

Sevenoaks District Community Plan Annual Report 2020

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Sevenoaks District Local Strategic Partnership

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Introduction

Making it happen- *together* is the Community Plan for the Sevenoaks District. It sets out a 15-year vision that reflects what local people have told us is important to them in the District.

The vision is supported by a three-year plan, which sets out our priorities for action. The current three-year action plan covers the period 2019-2 and ends in March 2022.

This report summarises the work of the Sevenoaks District Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) over the last financial year (2020/21).

Our 15-year vision:

- **Safe Communities:** A safer place to live, work and travel
- **Caring Communities:** Children are enabled to have the best start and people can be supported to live independent lives
- **Green Environment:** People can enjoy high quality urban and rural environments
- **Healthy Environment:** People have health lifestyles, access to quality healthcare and health inequalities are reduced
- **Dynamic Economy:** A thriving local economy where businesses flourish, where people have skills for employment and tourism is supported
- **Sustainable Economy:** People can live, work and travel more easily and are empowered to share

Our performance

In order to measure success, we have set out a number of key success measures for each of the priorities set out in this plan.

At the end of the third year (April 2020–March 2021) of the 2019–2022 Action Plan, **96%** of key success measures in the plan were achieved, with 4% of measures not achieved.

The Sevenoaks District Local Strategic Partnership (LSP)

The Sevenoaks District Local Strategic Partnership co-ordinates the monitoring and delivery of the Action Plan. It is made up of representatives from the following organisations:

Sevenoaks District Council, Kent County Council, Sencio Community Leisure, Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), West Kent Clinical Commissioning Group, Kent Fire and Rescue Service, West Kent Housing, West Kent Extra, Moat Housing, Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Age Concern Sevenoaks and Tonbridge, West Kent MIND, Churches Together in Sevenoaks and District, Imago, Kent Police, Compaid, Go Coach.

Safe Communities



We want Sevenoaks to be a safer place to live, work and travel

Priority 1, 85% of actions in the Community Safety Partnership action plan achieved each year: Achieved

Priority 2, Keep overall crime amongst the lowest in the county and aim for an improvement in that position. Achieved

Priority 3, Maintain the low number of ASB incidents (no higher than 3rd in the county). Achieved

Priority 4, Road safety measures undertaken to prevent people from being killed or seriously injured on local roads.: Achieved

Priority 5, Enforcement action taken against dangerously or illegally parked cars.: Achieved.

Key Success Measures: Safe Communities

Safe 1. 85% of actions in the Community Safety Partnership action plan achieved each year:

The Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership achieved 97% of actions set out in the Community Safety Strategy Action Plan during 2020/21.

The 2020/21 Action Plan focused on Domestic Abuse, Serious and Acquisitive Crime (including Organised Crime Groups, Emerging Trends and County Lines, which is a type of criminal exploitation where gangs and organised crime networks groom and exploit children to sell drugs), Anti-Social Behaviour including Environmental Crime, Safeguarding, Substance Misuse, Doorstep Crime and Scams including Cyber Crime.

This year the Sevenoaks Community Safety Unit (CSU) carried out 885 daily tasking's to address reports over the previous 24-hours, and made follow-up visits and calls to residents who reported issues and concerns.

The Community Safety Partnership continued to target repeat locations of concern to local people during 2019/20. The Partnership has over 35 projects in their action plan and schemes to address specific local community safety issues.

Safe 2, Keep overall crime amongst the lowest in the county and aim for an improvement in that position.

During 2020/21, there were 1651 reports of victim based crime between 1 January 2021 & 31 March 2021. This is a decrease of 238 crimes compared to same period last year. At the end of the financial year, Sevenoaks District had the **third lowest number** of reported victim based crimes in the County.

Safe 3, Maintain the low number of Anti-Social Behaviour incidents (no higher than 3rd in the county)

During 2020/21, Sevenoaks District had the third lowest level of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in the county, with 2690 recorded incidents to Kent Police. Compared to previous year there has been a 68% increase (1088 reports). During the last three years, Sevenoaks District has maintained the low number of ASB incidents at no higher than the second lowest in the county.

Coronavirus has played a big impact on crime and ASB and has contributed to the decreases and increases. Certain crime types have seen a decrease such as shoplifting, vehicle crime and burglary linked in with lock down measures. The ASB saw a big increase with people causing ASB by breaking COVID-19 guidelines with some large gatherings in Towns and Beauty spots.

