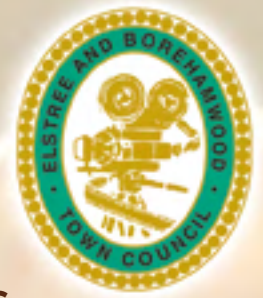


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Fireworks Night 5 November

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Hear ye! Hear ye!

Letter from the mayor...

As we bid farewell to the summer hopefully we will bid farewell to Covid restrictions – let’s hope the remaining of the year is healthy and fulfilling!

Over the summer I had the honor of opening the new Performance Area in Meadow Park (which you can read about on page 12) and was lucky enough to attend all five free concerts put on by the Town Council. The concerts featured Brass Bands from Welwyn Garden City, Hitchin, Enfield, Hemel Hempstead, and our very own Borehamwood Brass.

The festival this year was very different from previous years with many events unable to take place due to Covid restrictions and it was particularly regrettable that Families Day had to be cancelled due to very inclement weather but safety of members of the public is always the council’s prime concern.

Next year we are planning a larger and better festival with many favorite events returning including Lawson’s Big Top Circus.

Looking to the future I am happy to say that the free fireworks display will be back in Meadow Park on 5 November – the theme will be “The Music from James Bond” – more information on page 33.

I recently visited my chosen charity – the Borehamwood Food Bank – and was overwhelmed by the work that they have been doing and continue to do, unfortunately because of Covid their services are needed more than ever. If you can help in any way please get in touch at info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk.

Let’s look forward to the future with hope and repeated gratitude to all the key workers whose efforts have got us through this last year.



Cllr Farida Turner
Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood
 For Mayoral enquiries please email the Mayor’s Secretary at admin@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk



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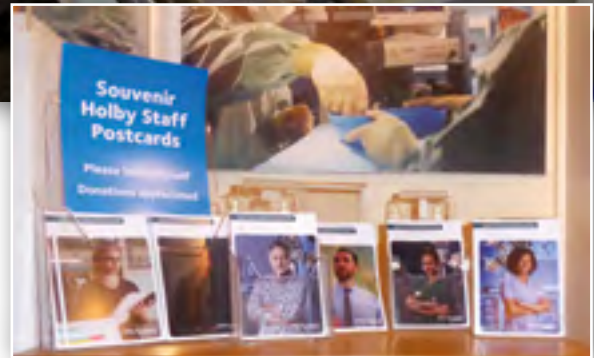
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Elstree & Borehamwood Museum

At last there is some good news about the re-opening of the museum. After nearly 18 months of closure the museum opened again on Saturday 4 September.

There is still a chance to see the Holby City at 20 exhibition, as it will remain in place until the end of the year. There is still much interest in this TV drama, especially now that the series is coming to a close during the first quarter of next year. If possible the museum will talk to the BBC about updating some of the objects to refresh the displays. Unfortunately the dressing up element of the exhibition will have to be postponed whilst Covid-19 is still around, but there is much to be learned about how the show is produced through the rolling video.

Once we have settled down again, we will be actively working on the next exhibition. This will follow the planned extension of the Northern Line Underground to Elstree, which was cancelled after WWII. There are many exciting exhibits planned as part of this transport based display. Also, next year will see the centenary of bus routes coming to the area. It is planned that, to commemorate this event during the Civic Festival fortnight, we will be bringing some vintage buses into the area which will actually be offering passenger rides.



This information will be updated nearer the time, but there are lots of exciting things to look forward to now that the Museum will be up and running again.

Here is a reminder of our opening times: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 12pm - 6pm, Saturday 10am - 3pm, but please check before travelling.

For more information or to volunteer, please visit our website elstree-museum.org.uk or call 01442 454888 during opening times.

Dave Armitage

Thinking of volunteering? Ordinary people doing extraordinary things

Samaritans is a charity working across the UK and Ireland to reduce the number of people who take their own lives and to make sure there is someone there, day and night, every day of the year, for anyone who is going through a difficult time. Your local branch is based in Watford.

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The training we provide for listening volunteers builds on your natural instincts to care for someone in difficulty, so that you can give support in a way that can make a real difference.

Samaritans is probably best known for our listening volunteers. But our unique service is delivered by a wider supportive team. Working behind the scenes are fundraisers, finance, admin, IT and marketing people too.

Samaritans are here for callers when it matters and for each other too. You'll be welcomed into a warm and incredibly supportive

environment. We seek to ensure that all individuals interested in volunteering with us receive equal opportunity to do so and support where needed to facilitate this.

People volunteer for lots of reasons: to develop new skills, make new friends or simply give something back. Join our team and you'll share the wonderful experience of helping people change their lives too.

To find out more: visit <https://www.samaritans.org/support-us/volunteer/> – or you can contact us at recruitment@swhertssamaritans.org.uk or by telephone 01923 233614.

For emotional support – day or night – call freephone 116123.



Communities 1st continues to support Elstree & Borehamwood residents

Despite the slow return to normal life, many vulnerable residents continue to feel anxious about venturing outside their homes alone.

Perhaps you or someone you know has experienced a loss of confidence during the pandemic, and is struggling to fetch their own shopping or prescription medicine?

Communities 1st has continued to provide essential services to local residents in vulnerable situations, through volunteer shopping deliveries, telephone calls, prescription medicine collection and even dog walking!

"It's been really valuable to me. I haven't had a support bubble. I think we've got on really well". – Janet, a client using our telephone befriending service since the beginning of the pandemic.

Communities 1st has also continued to run its Community Car Scheme that served as a safe, secure mode of transport for many during the pandemic. All our transport services enforce strict Covid safety measures, including masks, vehicle sanitizing, and regular driver lateral flow tests.

"I found it very useful. The drivers were very helpful and sympathetic, they've gone the extra mile." – Mary, a client who used our Community Car Scheme to get to her vaccination and hospital appointments.

Most recently Communities 1st have launched the Walking Buddies and Shopper Bus Buddy schemes. The Walking Buddies initiative matches local clients with volunteers who accompany them for a walk up the road or to the local shop, so they can feel supported while they build up their confidence to go out. The Shopper Bus Buddy scheme picks up residents from their door and drops them at the local supermarket, providing volunteer support with boarding on and off the bus, carrying bags, and help around the supermarket if necessary.

"It's been a great help for me, some of the drivers have been fantastic. ... To me, it's been a Godsend." – Helen, a client who has been using our Shopper Service since last year.



Getting connected through technology allows you to keep in touch with loved ones, find helpful information and resources, and order shopping online. Communities 1st offers digital support services, whether through online courses or in-person assistance. To access these you can email help@communities1st.org.uk or call 020 8207 5115.

Finally, if you're looking for a fun day out come along to Communities 1st' bowling green Aberford Community Centre! From just £2.50 per hour you can enjoy the weather, friends and family. More information on how to book can be found at www.communities1st.org.uk/aberford-bowls.

If you would like to access any of these services, you can fill out an online form at www.communities1st.org.uk/covid19support, call 020 8207 5115 or email help@communities1st.org.uk

Peggy Bain



Hertsmere Mencap

Hertsmere Mencap is a charity offering support to learning disabled people living in Hertsmere.

We run a number of daily activities for adults (18+) including arts & crafts, dance aerobics, coffee morning and an evening social club. All our activities take place in a local hall in Borehamwood and we run a minibus to transport our members to and from our evening social club.

We also run Noah's Ark holiday playscheme during the Easter, summer and Christmas



holidays. Our playscheme is for children with learning disabilities aged 5-16 years along with their siblings.

In addition to our daily activities, we offer confidential advice and practical support through our dedicated Head of Support.

At Hertsmere Mencap, we are a community in which our members feel a sense of belonging and make lifelong friends.

For more information, please contact Karen Snyder, Head of Support on 07938 722619 or email hdcomm@hertsmereencap.org.uk



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News from the library



In July we held our first ever Doorstep Doodles group with budding artists sketching the flowers in the cafe garden at 96 Shenley Road.

In August we had a wonderful children's theatre show by the brilliant and hilarious Phil from Booster Cushion Children's Theatre which re-introduced some much needed laughter into the library.

At the time of writing, we are busy planning to reintroduce our popular Baby Rhyme Time sessions. They should be up and running by the end of September, but pre-booking will be required.

In October we will be re-starting storytime sessions and we are also planning some family learning craft events for the autumn to celebrate Libraries Week in October.

If you haven't discovered Hotpicks yet then pop in



and pick one up! These are our lovely shiny new hardback bestsellers and we have two copies of each so there are plenty for you to borrow and read while they are newly published.

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Keep an eye on our Facebook page @ BorehamwoodLibrary to check on times and dates of all of our upcoming events, or pop in to speak to staff and find out what's going on.

*Jocelyne, Library
Manager*

Youth Council

Having been a Youth Councillor since 2016, the opportunities that have arisen not only to make a positive impact upon myself but also upon the local community have proved to be of invaluable experience.

The Elstree and Borehamwood Youth Council are a youth branch of the local Town Council and aim to improve the local area for young people. Whilst I would love to go into detail about every aspect of my Youth Council experience, I feel the best way to summarise my time would be to provide three key ways in which the Youth Council has benefitted me.

1 – Interest in local politics – Being involved in the Youth Council has meant that I have become immersed in the world of local politics.

Whilst the national media vociferously reports on national politics, the importance of local councils and their role at the heart of the local community is often overlooked. As a result of the need to work closely with the Town Council I have had the opportunity to develop connections with various local councillors and also attend full council meeting as an observer. Having grown up in Elstree and Borehamwood my whole life it was a privilege to observe how seriously town councillors took their responsibilities in representing those in their respective wards.

Additionally, I was provided with two days of work experience at the town council whereby I shadowed various functions of local council ranging from planning to publishing the town crier and organising local events. It is fair to say that I now greatly appreciate the work of our town council and their role in encouraging community cohesion in our local area.

2 – Working with local organisations – A key objective of the Youth Council is to provide a ‘helping hand’ to various local, charitable organisations.

