

# DUNTON GREEN NEWS

Dunton Green Parish Council

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Ryewood—Photo DGPC

## Threat to Greenbelt land in Dunton Green?!

Is new development coming to Dunton Green? Will the village be subject to the construction of another 230+ houses?

For more information see inside!



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CLLR. FREDA ENGLAND

# Chairman's Update

I've lived in Dunton Green for nearly 20 years and in that time, there have been so many positive changes. Ryewood was built bringing much needed homes, people and money into the village. We now have a larger Pavilion and much improved recreation grounds. A school that despite it's poor state of repair in places, is much loved and improving. There's an extended train timetable making a night out in London possible, and the new bus route. Our largest brownfield site is currently

being transformed into homes for the retired. Many residents continue to improve, extend or even build a second house on their land especially in Lennard Road. Crime levels are low. The village is thriving.

There are so many villages that are not so fortunate. Their pubs are closing, whilst the Rose & Crown, the Duke's Head, The Miner's and Social Club continue to refresh us and provide much needed spaces for people to gather socially.



Village shops are closing all over Kent, but some of ours are long standing and award winning - congratulations to Freelands Tiles and The Bed Post.



Companies see the village as an opportunity, and we had a new store open just before Xmas - welcome!

Cont...

# ...Chairman's Update

The Parish Council has throughout that time sought to improve the village and its resources. We know that some residents have little idea of just what DGPC does and doesn't do and own. Over the past few weeks new signs have been put up on many of our pieces of land.



As well as new signage for the recreation ground we have replaced the vandalised piece of gym equipment with two new pieces - a sit up bench and a double rower (see pages 8-9 for more information).

The Parish Council works to keep Dunton Green a thriving and vibrant place to live. Many of you took the time to respond to Sevenoaks District's Draft Local Plan. Our response to the latest consultation was a strong objection to the proposed development of 2 areas of Green Belt with the prospect of over 230 new homes. We know there can be benefits from new developments but feel that Green Belt should not be sacrificed. We await the final (submission) version later in the year (see pages 22-23).



Twenty years ago, DGPC relied on a small newsletter and noticeboards to keep residents up to date. Now the use of social media helps us to spread news and information quickly and in a way many find convenient.



There are several Facebook pages for Dunton Green, including ours (plus we have a website). However, Facebook is of little use when some of the messages simply spread misinformation, are misrepresentative/inciting and are used to try to report safety issues or anti social behaviour.

In a recent spate of ASB where there was fighting and damage was done, residents reported it on Facebook. This does not help deal with it, for two main reasons. Firstly the police do not use Facebook to find out about live criminal events. Secondly, DGPC cannot report a crime using second-hand information.

So, we need your help! If you see something happening, PLEASE phone 999 or 101 rather than posting it on Facebook. Prompt reporting also helps those who have to scroll through hours of CCTV to try to identify

culprits. DGPC works with our neighbourhood PC who will visit schools with stills from CCTV to identify school age children whose images have been captured.

And if you want to know what the Parish Council does and what is happening in the village, why not consider coming along to a Parish Council meeting? You'll find out first hand what the Parish Council does.

I was delighted when possession of nitrous oxide, also known as 'laughing gas', became illegal from 8 November 2023, and hope to see far fewer discarded cannisters in the village.

It's certainly been a wet and stormy Winter. During Storm Isha our Village Green noticeboard was flattened.

We will be replacing it as soon as we can.



Meanwhile on Station Road a tree partially blocked the road, and a resident's photo made it on to the BBC South East weather news.



After examination by a tree surgeon, this tree was sadly deemed to be dangerous. It was cut down and shredded in less than an hour!!



Cont...

As regular readers will know we are always looking for new Parish Councillors and I'm delighted to welcome Guy Forster-Pearce who was co-opted at a recent meeting. There is still a vacancy on the Council. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the Clerk in the first instance for details (contact details page 2).



Every year I take the opportunity to invite all of Dunton Green's residents to the Annual Parish meeting. This is NOT a Parish Council meeting but a meeting of the organisations, including the school and police, who help provide or run services in the village. This year we also have a speaker, Chris Conlan (Pearly King of Bromley), who will be giving us a history of the Pearly Kings and Queens, and as



always there will be a buffet and drinks reception - an opportunity to say thank you to all the volunteers and organisations who do so much for the village.

It is disappointing that so few people generally attend, as those who do find it informative and enjoyable. Why not come along (more details on the back page)? I guarantee you'll learn something new about our village and it's free!

