

# Hertsmere News



Hertsmere Borough Council's magazine

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# Hertsmere's candlelit parade marks Holocaust Memorial Day

The Mayor of Hertsmere, Councillor Anne Swerling led a poignant candlelit parade and ceremony to honour Holocaust Memorial Day.

Left: The Mayor of Hertsmere, Cllr Anne Swerling speaking at The Bushey Arena.



HOLOCAUST  
MEMORIAL  
DAY TRUST

The parade travelled from the former Bushey Country Club to The Bushey Arena, where a ceremony took place including videos, speakers and musical performances.

The event was held for everyone to pause to remember the millions of people who have been murdered or whose lives have been changed beyond recognition during the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution and in subsequent genocides in Cambodia,

Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

Joining the Mayor were the Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, Robert Voss CBE CStJ, a number of our borough councillors and officers, local dignitaries and residents.

Holocaust Memorial Day is held annually on 27 January, the anniversary of the day in 1945 when the Soviet Army liberated the largest Nazi concentration camp, Auschwitz-Birkenau.

> To learn more about why this day is significant visit [www.hmd.org.uk](http://www.hmd.org.uk)

## Keep in touch



There are lots of ways that you can stay in touch with us, keep yourself posted on our news, raise questions and give us your views. Here's a rundown:

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- Follow us on Instagram, where we showcase the best Hertsmere has to offer [@hertsmerebc](https://www.instagram.com/hertsmerebc)
- Watch our short videos to find out about our services and events across the borough – [www.YouTube.com/HertsmereBC](https://www.YouTube.com/HertsmereBC)
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- Contact your local councillor – [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/findmycllr](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/findmycllr) or call **020 8207 7558**

# Welcome

This time of year always offers much in the way of optimism so we have lots to be upbeat about in this spring edition of Hertsme News.



We celebrate the expansion of our very own Elstree Studios which saw a 'topping out ceremony' for its new Platinum Soundstages last month. It was fantastic to attend the event which was led by the Mayor of Hertsme. We were joined by a whole host of dignitaries, including our local MP Oliver Dowden and representatives from the contractors and staff who have worked so hard to bring this project to fruition. You can find out more about what the new soundstages will help deliver for the local area on page 10.

In our borough we enjoy a very strong sense of community and pages 4 and 5 carry stories which reflect the area at its best. We report on the latest with the Mayor's Civic Awards, on the success of the Hertsme Community Lottery which goes from strength to strength with supporting local, deserving causes and also on the sustained efforts to respond to the pandemic and support the vaccination programme in the borough.

During this month, we celebrate International Women's Day. It's fitting then that this edition's Question Time on page 11 features the

council's Managing Director, Sajida Bijle who, through her hard work and commitment over many years now fulfils our most senior staff role. We have a proud record of fairness, of supporting women and breaking down any barriers to success. We also have excellent representation of women in managerial roles and across the political spectrum amongst our elected representatives.

Elsewhere in this edition there's lots of information about how you can stay safe and well during the coming months and enjoy the great outdoors in our award-winning parks, as well as updates across a whole range of our services.

I hope you find it an enjoyable and informative read.

**Councillor Morris Bright MBE**  
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Borough Council  
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On the cover: The Mayor of Hertsme, Cllr Anne Swerling, visits Elstree Studios



## Opening Hours

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Call 020 8207 2277 to make an appointment

\* Please wear a face covering for your visit

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# It's a win-win



As Hertsmere News went to press, Hertsmere Community Lottery was on track to help raise more than £11,000 per year for communities in Hertsmere, with non-profit groups including charities, sports clubs and wellbeing services benefitting.

By playing the community lottery, players donate 50p from the £1 ticket directly to the organisation they want to support with a further 10p from each ticket going into a Good Causes Fund.

Draws take place every Saturday at 8pm. As well as the £25,000 jackpot, other cash prizes available are £2,000, £250, £25 and three free tickets.

Michaela Johnson, CEO of Herts School Outreach, said: "The community lottery makes it possible for more community-led organisations to be able to go out and

help more people. The more funding we have, the more children we can help."


Groups who want to be part of this easy way to fundraise should go to [www.hertsmerecommunitylottery.co.uk](http://www.hertsmerecommunitylottery.co.uk) to register. There are no set-up fees or costs and money raised from the tickets they sell is paid directly to them each month.

Andre Heymoz, Head of Support at Hertsmere Mencap, said: "I recommend you signing up to the Hertsmere Community Lottery. It's a brilliant way to

Above: The Watford Workshop

increase your provision, make better resources for your organisation and grow your capacity to help."

Good luck and thank you for supporting our community. To play the community lottery, please purchase tickets at [www.hertsmerecommunitylottery.co.uk](http://www.hertsmerecommunitylottery.co.uk).