One of my favourite organisations to work with was ‘First Impressions’ run by Bob Redman. The work that Bob has done in improving the local area through various projects such as improving the station area to advertising Elstree and Borehamwood’s film heritage is remarkable and on various occasions the Youth Council were able to assist First Impressions in their endeavours. For example, we helped to grow new planters once the station had been re-established. Not only did this improve the aesthetics of the station area but also meant that I was appreciative of the great work that so many local organisations do to improve the area for the general public.

3 – Improve meeting etiquette – Prior to joining the Youth Council I had very little experience of conducting and even running meetings. However, I quickly learnt the formalities and processes of running a meeting. I even served as chair of the Youth Council for a year which certainly helped to further develop my communication and leadership skills.

I would certainly recommend joining the Youth Council, the positive impact that it has had not only on myself but on the wider community is invaluable. As well as this I have met some wonderful people throughout my time at the Youth Council. In particular I would like to extend my thanks to Anne Nicodemus (Youth Council secretary).

If you would like to join the Youth Council, there is no requirement to be elected, simply email Anne at anicodemus@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk. All that is required is ambition to make a positive change!!!

Noah Arazi



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Elstree and Borehamwood NSPCC

We held our first event since being freed from lockdown in the lovely garden of Schopwick Place on Sunday afternoon 8 August, with thanks to our kind hosts Ann and Norman Shuker.

Around 200 visitors admired the garden, enjoyed the craft and bargain stalls and games and a delicious tea in three hours of miraculous sunshine.

A major attraction was the visit of three Shetland ponies and their attendants from Cecil's Horse Sanctuary in Elstree, a wonderful equine rescue centre run by Julie Blake and her team.



Local musicians Paul and Beverly Lomax, Nick Male and The Woodmen, Roswitha Lamb on accordion and The Strummers in the Wood entertained us. Our grateful thanks to them all.



An all-time record sum for the annual event of £2,012 was raised for the work of the NSPCC for children, needed more than ever since lockdown. This was thanks to the generosity of our friends and supporters and helpers. It was a successful afternoon of family fun with an excellent result.

We hope to organise two further fund raisers, an evening concert of chamber music with supper. Musicians from the Elstree Mozart Players will perform, conducted by Derek Holland, at Reveley Lodge Bushey on **Sunday 3 October**.

Our annual November craft and gift fair in Allum Hall, Elstree, is booked for **Sunday 7 November**, from 10.30am to 3.30pm. Both will be advertised nearer to the booked dates.

Our thanks and best wishes to all who support our work for the NSPCC.

Ann Goddard. Chair E&B NSPCC Committee
anngoddard999@hotmail.com - 020 8953 1436

Borehamwood & District Garden Craft Society's generous donation to NSPCC

We were all very excited to participate in the first event after lockdown, the NSPCC fete at Schopwick Place, Elstree on 8 August 2021.

Many members of the society came to the fete. Some helped arranging the stalls, some helped with the sales. Quite a few members contributed to the fete which helped tremendously to achieve a great result at the end of the day. The garden society had a plants sale table with plants

donated by the society's members. We also had some garden produce which was snatched very quickly by a lucky buyer. Sheila Holland provided candle sticks, hand decorated with dry flowers, which attracted a lot of attention. Kati Christova organised kids tombola with soft toys which made many kids very happy.

Ann Shuker suggested putting on a little display "arrangement of flowers in a jug" in the form of a competition. Members provided 12 jugs with some beautiful flower arrangements both big and small.

Visitors voted for their favourite display. Andy Billings won the public vote for the jug of flowers. She was awarded a rosette.

Members generously donated most of the fresh flower arrangements for sale which were quickly cleared by the end of the day as visitors realised they were getting a bargain.

The Garden Society had a very successful day. We are proud to announce a donation of £114 in aid of the NSPCC. We also had the opportunity to sit in the sun with a cup of tea or coffee and homemade cake, chatting with friends with lovely music in the background. Some even braved a dance!

Lina Christova



School News

Woodlands Primary School

At Woodlands we have made quite a few changes for the children.

The school entrance has been revamped to make the site more secure. Further rooms have been decorated, including the hall and library. Early Years staff have further developed the outside area for the children to enjoy - we can't wait to see them using it!



If you are interested in becoming a governor or member of the parents' association of Woodlands, please contact the school office.

Miss Woode

Summerswood Primary School

Oliver Dowden MP, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport has worked with Brass Band England (BBE) to promote learning of brass instruments in UK schools.

During June Herts Music Service, in partnership with BBE, worked with many schools across Hertfordshire teaching Year 6 students. Herts Music Service sourced instruments from across the county and obtained new instruments with the funding from the Department of Culture Media and Sport.

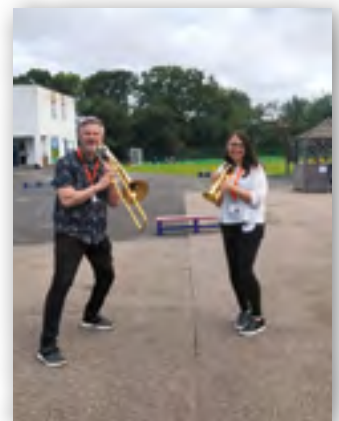
Paul Fisher and Dierdre Waller-Box, from Herts Music Service and BBE worked in two local schools, Summerswood Primary in Borehamwood and Fairfield Junior in Radlett to develop basic skills in playing a brass instrument.

Borehamwood Brass members attended two special 'Proms in the Playground' events held at both schools before the end of term.

The hope is that some of the pupils will keep on learning an instrument, to develop a youth band in the coming years. The scheme will continue to run in the next academic year. It is very much hoped that these young people from Summerswood will be able to entertain the community at town events.

Cllr Pat Strack said "I am full of praise both for the tutors and the players. This was an excellent opportunity to showcase to parents and the whole school. As a Summerswood school governor I was invited to attend the concert given at Summerswood. The children's performance was brilliant. The concert was amazing. Quite clearly performers and audience were really into it, marching, clapping and stamping".

Andrew Grady said "It was so apt that Borehamwood Brass could play with a small ensemble to show what a real brass band sounds like. Borehamwood Brass have served the town well. It will be a great step forward to introduce a whole new generation to this genre of music."



Back to the Future?

In this movie the young people are whisked back 30 years and have to seek a way to get back to the time that they came from. Our children today are starting from much further back than where they should be. Unlike in the movie, this cannot be resolved by a bolt of lightning, and the way things are going it looks as if it will take many years for education to get back to normal.

How many governors, two years ago, knew anything about Zoom or Teams? Yet today we are all familiar with these, and although they might be considered less valuable than face to face meetings there is a place for them. Who, for example, would want to go out in bad weather, later in the year, or would want their staff to do so?

All schools will have new governors, most of whom will not have been in a classroom since they were in school. More experienced governors will have a role in supporting them in the protocols of visiting and reporting.

Back to the future, which is now, I would urge governors to ask a question about the affordability of their uniforms. Unfortunately, a

new law aimed at making uniforms cheaper will not be in place this September. The Children's Society report that the average cost for primary children is £315 and for secondary £337. Hopefully this will enable savings when it comes into force. Fortunately most schools have taken matters into their own hands and recycle uniforms and other relevant clothing.

If you are interested in becoming a governor and helping to make a difference, contact your local school or go to the website <https://www.hertsforlearning.co.uk/business-services/governance>

If you want to know more about being a governor contact me on 020 8386 3151 or email geoff.strack@ntlworld.com

Geoff Strack



Hertsmere Mencap remembers Teresa Gray

Teresa Gray, a much loved member of our community, sadly passed away on Sunday 8 August.

Teresa had been a part of the Hertsmere Mencap family for as many years as we can remember, regularly attending the Jubilee Club, music, drama, art & crafts, our Coffee Morning and she was always on the minibus to the Magpie Club. She was a friend of everyone. "Teresa was always nice to me, we talked a lot and we were good friends, said Michael, one of our members. Glyn and Linda, who are both members said "She was kind, caring and we are going to miss our special friend."

Paul Moser, Hertsmere Mencap Chair, said "everyone loved Teresa who, with her ready smile, brightened up all our lives. She was so much part of what we do, not only taking part in many activities but also, for instance, making the teas at arts & crafts - she'll be really missed by us all."

But it wasn't only Hertsmere Mencap that loved Teresa. Sandra, a care worker for Mencap, recalls "I would often see Teresa in Borehamwood village. There were so many people who stopped to chat to Teresa that it would take her forever to make it to the other end of the village."

Many of our members knew Teresa from school. Neil, another member, reminisced "I knew Teresa as a shy six-year-old girl. One day I found her crying and asked her what was wrong. Teresa wanted to make friends but was too shy". Neil recalls saying to her "I'll talk to you and I'll be your friend". Neil and Teresa rediscovered each other at Jubilee Club a few years later and were friends ever since.

Teresa had a wonderful sense of humour, always laughing, always happy and telling jokes. She was often heard giggling away and one of her favourite jokes recently was "What's white, fluffy and comes from Canada?" "Teresa was always cheerful; in fact, she was one of the most positive people I knew" recalls Tracey, one of our volunteers. "She was always a delight to be around, always happy and was a real ray of sunshine even when she was feeling uncertain" recalls Amanda, a volunteer, friend and a wonderful support to Teresa during her illness



"Teresa had a sweetness about her, she was kind, she never moaned or complained" said Amanda, one of her support staff. "She got great enjoyment from the simple things in life, watching Two and a Half Men or Only Fools and Horses, and was known to crack up when watching an episode of Family Guy.

Susan Moser said "I will always remember Teresa for her sensitivity, her sincerity and the love she offered everyone along with her cheerfulness and her ability to embrace the good things in life. She will be remembered by us all – and we will smile as we think of her."

When Teresa wasn't attending one of our activities, she worked in a charity shop in Borehamwood village, which she loved very much. Teresa loved country music; in fact the Jubilee Club was in the midst of organising a country music night for Teresa to join over Zoom. Unfortunately, this was not able to go ahead as Teresa was too ill.

Sadly, Teresa became unwell at the beginning of this year. Teresa's Hertsmere Mencap family immediately rallied around her to give her support with numerous visits, phone calls, food, and accompanying Teresa to her medical appointments.

