

# DUNTON GREEN NEWS

Dunton Green Parish Council

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We hope you've enjoyed a wonderful sunny summer and are looking forward to an equally awesome autumn!

This latest edition is packed with information and details about the current SDC Consultation on the Draft Local Plan and what you can do to make your views known, whatever they may be, with regard to the policies and sites proposed right across the District.

We have a new Village Organisations page listing lots of what goes on in and for Dunton Green plus, as always, we have details of upcoming events in the village for you to note in your diaries!



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**Working for a Better Community in Dunton Green**

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# Chair's Update

In my last update in June I signed off hoping that the roadworks would be gone. Like everyone in the village and those who travel through, I find it hard to understand why relaying the gas main has taken so long. Last autumn the Parish Council met with KCC and the gas company to see what could be done to ensure disruption to the village was minimised. The Parish Council



agreed to letting the village green be dug up and for Longford Meadow to be used for storage. We were left with the impression that these two measures would cut the



time needed for work at the Station Road roundabout. Earlier this year we were also told that there would be a break of 6 weeks whilst the roads in Otford had gas mains installed.

Unfortunately the work in Dunton Green over ran and it has been decided not to start in Otford. The main will now be laid all the way to The Bullfinch

and work is expected to last until November. Despite all the inconvenience caused and the negative impact on many local businesses there is nothing else the Parish Council can do. The responsibility lies squarely with SGN, their contractors and KCC. All the gas mains in the entire district are being replaced and the work in Dunton Green has nothing to do with the building of the Ryewood estate. It would have happened anyway.

Over the past couple of months there has been a great deal of press coverage, and social media comment, detailing potential development sites to be included in the Draft Local Plan for the Sevenoaks District. There are 3 sites that have been identified in Dunton Green. The first is Fort Halstead which was given outline planning permission for 450 dwellings last year. Since then the site has been sold and the current owners are seeking permission for 750 dwellings split between the parishes of Dunton Green, Halsted and Badger's Mount. The second site is at the car dealership next to the Rose and Crown where 9 dwellings are proposed. The third and final site is land that runs parallel to London Road and would be entered through the rose garden next to the war memorial. The land sweeps through to the railway embankment and backs onto the school and recreation ground. The proposal is for 250 homes. Both of these new sites are in Green Belt and SDC would need to identify 'exceptional circumstances' – a term which is not defined – in order to allow development on these sites. DGPC will always raise objections to any development in Green Belt.



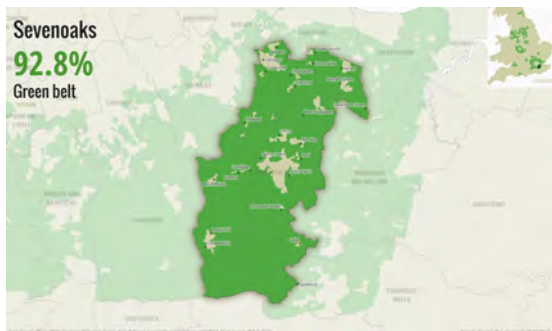
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## ....Chair's Update

The Parish Council is well aware that any development in the District will raise concerns about traffic, air quality, infrastructure such as schools and health facilities, and potential development in Dunton Green is no exception. However, the Government has set a target for almost 14,000 homes to be built in the District by 2035 and the District Council's Local Plan must be seen to address that target. If they do not, then the Government will step in and insist that certain developments take place. The challenge is where the housing will go when 93% of the District is Green Belt and a significant proportion is also designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.



There is a public consultation on the Draft Local Plan which will run across an 8 week period to 10th September. The consultation has been fully advertised and full details and links are on our website



([www.duntongreenpc.org.uk](http://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk)). We have also included in this edition of Dunton Green News a copy of the Planning Policy Special that was included in the Summer 2018 edition of In Shape magazine

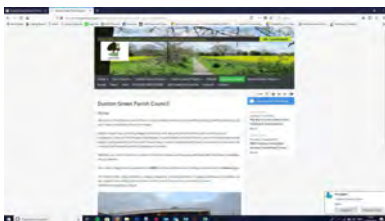
published and distributed by Sevenoaks District Council. Please see pages 10 to 13.

Please take the opportunity to comment and raise your views & concerns directly with Sevenoaks District Council. There is an interactive map on their website which means that you can look at the details of sites in Dunton Green and familiarise yourself with what is being proposed at this very early stage. You can complete an online form or submit comments by email/post.

At the conclusion of this first consultation period over the summer, the District Council will review the comments, assess them and will consider whether or not the criteria has been met to permit development under 'exceptional circumstances' within the Green Belt. They will then make whatever changes to the plan that they believe are required following all feedback. There will be a second public consultation, this time on the Draft Local Plan that they intend to submit to the Planning Inspectorate for approval and adoption. This process will mean that some

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sites may be dropped from the plan altogether and that there will be a second opportunity to voice concerns.



