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# Teddy's Trails

Eighteen country walks around Borehamwood and Elstree

Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council's much-acclaimed network of country walks has now been published as a book. With 266 pages, fully illustrated, and spiral bound for easy use, it is a must-have guide for everyone who loves our locality and is interested in its past.

Available from Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council for only £10 a copy (including free postage and packaging) at [www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](http://www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk) or by phone on 0208 207 1382.

Also available at Fairway Hall and Elstree & Borehamwood Museum.



# Permission to play no matter your age as free events hit Herts



Modern life can be a serious business and, whether you're eight or eighty, everyone needs some space and time to feel carefree. That's why over 10,000 people across the country are now taking part in ParkPlay events.

The great news for Hertfordshire residents is that this month sees the launch of, not one, but two new regular ParkPlay events here in our county. They're designed to offer people of all ages two hours of free, informal games and activities every Saturday morning in local parks and green spaces.

The new events launched at Aycliffe Park, Borehamwood on 2 March. It follows the successful launch of Hertfordshire's first-ever ParkPlay location at Cedars Park, Waltham Cross in 2023 and will pave the way for further locations that are expected to be announced in the county later in the year.

The events are FREE to attend and run from 10am to 12noon every Saturday.

Explaining more about ParkPlay founder Rick Jenner said: "After a stressful, busy week, lots of people enjoy mucking about playing and hanging out with their friends and neighbours at ParkPlay. We connect people and build community. ParkPlay is tackling some of the most pressing social issues of our time - lack of exercise, isolation, mental health and the need for escape. As we recover from Covid and now face the cost-of-living crisis it's never been more important to give communities free ways to connect and boost their wellbeing."

Existing ParkPlay attendees added: "I was looking for community activities to get involved in and I came across ParkPlay. From the first

Saturday that I went along I loved it.

I am retired now but ParkPlay gives me the opportunity to meet other people of all ages and have fun."

"We go along to ParkPlay as a family every Saturday morning and we all love it. It gives us the opportunity to take away the stresses of the week and just enjoy ourselves. This is an amazing community event each week that we would recommend to people of all ages. Come along and join in, you won't be disappointed."

ParkPlay was launched to encourage everyone to be more active outdoors and bring communities together. It was made possible by the support of Sport England. At a local level, Hertfordshire County Council has played a crucial role in providing funding, with further partnerships being established with North Herts Council, Hertsmeare Borough Council, InspireAll, Active In The Community and Herts Sport & Physical Activity Partnership to get these new ParkPlay events off the ground.

**Participants simply need to register themselves in advance at <https://park-play.com/parks/aycliffe/> and then head along to the park on the day and look for the ParkPlay flag.**

**To find out more and to keep up to date with the latest news about the new ParkPlay events go to [www.facebook.com/JackmansParkPlay](https://www.facebook.com/JackmansParkPlay) and [www.facebook.com/AycliffeParkPlay/](https://www.facebook.com/AycliffeParkPlay/)**



# 40 Years since the return of the man in the hat!

"Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" is the second film in the Indiana Jones series, directed by Steven Spielberg and released in 1984. The film is set in 1935, and it follows Indiana Jones as he travels to India and attempts to recover a stolen mystical stone and rescue enslaved children from a Thuggee cult.

Harrison Ford reprises his role as Indiana Jones. Other notable cast members include Kate Capshaw as Willie Scott and Ke Huy Quan as Short Round.



The film was partially filmed at Elstree Studios in England. While some interior scenes were shot there, the majority of the film's production took place on location in various countries, including Sri Lanka, Macau, and the United States. Elstree Studios provided a controlled environment for certain sequences, allowing for efficient filming of interior shots and special effects scenes.

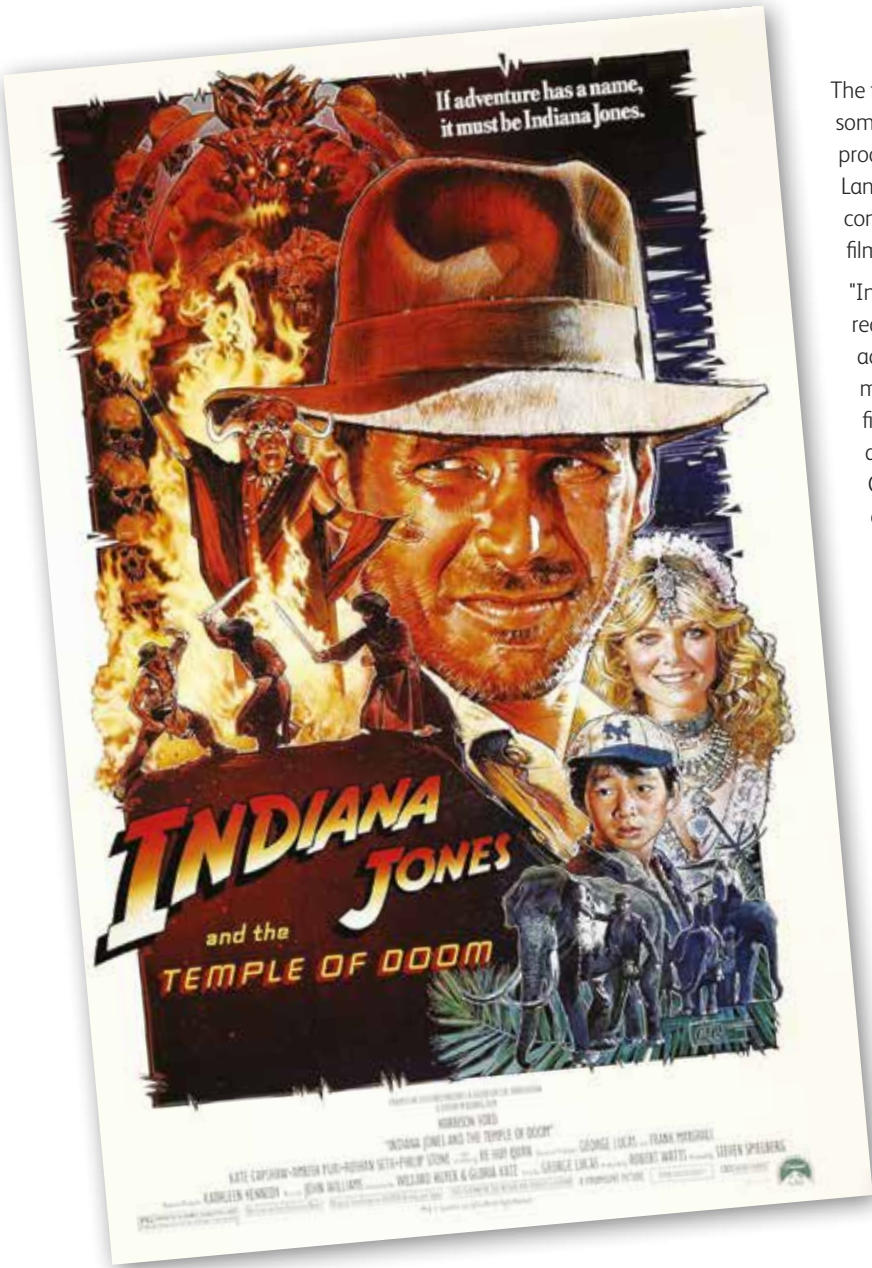
"Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" has sparked mixed reactions over the years. While many fans appreciate its adventurous spirit, intense action sequences, and memorable moments, some criticize it for its darker tone compared to other films in the franchise, particularly its portrayal of Indian culture and stereotypes. The character of Willie Scott, portrayed by Kate Capshaw, has also been a point of contention for some viewers due to her initial portrayal as a damsel in distress. However, the film remains a significant part of the Indiana Jones series, contributing to its overall legacy and enduring popularity.