Losing Teresa is a huge loss for Hertsmere Mencap. She was a very special friend to us all and she has left a void in all our hearts. She will never be forgotten.

Marijke Turner



Sasha Capocci arranged a party at Maxwell Community Centre to celebrate all the amazing help that Marijke Turner has given to the community.

Marijke is about to move to Stevenage. She will sorely missed, as she has

helped so many people. Every Wednesday at 96, Marijke would be in the kitchen with Sue Everett, Marion Naylor (Tesco) and Greer. As a committee member of Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club, she would work in the kitchen with refreshments, chat to members and even take Dolly (our canine mascot) for a walk.

Every Friday without fail Marijke was helping and supporting members of the Visually Impaired Club.

As a member of the Borehamwood Community Choir, she entertained not only in the town but across London. The choir regularly visited care homes to bring music to the residents.

Visits to the Radley and Forest Care homes were much appreciated by residents. Marijke would shop for them as well as visit on a weekly basis.

For many years at All Saints Church, Shenley Road, Marijke would take joy in ensuring the flower arrangements were the best they could be. She introduced many people to the church. Twice a year in June and December, Marijke would coordinate the special flower arrangements made by community organisations for residents to enjoy.

At the monthly showcase of community organisations at All Saints Marijke would organise a band of volunteers to do the refreshments.

Marijke had time for everyone, and we were given the opportunity to say how much she had helped the community and wish her well in her new home.



Dolly with Mary Hanson

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Borehamwood Foodbank

Thank you to the people of Borehamwood

As 2021 is nearing its end we're taking time to reflect, what another unusual and busy year!

We've dealt with lots of challenges over the previous months. Whilst most local agencies closed their doors during lockdowns, we are so very proud that we were able to stay open to support local people! We'd like to say a huge thank you to all of our supporters who continued to offer their time by volunteering for us and for all of the wonderful, generous donations which increased to meet the need during such busy times.

Some of the initiatives we have continued through our second year of Covid, raising over £7,500 on our crowdfunding page, providing lunches to school children during lockdown and right through the summer holidays, giving craft packs and home learning packs whilst schools were closed, purchasing school uniforms for 120 children from 15 different schools, providing cookery packs to families accompanied by YouTube videos to cook along to, continuing to deliver food packs for those who were shielding or unable to reach us... As you can see, we've had another very busy year!



As we move into winter we are expecting to become increasingly busier, but as always and with your help, we will do our best to help those who need it, please keep an eye on our facebook page and website for our winter wellness campaign which includes help with gas and electric costs and winter coats.

Please keep donating if you can, or if you would rather give your time we would welcome your support!

Wishing you all continued good health and happiness as we move towards 2022.



Kim Gray, Volunteer Manager
info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk

Gratitude

In response to the Afgan refugee crisis Gratitude set out to help at the local receiving hotel for refugees.

We had a range of items that would surely be needed: hand sanitizer and laundry soap, and a selection of new shoes. Sheila arrived at reception and was greeted by legions and legions of super friendly kids. All items were gratefully received, especially the shoes. However, the tragedy was that we had three pairs for hundreds of kids.

'Don't worry, we will share them'...and a decision was made for each child to wear them for two hours a day.

So we went back and started the appeal for shoes. And by the end of the day we had boxes and boxes. But when we returned it was a bit of a scramble...and some missed out.

Then one of Gratitude's Afghani volunteers went room to room to make up a list from each mum as to what things her family needed. List after list of nappies, shoes, snacks, etc. Now, back to the old library and individual boxes were made up for delivery.

Gratitude is well suited to respond to this

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We are very multicultural. Our volunteers come

from all parts of the world, and have the language skills and cultural sensitivity to communicate and discover what is needed.

As a small charity, we can respond quickly and effectively. Obviously big charities can do the big stuff but little things like sanitary items can't wait.

We will post on Gratitude.charity a list of needed items, and these can be left at the former library in Elstree Way.



Music in the Wood



Meadow Park performance area

The bandstand working group, made up of interested parties from within the town, mainly drew experience and expertise from the two local Rotary Clubs. It has been working with both local statutory bodies of Elstree and Borehamwood town council and Hertsmere borough council to commission a performance shelter for Meadow Park.

Following permission, the project committee worked with the contractors, Lightmain, and Ian Kershaw and Aaron Niblett from Hertsmere to move the project forward.

Lightmain Ltd was appointed contractor by the town council to build this bandstand. Hertsmere paid for the hardstanding and the electrical installation.

The structure was erected at the end of June 2021 in time for the start of a five-week concert series that was organised under Covid-19 restrictions.

The technical details were overseen by Andrew Grady and Norman Shuker, who both have a wealth of expertise to draw from.

The opening ceremony for the shelter took place on 1 September with town and borough councillors and members of the community present. This facility will bring so many benefits for the residents of Elstree and Borehamwood, especially as we emerge out of the Covid-19 restrictions.



Summer concerts in Meadow Park

The town council, with partners, the Meadow Park entertainment project committee and Hertsmere borough council, organised a series of five Sunday afternoon brass band concerts for the pleasure of all the townsfolk. Live music was much welcomed after lockdown. All bands (except Enfield) were from Hertfordshire.

Welwyn Garden City Band played the first concert date on 4 July 2021, including a programme celebrating American Independence Day and recognising 'Big Thankyou Day'. The Woodmen also performed. This band was founded in 1977. It borrowed the nickname of Boreham Wood football club. Originally, all the members lived here. Now, three live in Hemel Hempstead and one in Holt, Norfolk.

On 11 July Hitchin Band, one of the oldest bands in Hertfordshire, celebrating their 150th Anniversary a few years ago, played. They performed a wide range of popular music (<https://www.facebook.com/mparkarena/videos/1756743927845391>).



Sunday 18 July's concert featured the Enfield Brass Band, performing a varied programme. Our very own 'Writers in the Wood' recited some of their original works before the commencement of the afternoon concert.

On Sunday 25 July, the concert featured Hemel Hempstead Band. The support performers were Borehamwood Bluegrass, a group specifically formed for this event. The three members of the group all have performing experience stretching back over fifty years. The central sound is that of the banjo, the iconic American instrument.

The final concert on 1 August, featured our very own Borehamwood Brass. The band supports the NSPCC and performs at many different town council events during the year. The band was conducted by Derek Holland. The U3A Strummers in the Wood entertained before the start of the concert.

Borehamwood Brass



Borehamwood Brass, your local community band, performs a wide musical repertoire on the standard set of brass band instruments. We have served the local community for 50 years.

On Sunday 1 August the band performed at the new Meadow Park entertainment arena as part of an event organised by Elstree & Borehamwood town council.

The musical director Derek Holland prepared a programme that featured a range of English light music for all the family, including popular arrangements of Bandology, Calling all the Workers and Breezing Down Broadway, concluding with a foot tapping arrangement of New York, New York.

The band started rehearsals in September following a summer break, and hope to be playing at the NSPCC event to be held in Allum Manor and Hall in November.

Some members of the band will also be part of the Elstree Mozart Players' concert in the autumn. Further details of this concert are in the article about the orchestra's activities in this edition.

For more information on Borehamwood Brass, and how to join, or to book the band to perform at a local fete or family event, look either at the band's web site and Facebook page, or contact Andrew Grady on 07802 736628 or email borehamwoodbrass@hotmail.com

Website www.borehamwoodbrass.org.uk

Facebook www.facebook.com/borehamwoodbrass

Twitter: www.twitter.com/BWoodbrass



Elstree Mozart Players

The original idea for the Elstree Mozart Players was proposed by Derek Holland, currently musical director of Borehamwood Brass.

Derek first appeared at festival concerts with the band as long ago as 1993. The local community supported this, championed by Pat Strack, and Andrew Grady. Others including the Rev Tim Warr from All Saints Church, and the town council entertainments committee made this venture a success.

The orchestra is drawn from a group of specially chosen semi-professional and professional musicians from the local area with the aim of performing, for the local community to enjoy and engage, a wide range of orchestral and choral music at affordable prices.

Next concert is on Saturday 9 October at Allum Hall, Elstree.

This concert features Rossini's, William Tell Overture, a world premiere of a Tuba Concerto by Phillip White, Elgar's Cello Concerto, and a performance of Sibelius's Finlandia, introducing members of Borehamwood Brass. Soloists for the evening are Anna Maclean and Roland Marshall.

The concert will raise money for the Studios Rotary Club to support local charities including the Dementia Club.

The 70 strong orchestra aims to celebrate music as a performing art. This will be the first performance of the orchestra since February 2020, because of all the Covid-19 restrictions.

Tickets: £15 (concessions £12) in advance - details below.

Future concerts at Allum Hall, 7.30pm

Saturday 20 November: A classical extravaganza is planned with the Studios Rotary Club in aid of MIND and TypetoExpress.

Sunday 5 December: EBTC will present a seasonal concert, in aid of the local Foodbank, charity of the year for Town Mayor Cllr. Farida Turner.

For tickets, more information about the orchestra or to become a patron or friend of the orchestra, please contact either Pat Strack on 020 8386 3151 pat.strack@ntlworld.com or Andrew Grady on 07802 736628, or email elstreemozartplayers@outlook.com





Here are some poems and announcements from Writers in the Wood, Elstree and Borehamwood's writers group.

Lockdown unLocked by Maureen Corman

Give me a hug then maybe a kiss,
 Isn't the end of lockdown bliss,
 We can meet up inside or go for a walk,
 It doesn't matter we'll hold hands and talk,
 We won't have to do it over Zoom,
 Sitting all alone in an empty room,
 We can go to the shops on a spending spree,
 Then splash out on a lavish afternoon tea,
 We can try on a dress, feel like a queen,
 Not have to pick from a photo on screen,
 Shall we go to the pub for wine or beer,
 Join all those smiling faces and let out a CHEER !!!

