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The online magazine for Elstree & Borehamwood residents

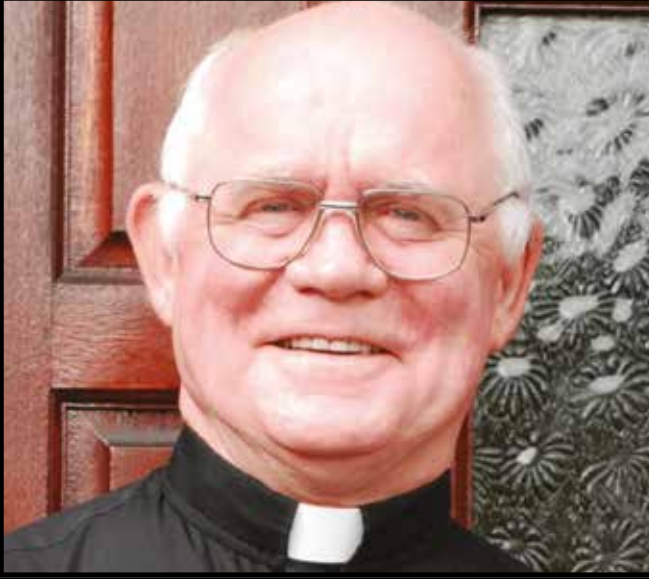
# Christmas Church Services

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Thanks to  
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## Rest in Peace Fr Dominic Anthony McKenna



On Monday 2 October Fr Dominic, Parish Priest of the parishes of St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Borehamwood and SS John Fisher and Thomas More, Borehamwood North died peacefully in The Royal Free Hospital.

He was born in Dublin on 21 August 1950 and ordained to the priesthood in Clapton on 12 November 1994.

Condolences are extended to Fr Dominic’s family, friends, colleagues and parishioners of the Borehamwood parishes where he had been Parish Priest since 2010.

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## Cowley Hill Free Church (Baptist)

Stanborough Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5LU. Tel: 020 8953 1867, web: [www.cowleyhill.org.uk](http://www.cowleyhill.org.uk)

We are ordinary people whose lives have been changed by an extraordinary Saviour. You and your family will be made to feel welcome at any of our meetings.

### Worship Services

Our worship services are simple being focused on a message from the Bible.

**Sunday:** Worship Services at 11am and 6:30pm

**Wednesday:** Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at 7:30pm

### Meetings for children and young people

Every Tuesday during term time from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. We provide free transport within Borehamwood. We run two meetings in parallel geared to different age groups:

**“Foundations”** for young people aged 12+ (searching the Bible for the answers that we need).

**“Tuesday Club”** For 4-12 year olds (an interesting, illustrated and educational tour through the Bible).

### Christmas Carol Service

This year we remember the birth of our Saviour at our Carol Service on 17 December 2023 at 11am. We would love to see you.

### What happens in our meetings?

Our worship is conducted in reverence for a Holy God, and comprises Bible readings, hymn singing, prayers, and a message that relates the teaching of the Bible to our own lives.

We focus on the life-changing message of Jesus Christ: “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life”. We believe that the Bible provides us with answers to the tough questions of life and death; suffering and grief; Truth, Hope, and Love. It shows us how can we have a real relationship with God.

### Recordings on YouTube

Many recordings of our meetings are available on our YouTube site: Search for COWLEY HILL FREE CHURCH



# CHRISTMAS 2023

The Anglican Churches  
of Elstree and Borehamwood

## All Saints Church

94 Shenley Road, Borehamwood WD6 1EB

Worship on Sundays at 11am

Saturday 2 December	3pm Parish Christmas Memorial Service
Sunday 24 December	Christmas Eve 11am Service of the Word with Lessons and Carols 4pm Crib Service
Monday 25 December	Christmas Day 11am Christmas Day Family Communion Service

## Holy Cross Church

Balmoral Drive, Borehamwood WD6 2QU

Worship on Sundays at 9:30am

Sunday 17 December	9:30am Communion by Extension with Christingle
Sunday 24 December	Christmas Eve 9:30am Christmas Holy Communion

## St Michael & All Angels Church

Brook Road, Borehamwood WD6 5EQ

Revd Louise Collins 020 8953 2362

Worship on Sundays at 9:30am and Welcome Café 'Warm Space, Hot Meals' on Thursday afternoons

Saturday 25 November	10am - 1pm Christmas Fair in the Church Hall
Sunday 3 December	9:30am Service of Advent Carols and Holy Communion by Candlelight

Thursday 7 December	1pm Welcome Café Christmas Party
Saturday 9 December	Youth Church Christmas Meal
Sunday 17 December	9:30am Christmas Carol Service led by the Youth Church
Monday 18 December	7pm - 8 Carols at 'The Wellington' Pub, 4 Theobald Street, WD6 4SE
Thursday 21 December	2pm Welcome Café Candlelit Carols and mince pies
Sunday 24 December	Christmas Eve 5pm Family Nativity Service with Christingle 11:30pm Midnight Holy Communion
Sunday 25 December	Christmas Day 9:30am Family Communion

## St Nicholas Church

Elstree High Street, Elstree WD6 3EW

Car parking available at St Nicholas School located at far end of St Nicholas Close

Lay Minister John Auton 07885 142217

Worship on Sundays at 9:30am

Sunday 10 December	6:30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Sunday 24 December	Christmas Eve 11pm Midnight Communion by Extension
Monday 25 December	Christmas Day 10am Family Communion by Extension



Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council

# CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON 2023

Sunday 26 November 2023

All Saints Church, Shenley Road,  
Borehamwood WD6 1EB

**2pm – 6pm**

**(Light Switch On at 4:30pm)**

Free Santa's Grotto · Free Kids Ride ·  
Free Ice Skating · Borehamwood Brass

**Free Tea & Coffee in 96  
Shenley Road,  
12pm – 6pm**

If your interested in having a Christmas Market stall  
during this event, please contact Dan Salter at  
[dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.co.uk](mailto:dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.co.uk)



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# 2023 Christmas *Concert*

**BBC ELSTREE**  
**CONCERT BAND**

**Wednesday**  
**6 December 2023**

Allum Hall, Allum Lane, Elstree, WD6 3PJ

**8pm**

(Doors open at 7:30pm)



