

DUNTON GREEN NEWS

Dunton Green Parish Council

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Christmas Singalong 2022 on the Village Green - Photo DGPC

Seasonal good wishes to our residents & businesses from everyone at
Dunton Green Parish Council

Enjoy the updates from this autumn, the Christmas events that are planned (and
we hope you can make use of the information provided!



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Working for a Better Community in Dunton Green

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CLLR. PAUL LOCKEY

Vice Chairman's Update

As the trees begin to look bare and the nights get chillier, you can just begin to hear the faint sound of sleigh bells in wind as the end of the year approaches.



It's still a busy time in and around the village. The recent Service of Remembrance – held at the War Memorial – was keenly supported

and extremely well attended. Our thanks go out to the 3rd Sevenoaks Scout group, as well as Dunton Green Primary School and Daphne Harrison from St. Mary's Church in Riverhead for their participation. Take a look at photos from the day on pages 8 & 9.



As we head into the festive season, Dunton Green Primary School's Christmas Market will help to ready us on the 3rd December from 12-3 pm. As always you'll be able to find lots of great gifts for the family and you may even catch Santa during his pre-Christmas world tour! See page 5 for more details. To round out the year, we'll have the Christmas Singalong, which will be held on the Village Green on 15th December from 18:00. There'll be a chance to sing some of your favourite festive tunes with friends from around the village – accompanied by a little seasonal treat to help things along (see the back page advert). We look forward to seeing you all there!



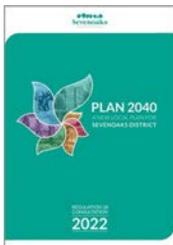
This year has been particularly hard on people both locally and further afield. The Parish Council – with your help – continues to support activities for all members of the community. Age UK's Pop In Cafe and Lunch Club (held at the Pavilion) provide a warm, safe space for older residents to come and spend some time together. And despite the weather, the DGPC sports activities – such as Basketball Club – continue to run regularly too. There are details of this year's donations on pages 22 and 23.



Cont...

...Vice Chairman's Update

Beyond the village boundary, there are number of projects beginning to help shape the future of the local area. There is a proposal to create a 'Greenway' link for walking and cycling through a number of the wards of Sevenoaks District including Dunton Green. This link would connect local areas in safer and more pleasant way, as well as encouraging people to improve their environment and health at the same time.



The District Council is also proceeding with a significant revision to the Local Plan. This Plan – which sets out the overall vision for development in the local area until 2040 – is the touchstone for how your local community and environment will change over the next few years. The District Council is calling for your help to shape this vision over the next few months. More information on page 11.

I am very proud to be part of an organisation that helps arrange and coordinate so many activities which support our community. As we move into the New Year and we all think about making changes to our own lives, please take a minute to consider volunteering in your local community. There are any number of organisations that would gladly benefit from the time you can give and skills that you can bring to help - some opportunities are listed in this edition of Dunton Green News.



The Parish Council itself still has a few empty seats at the table, just waiting to be filled by keen people with a local interest. For more details of this or other organisations operating in the area, take a look at the contacts page in this newsletter, go to the DGPC website or get in touch directly [contact details are on page 2].

To finish, I'd like wish you all a happy and healthy festive season.



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HELP!

The opportunity to assist your fellow residents is available every day of the week through Sevenoaks Volunteer Transport Group!

Our volunteer drivers help people to attend medical appointments: they choose the day and time they are available, and we reimburse them their fuel expenses.

If the idea appeals to you, then learn more by ringing our Co-ordinator on 01732 458931 on weekday mornings.

Welcome aboard!



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Remembrance Sunday Service 2023

12th November

Thank you to everyone who came along to this year's service. Special mention to Daphne Harrison who led the service once again and to Dunton Green Primary School's prefects and the Scouts who read parts of the service for us. A moving Act of Remembrance supported so wonderfully by the community.





New bus service for Dunton Green!

In great news, for the first time in 3 years Dunton Green now has a bus.

In our summer edition, we mentioned a survey from SDC councillors Kim Bayley and Graham Clack concerning extending existing bus services to Dunton Green – and who were looking for local support.