Coins from a bygone europe by Elliott Stanton

Pesetas, drachmas, escudos and francs;
 Former currencies lie in an old chipped mug.
 On a shelf next to rusting half-empty pots of paint
 In my garden shed, topped off with the odd dead bug.
 Deutsche marks, guilders, schillings and lira,
 Collective memories of old Europe, perhaps?
 Destined to remain in that place untouched,
 Patiently waiting for the shed OR the euro to collapse.

Crossword Clue by Dusti Rhodes

To egg on.
 Five letters.
 Toast.

Pirates of the South by Jason Cook

Jason Cook's new book, *Pirates of the South*, will be released at the end of September.

Set in the 1990s and based on true events, it tells the story of Lana, a 16-year-old girl growing up on the drug-infested streets of London, desperately trying to achieve her lifelong goal of becoming a DJ. Faced with abuse and temptation, it won't be easy. Will her new friends stick by her and support her dream, or will they be the very reason it fails?



Live Well - Borehamwood is a community support group for over 50s in Borehamwood. We have been operating for over six years and are currently working on transitioning into a charity.

Members were very happy to return to their usual venue at Farriers Way hall and have settled back in well. We are holding weekly sessions again and are looking forward to organising various workshops for our members in the coming weeks.

We also recently arranged a day trip to Clacton on Sea and had a fantastic day out. The weather was great and everyone got to relax and enjoy the sea breeze and an ice cream or two.

All our members received some wonderful winter warmer bags from Small Acts of Kindness filled with lots of goodies to keep us warm over the winter - thank you team @Small Acts of Kindness!

We are currently taking new member applications. However, there may be a waiting list to join sessions for a short time so that we can allow for extra space. If you would like to join or if you would like more information about Live Well you can call us on 07960 783 079 or email us at livewell@groupmail.com. Your first taster session is free.

We also wanted to say a huge heartfelt thank you to Arnold Clark for supporting us with costs for workshops and also Hertsmere borough council for awarding us funding for one year for two posts. This will allow us to continue to provide support and sessions to all our members and also to accept new members. We are all very grateful!



Aldenham festival parkrun

There was so much going on when we started back in July, with a bigger, more normal turnout, still trying to remember to be Covid safe - longer funnel, sanitiser, just using the app. It felt so familiar, but also a bit weird.

We also had some special guests as parkrun was featured as part of the Elstree and Borehamwood civic festival. We had the town mayor, the mayors secretary and the council's events manager attending. I spent a long time chatting to the mayor, trying to explain and highlight the work of parkrun in supporting getting active to enhance physical health and mental wellbeing. At the end of the event, the mayor thanked us all for the work we do, for inviting her and also described the experience as an "eye opener".

Runners were rewarded with some free water and some sweet treats at the end of the run to celebrate being part of the festival.



Flying the flag for Elstree and Borehamwood

In many ways 2020 was a year best forgotten, but it was also the Year of Culture for Hertfordshire, when towns and cities as well as local groups were encouraged to start initiatives to highlight the creative talents for which the county is famous.

Over a year ago, just after the first Covid-19 lockdown, local residents were invited by the town council to take part in a contest to design a flag unique to Elstree and Borehamwood. In its autumn issue Town Crier announced four shortlisted designs chosen from all the submissions.



After the votes had been counted, the most popular design was that created by 11-year old Lily Saron. Town mayor Councillor Farida Turner met Lily recently when together they unwrapped our first-ever town



flag. To the delight of Lily and the surprise of her proud family, mayor Turner gave her a full size specimen of the new town flag, to display at home as Lily thinks best.



Another copy of the flag now flies outside Fairway Hall, beside the Town Council's own banner. The two runners-up in the competition, Isabella Sasto and Madison Bradley, also local girls, received their prizes for doing so well with their own designs.

Where else better to display the town flag but at the railway station to welcome visitors and homebound commuters? With the support of Thameslink, ten banners featuring the flag design were installed on lighting columns in mid-August. How many railway stations can boast such a colourful show of local pride?

Word of the new town flag is spreading; it even featured in the summer 2021 issue of Flagmaster, the journal of the Flag Institute, sharing a page with an article about the flag of the United Nations!

To discover how you can obtain a copy of the new town flag, simply contact Dan Salter at the town council offices.

Again, well done to Lily and to everyone who took part in the competition, either by creating such powerful designs or by voting for the shortlisted entrants.





First Impressions

Over ten years ago I was invited as town councillor for Hillside Ward to represent the town council on a new group just being formed. From its first meeting I could tell that this group would be very different, and today I'm still excited by the contributions we make in what we call First Impressions.

At the time, plans were being made to upgrade the railway station to create an 'integrated transport interchange'. In plain English that means making it easier for bus users to transfer to the rail service and vice versa.

Local volunteer group Elstree Screen Heritage felt that to be involved in that redevelopment would be an opportunity to create a strong first impression of an active and prosperous suburban community, proud of its unique film and TV heritage and confident of its future.

We all agreed that to achieve that would require the voluntary cooperation of key stakeholders, so as well as Elstree Screen Heritage and the town council, from the start there have been representatives on First Impressions from the borough and county councils plus the train services operator, now Thameslink.

What we've all learned is that often it takes these organisations to combine their forces in order to achieve remarkable results. These days with the station looking so good and with big plans for future changes it's easy to forget what an eyesore the railway station and sections of Shenley Road were. Because it was so grim and unloved, we were confident we could transform the station and its surroundings into a better-looking, safer-feeling place.

It's now an attractive access point to the area's key source of civic pride, its film and TV activity. This vital local industry generates upwards of £30,000 a day for the regional economy and is rapidly expanding.

We're very proud of our film industry in Borehamwood, and First Impressions has brought it even closer. I think it's made the community more aware. People feel connected; it's made people feel like they belong, and feel proud to belong.

Cllr Sandra Parnell



Elstree & Borehamwood's railway station gets a revamp from First Impressions and stakeholders

The long awaited sprucing-up of Elstree & Borehamwood's train station has commenced with First Impressions spearheading the process.

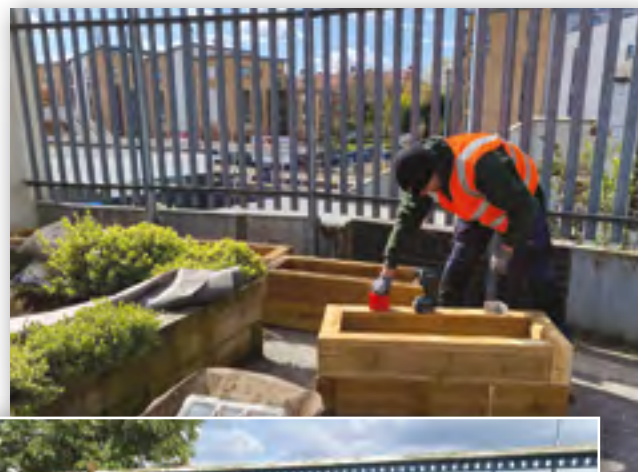
It's occurring under the leadership of chairman Bob Redman and assisted by the town councillors Alpha Bird Collins, LLM and Sandra Parnell along with Patrick Ladbury of Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) and other stakeholders.

Prior to the commencement of improvements at the station, a consultative survey was carried out by 'First Impressions' with passengers' opinions being prioritised. As a result of the survey, the following proposals from the public emerged and were considered to be tackled with an eye on modernity. Such as: brand new planters placed on the outside of the station for beautification purposes; improved toilet facilities for all; upgraded means to facilitate disabled passengers; additional parking provisions and better signposting among others are being done. There are other issues in the pipeline yet to be completed in the near future.

Over the past ten years 'First Impressions' has continued as a collaboration of the town, borough, and county councils, along with Elstree Screen Heritage and the current railway operator Govia Thameslink Railway.

It is noteworthy that an upsurge of heartfelt thanks and appreciation from the stakeholders goes to GTR for allocating eighty thousand pounds (£80,000) from the 'Passenger Benefit Fund' which was set up to make amends for the train timetable disruption in 2018 that inconvenienced passengers.

Tom Moran, Managing Director for Thameslink and Great Northern, said: "Our improvement programme is making stations smarter, more efficient and more sustainable. It's great to be working with local partners here at Elstree & Borehamwood to make the station a better experience for passengers, and the best asset it can be for the community."



For years the forecourt has been bleak and barren. Displaying colourful banners on the lighting columns has helped but adding six new planters on the 'islands' has now made the area much more attractive at ground level. Another five planters have just been added to the open space on Allum Lane and the large planter, created by 'First Impressions' with help from youth councillors, has been refreshed.

Currently, chairman Redman of First Impressions and Mr. Ladbury of Govia Thameslink Railway are in discussion to have additional benches installed at the station before the end of September, as well as a large digital kiosk to display not only rail information but also information to be provided by key community groups, including the town council.

The forecourt was also recently brightened by the appearance of ten new banners featuring the design of Elstree and Borehamwood's new flag, described elsewhere in this edition of Town Crier.

Finally, Elstree and Borehamwood town is where Elstree Film Studios and the BBC Elstree Centre are respectively located with the new Sky Studios currently being built. Many movies and TV programmes are made in this town and viewed around the world.