Hope to see you at the APM at 7pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March.



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***Chairman of Dunton Green Parish Council***

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## Exciting Additions to Dunton Green's Outdoor Gym!

Did you know that Dunton Green features its very own outdoor gym area? Located in the heart of the village on the Recreation Ground in the far right-hand corner. Owned and maintained by the Parish Council, we are excited to introduce two new fantastic additions that will enhance your fitness experience.

Alongside the existing hip twister, sky rider and push up & dip station, we've added a double rower and double sit up bench. Designed for pairs to work out together—it's not just a work out—it's a shared fitness journey that adds a social element to your exercise routine.

### Double Rower

Much like a rowing boat, the Double Rower has been specially designed to provide a total body workout. Sitting in the chair, clasp the handles, users pull back with the arms, extending the body before using the core, legs and arms to pull the body back to a starting position.

Improving flexibility, core strength and cardio fitness. Suitable for 1 or 2 users at once and all abilities, users simply set their own pace.



This equipment:

- Exercises the arms, legs and core
- Improves balance, coordination and flexibility
- Provides a cardiovascular workout
- Suitable for 1 or 2 users
- Suitable from 11 years +

## Double Sit Up Bench

Specially designed to provide safe, yet intense core workout, the Double Sit Up Bench is suitable for all abilities from beginners upwards. Perfect for back extensions, crunches or twists, the bench allows users to work the length of their abdominal muscles.

The frame can also be used for triceps dips, incline and decline press-ups to further build upper body strength.



This equipment:

- Exercises the core and arms
- Improves tone in the upper body
- Perfect for dips, press-ups and back extensions
- Suitable for 1 or 2 users
- Suitable from 11 years +

## Discover the benefits of outdoor fitness

Our outdoor gym provides a unique opportunity to exercise surrounded by nature, offering a refreshing alternative to indoor workouts. Embrace the fresh air and enjoy the benefits of a healthier lifestyle right here in our community.

We look forward to seeing you at the outdoor gym soon!

For more information about how to use these and other pieces of gym equipment, please go to the Fresh Air Fitness website:

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### START OF THE NEW BI-MONTHLY COLLECTIONS

9<sup>th</sup> March 2024

11<sup>th</sup> May 2024

13<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**14<sup>th</sup> September 2024\***

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

NO COLLECTIONS OVER WINTER

18<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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



Smart new signage around the village - looks good!



And new outdoor gym equipment at the rec!



Damage caused by Storm Isha...



... and DG was even featured on the telly!



**Development's nod to past**

THE name of a new retirement homes complex in Dunton Green will be a nod to its past. The Retirement Living development for over-60s in Mill Road will be called Corn Mill Place. The site was formerly home to corn mill, Longford Mill. In 1930, a lido - known locally as the 'lagoon' - was built at the mill and was enjoyed by villagers for 22 years. More recently, the plot was home to the Robins And Day Vauxhall garage. Retirement Living was granted planning permission for the 37-apartment building in July last year. The developer has not confirmed when the homes will be finished.

I think it's great that the site's new name has links with its past as a working mill, but it does seem a long time since any construction work has been done!

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



A new defibrillator for the Pavilion—great news after the last one was damaged. And this one really stands out!

The school's frontage is looking very neat. I'm glad the plastic green netting has gone.



It looked fantastic but was it just me or was The Miner's marvellous Xmas tree a bit tipsy??!



Freelands Tiles of Dunton Green celebrate 25 years in the village—congratulations!

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



Wow, just look at this amazing sky!



A spotlight on one of the hanging baskets...



I'm not a regular library user but thought this sounded like an excellent bonus for library members!

*DGPC Comment: With KCC making cuts and libraries a potential target please USE THEM or LOSE THEM!!*



I have walked up Rye Lane hundreds of time but it's only recently I spotted this boundary stone by the motorway bridge.



*DGPC Comment: Dunton Green split from Otford to be its own parish in 1908!*



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## **PARISH COUNCIL EVENTS : DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**Saturday 8th March 2024 - Bulk Freighter Collections restart (page 10)**

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

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

**Tuesday Apr 9th 2024 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion**

**Saturday 11th May 2024 - Bulk Freighter Collections (page 10)**

**Tuesday May 14th 2024 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion**

**Tuesday Jun 11th 2024 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion**

**Saturday 13th July 2024 - Bulk Freighter Collections (page 10)**

**Tuesday Jul 9th 2024 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion**

**Tuesday Sep 10th 2024 - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion**

**Saturday Sep 28th 2024 - Annual Fireworks Event**

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# GREENBELT DEVELOPMENT IN DUNTON GREEN!