Subsequently, they carried out an additional survey online seeking further support for a service to travel to Orpington as well as Sevenoaks.



Cllr. Clack (SDC) with the No. 3

Having received a great response from the community and the parish council, they were able to work with Kent County Councillor Nick Chard, and bid for funding for a bus route from Sevenoaks to Orpington, including stops at the Princess Royal University Hospital and Polhill as well as service Halstead, Knockholt Station, Knockholt Pound and Pratts Bottom The bid was successful and the Monday to Friday service commenced at the end of October.

The bus timetable is as follows (you can pick the bus up at other bus stops in Dunton Green by request):



Cllrs. Chard (KCC) & Clack (SDC) in Dunton Green

Buses from the Dukes Head toward Sevenoaks will leave at 10:45, 12:45, 15:15

Buses from Lennard Road heading toward Orpington and Locksbottom will leave at 09:15, 11:15, 13:45

In addition there will be an S3 that leaves in the morning from the Dukes Head at 0812 and arriving at Sevenoaks Bus Station (via Knole Academy not via Sevenoaks Railway Station) at 0835 and leaving Lennard Road at 1558 to Orpington (excluding the hospital) The S3 runs on school days only.

The full timetable can be found through this link:

<https://www.go-coach.co.uk/bus-routes/>

The Parish Council would urge you to use the new bus service whenever you can, not only to ensure it remains in place, but also to enable SDC, KCC and DGPC councillors to argue for an enhanced service, including a possible Saturday service.

ALL QUERIES ABOUT THE BUS TO CLLRS. CLACK AND CHARD PLEASE (SEE PAGE 20 FOR CONTACT DETAILS)

Local Plan 2040 – Regulation 18 consultation (part 2)

You can have your say on SDC’s proposals to meet the District’s future housing and development needs when the next **Local Plan consultation** opens on **23 November 2023** and closes on **11 January 2024**.

The Local Plan says what can be built and where and what should be protected up to 2040. Our new Local Plan, called ‘Plan 2040’, proposes more business space for jobs, much needed new homes for all, retail, leisure and community facilities, while continuing to protect the rural nature of the District and the local environment.

SDC’s last Local Plan consultation (November 2022 to January 2023) focused on making the best use of land within our urban areas (i.e. outside of the Green Belt), including building at higher densities and on brownfield sites.

However, SDC advises that utilising existing built up areas alone would not meet the District’s housing needs, including the need for more affordable homes. To meet the District’s housing needs, 712 new homes need to be built each year up to 2040.

SDC’s next Local Plan consultation, called ‘Regulation 18 (Part 2)’ will continue to focus on development opportunities in built up areas, **but they will also consider Green Belt land in exceptional circumstances.**

There are TWO GREEN BELT land sites in Dunton Green within the consultation documents. They are listed under ‘Sevenoaks Urban’ as this is where Dunton Green gets tied in with the town rather than being treated as a village in its own right, which the Parish Council has repeatedly complained about to SDC.

At the time of going to press, the consultation had not commenced. Please look on DGPC’s website, Facebook pages and noticeboards and for SDC’s communications in the media.

If you are at all interested in the possibility of Green Belt land development in Dunton Green, please comment on the consultation!



Dunton Green Pavilion



Dunton Green Pavilion is a fantastic community facility owned and managed by Dunton Green Parish Council.

Located at the heart of the village on the Recreation Ground with excellent facilities — a modern and spacious Main Hall, plus a clean and well-equipped kitchen and a smaller room ideal for meetings.

If you are thinking of setting up a new class or activity, please do get in touch to see how we can help. The Pavilion is also available to hire for birthday parties and other private events.

