

DUNTON GREEN NEWS

Dunton Green Parish Council

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Photo credit: Trish Maddox 'Life for a bumble bee in Dunton Green'

Spring and all that comes with it is on the horizon & everyone at DGPC is looking forward to a great 2018!

In this issue you'll find information on how to report crime, new bus services and new activities being organised in the village for YOU, so why not give something a try?



Dunton Green Parish Council
Working for a Better Community in Dunton Green

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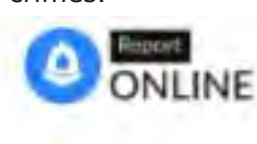
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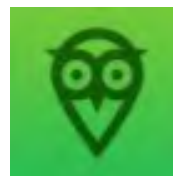
Chair's Update

Coming up to Christmas we had a spike of criminal activity and anti-social behaviour in the village. I attend regular meetings with the police and SDC. However, unless crimes are reported to 101 there is nothing that can be done. So rather than having a rant on social media about things that have happened *please* take the time to ring 101. If you think you know who is responsible then contact 101 and ask to speak to our PCSOs and they will contact you directly. If you are reluctant to phone 101 there are other ways of reporting crimes.



The easy way to report a crime, incident or non-injury collision in minutes. Go to www.kent.police.uk/report You will receive your confirmation email and reference number immediately. See page 31 for more details.

The Country Eye app is now available to download for free on iPhone and Android. A few simple steps can make a difference. Snap a photo of the suspicious behaviour, incidents or concerns. State where you are or use your phone's built in GPS location.



Crimestoppers are an independent charity helping law enforcement to locate criminals and help solve crimes. You don't have to give them your name or any of your personal details. They do not trace calls or track IP addresses. All information given to Crimestoppers remains completely anonymous.

The Parish Council has upgraded its CCTV system which now includes a vehicle number plate recognition camera. These have already been helpful in the arrest of some youngsters causing distress with anti-social behaviour.

Since the last newsletter there has been a large planning application under consideration to develop another 35 homes on the Ryewood estate. Like us all, I thought it would have been nice to have the promised medical centre but that was always out of the hands of the Parish Council or Berkeley Homes. If permission is granted for the new application, the Parish Council will be delighted that 40% of the new development will be affordable shared ownership housing which allows those who are priced out of the local property market to get a step onto the local property ladder.

As any of you who either live or visit the Ryewood estate will know, parking has been an issue.

Cont...

...Chair's Update



Following some initial comments, including those from DGPC, there has been an amendment to the latest application to include an additional 6 parking spaces. Still too few when the whole estate is taken into consideration and the Parish Council will continue to seek as much parking as possible with any new homes in the village, not just Ryewood.

The latest Council Tax bills will be arriving soon. The Parish Council precept is a tax charged on each property in the parish to fund all the activities that the council undertakes for the benefit of the community. It is part of the charges that make up your Council Tax bill.

DGPC recently carried out a detailed analysis of our projected income and expenditure taking into account future projects and activities including an additional member of staff, continued financial support of



youth and older people's activities and improvements to storage available at the Pavilion. A draft budget for 2018/19 was prepared by the Clerk and a 3.0% increase in the Parish Council Precept, based upon the ONS inflation forecast, was suggested. The Parish Council agreed to this

increase for 2018/19 which equates to an increase in real terms of £2.93 per Band D household for the year.

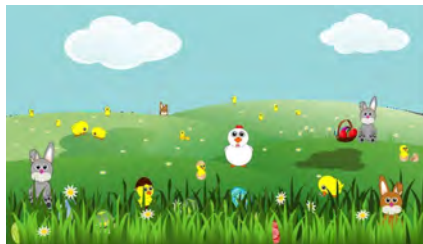
The other charges included in your Council Tax are also proposed to increase. Kent County Council by 4.99%, Kent Police by 7.83%, Kent Fire and Rescue Service by 2.95% and Sevenoaks District Council by 2.97%.

As detailed elsewhere in the newsletter, new local clubs and activities are starting. The Over 55's lunch club has been running for a while now but we're not seeing any new faces. I know it can be daunting turning up to a room full of strangers so if you'd like one of our community workers to come and bring you along to your first meeting, just give them a ring. They are always happy to help.

Have a lovely Easter break.

Freda England

Chair of Dunton Green Parish Council





New Arriva bus services in Sevenoaks

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Introducing the brand new Sevenoaks 1 & 2 services:

- Both services will run every 30 minutes
- Service 1 will run between Sevenoaks, Dunton Green and Ryewood, replacing the 402 section of that route
- Service 2 will run between Sevenoaks, Bat & Ball, Seal, Kemsing and Noah's Ark, replacing Service 452

●●●● Occasional journeys
●●● Sevenoaks Zone
● Railway Station
● Hospital
● School/University/ Academy



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valid from 11 March 2018

INTRODUCTION TO YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

This month let's meet:



TIM FOX

I have lived in Dunton Green for over twelve years and after retiring I felt it would be good to get involved in the local community.

I spent most of my working life in education but have also been involved in overseas recruitment and property development. I have been the Head of a school for children with emotional and behaviour problems; a member of a PTA of a grammar school; a school governor and quartermaster to a local British Legion. I am very interested in all sports and in the long & distant past played county rugby.

