

CHEVENING PARISH WELCOME PACK



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Photo of Chevening House above by Christopher Simon Sykes

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Introduction

Welcome to Chevening Parish, we hope you will be very happy here and feel a part of our community.

This document is provided by the Parish Council to introduce new residents to the range of services and activities that are available in the parish or nearby. The parish stretches from the top of the hill above Chevening village and St Botolph's church in the north to Ide Hill village in the south and from the M25 junction to Witches Lane (where Amherst School is located). We are a Parish with 3 Churches. 5 pubs but no shops. Please note that the businesses mentioned in this pack are for information and in no way form recommendations from the Parish Council

A communication section has been included to give details of other, helpful local publications and resources.

To start you off here are a few key things that may prove useful straight away:

- **Bins** are collected weekly. To view your collection day go to https://selfservice.sevenoaks.gov.uk/do-it-online/ufsmain?formid=REFUSE_COLLECTIONS&ebz=1_1594221798290&ebd=0&ebz=1_1594221798290
- **Recycling** SDC provides black bin bags for household rubbish and clear bin bags for recycling plastic, paper, etc. Glass must be recycled at the bottle banks around the district, such as in Tesco's car park in Riverhead.
- **Garden Waste** Is collected fortnightly https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/info/20000/rubbish_and_recycling/162/garden_waste_collection
- **The A25** section in our parish is extremely busy every day at school drop off and collection times 8 to 9:30am and 3 to 4.30pm. Best avoided if possible.
- There is a **Minor Injuries** Unit at Sevenoaks Hospital that is open from 8am to 8pm every day. It has an X ray machine and treats simple injuries and burns.
- You can report **problems with roads or pavements** to KCC Highways <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>
- **Your Local Services** Sevenoaks District Council publishes this very useful booklet giving an extensive list of the support services available throughout the Sevenoaks District. You can download it by following this link

https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/downloads/download/339/your_local_services

Baby & Toddler GROUP



Church run Parent and Toddler Groups

Baby Plus

<https://bgbc.co.uk/activities/parent-and-toddler/baby-plus/>

Top of the Tots

<https://bgbc.co.uk/activities/parent-and-toddler/top-of-the-tots/>

Tots and Toddlers (Just outside the parish)

<https://www.stmaryriverhead.co.uk/index.php/church-groups/tots-and-toddlers>



CHILD CARE

Nursery Schools and Playgroups

In the Parish:

Chevening School Nursery

<https://www.chevening.kent.sch.uk/chevening-nursery/>

Monique's Day Nursery

moniques.montessori@talktalk.net

Just outside the Parish in Riverhead

Springboard Pre School

springboardpreschool@hotmail.co.uk

Bright Horizons

https://www.brighthorizons.co.uk/our-nurseries/sevenoaks-day-nursery-and-preschool?utm_source=Parent%20Marketing&utm_medium=Referral&utm_campaign=Listing%20-%20GMB

Registered Childminders

Details can be found on www.childcare.co.uk





CHURCHES

There are 3 Places of Worship within the Parish

Baptists

Bessels Green Baptists Church.

Bessels Green Manse
Bessels Green
Sevenoaks
TN13 2PS

Website www.bgbc.co.uk

They host a whole range of activities from mother and toddler groups to a senior lunch club and including several sports. More details can be found on their website.

Church of England

St Botolph's Church Chevening

St Botolph's Church
Chevening Road,
Chevening,
Kent
TN14 6HG

Website www.cheveningchurch.org

They also have regular prayer groups, bell ringing and organise monthly walks. Other events can be found on their website

Unitarians:

Sevenoaks Unitarians

Unitarian Meeting House
5 Westerham Road
Bessels Green
Sevenoaks
TN13 2PX

Website www.sevenoaksunitarians.org

They also have a regular book group and singing meditations. Other events can be found on their website



COMMUNICATION - ELECTRONIC

Parish Council Website

<https://www.cheveningparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

Parish Council Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/Chevening-Parish-Council-333124350228065>

Next Door Chipstead

There is a Next Door page for each area within Sevenoaks.

To join go to <https://nextdoor.co.uk>.