For more information including pricing and availability, please contact Wendy Jackson, the Bookings and Facilities Assistant on bookings@duntongreenpc.org.uk / 07305 814694

Or take a look at our website: www.duntongreenpc.org.uk



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Acting for pollinators at a local level

Emma Lansdell - Kent's Plan Bee Officer
Bumblebee Conservation Trust

What is happening locally? Pollinator Action Plans for Parish and Town Councils

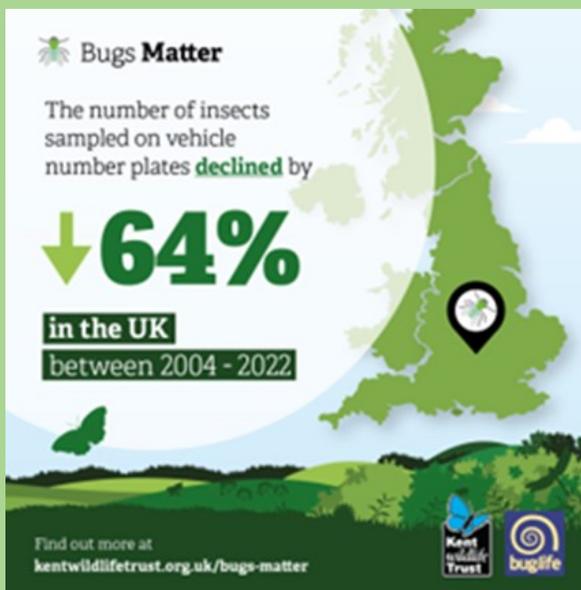
A well-reported yet growing ecological concern, observed by scientists globally, is a decline in insect populations. The dramatic term 'Insectageddon' has been coined and the sharp declines have raised alarms. But why should we be concerned about the decline of these tiny creatures?

Insects are often called the 'unsung heroes' of our ecosystems. One of their many vital roles is pollinating plants, enabling 70% of wild plants and food crops to reproduce and develop seeds, fruit, vegetables, and nuts.

Kent Wildlife Trust (KWT) and Buglife, through their national flying insects survey '[Bugs Matter](#)' reported a 64% decline in flying insects between 2004-

2022, and the decline seems even higher for Kent. The causes of the declines are the usual cocktail of habitat loss to development and intensive farming; the widespread use of pesticides; pollution of soil, air and water and the serious overarching impact of climate change.

On a local scale, perhaps we feel helpless to reverse the decline – so what positive measures can we all take?



At a national level, the UK government started to address the situation with the publication of [The National Pollinator Strategy for England](#) was launched in 2014. This sets out a 10-year plan to help pollinating insects survive and thrive.

An accompanying [Pollinator Implementation Plan](#) was published in May 2022. This contains specific actions and lists partner organisations involved in fulfilling the vision, aims and objectives of the National Pollinator Strategy.

Local authorities at county, district and borough level are named as delivery partners in this Implementation Plan. Kent County Council (KCC) initiated Kent's Plan Bee in 2014, to address pollinator decline across the county, with the publication of the [Kent's Plan Bee Pollinator Action Plan in 2019 \(revised 2022\)](#). Dedicated KCC officers, working with Bumblebee Conservation Trust and KWT and other stakeholders are taking forward a range of measures across the KCC estate and land, and more widely across Kent. Many other local authorities across the country, from Aberdeenshire to Cornwall, have similarly produced and are delivering responsive plans.

At a local level, Parish and Town councils are acknowledged also to have a fundamental role to play. They are landowners in their own right, or managers or influencers of the use and management of green space, road verges and other sites in their neighbourhoods. A key action for Kent's Plan Bee this coming autumn and winter is to start engaging Kent's parishes, towns, and local community groups to start developing their activity and even writing their own Pollinator Action Plans.



Ideas for Action - What can we all do?

Encourage gardeners and people to adopt the management of a mosaic of flower-rich grasslands, hedgerows and wooded areas with specific thought for the needs of pollinators, with a range of flowers across the seasons, as well as scrub and rough grassland for nesting and hibernation.

Pledge to put areas of grassland each year into campaigns such as Plantlife's [No Mow May](#) and [Let it Bloom June](#). Kent's Plan Bee, through its Facebook page, has run a No Mow May pledge campaign across Kent for the last 2 years with 100s of organisations and individuals responding.

Reduce or even stop the use of chemicals and pesticides and adopt alternative approaches to controlling weeds and garden pests.

