

# Otford Parish Council

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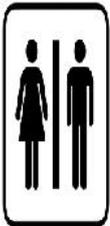
### Parish Council

For those interested in all the activities of OPC, the minutes of meetings are available in the library, and minutes, agendas and newsletters can be obtained via the web (also available in the library). **Please check out the new website at [www.otfordpc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.otfordpc.kentparishes.gov.uk)**. The next meetings will be on **10<sup>th</sup> September** and **8<sup>th</sup> October** in the Club Room of Otford Village Hall.

### From the Chairman Mr Nick Rushby

*welcome*

I am delighted to be able to tell you that Yolanda McCarthy will be joining Otford Parish Council to bring us up to our full complement of eleven councillors. Yolanda brings a wealth of experience as a former civil servant and lawyer and we look forward to working with her on the Council.



The issues of the public toilets in the High Street recreation ground is never far from our minds and I am able to tell you that we are making some progress on the matter. If you should need reminding, the existing toilets had to be closed because of persistent vandalism which was costing the Council an impossible amount of money in unblocking and repairs. Yet we are very conscious that Otford needs public toilets for resident, users of the sports facilities and visitors. We have identified two potential suppliers of 'vandal resistant' toilets and are actively talking to them about a replacement. We will also be monitoring the new toilets that will shortly be installed in Westerham (where the existing facilities have been continually vandalised) to learn from their experience.

We have been in discussions with the National Centre for Micro Business (which is based in Kent) to provide up to **two hours of free consultancy** for small businesses in Otford. This funded by the West Kent Partnership. The Centre has a particular interest in independent High Street businesses, but their expertise covers a wide range of activities. The details have yet to be worked out, but the intention is that individual consultancy sessions will be held in the Parish office by appointment. Watch this space for further information or contact me ([nick.rushby@btinternet.com](mailto:nick.rushby@btinternet.com)) to register your interest.



We have had reports of dogs running free on the High Street Recreation Ground interfering with the organised games. It is quite understandable that balls attract them! On one occasion, an adult was knocked to the ground and injured. Please will you ensure that you act responsibly and keep your dog on a lead when in the vicinity of matches and training sessions.

I wrote recently about the renovations on the War Memorial. We have since heard that the Memorial has been listed by Historic England as part of its thematic work to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War. The war memorial is now listed at Grade II.



### Community Warden Surgery

Paul holds his weekly surgery to discuss any problems and community issues at School House on Tuesdays between 11am and 12 noon. Come and see him. Paul can also be contacted on 07813 713366.

### Hedges



Hedges are growing very quickly at the moment and growing over the public footway. This can cause a nuisance to pedestrians, especially those who have poor sight. Please check the boundaries of the property you are in and if necessary arrange for it to be cut back from the footway as soon as possible. Thank you.

### Rubbish

If you see litter outside your house or elsewhere in the village, please pick it up don't just leave it for somebody else. Let's try and make our village litter free

### Otford Oast WI

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September** at 9.30am in Otford Village Memorial Hall when the talk by William Alexander is entitled 'So what exactly does a High Sheriff do?' New members are very welcome. The first meeting is free. For more information please e-mail [otfordoastwi@mail.com](mailto:otfordoastwi@mail.com)

### Otford Evening WI

The next meeting is on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September** at 7.30pm in the Club Room, and our speaker this month is Sheila Farmer who will tell us about her experiences as a professional costume maker. Visitors are very welcome to join us and if more information is needed, please contact our President on 01959 524831.

### Otford WI Table Top Sale



We all need to do it don't we, so why not have a good clean out of your attic or garage and then book yourself a table at the W.I Boot Sale being held in Otford Village Memorial Hall on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October** between 9.30am and 12 noon. Tables are £10 so contact Chris on 01959 522485 to book yours. Entrance will be 50p with children free and refreshments will be available.

## Otford Library News



Summer Reading Challenge:- The Summer Reading challenge finishes on **15<sup>th</sup> September** There is still time to start and finish the challenge if any primary school child would like to join up. It has been lovely to see so many join the challenge and hear about the books that have been enjoyed. I would like to encourage all children to finish reading their six chosen library books so that I can hand out many more certificates and medals!