There are also “local” communication initiatives created by Parishioners. Many roads have their own WhatsApp groups

Chipstead Village Facebook Page This is available to Parishioners living within a 1 – 1 ½ mile radius of Chipstead,

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/499964220882674/about>

COMMUNICATION – PAPER

[Chevening News](#) – this is a magazine published quarterly and can be hand delivered or collected from the Bricklayers Arms . It costs £8 a year. Contact cheveningnews@gmail.com

[The Sevenoaks Chronicle](#) – this is our local weekly paper which comes out every Thursday and is available at most newsagents and grocery stores.



Minor Injuries

Minor Injuries Unit, Sevenoaks Hospital,
01732 470200 Hospital
Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 3PG

This unit at Sevenoaks Hospital will
treat:

- suspected broken limbs
- sprains and strains
- minor head injuries
- cuts and grazes
- bites and stings
- minor scalds and burns
- ear and throat infections
- eye problems

It is open from 8am to 8pm every day and
you can just walk in.

Nearest Chemist

Day Lewis Pharmacy Riverhead

2 The Square Riverhead Kent, TN13 2A
01732 45 2452

<https://www.daylewis.co.uk>

Nearest Doctors

Amherst Medical Practice

www.amherstmedicalpractice.co.uk

Town Medical Centre

<http://www.townmedicalcentre.co.uk/>

South Park Medical Practice

<https://www.southparkmedical.nhs.uk/>

St Johns Medical Practice

<https://www.stjohnsmedicalpractice.co.uk/>

The Westerham Practice (Sundridge)

<https://www.thewesterhampractice.co.uk/>

Defibrillators

There are currently 6 defibrillators in Chevening Parish and 2 others nearby.

- Recreation Ground on Chevening Road, TN13 2SA; secured to the front wall of the pavilion and available 24/7.
- Chipstead Common (on the wall of the Football Hut facing Barnfield Road and available 24/7
- Chesterfield Drive (overlooking the lake) and available 24/7
- Bullfinch Pub on London Road, Riverhead, TN13 2DR, available during the pub's opening hours.
- George & Dragon (during opening hours)
- Chipstead Sailing Club is open in their clubhouse.
- Tesco's, Aisher Way, Riverhead, TN13 2QS,
- Riverhead Village Hall, Amherst Hill, TN13 2EL

These are all portable and the machine will talk you through the steps necessary to use it. Please note that manual chest compressions should be started immediately and only be stopped temporarily when the machine tells you not to touch the person in distress and to move away from them so that the required shock can be given



Contact details:

Sevenoaks District Council

01732 227000

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Member of Parliament for Sevenoaks

Laura Trott

laura.trott.mp@parliament.uk

Parish Council

Chevening Parish Council (CPC) www.cheveningparishcouncil.gov.uk

Chairman Nigel Williams 07825 996176

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Clerk Judith Hayton 07981 759255

clerk@cheveningparishcouncil.gov.uk

The council has **monthly meetings** on the first Monday of every month at 7.30pm at the Recreation Ground Pavilion. The public are welcome to attend. Agendas are posted on the Parish notice boards before the meeting and available from the website.

Every April there is an **Annual Assembly** which is well attended by the public. It is normally held on the 4th Monday in April at 7.30pm at the Parish Hall, on Homedean Road TN13 2HZ. A letter from the Chairman and an annual hard copy report is delivered to every home in the Parish before the meeting.

The **Pavilion**, at the Recreation Ground (on Chevening Road TN13 2SA) can be hired for parties and events. It can be booked on the council website choose "Chipstead Pavilion" and "Pavilion Booking" form or email clerk@cheveningparishcouncil.gov.uk

Chevening is Part of Sevenoaks District Council (SDC) – which is comprised of 31 Parish and Town Councils. Information about planning, recycling, transportation, council taxes, etc can be found at www.sevenoaks.gov.uk



The Bricklayers Arms

Pub and Restaurant
39 Chevening Road
Chipstead
Sevenoaks
TN13 2RZ
01732 743424

<http://the-bricklayers-arms.co.uk>



Pubs and Restaurants

The Bullfinch

Pub and restaurant
London Road
Riverhead
Sevenoaks
TN13 2DR
01732 455107

<http://www.destinationinns.co.uk/pubs/bullfinch/>

George and Dragon

Pub and Dining Room
39 High Street
Chipstead
Sevenoaks
TN13 2RW
01732 779 019

<https://georgeanddragonchipstead.com/>

The Kings Head

Pub and Restaurant
Westerham Road
Bessels Green
Sevenoaks
Kent TN13 2QA
01732 452081