The iconic score for the film was composed by John Williams, who also scored the other Indiana Jones films. The soundtrack features memorable themes such as "Parade of the Slave Children" and "The Temple of Doom."

It was a commercial success at the box office. Upon its release in 1984, it grossed over \$333 million worldwide, making it one of the highest-grossing films of that year. While it didn't surpass the box office performance of its predecessor, "Raiders of the Lost Ark," it still solidified the Indiana Jones franchise as a major player in the film industry and paved the way for future instalments.

Despite initial mixed reviews, "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" has become a beloved classic and a staple of adventure cinema. It remains one of the most popular films in the franchise.

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# Hardly a 'rapide' restoration

The Dragon Rapide, a 1930s passenger bi-plane, was acquired by the de Havilland Aircraft Museum in the mid-1990s, allegedly in 'flying condition'.

The wings might have met that description but the remainder was untouched and required extensive structural work. The floor was rotten and most of the roof is new. After thirty years of painstaking restoration, the project is almost finished.

The lengthy duration does need to be put into context. As Terry Pankhurst, team leader and ex de Havilland instructor, explained, the Rapide was 'completely knackered'. Furthermore, it is a large aircraft and the team (all volunteers) dedicate one day per week to the project. The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) require that any aircraft restored to flying condition use only prescribed components. All of these, every nut and bolt, must be documented.

Trying to secure materials from the 1930s is not always possible and modern equivalents must be used. Originally, the wings were covered with linen; ceconite is a quarter of the price and four or five times more durable. However, like linen, it must be 'doped' to give it rigidity. Additional coats of dope, 10 in all, are used to ensure fire resistance

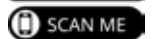


and reduce deterioration by the sun. If this is not carefully applied, ceconite will shrink and distort the wooden structure. Every coat must be documented and only applied when the temperature and humidity are correct, effectively reducing this operation to the summer months.

Until 2022 restoration to flying condition remained the outcome. However, a breach of CAA requirements effectively ended that objective.

Earlier this year, the fuselage and landing gear were moved from the workshop and are now displayed in the Geoffrey de Havilland hangar. Once the existing exhibits have been repositioned, the wings will be added to complete the aircraft. It will be painted in the livery of Hillman Airlines, an independent operator in the 1930s.

*Derek Lamb, de Havilland Aircraft Museum*



## WD6 Food Support

WD6 has now been operating for 3 and a half years and we now support upwards of 300 hundred families from our base at Parkside Community Primary School in Aycliffe Road, Borehamwood. We also have an outreach project where we provide food for those families that for whatever reason cannot come to the foodbank.

We pride ourselves on providing a warm and welcoming environment where our families can come without feeling embarrassed and where we are happy to lend an ear to someone if they are feeling down and need a chat. We are also exceptionally proud to have been awarded this year's Hertsmere Civic Award.

**We are open every Wednesday and Friday from 15:30pm-16:30pm 9 (subject to public holidays)**  
**No referrals needed – no questions asked - we welcome anyone who needs food support.**  
**For further information call us on 07868 379039 or email us at [info@wd6foodsupport.org](mailto:info@wd6foodsupport.org)**



# A blooming success

## Gratitude's community bulb planting event makes a positive impact

The sun shone brightly on a crisp February morning as 30 enthusiastic volunteers gathered at Farriers Way, Borehamwood, for the first Gratitude Community Cohesion Project of 2024. The event, inspired by Gratitude's core values of environmental responsibility, saving from waste, and fostering community spirit, brought together people of all ages and backgrounds for a day of planting and positive change.

Guided by the ever-inspiring John Carlisle, Gratitude's CEO, and the dedicated efforts of Stephen Robertson and Conor Graham, the project aimed to tackle a notorious fly-tipping hotspot and transform it into a vibrant floral haven.

John Amand's generous donation of 3,000 bulbs from Jacques Amand Intl. Ltd fuelled the initiative, attracting a diverse group of 30 volunteers, including two local councillors, Gratitude's own volunteers and family, members of the Jain community, and students from Krishna Avanti school.

Laughter filled the air as young and old worked side-by-side, planting thousands of bulbs that promise to erupt in a dazzling display of colour come spring. Allium, Narcissus, Daffodils, and Bluebells were carefully placed into the freshly dug holes, with expert gardener Conor guiding the eager participants. He shared his wealth of knowledge not only with children, but also their families, fostering a sense of environmental awareness and community spirit. As someone who spearheads environmental projects for the council, Conor's passion for nature was contagious, leaving everyone feeling inspired.

Gratitude extends its heartfelt appreciation to Stephen Robertson, whose tireless efforts from collecting bulbs to contacting volunteers and securing tools were instrumental to the project's success.

This commitment to environmental action is deeply rooted in

Gratitude's 10-year history, and the organisation is passionate about establishing a dedicated community group to continue making a positive impact.

With the unwavering support of Stephen, Jacques Amand, and the wider community, Gratitude Community Projects is poised to make a significant difference. Here are just a few reasons why getting involved is a rewarding experience:

- **Building Bridges:** Connect with your neighbours across generations, strengthening community bonds and fostering a sense of shared purpose;
- **Nurturing Nature:** Beautify local spaces while contributing to the local ecosystem and promoting biodiversity;
- **Instilling Values:** Equip future generations with the importance of environmental responsibility and active community engagement.

Gratitude believes that participating in these events goes beyond mere fun; it empowers individuals to become active stewards of their environment and create a lasting positive impact.

Gratitude hopes to expand this initiative, build a network of volunteers and supporters, and deliver bigger and better projects in the future. For details about upcoming events via our website [www.gratitude.charity](http://www.gratitude.charity), and don't hesitate to register your interest if you're eager to join the movement! Email us at [info@gratitude.charity](mailto:info@gratitude.charity)

A final, resounding thank you for the support from various local volunteer groups and to all the amazing volunteers who made this inaugural project a blooming success.

Their dedication and enthusiasm are the seeds of positive change that will continue to blossom throughout 2024 and beyond!

*Carolyn Klein*



Photo by Valeria Fazekas



# Gratitude celebrates 10th anniversary with High Sheriff visit

Gratitude, a charity that provides food and support to people in and around Hertfordshire, celebrated its 10th anniversary with a visit from the High Sheriff of Hertfordshire, Liz Green, on Tuesday 4 July.