- IT help is now available on Tuesdays 10.00am-12.00pm (instead of Mondays) and Saturdays 10.00-12.00pm.
- It is essential to make an advance booking for this either by phoning 03000 41 31 31 and asking to be put through to Otford library or by coming into the library to book an appointment. The library has free public Wi-Fi. Alternatively, customers are welcome to use one of the public computers. There is no charge for this service.
- Storytime, every Tuesday (term time only only) 2.15-2.45pm. This is a free activity.
- Talk time, every Monday 11.30-12.30am. All welcome to join, sit in the library for tea/coffee, biscuits and a chat. We would love to see some new faces.
- Baby Bounce and rhyme time, every Monday 11.00-11.30am throughout the year. No need to book and this is a free activity.

Bob Ogle talk:- Bob Ogle will be giving a talk 'The Great Storm of 1987' at Otford library on **Wednesday 10th October** at 7.00pm. Tickets cost £4.00, to include refreshments and can be purchased at Otford library. Staff can be contacted at [otfordlibrary@kent.gov.uk](mailto:otfordlibrary@kent.gov.uk).

## Sevenoaks Flower Club



The Sevenoaks Flower Club have recently moved their monthly meetings to Otford Village Memorial Hall. Their next meeting will be on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September** starting at 1.45pm. Their demonstrator at this meeting will be Nick Grounds on 'The Materialist' - an excellent flower arranger and humorous presenter. Visitors are very welcome at £5 and Annual membership is £37. Raffle of flower arrangements, sales table and refreshments.

See [www.sevenoaksflowerclub.co.uk](http://www.sevenoaksflowerclub.co.uk) for meeting details and lots more.

## Otford Heritage Centre

The Heritage Centre is run entirely by volunteers and one of its present great needs is for someone to lead the volunteer stewards, in particular by arranging the rota covering Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays. If this is of interest to you, or you would like to know what other vacancies there are at this time, please contact Cliff Ward on 01959 522384.

## Otford & District Historical Society



The first meeting of the 2018/19 Winter programme will be on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September** at 8pm, refreshments served from 7.30pm in Otford Village Memorial Hall. The talk by Nick Fothergill will be on 'Where West meets East - Istanbul, The City'. Adult subscription is £10. No charge for under 16's and visitors are welcome at £3 per meeting.

## Otford Village Memorial Hall - Very Good News Indeed

Thanks to the amazing generosity of The Otford Players and other donators, together with prudent management, we are now in a position to renovate the Main Hall. Therefore, we are closing the Main Hall for the month of August 2019 to complete this work. The Club Room and possibly the Hope Room will still be available for hire.

To try to minimise disruption we will be completing some tasks before the major work commences. An example of this will be to replace the Main Hall Kitchen, which is separate to the Hall itself. However, major tasks like rewiring, new lighting, new ceiling and new flooring can only be carried during the Hall Closure Period.

Our thanks go to the Organisations and Residents who came to our open day and gave us very useful ideas / information on how we might best renovate the Main Hall and make the Hall more relevant for future generations. We will practical build these ideas into our planning for the work, which now starts in earnest. However, we do need help in driving this forward and so if you are or know of good local builders or decorators who would be prepared to give us a competitive quote, please email contact details to [ovmh.treasurer@otford.net](mailto:ovmh.treasurer@otford.net)

Finally, as our Hall is very reminiscent of the Forth Bridge we do still need to raise additions funds. One small way you can help is if you buy from Amazon you can nominate our Hall to receive .5% of your transaction costs as a donation from Amazon. It's quite simple instead of using the normal Amazon website use Amazon Smile <https://smile.amazon.co.uk> you pay the same price and get all the same deals it is just that you can nominate Otford Village Memorial Hall to receive the .5% donation.