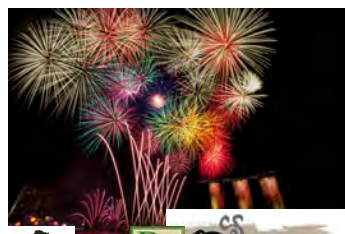
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I urge you to sign up to Email Alerts on the Parish Council's website so that you are kept informed of consultation dates, locations for public meetings on the Local Plan (held by SDC) and the Parish Council. All our meetings are held in public and all are welcome.

There are also still vacancies for Parish Councillors - people who want to become more involved in issues like this that affect all of us living in Dunton Green. Please take a look at page 32 for details. And consider joining us.



I hope you've enjoyed some of the summer activities we've been running, and can join us for our early fireworks and beacon lighting event on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September where the school PTA will be running the BBQ. Full details of the full line-up will be published by early September but please do save the date.



**Freda England**  
**Chair of Dunton Green Parish Council**



### ***Fancy going for a wander?***

The Dunton Green 'Health Walk' was discontinued earlier in 2017 as we could not find people to train as walk leaders (a necessity for the official 'Health Walks').

However, a number of local residents have been meeting and walk as an unofficial group.

**We meet on Saturday mornings at the pavilion at 10.30am.**

We walk for about an hour, have a chat about various topics and put the world to rights!

If any other people would like to join us, just turn up - you would be most welcome.

# Out and About - 'What Katie Saw'

Information, Gossip and News from Kate our roving correspondent

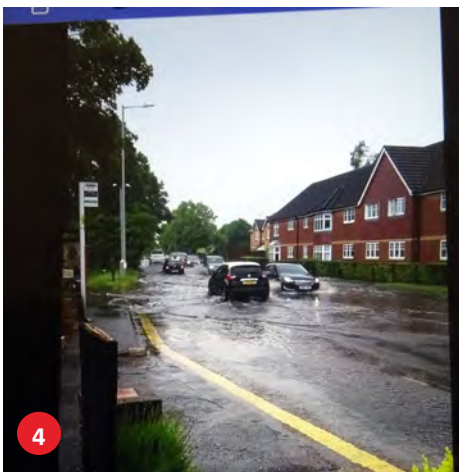
**1.** Donnington Manor's new front garden looked lovely as we came into summer.



**2.** Now you see them, now you don't. The residents of Station Road have 'lost' their chicanes, although the double yellow lines are a ghostly reminder.



**3.** Such a shame to see the graffiti project on the London Road underpass that was done by the local children vandalised. I also saw more graffiti than ever in the station underpass.



**4.** Who would have thought that this heavy downfall would be followed by over 7 weeks of no rain at all and a heatwave to boot!



**5.** If there's a world record for how many different arrangements of bollards and barriers you can have on a mini roundabout, then the Station Road junction will be getting a gold medal.

**6.** The second exit road from Ryewood has opened although it almost immediately had 3 way traffic lights for roadworks at the junction.



**7.** Several new play areas have also opened on Ryewood as the final phases of homes are occupied. Looks like there are plenty of places to play for local youngsters, not just the wonderful recreation ground.



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AND KEEP  
PLANNING  
POLICY  
SPECIAL

# Balancing the needs of our District

Last year, we asked for your views on issues facing the District over the next twenty years and options for dealing with them. We've published our draft Local Plan, incorporating your priorities, together with proposals from landowners towards meeting the Government's requirement for new homes while protecting our Green Belt.

Make sure you have your say on the Plan before Monday 10 September.



Read on to find out more about the Local Plan, what is being proposed, our timeline and how you can have your say.



**“The Local Plan is an important planning policy that says what can be built and where and what should be protected up to 2035. It covers employment, retail, housing and the environment, but locally the key issue is the ability to build new housing in an area that is 93% Green Belt.**

“We are doing our best to ensure the Plan addresses the Government’s requirement to provide new homes and the future needs of all our residents and businesses.

“The Government has told us we should aim to build nearly 14,000 homes between 2015 and 2035 to meet local need. We have no choice but to plan for what Government tells us to. To put this into context, our current Local Plan aims to provide 3,300 new homes over a 20-year period, so this is more than a four-fold increase.

“First and foremost, we are prioritising land in our existing built up areas and land that has already been built on for new homes. However, at best, this would provide only half the new

homes needed. So we have no choice but to look at other areas, known as ‘Exceptional Circumstances’ sites put forward by landowners.

“But, by considering these sites, we have the potential to secure significant funding from developers giving us all a once in a generation opportunity to improve our local infrastructure and community facilities.

“The danger is if we don’t include enough new homes in our Local Plan, developers may still get permission to build from Government, via the planning appeal route, without having to fund any infrastructure and community improvements.

“Despite these national pressures, our Local Plan includes proposals

to continue to protect the best and the overwhelming majority of our Green Belt and the rural nature of our District together with space for jobs, retail, leisure and open space – all essential for the future prosperity of our District.

“We’re keen to hear what you and your family think of the plan – whether you support our proposals for new homes or if you have comments on the possible sites for new development – we want to hear from you.

“Finally a date for your diary: the deadline to comment is on 5pm Monday 10 September, so don’t miss out!”