 To find out more about the Hertsmere Community Lottery, please visit: [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/communitylottery](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/communitylottery)


## Celebrating Hertsmere's heroes

Nominations have now closed for this year's Mayor of Hertsmere's Civic Awards, and the winners will be announced next month.

Dozens of nominations for individuals or groups living or working in the community who give up their time to improve the lives and circumstances of Hertsmere residents have been submitted. Their names will be considered by a panel and the winners announced at the Mayor of Hertsmere's Civic Dinner on Saturday 23 April at Elstree Studios.

As well as the Civic Awards,

nominations were also invited for The Dave Rankin Award, which recognises individuals or groups involved in improving community safety, and the Youth Civic Award, which recognises the contribution made by those under the age of 18.

 To find out more and check out the winners go to [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/civicawards](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/civicawards)



# COVID COMMUNITY RESPONSE

We're continuing to support a community-focused response to tackling the Covid-19 pandemic by helping with the vaccination roll-out across the borough.



Our community engagement officer outside 96 Shenley Road.

Our team is working to identify areas and communities with a low vaccination uptake and helping to provide targeted support to increase take-up.

Increased communications about existing and emerging opportunities and organised vaccination pop-up clinics in

the heart of our communities have formed part of that response, particularly throughout the accelerated booster drive in recent months. Local places of worship have been lending support by opening their doors to run pop-up vaccination centres.

Whilst our team is focusing on the sustained vaccination push, they hope to be able to become more focused on helping our communities to recover from Covid-19's impact in the near future.

# International nurse buddies

Communities 1st is helping 45 international nurses to settle into their new communities, by matching them with local volunteers.

These 'buddies' will provide a friendly face for the volunteers, as well as showing them how to get around and taking them to places of interest.

The nurses will receive help and support not only on a social level but also in their day-to-day lives. Communities 1st will also be setting up English classes and offering help with finding accommodation.

➤ If you would like to volunteer as a nurse buddy please email: [buddy@communities1st.org.uk](mailto:buddy@communities1st.org.uk) or call: **0203 7939222**.



# Supporting the booster programme

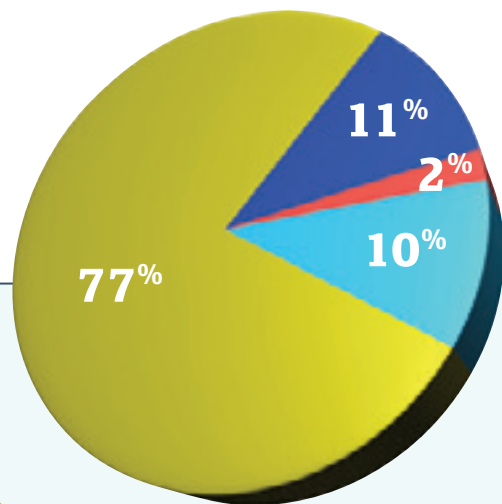
Communities 1st has recruited hundreds of volunteers to support the booster vaccination roll-out at sites across Hertfordshire.

Over the course of the pandemic, more than 4,000 volunteers have been recruited to help in vaccination centres across the UK, providing around 168,000 hours of support to these sites.

As well as the previous roles of steward, front of house steward, and post-vaccination observer, the roles of vaccine administration support and patient assistant have now been added.



➤ If you would like to sign up as a vaccination volunteer, visit: [www.communities1st.org.uk/covidsteward](http://www.communities1st.org.uk/covidsteward), or email: [volunteer@communities1st.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@communities1st.org.uk), or call: **020 3940 4865**.



# What our budget means for you

**Our budget for 2022/23 was agreed last month following a period of public consultation.**

You will pay around **£5** per year more for our services this year (April 2022 to March 2023), the same increase as last year.

A household in a Band D property will pay an average of **£192** in council tax to the borough council for our services for the year – just **53p per day**.

With the high cost of living at present, this 2.7 per cent increase is well below the current rate of inflation showing that we are doing all we can to minimise the impact on our residents whilst continuing to maintain those services.

We also collect council tax every year on behalf of other local bodies so we receive approximately 10 per cent of what you pay each month.

The rest is allocated to other organisations.

## Where does your council tax go?

### 10% Hertsmere Borough Council

Benefits administration, car parking, community safety, elections, environmental health, housing needs, leisure and parks, licensing, planning, street cleaning, kerbside waste and recycling collections.



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### 77% Hertfordshire County Council

Services provided include: adoption & fostering, children's centres, early years childcare, Fire & Rescue, health & social care, household waste recycling centres, libraries, public health, public transport, registration and citizenship, roads and road maintenance, schools, street lights, trading standards, waste disposal, youth provision.