Look out for the next Bee Summit, We have already held an online gathering of interested partners and stakeholders focussing on Pollinator Action at a Local Level. There were local and regional speakers talking about their experiences of pollinator action.

We will also be aiming to launch:
A Pollinator Toolkit – a suite of resources, specifically for action at a local level, by parish and town councils

Kent's Plan Bee Blueprint – a framework pollinator action plan to be taken up by districts, boroughs, parish and town councils across Kent.

BUT there is also so much that you can do, just in your gardens to encourage pollinators and wildlife. Please do what you can!





The group has 20 Beavers, 70 Cubs, 90 Scouts and 25 Explorer Scouts. New Squirrels section starting Oct/Nov 23

Help or volunteer

new challenges - new experiences - new life!

We are a very active Sevenoaks Scout Group, facilitating exciting activities for over 200 young people, by a team of 30+ volunteers. You will find the satisfaction of helping children being better prepared for life challenges rewarding and uplifting.

We are always looking for volunteers to join and help us deliver scouting here at the 3rd Sevenoaks (Riverhead & Dunton Green) Scout Group.

There is always something you can do, however small: building maintenance, grass cutting, painting, admin, as well as helping lead experiences for our youngsters - either occasionally or every week.

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PARISH COUNCIL EVENTS : DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday Dec 12th 2023 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Friday Dec 15th 2023 - Christmas Singalong 6pm Village Green

Tuesday Jan 16th 2024 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Tuesday Feb 13th 2024 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday TBC February 2024 - Freighter Collections restart

(Look out for details on our website, Facebook pages & noticeboards)

Tuesday Mar 12th 2024 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Wednesday Mar 27th 2024 - Annual Parish Meeting , 7.00pm Pavilion

TBC

Visit www.duntongreenpc.org.uk & sign up to Email Alerts to keep up to date/informed about all the latest news, meetings and events information as it is published. Meeting agendas are published in the week prior to the meeting and are available on the website.

COPY DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

1st February 2024

Please forward items, articles & photos for possible inclusion to

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or to Dunton Green Pavilion (address on page 2)

We are always looking for content for Dunton Green News.

If you have ideas for articles, or anything that you would like to submit, please contact us. We would love to share your stories!

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DONATIONS

At its October meetings each year, the Parish Council allocates funds to worthy organisations that provide invaluable support and assistance to residents. For 2023-24 donations are being made to the following charities and groups.



Sevenoaks Community First Responders - often first on scene if you call for an ambulance, run by volunteers.



People's mental health can be impacted for many reasons and the support that **Sevenoaks Samaritans** and **West Kind Mind** offer can be lifesaving.

We hope you'll never need the **Air Ambulance** but it is a charitable service that could save your life, or that of a loved one.



Victim Support offer help if you have been affected by crime.



Sevenoaks Larder continues to offer a much needed service to Dunton Green residents.



There continues to be a need for the services offered by the **Kent Community Domestic Abuse Programme**, and **West Kent Mediation**.



The Parish Council makes a donation to **RBL** in memory of all from Dunton Green that have lost their lives in conflicts.

Sevenoaks Volunteer Transport Group is an amazing service that provides help for those who need to get to their medical appointments.



Citizens Advice continues to provide support to residents of Dunton Green and the Parish Council's donation helps that support continue.

HOLG is a wonderful charity that has provided support for local children in difficult times.



Holding On Letting Go



A fantastic local charity supporting disabled children, young people and families.

The primary school PTA (**Team DG**) works hard to raise funds which are needed now more than ever before.



Volunteers that look after the Forest School at DGPS have created a superb outside teaching facility for pupils to enjoy and we are happy to support them.



The Parish Council is proud to support our local Scouts Group.

Baby Umbrella provides free to access support in the months leading up to birth and in the years following.



Baby Umbrella
Supporting your journey



A donation has been provided to the volunteers running the Lunch Club and a grant is to be awarded specifically for the Pop In in Dunton Green, **Age UK** is another charity that the Parish Council is proud to support.