**Cllr Robert Piper**  
Cabinet Member for Planning

## What you have told us already...

Last year we sent a survey to every home in the District asking for your views on the ‘issues’ facing the area over the next twenty years and our suggested ‘options’ for dealing with them.

We had a magnificent response – over 15,000 people took part – and overwhelmingly you supported our ideas, which have been incorporated into this draft of the Local Plan.

| You said...  | We are proposing to...   |
|--|--|
| Continue to protect the Green Belt   | Continue to protect the Green Belt and only support development in ‘exceptional circumstances’ where it provides significant community benefits                                      |
| Build new homes on brownfield land   | Focus new housing on brownfield land, both in existing settlements and in the Green Belt   |
| Deliver new and improved infrastructure where and when needed to support new housing | Take advantage of the opportunities for new and improved infrastructure where needed, funded by developers. We will work with partners to ensure the timely delivery of improvements |
| Build new housing at higher densities in existing urban areas                        | Allow new homes to be built at higher densities in our existing settlements to help us to continue to protect the Green Belt   |

### What are ‘exceptional circumstances’ sites?

In broad terms, this is development on Green Belt land where there is a proven need for new homes and social and community benefits to meet a local need. The development would have to include local and district-wide infrastructure improvements, such as new medical and leisure facilities, schools and transport funded by the developers.

The exceptional circumstances sites we are consulting on have been put forward by landowners and developers.

# What's in the Local Plan?

The Draft Local Plan contains policies to promote:



Housing choice for all with new housing for families, single, older and vulnerable people, people with disabilities, pitches for Gypsies and Travellers and rural housing

Well designed, safe places that protect the natural and built environment



Protecting the Green Belt, landscapes, wildlife and historical buildings and structures

A vibrant local economy with more space and choice for businesses, planning policies for high streets, supporting the rural and visitor economies and superfast broadband



Communities with excellent services, facilities and infrastructure and vibrant town centres and working with partners to deliver new infrastructure

Healthy living opportunities and improved well-being by retaining and improving open spaces and leisure facilities



A greener future by using technology in new developments to conserve resources, reduce pollution and improve air quality and good design to manage the impact of climate change and reduce flood risk



Explore our interactive map to view proposals in your area by simply typing in your postcode at [www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/draftlocalplan](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/draftlocalplan)

## Find out more about the draft Local Plan

You can meet our friendly Planning Policy Team at drop-in sessions throughout July, August and September to find out more about the Plan and what's proposed for your area.



You can also visit our website [www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/draftlocalplan](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/draftlocalplan) to view the draft Local Plan and our interactive map together with the evidence we have gathered that forms the basis of the Plan.

Paper copies of the Plan are also available to view at our office in Sevenoaks (Argyle Road, Sevenoaks TN13 1HG) and libraries across the District.

### Have your say!

Your views are important. We need to hear if you support our Local Plan proposals – the more of you who support the proposals, the more chance they can be delivered, or tell us if you have concerns.

The consultation runs until 5pm on Monday 10 September 2018 and we must receive your comments by the deadline. You can comment via our website [www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/draftlocalplan](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/draftlocalplan)

Alternatively, you can email [planning.policy@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@sevenoaks.gov.uk) or write to **Planning Policy, Sevenoaks District Council, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks TN13 1HG** with your comments.

### What happens next?

- 1 Once the consultation closes on 10 September, all your comments will be considered by our Planning Policy Team.
- 2 We will then publish our final version of the Plan later this year, taking account of your comments. You will have an opportunity to comment then, too.
- 3 This version of the Local Plan will be submitted to the Government and considered at a public examination in the spring of 2019.
- 4 If approved by the Government, we hope that the Local Plan will be adopted and used by the Council later in 2019.



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## Kent Police

## CRIME REPORTED

London Road On Monday 21st of May around 11:02am. A Ford Transit van parked in a car park was broken into. Tools and other items were stolen.

Station Approach On Sunday 20th of May around 6:23pm. Damage was caused to a bonnet of a vehicle parked in the road. Several other cars were also damaged.

Station Approach On Sunday 20th of May around 6:23pm. Damage was caused to a vehicle parked in the road.

London Road On Friday 22nd of June around 4:30pm. A laptop was stolen through an open window of a van stopped in the road.

Rye Lane Between 12:00am on Wednesday 13th of June and 1:00pm on Saturday 23rd of June. A blue VW Polo, N366\*\*\*, was stolen from the road.

*Due to a technical issue there have been no updates for a few weeks. We will bring reports back as soon as this is resolved.*

Call 999 in case of emergency. Call 101 for non-emergency reporting or you can now report crimes online with Kent Police.