**Adult: £10**

**Under 18: £5**

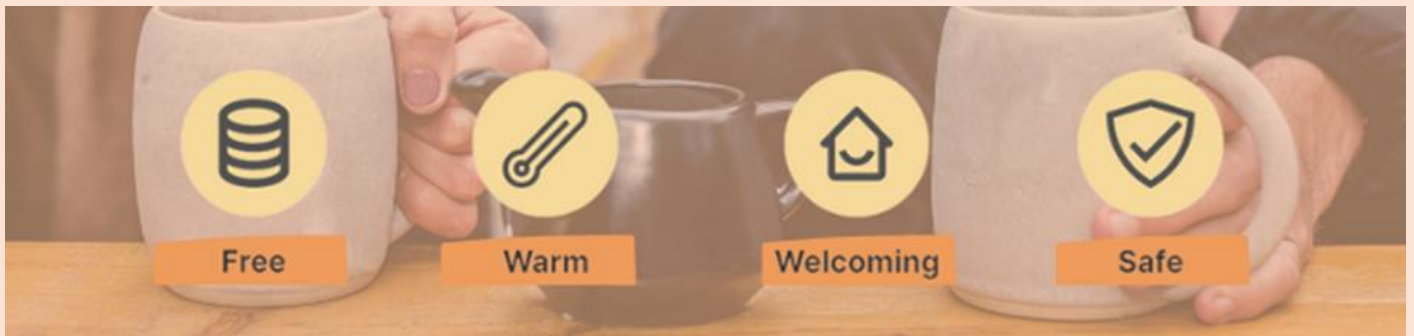
**Under 12: Free**

(Must be accompanied by a full  
paying adult)



Tickets available on the door (**card only**) and at  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/ebtc](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ebtc)

**St Michael & All Angels Church Hall, Brook Road,  
Borehamwood, WD6 5EQ – *All Welcome***



# WARM SPACES, HOT MEALS

**Mon, Oct 30<sup>th</sup> – Thurs, Mar 28<sup>th</sup> (except Christmas week)**

**EVERY MONDAY @ Chatter Tables:**

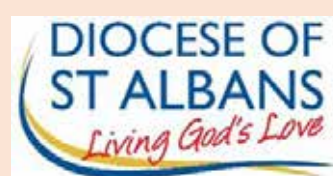
**12.30 – 1.00pm Hot Meal Served**

**1.00pm – 3.00pm Tea, Coffee and Cake**

**EVERY THURSDAY @ The Welcome Café:**

**12.30 – 1.00pm Hot Meal Served**

**1.00pm – 3.00pm Tea, Coffee and Cake**





ELSTREE & BOREHAMWOOD'S GOT  
**T★LENT**

Friday 8 December

7:00pm

1<sup>st</sup> Prize     £100

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize     £75

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize     £50



**FAIRWAY HALL**



Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5BT

If you think you have an entertaining talent, skill, or party piece we want to hear from you, young or old!

To register please contact Dan Salter on 020 8207 1382  
or email: [dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)



# Town defibrillators

Vice-Chairman of Elstree and Borehamwood Residents Association (EBRA) Lawrence Stack and Deputy Leader of Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council, Cllr Dan Ozarow visited Morrisons in Borehamwood to hear about how staff are trained to assist customers to utilise the defibrillator that was installed there in 2016, in the event of heart attacks.

The defibrillator was one of seven that were unveiled throughout the town in 2016 by EBRA, the Town Council and The British Heart Foundation after Lawrence established a project team to instal Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) for which funding was raised by several local councillors, businesses and charities at the time. The

two also conducted an audit of the Morrisons' and remaining AEDs that EBRA had installed to verify that they are all operable.

Almost 50 AEDs are positioned at strategic sites around town, although new potential locations are currently being identified. When Natwest Bank on Shenley Road closed last year regrettably the defibrillator was removed. However Lawrence and Dan are seeking to replace the 24 hour public defibrillator there so that there is an accessible kit close to the high street and The Boulevard.

Here they are pictured in a recent meeting with Morrisons Borehamwood Store Manager, Steve Grasby.

*Cllr Dan Ozarow*

# 7th Borehamwood Scout group

All sections at 7th Borehamwood Scout group have been involved in lots of fun activities and adventures.

Squirrels have been planting flowers and enjoyed a water fight with slip and slide this summer. Beavers held a sports day. Cubs has a training session with Tabards Rugby Club. And Scouts have been pioneering

catapults, they also had a camp where they got to shoot rifles, cresta run and climb.

Scouting is for boys and girls's sessions are held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We are also looking for leaders to help run our sessions.

**For more information email visit <https://7thborehamwood.org.uk/> or email [peter.perkins@elstreescouts.org.uk](mailto:peter.perkins@elstreescouts.org.uk)**







## Come and try a FREE Health Walk today

Walking is the simplest way to get active. It's fun and it improves your physical and mental health. Join one of our sociable walks and discover the joy of being outside in the company of others.

There are nine free walks across Elstree and Borehamwood. To find one near you visit Hertfordshire Health Walks Information and Timetables.

Our walks are for all abilities and fitness levels and are led by friendly volunteers – one at the front and one at the back – to keep everyone together. Our short First Steps Walks in Cowley Hill, Bushey and Potter's Bar are ideal for people who haven't walked in a while, who are returning from illness or who find they can't walk as far as they used to. Many are suitable for pushchair and wheelchair users.

Volunteer Marion, who leads a First Steps Walk in Hatfield, said "Whenever people go on a Health Walk, they tell me they are glad they came along and feel better for it. It is mood lifting, relaxed and free. Not many things are these days!"

People who want more of a work-out might want to pop along to one of our longer walks in Radlet/Aldenham or from the Potter's Bar train station.

There is no need to book. Simply turn up on the day and if it's your first walk we ask that you arrive 10 to 15 minutes before the start of the walk to complete a New Walker Form. If you prefer, you can register online (see link at the bottom of the page).