*Many people still seem unaware of the inclusion of two Dunton Green sites in the latest version of the District Council's Local Plan (despite all of the advertising on the subject from November 2023). The Parish Council provides some background to the process here and an indication of next steps.*

## Local Plan Process & Timescales

The Local Development Scheme (agreed by SDC Cabinet July 2022) sets out the timetable and process for the Local Plan 2040, including public consultation stages and submission for examination in late 2024.

View online: [www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/downloads/file/790/](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/downloads/file/790/)

## local\_development\_scheme

SDC aims to submit the Local Plan for independent examination in late 2024 or early 2025. Prior to this, Planning Policy is analysing feedback from the recent Regulation 18 consultation and will compile a high-level summary for the SDC Development and Conservation Advisory Committee on 26 March 2024. The report will be for information only, with no decisions on next steps or contents of the Plan at that meeting.

## Site Allocation Methodology

Baseline sites refer to those assessed as potentially suitable in the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) and initially proposed for allocation. The baseline sites include urban sites as well as sites within 'weakly-performing' Green Belt land, adjacent to one of SDC's eight top tier settlements (as defined by the Settlement Hierarchy). The two sites in Dunton Green are as follows:



**HO10:** this is GREENBELT land behind the village hall and recreation ground. It is a 'baseline' site for 230 homes in the Local Plan.



**HO8:** this is land on Pounsley Road proposed for 7 homes and is a baseline site in the GREENBELT



The option question in the Regulation 18 (Part 2) consultation related to the consideration of *additional sites* within National landscapes (previously AONB), on top of those included in the baseline. The ‘none of the above’ selection therefore means none of the AONB options and *does not specifically relate to baseline sites*. All comments on specific baseline sites will feed into final decisions on allocations to take forward in Plan 2040. Inclusion at this stage does not guarantee a site will remain allocated.

Both quantitative and qualitative consultation responses are being analysed, but Planning Policy has indicated that planning reasons and arguments are of greater importance for site decisions.

### Next Steps

Following the Advisory Committee briefing, the Planning Policy team will further analyse qualitative consultation responses to inform Local Plan revisions ahead of Regulation 19. **This proposed submission draft is expected to be presented to SDC Cabinet in July 2024 for approval to go to public consultation (Regulation 19 consultation) in Summer 2024.** DGPC has already lodged concerns about the timing of the consultation over the August period when many parish councils traditionally do not meet and residents are on holiday. Following Regulation 19 consultation, the Plan will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for examination in late 2024 or early 2025.

### Conclusions & Recommendations

The Local Plan process currently remains on track against the timetable set out in the LDS. Residents and stakeholders should continue to engage with the process as it progresses to ensure views are heard. DGPC will continue to highlight timings to residents as the next stages are reached.

Full information on methodology and evidence behind the Local Plan process can be found at [www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/plan2040](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/plan2040) (in a considerable volume of documentation). SDC’s Planning Policy team is available to provide any clarifications as required ([planning.policy@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@sevenoaks.gov.uk) / 01732 227000).

Dunton Green Parish Council submitted a response to the consultation providing a robust defence of the Greenbelt in Dunton Green and in specific relation to these two ‘baseline’ sites. Dunton Green Parish Council’s position is that no development of Greenbelt land is acceptable and that all Greenbelt is equal. The full version of the Parish Council’s response can be found on the DGPC’s website: <https://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk/community/dunton-green-parish-council-12635/plan-2040-response/>

Thank you to those residents who also submitted responses. We hope you, and others, submit comments in the next stages of consultation.

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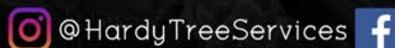
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# SECURITY ADVICE from Community Safety



## Car Security

Having your car broken into and losing your things to thieves can be very distressing. Here are a few simple steps you can take to keep your vehicle, and what's in it, safe.

### Always lock it

Fuelling up or popping back into your house to get something are perfect examples of how easy it is to turn your back for a moment and forget your vehicle is unsecured. So get into the habit of locking your vehicle even if you're only going to be away from it for a moment.

If your vehicle has wing mirrors that fold in automatically when locked, make sure you lock it properly. Criminal gangs are looking for vehicles like these where the wing mirrors are still out because it is clear to them that the vehicle has been left unlocked.