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Twitter: @hertscc  
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### 2% Town/parish councils (where in place)

Services provided include: Local events & some activities for young people & older people, Christmas lights, some allotments, cemeteries & parks, public clocks, war memorials.

#### General contact details

**Aldenham Parish Council**  
Tel: 01923 856433  
[www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk)  
Twitter: @AldenhamPC



**Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council**  
Tel: 020 8207 1382  
[www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](http://www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)  
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**Shenley Parish Council**  
Tel: 01923 855 865  
[www.shenleyvillage.org](http://www.shenleyvillage.org)  
Twitter: @shenleyvillage



**South Mimms Parish Council**  
Tel: 07976 708019  
[www.southmimmspc.org.uk](http://www.southmimmspc.org.uk)

### 11% Hertfordshire Police & Crime Commissioner

Services provided include: Community safety partnerships, crime reduction, neighbourhood policing, road crash investigations, tackling serious and organised crime, victims' services.



**General contact details**  
Tel: 01707 806100  
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**Contacting local police**  
Tel: 101 (non-emergency)  
Always dial 999 in an emergency  
[www.herts.police.uk](http://www.herts.police.uk)  
Twitter: @HertsPolice  
[www.facebook.com/HertsPolice](https://www.facebook.com/HertsPolice)

# Money worries? Help is at hand

Residents will receive a helpful leaflet with advice and support on where to go and who to turn to if they have money worries.

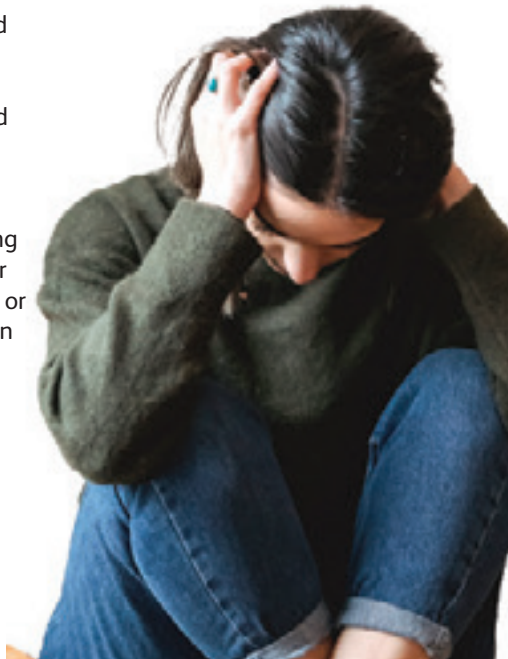


The leaflet, which has been produced by the Hertsmere Food Poverty Alliance, a new borough-wide group set up by us dedicated to tackling food poverty and food insecurity in the borough, will be landing on people's doorsteps along with their council tax bills from the end of this month.

The leaflet explains what steps residents can take if they find they no longer have any money; they're waiting on a benefit payment or decision; their money no longer stretches far enough or they are in debt. The leaflet is based on a template developed by the Independent Food Aid Network to support people in financial crisis.

It lists the contact details for a wide variety of groups and organisations including HertsHelp, Citizens Advice Hertsmere, Age UK Hertfordshire, Communities 1st, Herts Mind Network and more.

➤ To find out more about the Food Poverty Alliance and read the leaflet go here [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/moneyworries](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/moneyworries).



## UPDATE

### Park news

#### Meadow Park

The exciting improvements to Borehamwood's Meadow Park continue as the next phase of work gets under way.



Our newly-resurfaced tennis courts, basketball court and multi-use games area are already welcoming players. Get together with some friends for a game this spring. To book these courts please visit [www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/MeadowParkBorehamwood](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/MeadowParkBorehamwood)

In February, we approved plans to build a splash park, which will be an exciting addition for the town.

Improvements focus on sports, fitness and fun to encourage all ages to get outside and get active.

We will keep you updated!

#### The Queen's Green Canopy

We are planting a number of trees across the borough as part of the Queen's Green Canopy, a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, which invites people from across the United Kingdom to 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee'.

Our parks teams have planted native tree species to complement the parks and surrounding areas. These include Prunus trees planted at the amenity green at Mead Road in Shenley and Crown Road in Borehamwood; a Juglans at Moatfield in Bushey; an Acer at Boundary Green amenity green; a Tilia tree at Ripon Park in Borehamwood; a Betula at Furzeleisure Centre in Potters Bar and a Fagus in Oakmere Park in Potters Bar.

To find out more about the project and trees planted as part of the project please visit [www.queensgreencanopy.org](http://www.queensgreencanopy.org)



# Easter Egg Hunt

For an afternoon of family fun, visit one of the three Easter egg hunts being hosted at your local parks.