Kent Fire &
Rescue Service

together



**Remember to #SaveSafely
when cutting costs**

We know lots of you continue to have concerns around the cost of living, and with the colder weather on the way you might be thinking about cheaper ways to heat your home.

Over the coming months, we'll be sending out safe saving ideas and advice to help you to reduce your fire risk if you're looking to reduce central heating usage, and finding alternative ways to stay warm.

In the meantime, you can read about different heating hazards and how to reduce your risk on our website.

Remember, while you may be looking to save money on energy bills, it's important for everyone to be sufficiently warm to stay well - particularly babies, older people and people with a health condition. The NHS suggests homes should ideally be at least 18 degrees during the winter.

<https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/>

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Out and About - 'What Katie Saw' Information,
Gossip and News from Kate, our roving correspondent



Dunton Green does Halloween!
Some fantastic spooky decorations
and pumpkin displays around the
village.



This creepy spider's web scared
me half to death!!





Work continues at the McCarthy Stone development...



The hanging baskets are looking lovely around the village (pity the sun wasn't shining for my photos though!)



**New defibrillator at the Miners Arm.
Brilliant that there are now five defibrillators in Dunton Green.**



Spectacular fungus by the War Memorial and Rose Garden but I still miss the old oak tree.

Out and About - 'What Katie Saw' Information, Gossip and News from Kate, our roving correspondent



No fishing sign on Ryewood Pond!



Dunton Green in print in The Chronicle and on screen on BBC South East Weather!

Super pictures credited to DG residents. Brilliant!



Out and About - 'What Katie Saw' Information, Gossip and News from Kate, our roving correspondent



Fireworks were spectacular this year!

Spotted this information about walks - go to the website as there are quite a few walks in and Dunton Green.



Discovered these at Turvins Farm - wonderful items at the Wild Planet Aromatherapy shop and EatnMess has a new covered area so drinks and goodies all year round!

Enjoy a gentle stroll around Knole Park with our [#Sevenoaks Steps to Wellbeing](#) walks! Meet new people whilst walking through woodlands, taking in stunning views and spotting the occasional deer! Find out more - www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/walking



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Out and About - 'What Katie Saw' Information, Gossip and News from Kate, our roving correspondent



The underpass on London Road got a very good clean!



Where did the bin go?!
[DGPC Comment: it has now been reinstated]



The old pavilion in the rec - do you remember?!



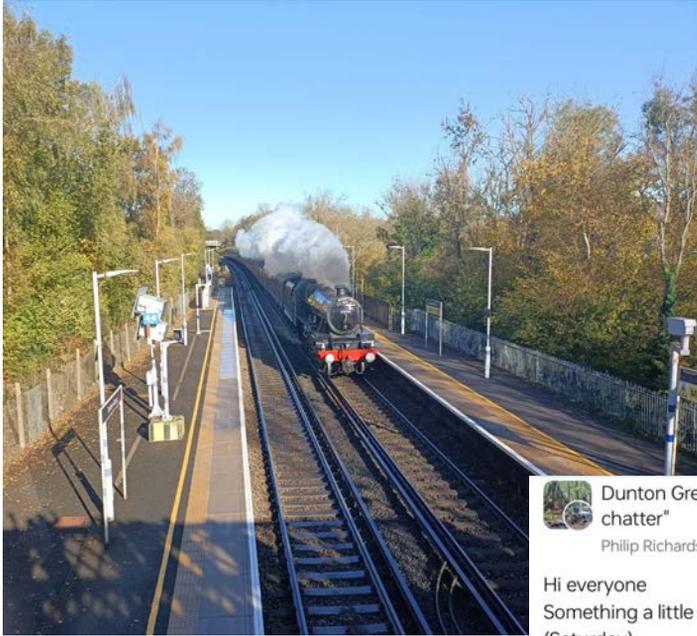
Certainly a busy weekend over 10/11/12 November in Dunton Green!

Live Comedy at the Social Club on Friday night, the steam train on Saturday morning, live music at The Miners Arms on Saturday night and a really wonderful turnout from the village for the Remembrance Service on Sunday.

What a jam-packed weekend!!