<https://www.kent.police.uk/services/report-a-crime/kent-police-online-reporting/>

**PLANNING** (for full details visit the planning tracker on the **DGPC website** - [www.duntongreenpc.org.uk](http://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk))



**RECEIVED BY DGPC FOR COMMENT:**  
**18/00702/HOUSE 180A London Road**

Dropped kerb extension

*DGPC- The Parish Council is concerned about the adverse impact on the availability of on-road parking that this application would have. There would be at least one space lost in the layby outside of this property in an area already severely lacking on-road parking. It is noted that the house already enjoys access to the rear of the property for parking. There are also concerns regarding the vision splays afforded by the proposed exit.*

**18/01130/HOUSE 88 London Road**

Erection of a single storey rear extension

DGPC-*Support*

**18/01735/FUL 30 Kingswood Road**

Demolition of existing double storey and single storey rear extension. Erection of a two storey and singled storey rear extension with rooflights. Insertion of new windows to front and side. DGPC- *Support*

**18/01801/FUL 40 Lennard Road**

Demolition of shed. Erection of a single storey rear extension to existing dwelling, Erection of a new dwelling to the side. Erection of a dropped kerb and widen crossover. DGPC-*Support*

**18/01802/FUL 36 Lennard Road**

Conversion of existing extension. Erection of a first floor extension, and widening of crossover, all to form a new attached dwelling. DGPC-*Support*

**18/01859/HOUSE 101 London Road**

Proposed demolition ground floor at side. Erection of a two-storey side extension. Erection of a single storey front and rear extension with rooflights. Erection of new porch at front. DGPC-*Support*

**NOTIFICATIONS OF DECISIONS:**

**REFUSED: 18/00890/HOUSE 9 The Orchard**

Removal of existing pitched roof bungalow roof. Addition of first floor extension with flat roof. Building to be finished with white render to match

surrounding houses with western red cedar or similar cladding. *DGPC-Objection. The Parish Council recommends refusal of this application on the following grounds:*

- *The increase in the number of bedrooms (and so the increase in the capacity of the dwelling) is not matched by any increase in parking provision. The Parish Council is concerned that what is suitable in terms of parking provision for a two-bedroom property is not adequate for a four-bedroom dwelling.*
  - *Over-intensification of the site*
  - *Adverse impact on neighbours in relation to loss of light from the addition of a first floor (more imposing than the existing pitched roof).*
- SDC -The proposal would be out of keeping with the current dwelling on site. The development would be a negative, prominent addition and would be detrimentally harmful to the application site and character of the area. The proposal therefore does not comply with Policy EN1 of the Sevenoaks Allocations and Development Management Plan and Policy SP1 of the Core Strategy*

**Granted: 17/03609/FUL Former West Kent Cold Store Rye Lane**

Erection of 35 apartments, including the provision of affordable homes, together with access, parking and landscaping.

*DGPC- Support Reasons (for amended application): The signs are all on land owned by Berkeley Homes (all within the development). The consensus is to support the application although the total number of signs proposed (14) is probably somewhat excessive. The Parish Council is aware that Berkeley Homes were looking to locate a few signs off the Ryewood development. Given that these are not included within this application the Parish Council assumes that those plans have been shelved or that there will be an additional application (to be approved prior to any installation of signs).*

**Granted: 18/00967/FUL9 Lennard Road**

Demolition of existing garage and rear conservatory. Erection of two storey extension to create two-bedroom house. Single storey rear extension. New crossover and dropped kerb. *DGPC-Support. Note for SDC: There have been precedents set re: the creation of second homes in Lennard Road; there are concerns about the growing parking constraints in Lennard Road as a result of these developments.*

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*SDC-It is considered that the proposed drop kerb, and the potential for the creation of a vehicular access, would have a detrimental impact on highway safety, due to creating hazardous highway conditions due to poor visibility and no turning provision. As such the proposal is contrary to Policy EN1 of the Sevenoaks Allocations and Development Management Plan.*



**SATURDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER**  
**DUNTON GREEN ANNUAL**  
**FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

*Gates open 6.30pm*

*Live music from 6.30pm to 7.30pm*

*Beacon lighting 7.15pm*

*Fireworks Grand Finale 7.30pm*

*Live music from 6.45pm to 8.30pm*

*Beverages & glow sticks available!*



This year come ready to enjoy the  
Dunton Green Primary School PTA BBQ!!  
All proceeds from the BBQ go directly to  
our village school  
so make sure you're hungry!



*All taking place at Dunton Green Recreation Ground\**

*This event is free but as always there will be a retiring collection - please give generously!*

*\* In the interests of Health & Safety there will be no public parking available at the recreation ground on the night. No alcohol permitted.*

## WHO SHOULD I CONTACT IF...

### ...I NEED THE POLICE?

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[csu.sevenoaks@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:csu.sevenoaks@kent.pnn.police.uk)

### ...I NEED TO REPORT A STREET LIGHTING ISSUE?

If the street light in question belongs to the Parish Council then report the fault directly to the Clerk. Details of where DGPC columns are located:

|                                 |                |                     |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Barretts Road                   | Hillfield Road | London Rd Slip Road |
| Donnington Road                 | Ivy House Lane | Lusted Road         |
| Kingswood Road                  | Milton Road    | Rye Lane            |
| Lennard Road                    | Pounsley Road  | Vicarage Lane       |
| London Road Footpath to Station |                |                     |

All other street light issues must be reported to KCC's Highways Department via the 24hr Contact Centre on **03000 41 81 81**.