From its humble beginnings in Borehamwood in 2013, Gratitude has grown into a vital resource for the local community, serving fresh food and distributing other essential items to hundreds of people each week.

The Gratitude hub, based in the Old Library in Borehamwood, was transformed into a hive of activity in preparation for the event, with volunteers working tirelessly to prepare delicious food and decorate the space.

The High Sheriff was given a tour of the hub during the Groceries Giveaway, where she met many of the volunteers who are essential to the charity's work. She also learned about the many amazing activities that Gratitude's Kids Corner offers for children, including Santa's Grotto, Easter Egg Hunts, Halloween Trick or Treats, and more recently a special celebration for the King's Coronation. Additionally, she was shown examples of the many wonderful hand-crocheted items that the hard-working volunteers of Gratitude's Creative Club knits and donates to local hospitals and care homes.

Following a buffet lunch, prepared in the community kitchen, the High Sheriff was presented with a magnificent hamper and a copy of The Gratitude History Book, a beautiful chronicle of the charity's evolution. She was also joined by local council members, the deputy mayor, and other friends and dignitaries.

"It was a truly special day," said John Carlisle, founding trustee of Gratitude. "We are so grateful to the High Sheriff for taking the time to visit us and to learn more about our work. It was also a wonderful opportunity for our volunteers to come together and celebrate our 10th anniversary."



The High Sheriff was clearly impressed with the work of Gratitude, saying, "I thoroughly enjoyed the visit, what a positive atmosphere and what fantastic volunteers."

Gratitude Charity was thankful to all the volunteers who helped to prepare the hub for this special event. Their hard work and dedication were truly appreciated.

**To find out more about this amazing and inspiring charity, please visit our website: <https://www.gratitude.charity/>**

**Carolyn Klein  
Social Media for Gratitude  
Charity**



# Music in the Wood



## News from Borehamwood Brass

Borehamwood Brass is the local brass band for Elstree and Borehamwood. We are a mix of young and older players rehearsing on Friday nights at The Parish Centre of St Teresa's Church in the Shenley Road.

On 26 April, we will be giving a concert in aid of The Alzheimer's Society at All Saints Church. Co-incidentally Andrew Grady who is President of the Rotary Club of the Studios of Elstree and Borehamwood, is also

the band's principal cornet player, and he has chosen to support this charity this year. Tickets for the concert are £10 and £8 for concessions and are available from the band secretary or online: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/borehamwood-brass>

- A small group from the band will play at the D-Day 80th Anniversary Event on Thursday 6 June 2024. This is organised by the Town Council, and the band will perform music chosen to commemorate this significant moment in history;
- Friday 28 June 2024 will be our annual Civic Festival Summer Concert in All Saints Church. This is part of the annual flower festival taking place at the church;
- On Sunday 7 July 2024 the band will perform at the Meadow Park Entertainment Arena between 3pm to 4:45pm, playing relaxing music for a Sunday afternoon;
- On Sunday 21 July 2024 the band will be playing at the NSPCC Summer Fair at Shopwick House in Elstree. There will be stalls and teas.

*If you are interested in joining the band, new members are always very welcome.*

*Please contact the band by visiting [www.borehamwoodbrass.com](http://www.borehamwoodbrass.com),*

*Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/borehamwoodbrass>*

*or email [borehamwoodbrass@hotmail.com](mailto:borehamwoodbrass@hotmail.com)*

*You can also contact band secretary on 07802 736628 if you are interested in joining the band or booking them for an event.*



In the town famed for films and television

## Movie Music and TV themes

performed by  
Borehamwood Brass

In partnership with  
**Rotary**  
Club of The Studios of  
Elstree and Borehamwood

**Alzheimer's Society**

7.30pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April at All Saints' Church,  
Shenley Road, Borehamwood, WD6 1EB  
We're raising money for the Alzheimer's Society!  
Tickets: £10 - Concessions: £8  
Book online at: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/borehamwood-brass>  
Or just turn up on the night!



# Elstree Mozart Players

Bringing classical music to the Wood



Elstree Mozart Players conducted by Derek Holland were at their usual high standard on Saturday 24 February 2024 at All Saints Church, Borehamwood. They delighted the audience with Rossini's Silken Ladder Overture and a short piece - Praeludium - by the Finnish composer, Järnefelt.

Then, soprano and viola player - Elizabeth Venner - delighted the audience when she sang an aria from Mozart's opera Don Giovanni. Later she sang an aria from Johann Strauss's opera Die Fledermaus. Outstanding performances.



Making a welcome return to perform with the orchestra - Peter Bussereau gave a virtuosic performance of Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E minor. A firm favourite with audiences, and performers alike.

Tom Pinnell, a young Horn player in the orchestra, then performed Richard Strauss's virtuosic Horn concerto No.1, showing how much talent there is within the orchestra. His performance was virtuosic and tone silky-smooth.

The final work, Schubert's Symphony No.2 in B Flat tested the technical ability of the orchestra. The audience showed their appreciation by giving Derek Holland and orchestra a round of applause, even before the final cadence had ceased. Fantastic!

At the close Cllr. Farida Turner representing the Mayor of the town offered a vote of thanks to all participants, organisers and supporters of this concert.

The concert raised £200 for the FoodBank.



## Forthcoming EMP Concerts

**Saturday, 24 March, 7:30pm** - All Saints Church, Borehamwood – Janice Watson does Cabaret, with the Barry Solomon Trio, and Derek Holland on piano.

**Sunday, 23 June, 7:30pm** - All Saints Church, Borehamwood. Features works by: Peter Wilson, Roderick Elmer, and Leroy Anderson. Concertos by Bach, Chaminade, Docker, Leopold Mozart, and Symphony 31 by W.A. Mozart.

**Tickets £10 in advance, £15 with £12 concessions on the door, available from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/elstree-mozart-players> or Pat Strack [pat.strack@icloud.com](mailto:pat.strack@icloud.com) and Andrew Grady on 07802 736628.**

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# School News

## Cowley Hill Primary School



### Reach for the stars

We are exceptionally proud of Oliver in year 6 who has secured an amazing scholarship/bursary to Haberdashers Boys School. The bursary came about through our partnership with both the Boys and Girls Schools. Oliver will benefit from all of his educational fees, trips, uniform, and music tuition paid for from year 7 up until the end of year 13. This is an amazing and life-changing opportunity for Oliver and we are all very proud of him. We cannot wait to hear how he progresses – well done Oliver. Find out more about our partnership below.

### Partnership development

Our children's learning experiences are enriched and broadened through our weekly clubs offer and additional curriculum support from Habs. Currently we have our year 6 children studying science, swimming, outdoor education and pottery on-site at Habs whilst back at Cowley Hill we have weekly French, English, creative writing, geography-explorers and wellbeing. Our children and staff really enjoy these sessions and the Habs students and staff gain valuable life experience.



### Cowley Hill gives back to the local community

Supporting our local community is something all at Cowley Hill are passionate about. This academic year has been so important with the stretch on families' finances! We have had dress up/down days linked to national days like Odd Sock and Christmas Jumper days but one significant success was our Children in Need - Giant Pudsey Bear Raffle, which raised a large amount of money. To support our local community we launched our annual Bauble Swap and Boxes of Cheer at Christmas.