Out and About - 'What Katie Saw' Information, Gossip and News from Kate, our roving correspondent



 Dunton Green Village "Chitter chatter" ... X
Philip Richards · 1 h · 🌐

Hi everyone
Something a little different tomorrow (Saturday).
There is a Steam Train 🚂 passing through Dunton Green Station, according to the latest timings it will be passing through at 10.45am. Hope to see you there !! 😊
I'll keep you updated if times change....

What a glorious sight!

The Armistice Kentish Belle was spot on time and shot through the station like a bullet. Absolutely fantastic.

Hope you got to see her too!

The Armistice Kentish Belle

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FIREWORKS 2023

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Thanks to the generosity of the many of you who attended this year's Fireworks event we collected and were able to donate to the Education in Full Foundation a staggering £763.87!

The Charity supports children at Dunton Green Primary through the provision of financial assistance grants, with the aim of enabling their participation in the full range of educational opportunities offered by the School.

We know that they are absolutely delighted with this boost to their funds for the support of pupils at DGPS.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!



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*Ticket Price includes a glass of fizz at midnight, or a glass of sparkling juice and a FREE mask for children!

ADVANCE BOOKING ESSENTIAL

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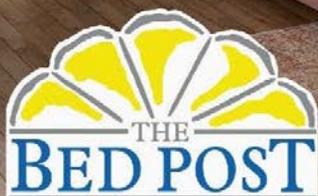
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Would you, or someone that you know, like to attend the Dunton Green Lunch Club every month?

Are you not going because you can't get transport?

Call Judith on 07836 525 938

Dunton Green Lunch Club is a great place to meet friends, make new ones, enjoy a hearty lunch and have a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon!

Dunton Green Parish Council has provided funding to Age UK so that arrangements can be made for Dunton Green residents to be brought to the Pavilion every month. All you need to do is contact Judith!



DATES FOR 2023/24

Wednesdays:

**6th December, 3rd January, 7th February,
6th March, 3rd April**

Let's Lunch



Join us at the **Dunton Green Lunch Club** on the first Wednesday of each month (except August)

11.45am to 2pm

At Dunton Green Pavilion, Recreation Ground, off London Road, TN13 2UR

To book transport please call Judith
07836 525 938

For more information, please see
www.ageuk.org.uk or
www.duntongreencpac.org.uk





Dunton Green Education in Full Foundation

Registered Charity no.: 1195704

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of you who came and enjoyed the Fireworks organised by the Parish Council on 30th September and were so generous with your donations for our local charity Education in Full.

Your gifts mean that we will be able to support more children at the local Primary School in the coming year, ensuring that they will have the correct uniform and be able to take part in all the opportunities the school offers.

Thank you to all of you and the Parish Council for supporting Education in Full.

Would you be interested in joining us?

Education in Full (EIF) is a very local group helping those who are struggling in your community and we want local people to be involved.

EIF became a registered charity 2 years ago and it is time for us to appoint a couple of new trustees.

There is obviously responsibility in being a trustee, but it is not too onerous – about 2 hours a month. We meet in Dunton Green or remotely about 5 times a year to review our policies and procedures and plan fundraising. Between meetings we assess remotely, through our confidential computer system, any grant applications that are made.

Please do contact me if you would like to know more about what is involved in being a trustee – we welcome anyone who is interested in helping local children.

Thank you.