Fit locking, anti-tamper wheel nuts to secure alloy wheels. Stolen wheels are valuable, either as parts or for their scrap value. Using locking wheel nuts reduces the risk of your vehicle's wheels being stolen. Steering locks are a deterrent.

### Secure anything that's on the outside of your vehicle

Anything left on roof-racks, tailgate racks, holiday top boxes or in tool chests are easily stolen when the vehicle is parked. The use of cable locks, padlocks and self-locking tools chests, which are

secured to the vehicle, makes them more secure, but still, don't leave things in them if you can avoid it.

### **Take it with you or hide it**

Your mobile phone, coins for the car park, sunglasses, packs of medication or other items that can earn quick cash are irresistible to the opportunist thief. Remember, the cost of replacing a window is often much more than that of what's stolen. And it should go without saying that wallets, handbags, purses and credit cards should never be left in an unattended vehicle.

### **Hide electrical items and leave no clues**

Leaving sat nav mounts, suction cup marks on windows or cables on view gives it away that you have left a Sat Nav, smartphone or other device in your car. Even if they can't see the Sat Nav or iPad they might still break in to see if it's stored in the car, out of sight.

### **Park in well-lit and busier areas**

It can take less than 30 seconds to break into a vehicle. Parking in well-lit areas and busy streets increases the chances of a thief being seen, so they'll probably steer clear. If possible, always try to park in well-lit and staffed car parks or those with a Park Mark safer parking award.

### **Take your documents with you**

Having a vehicle's registration and insurance documents could let a thief pretend to be the owner. Which means they could sell it on quite easily. So, never leave any documents in the vehicle.

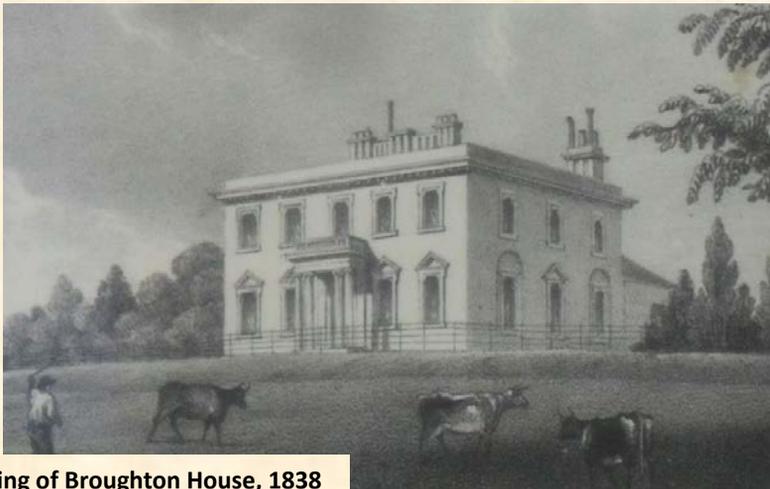
# The Wrefords of Broughton House

by Andy Lapham

If you have spent any time in Dunton Green you have, without doubt, seen something left behind by the Wreford Family. Whether it was their grand house up on the hill, or the church of St John the Devine, the Village School, Donnington Hall, or a number of the village's cottages. But who were they?

It's a little tricky, but it appears that the Wrefords, (originally from Devon from what I could find) were successful merchants, and (one of the several) Samuel Wreford bought Broughton Manor in Otford from the Polhill family in the late 1700s. Broughton Manor, built in the 16<sup>th</sup> century and which still stands, was built on land farmed by Thomas de Broctone, (hence Broughton) in 1288. The estate came into possession of Henry VIII and remained in Crown hands until David Polhill (or possibly Polley, historical references differ) purchased it in 1554. It remained a seat of this leading local family (becoming known as a 'manor') for almost 200 years. The Polhill family are worthy of an article of their own – and include direct relatives of Oliver Cromwell in their ranks. Anyway – I digress...