It is £1.50 per hunt, and alongside the opportunity to collect chocolate eggs, there will be a free magic show, inflatables and face painting.

These events will be held from 12pm – 4pm at:

- **Aberford Park, Borehamwood:**  
Tuesday 12 April
- **Oakmere Park, Potters Bar:**  
Wednesday 13 April
- **Rose Garden, Bushey:**  
Thursday 14 April

For more information, visit [www.parkevents.co.uk](http://www.parkevents.co.uk), and for live updates like @ParkEventsHerts on Facebook.



# Changing nappies

Many parents want to be more sustainable and save money.

Reusable nappies can help families reduce their carbon footprint by up to 40 per cent as well as save between £500 and £1,000 per child when compared to the cost of buying disposables.

The Herts Reusable Nappy Scheme, offers residents 15 per cent off the purchase of reusable nappies and accessories across collaborating suppliers.

 Find out more: [www.wasteaware.org.uk/reusablenappies](http://www.wasteaware.org.uk/reusablenappies)



# Easter recycling

Over the half term and Easter break, we produce more waste. Remember you can recycle many items in your kerbside collections.



- Cardboard and plastic inserts from Easter egg wrappers, alongside the screwed up foil, can be recycled in your brown bin.
- Leftover food can be put into your green bin, as can floral arrangements and flowers.
- If you're having a gathering with loved ones, remember to recycle bottles, cans and cardboard packing in your brown bin.

## Bank holiday collections

Waste and recycling collections change over the Easter, May Day and Jubilee bank holiday weekends.

Please see our collection calendar for details.

Normal collection	Revised collection
<b>Easter</b>	<b>Easter</b>
<b>Brown bin and green bin (Week 2)</b>	
Friday 15 April	Saturday 16 April
<b>Black bin (Week 1)</b>	
Monday 18 April	Tuesday 19 April
Tuesday 19 April	Wednesday 20 April
Wednesday 20 April	Thursday 21 April
Thursday 21 April	Friday 22 April
Friday 22 April	Saturday 23 April
<b>May Day</b>	<b>May Day</b>
<b>Black bin (Week 1)</b>	
Monday 2 May	Tuesday 3 May
Tuesday 3 May	Wednesday 4 May
Wednesday 4 May	Thursday 5 May
Thursday 5 May	Friday 6 May
Friday 6 May	Saturday 7 May
<b>Jubilee weekend</b>	<b>Jubilee weekend</b>
<b>Black bin (Week 1)</b>	
Monday 30 May	No change
Tuesday 31 May	No change
Wednesday 1 June	No change
Thursday 2 June	Saturday 4 June
Friday 3 June	Saturday 4 June





# Help for low-income homes to stay warm

We are encouraging residents to check if they are eligible to receive help under the next phase of the **Green Homes Grant** scheme being launched to help local householders be warmer and more comfortable in their homes, lower their carbon emissions and save money on their fuel bills this winter.



Under the scheme, families living in poorly insulated homes and with low household income (or on eligible benefits) can apply to receive a wide range of insulation measures and renewable heating technologies which are designed to keep their homes warm and reduce their impact on the environment.

The Green Homes Grant scheme is open to homeowners, private tenants and people in

social rented accommodation. The funding covers the entire cost of the improvements, up to £10,000 for homeowners and up to £5,000 for landlords, who are required to provide match funding.

Energy Hub and Warmworks are delivering the scheme in Hertfordshire.

Applications for the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme are now open.

Call **0808 196 8255** or register your interest at: [surveys.est.org.uk/s/GreenHomesGrantSchemeLAD/](http://surveys.est.org.uk/s/GreenHomesGrantSchemeLAD/).

 To find out more visit: [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/greenhomesgrant](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/greenhomesgrant)



## New energy efficiency app launches

We've partnered with the Energy Saving Trust to provide an app to help you make savings.

The Hertfordshire Energy Advice Tool (HEAT) app gives a virtual tour around a typical home, asking questions and giving advice along the way. Based on the answers provided, quick, easy, low or no-cost actions are suggested to help save you money on your energy bills and reduce your carbon footprint too – a win for you and the planet.

Once you have finished, your tailored

advice report can be emailed to you, which will give you a summary of the potential energy and money savings. The average saving from using the HEAT app is estimated to be £70 a year.

Twenty-six per cent of Hertsmere's greenhouse gas emissions come from our homes. By taking small steps to be more efficient at home we can all help do our part to help tackle the climate emergency.

The HEAT app is free to download and available on both Google Play and the Apple store.