Safe 4, Road safety measures undertaken to prevent people from being killed or seriously injured (KSI) on local roads.

KCC have compared collisions during COVID 19 to the average from the years 2017/2018/2019 as this has been an unprecedented year. KSI's during lockdown were a lot lower than the average and this clearly picked up during May-June as traffic picked up. From July-September KSIs were above average but in October-November 2020 figures are lower. Pedestrian casualties have been well below the average but have started to see them creep up during July-August and during August -September there was an increase from average.

Speedwatch continued to operate in eight locations in the District. Speedwatch enables groups of volunteer residents to contribute to their community's safety and quality of life by helping reduce excessive vehicle speed.

Safe 5, Enforcement action taken against dangerously or illegally parked cars.

During 2020/21, there have been 4,937 enforcement actions taken against vehicles parked in contravention of parking restrictions/regulations. Due to COVID-19 over April-June 2020 there was a large reduction in enforcement action, with only 229 actions taken against illegally parked vehicles.

Caring Communities

We want Sevenoaks to be a place where people can be supported to lead independent, fulfilling lives and where children and young people have the best start



Your priorities for action

Priority 1, Increased number of people supported to live independently: Achieved

Priority 2, Reduced loneliness and social isolation through social prescribing schemes: Achieved

Priority 3, Sevenoaks Local Children's Partnership Group (LCPG) to produce a set of indicators focused on LCPG priorities, with at least 75% of core indicators on target:

Priority 4, The number of positive outcomes where homelessness has been prevented: Achieved

Priority 5, Deliver the actions in the Sevenoaks District Housing Strategy, "Wellbeing Starts at Home" to meet the needs of vulnerable and low-income households and improve the condition of existing stock: Achieved

Priority 6, Improve opportunities for vulnerable people through the Community Grant Scheme; Achieved

Key Success Measures: Caring Communities

Caring 1, Increased number of people supported to live independently.

Sevenoaks District Council's Private Sector Housing team work to support Sevenoaks residents to live independently by supporting them with grants. The Disabled Facility Grants are used for major adaptations to people's homes such as stair lifts and flush floor showers. During 2020/21 there were 56 of these grants given out, totalling £387,692 worth of works. This has enabled more residents across the District to live more independently.

Safe and Secure Grants are also given out by our Private Sector Housing Team. There have been 29 of these grants given out for 2020/21 totalling £33,235.72. There have also been £6,546.91 worth of Peabody Handyperson Service work for the year that includes 49 keysafes, 15 beds and mattresses, 2 grab rails, 1 rubbish clearance and a property deep clean.

The West Kent Hospital Discharge Programme supported by the Better Care Fund is a partnership project between Sevenoaks District Council, Peabody Home Improvement Agency and the Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust. During 2020/21, 18 Hospital Discharge Grants were given out which totalled £14,817.06 worth of work.

Successes for 2020/21:

During 2020/21, 9 clients have been supported with goals surrounding "adequate housing" or to "be safe in your environment". These would have been supported with home adaptations to maintain safe and independent living.

A success from for the quarter January-March 2021 has been that through LAD1a Green Homes Grant have signed up 54 residents to improve the thermal efficiency of their park homes and currently in the process of signing up residents on other Park Homes for LAD1b Green Home Grant with a potential 70 residents benefiting from thermal insulation measures. In addition have assisted 130 residents with new heating and insulation measure through the Councils LA Flex Scheme.

Caring 2, Reduced loneliness and social isolation through social prescribing schemes.

The Better Care Fund (BCF) is one of the most ambitious programmes across the NHS and local government to date. It creates a local budget to encourage the NHS and local government to work more closely together, placing people's wellbeing as the focus of health and care services.

During 2020/21 Better Care continued to provide around £100,000 of funding for an exciting partnership project aimed at supporting older people in Edenbridge and Swanley. The **"One You - Your Home"** project is a partnership project between Sevenoaks District Council and Age UK Sevenoaks and Tonbridge. It provides a service for older people who are referred by GPs as needing more general support. The project employs two One You Advisers, who aim to remedy health and housing related issues, reduce demand on GPs, promote independence for customers and provide financial assistance in overcoming obstacles within the home environment.