Cllr Alpha Bird Collins, LLM



Festival Highlights 2021



Allotment Open Day



Flag Raising



Borehamwood Brass



Festival Parkrun



Circus Skills Workshop



Chess Night



Teddys Trails



Quiz Night



Quiz Night - Winners
Writers in the Wood

Virtual Festival Highlights 2021

All Videos are available on the Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council YouTube Channel

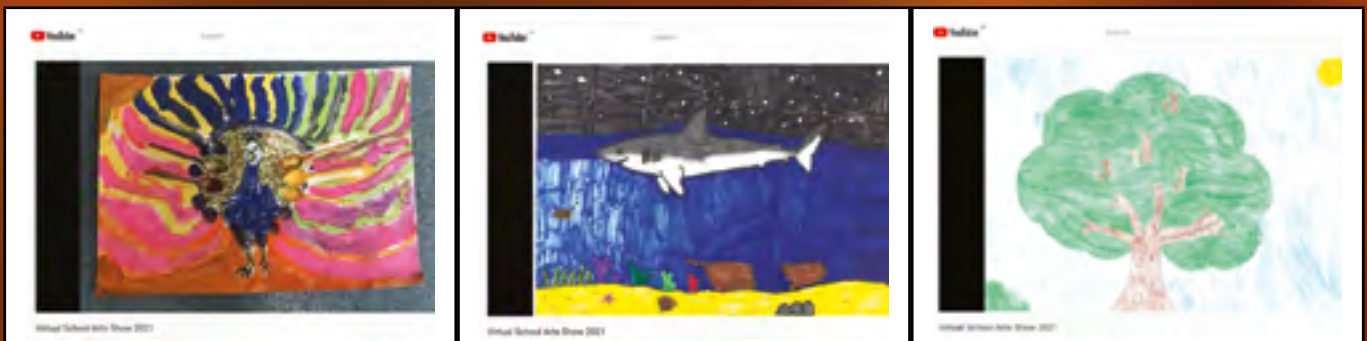
Virtual Civic Festival Service



Virtual Literary Festival



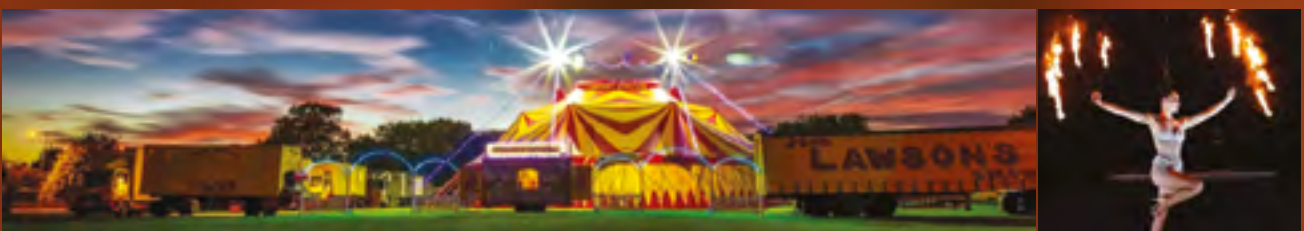
Virtual School Arts Show



Families Day 2022

Unfortunately due to the bad weather conditions this years Families Day 2021 had to be cancelled.

To make up for this we are happy to announce that next years Families Day will now be split over two days and become a Families Weekend (25 June - 26 June 2022) and will feature the return of John Lawson's Circus on both days with free entry for everybody. Please keep an eye out in future issues for more details.



Maxwell Park Community Centre

Bright spacious hall available on Saturday afternoons for private hire. Meeting rooms and mirrored dance studio are available for hire.



Regular activities include:

Bar-K Line Dancing, British Tinnitus Association, Cocaine Anonymous, East Anglian Wing Chun Athletic, E&BW Table Tennis (Junior & All Ages), Generation Plus, formerly Fifty Plus (Art, Bowls, Table Tennis), Fit Club, Friends of Care Homes, Guideposts, Hartbeeps, HAFLS (Adult Learning Courses), KJ's School of Dance, Krav Maga, LA LA Dance, Little Kickers, MoveDanceSweat, Music Tuition, Shogun Karate, Strength & Balance Class, Studio Quilters, Sundance Line Dancing, U3A Ukulele Group, Visually Impaired Club, Watchman SIA Courses, We Move She Moves (Pound, Golden Dance Fit, Pilates), Yoga & Pilates

There's something for everyone!

See website for details - www.maxwellpcc.org

For private or regular hire please call: 020 8953 4295
or email info@maxwellpcc.org



Visually Impaired Club Borehamwood

We are seeking Volunteers!

The Visually Impaired Club (VIC) is held on Friday afternoons in Borehamwood. We are a voluntary organisation providing support, social and physical activities for those with visual and other disabilities.

We do not receive any statutory funding and were unable to meet during lockdown. We have a wide age range of members from 30-100 years old with differing needs.

We are currently seeking **VOLUNTEERS** to run all types of 45-60 mins sessions once a month and entertainers for once every other month for the enjoyment of our members.

We follow Covid guidance for the safety of everyone

If you are interested in getting involved within your local community and can spare an hour a month to help our members please contact us via email on

vicclub.borehamwood21@gmail.com



Defibrillator Campaign

Good news! Good news!

This all started because resident Lawrence Stack brought the idea forward.

McColls has decided to put automated external defibrillators (AEDs) into all their outlets. The rollout began in July. Boreham Wood Youth Football Club have their own defibrillator. Clarion are investigating installing defibrillators in their housing for the elderly.

The Defibrillator Campaign team, Clive Butchins, Sandra Parnell and Pat Strack, responded to a public request to put defibrillators in three local shopping streets: Howard Drive, Hartforde Rd and Elstree High St. The AED in Leeming Rd is at the Community Shop and there is one at the church at Rossington Avenue.

A defibrillator has been installed at the Village Food and Wine Store in Elstree village.

The two that would have been installed in Hartforde Rd and Howard Drive will now be installed in Manor Way and at Borehamwood Multipurpose Day Service at 100 Aycliffe Road.

County councillors Morris Bright, Susan Brown, Caroline Clapper and Alan Plancey have granted £4,000 from their locality budgets so that we have enough money to pay for three defibrillators.

Money is still being raised from the public to pay for batteries and pads that need renewing once an AED is five years old. The batteries and pads cost £150 for each AED. The ten primary schools and Hertswood School are our priority. This will cost £1,650. All other AEDs we have donated to the venues have become the responsibility of the recipient.

Hertfordshire Constabulary have added a 24/7 AED outside the police station at the Civic Offices.

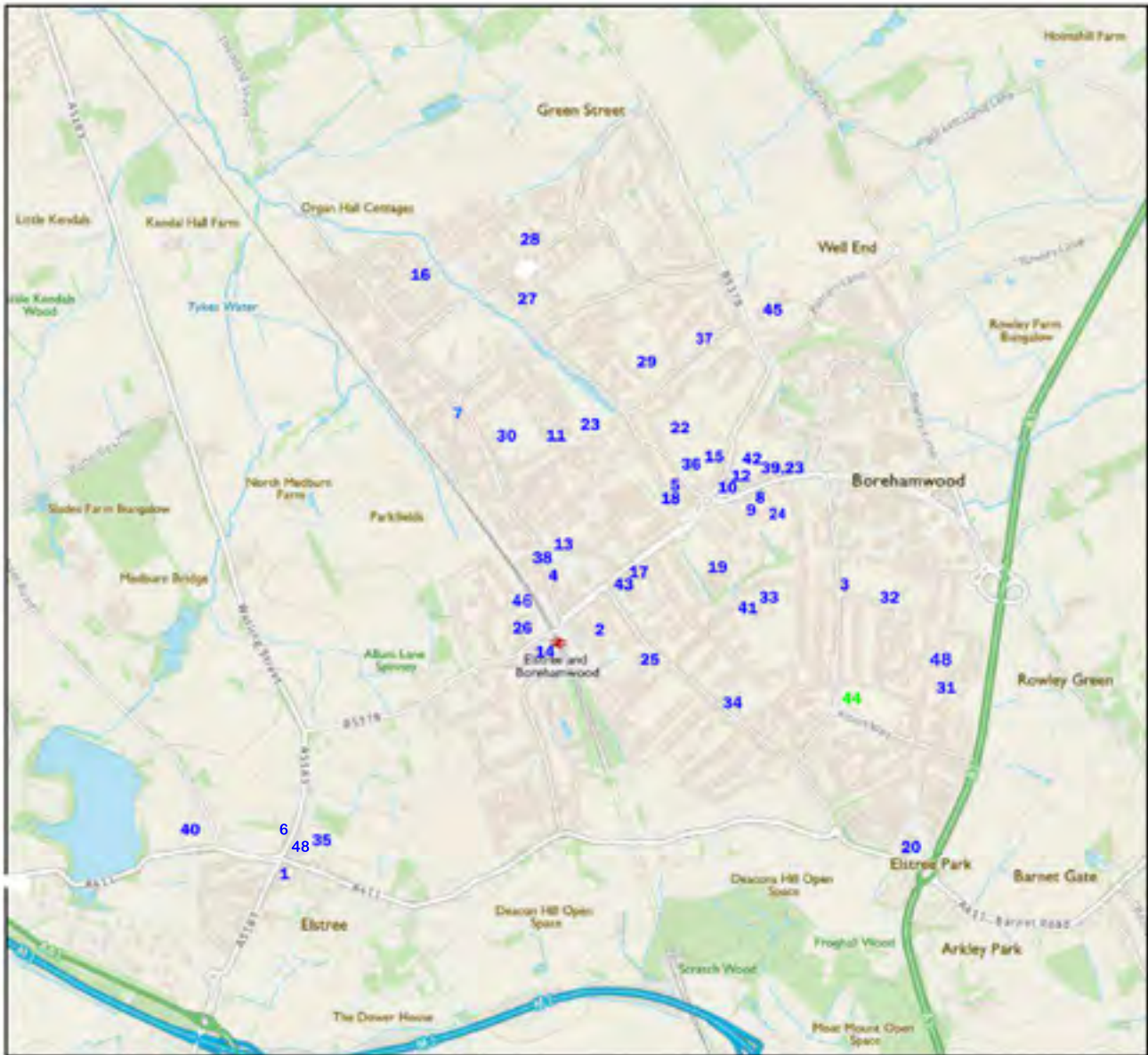


ELSTREE & BOREHAMWOOD DEFIBRILLATOR PROJECT

LOCATIONS



ThamesLink /



Existing locations:

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Cornerhouse Dental Care | 17. 96 Shenley Road | 35. St. Nicolas' C of E Primary School |
| 2. Drayton Road Dental Practice | 18. Fairway Hall * | 36. St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School |
| 3. Manor Way Dental Practice | 19. Tesco | 37. Hartforde Road |
| 4. Grove Medical Centre | 20. Morrisons | 38. Kinetic Centre |
| 5. Fairbrook Medical Centre | 21. Aberford Hall | 39. Ibis Hotel * |
| 6. Schopwick Medical Centre | 22. Boreham Wood F.C. | 40. Elstree Lawn Tennis Club |
| 7. Theobald Medical Centre | 23. The Venue | 41. Yavneh College |
| 8. Fire Station * | 24. Muslim Centre & Mosque | 42. Elstree Way Clinic |
| 9. Ambulance Station | 25. The BECC | 43. Pure Gym |
| 10. Police Station * | 26. Allum Hall | 44. Three Ways Community Centre |
| 11. Elstree & Borehamwood Synagogue | 27. Community Shop (Leeming Road) | 45. Hertswood Academy |
| 12. Hertsmere Borough Council | 28. Parkside Primary School | 46. Ohr Yisroel Synagogue |
| 13. Marks & Spencer | 29. Cowley Hill Primary School | 47. Howard Drive |
| 14. Elstree & Borehamwood Station * | 30. Meryfield Community Primary Sch. | 48. Elstree High Street |
| 15. St. Teresas Parish Centre * | 31. Saffron Green Primary School | |
| 16. SS John Fisher & Thomas More * | 32. Kenilworth Primary School | |
| | 33. Monksmead Primary School | |
| | 34. Summerswood Primary School | |

* Available 24 hours
Amended 24/5/2021 C. Butchins

Tapestries of Faith

The town council supports the freedom of residents to choose a faith or to have none and it is proud of the rich tapestry of religious groups within the local community.

