

## **Sevenoaks District Councillor Faye Parkin – Report**

Before I say a little about the help and support I've been giving to residents of Fawkham community and the Parish Council, I would like to thank members of Fawkham Parish Council for the support they've been giving to Fawkham residents during what has been an unusual and difficult time for all concerned.

For the way they've fought and continue their fight on behalf of Fawkham residents against proposed housing developments that, apart from causing harm to ancient woodland and the green belt, put pressure on local services such as Schools, GP Surgeries and local roads. So think they should be thanked for taking care of the beautiful village we live in and giving a voice to residents of Fawkham.

To say the past year has been a difficult and unusual year for all concerned is true but this has not prevented me from working with and supporting my two colleagues and from attending Fawkham Parish meetings via Zoom whilst supporting residents by telephone and email with planning problems and the recent increase in fly tipping, car and outbuilding break-ins in the Valley Road, genuine concerns that encouraged me to become a member of the Parish Council's Fly Tipping Group. A group led by Vice Chairman Alun Evans that after working closely with Sevenoaks Council's Environment Enforcement Officers and the help of eagle eyed residents, successfully secured two prosecutions for Fawkham recently.

So apart from being a Founder member of Fawkham Neighbourhood Watch Group supported by the Community Safety Unit at Sevenoaks Council and Peter New Kent Police NHW Volunteer, on behalf of Fawkham residents, I have continued to liaise with Laura Trott MP to encourage her to present a Private Members Bill before Government to review Firework law, that is well overdue, and a Ban on Chinese Lanterns as supported by the Kent Fire Prevention Chief.

However, if all goes as planned on 21<sup>st</sup> June a meeting is planned and will be convened to take place at a convenient date with a representative from the RSPCA, Kent Fire Brigade, the Leader of Sevenoaks Council, Laura Trott and me as a representative of the Fawkham Community.

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