My thoughts about life:

- Two 'IF's one good, one bad! Bad 'IF': Do not use the big word 'IF' - it is destructive and pointless (e.g. *IF* I had done this or *IF* I had done that!) Good 'IF': *IF* you want to achieve something then go for it. You're not a failure if you do not get there, you are a success because you have tried!
- Be kind to people.

ANNIE NORTON

Hello, I'm Annie. I live in Dunton Green and am a new-comer, having moved here in September 2016. I decided to join the Parish Council as I wanted to get to know my village better and to influence relevant local decisions. I am particularly interested in protecting the wonderful countryside that we have around us and in contributing appropriate feedback to planning applications affecting the area.

I enjoy living here very much and feel as though I have 'come home' since I grew up in SE London and have moved back to Kent from Essex. One of things that I would like to invite villagers to consider doing is to take a spare plastic bag with you when you go out walking. That way, you can pick up any rubbish you might come upon (obviously only if it looks safe to do so, so you need to use your judgement and common sense!) - you'll be doing your bit to get rid of litter en-route which can go in the nearest bin on your way or you could put in your bin when you get back home. I try to do this when I go out walking because I believe that we can all do something to help keep our environment looking as lovely as possible.

I'd also say, come along to one of the meetings and see what's involved if you are curious and might consider joining us. I've been made very welcome and we certainly have some fun whilst getting through the monthly agenda. I work full-time and lead a very busy life but I am able to get to these evening meetings at the Pavilion - the tea and biscuits are very welcome too!



We'll 'reveal' Annie in the next issue!

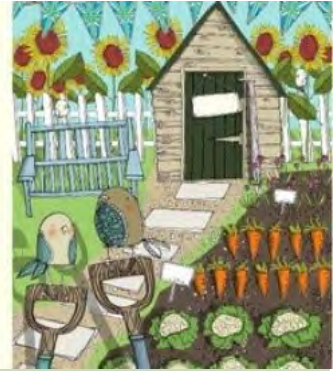
Please see page 32 to meet another of our councillors and for District and County Councillor details

PARISH COUNCIL ALLOTMENTS

The Parish Council currently has one half size plot available for rent.



If you are interested in taking on a plot please contact the Clerk for more details: 01732 462966 / clerk@duntongreenpc.org.uk.



Sevenoaks Chronicle - Community

If you have any events or information that you would like advertising why not contact Anthony Carrol so that he can include this in the Dunton Green community column in the Chronicle. Due to print deadlines information is needed at least two weeks in advance so please send him the details as soon as you have them!

duntongreencommunity@gmail.com

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.



Help is on hand from your local Mind

www.westkentmind.org.uk

01732 744950

Information given, volunteers welcome and donations needed.

We're here to make sure anyone with a mental health problem has somewhere to turn for advice and support.



The AgeUK Dunton Green Lunch Club: Update

I thought I'd let you know about Wednesday 6th December when we had our Christmas Lunch. Eight volunteers were in attendance to cater for all the guests plus Kathryn, the Community Development officer. I was only sacked twice that day, so I must be getting better at my waiting skills!

The event started with bubbly for all - I got sprayed with a bottle! As it was a Christmas Lunch we were delighted to welcome children from the Dunton Green Primary School choir who attended to sing traditional Christmas songs, with many of the guests joining in.

There was a delicious Christmas Dinner themed three-course meal. The starter was a firm favourite - Prawn Cocktail. The main course was a traditional roast turkey meal with all the trimmings and dessert was a Christmas pudding served with brandy butter. This was all followed by after dinner mints and tea & coffee. Our compliments to the chef! As a special treat there was no charge for the Christmas Lunch, thanks to support from Age Concern.

The Lunch Club finished with a free raffle with fifteen guests winning a prize. Cheryl was rather embarrassed when she drew her own number – oops! And all guests were given a handmade Christmas card and a goody bag to take home.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the food and the occasion - many have returned since!

As always, the event was a collaborative effort by local volunteers and Age Concern supported by the Community Development Workers from Sevenoaks District Council and the Parish Council.

Dunton Green Pavilion is a great venue for these regular social gatherings and the guests have been a pleasure to see each month. We will continue the lunch clubs on the first Wednesday of each month throughout 2018 and we would welcome any new guests.

We would also like other volunteers to join our team. It is a perfect opportunity to meet new people and work together on a very satisfying project.

For more details about how to volunteer, to confirm that you will be attending as a guest or to book transport please call Age UK on 01732 454108. Dates & information can be found on DGPC's website too.

Cllr Tim Fox

Dunton Green

Older People's Lunch Club

First Wednesday of the month | 11.45am | Price £4

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



For more information or to
book transport, please call:
Age UK on 01732 454108



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



Yulia

Your Local Community Update



Kathryn



NEW TO DUNTON GREEN - Tamz Tai Chi

First session ONLY £5

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 into your Tai Chi journey.

Sessions are open to everyone aged over 18, so whether you are young or young at heart, you will be warmly welcomed.