St Michael's Hall hosts climate pilgrims

St Michael and All Angels, Borehamwood hosted the Young Christian Climate Network relay pilgrimage to COP26 on Tuesday, 10 August.

The church organised a community meal and provided overnight accommodation for the walkers in St Michael's Hall. The Right Reverend Dr Alan Smith, Bishop of St Albans, said, 'It is wonderful to greet the pilgrims as we work together for the good of the planet. Caring for creation is a theme that runs through the entire Bible, from start to finish. Christians are called to be good stewards of the planet and to care about the environment. This is an area where many young people are taking the lead. Your relay to Glasgow for COP26 demonstrates that you are taking a lead and you are turning up the heat on climate issues. I call on us all in the communities of this diocese to hear the call and turn up the heat on climate issues so we can turn down the heat on the planet.'

Starting from Carbis Bay in Cornwall, site of the G7 summit, in June and ending in Glasgow for the climate talks in November, the pilgrimage will cover more than 1,000 miles and involve hundreds of walkers in a relay to call for climate justice for the world's poorest and most vulnerable. Travelling with them is The Pilgrim, the boat which is the symbol of the YCCN's call for climate justice.



Camp Unity 2021

Camp Unity 2021, a multifaith residential programme for 6-11-year-olds, began this year with 42 campers, three parent volunteers, several youth and assistant youth leaders, a few hardy trustees and a camp director all wishing to sleep on the campsite.

Despite the cold temperatures and a bit of rain, the programme ran for five nights from Sunday to Friday 15 - 20 August 2021, and was held at One Oak field in Aldenham Country Park.

Among the highlights this year were a visit from the Chief Constable of Hertfordshire, Charlie Hall QPM, a squad car demonstration by the local Borehamwood police, plus an informal visit from the High Sheriff of Hertfordshire, the Honourable Lionel C Wallace, DL.

Focusing on what makes Elstree and Borehamwood unique, we also took the children to a 'splash' session at the Venue leisure centre, to work on a garden allotment at Stapleton Road, to the working farm and attractions at Aldenham Country Park, and more. Sincere thanks to all of the vendors who accommodated us.

The children responded energetically to the outdoors, running through fields by day and staying up late by the campfire at night, allowing them respite after nearly 18 months under government guidelines and three extended lockdowns.

This year the group was more diverse by religion than previously, with more Jewish, Muslim and Asian children rounding out the majority Christian cohort. Nearly half of the children had attended our 2019



programme. Some of the nations represented this year included: Canada, Czechia, Hungary, India, Ireland, Japan, Lithuania, Nigeria, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Turkey, UK and USA.

Camp Unity aims to bring local communities together to promote friendships among children who might not ordinarily have a chance to meet, to encourage exploration of the outdoors, and to help build confidence. We are grateful for the support received from the Hertfordshire county, Hertsme borough and Elstree and Borehamwood t^own councils.

Rabbi Jeff Berger, Kashif Merchant, Rivka David, Father Dominic Mckenna, Cllr Victor Eni and Jirina Horinek

DID YOU KNOW?

There is a **Masorti synagogue** in Borehamwood.

Our services are traditional Orthodox with the added element that we have mixed seating and women can take an active part in the service. Our membership is varied with lots of young families as well as people of all ages, coming from Borehamwood and surrounding areas.

We have recently welcomed Rabbi Danny Newman as our spiritual leader. He received his Smicha (rabbinic ordination) from Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg after completing his studies at the Leo Baeck College. Rabbi Danny comes from an Orthodox background, having grown up in Stanmore at the United synagogue. He has been a member of New North London synagogue for many years and his personal and professional approaches are pluralistic in nature.



Rabbi Danny is the founder and director of HaMakom, an organisation which runs Jewish mindfulness meditation retreats for people from all parts of the Jewish community. He read Jewish Studies at Oxford University and studied at several Israeli yeshivot.

We also have the services of Chazan Roland Brandman, who has been singing publicly as a hobby for some 25 years. He performed as an opera singer during his childhood, including solo performances for English National Opera, BBC Television and Cologne Opera House. He has been leading synagogue services and weddings for a number of communities, Orthodox and Masorti.



Because of the pandemic we have not been having regular in-person services but are now starting to get back to normal. During this time Rabbi Danny and Roland have been holding pre-Shabbat services on Zoom jointly with Edgware Masorti synagogue, plus lots of other events, mostly online till now but increasingly in-person too.

For information about joining our warm, welcoming community, please contact Deborah Cohen via email: info@ebmc.org.uk.



The Elstree & Borehamwood Masorti Community is a Registered Charity, No. 1139041

Visit our website <https://www.ebmc.org.uk>

Key worker bench dedication

The town mayor, cllr Mrs Farida Turner, presided over what she described as “a very unique and special occasion,” namely, the dedication of a commemorative bench in Borehamwood dedicated to all the key workers in the area who worked and continue to work during the Covid-19 pandemic.

She said: “We hope this bench will be a constant reminder of how much we owe to the amazing key workers who have unstintingly given so much of themselves to help others during the crisis. I would like to quote a gentleman’s words of 81 years ago – ‘Never was so much owed by so many to so few’ – thank you, Winston Churchill!”

The bench, funded and to be maintained by the town council, sits opposite the bench of a similar design installed last year by the town council to commemorate the anniversary of the ending of World War II - and these are located near the Borehamwood war memorial. The project had the support of the local branch of the British Legion who agreed that it was right to honour the key workers in this way.

The dedication ceremony which took place with limited numbers was attended by fellow town councillors and representatives of the fire brigade..



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Our local Covid-19 vaccination centre now welcomes walk-ins!!

The spring edition of Town Crier announced that the first Hertsmere Covid-19 vaccines were delivered on 7 January at a GP-run vaccination centre based at Allum Hall in Elstree. Several months later, the summer edition reported that by early May over 50,000 doses had been given to 30,000 patients.

Since then, over 70,000 vaccinations have been delivered at Allum Hall, the largest Covid-19 vaccination centre in Hertsmere. If socially-distanced, that many patients would stretch from Elstree to Leicester!

In August the centre took another key step by starting to offer walk-in Covid-19 vaccination clinics, making it easier than ever for local people to get their first vaccination, or their second jab eight weeks after the first. As well as continuing to serve patients with prior appointments, clinics offer both the Astra Zeneca and Pfizer vaccines to anyone aged 16 or older who turns up.

By the end of August more than 500 people had taken advantage of being able to 'grab a jab' without having to book in advance and without having to be registered with a GP or needing to provide ID.

Dr Kate Page, senior partner at Fairbrook Medical Centre in Borehamwood and Hertsmere locality chair for Herts Valleys clinical commissioning group says: "We've worked hard to provide patients with a friendly and efficient service through our team of NHS clinicians and care coordinators working alongside volunteers organised by Communities First. Patients aren't having to wait long - even with walk-ins - and we're all very glad to see so many younger patients, for whom the freedom to just turn up has helped them decide to get that all important first jab."

Given the popularity of the walk-in appointments, the Allum Hall vaccination centre is likely to continue to offer walk-in clinics throughout the autumn for first and second doses.

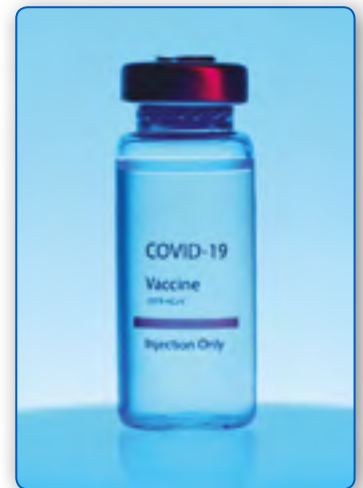
And there's more good news!

Allum Manor has also supported the local response to coronavirus by hosting a NHS Patient Assessment Centre (PAC), offering appointments to residents who require medical assessments and observations for Covid-19 symptoms.

Located in temporary buildings in a sectioned-off part of the car park, the PAC opened on 1 December 2020 and is available by appointment only from 10:30am to 6pm Monday to Friday for patients who have been referred by their GP or by NHS111. Testing for Covid-19 is NOT part of the service.

The PAC continues to work at full capacity; many of its current patients are children who would otherwise have to go to a hospital A&E department. To the immense relief of their parents, a visit to the PAC means a GP can see their child by appointment. This service has provided so much value to the community that the trustees of Allum Manor have agreed to extend hosting the PAC to the end of the year.

For further information about dates and times of clinics at Allum Hall as well as at other walk-in vaccination centres and pop-up clinics, please visit www.covid.healthierfuture.org.uk



Rotary Club of the Studios of Elstree & Borehamwood

Derek Holland was recently presented with the Paul Harris Fellowship Award by past president Nick Male.