Broughton House in Dunton Green, along with its lovely gatehouse, was built circa 1830 (which makes it Georgian) and is constructed of mellow yellow brick with a slate roof with classical Georgian symmetry. The house was built for John Wreford, a successful City silk merchant. It was his ancestor (possibly



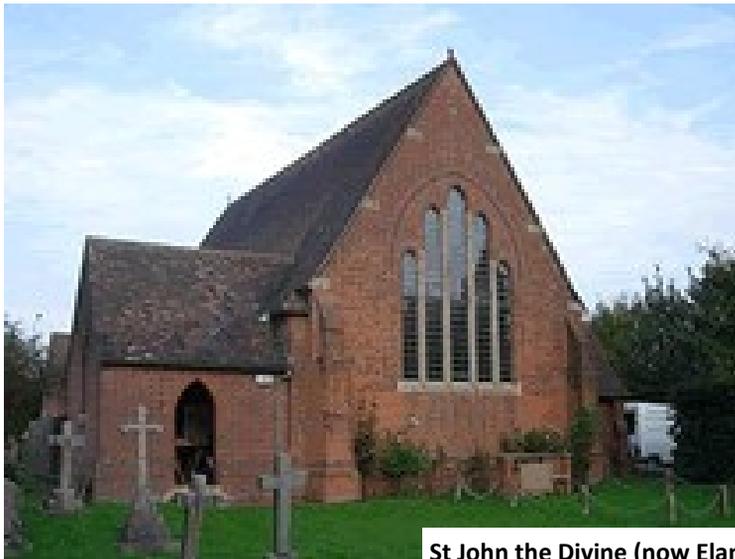
Engraving of Broughton House, 1838

father, like I said, it's tricky, and there seem to be lots of Samuels, Johns, and Williams!) Samuel who bought the Otford Estates from the Polhill family. Due

to the family's connection with Broughton Manor in Otford, the new house was originally called Dunton Hill House (which personally I prefer).

Years later when the Broughton Manor Estate was broken up, the property was able to be renamed Broughton House. The House is approached via a 700-yard-long carriage driveway (some of which is a public footpath, but not all of it, so no trespassing please!). The final approach is flanked by mature and impressive beech trees leading to a gravel turning and parking area. The house sits on an elevated position looking over its gardens, grounds and 62 acres of parkland with far reaching views. Broughton House is Grade II\* listed as being of Significant Historical and Architectural Interest. It is located within an Area Designated as Green Belt and as in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty as well as being designated as a Special Landscape Area.

The Wreford family owned the property for some 150 years, leaving their considerable mark in the area. For example, in 1890 the then local squire Mr Samuel Wreford, built the church (actually at the bottom of their substantial driveway) and consecrated it as Saint John the Devine. However, due to falling congregations, the church closed in 1985, and the



St John the Divine (now Elands Vets)

parishioners came under the care of the vicar of Riverhead. The Church is now repurposed as Elands Vets, but you can still see the stained-glass windows and the visit the churchyard, which, while the final resting place of many local people, also doubles as a haven for wildlife.

In the course of researching this article, I came across a film, made professionally of a Garden Fete held in the gardens of Broughton House, and organised by the Wreford Family in 1926. I wonder how many ancestors of local families can be seen amongst the crowds of locals in their Sunday Best clothes? - the fete featured in *"Garden Fete at Broughton House"* (1926) was held in the grounds of Broughton House. The Wreford family held a prominent standing in the local community and can be seen posing on the steps to their impressive home in the film. Most likely they opened up their estate to a variety of community events over the years such as this fete in 1926, held to raise money for the building of Donnington Hall on Barretts Road in Dunton Green (a village hall which opened in 1927). The fete was a significant local event - 3,000 people visited it between 2pm and midnight,

Donnington Hall funded by the fete proceeds



children were out of school on a Wednesday afternoon and attractions such as the Scottish marching band and the raffled Morris car were expensive crowd-pleasers.

The film was shown at the Granada Cinema in Sevenoaks. It is doubtful that it would have been exhibited beyond the immediate area - with the emphasis being placed on filming the locals

themselves and with a quick drive through Sevenoaks, this professionally produced film was probably intended purely for local exhibition: an audience would have been created by a desire to see oneself, friends and family on the cinema screen. It is interesting to note the presence of the director in several shots - he is shown attempting to control the crowds with the aid of a megaphone and a policeman when the Scottish marching band approaches the camera.

The building we now know as the village hall was actually the village's original school building (1851) and was provided for Dunton Green by the Wreford's.



Anyway, back to the Wrefords. In the course of my research, I looked for the later remnants of the family. This is what I found:

**William Langmore Wreford**

Born on the 10th of May 1841 - Paddington, London, England to Elizabeth Langmore and Samuel Wreford.

At some point William married Diana Beatrice Annie Cross, they had their children, and a long, hopefully happy marriage, before William died on the 7th of September 1917 – at home in Broughton House, Dunton Green.

