

Hertsmere News



Hertsmere Borough Council's magazine

Summer 2021



#WelcomeBack

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Celebrating Hertsme's heroes

Hertsme's unsung heroes have been recognised for their efforts and long-standing service – a year later than originally planned.

Hertsme's outgoing Mayor, Councillor Rabbi Alan Plancey, was able to present eight Civic Awards 2019-20 to members of the public at a small, Covid-safe ceremony held in the Civic Offices last month. The ceremony was due to take place at Elstree Studios in April last year but had been cancelled due to the pandemic.

Among the people recognised for their tireless work and dedication to the community were Nicky Beaton, a former Shenley parish councillor who spearheaded the Shenley Neighbourhood Plan; Sruti Dharma das, the late President of the Krishna Temple at Bhaktivedanta Manor; Stephen Pearson, a volunteer and boxing coach at Brookside Boys Club;



Simon Pyzer, district secretary for Hertsme scouting and Lynette Sullivan, chair and founder member of the Christmas in Potters Bar group. Vasikha Dasi, President of the Krishna Temple at Bhaktivedanta Manor, received the award on behalf of Sruti, who passed away last year.

Tracey Hanson, the mother of Josh Hanson, who was murdered in an unprovoked knife attack, was presented with the Dave Rankin Award. Tracey works with our community safety team to deliver workshops on knife crime at local schools.

Mayor Cllr Plancey said: "After the year we have had, the commitment and determination to help improve their

communities shown by this remarkable set of people is even more moving and inspiring than ever."

In addition, Camp Unity, a Borehamwood-based organisation that provides opportunities for children and their families to meet people from other cultures and communities, also received a Civic Award.

Hertsme Volunteer Police Cadets was presented with the Youth Civic Award.

➤ Each award winner's story has been captured in a short film and is available to view at www.hertsme.gov.uk/civicawards

New Mayor welcomed

The mayoral chains have been passed on to Councillor Anne Swerling who becomes Hertsme Mayor for the year.

Cllr Swerling takes over the role from Cllr Alan Plancey and was inaugurated at the annual council meeting last month. The new Deputy Mayor, Cllr John Graham, was also welcomed.

During his time as Mayor, Cllr Plancey raised money for Herts Mind Network and Camp Simcha. He said: "It was an honour to be Mayor for a second time, after the sad passing of Cllr Cynthia Barker. It has been a challenging term due to the pandemic. However, the reception I have received from our communities and the support from officers has been outstanding. Cllr Swerling has been a brilliant Deputy Mayor and can look forward to a very warm reception from the community of Hertsme."

New Mayor Cllr Swerling, is looking forward to her year as Mayor during which she will be raising money to support Essex and Herts Air Ambulance.

Cllr Swerling said: "It is a privilege and an honour to

have been chosen as Mayor of Hertsme for the coming municipal year and I am somewhat humbled by it. It was a pleasure for me to act as Deputy Mayor for Cllr Barker and for Cllr Plancey who took over for the rest of her year. Two nicer people one could not have had.

"I am looking forward to the coming year and hope it will give me the opportunity to meet as many Hertsme residents and volunteers as possible."

➤ If you would like to invite the Mayor to attend one of your events, please contact the Mayor's Secretary on 020 8207 7477 or email mayors.secretary@hertsme.gov.uk



Welcome



Welcome to the summer edition of Hertsmere News.



Above: From left to right, Cllr Abishek Sachdev, Cllr Caroline Clapper, Cllr Seamus Quilty, Cllr Harvey Cohen, Cllr Bright, Cllr Pervez Choudhury, Cllr Jean Heywood and Cllr Meenal Sachdev.

In this edition we are saying a very warm 'welcome back' to the business and leisure sectors in our borough as they re-open safely in line with the government roadmap for easing lockdown restrictions. We dedicate several pages to these sectors in this edition and also thank everyone across Hertsmere for working so hard to keep our communities safe during the pandemic.