# New heights at the Studios



Pictured are front row centre, the Mayor of Hertsmere, Cllr Anne Swerling, left, Hertsmere MP Oliver Dowden CBE and right, Cllr Morris Bright MBE, with councillors, officers and key partners.

**The expansion of Elstree Studios reached a major milestone last month as work was completed on the outer structures of the two new soundstages.**

Contractors finished work on the roof and walls of the soundstages and ancillary workshops, now known as The Platinum Stages. Helping to secure the final bolt in place on the wall of the stages was Mayor of Hertsmere, Cllr Anne Swerling.

Also in attendance were the MP for Hertsmere, the Rt Hon Oliver Dowden CBE; Leader of Hertsmere Borough Council and chairman of Elstree Studios Board of Directors, Cllr Morris Bright MBE; Managing Director of Hertsmere Borough Council, Sajida Bijle; Acting Managing Director at

Elstree Studios, Chris Denmead, and board member of the Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership, David Conway.

Once operational, the soundstages will create hundreds of new jobs, plus apprenticeships and other learning opportunities for local school leavers and the unemployed. As part of the deal, £100,000 per year from the rental income we receive will be invested locally into creative industries, including local media and creative enterprise and initiatives.

The £15.6 million project has been

funded by Hertsmere Borough Council and a £6m Getting Building Fund investment from the government and Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership.

The name for the stages was selected from more than 400 entries in a national competition held at the end of last year. The Platinum Stages was submitted by Matt Payne of London.

## Hertsmere Works for you

More than 40 businesses across the borough have signed up to a new online business directory which helps customers and local retailers to connect.

[www.hertsmereworks.com](http://www.hertsmereworks.com) is the go-to site for anyone looking for a product or service and wanting to Shop Local and Stay Safe. The directory is free to use for consumers and free for businesses to register. There are also details of how businesses can access free advice

and support from our economic development team.

 To find out more or register your business email [economic.development@hertsmere.gov.uk](mailto:economic.development@hertsmere.gov.uk) or call 020 8207 2277 ext 5440.



## SAJIDA BIJLE

# Q&A

This month sees the marking of International Women's Day. Our very own Managing Director, Sajida Bijle tells us more about her role as our authority's most senior officer.



**Q** Tell us a bit about your role as Managing Director and how you achieved your senior position.

**A** My role is ultimately to be responsible for delivering services to the local community. I like to ensure our services are delivered in the most efficient, effective and caring manner to both the local communities and all our stakeholders.

I got here through sheer hard work, determination and empathy. I believe customer service is paramount and often put myself in other people's shoes to understand their issues and consider the response I would expect myself.

**Q** Given that this month in International Women's Day, what advice would you give to young females aspiring to be in a senior role?

**A** Never see being a woman as a barrier to success. Being a woman gave me strength, grace and authoritativeness and being a mother myself, I have found my motherly instincts developed my tolerance and emotional intelligence allowing me to relate to issues in our community. My advice is don't be shy, don't underestimate yourself and keep working hard. There is no alternative to hard work.

**Q** How has the pandemic affected your workforce and service?

**A** It has had a significant impact on all of us. I normally believe in a planned approach to working and the uncertainty of changing restrictions does not allow for

preparation, however we are a public-facing organisation and are used to being where people can call upon us. We had to adapt to home-working at very short notice while in some departments still delivering the services face-to-face which came with its challenges.

All our staff coped well with these challenges and I appreciate their hard work and commitment for continuing to deliver key services despite the circumstances. My main priority has always been the safety of the local community as well as staff, especially those supporting the vulnerable members of the community.

**Q** Tell us about some of the key projects you are involved in at the moment?

**A** Two of the biggest projects for us at the moment are the development of the new soundstages, the Platinum Stages, at Elstree Studios with the build cost of £15m and supporting the development of Sky Studios Elstree. These projects will create huge local economic regeneration, providing thousands of jobs, as well as apprenticeships and opportunities for local small and medium-sized enterprises, and representing a huge investment for film and TV production in our area.

Of course we have had a massive focus on rolling out the vaccination programme. Our Community Engagement officers have been working to identify areas of low vaccination uptake and provide targeted support, optimise vaccination opportunities locally and communicate awareness of vaccination availability to the community.

We have also been working closely with voluntary organisations to support all those affected by the pandemic in our borough, in particular vulnerable individuals. We've been supporting the foodbanks and provided energy support schemes for low-income households.

Looking forward, our new Hertsmere Vision sets out a clear ambition for our future around which our council and its stakeholders align, and will inform the many strategies, plans, and projects that we will develop in the coming years. This outlines our commitment to embracing change and setting the pace of our own future.

**Q** What do you enjoy about your role?

**A** I find great job satisfaction in my role. You don't work in the public sector for money, it's about making small differences to achieve a positive outcome and doing what you can for the greater good. When I receive letters of thanks from our community, this makes all the difference to me and reminds me of how rewarding my job is.

