

# Hertsmere News



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Spring 2020



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# Have your say on local policing

You can have your say on how local policing is run by voting at the Police and Crime Commissioner elections on Thursday 7 May.

**Police and Crime Commissioner**  
for Hertfordshire

Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) are elected representatives across England and Wales who are responsible for ensuring that the police meet the needs of their local communities.

By voting at the election you can have your say on which candidate carries out this important post.

The successful candidate in the Hertfordshire PCC election will oversee how the county is policed; set the police budget; decide the amount of council tax that is charged for the police and keep residents updated on what the local police are doing to keep the area safe.

You can register online. Visit [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/register tovot e](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/register tovot e) and follow the link. You will need your National Insurance (NI) number.

Look out for more information on postal and proxy voting on our digital channels (see below).

- In Radlett, on the same day as the PCC elections, people will be given a chance to have their say on a draft neighbourhood plan. A referendum is being held on the plan which will guide future development in the town. You can find out more at [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/radlettplan](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/radlettplan)

## Unsung heroes to be honoured

This year's outstanding community champions are set to receive their moment of recognition later this month.

A panel of judges sifted through dozens of nominations for this year's Civic Awards. The winners will be announced at the Mayor of Hertsmere's Civic Dinner on Sunday 5 April at Elstree Studios.

Mayor Councillor Rabbi Alan Plancey said: "This is a chance to honour anybody

who has made a real contribution to their community. I'm really looking forward to the ceremony."

A full list of past Civic Awards winners and links to short films about them is available here [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/civicawards](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/civicawards)



## 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:

- Follow us on Twitter for tweets, photos and links to our press releases – [@HertsmereBC](https://twitter.com/HertsmereBC)
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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



## Welcome to your Spring edition of Hertsmere News.

This edition of Hertsmere News is jam-packed, as always, with news and updates about our services and exciting initiatives.

Since the last edition, we've confirmed the appointment of Sajida Bijle as Managing Director of our authority (see page 5). I've worked closely with Sajida over many years and have always been impressed by her diligence, integrity and commitment to putting our residents at the heart of everything that we do. I wish her well in her new post.

Major new developments for the film and television industry are helping to cement Hertsmere's spot at the forefront of the UK's creative sector. Find out more about how we are supporting this exciting growth on page 6.

There's an update on page 4 about council tax for the year from April 2020, where we explain more about how the money collected is spent. To enable us to continue to protect the services valued by our residents, we've applied an average £5 increase for the year to our portion of the total bill.

With spring almost upon us, what better time to get out and about, enjoying our parks and open spaces in the borough? On pages 8 and 9 you can find more information.

2020 is Hertfordshire Year of Culture which we are playing a key role in co-ordinating. Our Cultural Services Intern, Zhane, tells us more about this campaign on page 9. There are so many ways to get involved and benefit, and we hope you find an opportunity to get creative.

We hope you find this edition an interesting and informative read.

**Councillor Morris Bright MBE**  
**Leader of Hertsmere Borough Council**  
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**On the cover:** Our Cultural Services Intern Zhanè Alexander with the Herts Year of Culture mascot, Yoci.



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## Visit us

### Hertsmere Borough Council

Civic Offices, Elstree Way, Borehamwood, WD6 1WA

Open Monday to Thursday 9am to 5.15pm, Friday 9am to 5pm

### Bushey Area Office

Citizens Advice Bureau, 8 Rudolph Road, Bushey, WD23 3DU

Open Thursdays, 9.30am to 2pm

### Potters Bar Area Office

Wyllyotts Centre, Wyllyotts Place Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, EN6 2HN

Open Tuesdays, 9.30am to 2pm

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# News on your council tax

**You will pay around £5 per year more for our services this year (April 2020 to March 2021), the same increase as last year.**