Building work is under way on the two new soundstages at Elstree Studios. The development will eventually lead to at least 800 jobs, plus apprenticeship and other training opportunities. You can read more on page 7.

It's been a very busy time for everyone at the council, with staff administering a complex set of local elections last month. You can read our round up on page 12 which also carries a reminder of the various services that we and Hertfordshire County Council deliver.

Following the elections, I have made a small change to our Executive (see above). As Cllr John Graham is now serving as Deputy Mayor (see page 2), he steps down as portfolio holder for Finance and Property. I would like to take this opportunity to thank John for the diligence he has applied to that role over many years.

I hope you find this edition an enjoyable and informative read.

Councillor Morris Bright MBE
Leader of Hertsmere
Borough Council
leader@hertsmere.gov.uk

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On the cover: Julie from Daisy's in the Park café prepares to welcome customers back.



Still working with you, for you

Call 020 8207 2277 or email customer.services@hertsmere.gov.uk to contact one of our Customer Service Advisors.

Our main reception at the Civic Offices in Borehamwood is open for pre-booked appointments between 9.30am and 2pm. The area offices are currently closed.

www.hertsmere.gov.uk/contactus

If you would like this magazine in a different format please call **020 8207 7445.**

SHOP LOCAL STAY SAFE

Customers have been returning to the shops, cafés, pubs and restaurants in Hertsmere’s high streets following the recent lockdown, while still being reminded to continue to play their part in keeping everyone safe.

All retail, personal care, libraries, community services, most outdoor attractions, indoor leisure, self-contained accommodation, all children’s activities and outdoor hospitality reopened in April, followed by all indoor hospitality, including restaurants, pubs and cafés last month.

Business owners and managers across the borough have participated in our ‘Shop Local, Stay Safe’ social media campaign, welcoming people back, while asking them to follow the mantra of hands, face, space and fresh air.

In addition, anyone who doesn’t have symptoms should get a rapid test for coronavirus twice a week. Rapid testing is available for everyone without symptoms.

Lesley Crisp, our Principal Economic Development Officer said: “It’s wonderful to see businesses reopening again after being unable to operate for so long.

“We really want people to shop locally so they can support their high streets but this mustn’t come at the expense of people’s health.

“Please continue to do all you can to keep yourselves and your communities safe. Wear a face covering; wash your hands or use hand sanitiser regularly; maintain social distancing and get tested twice a week.



“By taking these simple steps, we can, hopefully, continue to make our way out of the restrictions and go back to something of a normal life.”

Hertsmere News went to press in early June ahead of government announcements about the final stage of easing coronavirus restrictions. Please check www.gov.uk/coronavirus for the latest government guidance.

Clockwise from top right are Niki at Heaven Scent, Neil at The Wellington Pub, Edwin at Nelken Jewellers, Jean at The Dress Circle, Lisa at Cedars Hair, and Laura at Laura Kay London.

Getting back to fitness

Leisure centres in Hertsmere have been welcoming people back through their doors as restrictions continue to lift in wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Customers have been returning to **The Venue** in Borehamwood, **Bushey Grove Leisure Centre** and **Furzefield Leisure Centre** in Potters Bar, to enjoy a host of activities, including gym, socially-distanced fitness and wellbeing classes, same household indoor sport and no contact outdoor activities.

Working with **InspireAll Leisure and Family Support Services**, we successfully secured just over **£190,000** from **Sport England's National Leisure Recovery Fund (NLRF)** to support the reopening of the centres earlier this

year. The funding has been used to help ensure robust Covid safety measures are in place.

The funding, administered by Sport England, on behalf of the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, is only available for publicly-owned leisure centres.

During lockdown, a new InspireAll app was launched, which provided members and non-members with over 100 on-demand and live-streamed classes, daily workouts and outdoor tracking.

App users can continue to book classes and activities, view class timetables, view swimming pool timetables and manage their account from the app. The app is free to download from the **App Store** or **Google Play**.



Members of staff at InspireAll leisure centres welcome customers back.

New support for businesses

Advice and support for Hertsmere businesses is available straight to your inbox.