**PLEASE NOTE** that whenever you report a lighting fault you will be asked for the **column number** (which is on the street light) and the location. Please ensure that you have these details to enable a prompt response.

### ...I NEED TO REPORT A HIGHWAYS ISSUE?

If you identify a problem with roads or pavements such as potholes, broken kerbs or missing signs you should report these to KCC's Highways Department via the 24hr Contact Centre on **03000 41 81 81** or via KCC's online reporting tool [www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem](http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem)

### ...I WANT TO REPORT GRAFFITI IN DUNTON GREEN?

Graffiti can be reported via SDC's [online graffiti reporting form](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/services/housing/crime-prevention/graffiti-reporting-and-removal) ([www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/services/housing/crime-prevention/graffiti-reporting-and-removal](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/services/housing/crime-prevention/graffiti-reporting-and-removal).) or by **calling SDC on 01732 227000**.



Dunton Green Parish Council welcomes residents to attend its meetings.

Full council meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except August) at 7.30pm at the Pavilion and there are meetings of its committees on a less frequent basis, as the need arises.

Dates of meetings are detailed in the events section of the website (and in the Dates for the Diary section of this magazine) and agendas are issued on the website in the week before the meeting.

You can find out about all sorts of things that are going on in and are affecting the village at these meetings. Get more involved in your community; come along, have a cup of tea, meet your councillors and find out. You'll be made very welcome!



DUNTON GREEN  
PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH COUNCIL EVENTS : DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday August 21st - Parish Council Committee Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Tuesday September 11th - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Sunday September 16th - Litter Pick, 10.30am Pavilion \*

Saturday September 29th - Fireworks Event, 6.30pm Recreation Ground\*

Tuesday October 9th - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Sunday November 11th - Remembrance Sunday, 10.45am War Memorial\*

Tuesday November 13th - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Saturday November 17th - Freighter (Bulk Waste Collection)

Tuesday December 11th - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Friday December 21st - Christmas Singalong\*

Tuesday January 8th - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Tuesday February 12th - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Tuesday March 12th - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

March TBC - Annual Parish Meeting & Parish Reception\*

*\* More details will follow*

Visit [www.duntongreenpc.org.uk](http://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk) and sign up to Email Alerts

to keep up to date and 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

If you have events that you would like publicised please contact the Clerk and we can consider publishing your activities on our Parish Council website events listing page - we're keen to let everyone know just what is on in Dunton Green and it starts with you!

Are you a  
**Local Business or Organisation**  
that would like to get noticed?

Contact the Clerk (email & phone details are available on page 2) to find out how you can promote your business or organisation and support the parish by advertising here

**\* NEW (LOWER) ADVERTISING RATES for 2018 /19\***

## Zurich - my favourite city

I love this city! I have been visiting Zurich for the past five years and have fallen in love with the place. I love the fact that it is so clean and the people are



so friendly. Zurich is

surrounded by the beautiful Swiss Alps and it lies at the foot of a deep green lake (Lake Zurich). As it is my favourite city in Europe it is a place I visit rather frequently. Its natural beauty isn't all this city has to offer. A sense of safety and security makes you feel at

ease when strolling through the cobbled streets. Cleanliness seems to be a top priority for everyone that lives there which adds to the feel-good factor when visiting this place. All this comes at a price of course - Switzerland is amongst the most expensive countries on this planet to live but arguably it's a price worth paying. Switzerland's crime rate is one of the lowest in the world and Zurich's residents are amongst the happiest people in the world.



During

my last visit I stayed in Küsnacht. It is a residential area in the canton of Zurich and has the highest quality of life in Switzerland. It is situated on the eastern shore of Lake

Zurich with a pleasant view across the lake and upwards to the mountains but is only a few train stops outside of Zürich. It is known for two main reasons - one is called Tina Turner and the other one C.G. Jung. Tina Turner, of course, is known in the world of rock and pop whilst Jung was a pioneer in an area of analytical psychology (Jungian psychology) which emphasized the importance of the individual psyche and the personal quest for wholeness.

Whilst on a stroll guess who's house I was passing... I was passing Tina Turner's house! The rock star has given up her US Citizenship to become a citizen of Switzerland and has lived there for almost two decades, spending her time in Küsnacht, overlooking the lake.



If you're thinking of a weekend break away from our lovely village then why not try Zurich - you'll come back refreshed and relaxed!



By Cllr Angel Gomes-Chodynieski

# Your Local Community Update

## Residents' Consultation - What happened next....



Following the feedback received during the consultation held in May, the Community Development Officers have been busy setting up and delivering a range of summer activities. Basketball Camps, Self Defence Workshops and Urban Street Dance Workshops have been made available to both adults and young people in the parish.



The Consultation has enabled the Community Development Officers to plan and tailor their work for the remainder of their project until March 2020.

