



WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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'Open for Business Again'

We knew the time would come; we just weren't sure when it would be.

Now, as we take cautious steps out of lockdown, we want to thank those who stayed open throughout – our food shops and all the essential services which kept our world running. We want to welcome back those shops which are opening up again and in a way which keeps us, and them, safe. We look forward to seeing our pubs, restaurants and cafes open this coming weekend, with the many changes they have needed to make. Let's all support our local businesses and make Westerham the vibrant place we all want it to be. Let's be safe as we do so: keep our distance, take care of our health and especially that of others.

Let's make Westerham a safe place to live, visit and work.

Councillors and Staff of Westerham Town Council

Keep Westerham safe and clean for everyone to enjoy

The weather is lovely and people have been spending more time outside, which means our playing fields, and open spaces are becoming busier. Please help us keep them safe and clean for everyone to enjoy.

We are emptying the bins at our playing fields more frequently and SDC have increased their bin emptying schedule, but they do fill up quickly. If the bin is full, please take your rubbish home with you. Do not leave it next to the bin.

Please do not put face masks or gloves in public bins as you may put someone at risk of catching the virus, even if you are not showing any symptoms.

SDC have provided a dedicated bin for masks and gloves which is situated at Market Square, on the High Street along with a hand sanitiser station. Both are taken away daily for cleaning.



Sanitizing Station and additional bin in Market Square

Deer

Highways England, CLA and The Deer Initiative have joined forces to warn motorists about the heightened risk of deer-vehicle collisions this autumn. This is the advice they are giving to drivers:

- When you see deer warning signs or are travelling through a heavily wooded or forested stretch of road, check your speed and stay alert.
- If your headlights are on, use full beams when you can; but dip them if you see deer, as they may 'freeze'.
- More deer may follow the first one you see so be alert if you see one at first.
- Be prepared to stop. Try not to suddenly swerve to avoid a deer. Hitting oncoming traffic or another obstacle could be even worse.
- If you have to stop, use your hazard warning lights.

Around two million deer are currently living wild in the UK. October through to December is considered a high-risk period as deer will be on the move for the autumn mating season, also known as the rut.

The highest risk of a deer-vehicle collision occurring is said to be between sunset and midnight, and the hours shortly before and after sunrise.

Across the UK it is estimated that there could be up to 74,000 deer-related motor vehicle accidents this year alone, resulting in 400 to 700 human injuries and 20 deaths.



If you see an injured deer on the roadside the advice is to:

- Pull over at the next safe place.
- Call the Police. They will deal with road safety issues and have access to a specialist who will know the best course of action for the animal if it is alive.

If you hit a deer while driving, the advice, in order of priority, is to:

- Keep yourself and anyone with you as safe as you can.
- Park your car in the safest place with hazard lights on. Consider using it to also warn other road users.
- Call an ambulance if human injuries warrant it.
- Call the Police.

The organisations ask that you remember not to approach live deer as doing so may cause them to run across traffic causing another accident.

If you need to report a deer vehicle collision or to find out more on safety advice you can do so at www.deeraware.com

FORTHCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

COVID-19 – All Council meetings will now be held ‘virtually’ – If members of the public wish to join the virtual meeting please contact the Town Clerk prior to the meeting taking place for joining instructions.

Members of the public are very welcome to join those meetings that take place. **The first ten minutes of every meeting are available for members of the public to raise any issues with Councillors.**

August 2020

13th Planning and Development – 9.30 am
27th Planning and Development – 9.30 am

September 2020

7th Allotments, Playing Fields and Open Spaces – 2 pm
10th Planning and Development – 9.30 am
14th Highways and Lighting – 7.30 pm
21st Youth and Community – 2 pm
24th Planning and Development – 9.30 am

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