Age: Over 18's

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 see www.tamsdomain.co.uk/tamztaichi, call 07792 479772 or email tamztaichi@gmail.com

Tamz Tai Chi

Starting 25 February 2018
Sundays 10am to 11am

£8 per session
Donnington Hall, Dunton Green, TN13 2UN
(For over 18s)

First session just £5

For more information please call 07792479772 or email tamztaichi@gmail.com

Tamz Tai Chi

Sevenoaks



8-12s Project Dunton Green

This weekly club for children aged 8-12 offers young people a safe place to meet friends where the focus is about encouraging acceptable behaviour and responsibility whilst having fun.



Places to live. Space to grow.

Young people will participate in a wide range of activities and in the process children will develop their self confidence.

When: Every Monday

Time: 3.30-5.30pm

Cost: £2 per week

Where: Dunton Green Pavilion, Recreation Ground

For more information and to refer someone to the project please contact West Kent Communities on 01732 749945

Easy Netball

Easy Netball began in March 2017 and has been enjoyed by over 40 people since it started.

To celebrate its first year the group have arranged their first friendly match on 7th March to mark the occasion.

If you would like to support Dunton Green please contact Community Development Officers Yulia and Kathryn on 01732 227000 or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk.

New members are always welcome and the sessions are designed for people who have never played before, have not played since being at school or would just like to practise their skills.

There is no pressure to attend every week. Just come along when you can.



Age: Everyone + 14 is welcome to attend

When: Every Wednesday

Time: 6.30 pm to 7.30pm

Cost: £2 pay as you go

Where: Dunton Green Recreation Ground



For more information or to enquire about spaces, please call us on 01732 227000 or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk

Dunton Green

Street Dance

Classes for 8 to 16 year olds

Every Wednesday, 5.15pm to 6.45pm (term time only)

Dunton Green Pavilion, off London Road, Dunton Green, TN13 2UR

£3.50 per session (discount available for whole term booking)



To book your place, please call 01732 227000
or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk



Street Dance NEW for 2018

This class now runs for 1½ hours and is fantastic value at £3.50 per session with a discount for anyone paying for the whole term upfront.

Classes are held at the Dunton Green Pavilion and are open to children aged 8 to 16. This fun and welcoming class is attended by both boys and girls and there's no need to book, just turn up.



New members are always welcome.

Age: 8 to 16 year olds

When: Wednesday (term time only)

Time: 5:15 to 6:45pm

Cost: £3.50 per person per class (discount if whole term paid in advance).

Where: Dunton Green Pavilion, Recreation Ground.

For more information please call 01732 227000 or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk

There are now numerous events and activities in Dunton Green but if you have ideas about other activities that you would like to see (and get involved with) please do contact Kathryn & Yulia, the Community Development Workers for Dunton Green

Call 01732 227000 or send an email to communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk

Knitting Group

A small friendly group would like to welcome more members to join them for knitting, crochet or any craft that you like doing.

Every 2nd Friday of each month, 10am to 1pm
at Dunton Green Village Hall

For more information please call 01959 525569



www.playplaceinnov8.org



Dunton Green

Activity Sessions For Young People

Every Monday (School terms times)

New Themes every half term:

- Crafts
- Sport
- Photography
- Film making
- Dance
- Theatre



6.30pm to 8.15pm
at

Dunton Green Pavilion (Recreation Ground)

For children and young people 8 to 16

Email - info@playplace.org



Contact Play Place or see the Parish Council's website for details of dates.

Simon Bloy Ltd T/A



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Sevenoaks District
Community Safety Partnership

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Community Safety News

Can you do the Digital Sunset Challenge?



Government Minister helps young people turn off their phones

Around 2,000 local school children took part in a challenge to turn off their phones and devices in the evening before they go to bed.

Government Minister, Sajid Javid MP, launched the Digital Sunset Challenge on 5 February at Sevenoaks Primary School with the help of Year 6 pupils a day before National Safer Internet Day. The scheme encourages young people to switch off their electronic devices before bedtime to help develop a lifetime of good digital habits.



We all know mobile phones and other devices offer great opportunities for learning, creativity and, above all, having fun. But there's huge pressure on young people to stay connected online at all times.

Using their devices before bed or having a smartphone in the bedroom has been shown to disrupt sleep, making it much harder to develop and learn.



The scheme invites school children and their families to put smart phones away early in the evening and, during the Challenge week, make a note of the time they stopped using their devices, when they went to bed and how they felt the next day.

The Community Safety Manager, PCSOs and Community Warden attended assemblies at 19 participating schools taking part in the Digital Sunset Challenge. The assemblies were fun and engaging and the schools rolled it out across the whole school. One school delivered in house. The primary schools that took part were:-

Solefield	St Bartholomew's	Penshurst	The Granville
St Thomas	Weald Community	Crockenhill	Churchill Primary
Fawkham	Sevenoaks Prep	Crockham Hill	Radnor School
Sevenoaks	St Katherine's	Horton Kirby	West Heath
St Boltolphs	Edenbridge	Seal	

The Digital Sunset Challenge was founded by Cllr Anna Firth and local writer and journalist Linden Kemkaran and was funded and supported by the Council and the Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership. For information and how to get involved, e-mail community.safey@sevenoaks.gov.uk



Tackling Burglary in the District

A number of people have been arrested for separate burglary offences in just over a month as officers in West Kent continue to disrupt and deter criminals in the area.