Judy Collins, Chair Education in Full

Contact us: info@eifdg.org.uk 07790 281462

PARISH COUNCIL News Highlights



- ◆ We're behind schedule but expect to complete the installation of additional signage around the village on land that the Parish Council owns and/or maintains before the end of this year.
- ◆ TWO new pieces of outdoor gym equipment will be installed to replace a damaged item. We hope that you will consider using the outdoor gym at the recreation as you bid to work off that Christmas Lunch in the New Year!!
- ◆ A project to install independent electricity supplies on the village green is ongoing. We're working towards installation in the summer of 2024.
- ◆ Red tarmac sections on our roads need replacing and we are working with KCC on this, although they tell us that a review will not take place until the new year.
- ◆ PC Wilson met with the Parish Council at its November meeting. PC Wilson is our Beat Officer (although he has a large area to cover, as the PCSOs had previously). We are working with him on antisocial behaviour issues. The message from him is REPORT, REPORT, REPORT! (See page 42 for more information).
- ◆ The Annual Service of Remembrance saw the community come together and, luckily, the weather hold. This is always a lovely service and the Parish Council is thankful to everyone who takes part.
- ◆ Sevenoaks Town Council has a proposal for a walking and cycling route between Bat & Ball/Otford Road and Dunton Green. They have agreed to commission a Feasibility Study into the proposed Green Link and will be consulting with local residents on this in the near future. As a significant part of this route is within the boundaries of Dunton Green, the Parish Council will be working with STC on this proposal.

REPORT, REPORT, REPORT!

Please help the Police and **REPORT ALL** crime via 101 or online at <https://www.kent.police.uk/>

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Festive waste collections 2023



Sevenoaks District Council's staff will be working extra days over Christmas and the New Year so you don't miss a waste and recycling collection. If

you use our Garden Waste Collection Service, the same changes will apply.

Please refer to the table to the below for changes to Dunton Green's Wednesday collections.

Your normal day

Wednesday 27 December

Wednesday 3 January

From Monday 8 January

Your revised collection day

Thursday 28 December

Thursday 4 January

Normal collection days resume

Please put your sacks out at 7am on your collection day to help prevent attracting animals and the build-up of litter. To view your collection days online, visit www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/collectiondays

Three, FREE ways to dispose of your real Christmas tree

There are lots of options available to recycle your real Christmas tree for free after this year's festivities have ended.

Option 1 – Sevenoaks District Council's Garden Waste collection service (for permit holders only)

If you hold a Garden Waste collection permit, simply place the tree in or next to your green bin and we'll pick it up on your usual collection days throughout January. We can take trees with a trunk of up to 90mm (3.5") in diameter.



Option 2 – Take your tree to a local collection point

Take your tree to one of the District Council's collection points, at the dates and times listed below, and they will take it off your hands.

Sevenoaks District Council can take trees with a trunk of up to 90mm (3.5") in diameter.

LUSTED ROAD, TN13 2UJ WEDS 10 & 17 JANUARY 11am to 11.45am

Option 3 – Take your tree to a Household Waste Recycling Site

Take your tree to one of Kent County Council's Household Waste Recycling Sites (informally known as the tip or the dump). They will take larger trees that are too big for Sevenoaks District Council to collect. Visit www.kent.gov.uk/recycling or call 03000 41 73 73 to book a slot.

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & LOCAL LISTINGS

Taking place in DUNTON GREEN PAVILION, Recreation Ground, London Road {Bookings: bookings@duntongreenpc.org.uk 07305 814694}

| | |
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| Age UK Lunch Club | 1st Wednesday each month, 01732 454108 |
| Age UK Pop In Café | 2nd Wednesday each month, 01732 454108 |
| Pilates (Bryony Tilley) | 07973 345 321 |
| Taekwondo (Oaks Martial Arts) | 01732 759988: info@oaksmartialarts.com |

Taking place in DUNTON GREEN RECREATION GROUND, London Road

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| Easy Netball | 01732 227000; communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk |
| Community Basketball | Kent Panthers - just turn up Mondays 5.30pm |
| Mini Football | Text Keir 07815 039497 to book a place 07803 050 431 enquiries@backyardbootcamps.co.uk |
| Backyard Bootcamp | |

DUNTON GREEN VENUES (Other)

Taking place in Donnington Hall, Barretts Road

{Bookings: Mrs J Field 01732 462429}

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| Darenth Table Tennis Club | David & Janet Field 01732 462429 |
| Gauge One Model Railway Assoc | Jeff Brazier 01732 454890 |
| DG School of Ballroom Dancing | David & Sandra Coppen, 07808 540 315 |
| Dunton Green Badminton | Lilian Bowling 01959 522576 |
| National Kick Boxing & Karate Assoc | Hilary King 07796 858 194 |
| Sevenoaks Table Tennis League | Janet Field 01732 462429 |