## Otford Village Memorial Hall Refurbishment Fund Event



Two Gents Productions present

**Oscar Wilde's - The Importance of Being Earnest**

On **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.30pm

This is Oscar Wilde's classic, very witty and laugh out loud comedy of mistaken identities, confusion and cucumber sandwiches. On the surface, it is a light, fluffy jibe at the nonsensical-ness of the English upper class at the turn of the 19th to the 20th century. At a deeper level, it is also a profound plea for substance, commitment and compassion in the way we treat each other, and in the way that we confront adversity. Two Gents examines this second, deeper level from the very contemporary perspective of the migrant and the outsider. Told with wit and deft humour, two actors with only the barest minimum of props and costume will rock up in your village hall, draw you into their performance and unfurl a riot of love, confusion and high jinks to share with you Oscar Wilde's oh so current insistence on the importance of being EARNEST.

**Uproariously entertaining** - The Guardian

**A rollicking, fast-paced bit of storytelling** - Time Out

Tickets £10 Adults, 12 -16 years old £5, not suitable for under 12's

NB Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult

Tickets on Sale Now at:

<https://www.wegotickets.com/event/446844>

And from 1st September at:

Denise (Florists) High Street, Otford

Yvones (Corner Shop) Telston Lane

Otford Parish Council Offices High Street, Otford

Doors & Cash Bar open 7pm

90 minutes plus interval, approximate end time 9.15pm

## Gary King for Elvis For One Night Only



The King of Rock & Roll is back in Otford. Gary King a regular performer at our village fete will perform a musical tribute to Elvis Presley, one of the most celebrated and influential musicians of the 20<sup>th</sup> century with some of his favourite songs from 'Love me Tender' to 'Jailhouse Rock'. On **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September** in Otford Village Memorial Hall. Doors open 7pm and concert starts at 8pm. A prize raffle with accommodation in Romania as the first prize will be held with the proceeds going towards equipping a new building for Care & Comfort, Romania. Tickets are just £10 which includes interval refreshments and can be purchased in advance from Ros on 07858 153023. A limited number of tickets will be available on the door.

## Stay Safe and Well - Kent Fire & Rescue Service

Do you have children under five, or are you expecting an addition to the family? Kent Fire and Rescue Service offers free Safe and Well visits to your home. Firefighters will visit your home at a time convenient for you, and together with you will tailor the visit to suit your needs and the type of property you live in. A typical free visit takes around 45 minutes and includes the fitting of free smoke alarms where necessary, as well as vital advice to help you stay safe and well. **This service is also available to the elderly, those with dementia or any other long-term medical condition.** Just call [0800 923 7000](tel:08009237000) during normal office hours or visit [www.kent.fire-uk.org](http://www.kent.fire-uk.org) and look for 'safe and well' for further information.

## Sevenoaks Embroiderer's Guild



The next meeting will take place on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September** with an all-day workshop with Alison Nash entitled 'Altered Vases'. The meetings start at 10am and 2pm and end with tea and cakes at about 4pm. For further information please contact Sylvia Grafton on 01732 452117.

## Otford-Neufchatel-Hardelot Twinning Association

Do you like France, but maybe not sure about joining a Twinning Association? Let me tell you a little about how it works.



Neufchâtel Hardelot

My first encounter with the Twinning Association was a day trip to France - all I had to do was get to Otford Pond by 6.30am & I would be transported to France. The French hosts greeted us like old friends and we were treated to a very good buffet lunch with wine. Most of the hosts speak very good English, so they didn't have to endure my school girl French. We then had options of playing boules or visiting a biscuit factory (which I did), followed by a tour of Hardelot. It is a very elegant resort, with a beautiful wide sandy beach. We had tea & cakes before departing & I was home by 7.30pm that evening - what a great day out. I then offered to host a French guest a year later and I have now become good friends with my French visitor. When the French visit us, our local group plan various activities, so I just had to provide 2 nights bed & breakfast. Last year, the group took the French to Farnborough, Hants (by coach) to visit the Benedictine monastery where Emperor Napoleon III, his wife & son are buried. We also managed a visit to Farnborough Hill School, where Empress Eugenie lived for 40 years. We all enjoyed the trip as much as our French friends. This year, the French requested a trip to Windsor -

another interesting day out, as we shared the experience of visiting the Castle, had a great pub lunch & then a tour of Eton. The French love our pubs!