Your Home Service continue to support clients across the Sevenoaks District in combating social isolation. For most of 2020/21 the Coronavirus had a major impact on the delivery of the Your Home service. For example, in January-March 2020 Your Home Advisors held appointments with 112 clients, of these 8 were referred for Community Activity and 4 set goals connected with socialisation. However, from April-June 2020 Your Home Advisors held appointments with just 17 clients, none of these were targeted to achieve a sociability based referral or goal. This was mainly due to the impact lockdown had on engaging with clients in a home setting. Appointments were limited to those of urgent need connected to home adaptation or debt/finance related issues. In addition, Age UK "Your Home" staff were redeployed to support the community coronavirus response efforts locally.

However, over the last year Your Home Advisors have held appointments with **over 274 clients** despite lockdown restrictions with some PPE in place. Most of these clients set goals centred around adaptations within the home to ensure personal safety.

A success from over the last year is that the Local GP commissioning of Social Prescription services; Involve & Imago, has presented the opportunity to redeploy our Your Home advisors from the Health Team into the Private Sector Housing team, allowing them to support the home adaptation, hoarding and filthy/verminous property work particularly for residents aged 50+.

Caring 3, Outcomes achieved on Sevenoaks District Local Children's Partnership Action Plan

The Sevenoaks Local Children's Partnership Group continued to focus on the following priorities during 2020/21, including, secondary school attendance, emotional resilience and supporting families to make healthy lifestyle choices.

During 2020/21, Kent County Council's **Early Help Service** continued to support families who struggle with multiple and complex problems. The Service brings partners together to help families overcome these problems by working intensively with them to provide the stability and practical support they need to improve their lives.

During 2020/21, on entry to the programme, the four most frequent problems for these families were as follows:

- Children with mental health or emotional health and well-being concerns (25%)
- A child with 10% absences or more across the last three consecutive terms (21%)
- An adult who requires parenting support (19%)
- An adult with mental health or emotional health and well-being concerns (12%).

The Local Strategic Partnership continue to support Mental Health throughout the District and especially through COVID-19 and the pandemic a lot of services were held on line. West Kent & North Kent Mind delivered a number of 1:1 and group sessions over Zoom. They also released a lot of information and a tool kit on how to address mental health over Social Media. It is hoped that group sessions will start again following the Road Map.

Mental Health reports have seen an increase across the County through the pandemic. Release the pressure has been widely advertised. In August 2020 Sevenoaks District Council trained officers to become Mental Health First Aiders and have promoted Mental Health services through the Council and to partner agencies.

Caring 4, The number of positive outcomes where homelessness has been prevented.

In March 2020, the Minister for Local Government and Homelessness wrote to all local authorities asking them to urgently accommodate all rough sleepers and focus on the provision of adequate facilities to enable people to adhere to the guidance on hygiene or isolation, including for those who are at risk of sleeping rough. Local authorities may use third party accommodation providers to comply with this request.

The Minister for Rough Sleeping and Housing requested that when arranging move-on accommodation for people sleeping rough, local authorities:

- explore sustainable options, including through partnerships with housing associations and in the private rented sector
- encourage people sleeping rough to stay with friends or family, ‘where appropriate and possible’
- where no move-on possibilities exist, provide short-term accommodation while looking into long-term options.

Our Housing Team having been working with local B&Bs and hotels to deliver on this request across the District and have been working with the HERO team to create positive outcomes when COVID-19 restrictions are fully lifted.

Our Housing Advice Team have continued to provide positive outcomes to prevent homelessness. For the past year, the team have supported 183 people with a positive outcome whereby homelessness was prevented or secured alternative accommodation. This has exceeded the target of 120 for 20/21.

A success from this year has been an email from MOAT explaining that a customer was in breach of a court order. They were going to evict the customer but wanted to give them one more opportunity to get help before they proceeded with the eviction. The customer had arrears of £1830.17. We completed a discretionary housing payment application and the customer was awarded £1,100.00 towards their arrears. We supported the customer to reduce their arrears further through budgeting their universal credit payment. We managed to reduce the arrears to £370.00, after which MOAT halted eviction proceeding.

Caring 5, Deliver actions in the Sevenoaks District Housing Strategy, “Wellbeing starts at Home” to meet the needs of vulnerable and low-income households and improve the condition of existing stock

“Wellbeing Starts at Home” reflects Sevenoaks District Council’s belief that people’s home environment can have a significant impact on health. If our homes are over-crowded, isolated and under-occupied, badly maintained and full of hazards, cold and damp or unaffordable and causing debt - our health will suffer.