Highlights of the results include:

- Opportunities to enhance cycling in the parish by offering cycle skills or guided cycling sessions
- Bring community together for Summer Village Fun Day in 2019
- More activities specifically for men in particular focusing on team sports and dads & kids cooking sessions
- Organise more projects for older people such as a second lunch club or alternatively a coffee morning with exercise and advice / support session within the community
- Explore opportunities to set up a walking trail in the parish with activities for all ages to participate along the route



## Our current projects for you to join in now:

### NEW! Sevenoaks Suns Basketball Club coming to DG

Now that 3x3 is officially an Olympic Sport, Sevenoaks Suns invites streetballers and basketballers from across the District to come to the first ever Dunton Green 3x3 Basketball tournament.

**Age:** U14,U16, U18 and adults (Men/boys only)

**When:** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September - 10am

**Cost:** FREE

**Where:** Multi Use Games Area  
Recreation Ground TN13 2UR



For more information please call 01732 227000 or email [communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk).



## Street Dance

The Dunton Green Street Dance sessions have proved really popular with more and more young people coming along to learn some fun and energetic dance routines.

Street dance classes are suitable for both complete beginners and those with more experience and you are sure to finish your first session with a smile on your face and some new moves to dance to the latest hits.

**This autumn the classes will commence on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October for 10 weeks (please note there will not be a class on 24<sup>th</sup> October).**

**Age:** 8 to 16 year olds  
**When:** Wednesday (term time only)  
**Time:** 5:15-6:45pm  
**Cost:** £3.50 per person per class  
(discount if whole term paid in advance)  
**Where:** Dunton Green Pavilion  
Recreation Ground TN13 2UR



For more information please call 01732 227000 or email [communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk)

## Monthly Older People's Lunch Club

The Dunton Green Lunch club takes place on the first Wednesday of the month. The club is a welcoming place for local residents to come along. Members enjoy a hot nutritious two course meal whilst socialising with friends, old and new. The club is run by a dedicated team of volunteers, new volunteers are always appreciated.

**When:** First Wednesday of the month  
**Time:** 11.45am to 2pm  
**Cost:** £4  
**Where:** Dunton Green Pavilion  
Recreation Ground TN13 2UR



To confirm that you will be attending, to book transport or enquire about volunteering please call Age UK on 01732 454108.

**DATES FOR ALL OF THESE EVENTS ARE LISTED ON DGPC'S WEBSITE [WWW.DUNTONGREENPC.ORG.UK](http://WWW.DUNTONGREENPC.ORG.UK) - PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR UPDATES THERE**



## Easy Netball

Ever fancied having a go at Netball or maybe haven't played in a long time? Then these sessions are especially for you.

Now taking place at 7pm, the sessions are lots of fun and whatever your age or ability you will be guaranteed to work hard, have a laugh and realise that Netball is a good way to get to know people.

There is no pressure to attend every week as sessions are pay as you go.

**Age:** Everyone over 14 is welcome to attend.  
**When:** Every Wednesday  
**Time:** 7.00 to 8.00pm  
**Cost:** £2 pay as you go  
**Where:** Multi Use Games Area  
Recreation Ground TN13 2UR

*Please note this session will be cancelled in wet weather.*



For more information or to enquire about spaces, please call us on 01732 227000 or email [communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk)

## Tamz Tai Chi

Tai Chi is renowned for relieving stress, improving flexibility and balance and is associated with many other health benefits. Mindfulness, slow and flowing movements and focussed breathing make this martial art perfect for those who want to find a little relief from their hectic lives or for those who want to ease gently into physical activity.

These beginner Tai Chi sessions will be delivered by our instructor Tameila (Tammy) Brown whose enthusiasm and experience make her the perfect person to lead you on your Tai Chi journey.

Sessions are open to everyone, under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. So whether you are young or young at heart, you will be warmly welcomed.

**When:** Sundays  
**Time:** 10am to 11am  
**Cost:** First class £5, £8 per session thereafter  
**Where:** Donnington Hall, Barretts Road, Dunton Green, TN13 2UN



For more information please call 07792 479772 or email [tamztaichi@gmail.com](mailto:tamztaichi@gmail.com)

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Art & Photography @  
**Dunton Green**  
2018

**Every Monday**  
Starts Monday 10th September  
**6.30pm to 8.15pm**

Photography  
Games and activities  
Art & craft



## Activities for ages 8 to 13

Contact Karen - [Info@playplace.org](mailto:Info@playplace.org) - or just turn up  
Dunton Green Pavilion, Recreation Ground, London Road, Dunton Green, TN13 2UR



Check [www.duntongreenpc.org.uk](http://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk) for details and updates for each session

# Defibrillator & First Aid Training

9.30am, Saturday 29 September 2018

Sevenoaks District Council, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks TN13 1HG

To reserve your **FREE\*** place, please call  
Sevenoaks District Council on **01732 227000**  
or email [healthyliving@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:healthyliving@sevenoaks.gov.uk)

*\*Places are limited, if you register and are unable to attend, a cancellation fee of £30 will apply.*



[www.sevenoaks.gov.uk](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk)



**USEFUL TRAINING - WE ALREADY HAVE TWO DEFIBS IN THE VILLAGE AND A THIRD ONE WILL BE INSTALLED AT THE VILLAGE HALL BY THE PARISH COUNCIL VERY SOON!**

## Dunton Green Shed Project aka The Shed Sevenoaks



The Dunton Green Shed was established in autumn 2016 and co-funded with KCC.