So, if you would be interested in joining our group, please come along to our next social meeting, to be held at the Woodman Pub in Otford on **Monday 24th September**, from 7.30pm Alternatively, you can contact Jane Lawrey via [clerk@otfordpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@otfordpc.co.uk)

### Petrol Rotary Mower Needed



Does anybody have a petrol rotary mower that they don't use anymore? The Otford United Football Club are looking for one to help keep the area around the pitch tidy. Please contact the Parish Council Office if you can help.

### Come & Play



'Come and Play' opens again on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September** at Otford Evangelical Free Church. We meet each Friday morning during term-time from 9.15am to 11.15am. We invite all babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and their grown-ups to join us for lots of fun play activities, including painting, playdough, trains, puzzles, books, roleplay and construction. Each session will have a theme and include lots of opportunities for grown-ups to try out all the activities with their children. You will be able to join together in a big group to sing your favourite songs and rhymes and listen to stories from the Bible. There will be healthy snacks for the children and coffee and cake for the grown-ups to enjoy. The morning will finish with an adult led craft activity that will remind everyone what they have been learning about. We look forward to seeing you at 'CaP' soon. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine at [otfordefc@gmail.com](mailto:otfordefc@gmail.com) [www.otfordefc.org.uk](http://www.otfordefc.org.uk) Mob: 07510 909035

### First Steps



First Steps has returned to Otford Methodist Church Hall. This lively group for babies, toddlers and their carers are always pleased to welcome new members. It is run by the Methodist and St Bartholomew's Church and includes the opportunity for a chat, refreshment and, also a short bible story, with singing and craft activities for the children. Meeting at 9.30am to 11.30am on alternate Wednesdays during term time only. The next meetings will be on the **5<sup>th</sup> September** and on **19<sup>th</sup> September**. Contact Hazel Terry on 01959 523047 for more details.

### Otford Gardeners' Society

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 4th September** at 8pm in Otford Village Memorial Hall. Nigel Gibson will give advice on choosing '*Grasses and Later Perennials*' for the garden. Admission 50p members, £1 non-members. Admission includes refreshments.

### The Autumn Flower & Craft Show



The Autumn Flower Show will take place on **Saturday 1st September** in Otford Village Memorial Hall between 2.15 - 4.15pm. This is the final show of the year and on display will be the best of the season's flowers, fruit and vegetables. There will also be floral arrangements, preserves and

cookery, art, handicraft and photographic classes. Admission is 50p and homemade teas are available until 4pm

### 1940's Society



The next meeting of the 1940's Society will be held in Otford Village Memorial Hall on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September**. The talk by the Desert Rats Living History Group is entitled *'It ain't half dusty and don't tread on that'*. It ain't half dusty is an insight into the living conditions, hardships and challenges overcome by the British and Commonwealth troops and supporting services in the Western Desert War 1940 to 1943. Don't tread on that! is an introduction to one of the new battlefield weapons of the Second World War, the mass-produced land mine. Shedding light on what it was, how it was used, and the methods used to disarm it.

### Knole Decorative and Fine Arts Society



Knole Decorative and Fine Arts Society meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at the Sevenoaks Community Centre, Bat & Ball. The lectures start promptly at 1.45 pm and finish by 3 pm. The next lecture is on **Thursday 20th September** when David Evans will talk about *'Harold and Laura Knight: A painting partnership'*. Dame Laura Knight painted humanity in all its guises and was one of the leading artists of the twentieth century. Her husband, Harold, was a fine artist in his own right but, having a quieter personality, did not attain the public renown of his wife. This lecture opens up the development of their work and their relationship over a period of about 70 years.

### Merry Mondays Ukulele Club Otford



Playing the ukulele is fun, learning the ukulele is easy and ukulele strummers are happy. Go along to Merry Mondays to enjoy the fun. No musical experience is not a problem, none is needed, and you don't need to read music. Of course, if you are already a player you will be equally welcome. The teacher is professional ukulele teacher Mandi Harkett. She is part of the very successful opera-lele duo (see [www.opera-lele.co.uk](http://www.opera-lele.co.uk)). They meet in the Otford Methodist Church between 6pm and 7pm every Monday. Contact Mandi at [amandaharkett@hotmail.com](mailto:amandaharkett@hotmail.com)