The presentation took place at a socially distanced meal at The Manor Hotel, with a limited number of Studios Rotarians, Derek's friends and Rotary dignitaries, to abide by Covid-19 restrictions. This prestigious award is presented to those who have given exceptional service to the community.

Nick's praise was echoed by past district governor, David Palmer and Studios RC president Victor Eni. Kate Walsh spoke on behalf of musicians and performers reminding us of the scope of benefit to communities, not only the town but nationally and internationally.

Derek was honoured because of his contribution to music in Elstree and Borehamwood, being the conductor of Borehamwood Brass for many years, as well as championing the idea of presenting classical music to the local community. He is a founder of the Elstree Mozart Players, with Cllr Pat Strack and Andrew Grady, bringing affordable classical experiences to our community. Derek has presented various young budding musicians at the Studios Rotary Club - sponsored Youth Makes Music series of concerts at All Saints Church, in Shenley Road in 2020, pre Covid lockdown.

With his colleagues from Elstree Mozart Players and Borehamwood Brass he has presented many charitable musical events for different charities, including the NSPCC. Derek conducted Borehamwood Brass in Meadow Park as part of the concert series organised by Elstree and Borehamwood town council.



Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Elstree & Borehamwood has enjoyed a busy few weeks since the inauguration of our new president.

As well as producing the virtual Schools Art Exhibition in association with the town council, we held a joint meeting with the Rotary Club de Lima (on Zoom, of course) as a prelude to a partnership to work on possible projects. The introduction was provided by our member Elsa Reyes, whose uncle is a member of the Lima club. We have also hosted a lunch meeting with our District Governor.

If you are interested in finding out about our club and what we do for Service Above Self, as well as the fellowship aspect, please call me on 07939 088 421. We welcome visitors to our Thursday lunch meetings, which are currently fortnightly and are interspersed with some online get-togethers.

Cllr Clive Butchins

Rotary Club of Elstree and Borehamwood - a new year begins

At a recent gathering of members and guests in Allum Hall, and for the 79th time in our Club's history, the presidential ribbon was passed on to our newly elected president for the coming year Charles Kelly. Outgoing president Clive Butchins has seen us through the months of 'lockdown' when members have continued to meet regularly on Zoom.

We have also fulfilled our commitments to make charitable donations and support local community activities. Funded mostly from a monthly draw and two grants, we have contributed to local causes Borehamwood Foodbank and Gratitude, school community service awards and the Schools Art Show (on-line this year as part of the town festival). We had also contributed to India Covid appeals, End Polio and Shelterbox amongst international relief agencies. A donation was made to NSPCC in memory of Cynthia Barker, our president in 2018/9. We celebrated the recent installation of the performance arena in Meadow Park – a Rotary Club initiative.

Now that the threat of the virus has receded (hopefully), members look forward to meeting over lunch and in the evening in the coming months, working together to fulfil our motto of 'Service before Self'.

Richard Leslie, Club Treasurer

District Governor visit

On 24 August the Studios Rotary Club met in-person for a club meeting for the first time in over twelve months.

At this meeting they welcomed the new District 1130 Governor for 2021-22, Selwyn Foreman, appointed in July.

This first meeting was held at the café at Elstree Aerodrome with a delicious three course meal provided.

Selwyn was welcomed to the club meeting by club president Victor Eni, and gave an impassioned speech about his early life, explaining how he came to be affiliated to the Rotary way.

The new District Governor also expressed to the members the ethos of the new Rotary International president, and the new motto for 2021 -22 'Serve to change lives'.

The evening was enjoyed by both members and friends of the club who witnessed a wonderful sunset as we enjoyed fellowship together.



The Visually Impaired Club

This club has been established for a number of years and meets on a Friday at Maxwell Park Community Centre.

Due to Covid-19 it was closed for 14 months, although contact continued throughout. It reopened in June and is currently meeting fortnightly from 1.30pm to 4pm. For everyone's safety Covid guidance is followed and everyone is expected to take the lateral flow test before attending. We hope to return to weekly meetings as soon as it is safe to do so.

Everyone is delighted to be back meeting up with old and new friends, in this safe environment, enjoying all the fun and activities on offer as well as the refreshments provided. They had waited so long for this moment to come.

If you or someone you know does have a visual impairment, they can be guaranteed a warm welcome here. We are unable to provide personal care but if you have a carer they are also welcome to attend.



For further information or to book your first visit contact
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or phone 07718 622820.

Your Local talking newspaper – still keeping you in touch – for free!

During the pandemic, through the excellent technical skills of our volunteers, we managed to keep going with all the weekly audio recordings and deliveries to our listeners.

We achieved this by doing the recordings remotely, rather than using our recording studio in Radlett. So, listeners to our Radlett, Elstree, Borehamwood and Shenley talking newspaper continued to receive what they needed - local news, magazine-style articles and much appreciated humour.

These recordings, on USBs (memory sticks), are posted off to our mainly blind and visually impaired recipients who then listen to them on their easy-to-use players. All equipment and postage is supplied free of charge. Others who feel isolated or have problems with reading due to strokes or other conditions also benefit from this service.

We also keep in periodic touch with those who request it by phone calls. These calls provide a general catch-up opportunity, plus give us feedback on the recordings. All these services are run by our friendly, dedicated team of volunteers, including some with visual impairment. We are currently still considering our possible return to our recording studios.

If you yourself have any similar issues to our listeners, or have a friend, relative or neighbour who has, and could benefit from the recordings, please contact either Paul Sennett on 07551 725041 or Ros Nagler on 01923 854519. Alternatively, if you'd like to volunteer as a reader, technical helper, editor, etc, we'd love to hear from you.

As one of our listeners and stalwart volunteers Wendy says.... "The talking newspaper is a lifeline for those who cannot get out and meet people. We recognise the voices of the readers and editors, and they feel like our friends and make us laugh".

Clubs

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Will reopen on Wednesday 6 October at 10 am until 12 noon at 96 Shenley Road. Open at last so our members can meet up with old friends and make new ones.

Members will receive a letter reminding them to bring proof of two jabs. Initially there will be music, bingo, hoy, a raffle and a quiz. Over time a programme will be developed as the committee, members and volunteers feel safe.

Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club

Good news. EBDC reopens on Tuesday 5 October at 2.30pm until 4pm at Fairway Hall. Members have received a letter.

Come and have a cup of tea and a slice of cake and meet your friends. Sarah will lead exercises, quiz and time to chat. Please bring proof of two jabs. Looking forward to seeing you.

Monday Club

It is with great pleasure that we can announce that the Monday Club will reopen on Monday 4 October at 10 am to 12 noon. Members have

received a letter reminding them to bring proof of two jabs. There will be all your old favourites: exercises with Sarah, bingo, hoy, a raffle and a quiz. Refreshments will be served.

For more information on any of these clubs please contact a member of the committee below.

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The Women's Institute

From 16 August at 2pm - 4pm, it is now in the "big hall".

Borehamwood WI meet on the second Monday of the month 2pm - 4pm, at Allum Hall, 2 Allum Lane, Elstree, WD6 3PJ.

Everyone welcome.

President: Janet Martin 020 8386 2844 or email: janet.martinford@ntlworld.com

Environment

Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society

Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society hosted a Zoom conference with Chris Berry of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England. Chris was able to explain about the process and procedures for the Hertsmere Local Plan (HLP).

Among other groups attending were representatives from Woodcock Hill Village Green, Elstree Village Preservation Society, Radlett Society and Green Belt Association and Allum Fields Association.

The whole event was very informative and useful. The Q&As at the end helped the different groups to understand how the HLP could affect them.

The Hertsmere Local Plan and policies may be viewed on Hertsmere borough council's website. The draft HLP will go to the executive in mid-September, then to full council. There will be a six week consultation period when the residents can put their views. Exhibitions will be held around the borough and publicity arranged so that residents can see what is proposed. The draft HLP will then go to the next stage in 2022.



Shenley footpath no 3

Cllr Sandra Parnell with the trustees at Well End Activity Centre including scouters, Carol and Len Denbigh, was leading on the diversion in 2016 with the designated responsible officer at Hertsmere borough council (HBC) planning.

The trustees of the Scout Activity Centre applied to Hertsmere borough council to have the footpath diverted from across their fields (blue 3 to 3 on the plan) to A to B close to Well End Road. This is a safeguarding issue for the centre.

The footpath runs across the fields into Cowley Hill, Borehamwood. HBC and user groups are agreeable to the diversion. That requires a dedication of A to B as a bridleway and with suitable width and surface. The new route, which only carries permissive footpath status at present, has been used by horses. The overall level of use has made the surface very difficult for walkers, and in any case the current width is unsuitable for people and horses together. There was a kissing gate on the new route but it was removed in June 2020, by the Scout Activity Centre.

Use of the original footpath has increased dramatically since Covid. Phil Wadey of the British Horse Association has advised horse riders that it is illegal for riders to use this present footpath as it is not a bridleway. For health and safety, especially of young people that need to use the Scout site during the coming months, we need this to be a priority!



The continued use of the present footpath can compromise the safeguarding of young people using the Well End Activity Centre.

Doug Stack, Scout Association spokesman stated that the diversion order was due to be made in summer 2020.

All parties are agreed that the footpath diversion order should be achieved asap. However, as there is one outstanding objection, all is on hold. The matter will need to be referred to the Secretary of State to adjudicate. There is no timescale for this process.

The existing footpath through the Well End Scout Activity Centre cannot be closed off until the other path has been 'made'.

EBGBS Committee

Woodcock Hill Village Green

Woodcock Hill Village Green committee continues to raise funds to instruct a barrister to represent us at the public inquiry.

If you have not already donated, you can do it by: cheque to WHVG c/o 36 Carrington Ave, Borehamwood WD6 2HA or by bank transfer to WHVG Barclays, sort code 20 74 09, acct no. 7068 4236

If you have donated by gofundme you will have had your donation refunded. We have been trying to find out what went wrong, to no avail. These funds are very much needed. Please, please re-donate.

Working parties will resume, now that Covid restrictions have been lifted, from 11am - 1pm on Sunday 10 October and Sunday 14 November, Mitzvah Day.

