first discovered in the UK in Buckinghamshire in 2012. Sadly, it is now present in most of the country. It kills younger plants and weakens more established trees, making them vulnerable to other infections. In extreme cases, diseased trees could become unstable.

The Forestry Commission advice is to fell diseased ash if they pose a danger to people. There is evidence that some trees can tolerate the disease and it is believed some may even recover. As the disease gets a foothold in the Sevenoaks District, you may notice some major landowners felling ash trees on their properties. In recent

months, we too have felled diseased trees close to footpaths in woods we manage.

If you think one of your trees may have Ash Dieback, the first step to take is reporting it to Forest Research.

You can submit a report at

www.forestresearch.gov.uk/treealert

How to spot if a tree has Ash Dieback?

- Leaves develop dark patches in the summer.
- They wilt and discolour to black. Leaves might shed early.
- Dieback of the shoots and leaves is visible in the summer.
- Lesions develop where branches meet the trunk. These are often diamond-shaped and dark brown.
- Inner bark looks brownish-grey under the lesions.
- New growth from previously dormant buds further down the trunk.



See it.. Report it!

Report a fault using the KCC report a fault tool online, from potholes to blocked drains it is the quick and easy way to report a problem to KCC:

<https://webapps.kent.gov.uk/KCC.KHSFaultsGIS.Web.Sites.Public/ReportAFault.aspx>



FORTHCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

March 2020

2nd Finance and General Purposes
9th Allotments Playing Fields and Open Spaces
12th Planning and Development
16th Council
26th 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.

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