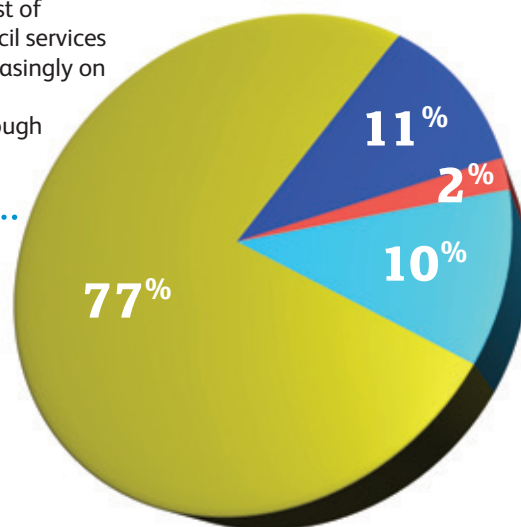
A resident in a Band D property will pay an average of just over **£182** in council tax to the borough council for our services for the year – just **50p per day**.

Central government funding to local authorities has been in sharp decline in recent years, and now represents just 23 per cent of our funding compared to 54 per cent in 2010/11. As a result, the cost of providing council services has fallen increasingly on the borough's residents, although

we are working hard to raise additional income and deliver efficiency savings.

We collect council tax every year on behalf of other local bodies so we don't get the whole amount you pay each month, we get approximately 10 per cent of it.

**The rest is allocated to other organisations:**



## Where does your council tax go?

### 10% Hertsmere Borough Council

Services provided include: 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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### 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  
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**Shenley Parish Council**  
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 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



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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)





# Holocaust Memorial Event

**A candlelit parade and ceremony took place in Borehamwood to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD).**

Mayor of Hertsmere, Rabbi Councillor Alan Plancey, led the event, which took place at the end of January. The candlelit parade went from our car park to Hertswood Academy, where the ceremony included videos, speeches and musical performances.

The event was held to remember the millions of people who suffered during the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution and subsequent genocides in Rwanda,

Cambodia, Bosnia and Darfur.

Joining the Mayor were the Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, Mr Robert Voss CBE, and a number of our borough councillors and officers, local dignitaries and residents. The police were once again on hand to support the parade, along with Hertsmere Volunteer Police Cadets.

As well as the Holocaust Memorial Day Prayer read by the Mayor's Chaplain, Rabbi Elchonon Feldman, followed by a two-

minute silence, there were also speeches by the Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, the Mayor and our Leader, Cllr Morris Bright MBE, videos, and musical performances from the Immanuel College Choir and Christine Bennett

HMD is held every year on 27 January as this is the anniversary of the day in 1945 when the Soviet Army liberated the largest Nazi concentration camp, Auschwitz-Birkenau.



## Managing Director appointment

**The appointment of our Managing Director, Sajida Bijle, was confirmed in January.**

The appointment followed a management restructure over recent months to deliver a more cost effective model.

Sajida has worked for us for 30 years, performing a number of key roles including Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director.

She has been a Chief Officer since 2005 and is the Company Secretary for the renowned Elstree Film Studios, one of our most valuable arms length companies.

Sajida commented: "I consider it an immense personal privilege to have the opportunity to lead this authority as its Managing Director.

"I look forward to driving through some ambitious plans over the coming months and years, but retaining our core vision of supporting our communities, planning for the future and being an enterprising council."



## WHAT MATTERS MOST TO YOU?

**Have your say on local policing via Hertfordshire Constabulary's new 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.

Hertsmere Inspector Mark Bilsdon, said: "You can use echo to tell us quickly and anonymously what can be done to make your area better and what you think we should be focusing on to make your community safer.

"People often post concerns on social media but don't always report them to us, which can lead to a perception that we're not taking issues seriously. It is absolutely vital that concerns are reported through official channels like echo, so we can record them and use them to help shape our local policing priorities."

Visit [www.herts.police.uk/Information-and-services/Get-involved/echo](http://www.herts.police.uk/Information-and-services/Get-involved/echo) to submit your views.

### Do not use echo to report crime

Go online at [herts.police.uk/report](http://herts.police.uk/report), speak to an operator in the Force Communications Room using online web chat at [herts.police.uk/contact](http://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](http://crimestoppers-uk.org).





# Boomtime for 'British Hollywood'

Major new developments for the film and television industry are set to secure Hertsmere's spot at the forefront of the UK's creative sector.