Sevenoaks District Council then worked with North West Kent Countryside Partnership to develop the programme. As part of the scoping for a location it was agreed that Dunton Green did not have a suitable venue for the group to do all their projects.

Subsequently the group changed their name to “The Shed Sevenoaks” and moved to a well-equipped workshop at the Abacus Furniture Project, Greatness Road, Sevenoaks. The group meet twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10am and 1pm, they are fully subscribed on a Tuesday but do have opportunities on a Thursday.

The ‘Shed Sevenoaks’ is a member of the UK Men’s Sheds Association, who provide invaluable support to sheds throughout the UK. The project endeavours to assist its members to maintain and improve their health and wellbeing as a result of participation, while hopefully making new friends and enjoying working on a range of projects.

Do not be fooled by the title, the Shed is available to everyone. The overarching objective of the ‘Shed’ is to prevent social isolation in the community.

Before working in the shed new members will be required to complete an application form and be given an induction to the equipment and rules of the shed. Assistance on using equipment is always available from experienced members of the shed.



The group have produced various bird box kits for a local schools and brownie groups, bird feeders and their popular garden benches. Partnership links with Abacus/ West Kent Housing Association provide the opportunity to repair and restore furniture which may otherwise be scrapped and thus re or up-cycle it into the community and provide additional funds for the group.

**Interested in becoming one of the Shedders? The ‘Shed’ has a website where you can find more information and see some of the projects we have completed <https://shedsevenoaks.weebly.com/>**

Yulia La Kruz & Kathryn Bone Community Development Workers SDG



## Your local representatives:

Duntongreen Parish Council

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## Your other local representatives:

Sevenoaks District Council - 01732 227000



Cllr Mrs Kim Bayley - 01732 458556

[cllr.bayley@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.bayley@sevenoaks.gov.uk)

Cllr Cameron Brown - 01732 740654

[cllr.brown@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.brown@sevenoaks.gov.uk)

Kent County Council - 03000 41 41 41



Cllr Nick Chard - 03000 41 10 09

[nick.chard@kent.gov.uk](mailto:nick.chard@kent.gov.uk)

## Litterbugs!

The amount of litter throughout the village is a perennial issue in Dunton Green. Despite regular weekly litter picks in the recreation ground (paid for by the Parish Council), and quarterly community litter picks, it never seems to scratch the surface.

From personal observation, the most commonly dropped items are: scratch cards; drinks cans and bottles; cigarette ends and wrappers; food wrappers and receipts.

As well as being unsightly, dropped rubbish can present a danger to other people (particularly children) and animals. It can also constitute a health hazard – discarded food can attract vermin and carelessly dropped cigarettes can start fires (especially in the hot dry weather we've had this summer).

So, what can we do to keep our village clean?

1. Seems obvious – but don't drop litter! There are lots of bins, please use them!
2. If there is no bin nearby, hang on to your rubbish until you find one, or take it home with you!
3. Don't empty the rubbish out of your car onto the ground outside your window – take it home with you and put it in your bin at home!
4. Educate your children to use the rubbish bins.
5. If you're out and about in the village, take a bag with you and pick up a few bits on the way, every little helps.
6. If you don't want the receipt, don't take it.
7. If you've not won on the scratch card – put it in the bin, don't just throw it on the ground!
8. If you smoke, get yourself a portable ashtray to avoid dropping cigarette ends on the floor.
9. Take re-usable bottles with you when you go out for a walk.
10. Get involved – join in the community litter picks – and bring your kids along too so they can understand the consequences of dropping rubbish.



By Cllr Andy Lapham

### **NEXT LITTER PICK: SUNDAY 16th SEPTEMBER - please join us**

10.30am at the Pavilion - check [www.duntongreenpc.org.uk](http://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk) for details nearer the time

### **RIVERHEAD LIBRARY**

- ◆ **Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time** Every Thursday Morning (Term Time Only) 10.30 to 11.00 for young children. A free event for carers and children under 5. Just come along no need to book.
- ◆ **Computer Buddie** - Thursday Afternoons from 2 until 4pm to help with any computer and iPad queries. (Booking essential).

Riverhead Library, 31 London Road, Riverhead TN13 2BU  
01732 459218 [www.kent.gov.uk/libs](http://www.kent.gov.uk/libs) for the latest service information or follow us on Sevenoaks Libraries Facebook or Twitter



## VACANCY FOR NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

*Dunton Green Parish Council currently has a number of vacancies and so this is your opportunity to be involved!*

Councillors have three main components to their work:

### 1. Decision making

Through meetings and attending committees with other elected members, councillors decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented.

### 2. Monitoring

Councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by keeping an eye on how well things are working.

### 3. Getting involved locally

As local representatives, councillors have responsibilities towards their constituents and local organisations. These responsibilities and duties often depend on what the councillor wants to achieve and how much time is available.