The local foodbank were amazed by the generosity of our families. They came together and produced boxes containing lovely Christmas foods and games to help our in-need families have an extra-special Christmas. Well done Cowley Hill.

### Young Voices – The O2

At the end of January 40 of our pupils performed at the O2 as part of the Young Voices Choir. They performed as part of the largest choir in the world, with over 8000 other children! They sung alongside MC Grammar, jazz singer Natalie Williams and were treated to a performance by the sensational drummer; Nandi Bushell. The children performed brilliantly throughout the show with the highlight for many being the Matilda Medley.

We cannot wait to do this again next year.



### Cowley Hill on top

Validated results for the end of KS2 SATs show Cowley Hill is the top primary school for progress in Borehamwood. As a school we have strived to develop a quality curriculum combined with high expectations and standards continue to improve. Children not only achieve well but they also make excellent progress from their starting points!

Go check out our progress and attainment <https://www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables>



# A Tale of Creativity and Collaboration

## Margaret Andrews and Wendy Gallagher's Journey into Children's Literature

Over the past three years, Margaret Andrews, aged 84, and her daughter Wendy Gallagher, a mother and daughter duo, have embarked on an inspiring journey into the world of children's literature. Together, they've created a charming series of books featuring Pink Patsy and Bobby Blue, capturing the hearts of young readers.

Their story began during the Covid-19 lockdown when Margaret's art class at Guidepost in Maxwell Park Community Centre closed. Seeking a creative outlet, Margaret painted a hare gazing at the moon, sparking the idea for their first book. With Wendy's editing expertise, they crafted a delightful tale starring Pink Patsy, named in memory of Margaret's late sister.

Their collaboration has flourished, resulting in eight books with more in the pipeline. Drawing inspiration from their own experiences and pets, they've introduced a colourful cast of characters, including a pink hare, a green-cheek condor parrot, a silver tabby cat, and a mouse sporting black boots.

Venturing beyond their writing desks, Margaret and Wendy have engaged with children at various events, from park gatherings to school visits, receiving praise from children, parents, and educators alike. Their warm interactions with young readers have fostered a sense of connection and excitement, igniting imaginations and sparking meaningful conversations about storytelling and creativity.



Their latest book, "Pink Patsy's Great Adventure," showcases some of Margaret's best work with vivid illustrations of global landscapes, inspiring young readers to document their adventures. Throughout their journey, Margaret and Wendy have poured their hearts and souls into crafting stories that entertain and impart valuable lessons of friendship, kindness, and nature appreciation.

Leveraging Wendy's experience with children facing reading difficulties, they've incorporated colour-coded text to aid readers struggling with reading, ensuring inclusivity and accessibility in their storytelling.

Looking ahead, they plan to expand their outreach to primary schools, inspiring children to create their own stories. Additionally, they're

excited to collaborate on an animated cartoon movie with KingBee Studio in Elstree, Borehamwood.

Reflecting on their journey, Margaret and Wendy express gratitude for the joy their books have brought and are currently working on their next adventure, "Pink Patsy and the Honeybee."

Their story is a testament to the power of creativity, collaboration, and perseverance, offering a beacon of hope and inspiration in challenging times.

The books are available at [www.magmaybooks.co.uk](http://www.magmaybooks.co.uk)

Margaret and Wendy



# Girlguiding

Girlguiding is a wonderful opportunity for girls to develop their skills and gain new opportunities. We welcome girls from the age of 4 until they're 18 in our multiple units across Borehamwood. At our units, girls will get to try new things, go on trips, earn badges, meet new friends and partake in many other activities.

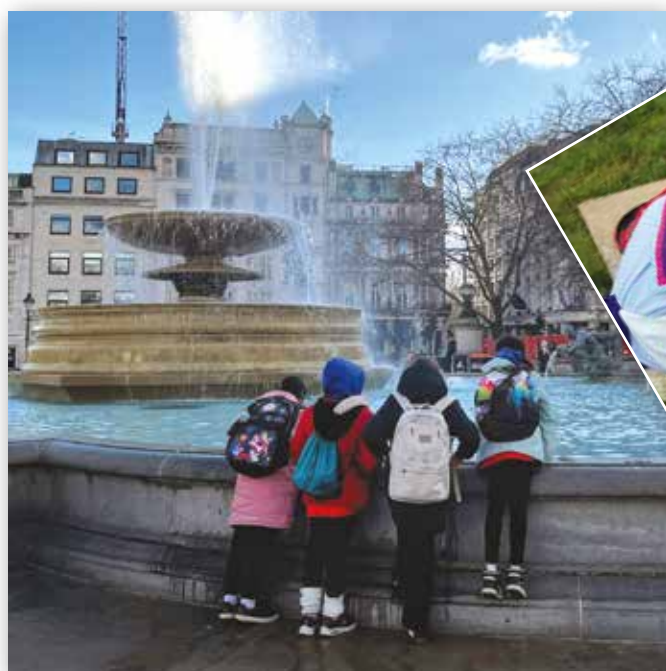
This term, the girls in our district have been busy doing many exciting things. Our Rainbows (4-7) have been participating in science experiments, learning about International Women's Day and have been on a trip to visit some animals. Our Brownies (7-10) have been cooking, roller skating and had overnight trips to campsites and the trampoline park. Our Guides (10-14) have been climbing, had a trip to London and learned how to cross stitch.

Girlguiding is here to not only provide opportunities, but also to give girls the confidence to access the world and make their own way through it. This is emphasised even more with our awards for our older members, such as the Queen's Guide Award and the Young Leader Qualification, both of which give girls integral skills for their adult lives.

Our units are supported by highly trained leaders who volunteer their time to help the girls get the best experience from their time in Girlguiding (while also having fun themselves). It gives adults a chance to also meet friends and try new things while guiding the girls through their journeys. If you are looking for a rewarding volunteer role, use the website at the bottom to register your interest. We have recently had many Young Leaders join our ranks who are great role models to the girls.

We are always looking for new members to join us and help our organisation to grow, giving us the ability to provide more opportunities for more girls in the local area.

***If you are interested in volunteering or signing your child up, please sign up at [go.girlguiding.org.uk/join-us](https://go.girlguiding.org.uk/join-us) or email us at [elstreeandbwooddistrict@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk](mailto:elstreeandbwooddistrict@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk)***



# Diversity festival

Welcome to our vibrant community's annual Diversity Festival, organised by the Elstree and Borehamwood Unity Network, a celebration that embraces the rich tapestry of cultures, traditions, and backgrounds that make our locality unique.

conversations about cultural heritage, traditions, and global issues, fostering an environment of learning and appreciation.

Furthermore, community organizations and businesses actively participate in the festival, creating an opportunity for networking, collaboration, and support. The Diversity Festival acts as a catalyst for strengthening community bonds and promoting inclusivity, leaving a lasting impact on the social fabric of our locality.