If you love to walk and would like to meet new people and help others experience the health and wellbeing benefits of walking, become a Health Walk Volunteer. You can lead walks or provide support from the back. Volunteer once a week or once a month – it's up to you. To find out what the role involves go to Health Walk Volunteers | Hertfordshire County Council.

We look forward to seeing you on a Health Walk soon!

**To speak to a member of the team call 01992 555 888.**

*Claire Pullen*

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# Borehamwood Foodbank marks 10 years of operation

Borehamwood Foodbank marked its 10th Anniversary with an event held in the Council Chamber at Civic Offices, hosted by Hertsmere Borough Council on Sunday 4 June.

In attendance were volunteers, trustees, staff, supporters, partners and local councillors. Also in attendance were Deputy Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, Dr Ros Taylor, Deputy Mayor of Hertsmere, Cllr Richard Butler, Mayoress Donna Butler, Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood, Cllr Rebecca Challice and Leader of Hertsmere Borough Council, Cllr Jeremy Newmark.

The organisers were delighted to welcome Kristan Payne, founding Chair of Trustees, wearing her British Empire Medal which was recently awarded to her in King Charles' inaugural New Year's Honours list for her dedicated work at the Foodbank.

Several speakers gave presentations about the Foodbank's journey over the past 10 years. Amongst them was Father Dominic, another founding Trustee, who has provided the Borehamwood Foodbank with its home at St Teresa's Church in Shenley Road Borehamwood for the past 10 years. He said: "When we first opened our doors 10 years ago, we never realised the full extent of food poverty in our area. The need for our help just keeps rising to levels we never imagined all those years ago. I am just grateful to all those volunteers who have risen to the challenge to help those in food poverty."

Councillor Chris Gray, Hertsmere Borough Council's Portfolio Holder for Communities, Neighbourhoods, Enforcement, Economic Development

and Transformation, said:

"We were delighted to host the Borehamwood Foodbank's event last weekend to mark 10 years of the foodbank running.

"The work the foodbank does is instrumental in supporting our residents, with more than 48,000 people supported since the charity began operation in 2013.

"Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic and increased cost of living pressures have resulted in a massive rise in demand on our local foodbanks and we are working with many organisations across Hertsmere to help tackle food poverty in the borough."






Julian Milner, Chair of Trustees of Borehamwood Foodbank,

commented: "Today was no celebration for us. We are witnessing record levels of demand for our services. However, I do celebrate our amazing work and vital support for local people. Our wonderful team of volunteers and staff do a fantastic job in providing a lifeline to vulnerable people in need. We don't want to be here in 10 year's time, marking our 20th anniversary, but all the while there is food poverty in our area, we will be here to offer our support and serve our community."

He added: "Our holistic approach means that we not just providing food parcels. We help find solutions to people's problems, offering many additional on-site services, assisting many with an uplift. This hands on approach is a powerful way to really improve the lives of many. We thank, in particular, the Trussell Trust for its steadfast support over the past 10 years."



### 10 Year Factsheet

 <p><b>437,832 meals provided</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 meals per person in each 3 day emergency pack</li> </ul>	 <p><b>414 tonnes donated</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 414,279kg to community</li> <li>• Over 50% of this since 2020</li> </ul>
 <p><b>584 unique donors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 251 repeat donors</li> <li>• 51 donated over 1 tonne</li> </ul>	 <p><b>17,607 referrals processed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,376 donation sessions from bi-weekly slots + special events</li> </ul>
 <p><b>48,648 People supported</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20,691 Children</li> <li>• 27,957 Adults</li> </ul>	<p><b>£1M+</b></p> <p><b>Value of support provided</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £981,84 Food @ £2.37 per kg</li> <li>• £81k Fuel since 2018</li> </ul>

- Registered Charity in operation since April 2013
- Run by local trustees, volunteers and part-time paid staff
- Part of the Trussell Trust network of over 1,300 UK Foodbanks

[borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk](http://borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk)



Judith Elders, Operations Director at the Foodbank, with Deputy Mayor of Hertsmere, Cllr Richard Butler and Mayoress Donna Butler, Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood, Cllr Rebecca Challice and Leader of Hertsmere Borough Council, Cllr Jeremy Newmark.



## Borehamwood Foodbank breaks unwanted records

So far, 2023 has been a busy and challenging year for Borehamwood Foodbank, based at St Teresa's Church 291 Shenley Road.

We are witnessing elevated record demand, helping to feed over 7,200 people in the first nine months of the year. This represents an increase of around 10% versus 2022. Shockingly 42% of these are children. With a cost-of-living crisis only deepening further, and the harsh winter months soon upon us, we are bracing ourselves for tough times ahead.

Founded over 10 years ago and affiliated to the Trussell Trust, our mission is to provide nutritional food parcels to households from all communities in our area that will last three days. We also provide other vital items including toiletries and pet food, as well offering essential products for the winter period such as blankets, flasks and hot water bottles. A central element of our work is to provide practical holistic and financial support to our clients that aims to seek solutions to the reasons why people use our services with the ultimate goal to reduce or eliminate altogether the reasons why food aid is required. We work closely with numerous agencies, including Citizens Advice and the British Red Cross to achieve this. This has produced heart-warming successes, with over £300,000 of financial benefit attained by Citizens Advice Hertsmere for our clients in just over one year.

This summer, as in previous years, we organised six very popular family lunches and activity sessions. These were great fun, with different themes each week, and in total 410 children took part from 188 families.

Once again, as in previous years, we supported local families in the late summer with a school uniform scheme so that children could attend the start of the new academic year with new clothing for school. And as we approach the festive season, we will be offering hampers in December, providing some much welcome joy to many.

We are proud that we were able to offer a substantial amount of fuel and energy support to our clients this year. Vouchers and credits have been made available to our clients to help them with gas, electricity and water bills, offering a lifeline to those who have had to make stark choices 'between heating and eating'.

Sadly, on 2 October 2023, we received the tragic news that Fr Dominic McKenna passed away after a short illness. It was Fr Dominic's vision to create our foodbank at St Teresa's Church and as a founding Trustee he laid the foundations of Borehamwood Foodbank. A man full of compassion and unwavering commitment to our whole community, he truly left an indelible mark. His passion for serving those in need will be sorely missed but his work and legacy will continue.