Sevenoaks District Council are still working with Parishes in Eynsford, Badgers Mount and Crockenhill to complete surveys to determine the needs of vulnerable and low income households.

In Eynsford, there has been a need identified for 8 new affordable homes and 8 homes for older people. Sevenoaks District Council have been working with Rural Housing Enabler and Eynsford Parish Council to try and meet this need, potentially via a local needs rural exceptions housing scheme. Whereas there has been only 1 affordable home identified in Badgers Mount, which can be met via a local lettings plan on a nearby major site.

West Kent Housing Association (WKHA) have applied for planning application for a local needs rural exceptions housing scheme at Mills Crescent and this result will be

determined in April 2021. Further S106 housing pots funding from developers have been awarded to WKHA to refurbish a property in Sevenoaks Town to provide accommodation for those with mental health needs and this will provide 7 bed spaces to those most in need. There is also further funding anticipated for 2021/22 to be provided by Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Caring 6, Improve the opportunities for vulnerable people through the Community Grant Scheme

The Community Grant Scheme funded by Sevenoaks District Council enables charities, community groups and organisations to apply for grants from £500-£5,000 for a specific project that helps the health and wellbeing of our residents. From those that applied for funding in 2019/20 over 70% of targets were met or exceeded and some funding was returned and carried forward for use in funding Community Grants for 2021/22. Two projects, a residential trip for vulnerable young people by West Kent Extra and alpaca/archery activity sessions by Kenward Trust have been carried forward to be completed in 2021/22.

Some examples of successes are: 1) DAVSS exceeding all targets and supporting a record number of residents experiencing domestic violence; 2) Eden CT supporting young people in Edenbridge via street working; outdoor groups and the 'Your Space' initiative that provided essential mental health support. 3) West Kent Mediation who trained mediators to work online supporting the increased numbers of referrals for neighbourhood and other disputes arising as a consequence of lockdown; 4) North West Kent Volunteer.

Green Environment

We want Sevenoaks District to be a place where people can enjoy clean and high quality urban and rural environments



Priority 1, Planning policies used effectively as monitored through the Local Plan to protect our high quality natural environment, including Green Belt, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and biodiversity: Achieved

Priority 2, Use and enforce Planning Policies set out in the Local Plan to ensure new development is designed to a high quality and takes into account distinctive local character and impact on the environment: Achieved

Priority 3, Ensure new development is designed to a high quality and takes into account local character and the impact on the environment: Achieved

Priority 4, Recycling campaigns delivered: Achieved

Key Success Measures: Green Environment

Green 1, planning policies used effectively as monitored through the Local Plan to protect our high quality natural environment, including Green Belt, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and biodiversity

During 2020/21, Sevenoaks District Council Local Plan policies **successfully protected open and green spaces** in the District, ensuring that key developments in the District contributed to future open space provision.

Developments across the District have continued to be built in accordance with the adopted policy in the Core Strategy and Allocations and Development Management Plan. Relevant Evidence Base documents also provide development guidance, and include the Green Belt Assessment, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plans and Kent Biodiversity Strategy.

Green 2, Use and enforce Planning Policies set out in the Local Plan to ensure new development is designed to a high quality and takes into account local character and impact on the environment

The Local Plan sets out the vision for future development across the Sevenoaks District and is used to help determine planning applications and other planning related decisions.

Sevenoaks District Council's Local Plan also includes policies which encourage development to reflect the distinctive local character of the area and exhibit high quality design. A Character Area Assessment for Edenbridge was adopted in March 2021. Three new assets have been added to the statutory list by Historic England. There have been no schemes taken to Design Review Panel within Quarter 4.

Green 3, Weekly refuse service collection maintained

During 2020/21, Sevenoaks District Council successfully maintained its weekly refuse and dry recycling collection service. Sevenoaks District Council is unique in being the only Council within Kent to maintain a weekly service. It is also one of the few in Kent to retain an in house collection service.

The target for missed collections of waste per 100,000 populations 10.0 and the actual for this quarter is 7.4, which is a great achievement given the huge increase of waste weights being presented. The waste team have also had to travel further to Tunbridge Wells to tip, while Dunbrik was closed and deal with severe weather conditions.