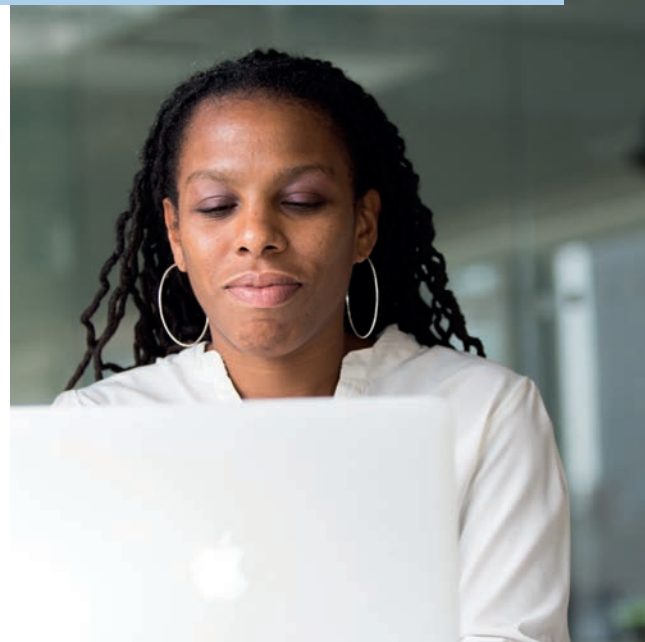
Our new e-newsletter, **Hertsmere Works** is packed with information, advice and guidance for businesses in the borough, as they begin the process of economic recovery following Covid-19 pandemic and get to grips with our new trading relationships with the EU.

To sign up to receive the e-alerts, issued every six weeks, click on the purple button on the homepage of our website.

In addition, we're working on a new

online business directory, which will be free to register your business and for consumers to use. It will be promoted via our social media, newsletters and website.

For further information or to register your interest contact us by emailing economic.development@hertsmere.gov.uk or calling **020 8207 2277**.



UPDATE

**PLANNING FOR GROWTH
LOCAL PLAN
HERTSMERE**



Revised timetable for Local Plan

Potential new employment sites in Hertsmere have emerged which means the publication of a blueprint for development for the borough has been rescheduled.

Twenty-one new potential employment sites in the borough were submitted by landowners and developers during a recent Call for Employment Sites. As a result, our new draft Local Plan for the borough will be published in September in order to give us time to assess the suitability of these sites.

A further consultation stage has also been added to the process meaning residents and other interested parties will have an extra opportunity to make comments on the draft plan, when it is published.

The Local Plan will be used to guide decisions on the delivery of new homes, schools, employment and services across the borough up to 2036.

In order to properly assess and consider the 21 new sites submitted during our Call for Employment Sites, we need to conduct additional preparatory work.

In addition, there was cross-party

agreement that a further consultation stage be added to our Local Plan process.

We have already consulted extensively and remain committed to ensuring as many people as possible can have their say ahead of the final plan being submitted to the government.

The plan will be submitted to a government-appointed inspector in Spring next year. Comments can also be submitted at that stage.

Information on the previous consultations and details of the 21 new sites put forward can be found at www.hertsmere.gov.uk/newlocalplan.

Neighbourhood plans are a borough first

Two neighbourhood plans for Shenley and Radlett are set to be formally adopted after the majority of voters backed them in referendums.

Aldenham Parish Council's (APC) **Radlett Neighbourhood Plan** and Shenley Parish Council's (SPC) **Shenley Neighbourhood Plan** will be the first documents of their kind to be adopted in the borough. Both plans were put to a referendum last month. In Radlett, 76 per cent of votes cast were in favour of the plan and in Shenley, 95 per cent of voters backed it.

The documents will be used to help make planning decisions for their areas.

To view the plans visit



Shenley Parish Council

www.hertsmere.gov.uk/radlettplan or www.hertsmere.gov.uk/shenleyplan.

New studios taking shape

The main construction work at Sky Studios Elstree has been continuing apace.