We remain indebted to all our volunteers and staff for their warmth, enthusiasm and hard work this year, without whom none of our activities could take place. I would like to express my thanks to everyone for their dedication to helping those in need. Above all, our Foodbank thanks all our generous supporters without whom we also could not operate.

If anyone would like to offer their support, please don't hesitate to get in touch as we would be extremely keen to hear from you. Most importantly, if you are struggling and need our support, please don't delay in reaching out to us.

**You can find information about how to contact us on our website [www.borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk)**

**Julian Milner  
Chair of Trustees**



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## Studios Rotary Club of Elstree & Borehamwood welcomes new president

Members of the Rotary Club of Elstree and Borehamwood gathered at the Elstree Manor Hotel and Restaurant on Tuesday 27 June 2023 to celebrate the arrival of the new Rotary year and the formal handover from outgoing club president Sasha Capocci to incoming president Andrew Grady.

Over 50 members of the local community attended the event including members, friends and families of the Studios Rotary Club, The Elstree and Borehamwood Rotary Club, The Rotary Club of Radlett, and others around the Rotary in London District.

The event celebrated the club's achievement and activities over the past year under the leadership of outgoing president Sasha.

Incoming president Andrew Grady, a musician and audio-visual consultant, outlined his plans for the club over the coming year including a major fundraising event supporting Alzheimer's UK.

The club's secretary, Mrs Patricia Strack, was surprised with the award of a prestigious "Paul Harris Fellowship Award" in recognition of her outstanding service to Rotary and her community service within the local community over very many years.

**For more information on the club's activities please visit:**  
[www.studio-elstreeandborehamwoodrotary.org.uk](http://www.studio-elstreeandborehamwoodrotary.org.uk)  
**Club Facebook page:** [www.facebook.com/tsrcoeandb](https://www.facebook.com/tsrcoeandb)  
**Contact Andrew Grady on 020 8440 6560 or [agrady@btinternet.com](mailto:agrady@btinternet.com)**



Outgoing president Sasha presenting the Club President's chain to Andrew Grady



## A permanent Angel Tree for Borehamwood & Elstree

On Sunday 15 October 2023 a permanent memorial tree was inaugurated in Kenilworth Park in memory of all the children and babies who have died too soon.

The evergreen Angel Tree will provide a place of comfort, solace and reflection for local families who have suffered loss to visit, in a serene and accessible setting,

and will allow child siblings to also have somewhere suitable to grieve and to remember their brothers and sisters when graveyards can be difficult places for them to visit.

Town Council Leader and Hertsmere Borough Council Deputy Mayor Richard Butler, Deputy Town Council Leader Dan Ozarow and Hertsmere portfolio holder for parks Parveen Rani gave moving speeches at the inauguration ceremony which included the release of three doves by Kelly Maskell and Townsend from Up and Flying Dove Releases and a rendition of Amazing Grace sung by Abbie Murray.

All of those present tied blue, pink and white ribbons on the tree in remembrance.

Meanwhile in the evening, Town Mayor Rebecca Challice and Borough Mayor Chris Myers led a Wave of Light candle-lit vigil on the corner of Shenley Road and Furzehill Road for national Baby Loss Awareness Week which ran from 8-15 October.

None of this would have been possible had it not been for the hard work of Tina Nandha - Borehamwood Baby Loss Awareness coordinator, her gifting business Wrap It By Tina which raises funds for baby charity Tommy's and Cllr Dan Ozarow who together had been working to plant the Angel Tree for some time. Ian Kershaw at Hertsmere Borough Council and his staff helped secure the planting and accompanying plaque which reads:

"Our love for our angels will be everlasting like this Evergreen. This Angel Tree is dedicated to all our children and babies who have gone too soon; who were held for a moment but loved for a lifetime."

**For more information or if you would like to participate in a local baby and child loss group please contact [babyloss@wrapitbytina.co.uk](mailto:babyloss@wrapitbytina.co.uk)**

**Cllr Dan Ozarow**





## The Rotary Club of the Studios of Elstree and Borehamwood

The Rotary Club of the Studios of Elstree and Borehamwood, a dedicated and community-focused organisation, have recently been involved with several local community projects within the town, highlighting many aspects of Rotary values of service, raising awareness of different issues that affect everyone.

Saturday 23 September saw the club litter picking around the streets of the Farriers Way Estate in Borehamwood. Club members along with 'Friends of the Club' collected litter that had accumulated around this estate since our last session earlier this year.

On Saturday 7 October 2023 our Club President, Andrew Grady, organised an Autumn Charity Concert, given by Elstree Mozart Players in aid of his designated charity The Alzheimer's Society, raising over £600 for the organisation.

Sunday 15 of October, saw members of the club assist in running the Annual Disability Games held at The Aspire Centre in Stanmore.

The event, organised by the Rotary Club of Barnet, was a collaboration of several Rotary Clubs across Northwest London, which saw disabled people from across the area enjoy an afternoon of sports, which included darts, bagatelle, table tennis, bowls, boccia, to name a few.

The Studios Club team, which included our new international scholar Naomi Kawamoto, who is studying a one year 'master's degree' at the London School of Economics, helped organise the sound system for the event and ran the raffle plus provided some refreshments for the afternoon's event. The raffle raised over £100 for Rotary Charities.

Club president, Andrew Grady provided a 'Trumpet Fanfare' at the prize giving ceremony at the end of the afternoon, with the gold, silver and bronze medals presented by one of the District Governor team.

On Saturday 28 of October the club organised a planting session to raise awareness and support the End Polio Now campaign. This campaign, led by Rotary International, has made significant strides in

nearly eradicating polio worldwide. The event saw the participation of eight dedicated Rotarians and an additional eight friends and volunteers.

During this planting session, over 3,000 crocus corms were planted in a designated areas at the Elstree & Borehamwood train station and at Allum Manor & Hall. £175 was spent on buying the corms.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation contribute £3 for every £1 spent thus £700 will be spent on the Polio vaccine.

During the planting session, the club seized the opportunity to promote two essential community projects: the Book Swap scheme which promotes literacy and fosters a sense of community by creating an opportunity for individuals to connect through literature. The scheme not only enhances access to reading materials but also encourages social interaction and the exchange of ideas among residents.