As we come together to revel in the Diversity Festival, we celebrate not only our differences but also the shared values that unite us. It is an occasion that embodies the spirit of togetherness, encouraging us to embrace the beauty of diversity and continue building a community that thrives on mutual respect and understanding.



This lively event serves as a testament to our commitment to unity in diversity, fostering understanding, respect, and appreciation for the various facets that contribute to our collective identity since 2019.

The festival unfolds with a kaleidoscope of performances, showcasing a myriad of dance, music, and artistic expressions from different corners of the globe. Attendees are transported on a cultural journey as they witness traditional dances, hear the rhythms of diverse musical genres, and marvel at the vibrant colours of ethnic attire. It's a sensory feast that reflects the harmony within our community.

A key highlight of the Diversity Festival is the International Food Fair, where local vendors present an array of delectable dishes representing cuisines from around the world.

In addition to the lively entertainment and delicious treats, the festival also hosts educational workshops and interactive exhibits. These activities serve as a platform for attendees to engage in meaningful

*This year the Diversity Festival will happen at Allum hall WD6 3PJ on the 26 and 27 October 2024 from 10am starting with free breakfast to late both days. Contact us on [Interulturalbe@gmail.com](mailto:Interulturalbe@gmail.com) or 07852 967 160 [www.diversityfestival.uk](http://www.diversityfestival.uk)*

*Martine H Eni*



# Rotary Club of the Studios of Elstree and Borehamwood



On Sunday, February 11, 2024, the Rotary Club of The Studios of Elstree and Borehamwood conducted a successful environmental project at Woodcock Hill Village Green.

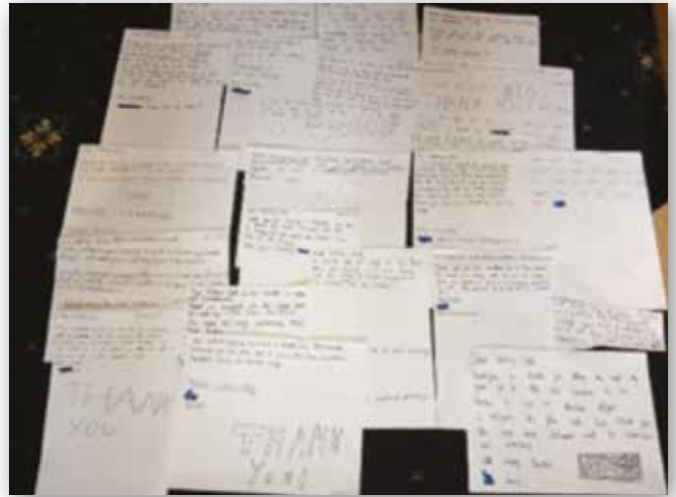
Led by Club President Andrew Grady, a team of six Rotarians and two friends braved waterlogged ground, a result of recent adverse weather.

Funding via Hertfordshire County Council Healthwatch programme, obtained by Irmine Mason, allowed for tools to be purchased that will aid this and future projects. Additionally, Club Secretary Pat Strack oversaw acquiring over 40 hazelnut trees which were planted on the day.



During December the club has been organising, with funding from the Kids Out charity, special screenings in conjunction with The Reel Cinema in Borehamwood, and the local schools in the town, for our local children to see a seasonal film in the run up to Christmas.

Rotary members, Sandra Parnell, Sasha Capocci, Victor Eni, Irmine Mason along with club president Andrew Grady, greeted the kids as they left the Reel Cinema in Borehamwood presenting them with some treats to enjoy over the festive period with their families.



The club were delighted to receive over 50 thankyou letters written by children at Yavneh Primary School.

The Litter Picking event we held last October was repeated around the Organ Hall open space on Saturday 6 April from 10:45am – 1pm.

Other events supporting Youth in Music and Bi-Polar were organised in March, supported by many in the local community.

**For any one wishing to be involved or would like more information about our club activities please look at our website <https://www.studio-elstreeandborehamwoodrotary.org.uk> or contact our club secretary via [secretary@studio-elstreeandborehamwoodrotary.org.uk](mailto:secretary@studio-elstreeandborehamwoodrotary.org.uk)**



# Rebs – The Radlett, Elstree, Borehamwood and Shenley Talking Newspaper

Our FREE Talking Newspaper service is a wonderfully simple, practical, and effective way to help local people who are blind, visually impaired, or are feeling socially isolated. We also offer this service to anyone experiencing reading difficulties e.g. due to a stroke or cognitive problems.

Every Thursday evening our volunteers record, through a zoom recording session, half an hour of local news ('the News section') plus a further half hour's article of general interest ('the Magazine Section'). We try to ensure all the content is fresh, up-to-date and of real interest.

The recording is copied onto digital memory sticks and mailed to listeners in a special wallet. The listener simply inserts the memory stick in the player and presses play. It is easy to repeat items or skip unwanted material. Having finished listening to the recording, the listener then reverses the label, to show the return address, on the wallet and mails it back to Radlett Sorting Office, from where we collect it.

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Our listeners greatly appreciate receiving the Talking Newspaper. Not just for the information but also for the feeling that someone is interested in them and is talking with them.

There is no cost to a listener for this service; the REBS Talking Newspaper is dependent on donations in order to fund its equipment and small overheads, and the mailing is free, using the Articles for the Blind service run by the Post Office. This is done every week of the year, save for a Christmas break.

We are always happy to hear of potential new listeners. We rely on relatives, friends and neighbours to tell a visually impaired person about our service although it is not uncommon when someone starts to lose their sight for a social worker to contact the Talking Newspaper and the Visually Impaired Club, our sister organisation.

Do you know anyone who might appreciate being a new listener?

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**You can also find our REBS group on Facebook.**

**To contact the REBS Talking Newspaper please contact either Paul Sennett on 07551725041 ([pwgsennett@outlook.com](mailto:pwgsennett@outlook.com)) or Helen Dashwood on 07956 129866 ([helendashwood@gmail.com](mailto:helendashwood@gmail.com))**



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## Festival of St. George

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We will promote your business in communities, media channels and on location with banners and other ways to promote. Do not hesitate to contact us, together we will succeed!!



The outdoor playground and settings provide the children with green space to engage in physical activities and connect with nature.

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[www.arborescencemontessori.org.uk](http://www.arborescencemontessori.org.uk)

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# Local clubs

## The Monday Club

The Monday Club is a club for over 60s held every Monday from 10am - 12pm at Maxwell Community Centre, Borehamwood, WD6 1JJ. Members pay an annual fee of £5 and £3 for refreshments. There are 30 members.

Weekly quiz, entertainers, speakers, Parties to celebrate national and international events. Theatre trips, trips to places of interest are organised.

**For more details contact**

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**Sandra Parnell 07736809015 [sparnell513@gmail.com](mailto:sparnell513@gmail.com)**

## Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club

Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club is for those living with Dementia their families and carers. Those living in isolation are also encouraged to join in. This is a free club meeting weekly at Forest Care Village, Cardinal Ave Borehamwood WD6 1JE. There are 40 members

Weekly quiz, entertainers, exercise tutor. Parties to celebrate national and international events. Local trips arranged .