Earlier this year, the first steel went up at the Rowley Lane site, which will form the structure of the new multi-million pound development that is set to open next year.

Since the studios were announced, amateur photographer **Keith Armstrong**, who lives in Borehamwood, has been documenting the build.

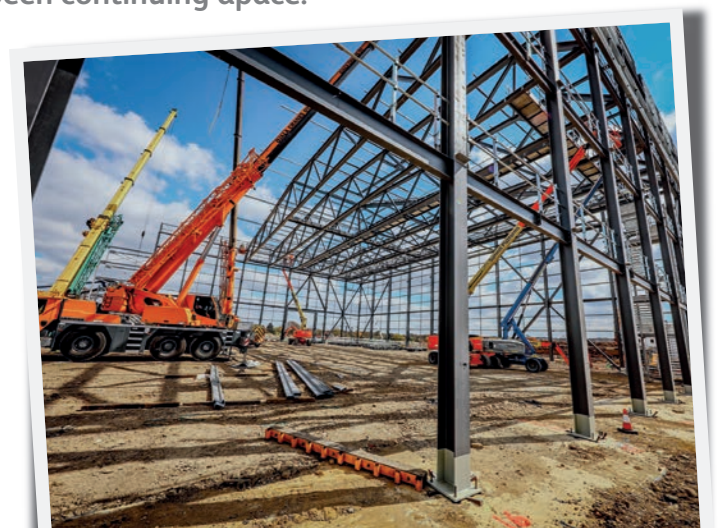
His photos featured in a recent newsletter for local residents

produced by Sky Studios and will be shared on social media.

In addition, students from Elstree Screen Arts Academy are working with Sky Studios Elstree and contractors BAM on a series of documentaries about the project.

 Find out more at the **Sky Studios website** or follow **@SkyStudios** on Twitter.

Below: The first steel goes up at the new Sky Studios Elstree site in Rowley Lane. Photograph by Keith Armstrong.



Builders move in at Elstree Studios

Hertsmere has taken one step closer towards cementing its reputation as the 'British Hollywood' as work on the expansion of Elstree Studios got under way.

Crew from **R.G. Carter Construction** have begun building work on two new soundstages and ancillary workshops on the site of the former Big Brother house. R. G. Carter Construction were awarded the main contract for the **£15.6 million project** at a full council meeting last month.

The two new soundstages, once operational, will create at least **800 new**

jobs, plus apprenticeship opportunities for local school leavers and the unemployed. In addition, **£100,000** per year from the rental income received by us will be invested locally into local creative industries.

The project has been part-funded by a **£6 million** government funding deal, approved by **Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (Herts LEP)** on

behalf of the government. The project is one of a number supported by the government's Getting Building Fund.

The rest of the funding has been invested from council coffers, with an additional **£2.2 million** awarded last month to cover rising steel and construction costs.

Pictured: Roger Morris, Managing Director of Elstree Studios; David Conway, Herts LEP Board member; Kevin Church, Senior Project Manager of R G Carter; Oliver Dowden CBE MP for Hertsmere and Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and Cllr Morris Bright MBE, Leader of Hertsmere Borough Council.



FEELING GOOD THIS SUMMER



As we emerge from lockdown and with the world in full bloom, there has never been a better time to focus on your health and wellbeing.

A range of outdoor and indoor initiatives are available to help you to stay active and boost morale.

As restrictions change, providers are constantly reviewing the activities available. Please keep an eye on the relevant websites for updates.

We Move, She Moves

Outdoor sessions, including **Learn to Run, Yoga in Bushey Rose Garden** and **Stroller Strength**, and some indoor sessions have resumed on our award-winning activity programme for



women and girls aged 13 or over in Hertsmere. For updates go to the WMSM's website www.wemoveshemoves.me.uk and Facebook page www.facebook.com/wemoveshemoves

Healthy Hubs

All three of Hertsmere's 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 and nutritional advice.