The event also promoted Rotary 'Message in a Bottle', a programme which enables users to store essential medical information about medications in a designated bottle placed in their fridge. A corresponding sticker is affixed to their front door, alerting paramedics and first responders to the presence of vital medical information. This initiative ensures that residents receive proper medical attention in emergencies and enhances their overall safety and well-being.

In addition, a special tribute was made by the club planting some croci in a memorial area at St. Teresa's Church in honour of Fr. Dominic, the local Catholic priest for Elstree and Borehamwood, who sadly passed away at the beginning of October.

The significance of the club's activities did not go unnoticed, with Rotary District Governor Suraiya Kassamally joining the group during the crocus planting session.

**For more information about the club, then please contact our club secretary on 020 8386 3151, or email [secretary@studio-elstreeandborehamwoodrotary.org.uk](mailto:secretary@studio-elstreeandborehamwoodrotary.org.uk)**



## News from Borehamwood Brass

The band are proud to announce the appointment of a new Musical Director, Mark Mansell.

Mark has been associated with the band and has agreed to take the helm of the band following the resignation of Derek Holland.

The band would like to publicly thank Derek for all his hard work with the band and wish him well for his future endeavours.

Now the band is preparing for its Christmas series of events, having a full engagement schedule.

### Where to hear the band:

**Sunday 12 November** - Edgware Remembrance Parade.

**Sunday 26 November** - EBTC Christmas Lights switch on - All Saints Church.

**Sunday 3 December** - Allum Manor & Hall - NSPCC Christmas Fair,

**Friday 15 December 2023** - St Marks Church, Barnet - Christmas Concert, 8pm.

**18 - 22 December 2023** - Tesco's Christmas Carols - Supporting the NSPCC.

In addition, we will be Christmas carolling in the area bringing festive cheer around the town, so keep a look out for us.

### Are you organising an event?

If you'd like some live music to help your function, go with a swing, the band is available to play at events in and around Borehamwood. We play at fetes, fundraisers, and private parties.

### Brass players, get involved!

We are always glad to meet people who play brass instruments. Why not try us out? You need to be able to read music and ideally have some experience of playing in a band. We practise most Friday evenings at St Teresa's Church Hall at Shenley Road.

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[www.borehamwoodbrass.org.uk](http://www.borehamwoodbrass.org.uk) or **contact our secretary, Andrew Grady at [borehamwoodbrass@hotmail.com](mailto:borehamwoodbrass@hotmail.com)**

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# Elstree Mozart Players

Elstree Mozart Players is a joint venture between Andrew Grady, Derek Holland and Pat Strack to bring classical music to the townsfolk of Elstree and Borehamwood.

The orchestra has amongst its ranks many professional, semi-professional and very good amateur musicians, providing high quality classical music concerts around the locality.

On Saturday 7 October 2023 the Elstree Mozart Players Autumn Charity Concert was organised to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society, the charity supported by Andrew Grady, who is this year's president of The Rotary Club of the Studios of Elstree and Borehamwood.

The concert was conducted by regular conductor Derek Holland with Andrew Penny MBE as a guest conductor, who with his wife are personal friends of Andrew Grady.

The concert featured music from Sir Arthur Sullivan, Elgar, and Tchaikovsky. The highlight of the concert was a rare performance of Violin Concerto in E minor by York Bowen performed by Peter Bussereau.

We were delighted to welcome our Cllrs Richard Butler Deputy Mayor of Hertsmeare Borough Council, Cllr Alpha Collins Deputy Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council and the Orchestra's new President Cllr John Graham, a former Borough Mayor.

The Studio Rotary Club members assisted at this fantastic classical musical concert working both on the front of house ticket desk, as well as providing the refreshments during the evening concert and assisting with setup of the whole evening.

The concert raised £600 for the Alzheimer's Society with other donations towards the cost of the concert being received by both private individuals and corporate sponsors.

This was one of the most successful and best attended jointly run concerts the orchestra and club have organised to date.

The next orchestral concert will be on Saturday 24 February 2024 at All Saints Church Borehamwood.

The concert will feature:

- Rossini Overture 'La Scala di Sieta';
- Mendelssohn Violin concerto in E minor - Soloist Radu Kis;
- Leroy Anderson's - Serenata;
- Richard Strauss Horn Concerto 1, Soloist Tom Pinnell;
- Jarnefelt Praeludium;
- Schubert Symphony II.

Tickets will cost: £15 adults - £12 concessions - £10 in advance and be available from 3 of January 2024.

Following this concert there will again be another fund-raising concert in aid of the Alzheimer's Society, on Sunday 24 March 2024, at All Saints Church, Borehamwood.

On this occasion they will be presenting 'An Evening of Musical Cabaret' Featuring Janice Watson.

Come and hear Janice as you have never heard her before in cabaret, music theatre and of course opera. The concert will also feature guest performances by members of the orchestra.

Tickets will cost £15 adults - £12 concessions - £10 in advance and will be available from 1 of February 2024.

# Winter reads at Borehamwood Library

## Are you up to the challenge?

It's official, folks; sweater weather is upon us. The trees are dressed in glorious shades of red and gold and with each step you take, fallen leaves crunch merrily underfoot. These long, twilight evenings are made for steaming hot chocolate and crackling fires... and for curling up on the sofa with a good book.

This year, Hertfordshire Libraries is challenging each of our customers to make the most of the cold but cosy months for reading. The Winter Reads challenge will begin on Saturday 4 November and run until Saturday 24 February 2024. You can register at your local Hertfordshire library any time during this period. Each and every customer who successfully completes the challenge will be entered into a prize draw.



The Winter Reads challenge is open to participants of all ages. All you need to do is speak to a friendly member of staff and ask for a challenge card. You are then free to design your own challenge from our list of 24 challenge scenarios. This means that you have the control to set a realistic, achievable challenge for yourself, or your child, to enjoy this wintertime.

Participants are free to choose from any genre across fiction and non-fiction. The only stipulation is that all books enjoyed as part of the challenge must be from Hertfordshire Libraries' stock. That's fine though, because we have lots to choose from, including:

- Physical books;
- Audiobooks on CD;
- e-Books;
- e-Audiobooks.