Since mid-December 2017, officers have made arrests in an effort to prevent residents becoming victims of burglaries, with examples of enforcement including **Freddie Webb** of Worthing, West Sussex, was arrested on **Friday 29 December 2017** and charged with a burglary in **Sevenoaks**. He was remanded in custody and will appear at Maidstone Crown Court on Monday 18 June.

Four men from Sidcup and Dartford were arrested after a car was stolen from an address in **Hextable** on **Monday 18 December**. All four were bailed to return to the police station on Thursday 15 February.

Chief Inspector Tony Dyer, District Commander for Sevenoaks and Swanley, said: 'Our officers have been alert to the activities of local burglars and travelling criminals and have been patrolling at all hours to counter the threat they pose.'



'Uniformed officers have provided a visible deterrent on key roads and estates and investigators have ensured forensic and CCTV opportunities have been pursued where offences have been committed. Several suspected burglars, including a number who have travelled into the area to offend, have been apprehended and will face the courts.'

'Where suspects have been charged, our investigators have sought to remand them to prison to await their court case, where the grounds exist. However, we are not complacent and are determined to protect our communities from offenders as best we can in forthcoming weeks. We would ask residents to assist us by keeping doors and windows secure, keeping car keys away from the front door of the house overnight and alerting us on 101 or 999 if they see anybody acting suspiciously.'

There's still time to get involved in the Big Community Sing

Choirs, quartets, rock and acapella groups and glee clubs are invited to showcase their musical talents at the 'Big Community Sing' concert next summer.

This event takes place at the Stag Theatre in Sevenoaks on **Thursday 21 June** from 7pm. Singing groups can enter for free. Application forms are available by emailing communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk or calling 01732 227000. Successful applicants will be notified by **Thursday 1 March 2018**.

Tickets to watch the Big Community Sing cost £5 with the funds being used to support local mental health services. Tickets go on sale from 1 April 2018 at the Stag Box Office.

www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/publicsafety | Follow us on twitter @SDC_CSP

For extra copies of this newsletter, copies in large print or different languages please call 01732 227000 and ask for a member of the Community Safety Team.

DUNTON GREEN PAVILION

We are very lucky to have numerous venues on our doorstep here in Dunton Green. These are where you'll find all sorts of events and activities going on. There's the Village Hall, Donnington Hall (Barretts Road - B), Dunton Green Social Club (London Road - B), Dunton Green Primary School and various pubs and bars.



Primary School and various pubs and bars.

The newest venue in Dunton Green is the Dunton Green Pavilion. It is the location of the new sports and leisure facility and the new community centre. We are the custodian of such a special place.

DUNTON GREEN

NOT TO SCALE



We accept private bookings for parties and functions as well as enquiries from commercial businesses and groups wanting to run activities.

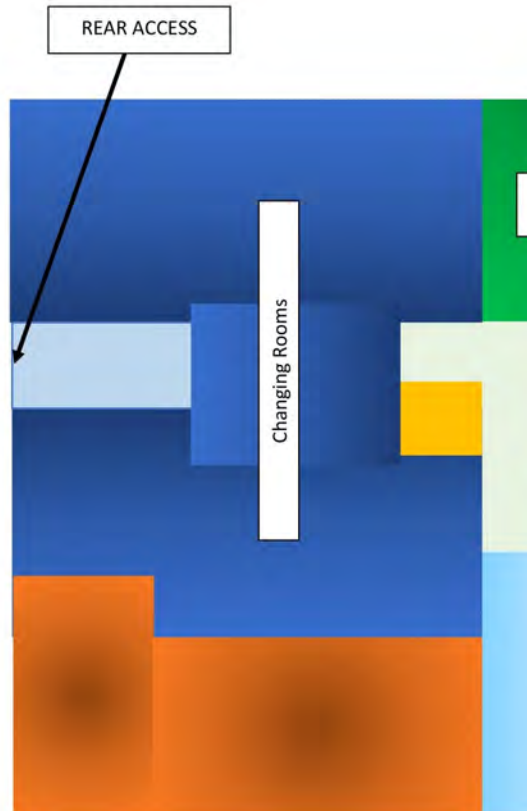
If you're thinking about having a party please do consider us.

And if you are thinking about setting up a community group, need somewhere to hold a small meeting or have an idea that you'd like to take forward then why not talk to us and we can look at availability.



DUNTON GREEN
PARISH COUNCIL

We look forward to seeing you soon!



