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## **Christmas Message from Helen Ogden, Chairman Westerham Town Council**

As we come to the end of another year, a year which began in lockdown and is ending with the hope of a Christmas shared with those close to us, we reflect on the changes we have lived through.

The year has certainly seen our community at its best: volunteers helping those in need: shops and businesses opening, closing, reopening and reinventing themselves: key workers supporting us throughout. To all we say a heartfelt thanks.

Much has been achieved and looking forward, we have much to look forward to. The long-anticipated car parking spaces have begun to appear. By the time you read this, the installation of the signs indicating the 20mph zone should be underway. As we go into 2022, the plans for King George's Field will be refined in the light of your views.

But at this time, we look to our families and our friends and think especially of those who will have an empty space at their festivities this year. May 2022 bring us all health, happiness and a return to the 'new normal'

On behalf of all the Councillors and Staff of Westerham Town Council, may I wish all who live or work here a Happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.





## Volunteers Wanted

Sevenoaks District Independent Police Advisory Group are looking for people to volunteer to help represent diverse communities across Sevenoaks District and to assist Kent Police with its work in supporting victims of crime.

Residents have the opportunity to join the Independent Police Advisory Group (IPAG), which acts as a critical friend to Kent Police, Sevenoaks District, West Division.

The group is totally independent of the force and helps improve the services police provide to people from different backgrounds.

It includes volunteers who can offer their perspectives around issues such as race, sexual orientation, disability, age and gender.

The IPAG provides a platform and an opportunity to engage, consult and discuss the impact of policing on communities in your local district.

Members are able to share feedback to Kent Police from the communities and local areas they represent, as well as give advice and support during critical incidents.

The IPAG also includes people from minority groups and diverse backgrounds; volunteers have the opportunity to bring along independent thoughts and views which Kent Police will listen and respond to.

If you are interested in joining the Sevenoaks District IPAG, please email [DiversityAcademy@kent.police.uk](mailto:DiversityAcademy@kent.police.uk)

## FORTHCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council committee meetings are now taking place in the council chamber however places are limited due to social distancing. Please contact the office if you wish to attend a meeting. All meetings start at 7 p.m. - except Planning which is held at 9.30 am - in the Town Council Chamber in Russell House.

### **December 2021**

2<sup>nd</sup> Planning

6<sup>th</sup> Full council

16<sup>th</sup> Planning

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.**

Visit our website [westerhamtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://westerhamtowncouncil.gov.uk) for a schedule of meetings for 2021. You can also follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/WesterhamTownCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/WesterhamTownCouncil)