Our e-library is available for free via the BorrowBox app, using your library card number and PIN. Speak to staff for more information or help downloading the BorrowBox app.

With the allure of the outdoors trickling away and the call of the sofa irresistibly strong, now is the perfect time to curl up with a book – or several. Go ahead and blow the dust off that list of books you plan to read one day and take up the challenge.

Visit Borehamwood Library (or your local Hertfordshire library) from Saturday 4 November to join the Winter Reads challenge!

*James McCorry*

# Elstree & Borehamwood Museum

Our new Exhibition is called Your Museum At 10 because we have been at 96 Shenley Road for the 10 years of its existence.

In that time we have created 15 temporary exhibitions covering many local topics from the coming of the railways, the growth of Borehamwood, the shops that everyone remembers, stories from the film and TV studios, and much more. So for Your Museum At 10 we have created a special local timeline and taken many of the highlights from previous exhibitions to demonstrate the variety in our history.

Special features include the working model of Elstree & Borehamwood station in 1900 from our All Change! Exhibition, and from Down The Shops you will find the sweet counter in Hansons where you can weigh out your sweets in lbs and ounces and pay in 'old money'. We have a model of the old Village Hall complete with disco lights, and a whole cabinet devoted to Toys Games & Gadgets. We haven't forgotten the importance of the Lynx Club to the youth explosion of the 1960s from Good Vibrations, while we feature the many exciting films made here on our video screen.

We hope you can visit us during this celebration exhibition, and here's to the next 10 years at 96!

**Elstree & Borehamwood Museum**  
 96 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, Herts WD6 1EB  
 Tel: 01442 454888 - Email: [info@elstree-museum.org.uk](mailto:info@elstree-museum.org.uk)  
 Web: [www.elstree-museum.org.uk](http://www.elstree-museum.org.uk)



## Your Museum at 10

Elstree and Borehamwood Museum celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a look-back at ten years of exhibitions. Come and see some of our 'best bits'. Fun for all.

Saturday 16 September until Saturday 16 March 2024

See the exhibition at Elstree and Borehamwood Museum, 96 Shenley Road (2nd floor), Borehamwood, Herts WD6 1EB  
 Admission Free | Opening times: Tuesday and Thursday 12pm - 6pm, Saturday 10am - 3pm

Tel: 01442 454888 (during opening hours)  
 Find us on Facebook  
 Registered charity no: 1157770





## The ‘secret’ museum on your doorstep

In 1939, Geoffrey de Havilland was looking for a secret location to develop the Mosquito fighter bomber, away from the Hatfield factory. He chose the grounds of Salisbury Hall, between London Colney and South Mimms.

After de Havilland left the site in 1947, the Hall fell into disrepair. In 1955, it was acquired by Audrey and Walter Goldsmith. During its renovation, Walter discovered evidence of the wartime activities. Allegedly, these included a pencil sketch of a Mosquito on a toilet wall. He approached the company for some memorabilia to display. The prototype Mosquito came to light. Bill Baird, a deputy PR manager at de Havilland’s factory at Hatfield, had defied an order to destroy it.

From this unorthodox start, Britain’s first aviation museum was opened in 1959. Since then, it has evolved from a miscellaneous collection of aviation exhibits into a comprehensive display of over 20 civil, combat and specialist de Havilland aircraft.

The Walter Goldsmith Hangar houses the museum’s three Mosquito aircraft, including the 1940 prototype. Known as ‘the Wooden Wonder’, the Mosquito demonstrated the resourcefulness of Britain in wartime. Unlike aluminium, wood was a non-strategic material and components could be manufactured in furniture factories. Contemporary photographs show that many workers were women. Its design included several creative features. The two halves of the fuselage were shaped over moulds, rather like the two halves of an Easter egg. The entire wing was secured from beneath using just four bolts; the undercarriage assembly consisted of two tubes of interlocking rubber blocks.

This hangar also houses much of the fuselage of a Horsa glider, often called ‘the other Wooden Wonder’. The two prototypes were built at

Salisbury Hall. It was famous for carrying 28 troops to a precise location, sometimes in complete darkness and was used on D Day to capture vital bridges close to the landing beaches.

The Geoffrey de Havilland Hangar was completed in 2019 and displays both inter-war and post-war aircraft. These include the famous Tiger Moth, widely used as a pre-war trainer and the Chipmunk, its post-war equivalent. Jet powered aircraft include the Vampire, Sea Venom and the world’s first jet airliner, the Comet. This revolutionised international travel, setting new standards of speed and comfort.

Other aircraft are located on the Aviation Field and include a Trident, Heron, Dove, HS 125 and a BAe 146. The 146 was the last airliner assembled at de Havilland’s Hatfield factory. Almost 400 were built; versatile, reliable and quiet, they were used for the Queen’s Flight for almost 40 years.

Work is about to begin on a dedicated Cold War exhibition in the Amy Johnson Hangar.

As well as the aircraft, there are videos, hands-on displays, short talks and seasonally themed activities for children during the school holidays. The Comet Café offers an expanded range of drinks and snacks; the Aeroshop has an impressive range of kits, books and mementoes.

From modest beginnings, the museum is now a comprehensive display of the de Havilland Company’s legacy. Its operation and exhibits are entirely dependent on the skills and commitment of its 200 volunteers. Appropriately, they have recently received The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service, equivalent to an MBE.

Now that you are in on the secret, why not pay a visit?

**For more information go to [www.dehavillandmuseum.co.uk](http://www.dehavillandmuseum.co.uk) or call 01727 826400**

# Mitzvah Day



## Borehamwood & Elstree communities offer friendship to vulnerable children as Mitzvah Day Moments 2023 unites to repair the world

On Sunday 30 July 2023 community volunteers, charity workers, local councillors, faith groups and local schoolchildren gathered at the DoubleTree by Hilton Elstree Hotel in Borehamwood to collect and pack donated goods which will be sent directly to vulnerable families and children living locally and across the UK.