Green 4, Recycling campaigns delivered

During 2020/21, 98% of the District's waste was recycled or reused, and this has been helped by some successful recycling campaigns and initiatives, including:

- In partnership with the Kent Resource Partnership campaigns for recycling happened County-wide.
- The Green and garden waste services were advertised in this quarter via social media, website and Insite magazine.

West Kent Communities manages the Abacus furniture store in Sevenoaks and two others elsewhere in Kent. In addition to providing low cost furniture to those that most need it, the stores recycled **107 tonnes** of goods that would otherwise have gone to landfill

Healthy Environment

We want Sevenoaks District to be a place where people have healthy lifestyles and where health inequalities are reduced



Priority 1, Produce new Health Inequalities Action Plan

Priority 2, 85% of success measured in the District Deal to be on target

Priority 3, Service improvements delivered through a health in all policies approach

Priority 4, Actions delivered in Sevenoaks District Council's Housing Strategy, Wellbeing Starts at Home, focused on supporting the Council's health outcomes and supporting people to remain independent

Key Success Measures: Healthy Environment

Healthy 1: Produce new Health Inequalities Action Plan that supports the delivery of the Community Plan

Sevenoaks District Council's and Kent County Council's "Health Deal - the future of health at a local level" is a ten-point plan which involves:

- Training staff on Making Every Contact Count and how to make appropriate referrals
- Working to establish a health in all policies approach; ensuring everything we do supports a health and wellbeing approach;
- Tackling the housing causes of ill-health through the work of HERO and SuperHERO service;
- Accessing new external funding to support delivery of the deal, including two successful Sport England funding bids;
- Improving health in workplaces in the District;
- Working in partnership with GPs;
- Making best use of open space and active travel, including promotion of led cycle rides in the district, and new quarterly health walk leader training;
- One You Advisers continuing to carry out mapping of the key health assets at the local level;
- One You Your Home Advisers now accessing GP data on GP systems;
- Successful annual dementia run delivered in 2018 with 500 participants.

The Health Inequalities Action plan has been redrafted and is currently with our design team. We are looking to reinstate the Health Action Team meetings to support the partnership delivery of the Health Inequalities Action plan. Unfortunately there have been delays in this work as a result of the coronavirus response.

Healthy 2, 85% of success measured in the District Deal to be on target

90% on target, we are working on the implementation of Making Every Contact Count training locally, specifically we are working on Train the Trainer training to be able to upskill local partners and SDC staff to deliver local training and create a perpetual ongoing legacy of Making Every Contact Count within Sevenoaks District.

Healthy 3, Service improvements delivered through a health in all policies approach

We have started communications with the Greensand Way Commons Project team to assess whether there are opportunities to implement and encourage more walking within the Greensand Way commons.

A significant portion of our time is being invested in reinstating previous One You services that had been paused as a result of COVID. This includes our Health Walk programme and Chair Based Exercise/Falls Prevention programme. We are trying to take this opportunity to build back better to ensure that services return whilst correcting any previous service delivery issues.

Healthy 4, Actions delivered in Sevenoaks District Council's Housing Strategy, Wellbeing Starts at Home, focused on supporting the Council's health outcomes and supporting people to remain independent.

“Wellbeing Starts at Home” reflects Sevenoaks District Council’s belief that people’s home environment can have a significant impact on health. If our homes are over-crowded, isolated and under-occupied, badly maintained and full of hazards, cold and damp or unaffordable and causing debt - our health will suffer.

A number of planning permissions have been determined during the quarter which will provide new accessible affordable homes: Broom Hill, Swanley - all 24 homes meeting Building Reg standard M4 (2) and 3 affordable homes meeting M4 (3) - wheelchair housing; Tesco site, Sevenoaks - all 15 homes meeting M4 (2). These higher accessibility standards ensure homes will meet the needs of a wider range of applicants and therefore support independence.

Dynamic Economy

We want Sevenoaks District to be a place with a thriving local economy, where businesses flourish, and people have skills for employment



Priority 1, Deliver actions against the key themes set out in the Economic Development Strategy (2018-21) for Growth and Investment, Infrastructure, Visitor Economy, Skill and Enterprise

Priority 2, Develop a digital inclusion strategy

Priority 3, Funding secured for business support programmes and rural businesses

Dynamic Economy: Key Success Measures

Dynamic 1, Deliver actions against the key themes set out in the Economic Development Strategy (2018-21) for Growth and Investment, Infrastructure, Visitor Economy, Skill and Enterprise

Sevenoaks District Council's Economic Development Strategy 2018-21 was agreed this year. This includes a key theme area relating of growth and investment in the district with an ambition to regenerate key market towns.