Opening hours are: 96 Shenley Road in Borehamwood – Thursday, 9.30am to 3.30pm; Wyllyotts Centre in Potters Bar – Friday, 9.30am to 3.30pm; Community Hub in Borehamwood, Monday to Thursday, 9am to 3:45pm.

To find out more visit www.hertsmere.gov.uk/healthyhubs. Face-to-face, phone-in and online consultations are available at all three hubs. No need to book an appointment in advance.

InspireAll

All three leisure centres are now open and welcoming customers back. Some activities, including indoor sports, classes and outdoor sports are currently restricted in line with government rules. For updates keep an eye on InspireAll's website and The Venue's, Bushey Grove's and Furzefield's Facebook and Instagram pages.

Below: A member of the public walks into Bushey Grove Leisure Centre, which has reopened.



Leisure deal for veterans

Former servicewomen and men living in Hertsmere are now able to benefit from discounted leisure centre membership.

The current discounts on a range of membership packages for active military personnel available at the **Furzeffield leisure centre** in Potters Bar, **Bushey Grove leisure centre** and **The Venue leisure centre** in Borehamwood have been extended to include veterans who live in the borough. We own all three centres, but they are managed for us by **InspireAll Leisure and Family Centres**.

In addition, recipients of the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme, Armed Forces Independence Payments and War Pension Scheme are eligible for a Concession Leisure Card. Concession card holders qualify for discounts off certain activities, such as fitness, swimming and sports.

Veterans can also now receive a 20 per cent discount on training for

leisure qualifications and all veterans who apply for a job up to Duty Manager status will be guaranteed an interview.

All former armed forces personnel will once again receive free unlimited access to the centres on **Armed Forces Day** later this month (June 21).

In November last year, our **> councillors agreed a motion calling on the council to continue to 'recognise the need to support veterans as a way of repaying our national heroes, once they leave the armed forces.'**



LOTTERY TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY

You can support a local good cause and be in with a chance to win cash prizes when our community lottery launches later this year

Hertsmere Community Lottery will help raise funds for local charities and community organisations via online ticket sales.

Tickets will cost £1 with 60p going towards local good causes, compared to just 28p in the pound for the National Lottery.

The draw will be weekly with a **jackpot of £25,000** for a matching sequence of six numbers. Other prizes will be £2000, £250 and £25 or three free tickets.

We're looking for local good causes to be part of this exciting opportunity.



> If you run or are involved in a local charity or community organisation and would like to know more, contact our **Policy Manager, Liz Gore** at liz.gore@hertsmere.gov.uk Keep an eye on our website for more details.

MEADOW PARK

UPDATE



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

We installed exciting play facilities, as well as improving the footpaths and landscaping, during the initial phase of development.

The next phase continues with the installation of a **bandstand** led by **Borehamwood Town Council** and a **BMX track** thanks to **Leecliffe Big Local**, as well as additional **tree planting** to create a welcoming boulevard into the new community focused environment.

Resurfacing work on the tennis courts, basketball court and Multi Use Games Area is taking place to be ready for use this summer.

Work will also start on creating the new splash park and café with planning applications and tenders for the work later in the year.

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

We will keep you updated!



Below: Chess Latimer Meadows
© Allan Beechey

Save our Streams

Affinity Water is calling on Hertsmere residents to join its movement **SOS: Save Our Streams** to save our beloved chalk streams from the brink by asking people to waste less water.

In Hertsmere we use nine per cent more water per day than the national average, which has an impact on both our local environment and our personal carbon footprint.

Coined ‘**Britain’s Great Barrier Reef**’, these beautiful rivers, which boast clear water from underground springs, are under threat. Hertfordshire is home to many of these iconic natural landmarks, which are at risk due to increasing demand for water.

Visit SaveOurStreams.co.uk where after answering a few questions about water usage, you can gain access to household water usage stats, a free water-saving kit and tailored advice.





HEAD OF
STREET
SCENE

The delivery of vital services during the coronavirus pandemic has been a challenge, but Hertsmere's new Head of Street Scene, Ian Kershaw, has ensured Street Scene's waste and recycling, parks and car parking teams have maintained a core service to the public.

