

Community Safety News

CSU wins Police Recognition



On Wednesday 16 May, the Community Safety Unit won the Team Contribution Award at the West Kent Police Divisional Awards held at Tonbridge School. This award was presented by Supt Julia Chapman to Officers for the efforts around keeping the District safe, working with residents and addressing organised crime groups and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB).

SDCs Community Safety Manager Kelly Webb said that it was a really great achievement and well deserved by everyone in the CSU Police, Wardens, Housing Associations and all our other partners whom we could not achieve the great successes that we do. We always strive to do our best for the community within the District.

Free Family Fun Days 2018



Running across the Sevenoaks District for four weeks from Monday 30 July to Friday 24 August, our Summer Family Fun Days are bound to be as popular as ever with children and parents.

Summer Family Fun Days include everything from crafts and face painting to games and sport in a friendly, safe environment. Best of all, they're totally FREE and open to all. No booking is needed, just turn up and have fun!

Children must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times. Activities are generally aimed at children under the age of 12, but they may not be suitable for very young children. All activities are weather dependent, so please ensure children have both waterproof clothing and sun block. We do advise that you check our website before setting off, as the programme may be subject to change at short notice.

All dates and locations are on our website www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/summerfun

Singing Together to address Mental Health

On Thursday 21 June, Sevenoaks District Council held a musical extravaganza to celebrate how music and singing can help people who suffer with mental health. Cllr Pat Bosley, Chairman of SDC hosted the event in which sales of the tickets went to local mental health charities.

13 groups took part including choirs, skiffle bands, accapella groups and rock choirs. It all finished with a great finale of choirs and audiences singing songs from the Proms.

Addressing Mental Health and the stigma of it is a focus for Sevenoaks District Council and the Community Safety Unit as too often we deal with crime and ASB where mental health is a factor and is not being addressed. This night was a great way of raising awareness and promoting that music, singing and community groups are a great way to help people.



Putting Water Safety First



More than 300 people die by drowning every year, while one in three primary school children cannot swim one length of a pool.

“The summer holidays sadly see a spike in cases involving children,” says Sencio Community Leisure chief executive, Jane Parish. “We all want our family to be safe in and around water as well as enjoying the benefits of swimming and, of course, the fun to be had by the pool or in the sea on family holidays.

“Being able to swim to basic survival standard is an essential life skill so if you have a child who can’t swim or maybe you’ve never learned properly yourself, ask about lessons at Sevenoaks Leisure Centre.”

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