**Q** Tell us something about yourself that people might not know?

**A** I was offered a scholarship to study a PhD and be a research scientist with the Soviet Space Programme Agency in Moscow but I turned it down, sometimes I wonder how my life would have been if I had taken it.



Hertsmere Community Safety Partnership (CSP) brings a range of organisations together to ensure a joined-up and strategic approach to tackling crime and disorder issues in the borough.

## Breaking the cycle for ex-offenders

A scheme which aims to help break the cycle of homelessness and reoffending has secured government funding.

We've been awarded £90,000 from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities' (DLUHC) Accommodation for Ex-Offenders Scheme, which will be used to help support ex-offenders, originally from the borough or living in the area, into private rented sector tenancies. The funding will also be used to work with the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) to identify individuals who may benefit from the support.

This latest successful bid builds on the more than £165,000 already

secured by us from the Government's Rough Sleeping Initiative to help reduce rough sleeping and prevent homelessness in the borough. This money has been used to open YMCA Borehamwood, a new complex needs and accommodation service, in partnership with One YMCA and Hertfordshire County Council.

Any landlords or property owners interested in being part of this scheme should contact our housing initiatives team on **020 8207 2277**.

## NEW CCTV CAMERAS INSTALLED

We have invested in upgrading eight CCTV cameras in Borehamwood as part of the Safer Streets initiative.

The new CCTV cameras along Shenley Road and Manor Way are part of a series of measures we've undertaken to tackle crime and antisocial behaviour and to help provide a safe and secure environment for residents.

Hertsmere Community Safety Partnership is leading the project which is paid for using Section 106 money, funding allocated from developer's contributions towards



community and social infrastructure improvements.

The Hertfordshire CCTV Partnership control and monitor the cameras 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

To find out more about community safety in Hertsmere please visit: [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/communitysafety](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/communitysafety)

## We can put you in the driving seat

If you're a qualified HGV driver looking for a new opportunity that keeps you closer to home with great benefits, then why not join our team?

We are also looking for waste and recycling loaders to join our hard-working crew who provide a vital service to our residents.

In return you will earn a competitive salary, plus good benefits, which include: 25 to 30 days annual leave (depending on the length of Local Government Service) plus one floating day per annum, local government pension scheme, free car parking, free use of leisure facilities, and cycle scheme.

To find out more visit [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/jobs-at-hertsmere](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/jobs-at-hertsmere)

# Spring cleaning your health

Longer days and warmer weather; what better time to take your fitness levels up a notch? Whether you're a fitness guru or a beginner, there are plenty of options to progress your journey.

Keep an eye on the websites for updates and information about new activities:

## Healthy Hubs

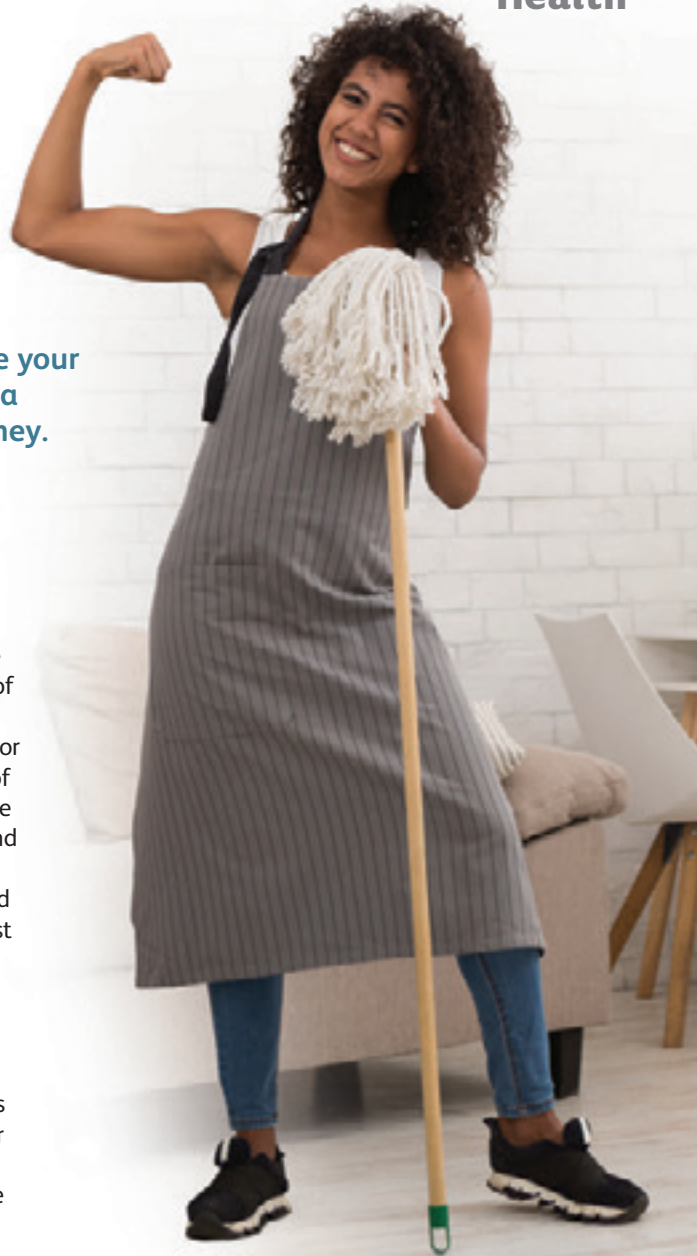
Our five Healthy Hubs are open for face-to-face, phone and online health and wellbeing advice and support. The hubs provide free lifestyle support covering mental health, physical activity, weight management, smoking cessation, health MOTs, nutritional advice and our two new services; the collection of lateral flow testing kits and sexual health testing kits. To find out more, including information about opening hours, visit [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/healthyhub](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/healthyhub)