Below: An artist's impression of the two new soundstages at Eltree Studios, due to come into use later this year.

Construction will soon get under way, pending agreement from our full council on loan funding, for two new linked soundstages on the site of the former Big Brother house at Eltree Studios. The stages, which are similar in design to the 'George Lucas' studio building and are expected to be completed before the end of this year, will be available for use separately or combined to form a supersize soundstage.

The move, which takes the total number of soundstages onsite to nine, means Eltree Studios can respond to client demand for space and stay ahead of the game in an increasingly competitive market. The business, which we own as an arms-length company, is currently home to BBC's *Strictly Come Dancing* and Netflix series, *The Crown*.

Roger Morris, Managing Director of Eltree Studios, said: "The studios have enjoyed great success in the last 10 years and the freeing up of the Big Brother space has opened up great opportunity.

"The stages will be suitable for both film and high-end television use. We have plans to build more stages at the Eltree Studios site as space becomes available."

In addition, a pioneering step which enables some changes to be made to the set of *EastEnders* without seeking planning permission has been given the green light.



We have formally adopted a Local Development Order (LDO) that covers part of BBC Eltree where the new set is being constructed, following a public consultation held last year.

The order extends permitted development rights and eliminates the need for planning applications to be made for certain types of development at the site, which is in the centre of Borehamwood. At the moment, studio bosses have to apply to us for what are often minor changes to be made, such as alterations to shopfronts, extension of roadways or landscaping changes.

The new *EastEnders* set, which involves permanent structures built with real materials rather than the facades used on

the original lot, is being constructed on the former staff car park and is due to come into use next year. Once completed, it will enable filming in high definition.

Lastly, residents and businesses were given a preview earlier this year of a proposal to build a cutting-edge production facility, 12 stages, an audience reception centre and two production support centres, in Rowley Lane, Borehamwood.

The new Sky Studios Eltree could attract £3 billion of investment and create 2,000 jobs in the borough. The plans are subject to planning permission, with an application expected as Hertsmere News went to press.



# Kickstarting the decade

We've been helping to gear up leisure and sports facilities across the borough for the new decade – using funding from local developers.

Grants from our Infrastructure Fund are being used to help support a range of exciting new developments at InspireAll-managed leisure centres and for events in our parks.

The fund is money we have collected from a levy on certain types of new development. It can be used for improving local facilities and services.

Among the projects we're supporting are:

- **PRAMA, an immersive and interactive group exercise concept** using sound, light, floors and walls, at Bushey Grove Leisure Centre. The facility received £100,000 through the fund.

- In addition, **Bushey Grove Leisure Centre** has benefitted from £20,000 towards an upgrade of its gymnastics equipment, including crash mats, a new air tumble run, vaulting box and bouncy castle.
- **An eGYM, a state-of-the-art eight-piece circuit**, intended to improve strength and mobility at The Venue in Borehamwood, has benefitted from a £100,000 grant from our fund.

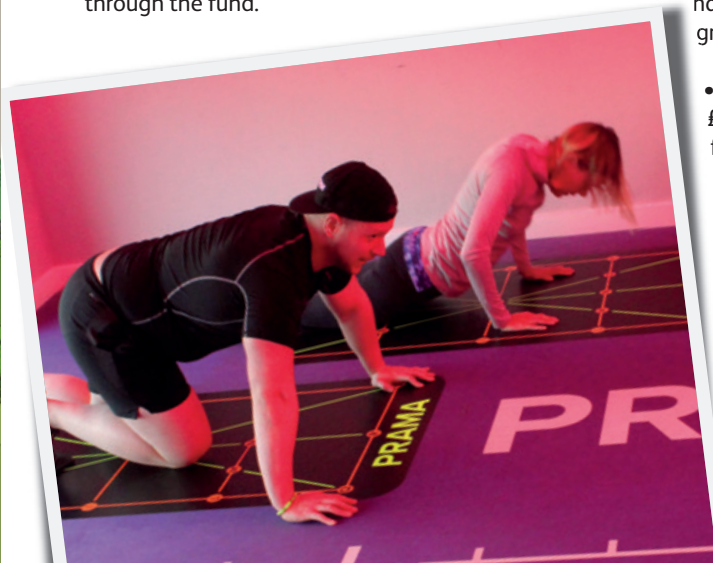
- Also at **The Venue**, a further £73,000 has been used to pay for an underwater video surveillance system which detects when swimmers are in unsafe situations.