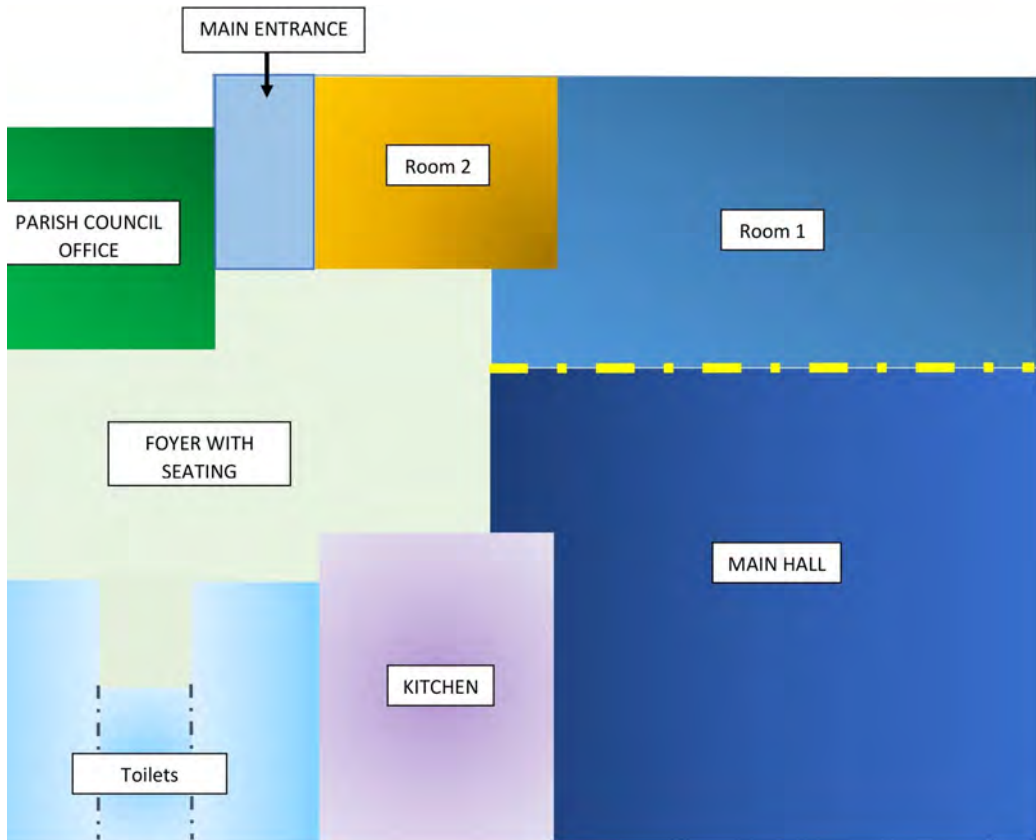
Green. They can be hired and
 Village Hall (London Road - A),
 C) as well as Dunton Green
 (London Road) plus our
 and hotels!



venue in the village - Dunton
 - is located in the Recreation Ground and is the
 Parish Council's office. It's a really excellent
 Parish Council is very proud that it is the
 which is a community asset



GREEN PAVILION – FLOOR PLAN





Kingswood Road - On Tuesday 31st October between 7:00pm and 9:00pm. A wing mirror was damaged on a VW Polo parked in the road.

Kingswood Road - Between 9:00pm on Tuesday 31st October and 3:00am on Wednesday 1st of November. Damage was caused to a vehicle parked in the road.

Barretts Road - Between 12:01am on Wednesday 1st November and 11:59pm on Friday 10th of November. A residential outbuilding has been broken into.

London Road - On Friday 17th November between 12:01am and 3:30am. A shed at a residential property was broken into.

Kingswood Road - On Sunday 19th November around 1:20pm. A garden strimmer was stolen from the front of a property.

London Road - Between 7:00pm on Sunday 19th November and 12:50pm on Thursday 23rd of November. A Ford had its window smashed although it was parked on the rear driveway.

Rye Lane - Between 4:00pm on Sunday 19th November and 4:00pm on Monday 20th of November. A vehicle parked in the road was broken into.

Rye Lane - On Monday 20th November between 8:50am and 12:05pm. A vehicle parked in the road was broken into.

Rye Lane - On Monday 20th November between 8:50am and 12:05pm. A vehicle parked in the road was broken into. This was on a residential development still being completed.

Woodland Road - Between 9:00pm on Wednesday 22nd November and 5:00am on Thursday 23rd of November. Some low value items and a laptop has been stolen from an Audi A5. The vehicle was parked in a designated bay outside the home address.

London Road - On Thursday 23rd November around 12:28am. Someone attempted to break into a residential property but was disturbed by the resident and left.

Station Road - Between 4:30pm on Friday 24th November and 12:30am on Saturday 25th of November. Damage was caused to a vehicle parked in the road.

Rye Lane - On Friday 1st December between 5:00am and 8:30am. A shed at a residential property was broken into.

Hillfield Place - On Friday 1st December around 7:00pm. Damage was caused to a property due to an object hitting it.

Anthony Close - Between 11:00pm on Thursday 28th December and 8:00am on Friday 29th of December. A shed at a residential property was broken into. A Carrera bicycle was stolen.

Hillfield Road - Between 1:00pm on Wednesday 27th December and 8:00am on Thursday 28th of December. A residential property was broken into. Still awaiting list of stolen property.

Mill Road - On Friday 29th December around 3:14am. A shed at a residential property was broken into.

Barretts Road - Between 12:01am on Wednesday 10th January and 12:01am on Thursday 11th of January. A black/silver wheelbarrow was stolen from a residential garden.

Barretts Road - Between 12:01am on Wednesday 10th January and 12:01am on Thursday 11th of January. A bench was stolen from a residential garden.

Pounsley Road - On Saturday 13th January between 9:20pm and 9:45pm. A motor scooter was stolen from where it was secured to a lamppost and later found burnt out.

London Road - Between 6:00pm on Friday 2nd February and 9:00am on Saturday 3rd of February. A garden fence at a property was damaged by an unknown offender.