## InspireAll

All three leisure centres in the borough have a great range of activities available including gym, swimming, classes, indoor and outdoor sports and lots of children's activities. Make sure to visit the centre websites and The Venue's, Bushey Grove's and FurzeField's Facebook and Instagram pages for the latest information.

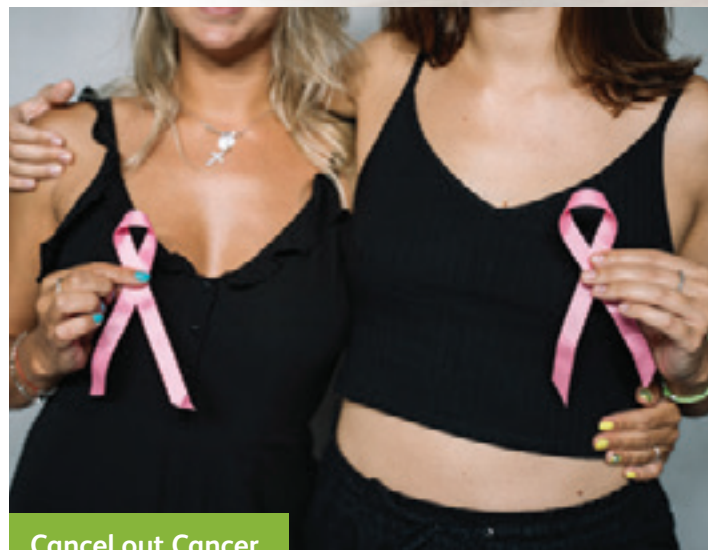
## We Move, She Moves (WMSM)

Our award-winning activity programme for women and girls aged 16+ now has a new online booking system to go alongside a new set of sessions for you. Our classes include Jump Fit, Aerobics, Pilates, Zumba, Aqua Zumba, Stroller Strength, Golden Dance Fit and Yoga. Visit [wemoveshemoves.me.uk](http://wemoveshemoves.me.uk) for more information and updates.



## Chatter Tables

A scheme to combat loneliness by bringing people together in an informal setting for a free cuppa and a chat has launched in Borehamwood. Anyone who would like to meet someone new while enjoying a tea or coffee can drop into the weekly Chatter Table at St Michael's Church from Monday 7 March from 1.30 to 3pm. For more information, email [danieljohn.smith@clarionhg.com](mailto:danieljohn.smith@clarionhg.com)



## Cancel out Cancer

These 60-minute online sessions are designed to improve awareness and understanding of cancer through learning about the signs and symptoms and why taking part in screening is so important. Book onto these free sessions at [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cancel-out-cancer-hertsmere-healthy-hub-tickets-191040736987](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cancel-out-cancer-hertsmere-healthy-hub-tickets-191040736987)



# Have your say

**Consultation on how local communities in Hertsmere are governed and a review of a number of polling stations are under way and we need your views.**

The first is a Community Governance Review, which is to explore whether changes need to be made to ensure our parish councils continue to be effective representatives of their residents and have appropriate boundaries, number of councillors and warding.

The review will encompass Aldenham Parish Council, Ridge Parish Council, Shenley Parish Council and South Mimms Parish Council, so if you live in these areas, please take a few minutes to complete the survey.

To find out more and to have your say visit: [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/CGR](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/CGR), email: [cgr@hertsmere.gov.uk](mailto:cgr@hertsmere.gov.uk) or call 020 8207 7481.