Q What was it like starting a new job in lockdown?

A It is undoubtedly odd starting a new job during the pandemic. Having an interview via a video call and accepting a job from people you have never met face-to-face was strange but Hertsmere has a good reputation, so it was an easy choice to make.

Q What were you doing before working here?

A I was at the London Borough of Haringey running waste, street cleansing and CCTV. I have been working in local government most of my life. I started as a Committee Clerk in Kensington and Chelsea; I've led best value, performance and planning, emergency planning, community safety, and waste and street cleansing.

Q What do you see as the challenges ahead for your department?

A It is impossible to work in the public sector and not talk about the challenges of ever decreasing budgets. Hertsmere is well run with stable finances. Street Scene services account for a large portion of our budget and we need to make sure it is value for money. As a core service, it is often a leading factor in how our residents and local businesses judge the council. I need to ensure we continue to provide an excellent, modern service delivered in a way that best serves our communities.

Q How has the coronavirus crisis affected your team and service?

A Coronavirus has changed the way we work with many of us working at home. Street

Scene services have largely provided a constant presence throughout the pandemic.

During the first lockdown, we suspended parking controls but experience has shown that those controls remain necessary. Because of those suspensions, our parking staff were redeployed to help the county council track vulnerable residents shielding, manage queues at household waste and recycling centres, and ensure social distancing at the cemetery. I am incredibly proud of how they adapted during this time.

It has been heart warming to see our staff get the recognition they deserve. When everything else seemed uncertain, we were still out collecting bins and keeping our green spaces welcoming. Thank you to everyone who decorated their bins with rainbow thank

you notes or sent us positive messages, our crews and officers appreciated it.

Residents have come to appreciate our parks and open spaces during lockdown, which has been particularly important when other parts of normal life have been unavailable. I am delighted our green spaces became a haven for residents and many rediscovered the many beautiful parks on their doorstep.

Q What are your aims for your department?

A I want us to have pride in what we do, value it and deliver the best service we can for all those who live, work and visit our borough.

Q Tell us one thing about yourself that people might not know.

A I used to be the paperboy for the Shah of Persia.

Election round up



Two new Hertsmerer Borough Councillors have been elected following by-elections in May.



Cllr Dan Ozarow



Cllr Alan Matthews

Voters went to the polls in Hertsmerer on Thursday 6 May to vote in the Borehamwood Kenilworth and Bushey North by-elections to select the new borough councillors. **Cllr Dan Ozarow** was elected to represent Borehamwood Kenilworth whilst **Cllr Alan Matthews** will represent Bushey North ward.


Electors also voted in the South Mimms, Shenley and Aldenham parish council and Hertfordshire County Council elections and made their choice from the Hertfordshire

Police and Crime Commissioner candidates.

The make-up of the council has changed as a result of the borough council elections – Hertsmerer has 39 councillors in total, of which there are now:

- 29 Conservative
- Seven Labour and Co-operative
- Three Liberal Democrat

You can find the details of all your Hertsmerer councillors on page 15.

 For more information about elections visit www.hertsmerer.gov.uk/May2021elections

WHO DOES WHAT?

Do you know the difference between the borough and county council?

Although Hertsmerer works in partnership with Hertfordshire County Council, the two authorities are completely separate with different responsibilities, staff and councillors.



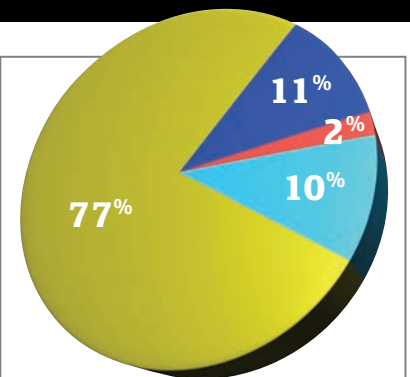
Hertsmerer Borough Council is responsible for providing services

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



Hertfordshire County Council is responsible for providing services including adoption

and fostering, early years' childcare, fire and rescue, health and social care, household waste recycling centres, libraries, public transport, registry, roads, schools, street lights, trading standards and youth provision across the ten districts of Hertfordshire.