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## DR96

DR96 meets at 96 Shenley Rd WD6 1EB every Wednesday from 10am - 12pm to join in. Members pay £5 per annum and £3 when they attend. The club has over 100 members.

Weekly quiz, hoiy, bingo, raffle, entertainers, exercise tutor. Parties to celebrate national and international events. Theatre trips and trips to places of interest are arranged.

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## The Visually Impaired Club

The VIC is a club for the visually impaired and their carers held once a fortnight on a Friday from 1:30pm to 4pm at Maxwell Community Centre, Maxwell Rd, WD6 1JJ. Those isolated at home are also, encouraged to attend. Members pay £5 per annum and £3 when they attend.

Weekly quiz, hoiy, bingo, raffle, entertainers, exercise tutor. Parties to celebrate national and international events. Trips to places of interest are arranged. There are 40 members.

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# Elstree and Borehamwood Youth Council



On the 19 of February, the Elstree and Borehamwood Youth Council was lucky enough to visit the Houses of Parliament. After an early start, we took the train to Westminster, and entered the Palace of Westminster through the Cromwell Green entrance.

Our tour began in Westminster Hall, an ornate medieval hall originally built for William II in 1097 – making it the oldest surviving part of the Palace. The Hall was originally used as a court, in which famous figures such as William Wallace, Thomas More and Guy Fawkes were tried for treason. More recently, it has been used by foreign leaders such as Nelson Mandela and Volodymyr Zelensky to address both Houses of Parliament.

We were then taken through to the Central Lobby, which stands between the House of Commons and House of Lords. The walls of this room are decorated with the Patron Saints of the four nations of the UK; St George of England, St Andrew of Scotland, St David of Wales and St Patrick of (now Northern) Ireland. Youth Councillors learned that any member of the public is allowed to enter the lobby to talk to their local MP, and encourage their MP to vote a certain way on any issue that they find important.

After this, we were shown the Commons Lobby, which contains statues of notable Prime Ministers – including Clement Attlee of the Labour Party, Winston Churchill of the Conservative Party, and David Lloyd George of the Liberal Party. Youth Councillors then went through to the Commons division lobbies, which MPs go through to vote 'Aye' or 'No' on bills, before entering the Commons chamber itself! With a capacity of only 427, the House of Commons chamber is surprisingly small, yet it plays a massive role in our democracy – as it is where MPs debate

legislation and scrutinise government ministers. Youth Councillors learned that, since 1911, the Commons has been the dominant house of Parliament – with the Lords only having the ability to delay legislation for up to a year.

We were then taken across to the House of Lords, the upper house of Parliament. This chamber originally comprised members of the aristocracy, but is now largely made up of experts appointed by the Prime Minister. Interestingly, the chamber still contains an area for judges to sit, a remnant of the presence of 'Law Lords' in the upper chamber – who have since been separated from Parliament with the creation of the Supreme Court.

Then, we were shown St Stephen's Hall, which served as the chamber of the House of Commons until a fire in 1834. Interestingly, the hall was originally a chapel, which explains the origins of the layout of the Commons – as MPs originally sat on two sets of opposite choir stools, evolving into the government and opposition benches that we have today. Our tour guide showed us one of the statues that a suffragette chained herself to in protest against women being denied the right to vote – the statue has been left in its damaged state as a reminder of the struggle undertaken for women to receive equal voting rights to men.

Finally, we returned to Westminster Hall to finish our tour. The Youth Council left with an enriched understanding of how our Parliament works, and a greater appreciation of the historic struggle for democracy.

I would like to thank our tour guide for an incredibly informative and engaging tour, as well as Youth Council Secretary Anne Nicodemus for organising this amazing day out. I would also like to give special thanks to Andrew Chillingsworth from Thameslink, who kindly provided us with travel permits for our journey into and back from London.

This trip was an amazing opportunity for Youth Councillors to learn more about the way in which our parliament works, as well as better understanding the history of parliamentary democracy. If you, or someone that you know, are a young person in the local area who would like to better their engagement in and understanding of local and national politics, I would thoroughly recommend joining the Youth Council.



# New public Right of Way at Aldenham Reservoir

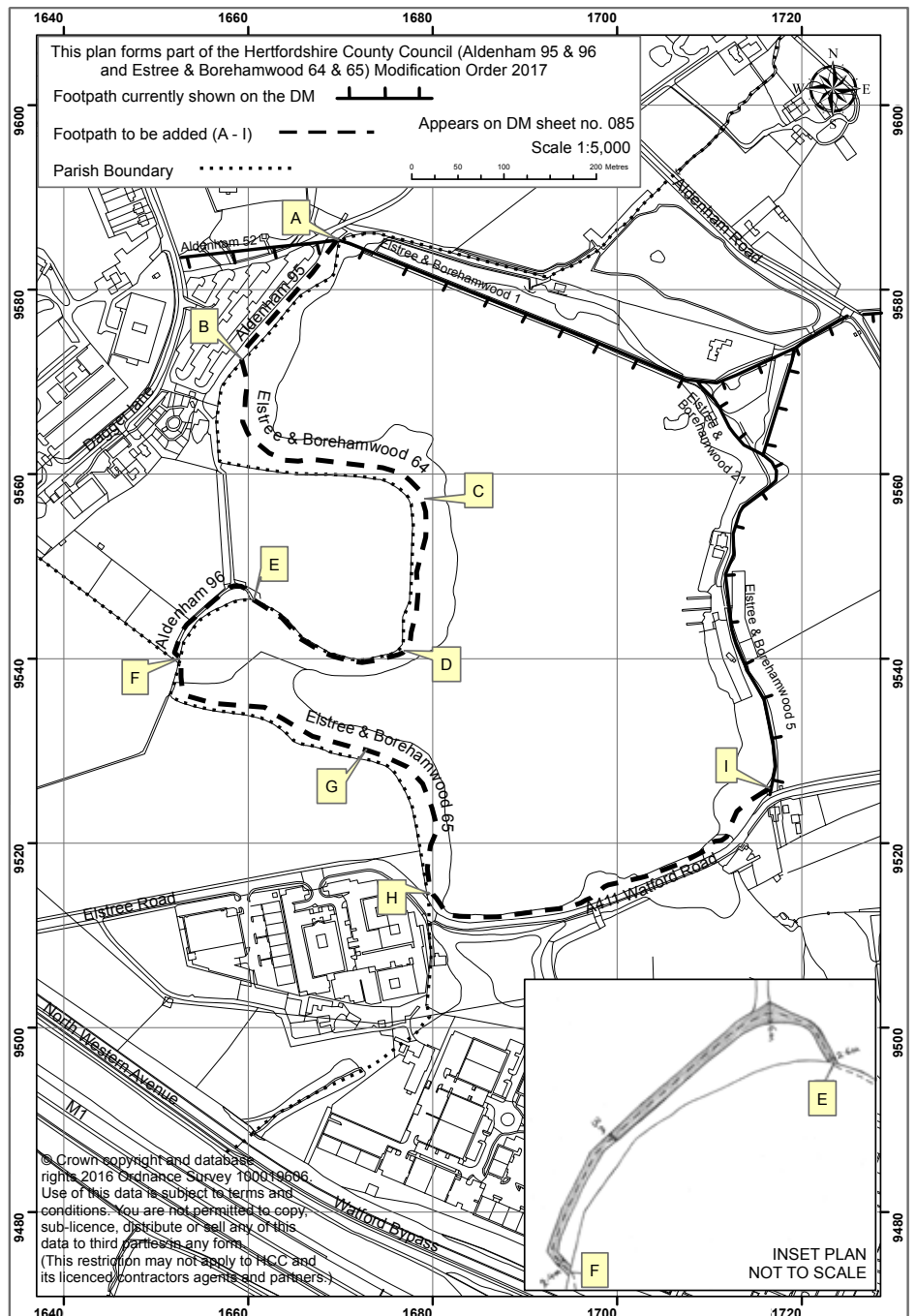
This year Hertfordshire County Council added a new section of Public Footpaths to the Definitive Map and Statement in Hertsmere.