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



RECEIVED BY DGPC FOR COMMENT:

17/02392/HOUSE 30 Kingswood Road

Two storey and single storey rear extension

DGPC - Support

SE/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 Comment Only- Having deliberated, the Parish Council can neither support nor object to the application but wishes to make comments about concerns that it has in two key areas: the ratio of affordable housing across the full Ryewood development and parking across the development. This proposal does incorporate 40% affordable housing. Whilst this is commendable, the Parish Council would have liked to have seen a much higher proportion in this application to go some way to redressing the reduced allocation (20%) of affordable housing that was negotiated for the rest of the development on the grounds that it was uneconomic to provide 40% across the development. When the District is crying out for smaller, affordable homes this was an opportunity to make a more significant contribution towards affordable housing stock. With regard to parking, this new proposal does go beyond the unrealistically low parking allocations that must be met by the developer. However, there are already significant issues on the development in relation to the lack of parking provided and a scheme to provide more parking for the current development would have been welcomed.

AMENDED PARISH CONSULTATION Amended plans showing an increase in the number of parking spaces and an updated ecology survey work.

DGPC-Object plus Comments: Whilst the Parish Council accepts that parking provision for this application has been increased (as a response, presumably, to the high volume of comments and concerns raised in relation to the original version of this application), there is still an acute shortage of parking provision across the development as a whole. The Parish Council would like to see further parking increases to help alleviate the constraints already affecting current residents of Ryewood.

SE/18/00277/HOUSE Broughton Carriage House London Road

Demolition of existing wall. Erection of a single storey rear extension, loft conversion to the side/middle. Erection of new wall and relocation of side gate. Alterations to fenestration.

DGPC-Support

SE/17/03982/CONVAR 24A Hillfield Road

Removal of condition 7 (garage shall be kept for parking at all times) and variation of condition 8 (approved plans) of application reference 17/00293/ FUL to convert garage into habitable use and amend the approved plans.

DGPC-Object plus Comments: Parking provision for what is now proposed as a three-bed dwelling (as opposed to the two-bed dwelling that was granted planning permission in 2017) is insufficient. The condition regarding the garage and that it be kept for parking at all times was imposed for a good reason. Permission granted for a new crossover does not negate this parking need nor does it override the original concerns or reasons for this condition.

SE/17/03947/HOUSE The Coach House London Road

Demolition of two existing outbuildings and erection of a single storey rear extension.

DGPC - Object

Cont...

PLANNING (for full details visit the planning tracker on the [DGPC website](#))

- www.duntongreenpc.org.uk)

RECEIVED BY DGPC FOR COMMENT:

17/03423/FUL Great Dunton Farm House London Road

Proposed dropped kerb

DGPC - Object

17/03690/HOUSE 1 Meadow View London Road

Vehicle crossover, hard standing and path to property

DGPC-Support

17/03952/HOUSE 24 The Sidings

Erection of a single storey side extension (subsequently amended to: Erection of a single storey rear extension)

DGPC- No comment

SE/17/03904/HOUSE 9 Donnington Road

Erection of a two-storey rear extension. Alterations to fenestration.

DGPC - Objection

SE/17/03948/HOUSE Wingfield Morants Court Road

Dropped kerb

DGPC- Comments Only: The applicant already has an existing dropped kerb and access on the eastern boundary. It is not clear from the application as to why another access point is required. If the intention is to close up the existing access and open up anew access point further from the bend in the road then there would be support for this from the Parish Council as the new entrance would have better visibility splays.

SE/18/00079/HOUSE Midway London Road

Increase ridge height to accommodate room in the roof with gable to rear and single storey rear extension. *DGPC- Comments Only: There have been numerous planning applications over the last 13 years, some refused, some granted, some implemented, some not. The changes to the roofline in this latest application are significant and will result in a very unusual roofline. Will the dwelling be in keeping with other properties if the proposal is approved? The Parish Council has some concerns but does not think it has material grounds on which to object.*

SE/18/00118/FUL Taj Tandoori 118 London Road

Single storey glazed conservatory extension to restaurant; Reconstruction of existing timber outbuildings; External decoration and reconstruction of existing flat roofs.

DGPC- Support (with comments) Whilst in principle the Parish Council supports the proposed application there are a few concerns which the Parish Council would expect SDC Planning Officers to look into. Namely: a) Is Taj Tandoori the owner of the land on which the conservatory side extension is planned? There are recollections that the area which is now planted with shrubbery was once part of a wider pavement area. Could the ownership of the land be confirmed) Concern about the advisability of the car park space at the rear to the corner of the plot, whereby vehicles will have to exit & enter the space on a corner / junction.

SE/18/00116/HOUSE 201 London Road

Demolish existing standalone garage and conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension & integrated side garage. Existing crossover to be widened.

DGPC-Support.