### Otford Methodist Church Forthcoming Events

- SDA Gospel choir performance

**Saturday 29th September** at 7.30 till 10pm at Otford Methodist Church.

Tickets and info from [www.omc.org.uk](http://www.omc.org.uk) or call 07948 309 484

- Women's Breakfast

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October** at 8.30am at Otford Methodist Church

The speaker is Corinne Herrick who is a member of the South Eastern Baptist Women's Ministry and leads weekend retreats. She attended a Pentecostal Bible school for two years and was baptised by immersion in India on a mission trip. Book your place by e-mailing [johnandsueward@btinternet.com](mailto:johnandsueward@btinternet.com). Cost is just £5 on the door.

- Half term Holiday Club

Run by OMC children's team with the HisStory troupe team for primary school aged children at Otford Methodist Church Halls from **Tues 23rd to Friday 26th October** 9.45 to 12.30

Tickets and info at [www.omc.org.uk](http://www.omc.org.uk)

- **The God Particle**

A James Cary play. A scientist and a Vicar walk into a bar. Joining forces to solve a perplexing mystery, they discover....

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November** at 7.30 at Otford Methodist Church

Tickets £8 (students £5) and info at [www.omc.org.uk](http://www.omc.org.uk) or call 07948 309 484

### **Citizens Advice Sevenoaks - Otford Outreach**



The next surgery will take place on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September** between 10am and 12 noon. Drop in appointments may be available on the day. Ring 01732 440488 and leave a message at any time.

### **Hospices of Hope Events**

#### **Annual Fun Run in Knole Park Sevenoaks**



Otford based charity, Hospices of Hope is holding its annual fun run in Knole Park, Sevenoaks on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September**. Registration starts at 1.30 pm.

There is a 5km or a 2Km option available. There will be a small prize for the fastest runners, but the emphasis is on fun rather than speed. In previous years many participants have enjoyed a leisurely afternoon's walk through the beautiful deer park. Knole House opens on Sunday afternoons so it is a great opportunity to combine culture and exercise.

Hospices of Hope's mascot, Bagpuss, will be taking part in the 2Km run and hopes that many families will join him. Before the start there is the chance to have your face painted with Bagpuss stripes and there will be flapjacks from the charity's Otford Tearooms for everyone who takes part. Funds raised will go to provide hospice services in Albania, Moldova, Romania and Serbia where more than 90% of people facing terminal illness do not receive suitable end of life care. To book a place contact 01959 525110.

### **The Shoreham Heavy Horse and Rural Crafts Show**



The popular Heavy Horse show in Shoreham opens at 10am on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** between 10am and 5pm. The event is fun for all the family. It combines demonstrations by heavy horses, the engines of England before steam power, with activities for children, a craft fair, a whole range of stalls with local products and a range of fast food booths. There are also displays of veteran cars, motorcycles, tractors and static engines. All proceeds are

used for charitable purposes by Lions Club of Sevenoaks.

### **RSPB Sevenoaks Local Group**



On **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September** at 7.45pm in Otford Village Memorial Hall there will be a talk by John Lawrence on 'Water Birds'. Some UK species of birds are particularly associated with water. These include Kingfishers and Dippers, which live alongside rivers, and Lapwings and Snipe, which breed on the floodplain meadows. Other birds such as the Black-throated Divers feed on and

nest beside lakes and lochs. John will take listeners on a journey by sight and sound. Group members £2.50, non-members £3.50. Telephone 01959 563530 for more details.



### Sevenoaks Literary Festival

The Festival takes place in various venues in Sevenoaks from **Friday 21st September** to **Friday 5th October**.

Speakers include Sebastian Faulks, Vanessa Nicolson, Tessa Dunlop, Patrick Barkham, Patrick Gale, Gina Miller, Nell Stevens, Jane Glover, Virginia Astley and Luke Harding. On **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September** there will be Young Readers Festival Day based at The Drive Methodist Church and the Vine Gardens including authors Cressida Cowell, and Axel Scheffler. Tickets are available to book online at [ticketsource.co.uk/sevenoaks-literary-festival](http://ticketsource.co.uk/sevenoaks-literary-festival), or [www.sevlitfest.com](http://www.sevlitfest.com) or by calling 0333 666 3366.