- While at the **Furzefield Leisure Centre** in Potters Bar, a grant of £100,000 has been allocated towards enhanced swimming equipment and a facility upgrade.

- Lastly, more than £40,000 is earmarked towards equipment for **parks events across the borough**.

It was announced at the beginning of last year that 16 organisations had been successful in bidding for funding.

All the applicants had to fulfil specific funding criteria.



## YOUR FUTURE, YOUR SW HERTS

Your thoughts are needed on how you would like to see South West Hertfordshire grow and develop over the next 30 years.

We've teamed up with Dacorum Borough Council, St Albans City and District Council, Three Rivers District Council and Hertfordshire County Council to begin work on a Joint Strategic Plan (JSP) for the area.

A key aim will be to ensure that infrastructure – such as transport, schools, healthcare providers and utilities – are properly co-ordinated and delivered, as well ensuring we meet the need for new homes and jobs.

Each council is still responsible for preparing its own Local Plan but JSP will provide a framework.

Before we start work on this important document, we want to know your priorities for the future of South West Hertfordshire.

> You can find out more by visiting [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/SWHerts](https://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/SWHerts) or take part in a quick online poll at [www.givemyview/SWHertsYourFuture](https://www.givemyview/SWHertsYourFuture).

- We're preparing to publish our draft Local Plan later this year. It will act as a blueprint for future development in Hertsmere over the next 15 years. Find out more [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/localplan](https://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/localplan)

PLANNING FOR GROWTH  
**LOCAL PLAN**  
HERTSMERE


# ENJOY A CUPPA AND A CHAT

A scheme to combat loneliness by bringing people together in an informal setting for a free cuppa and a chat has come to Hertsmere.

Anyone who would like to meet someone new can drop into a **Chatter Table** at the Wyllyotts Theatre in Potters Bar. The new initiative, which we have organised along with InspireAll and the three Potters Bar Patient Participation Groups, aims to help overcome social isolation.

Research has shown there is a link between loneliness and increased risk of dementia, heart disease and depression. Just getting out and having a friendly chat can make a big difference.

Chatter Table will also be running on **Wednesday 11 March** and **Wednesday 22 April**. Further dates to be announced.

 To find out more, email [pam.cousins@hertsmere.gov.uk](mailto:pam.cousins@hertsmere.gov.uk) or call 020 8207 7801.



# Culture takes centre stage

Hertfordshire Year of Culture 2020 is well under way with a host of activities, special events and experiences taking place across 12 themed months, each looking to celebrate experiences and explore our wonderful heritage.

There is lots going on throughout the month, from designing a flag and local artists on display, to battle of the bands competition and talks on local history.

To find out more visit [www.HYOC2020.org.uk](http://www.HYOC2020.org.uk) where you can sign up to their mailing list. You can follow them on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook to keep up to date with the campaign. Use the **#HYOC2020** to share your activities with the rest of Hertfordshire's creative community.

To find out what's going on near you, visit:

Creative Hertfordshire at [www.creativehertfordshire.com](http://www.creativehertfordshire.com)

Follow @hertscreatives on Twitter

Follow #HYOC2020.



# A Healthier You




Three new lifestyle hubs which aim to connect people in Hertsmere with health and wellbeing services have been officially launched.

The Healthy Hubs at the Wyllyotts Theatre and Cinema in Wyllyotts Place, Potters Bar; 96 Shenley Road and the Community Hub in Leeming Road, Borehamwood are dedicated local venues where people can get services, support and advice on a range of physical and mental health issues all in one place.

Each hub has a health and wellbeing advocate who can answer any queries or signpost services.