William and Diana had 3 children. Info is scant, but I found this:

**Frances Diana Wreford**

1885 – 1958 – I couldn't find much beyond that for Frances.

Then there was Katherine Beatrice Wreford, and again, scant details other than she was born in 1886 and died aged around 86 in 1972.

And last came Cecily Elizabeth A Wreford, who was born in Guildford, Surrey, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Aug 1890 and passed away in 1973 in Tonbridge, Kent. Cecily is the last direct relative I could find.

So, the next time you pass by the village hall, or take the dog to Elands the vets, or play table tennis in Donnington Hall, say a quiet thanks to our generous benefactors, the Wreford Family – maybe you even live in one of the cottages they built! And if your family has been here for a long while, you might spot an ancestor in the Fete film.



**Broughton House in the 21st Century**

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**IF YOU HAVE ANY MEMORIES OF DUNTON GREEN IN THE PAST WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

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Meet others in the same situation, get useful health tips, learn exercises to keep yourself strong and mobile and have a chat and cuppa

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1.30pm – 3.00pm

Classes are run by fully qualified instructors. For more information, please contact [office@ageukmst.org.uk](mailto:office@ageukmst.org.uk) or 01732 454108



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Registered office: Fairview Farm Unit 1 & 2, Dairy Court, Linton Road, Loose, Maidstone ME15 0AL



Age UK is proudly supported by Dunton Green Parish Council

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 2024**

**Wednesdays:**

**6th March, 3rd April, 1st May, 5th June**

## **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  
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[www.duntongreencpac.org.uk](http://www.duntongreencpac.org.uk)



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## How good is your home security?



As well as opportunistic burglaries, some burglars scope out a property beforehand, sometimes working with other criminals. It's therefore important to think about measures to ensure your home looks occupied at all times, that there aren't any clear places where a potential burglar could hide to assess the house.

Also, don't make it obvious that you are away on holiday. Consider using lights on timers or getting a friend or neighbour to occasionally pop around to check on your home. Also, avoid mentioning about going away on any public-facing social media accounts as you never know who is browsing your profile. **You can get a free timer switch or shed alarm by contacting the Community Safety Unit at [community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk)**

To help keep your house and property safe you can use this simple checklist:

Are windows and doors left open, even if they're not easily accessible?

- \* Do your windows and doors have visible locks?
- \* Is there a spare key that's easily visible, or easy to find, such as underneath a plant pot or above the ledge on the door?
- \* Do you have high walls and hedges, which could give burglars protection from being seen?
- \* Is accessing your house noisy for a burglar? For example, is there gravel around the property?
- \* Are there any ladders lying around that a burglar could use?
- \* How does a burglar scope a house?

\* How secure is the shed or garage? Is it always kept locked with high-quality padlocks and security locks?

There are various ways to protect your home. Here are our top tips, some of which cost little or nothing:

### **Visible burglar alarm**

If you have a burglar alarm system, make sure the external sounder or 'bell box' is clearly visible on your property to let potential burglars know you have an alarm. You could also use a dummy camera.

### **Window security**

Don't leave windows open or unlocked anywhere in the house.

### **Door security**

When fitting a lock to a window or door, use the strongest screws you can, not necessarily the ones supplied, and make sure they are all to British Standard.

Fit a chain or a latch to the door, and opt for a viewer so you can check who's there before letting them in. Letter boxes should be fitted 40cm from the door lock, and valuables and keys shouldn't be within sight of it - an internal cover plate will offer extra protection.

### **Security lighting**

Outdoor lights, either ones that you switch on manually or those that are set off by movement, are a good way to ensure a burglar is more visible, which will help to put them off. For indoor lighting, the key thing is to make sure that a burglar thinks people are in the house, even when they're not. Just make sure these are in sync around your home, such as turning the light off five minutes after the TV goes off.

## **CCTV and wireless home security cameras**

CCTV or wireless security cameras (either indoors or outside) can be an extra security measure to put burglars off. Another product to consider is a smart doorbell, as they can act as a digital guard for your front door, checking for suspicious characters while also alerting you to legitimate visitors. See fully tested models in our smart doorbell reviews.

## **Burglar-proof your garden**

Gravel around your home is a great deterrent, as it makes it harder for burglars to approach without alerting the occupant. Make sure hedges are trimmed back so your property is not hidden from view. Do some defensive gardening – plant shrubs with thorns at the borders of your home so burglars aren't able to hide in them.