SE/18/00218/HOUSE 19 Mill Road

Proposed garage conversion into habitable accommodation

DGPC-Support

NOTIFICATIONS OF DECISIONS:

Granted: 17/01767/FUL Land North of West Kent Cold Store Rye Lane [known locally as Ryewood woodland] Hard and soft landscaping works including the formation of paths and gated pedestrian entry points. *DGPC-Comments Only*

Refused: 17/02535/FUL-Land East of Road South of M25 Morants Court Road New cross over, hard-standing & gates to form new access onto site from London Road. *DGPC- Object*

Granted: SE/17/03371/HOUSE 3 Plummers Croft Erection of a single storey rear extension with roof light. *DGPC - Support*

Granted: SE/17/03625/HOUSE 211 London Road Erection of an orangery to the rear. *DGPC-Support*

Granted: SE/17/03947/HOUSE The Coach House London Road Demolition of two existing outbuildings and erection of a single storey rear extension. *DGPC - object*

Refused: 17/03690/HOUSE 1 Meadow View London Road: Vehicle crossover, hard standing and path to property. *DGPC-Support*



Sevenoaks District is the local Planning Authority. All queries relating to planning should be made direct to SDC on 01732 227000 or www.sevenoaks.gov.uk

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT IF...

...I NEED THE POLICE?

Dial **999** if there is threat to life or a crime is in progress.

Call **101** for all non-emergency matters.

PCSO Amy Hardy or **PCSO Ellie Collins** Telephone **101** or Email: 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 you will need to 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

...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.) or by **calling SDC on 01732 227000**.



PARISH COUNCIL EVENTS : DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

Sunday March 18th - Litter Pick 10.30am Pavilion

**Wednesday March 21st - Annual Parish Meeting & Parish Reception
7.00pm Pavilion**

Tuesday April 10th - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

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

Saturday May 19th - Freighter (Bulk Waste Collection)

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

Tuesday July 10th - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion

Tuesday July 31st - Family Fun Day Recreation Ground

Saturday August 11th - Freighter (Bulk Waste Collection)

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

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

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

Saturday November 17th - Freighter (Bulk Waste Collection)

More details on planned events will become available via the Email Alerts from the Parish Council's website including information about many of the regular activities that are being run for the community — go to www.duntongreenpc.org.uk and sign up to keep up to date and informed

DO YOU REALLY NEED TO GO TO A&E?

As well as living in Dunton Green, I work locally within the NHS. It will come as no surprise to readers that the winter is a particularly difficult time: resources are stretched, we have an ageing population, cold weather exacerbates various conditions and there are even more falls when it is icy outside.



During the period between Christmas and the New Year, I went and worked alongside clinical colleagues within our A&E department. I wanted to learn more about what goes on, to lend a hand and to talk to members of staff about their experiences at this time of year.

It was a fascinating experience and I very much appreciated the chance to better understand the issues.



One thing that stood out immediately was just how busy members of staff were dealing with the sheer number of people in attendance. Most certainly, a considerable number were ill enough to need emergency treatment, but from my discussions with staff, a fair few simply did not need to be there.

There are various other avenues for situations that are not an emergency or the kind of accident that merits a visit to A&E. You can look up the alternatives, using your post-code: <https://www.nhs.uk/pages/home.aspx> **NHS** choices

Some useful tips are:

Talk to your local Pharmacist (you can find out which ones are open late on the internet)



Book an appointment at your GP surgery which might be with a practice nurse, not necessarily a doctor.



When it's not an emergency and it's out-of-hours for your GP surgery but you need medical help more urgently, you can dial 111, rather than 999 - you will be assessed, given advice and directed straightaway to the local service that can help you best

There are Urgent Care Centres at:

- ⇒ Sevenoaks Hospital
- ⇒ Edenbridge War Memorial Hospital
- ⇒ Queen Mary's Hospital in Sidcup

A little further a-field, there is White Horse Surgery & Walk-in Centre, off Vale Road in Northfleet which may well be considerably less busy than A&E and a Minor Injuries Unit at Gravesend Hospital.

If each of us does what we can to use the different parts of the NHS system as appropriately and effectively as possible, I know first-hand just how grateful the staff, and patients with genuine emergencies who need to be seen in A&E, will all be.



Cllr Annie Norton



RESIDENTS OF DUNTON GREEN

AN
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TO
THE DUNTON GREEN ANNUAL
PARISH MEETING
&
PARISH COUNCIL RECEPTION

WEDNESDAY 21ST MARCH 2018 7PM

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Any items or articles for possible inclusion in the next issue of this magazine must be forwarded to
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Dunton Green Pavilion,
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1st MAY 2018

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ABANDONED VEHICLE?

If you believe a vehicle has been abandoned in Dunton Green please report it to Sevenoaks District Council in the first instance on 01732 227000.



They will then follow the procedures outlined below:

Sevenoaks District Council, as an enforcing authority, has powers to deal with abandoned vehicles as set out in various pieces of legislation.

The Council has responsibility for investigating any reported abandoned vehicles within its area - even those on private land. However, in certain circumstances SDC may not be able to remove them.

When SDC receives reports, the first thing they do is check with the DVLA to see if the vehicle is taxed or declared SORN (has a Statutory Off Road Notice). They also check with the police to see if they have any interest in the vehicle. An officer from Sevenoaks District Council may then inspect the vehicle to see if, in their opinion, it appears to be abandoned. They will take various things into consideration when reaching that decision including whether the vehicle is taxed or declared SORN, its condition (e.g. are the tyres flat, has it been vandalised), its location and whether it appears to have been in the same position for any length of time.