### Parkinson's Sevenoaks Branch

The branch run weekly exercise classes for people with Parkinson's in the Otford Methodist Church Hall. Two one hourly sessions are held on **Thursdays** - the first class at 2.00pm is for the less able participant with many exercises done sitting in a chair - the second class at 3.00pm is for the more able. The instructor is a qualified physiotherapist. A small charge of £4 is made which includes tea and biscuits after each session. Contact for more information is [jacquelinehart217@gmail.com](mailto:jacquelinehart217@gmail.com) or 01732 360512.

### Heritage Centre artist for Sept/Oct



The Heritage Centre Artist for September & October is Jeanne Prestage. Jeanne writes 'Once the family had grown and left home I had some 'me' time. I made use of it by enrolling in many adult educational classes including art. After a number of years, I joined the Otford Art Group where one is free to experiment in techniques, ideas and mediums. Having dabbled in many of the mediums available my preference is for acrylic which I find is very flexible'.

### Volunteer Drivers

**DIAL 2 DRIVE**

Do you own a car? Could you take an elderly/disabled person to a medical appointment or shopping just once a week? Dial 2 Drive need volunteer drivers to cope with the increasing number of passengers who wish to use this service. The role is flexible could be once a month or daily depending on the time the driver can offer. Please contact them on 0300 777 1200 or [driving@imago.community](mailto:driving@imago.community) if you would like to help.

### Rubbish and Garden Bags

Garden waste bags packs are available from the Parish Council office at £14.50. It avoids all those trips to the tip. Rolls of black sacks at £1.50 and white sacks at 50p are also available. Please try and bring the right money.

### Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for items for the October newsletter is **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

## **Bogus Callers & Rogue Traders**

Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership's CSU based at the Council Offices and are working together with Police, KCC Trading Services, KCC Community Wardens, Housing Associations and Nat West Bank to educate and protect all residents from bogus callers and rogue traders. We will be looking at further education within the community, schools and local groups. We will be identifying traits of traders who are online as well as visiting homes within the District. We have an action plan and have received funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner and match funded by Sevenoaks District Council to help deliver these actions to help residents against all types of fraud. For more information please e-mail us [community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk) or call 01732 227000. Below is advice from Kent Police and Action Fraud.

### **Bogus Callers**

Most people who call at your home will be genuine. But sometimes people can try to trick their way into your home to steal your valuables and money. They are known as 'distraction burglars' or 'bogus callers'.

Are you expecting anyone?

Be cautious; people from water, gas and electric companies rarely visit without appointments. If there's a real emergency, police and fire-fighters are likely to be there. On rare occasions, people may pose as members of the emergency services or armed forces to gain access to someone's home. If you're unsure, follow the tips below.

### **Rogue Traders**

A rogue trader is someone who comes to your house without invitation (cold calling), offering services or goods and overcharging for them.

This includes overcharging for unnecessary work, damaging property deliberately to get money, leaving work unfinished and intimidating someone to get money.

Sign up to Kent Trading Standard's email alert system at [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk) to receive rogue trader and fraud updates direct to your inbox.

Remember traders must give you written notice of your right to 14 days cancellation when agreeing to do work at your home, including work gained from a cold call

If in doubt, don't agree to services or goods from doorstep callers. Go to [www.kentpolice.uk](http://www.kentpolice.uk) for their top tips.

### **Online Fraud**

Cyber-crime is any criminal act dealing with computers and networks (called hacking).

Additionally, cyber-crime also includes traditional crimes conducted through the Internet.

Some fraudsters rely on the internet to commit their crimes. Learn about some different types of internet frauds that and how to protect yourself and get safe online. Online frauds can include:

Account takeover, Advance fee frauds

Bank card and cheque fraud

Holiday fraud

Identity fraud

Loan scams

Lottery scams

To find out more on all the fraud/scam types or to report a fraud [go to Action Fraud](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)  
[www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

## How to report to Kent Police

### Reporting 101 - Non Emergency



Whilst we cannot guarantee attendance at every incident reported, residents should be reassured that we review all reports of antisocial behaviour and suspicious activity in the community. If incidents and crimes go unreported, we cannot respond in a timely or effective way before the issue escalates.