These new sections of Public Footpath were added to the Public Rights of Way network in Aldenham Country Park, and created approximately a 1.8-kilometre link for a circular walk around the lake from Aldenham FP52, Elstree & Borehamwood FP1 to Elstree & Borehamwood FP5, along the west and southside of the lake. This new route takes in some beautiful views across the lake, and around the woodland edges.

The process was initiated by the Aldenham Country Park Trust (ACPT) in 2011 who recognised the need to protect the route in perpetuity. Together with volunteers from the local area, they collected evidence demonstrating its use spanning over 60 years.

The Definitive Map Modification Order application was made to HCC in 2013 and while this was initially refused, ACPT appealed to the Planning Inspectorate and, with the help of the Ramblers, were successful in 2017. The Order was confirmed, unopposed, in January 2023. A long, but worthwhile process that required much determination from the Trustees of Aldenham Country Park Trust.

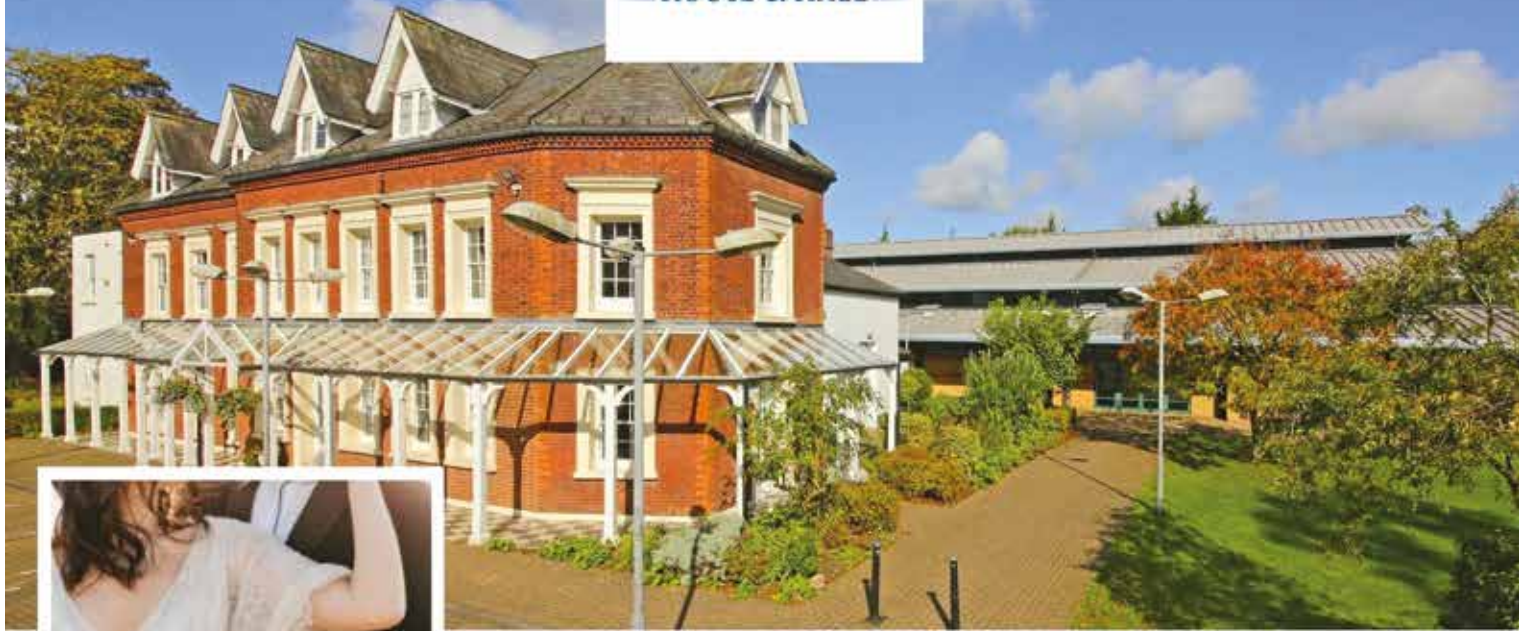
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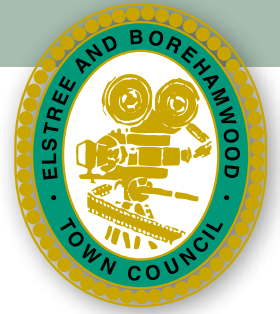
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# Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council News

## Town Council plays pivotal role in saving REEL Cinema from closure

Borehamwood’s popular Reel Cinema at The Point had been threatened with “devastating” closure but has now been saved after Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council stepped in to develop a solution alongside Hertsmere Borough Council and The Reel’s owners.

Plans are now being worked on to improve the cinema, including the refurbishment of its interior so that it showcases our town’s fantastic film and TV history, improves the cinema offering and provides scope for community use of the screens.

Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council Leader, Cllr Richard Butler, commented: “At a time when we need to keep our high street vibrant, and show that Borehamwood is open for business, the closure of this asset would have been devastating. The aim of “Keeping Hollywood in Borehamwood” has been achieved.

Cllr Jeremy Newmark, leader of Hertsmere Borough Council and also a town councillor, said: “With such a proud film and television heritage, it was clearly untenable that Borehamwood should be left without a cinema at the heart of our community... “We are so pleased to have worked successfully with the Town Council, REEL Cinema and the



building’s lessors to strike an arrangement that will save the jobs that were under threat and keep the movies rolling whilst longer-terms plans are developed.

The Town Council will provide the lion’s share of the funding to keep the cinema open using Community Infrastructure Levy funds (that which property developers pay the Council). This will ensure that costs to the taxpayer are minimised.

*Dan Ozarow*

## All Saints Churchyard maintenance work success

There is good news for relatives and friends of those who have loved ones buried at All Saints Churchyard on Shenley Road.