Put in strong gates or fences to any part of your garden accessible from outside, ideally 2 metres high and with 30-45cm of open-ended trellising at the top - if they jump the fence and break this, it will be heard. If you've bought new valuable items, don't leave the packaging out with your recycling for an extended period of time, as it can be a clue as to the value of your possessions.

Use padlocks on shed doors, and consider fitting them with a small, battery-powered alarm, It's also worth remembering that while you want to make your home as secure as possible, you need to make sure this won't stop you from being able to escape – or be rescued – in an emergency such as a fire.



With thanks to the Community Safety Team at Sevenoaks District Council, working with Kent Police.



## Are you aware of the dangers of Carbon Monoxide?

Carbon Monoxide may be a hidden danger in your home...



It can't be seen



It can't be smelt



It can't be heard



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If you would like to know more about the dangers of Carbon Monoxide and would like to receive a

**FREE Carbon Monoxide detector**

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An Adviser will give you a call to share more information about Carbon Monoxide (the call takes about 10 minutes) and to arrange for your free detector to be sent to you in the post.

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(Monday - Friday, 9am to 5pm)



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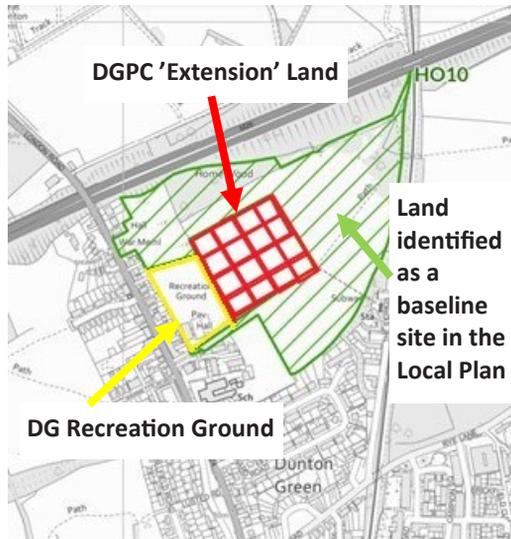


## PARISH COUNCIL News Highlights



- ◆ The Parish Council held a committee meeting in December to discuss its response to the Regulation 18 (Part 2) consultation on the Plan 2040 (the Local Plan). As a result, a robust response was submitted in defence of the Greenbelt. The response is available to view in full on the DGPC website ([www.duntongreenpc.org.uk](http://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk)).

- ◆ The Parish Council owns an area of land adjacent to the recreation ground (which is *not* included in the land for the Local Plan). Following recent discussions the Parish Council will be gathering information and ideas to develop a project for that land. There will be more discussions over the coming months and when the Parish Council has more information about any proposals these will be shared with residents.



- ◆ The Parish Council continues to support youth activities where it can and is pleased to announce a new 'mini tennis' programme (see page 11) will



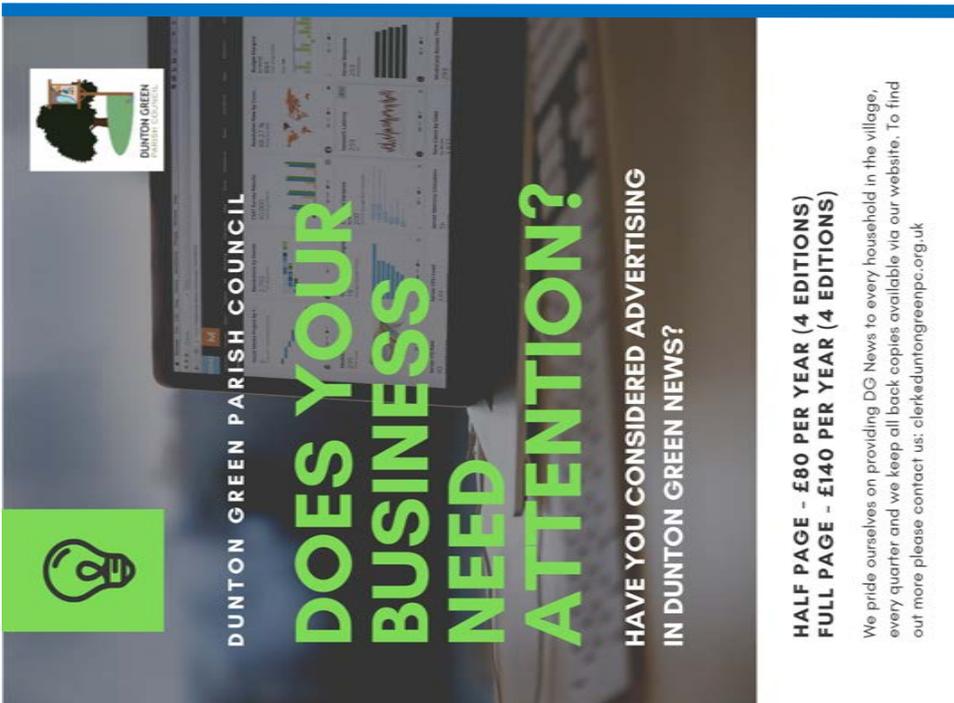
start in April. We are working with Kent Panthers Basketball again and they will return to Dunton Green with sessions starting after Easter (details will be shared on noticeboards, DGPC's website and our Facebook page as soon as they have been confirmed).