You can go online and report for non-emergency incidents and crimes and would encourage residents to use this:

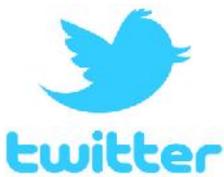
[www.kent.police.uk/services/report-online/](http://www.kent.police.uk/services/report-online/)

### Reporting 999 -Emergency

I also press the importance of being confident to use 999. If it appears a crime is in progress, or suspects are still nearby, people should call 999.

**You can do all of the above anonymously**

### Social Media



We publish daily updates on what we are doing in the community via Twitter. We encourage Parish and Town Councils to follow our account, **@kentpolice7oaks**, and share relevant updates with their communities. We regularly publish current and emerging crime issues and advice on here too.

### Country Eye



We encourage communities to download and use the Country Eye App to report incidents to us and partners. The App allows the user to take a photo and mark the exact location using GPS. This images and reports can be used as evidence for Police and courts.

### Final free cycle rides this year



Residents and visitors wishing to have fun and get fit for free can now do so with cycle rides offered by Sevenoaks District Council.

#### Rides are taking place as follows:

**Sunday 2nd September** - Knole Park - 10.30am

**Sunday 16th September** - Knole Park - 10.30am

Places must be booked in advance as numbers are limited. To reserve places ring 01732 227000 or email [communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk). Visit [www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/cycling](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/cycling) for more information.

### Planning

The following applications have been considered by the Parish Council. Contact the Parish Clerk or SDC on 01732 227000.

#### a. New applications

SE/18/02170 **Bag End, Shoreham Road**

Removal of chimney. Alterations to fenestration. Replace windows and door to rear with bi-fold doors.



**SE/18/01630 Frog Farm, Pilgrims Way West**

Conversion from disused agricultural barn to single dwelling with external alterations and associated access, car parking and landscaping.

**SE/18/01290 Christiania, 28, Greenhill Road**

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling with attached garage, alterations to access, landscaping works.

**SE/18/01896 O2 Telecommunication Equipment, Hopparden Farm, Telston Lane**

Removal and replacement of existing headframe with new delta headframe.

**SE/18/02208 6, Knighton Road**

Erection of a single storey side and rear extension incorporating two velux rooflights.

**SE/18/01460 78 Evelyn Road**

Variation of condition 2 (materials for external surfaces should match those of existing building) of 17/03053 for the erection of a single storey side and rear extension with rooflights. Raising of the roof, rear and front dormers and hip to gables to form rooms in roof. **Amendment:** Amended description for variation, not removal, of condition relating to materials for external surfaces of proposal as granted under 17/03053.

**SE/18/02232 6 Willow Park**

Erection of a first-floor rear extension and single storey side extension, replacing garage. Hall extension with front porch.

**SE/18/02266 23 High Street**

Demolition of existing garage and erection of a detached oak framed garage.

**SE/18/02302 Beechy Lees, Row Dow**

Erection of a balcony with metal railings to the rear at first floor level. Alterations to fenestration.

**SE/18/02371 Strath Darent House, Shoreham Road**

Garage conversion and extension; garage link and construction of new detached double garage.

**SE/18/02458 Rosemar Cottage, 17, Station Road**

Formation of vehicular access.

**b.Results Received**

**SE/18/01752 Homelands, Rye Lane**

Erection of greenhouse and hedgehog hotel *Allowed*

**SE/18/01510 58 Well Road**

Demolition of single storey side extension. Erection of a single storey rear extension. *Allowed*

**SE/18/01411 St Michael's Prep School, Row Dow**

Erection of a single storey glazed link to serve existing school buildings to the front and side. Infill of door way to the side. *Allowed*

**SE/18/01201 St Michael's Prep School, Row Dow**

Creation of an all-weather pitch with associated fencing and floodlighting *Allowed*

**c.Trees**

**SE/18/02378 Quies, High Street - Various works to Ash Tree**

**SE/18/02500 Palace Approach, The Green - Fell Silver Birch and Maple Tree**