<http://kingsheadbesselsgreen.co.uk/>

The Pheasant Plucker

Bessels Green Road
Ide Hill
Kent
TN14 6BU
01732 902300

<https://elitepubs.com/venue/the-pheasant-plucker/>



SPORT

Chipstead Tennis Club,

<https://www.cpltc.co.uk/>

Chipstead Sailing Club

<http://www.chipsteadsc.org.uk/>

Chevening Amblers Cricket Club

<https://cheveningamblers.hitssports.com/>

Chipstead Football Club

<https://chipsteadfc.org.uk/>

Holmesdale Bowling Club

<http://www.holmesdalebowls.org.uk/>

Holmesdale Angling Society

<https://holmesdaleanglingclub.co.uk/>

RECREATION AND CLUBS

Regular Events and Clubs

Parish Walks – take place the first Sunday of every month from 14.15 and are organised by John Gregory 01732 463039 johnabgregory@gmail.com. They can range from about 4-7 miles and are advertised in the Chevening News.

Every Step Counts – well-being walking group every Thursday at 10 am at Chipstead Green, opposite the Bricklayer's Arms, Chevening Road. Just turn up.

Women's Institute

We are fortunate to have two groups in the parish: **Chevening WI & Chipstead WI** <https://www.thewi.org.uk/wis-a-z>

Gardening Chipstead Allotments Association

<https://chipsteadallotment.com/>

Holmesdale Art Group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings at Chipstead

Pavilion <https://www.sevenoaksdirectory.com/entry/chipstead/clubs-societies-organisations/holmesdale-art-group/>

Annual Events

Chipstead Dragon Boat Race – A regular feature on our sporting calendar in Chipstead is the Annual Dragon Boat Festival, held every August Bank Holiday Monday on Chipstead Lake. Some 450-500 people enjoy a day of fun, with an all-day bar and BBQ to accompany the fast and furious racing on the lake. Don't worry if you can't raise a full team yourself; there is always room for willing volunteers to join other teams.

Family Fun Day – this is a free event held in the summer organized by SDC and the Parish Council and funded by the Parish Council. Held in August from 10.30-13.30 at Chipstead Recreation Ground. Check the Chevening Parish Council website for updated information.

Safety and Security

Neighbourhood Watch

<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/get-involved/find-my-local-neighbourhood-watch/find-my-local-scheme>

Police resource information

Dial 999 to report a crime in progress or if someone's life is in danger or they are hurt.

Dial 101 to report a theft after it has happened, minor collisions or any suspicious or threatening activities or report online via www.kent.police.uk

For General Community Concerns

contact: csu.sevenoaks@kent.pnn.police.uk

Sign up to My Community Voice for latest news and updates from our Local Police

My Community Voice is a messaging service that helps residents, keep in touch with their local policing teams. The service sends updates about the local area directly from the police officers themselves.

<https://www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk/>





SCHOOLS

Primary and Junior Schools

Chevening, St Botolphs CEVA Primary School

Chevening Road
Chipstead
Sevenoaks
TN13 2SA

Email: office@chevening.kent.sch.uk

Amherst School

Witches Lane
Riverhead
Sevenoaks
Kent TN13 2AX

email: office@amherst.kent.sch.uk

Riverhead Infants School

Worships Hill,
Riverhead,
Kent, TN13 2AS
Phone: 01732 452475

Email office@riverhead.kent.sch.uk

Senior schools

There are no senior schools in the parish

In Sevenoaks itself there are:-

- **Knole Academy**
<https://www.knoleacademy.org/>
- **Trinity School**
<https://www.trinitysevenoaks.org.uk/>
- **Weald of Kent Girls Grammar School Annex**
<https://www.wealdofkent.kent.sch.uk/>
- **Tunbridge Wells Boys Grammar School Annex**
<https://www.twgsb.org.uk/>