**This is a voluntary position and is unpaid. Training will be funded.**

To be qualified to be co-opted to a parish council a person must be 21 years of age or over, and a British subject or citizen of the Republic of Ireland, and either:

Be a local government elector of the parish,

or have during the whole of the twelve months preceding the day on which s/he is nominated as a candidate occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish;

or her/his principal or only place of work in the twelve months preceding the day on which s/he is nominated as a candidate have been in the area of the parish;

or have resided either in the parish or within 3 miles thereof during the whole of the 12 months preceding the day on which s/he is nominated as a candidate.

**If you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk for further details  
(contact information on page 2).**



# 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 Age UK on  
**01732 454108**

For more information see  
[www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk) or  
[www.duntongreenpc.org.uk](http://www.duntongreenpc.org.uk)



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**JOIN US AS A GUEST OR GET INVOLVED AS A VOLUNTEER—WE'RE A REALLY FRIENDLY BUNCH!**

# RIGHTS OF WAY Improvement Plan

2018 - 2028

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

## Have your say!

Our draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan outlines our objectives for Kent's Public Rights of Way network and wider public access for the next 10 years.

We want to hear your views - visit [www.kent.gov.uk/rightsofwayimprovementplan](http://www.kent.gov.uk/rightsofwayimprovementplan) for more details and to complete the online questionnaire.



[kent.gov.uk/rightsofwayimprovementplan](http://kent.gov.uk/rightsofwayimprovementplan)  
20 June - 12 September 2018

To request hard copies or alternative formats of any consultation materials, please email [alternativeformats@kent.gov.uk](mailto:alternativeformats@kent.gov.uk) or telephone 03000 421553 (text relay service number: 18001 03000 421553). This number goes to an answer machine which is monitored during office hours.



## VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & LOCAL LISTINGS

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Dunton Green Parish Council  | 01732 462966; clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk            |
| Dunton Green Pavilion Bookings   | 07305 814 694; bookings@duntongreenpc.org.uk        |
| <b>Taking place in Dunton Green Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Off London Road</b> |   |
| Age UK Lunch Club  | 01732 454108  |
| Holistic Core Restore  | 07868 129949; jo@radiantpersonaltraining.co.uk      |
| Over 55s Social Club   | 07818 081 003                                       |
| Pilates (Bryony Tilley)  | 07973 345 321                                       |
| Pilates (Olivia Lerner)  | 07434 678100  |
| Play Place Youth Club  | info@playplace.org                                  |
| Stay & Play (KCC)  | 03000 421 137                                       |
| Street Dance (Youth)   | 01732 227000  |
| Taekwon-Do (Oaks Martial Arts)   | 01732 759988; info@oaksmartialarts.com              |
|  | Ross 07715 441 991; Lisa 07495 799 986;             |
| YICZ Youth Club  | yicz_club@hotmail.com                               |
| <b>Taking place in Dunton Green Recreation Ground, Off London Road</b>           |   |
| Kick Kent  | keir@nkcc.org.uk                                    |
| Easy Netball   | 01732 227000  |
| Backyard Bootcamp  | 07803 050 431; enquiries@backyardbootcamps.co.uk    |
| <b>Taking Place in Dunton Green Venues (other)</b>                               |   |
| <b>Donnington Hall, Barretts Road</b>  | Mrs J Field 01732 462429; www.donningtonhall.co.uk  |
| Dunton Green Pre School  | 07982 677 676; duntongreenpreschool@live.co.uk      |
| Tamz Tai Chi   | 07792 479 772; tamztaichi@gmail.com                 |
| <b>Village Hall, London Road</b>   | Mrs A Rodwell 01732 469610; www.dgvillagehall.co.uk |
| DG School of Ballroom Dancing  | David & Sandra Coppen; 07808 540 315                |
| Knitting Group   | 01959 525569  |
| <b>Other Organisations and activities</b>  |   |
| Bessels Green Baptist Church   | 01732 454921; info@bgbc.co.uk                       |
| 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       |
| Faithworks   | Judy Collins 01732 750439; 07790 281 462            |
| 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 emergency; www.kent.police.uk              |
| Mind West Kent   | 01732 744950; www.westkentmind.org.uk               |
| Sevenoaks Chronicle - Village Column   | duntongreencommunity@gmail.com                      |
| Sevenoaks District Council   | 01732 227000; www.sevenoaks.gov.uk                  |
| Sevenoaks Volunteer Transport Group  | 01732 458931; www.sevenoaksvolunteertransport.com   |
| St Mary's Riverhead & Dunton Green   | 01732 455736; stmaryriverhead@gmail.com             |
| West Kent Mediation  | 01732 469696; theoffice@wkm.org.uk                  |
| 3rd Sevenoaks (Riverhead & DG) Scout Group                                       | www.3rdsevenoaks.org.uk                             |

We hope you find this list of local activities and organisations useful. We would love to include more so please email clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk to make suggestions or to be included. The list can also be found on the Parish Council's website: www.duntongreenpc.org.uk

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"I am delighted with changes we have seen since Getting IT Working has managed our IT" **Penge Churches Housing**

"We now have a robust IT system that works for us" **Marketing Pro Group**