Regrettably in recent months, the actions of trespassers had left the Church-owned cemetery littered with drug paraphernalia, excrement and fly-tipped materials. The health risks associated with these activities meant that regular maintenance work had to be suspended.

After extensive efforts by Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council, liaising with the police, homeless charities and outreach workers, a hazardous waste sweep was performed. The churchyard has been secured, grass

strimming has taken place to make the site clean and tidy again, anthills have been cleared and the pathways have been made safer.

We thank the town council wardens and staff for their hard work with this.

*Cllr Richard Butler & Cllr Dan Ozarow*



## Gateway signs updated

Our gateway signs that welcome people into Elstree & Borehamwood and highlight our town’s special film and television heritage have been updated to include Shoham in Israel as our newest twin town alongside Offenburg in Germany and Fontenay-Aux-Roses in France.

Situated in a dozen gateway sites around town, our recognizable blue signs were updated at a total cost of just £550, and well within budget for sign maintenance.

*Cllr Dan Ozarow*

## Elstree & Borehamwood at its best! – Town Council’s Annual Parish Meeting

On 6 March 2024, Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council held its Annual Parish Meeting. This is a yearly opportunity for electors to have their say on anything they consider to be important to the people of Elstree and Borehamwood.

The evening was a big success as a host of local community groups addressed a packed Fairway Hall to showcase the fantastic work they are doing across our town.

These included Hertsmere MENCAP, Borehamwood Foodbank, Youth Council, Borehamwood & Elstree Community Radio, Borehamwood Brass, Studio Rotary Club, UP Community, Neighbourhood Plan update, Woodcock Hill Village Green, Elstree & Borehamwood Green Belt Society, Elstree Mozart Players, Kosmo Shotokan Karate Club, Mitzvah Day, Borehamwood Babyloss Awareness, Help for the Homeless, Visually Impaired Club, NSPCC, Romanian Community Group, WD6 Food Support, Monday Club, Dementia Club and Wednesday Drop In.

It also provided an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of Town Mayor Rebecca Challice. A video was shown that highlighted many of the events she has attended and causes she has supported during her year in office so far.

**You can watch the full Parish meeting here**  
[www.youtube.com/@elstreeborehamwoodtowncoun544](https://www.youtube.com/@elstreeborehamwoodtowncoun544)

**Clr Dan Ozarow**



## Town Council sets out innovative agenda for 2024-25 budget

The Town Council has approved its budget for the forthcoming financial year, announcing a series of exciting new plans in the process. Having turned around successive annual deficits in previous years into a small surplus, the £736,650 expenditure budget includes:

1. The recruitment of a new Community Enforcement Officer to help clean up Elstree and Borehamwood, ensure regular maintenance work on verges, hedgerows and trees and tackle flytipping and environmental crime.
2. Saving the Reel Cinema at The Point for the local community.
3. Bringing back the Town’s Street Market which had been closed by the previous Borough Council administration but will relaunch in May 2024.
4. Delivering the new Neighbourhood Plan which will go out to public consultation later this year.
5. Taking over the running of the Remembrance Sunday parade from The British Legion.

6. The new publication What’s on in WD6 - allowing community groups a pedestal to publicise their activities across town

Other items in the budget include: The Civic Festival enjoyed by thousands in the summer, Christmas lights and attractions, Chanukah and Diwali celebrations, coach trips, the community firework display, music concerts, WD6 News – the regular online magazine, community grants scheme to support local good causes, a Youth Council providing our young with opportunities to engage in local issues, the maintenance of allotments, plaques, our war memorials and two cemeteries, the upkeep of Fairway Hall as a community resource and cultural, social, sporting and educational activities with our three twin towns, plus much more.

The total cost to the taxpayer is just £57.27 per household, almost 50% lower than the average national parish and town rate (according to The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities), which means your Town Council is providing fantastic value.

**Clr Dan Ozarow**

# Exciting Culture and Creative Arts Vision launched to transform our town!

Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council has launched its Culture and Creativity Strategy which boldly plans to transform our town into a thriving, nationally, even globally, renowned centre of culture and creative arts.

Highlights of our 2023-27 strategy include:

## Film & TV Heritage

A Green Plaque scheme to mark iconic film locations across our town. A new Film & TV Heritage Museum. Film site bus tours!

## Public Art & Performance

Expansion of film heritage murals. Street performances. Return of the street market. A new craft market. Temporary outdoor public art installations. Statues of famous film-producers and iconic movie characters on our benches.

## Young People's Venues

A young-persons hub. Under-18s music venue.

## Theatre & The Arts

More opportunities for live music, theatre, drama and arts therapy. Cultural festivals. Spaces to foster individual talent and creativity.

Working with Hertsmere Borough Council and Reel Cinema (as mentioned on page 22), we have already successfully kept Hollywood in Borehamwood by saving our beloved Cinema at The Point, which was threatened with closure.

But that is just the beginning!

Coordinated by Cllr Dan Ozarow in consultation with local groups and experts, the plan was approved by Full Council in the Autumn and will be funded mainly by property developer (CIL) funds and potentially external sources such as the Arts Council. The Town Council's strategy has also fed into the Hertsmere's Borough-wide strategy which was launched in January 2024.

**You can read our full strategy on the Council website here**  
<https://bit.ly/30lrUFT>





# Food Festival

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Meadow Park 12pm – 4pm



12:15pm, 1:30pm, 2:45pm, 4:00pm

Entry on a first come first served basis.

£1 per person (cash only)



Families Day  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July  
12.15pm  
1.30pm  
2:45pm  
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# Meadow Park

**FREE Brass Band Concerts 2024**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

**3pm Borehamwood Brass**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

**3pm Hemel Hempstead Band**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

**3pm Watford Brass Band**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August**

**3pm Welwyn Garden City Band**

**Please bring your own chairs and picnic blankets**



# “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, Offenburg and Shoham
- 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 online magazine “WD6 News”
- 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

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## 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

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Hillside Ave, Borehamwood WD6 1HL  
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Aycliffe Rd, Borehamwood WD6 4EP  
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Nicoll Way, Borehamwood WD6 2PP  
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### 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  
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### 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  
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### Woodlands Primary School

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### Yavneh College and Primary School

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## Elstree

## Elstree & Borehamwood town council meetings

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

|          |                                  |              |        |
|----------|----------------------------------|--------------|--------|
| 9 April  | Entertainments Committee         | Meeting Room | 7.30pm |
| 10 April | Transport & Community Safety     | Main Hall    | 7.30pm |
| 16 April | Environment & Planning Committee | Meeting Room | 7.00pm |
| 18 April | General Management Committee     | Meeting Room | 7.00pm |
| 8 May    | Annual Meeting and Mayor Making  | Main Hall    | 7.30pm |
| 21 May   | Environment & Planning           | Meeting Room | 7.00pm |
| 4 June   | Entertainments Committee         | Meeting Room | 7.30pm |
| 13 June  | General Management               | Meeting Room | 7.00pm |
| 18 June  | Environment & Planning           | Meeting Room | 7.00pm |
| 19 June  | Transport & Community Safety     | Main Hall    | 7.30pm |
| 26 June  | 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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