Taking place in Village Hall, London Road

{Bookings: Mrs A Rodwell 01732 469610}

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| Coffee Morning | 3rd Thursday of each month, 10.30am |
| Holy Communion | 1st, 2nd & 4th Thursdays (see St Mary's info) |

Taking place in Dunton Green Primary School, London Road

{Bookings: School Office 01732 462221; office@dunton-green.kent.sch.uk}

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| Kuk Sool Won Sevenoaks | 07963 338 544; www.kswsevenoaks.com |
| Bujinkan Sevenoaks Dojo | bujinkansevenoaksdojo.org 16+ Thurs eve |
| The Gathering Church Service | Sundays 2.45-4pm |

PLEASE DO LET US KNOW IF WE CAN UPDATE THIS LIST WITH THE DETAILS OF OTHER ACTIVITIES AND ORGANISATIONS IN THE VILLAGE

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & LOCAL LISTINGS

OTHER Organisations and activities

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| Bessels Green Baptist Church | 01732 454921; info@bgbc.co.uk |
| St Mary's Church Riverhead & DG | 01732 452112; stmaryriverhead@gmail.com |
| Citizens Advice Bureau (Sevenoaks) | 01732 440488; info@sevenoaks.cab.org.uk |
| Dial-A-Ride (Compaid) | 01892 832447 |
| Dunton Green Primary School | 01732 462221 office@dunton-green.kent.sch.uk |
| Gymboree | 07827 910 978; sevenoaks@gymboree-uk.com |
| Kent County Council | 03000 41 41 41; www.kent.gov.uk |
| Kent Fire & Rescue | 01622 692121; 999 emergency; www.kent.fire-uk.org |
| Kent Police | 101; 999 emergencies; www.kent.police.uk |
| Kent Sheds | www.shedsevenoaks.weebly.com |
| Sevenoaks District Council | 01732 227000; information@sevenoaks.gov.uk |
| Sevenoaks District Council | 01732 227000; communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk |
| Sevenoaks Volunteer Transport Group | 01732 458931; www.sevenoaksvolunteertransport.com |

Dunton Green Pavilion & Outside Space
RECREATION GROUND, LONDON ROAD
07305 814694
bookings@duntongreenpc.org.uk



Dunton Green Village Hall
LONDON ROAD
01732 469610



**AFTER THE PANDEMIC THERE IS
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PLEASE GET IN TOUCH**

Donnington Hall BARRETT'S ROAD
01732 462429



**Parish Church of Riverhead with Dunton Green
St Mary the Virgin
Events and Services this Christmas 2023**

Our Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 9th December (9.30am - 4.30pm)

Sunday 10th December (11.00am - 4.00pm)

**Carols Amongst the Trees on Sunday 10th at
3:30pm**

A fantastic display of Christmas trees, provided by
Individuals, Local Organisations and Businesses.

Gift Stall and Refreshments available

christmas-tree-fest@stmaryriverhead.co.uk

Our Christmas Services

To which all are warmly welcome ...

Wednesday 20th December

7pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies after the service

Christmas Eve – 24th December

Christingle Services in aid of The Children's
Society.

2.30 pm Crib and Christingle Service

4.00 pm Christingle Service

11:30 pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day – 25th December

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common
Prayer)

9:30am Parish Communion and Carols



St Mary's Church, Riverhead

Christmas Tree Festival

Parish Church of Riverhead with Dunton Green

A fantastic display of Christmas trees, provided by
Individuals, Local Organisations and Businesses.

Gift Stall Refreshments available
Donations for Age UK and St. Mary's Church

Join us on...

Saturday 9th Dec
9:30am - 4:30pm

Sunday 10th Dec
11am - 4pm

Carol Service amid the trees at
3.30pm on Sunday 10th
December 2022

christmas-tree-fest@stmaryriverhead.co.uk

Christmas Singalong 2023

Join us for festive singing and refreshments! Welcome ALL!

Friday 15th December
6.00pm
Village Green, London Road

Wishing everyone a peaceful Christmas & New Year from all of us
at Dunton Green Parish Council