The event is part of a series of activities that took place this week for "Mitzvah Moments" coordinated by Mitzvah Day, the UK's largest faith-led social action organisation. Underpinned by the Jewish value to heal the world (tikkun olam), the activities were supported by local charities; Comfort Cases UK, Town Mayor's charity Sebby's Corner, Langdon Brady and Hertsmere Mencap.

In the days leading up to event, members of learning disability charities - Langdon Brady and Hertsmere Mencap used their regular arts and crafts sessions to write friendship messages, create birthday cards, paint bookmarks and design welcome gifts for disadvantaged children, those entering the foster care system and refugee children. The project perfectly fit two of Mitzvah Day's 2023 themes; "Repairing the world" and "combatting loneliness."

Pre-loved teen fiction books and new items including nappies, baby milk formula, Calpol, washing powder, fabric conditioner, anti bac cleaning spray, teen pyjamas, roll-on deodorants, sanitary wear, pencils, notebooks, child toothbrushes and travel-sized toiletries were among

the items donated by members of the public. Sky Studios Elstree, WD6 Food Support also helped with donated items and DoubleTree by Hilton Elstree Hotel kindly provided the venue.

The initiative was inspired by one of the coordinating organisations; Comfort Cases UK- whose mission is to bring a sense of hope and dignity to children moving into the foster care system by ending the practice of them being handed a bin bag to take their belongings in when doing so. Instead they provide them with a backpack filled with items centred around their needs and in doing so, showing these children they are loved and respected. "A comfort case."

This follows a series of Borehamwood and Elstree Mitzvah Day events in recent years in which cards and snack bags were prepared for seriously ill children and the elderly, more than 3,000 bulbs were planted and local schoolchildren launched the Children's Climate Emergency Manifesto, conducted a litter pick and their pictures were put on display in a "Homage to Planet Earth" at Gratitude's Hub on Elstree Way . Rather than on a single day, Mitzvah Day Moments take place throughout the year and give charities the opportunity to work with new partners, to spread kindness and help repair the world.

Borehamwood & Elstree Mitzvah Moment Coordinator, Cllr Dan Ozarow said: In recent years thousands of children and adults in Borehamwood and Elstree have taken part in successful Mitzvah Day events that have really captured the imagination. Two of the aims of Mitzvah Day Moments are to show that actually, we can try to repair the world every





day of the year and also to develop new networks and collaborations. So I am especially delighted that Langdon Brady and Hertsmere Mencap's members have extended the hand of friendship to children they have never met through the cards and bookmarks they have created for the children that Comfort Cases UK and Sebbly's Corner support.

Sarah Laster, CEO of Comfort Cases UK said: As a Mitzvah Day Beneficiary Award Winner we know the importance and strength in collaboration between small charities who work in the same space. We are shown the power of kindness and good deeds (mitzvahs) by the local community and supporters on a daily basis. Children who benefit from our projects are from all cultures and socio-economic backgrounds. Times are hard for us all at the moment, but never more so than for the children we support. Small charities are filling the gaps of underfunded statutory services. Every small donation will make a big difference. Together we can do so much more.

Rebecca Challice, Town Mayor of Elstree & Borehamwood said: It was an honour to be supporting this special event. I would like to thank all the organisers and volunteers involved in coordinating the day. I understand how invaluable their efforts are and the impact that these Mitzvah Moment activities will have on local families.

Andy, who was in foster care as a child explains how he and others benefit from projects like this: I can't remember much from my childhood but one of my earliest memories was coming home and finding all my stuff shoved into giant, clear plastic sacks. My favourite cuddly toy (Honey the Bear), all smooshed up against the side of one of these sacks. That was over 30 years ago, and that image stays with me. It still holds a lot of power over me.



**Mitzvah Day is the UK's largest faith-led day of social action. A Jewish-led celebration, over 55,000 people around the world come together to give time, not money, to make a difference to the community around us. [mitzvahday.org.uk/](http://mitzvahday.org.uk/)**

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# Shoham town twinning deepens as football team visits Borehamwood

Emotional visit culminates in match between Boreham Wood FC XI and Maccabi Shoham FC at Meadow Park Stadium.

At the end of July 2023 a promising young football team of 16-19 year olds from Shoham in central Israel visited Elstree & Borehamwood, as the next stage of the historic town twinning agreement that was signed between our two towns earlier this year.

The visit culminated in a hard-fought friendly match between Maccabi Shoham FC and a Boreham Wood FC XI which was held at the Mangata Pay UK Stadium, Meadow Park on Sunday 23 July 2023. Ending in a 1-0 victory for the Israeli visitors, a 500-strong local crowd consisted mainly of school children and families who were treated to an exciting game.

During the week, the Shoham team trained with the Boreham Wood FC local Academy and were also joined by "Wood Army" manager, Luke Garrard.

In addition, they visited Kenilworth Primary School in Borehamwood, answering questions from enthralled pupils in a school assembly and treating them to football training sessions. Managed by David Smila and coached by former Israeli international striker, Ofer Shitrit, the team were guests of honour at a community breakfast at which community groups, faith leaders, local councillors and residents participated and they also visited Arsenal FC's Emirates Stadium and other attractions in central London.

The occasion breathed life into the recent twin town agreement between Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council and Shoham, a town of 26,000 residents, and is the first such twinning for decades between

the UK and Israel. It followed an official signing ceremony that took place in March 2023 during a visit by the Mayor of Shoham and other dignitaries. As part of an exchange that will mutually benefit residents in the two countries, plans are afoot for collaborations on robotics, creative arts and sport as well as a return visit next year.

Manager of Boreham Wood FC, Luke Garrard said: "It was an absolute pleasure to have been involved in this historic week, the bond the Club has made with everyone from Maccabi Shoham was incredible. The connection between myself and the Staff and Players of Shoham will be long lasting. I really look forward to seeing how the future looks between the two Towns, if the start is anything to go by, I can see this being a flourishing relationship for years to come."

Cllr Rebecca Challice, Mayor of Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council said: "We have witnessed not only an exhilarating football match but also a celebration of friendship, and unity. We can proudly say that this twinning agreement is living up to its aim of forging cultural, educational, leisure, and business links between our two communities. The youth team from Shoham spending a week training with Boreham Wood FC has been a pivotal part of this exchange, fostering bonds of friendship and understanding that will endure."