Did you know?

While you may pay all your council tax to Hertsmerer, we only get **10 per cent** of it – the equivalent of **51p a day** (for an average, band D property). Hertfordshire County Council gets 77 per cent, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire gets 11 per cent and if you have a town or parish council in your area they get approximately 2 per cent.

Contact Hertfordshire County Council on 0300 123 4040 or visit hertfordshire.gov.uk
Our contact details are on page 3.

Going away for a break at last?

There are ways to give your home the 'lived-in' look when it's unoccupied, so that any passing would-be thieves aren't tempted.

- Close and lock all windows, doors and outbuildings 
- Don't publicise your absence - status updates, comments and photos online all give away the fact that your home is empty 
- Use timer switches for lamps so they turn on in the evenings. You could also use a timer switch for a radio 
- Ask your neighbour to put your rubbish or recycling bins back if they're being collected whilst you're away 
- Ask a neighbour or friend to park their car on your drive 
- Cancel deliveries of milk, newspapers etc 
- Move enticing items, such as laptops and mobile devices, out of sight 
- You could store valuables in your loft when you go away 
- If you are away for a long time, ask your neighbour to cut your grass 
- Ask someone you trust to help give your home the lived-in look by opening and drawing the curtains, taking in any free newspapers and moving your mail away from the letterbox 

What matters most to you?

Have your say on local policing via Hertfordshire Constabulary's public feedback service, 'echo'.

It allows people who live or work in Hertsmere to tell the police what they think local officers should be focusing on.

You can use echo to say quickly and anonymously what can be done to make your area better and what you think the police should be focusing on to make your community safer.

Visit www.herts.police.uk/echo to learn more and to submit your views.

Do not use echo to report crime. Go online

at herts.police.uk/report, speak to an operator in the Force Communications Room using online web chat at herts.police.uk/contact or call the non-emergency number 101.

If a crime is in progress or someone's life is in danger, call 999 immediately.

Alternatively, you can stay 100 per cent anonymous by contacting the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or via their untraceable online form at crimestoppers-uk.org.



CLEAN AIR DAY

We'll be supporting Clean Air Day on 17 June with our new anti-idling campaign.



Let's protect our children's health from air pollution this #CleanAirDay

Don't idle your engine.



We have a once in a lifetime chance for change. Let's use it.

#CleanAirDay
cleanairday.org.uk

Keeping your engine running while stuck in traffic or waiting to collect someone contributes to an increase in air pollutant levels. We're installing signage across our car parks encouraging motorists to switch off their engine when idle.

Everybody can have a positive impact on air quality and we would like to inspire residents to understand what they can do to reduce air pollution and limit its impact on their health and that of others.

Drivers can make some simple changes to improve air quality:

- Switch off when waiting or stuck in a jam
- Switch to cycling or walking for local trips
- Switch to a bus or train when you can for longer journeys

To find out more visit:

www.hertsmere.gov.uk/climatechange

Former dilapidated house ready to welcome families

A run-down Potters Bar property, which has been empty for more than 15 years, is ready to be made available for private rent.

Before



After



We have transformed the uninhabitable three-bedroom semi-detached property in Strafford Gate into two separate maisonettes. The homes will be privately rented, with the income used to help continue to provide vital services for our local communities.

We successfully completed a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) in 2017 after numerous attempts to engage with the relative of the deceased owner failed. The order meant the house became our property in March 2018.

We undertook major structural, conversion and refurbishment work, as well as completely redecorating the property creating a three bedroom upstairs flat and a two bedroom downstairs flat.



Green your home for free

If you would like a warmer home when winter comes around again but cannot afford to make improvements, help is available.