If the vehicle is not taxed, is on the Highway and the officer considers it appears to have been abandoned, they will affix a notice to it giving the keeper 7 days to tax or remove it. If there is no contact from the keeper and it is still there after 7 days and has not been taxed, the Council can have the vehicle removed. However, if a keeper comes forward and states that

the vehicle is not abandoned, then the Council has no legal powers to remove it. This then becomes an enforcement issue for the DVLA to deal with.

If the vehicle is not taxed and has not been declared SORN and is on private land without the landowner's permission and the officer considers it may have been abandoned, they will affix a notice giving the keeper 15 days to remove the vehicle. If there is no contact from the keeper and it is still there after 15 days, the Council can have the vehicle removed providing the landowner agrees to this. However, if the keeper comes forward and states the vehicle has not been abandoned, then the Council has no legal powers to remove it. This would then become a private matter for the owner of the land to deal with.

If the vehicle is taxed on the Highway or on private land in addition to putting a notice on the vehicle, the Council will formally write to the keeper on record.

If the vehicle has been declared SORN and is on private land, then the Council has no legal powers to remove it as abandoned.

Contact Sevenoaks District Council on 01732 22700 and check their website (www.sevenoaks.gov.uk - search for 'abandoned vehicles')



Christmas Round-up?!

It may seem like a long time ago now but it's worth looking back at the Christmas period...

The Carols around the Christmas Tree event was held on 18th December and was organised by Paul Lockey with much input from Graham Hersey on a practical level on the day and there was help from other Parish Councillors.

Over a hundred locals joined us for this event which marks the start of the festivities for many. This year there was a mixture of traditional carols and more modern Christmas songs. Live music was supplied by a group from Bessels Green Baptist Church, contrasted with the piped music for the Christmas 'pop' songs. The school choir was unable to come along this year but we'll hopefully see them in 2018. Refreshments were extremely popular - mulled wine and minced pies were served by our Community Development Officers, Kathryn and Yulia – and we ran out...

It was a most enjoyable evening but it could have been a disaster!

The Christmas tree was erected on 2nd December with much needed help from staff at Freelands Tiles and was organised, as usual, by Graham.

However, on the evening of Wednesday 13th December, I had an email informing me that due to gales the Christmas tree had fallen over. Many of the Councillors were not available to reinstate the tree due to work commitments and when I looked at the situation I soon realised that help was needed. This being the case, I went to see Steve of Sevenoaks Landscapes, who lives locally, to ask for some assistance. Steve said his team would reinstate the tree after work on Thursday 14th and, true to his word, Steve's team came along and had the tree up in no time. Steve would not take any payment for this work - there are still some good people in this world! Thanks to Steve and all at Sevenoaks Landscapes for their kind deed and display of Christmas spirit.



Cllr Tim Fox



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VACANCY FOR NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

Dunton Green Parish Council currently has a number of vacancies.

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

Are you a
Local Business or Organisation
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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

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Online Crime Reporting

You can now report crimes online with Kent Police.

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



This service was introduced to help residents have an alternative to calling 101. To help Police in their investigations when you make the report, please ensure you have (if available):

- the date and time of the crime/incident
- details of any stolen or damaged items (ie IMEI number for your mobile, vehicle registration)
- the contact details of any witnesses
- information about any evidence that could help an investigation

Currently it is not possible to upload attachments, this function will be introduced later. There are separate sections within the form for you to add the different information required at this stage.

Once submitted, you'll receive a reference number and a copy of your report (if selected). Please note this service is not to be used for emergencies – that is still 999.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: Did you know...

- ⇒ That if you call **112** from a **MOBILE** phone *instead of 999* the emergency services will have a clearer picture of where you are if you need help?
- ⇒ That you can call 999 from **ANY** phone - even mobiles without a SIM card and you will get through?
- ⇒ That we already have **TWO** Public Access Defibrillators in Dunton Green? *One is located on the outside of the Pavilion building in the recreation ground and the other is outside The Bed Post on the shopping parade.* DGPC also has plans to install a third later this year outside the Village Hall. **ANYONE** can use these in case of emergency and they will only work if they are needed - you can't electrocute yourself or anyone else!

HEROES ASSEMBLE

IT'S TIME TO CLEAN UP THIS COUNTRY!

18 MARCH 2018



**SPARE SOME TIME
ON SUNDAY!**

**Meet us at Dunton Green Pavilion, Recreation Ground
10.30am**



**EVERYONE is very welcome to join us & help
KEEP DUNTON GREEN TIDY**



BE SAFE, BE SEEN

With the long dark evenings upon us it is increasingly important that everyone keeps safe out on the roads and pavements - or rather lack of them in some cases!

There have been reports that young children have been out on their bikes after dark, unsupervised and not lit up properly.

Can parents ensure that children's bikes have working lights if they are planning to use main roads after dark and whenever possible, wear reflective clothing or at least a light coloured garment.

Dog walkers also need to make sure they can be seen.

There has been some speeding through the village by youngsters on motorbikes with no lights on, late in the evening - so please watch out.

Speeding through the Village is an ongoing concern The local PCSOs have been conducting Speedwatch in various areas locally and who knows it may be our turn soon - so please try to keep the speed down.



CIlr Freda England

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