This will involve clearance of litter and vegetation is to keep the site safe for people and to enhance the range of habitats for flora and fauna.

The beacon will be lit on 2 June 2022 as part of the National Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Look at the website www.woodcockhill.org.uk or 'social media' for the date of the AGM, 6 October, 8pm at Fairway Hall.

Guest speaker will be Chris Berry of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England.

To become a member £5 per household per annum contact Pat Strack pat.strack@icloud.com or 020 8386 3151.



Aldenham reservoir

The five yearly dam survey was undertaken in August 2021. There is great concern that the water level has been lowered too far.

This has had a two-pronged effect; there are muddy patches at the edges which have caused problems to both pedestrians and dogs, and natural habitats are exposed to predators. Algae growth flourishes in shallower water. This was controlled in the past by Aldenham Sailing Club volunteers spreading a natural dye into the water which inhibited the growth of the algae. The ecological impact as well as health implications are being investigated by Hertsmere's environmental health officers.

The survey of the dam undertaken in 2016 advised that there was no imminent danger to the fabric. Allowing the water to be lowered and raised is likely to cause cracks, as this destabilises the foundations when they are flooded then dried out.

The advisory panel await with interest the findings of this latest survey.

Parkrun returned on Saturday 24 July with permission to continue on the Liberty Lake Leisure Ltd section until 5 October (<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/aldenham>).

Talks are ongoing between the landowners, Herts county council and Hertsmere borough council. The panel members resolved to contact their members to implore the interested parties to come to a resolution that will save this historic community asset. Ann Goddard, chair of Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society, states " This 'Jewel in the Crown', situated in the heart of the green belt, is unique to both the town and Hertfordshire. A way must be found to ensure that generations to come will benefit from the amenity value and scenic views."

Contact www.ebgreenbelt.org

For membership EBGBS contact Pat Strack pat.strack@icloud.com



Draft Hertsmere Local Plan

Hertsmere borough council has unveiled its list of development sites to fulfil targets set by the Government.

In Borehamwood, this includes 2,155 new homes. Two new neighbourhoods would be created. The land off Cowley Hill has been earmarked for 800 homes along with a primary school, while land north and south of Barnet Lane, between Deacons Hill Road and Furzehill Road, has been proposed to accommodate 325 homes in total, along with a possible secondary school.

The plan states the proposal off Barnet Lane "secures the village green", probably Woodcock Hill.

The remaining seven sites are Eltree Way corridor (685 homes), Organ Hall Farm (165), The Point (150) plus entertainment and leisure facilities, Well End Lodge (15), Lyndhurst Farm (10) and land off Green Street (5).



Marked in red is the Cowley Hill site for 800 homes. Credit: Google Maps

A new healthcare facility proposed for a site in Allum Lane would relocate Schopwick surgery from Eltree closer to Borehamwood.

Eltree Way, Stirling Way, Imperial Place, Borehamwood Enterprise Centre and Theobald Court would be protected for economic development. The Sky Studios development, under construction between Rowley Lane and the A1 would be expanded to become a "Media Quarter".

A further 50 hectares of land next to the current construction site is earmarked for the development of additional sound stages and supporting facilities, including the proposed second phase of the Sky Studios scheme.

Other areas of Hertsmere will be built on too, to meet housing targets.

The draft local plan has been issued for approval by Hertsmere borough council before going to public consultation this autumn. For further information go to the Hertsmere council website.



Marked in red is a rough outline of where 250 homes north of Barnet Lane have been earmarked with a further 75 at another site. Credit: Google Maps

Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service barbecue safety



General safety

- Make sure your barbecue is in good working order;
- Ensure the barbecue is on a flat site, well away from a shed, trees or shrubs;
- Keep children, garden games and pets well away from the cooking area;
- Never leave the barbecue unattended;
- Keep a bucket of water or sand nearby for emergencies;
- Ensure the barbecue is cool before attempting to move it.



Charcoal barbecues

- Use only enough charcoal to cover the base to a depth of about 50mm (2 inches);
- Only use recognised fire lighters or starter fuel and only on cold coals – use the minimum necessary and never use petrol;
- Never put hot ashes straight into a dustbin or wheelie bin – they could melt the plastic and cause a fire.

Gas barbecues

- Make sure the tap is turned off before changing the gas cylinder;
- Change cylinders outdoors if possible or in a well-ventilated area;
- If you suspect a leak to the cylinder or pipe work, brush soapy water around the joints and watch for bubbles – tighten to fix but do not overtighten;
- After cooking, turn off the gas cylinder before turning off at the controls to ensure any residual gas in the pipe work is used up.

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Please contact me by email richard@hbwa.org.uk if you are interested and for more information or any questions.

Richard Jarvis (Town Council Head Steward)



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“Who do I talk to about.....?”

With three tiers of local government in Hertfordshire, it can be confusing knowing which authority to contact about a particular service or issue.

Here is a brief list of key functions covered by each council to help untangle the web and to show who does what in your area.

Elstree and Borehamwood town council is responsible for:

- The office of the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Mayoral engagements
- The management of the three allotment sites at Melrose Avenue, Allum Lane and Stapleton Gardens
- Support of the town twinning with Fontenay-aux-Roses and Offenburg
- A programme of entertainment and events throughout the year such as the two week Summer Festival (including the Civic Parade and Families Day), Guy Fawkes night fireworks, Christmas lights switch-on and musical concerts (including the BBC Band and local bands)
- Coach outings for residents over 60 years of age
- The award of grants to local groups and charities and honorary titles to local champions
- The free quarterly magazine “Town Crier”
- Street seating, some notice boards and church clocks
- Upkeep of closed churchyards (All Saints on Shenley Road and St Nicholas in Elstree)
- Upkeep of Elstree and Borehamwood war memorials

- Support for school swimming transport
 - Youth Council
 - Transport and Community Safety Forum
- Elstree and Borehamwood town council is the council closest to the residents in the parish. The town council is here to be a voice for the residents by representing their views on issues affecting them.

Call: 020 8207 1382 or visit www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk

Hertsmere borough council is responsible for:

- The collection of council tax and business rates
- Kerbside waste and recycling collections, including fly tipping
- Benefits
- Community safety
- Elections
- Street cleaning
- Housing needs
- Local planning and building regulations
- Public car parks and controlled parking zones
- Licensing and environmental health
- Cemeteries

- Leisure services (operated by Hertsmere Leisure) including The Venue and all parks

Hertsmere borough council deals with issues covering the whole of Hertsmere and has a very regulatory remit.

Call: 020 8207 2277 or visit www.hertsmere.gov.uk

Hertfordshire county council is responsible for:

- Highways
- Education and libraries
- Social services
- Trading standards
- Public transport
- Bus passes and disabled parking permits
- Registrar of births, deaths and marriages
- Street lighting, pavements and cycle ways
- Adoption and fostering
- Fire and rescue services
- Recycling centres
- Footpaths and rights of way

Hertfordshire County Council is the top tier of local government and provides services on a county-wide basis

Call: 0300 123 4040 or visit www.hertsdirect.org

Useful information

Barnet General Hospital

Wellhouse Lane, Barnet EN5 3DJ
020 3758 2000

Borehamwood Library

96 Shenley Rd, Borehamwood WD6 1EB
0300 123 4049

Borehamwood Police Station

Civic Offices, Elstree Way,
Borehamwood WD6 1WA, 01707 354000

Citizens Advice Bureau

2 Allum Ln, Elstree, WD6 3PJ
0344 411 1444

Cowley Hill Primary School

Winstre Rd, Borehamwood WD6 5DP
020 8953 2218

Elstree and Borehamwood Museum

96 Shenley Rd, Borehamwood WD6 1EB
01442 454 888

Elstree & Borehamwood railway station

Station Road, Borehamwood WD6 3LS
03450264700

Elstree University Technical College

Studio Way, Borehamwood WD6 5NN
020 8386 6220

Fairbrook Medical Centre

4 Fairway Ave, Borehamwood WD6 1PR
020 8953 7666

Hertswood Academy

Cowley Hill, Borehamwood WD6 5LG
020 8238 7200

Kenilworth Primary School

Kenilworth Dr, Borehamwood WD6 1QL
020 8953 3459

Meryfield Community Primary School

Theobald St, Borehamwood WD6 4PA
020 8953 2106

Monksmead Primary School

Hillside Ave, Borehamwood WD6 1HL
020 8953 3328

Parkside Community Primary School

Aycliffe Rd, Borehamwood WD6 4EP
020 8387 3000

Saffron Green Primary School

Nicoll Way, Borehamwood WD6 2PP
020 8953 3801

St Nicholas Elstree Church of England Primary School

St Nicholas Cl, Elstree, WD6 3EW
020 8953 3015

St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

Brook Rd, Borehamwood WD6 5HL
020 8953 3753

Schopwick Surgery

Romeland, Elstree, WD6 3BJ
01707 354000

Summerswood Primary School

Furzehill Rd, Borehamwood WD6 2DW
020 8953 3139

The Grove Medical Centre

Borehamwood Shopping Park,
Borehamwood WD6 4PR, 020 3538 3959

Theobald Medical Centre

121 Theobald St, Borehamwood WD6 4PT
020 8953 3355

The Venue Leisure Centre

Elstree Way, Borehamwood, WD6 1JY
020 8386 9886

Watford General Hospital

Vicarage Rd, Watford WD18 0HB
01923 244366

Woodlands Primary School

Alban Cres, Borehamwood WD6 5JF
020 8953 2717

Yavneh College

Hillside Ave, Borehamwood WD6 1HL
020 8736 5580

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Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council meetings

For a full list of our forthcoming meetings, please see the website.
All meetings now take place at Fairway Hall.

5 October	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
7 October	General Management	Meeting Room	7.00pm
19 October	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7.00pm
20 October	Transport Forum & Community Safety Forum	Main Hall	7.00pm
2 November	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
11 November	General Management	Meeting Room	7.00pm
15 November	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7.00pm
24 November	FULL COUNCIL	Main Hall	7.30pm

Note: Times and venues of meetings may be changed at short notice.
Meetings listed are open to the press and public.

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