David Smila, Manager of Maccabi Shoham FC said: "It was a dream week for us and the players that we will never forget. The twinning relationship came from the heart and we wanted to thank the people of Elstree and Borehamwood, the Town Council for hosting us, Danny and Billy Hunter at Boreham Wood FC and Luke Garrard the Manager for helping us train with the team. We are sure that this will be the first in a tradition that will become regular in terms of exchange visits between Shoham and Borehamwood. The alliance of twin towns will





Boreham Wood FC Chairman Danny Hunter with David Smila and Ofer Shitrit, Maccabi Shoham FC Manager and Coach respectively



Cllr Sandra Parnell, Hertsmere Borough Council Leader Cllr Jeremy Newmark with Elstree & Borehamwood Town Mayor Rebecca Challice and Maccabi Shoham FC Manager David Smila

become an alliance of twin brothers! Thank you from your Maccabi Shoham family.”

Cllr Dan Ozarow, Chair of Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council’s International Affairs Sub-Committee said: “Maccabi Shoham FC’s visit this week has lit up our town and created a real buzz. Local people have welcomed them with warmth. The football training they gave the school children, the free tickets for the match that Boreham Wood FC kindly offered to the whole community and the cultural exchanges between the two sets of players during shared training sessions between the academy sides from both towns are examples of practical benefits that this visit has had for people in Elstree and Borehamwood this week alone.”

Cllr Jeremy Newmark, Leader of Hertsmere Borough Council and one of the instigators of the twinning arrangement commented: “We’ve been immensely privileged to host FC Maccabi Shoham over the past week. Borehamwood and Shoham are towns with shared values whose football clubs sit at the heart of their communities. We thank Danny and Billy Hunter, Luke Garrard and all at Boreham Wood FC for their huge contribution to this tremendous initiative that has added a new dimension to this town twinning and helped position our Borough as a

new hub of municipal internationalism.”

Cllr Sandra Parnell, Elstree & Borehamwood Town Councillor and one of the instigators of the twinning arrangement commented: “It was my privilege in March of 2023 to have signed a memorandum with the Mayor of Shoham to our twinning of Shoham in Israel and Borehamwood here in the UK.

Then came our beautiful week of football with our great BWFC courtesy of Danny Hunter the chairman of the football club, and with the help of the Town Council.

The meeting of the twin towns was an excellent opportunity for our schools, our great teachers and for our residents to get to know another town, as well as Offenburg in Germany and Fontanay-aux-Roses in France.

I am extremely excited for all three towns to be involved in getting to know each other.

It was a pleasure working with, Danny, Billy and Luke at BWFC. Cllr Jeremy Newmark, the town officers Dan Tracey, Jenny and many more all worked so hard and of course all of the residents in Borehamwood to help to make this a memorable occasion.”



# School News



## Little Angels

Little Angels Preschool is back in full swing after the summer break, children are engaging in lots of fun activities and are settling in well.

We have lots to look forward to over the next few months including autumn harvest, fire and road safety, Diwali, Hanukkah and our annual Christmas concert.

*If you would like a space at our preschool please put your name down on the waiting list as early as possible. You can do this on our website [www.littleangelspreschool.co.uk](http://www.littleangelspreschool.co.uk) by phone 020 82072430 or email [littleangelspreschool12@gmail.com](mailto:littleangelspreschool12@gmail.com)*



## Saffron Green Primary School

At Saffron Green our KS2 were lucky enough to take a trip to the exciting French market in Hitchin. We conversed in French, looked at the range of French produce and bought food to take back to school and try.

The children had a fantastic time. Some said:  
"I was able to say hello and ask if they had bread in French."

"I tasted the French Brie and jam, it was delicious."  
"One market seller told me he was from Normandy and was selling canard which is French for duck."

We also have our Christmas Fair coming soon! Hope to see you there!

**Amy Salsbury**  
Headteacher



# Remembrance Day

In honour of Remembrance Day on November 12, I represented the Youth Council in service at St. Nicholas Church and then laid a wreath at the Elstree War Memorial.

First, Deputy Mayor Alpha Collins gave a brief speech. Then, following the hymn, the church father blessed the wreaths

Subsequently, we all went to the Elstree War Memorial, where we paid a two-minute silence to those who served in the armed forces and lost their lives during the war times and paid tribute on behalf of the young people of Elstree and Borehamwood.

*Sivah - Youth Councillor*



Youth Councillor Sam in the middle at the front at the Borehamwood Memorial



Leo Arazi, Youth Council Chairman taking part in the Borehamwood Parade



# Question Time

On the 15 November, the Youth Council hosted a Question Time event, being held at Fairway Hall.

We had a variety of panelists, including, the Borehamwood FC manager, Luke Garrard and two players, Hertsmere Services for Young People, a representative from the Friday Night Project, JLGB, and an award winning sound engineer.

All panelists answered questions from the youth in the audience,

speaking about their experiences and how we, as youth, can learn from their achievements and mistakes. After the more formal event, we transitioned to informal conversations with the panelists over some light refreshments. I think everyone there learnt something valuable from this event, and I look forward to seeing it happen again in the future.

*Leo Arazi, Youth Council Chairman*



## “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](http://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 InspireAll) 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](http://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](http://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

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 Screen Arts Academy

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

### Manor View Practice

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  
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### Yavneh College and Primary School

Hillside Ave, Borehamwood WD6 1HL  
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# Town councillors

Mayor: Cllr Rebecca Challice  
Deputy Mayor: Cllr Alpha B Collins

## Borehamwood Cowley Hill



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## Elstree & Borehamwood town council meetings

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

6 December	Transport & Community Safety	Main Hall	7:00pm
9 January	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7:00pm
16 January	Entertainments Committee	Meeting Room	7:30pm
17 January	Full Council	Main Hall	7:30pm
1 February	General Management	Meeting Room	7:00pm
6 February	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7:00pm
13 February	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7:30pm
21 February	Transport & Community Safety	Main Hall	7:30pm
6 March	Annual Parish Meeting	Main Hall	7:30pm
13 March	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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