The Submission Version of the Local Plan includes policy EMP1 - Supporting a Vibrant and Balanced Economy. The Local Plan seeks to retain employment sites to support a vibrant and balanced economy. It also supports the development of new allocations and other new employment units for small to medium businesses in suitable locations.

The Economic Development team continue to deliver actions in the current Economic Development Strategy, as well as the West Kent Priorities for growth strategy. All actions remain on track to be delivered by the end of the Strategy period.

Community Development officers have also worked closely with a partner IMAGO, to deliver an Employability project to enhance the skills of Young Carers. This is a pilot project with six sessions based on CV writing, Interview Skills, UCAS applications and a Mock Interview. The participants at the end of the course will also be given a vast amount of opportunities that will help develop themselves for future employers.

Dynamic 2, Develop a Digital inclusion strategy with positive outcomes achieved

Due to our partners Compaid, Age UK, West Kent Housing and other agencies offering support to digitally excluded individuals it has been determined that there is already good provision in the District. However, at the end of 2020 there was a bid submitted to the Local Government Association for a Digital Inclusion Pilot Project.

Dynamic 3, Funding secured for business support programmes and rural businesses

SDC is the Gateway for Kickstart West Kent which provides employers with grant funding to employ a young person for 25 hours a week for 6 months. At 31 March 104 placements had been approved.

Sustainable Economy

We want Sevenoaks District to be a place where people can live, work and travel more easily and are empowered to shape their communities



Priority 1, Projects delivered through the CIL infrastructure plan; Achieved

Priority 2, Deliver actions in the Sevenoaks District Housing Strategy, “Wellbeing Starts at Home” to provide a good mix of decent and affordable housing: Achieved

Priority 3, A new Transport Strategy for the District produced, which facilitates improvements to transport in the district: Achieved

Priority 4, Increase number of people who are helped to shape their local community: Achieved

Sustainable Economy: Key Success Measures

Sustainable 1, Projects delivered and/or supported by CIL (Community Infrastructure Plan)

A CIL Spending Board was held in March which awarded over £2 million to the following projects: Sports Hall and facilities at Orchards Academy, Extension to Kemsing Surgery, Otford Road Traffic Scheme, Wilderness Sports and Community facility, Weald Memorial Hall Maintenance and Renovations and the Knockholt Village Centre Refurbishment. Work is continuing on the following projects which were awarded CIL through previous CIL Spending Boards: Swanley Station, Fordcombe Village Hall, White Oak Leisure Centre, Edenbridge Health Hub and the Westerham Parking Project.

Sustainable 2, Deliver actions in the Sevenoaks District Housing Strategy, “Wellbeing Starts at Home” to provide a good mix of decent and affordable housing.

The number of affordable homes finally delivered in 2020/21 was 22 homes. This reduced number arose because Moat's 10 unit scheme at Quinton Court, Sevenoaks, had a delayed completion to May 2021. Only 2 "genuinely affordable" homes were delivered. Two major developments secured planning permission during the quarter - Broom Hill, Swanley and the Tesco's site, Sevenoaks. These will deliver 39 new affordable homes, including 25 "genuinely affordable" homes, in future years. The affordable housing Provider has yet to be selected for either site.

Sustainable 3, A new Transport Strategy for the District produced, which facilitates improvements to transport in the district.

The Council has produced a Sevenoaks District Transport Assessment (Dec 2018) and the Swanley Transport Study (May 2018) evidence base documents, to support the preparation of the emerging Local Plan. Developments continue to be in accordance with adopted policy.

Sustainable 4, Increase number of people who have helped to shape their local community:

Due to COVID-19, Sevenoaks District created a new volunteering programme to help those most in need and partnered with 'Care for our Community' to deliver this. We worked with parish volunteer leads and 1,272 local volunteers to help over 1,674 residents with food shopping, prescription collections, someone to talk to, and dog walking. We have

worked with partners West Kent Mind, Age UK and the NHS First Responder Service to deliver certain aspects of these requests as well.

Some volunteers have created community groups that have supported lonely residents with extra Christmas meals over the Christmas period and started litter picks for example the Clean Up Sevenoaks campaign. We are incredibly grateful to our volunteers across the District and hope that the creation of community groups continue.



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