The second is to review location changes made to a number of our polling stations during the May 2021 elections due to Covid-19 restrictions, to ensure those venues have reasonable facilities and, as far as possible, meet accessibility requirements.

The review focuses on particular polling places in Bushey North, Bushey St James, Bushey Park, Borehamwood Brookmeadow, Borehamwood Cowley Hill, and Shenley wards.

To find out more or to submit your views, please visit: [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/PSR](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/PSR), email: [psr@hertsmere.gov.uk](mailto:psr@hertsmere.gov.uk) or call 020 8207 7481.

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact us for a paper copy or visit our Civic Offices.

No elections are scheduled to take place in Hertsmere during 2022. Any changes will be in place for our whole council elections in 2023.

**Both consultations run until midnight on 1 April.**



Have your say on Hertsmere's Community Governance Review  
[www.hertsmere.gov.uk/CGR](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/CGR)

# Feel safe in your taxi

**Enhanced criminal record checks will now be carried out on all drivers every six months under our new taxi policy, following public consultation.**

Operators must check the criminal records of their office staff and have policies in place to protect customer data, while drivers and operators must prove they are correctly registered with HMRC.

In addition, older vehicles can be used as taxis as long as they are taken for an MOT every six months.

During the consultation, residents stated they felt safe in licensed vehicles.

To find out more, please visit [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/privatehirelicensing](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/privatehirelicensing) or email [licensing.services@hertsmere.gov.uk](mailto:licensing.services@hertsmere.gov.uk).



# Meet your Councillors

You can contact your ward councillors at any reasonable time. Hertsmere has a Conservative majority, with 29 Conservative councillors, seven Labour and Co-operative councillors and three Liberal Democrat councillors. Your councillors are listed in alphabetical order by ward. If you don't know which ward you live in, please visit [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/findmycllr](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/findmycllr) or call 020 8207 2277.

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# What's on

Come along to an event near you!

We have two amazing local theatres.

Nothing beats the thrill of a live show and with so many great shows on offer, there is something for everyone.

Visit their websites to discover what shows are coming up:

## The Radlett Centre

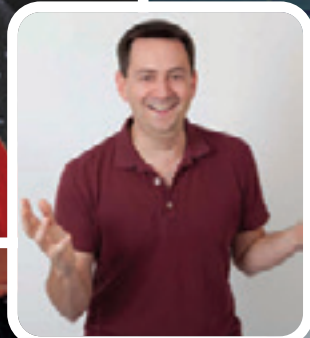
1 Aldenham Avenue, Radlett  
01923 859291  
[www.radlettcentre.co.uk](http://www.radlettcentre.co.uk)

## Wyllyotts Theatre

Wyllyotts Place, Darkes Lane,  
Potters Bar 01707 645005  
[www.inspireall.com/wyllyotts-theatre](http://www.inspireall.com/wyllyotts-theatre)



Comedy legend Barry Humphries is at the Radlett Centre in April



Borehamwood Comedy Club at Wyllyotts Theatre

## Discover our four museums

### Bushey Museum and Art Gallery

Friends' contribution

As the Friends of Bushey Museum near their 40th anniversary, this exhibition displays many of the donations the museum has received and highlights the dedication of the Friends to creating an outstanding cultural centre of local history and art.

Open 11am to 4pm on Thursday to Saturday.

To find out more visit: [www.busheymuseum.org](http://www.busheymuseum.org)

### Elstree and Borehamwood Museum

Off The Rails – The Line That Never Was

Did you know Elstree was almost a part of the London Underground with not one but two tube lines? The latest exhibition explores how this would have affected the town with a working 18-foot scale model recreating the tube line and surrounding area.

Open Tuesdays and Thursdays between midday and 6pm, and on Saturdays from 10am to 3pm.

To find out more visit: [www.elstree-museum.org.uk/](http://www.elstree-museum.org.uk/)



Open 2.30pm to 4.30pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 11am to 1pm on Saturday.

See their Facebook page for more details: [www.facebook.com/pottersbarmuseum](https://www.facebook.com/pottersbarmuseum)



### Radlett and District Museum

The Story of Our Shops

Take a nostalgic trip along Watling Street to find out how the town's shops have changed over the past hundred years. The exhibition is a part of the

museum's popular timeline documenting the development of Radlett.

Open 10am to midday on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

To find out more, please visit: [www.radlettmuseum.com](http://www.radlettmuseum.com).



### Potters Bar Museum

20th Century Fashion

Explore the fashions of the past century from 1900 through the iconic 1960s, 70s and 80s until the end of the 1990s.

You can also explore the varied collections including a wide range of novelty telephones and relics of the Zeppelin L31 which was shot down over Potters Bar in 1916.