We are working with the National Energy Foundation to help eligible homeowners receive up to £10,000 and private or social landlords of rented homes up to £5,000 towards the costs of energy efficiency improvements.

Among the measures which can be made are external wall, underfloor and roof insulation, as well as heating upgrades.

A properly insulated home can help save you up to £250 per year on your energy bills.

If you have a combined household income near to or less than £30,000 per year, then get in contact with a National Energy Foundation advisor today.

National Energy Foundation is a registered domestic energy and sustainable housing charity.

 Call their free phone line on **0800 038 6030** from 9am until 5pm, Monday to Friday, excluding bank holidays, or email greenhomesgrant@nef.org.uk with your name, address and phone number.

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 or call 020 8207 2277.

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Welcome back!

Hertsmere's museums have enjoyed welcoming back visitors.

Oliver Dowden CBE, Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and MP for Hertsmere celebrated the reopening of the borough's museums with a visit last month.

Bushey Museum and Art Gallery, Potters Bar Museum and Radlett and District Museum all reopened in May. Elstree and Borehamwood Museum is expected to open in July, but the team have mounted a static display in the foyer area of 96 Shenley Road to exhibit a selection of their collection.

Visit their websites for opening hours:

www.bushey-museum.org • www.radlett-museum.com

www.elstree-museum.org.uk • www.facebook.com/pottersbarmuseum

Right: Ruth Stratton, Heritage and Museum's Officer; Tony Woollard, Social History Curator; Oliver Dowden CBE, Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport; Brenda Batten, Museum Trustee and Audrey Adams, Chair of the Museum Trustees



Collection calendar 2021

July 2021						
	M	T	W	TH	F	SU
W1				1	2	3
W2	5	6	7	8	9	10
W1	12	13	14	15	16	17
W2	19	20	21	22	23	24
W1	26	27	28	29	30	31
August 2021						
	M	T	W	TH	F	SU
W1						1
W2	2	3	4	5	6	7
W1	9	10	11	12	13	14
W2	16	17	18	19	20	21
W1	23	24	25	26	27	28
W2	30	31				
September 2021						
	M	T	W	TH	F	SU
W2			1	2	3	4
W1	6	7	8	9	10	11
W2	13	14	15	16	17	18
W1	20	21	22	23	24	25
W2	27	28	29	30		

October 2021						
	M	T	W	TH	F	SU
W2					1	2
W1	4	5	6	7	8	9
W2	11	12	13	14	15	16
W1	18	19	20	21	22	23
W2	25	26	27	28	29	30
November 2021						
	M	T	W	TH	F	SU
W1	1	2	3	4	5	6
W2	8	9	10	11	12	13
W1	15	16	17	18	19	20
W2	22	23	24	25	26	27
W1	29	30				
December 2021						
	M	T	W	TH	F	SU
W1			1	2	3	4
W2	6	7	8	9	10	11
W1	13	14	15	16	17	18
W2	20	21	22	23	24	25
W1	27	28	29	30	31	

Your July to December Waste and Recycling Calendar

Your kerbside waste and recycling collections for the second half of 2021 are shown here for you on this handy cut out and keep calendar.

Alternatively you can view the calendar on our webpage: www.hertsmere.gov.uk/collectioncalendar

A full A-Z of recycling is available at: www.hertsmere.gov.uk/recycling



Week 1 (W1)

Black bin: Anything that cannot be recycled.

Week 2 (W2)

Green bin: Food and garden waste.

Brown bin: Glass, cartons, plastics, cans, cardboard and paper.

Public holidays All collections in a week following a public holiday will take place a day later. For example, a Monday collection will take place on Tuesday and a Friday collection will take place on Saturday, unless you are notified otherwise. Collection calendars are also available on our website at www.hertsmere.gov.uk/collectioncalendar

Just about everything can be recycled at home but other items, such as clothes, electrical items and batteries, can be recycled at local recycling banks and/or your local tip also known as a Household Waste Recycling Centre.

For more information and details of new opening times please visit www.wasteaware.org.uk



www.hertsmere.gov.uk/recycling