## PARISH COUNCIL News Highlights

◆ A grant is being made to Age UK to ensure that the Pop Up seated exercise sessions return to Dunton Green with a new instructor.



◆ Council Tax update: this is made up of five charges for Kent County Council, Sevenoaks District Council, your local town or parish council, Kent Police and Kent Fire & Rescue Service. Each authority sets its own charge. Once again, DGPC for the third year running will not be increasing its part of the Council Tax. In fact, there is a very slight decrease versus last year. Unfortunately, this will not offset the increases that will be coming from the other authorities.



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## VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & LOCAL LISTINGS

### Taking place in DUNTON GREEN PAVILION, Recreation Ground, London Road {Bookings: [bookings@duntongreenpc.org.uk](mailto:bookings@duntongreenpc.org.uk) 07305 814694}

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: <a href="mailto:info@oaksmartialarts.com">info@oaksmartialarts.com</a>

### Taking place in DUNTON GREEN RECREATION GROUND, London Road

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

### DUNTON GREEN VENUES (Other)

#### Taking place in Donnington Hall, Barretts Road

{Bookings: Mrs J Field 01732 462429}

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}

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](mailto:office@dunton-green.kent.sch.uk)}

Kuk Sool Won Sevenoaks	07963 338 544; <a href="http://www.kswsevenoaks.com">www.kswsevenoaks.com</a>
Bujinkan Sevenoaks Dojo	<a href="http://bujinkansevenoaksdojo.org">bujinkansevenoaksdojo.org</a> 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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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



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CLASSES OR NEED A PARTY VENUE  
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Donnington Hall BARRETT'S ROAD  
01732 462429



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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](mailto:bookings@duntongreenpc.org.uk) / 07305 814694

Or take a look at our website: [www.duntongreenpc.org.uk](http://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk)



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A warm welcome is extended to all to  
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of his resurrection.

May we extend our best wishes  
for a Happy Easter to all.

**Mothing Sunday - 10 March - Eucharist Service @ 9.30am**

**Palm Sunday 24 March - Eucharist Service @ 8am and Morning Prayer  
@ 9.20am - Meet at The Miller & Carter Car Park for a short service and  
then process to Church**

**Maundy Thursday - 28 March @ 11am - Eucharist Service at Dunton  
Green Village Hall**

**Good Friday - 29 March @ 10am - Family Service followed by creating  
Easter garden, coffee and Hot Cross Buns**

**Good Friday - 29 March @ 2pm - Service of Reflections at the foot of  
the Cross**

**Easter Sunday - 31 March @ 6am - Short outdoor service followed by a  
dawn walk and back to Church Hall for breakfast**

**Easter Sunday - 31 March @ 8am - Eucharist Service**

**Easter Sunday - 31 March @ 9.30am - Eucharist Service concluding with  
Handel's Hallelujah Chorus**

There are many other churches and faiths in the area and Dunton Green Parish  
Council is happy to also share information about their services.  
Please feel free to send us those details for future editions.



# DUNTON GREEN ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Wednesday 7 PM - 9 PM**  
**27th March Dunton Green Pavilion**  
**Recreation Ground, London Road, TN13 2UR**

## APM

Hear from local organisations about what has been happening in Dunton Green over the last year

## TALK

Enjoy an entertaining session from Chris Conlan about the history of The Pearly Kings & Queens

## RECEPTION

Join the Parish Council, local organisations and volunteers for a buffet and drinks reception

## NETWORKING

A chance to socialise with and talk to local organisations and councillors. Everyone is very welcome!