Senior Citizens

Lunch Clubs and Coffee Mornings

Bessels Green Baptists Church Lunch Club

01732 454921

Meets every Wednesday from 12:30pm

At: The Church Hall,
Bessels Green Road

Chipstead Village Coffee Morning 01732 460595

There is a coffee morning for the over 65s in Chipstead on the first Tuesday of the month between 10.00 - 11.30am

At: The Bricklayers Arms, Chevening Road, Chipstead

Rivermere Evening Events

There are occasional evenings of free entertainment
At Rivermere Care Home, 64-70, Westerham Road
Usually involving a talk (or musical entertainment) with a buffet

Contact Kay Shaw kaymshaw@googlemail.com

Nearby Lunch Clubs

Dunton Green Lunch Club

01732 454108

Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the Dunton Green Pavilion on the Recreation Ground, Dunton Green at 11.45

Littlecourt Lunch Club

01732 762434

Meets on a Tuesday lunchtime at the Kippington URC Hall.

2 Littlecourt Rd,
Sevenoaks
TN13 2JG

Run by St Mary's Riverhead in partnership with the United Reformed Church





Travel & Transport

Buses

As timetables change frequently we do not include them but they are available online

www.go-coach.co.uk/bus/timetables

Minibus

Age UK Sevenoaks & Tonbridge 01732 454108

Age UK Sevenoaks, Tonbridge & District operates a minibus service to take older residents in Brasted, Chevening, Dunton Green, Riverhead and Sundridge to their Day Centres and lunch clubs.

Rail Services

Sevenoaks station has excellent rail links with four fast trains an hour (and one stopping train) to London Bridge and then on to either Canon Street or Charing Cross. Journey time is about half an hour to London Bridge trains run in the other direction to Tonbridge and from there either to Hastings or to Ashford. Canterbury and Dover

Other Specialist Services in the Sevenoaks Area

Dial 2 Drive

<https://www.imago.community/Community-Services/Dial2Drive>

Volunteer drivers use their own cars to take members to medical and social appointments. The service is for those unable to access public transport due to old age, illness or disability. Drivers can be booked for days, evenings or weekends. Annual membership applies with no membership fee – journeys charged per mile.

Kent Karrier

For people with impaired mobility All services are operated with a wheelchair accessible vehicle and have experienced drivers. <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/travelling-around-kent/community-transport/kent-karrier>

Sevenoaks Volunteer Transport Group – for medical appointments only – 01732-458931



Useful Contacts - In the Sevenoaks Area

Citizens Advice Sevenoaks

0300 330 9001 (Advice) 01732 454443 (Office)

info@sevenoaks.cab.org.uk

They provide free, independent, confidential, advice

Kent Support & Assistance Service (KSAS)

To support residents if they are facing exceptional pressures as a result of an emergency or crisis. KSAS may be able to offer short term help, with essential items to households who have no other means of support.

www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/care-and-support/benefits/kent-support-and-assistance-service

Loaves & Fishes Food Bank

www.saintjohnthebaptist.org.uk

An independent foodbank, supporting up to 40 families on a weekly basis. The foodbank operates from St John the Baptist Church with a team of volunteers in the Sevenoaks area.

Further Information

For information on a huge range of health, and social support groups please see

'Your Local Services'

Published by Sevenoaks District Council with an extensive list of the support services available throughout the Sevenoaks District. You can download it on.

https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/downloads/download/339/your_local_services





YOUTH

Brownies meet on Mondays, 4.45-6.15pm in the Parish Hall

Guides meet on Fridays 6.15-7.45pm in the Parish Hall

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/>

Scouts

There are a number of Scout Groups in Sevenoaks

<https://www.sevenoaksscouts.org.uk/#:~:text=Scouting%20in%20Sevenoaks%2C%20Kent,->

[Beavers&text=Sevenoaks%20Scout%20District%20supports%20over,Units%20and%20a%20Scout%20Network.](#)

Going Live – for Yrs 7-13, meets on Sunday mornings during the morning service at Bessels Green Baptists Church

‘Un Baja’ – for Yrs 7-13, meets every Wednesday evening, 7:00-8:30pm,

In the Youth Lounge at Bessels Green Baptists Church

See also the Sport section for cricket, football and sailing for young people



For any questions on Parish matters contact:

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