The hubs are funded through Hertfordshire County Council and managed by us, in partnership with InspireAll and Communities 1st.

 To find more information about your nearest hub and its opening hours, visit [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/healthyhubs](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/healthyhubs)



# Q&A ZHANE ALEXANDER

**Zhane Alexander is our new Cultural Services Intern who is spreading the word on an amazing new countywide project, Hertfordshire Year of Culture 2020.**

**Q What were you doing before you came to Hertsmere?**

**A** Before Hertsmere, I worked at a gym whilst I completed a Sports Studies degree. I worked on reception part-time and taught a children's exercise class called 'Born to Move' for ages three to 15. Before my studies, I spent 15 months travelling abroad on a working holiday visa.

**Q What does your role involve?**

**A** I'm responsible for promoting Hertfordshire Year of Culture (HYOC) through our social media channels, newsletters and press releases. I attend loads of great local events to take photos and videos, which means I get to meet different people and see places I wouldn't normally visit. Recently I went to Croxley Green's annual wassail, where we sang and chanted at the apple orchard to encourage growth for the New Year. It was a completely new experience for me!

**Q What is the Year of Culture and what can people get involved in?**

**A** Simply put, it is about celebrating and promoting anything that gets your creative juices flowing – be that gardening, cooking, dancing, singing, drawing, knitting or visiting

local heritage sites. Our aim is to focus on the stories, dance, music and arts that have the power to bring us together and improve our health and wellbeing. The list of what you can get involved with is endless! We've got heritage walks, crochet classes, music festivals, library events, art exhibitions, photography workshops and more. As clichéd as it sounds, there really is something for everyone!

**Q How can people find out more about the Herts Year of Culture?**

**A** You can visit our website – [www.hyoc2020.org.uk](http://www.hyoc2020.org.uk) - as well as follow and like our social media channels (you can find us by searching @HYOC2020 on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram). You can also email us on [hyoc2020@hertsmere.gov.uk](mailto:hyoc2020@hertsmere.gov.uk) – we are always more than happy to help!

**Q What are you enjoying about your role so far?**

**A** Aside from the opportunity to go to events across the county, the role is great for my own development. In the few months I've been here, I've attended conferences, fayres and a couple of training courses. A highlight was the 64 Million Artists' January Challenge. This involved a



daily creative challenge, which could be anything from designing a slogan t-shirt to making something out of food. We love to see creativity, so go to our social media channels and use the #HertsMyCreativeCounty if you feel like sharing your creations.

**Q Why is it important to get involved in cultural activities?**

**A** Cultural activities have so many benefits. They provide an opportunity to socialise and meet other like-minded people, as well as develop new skills, express yourself and increase your own self-confidence. There are many organisations across the county that host cultural activities, but they need support. I think the Year of Culture is helping to highlight these organisations to show people what is going

on locally and how they can access cultural activities. We've encouraged local groups to list their events and activities in the 'What's On' section on [www.creativehertfordshire.com](http://www.creativehertfordshire.com). Hundreds are listed already!

**Q Do you do any cultural activities? If so, what?**

**A** I do! I'm a bit of a creative myself. I did originally do an art diploma at college, so the interest was already there. Nowadays, I love to bake cakes, brownies and cookies in my spare time – if the office is lucky, I sometimes bring some in! I've also been into photography since I got my first camera when I was around 15. I like travel and street photography. Hopefully one day I'll get to visit some amazing places to take photos!

# Diversity event at Arsenal



Children from across Hertsmere came together at Arsenal's training ground for an event combining faith and football.


More than 50 primary school pupils descended on the site in London Colney for a day aimed at understanding different religions and celebrating diversity. After hitting the state-of-the-art indoor pitch for a practice session, they were given a presentation by pupils from St Mary Magdalene Academy in Islington about their religion and how it affects their lives.

Speaking about her experience of the day, St Giles Primary School pupil Ellie said: "We learnt all about the religious festivals but we also had good fun. It wasn't all about football, it was

about different things too."

Six youngsters from Hertswood Academy joined five pupils from Highgate Hill for a junior football leaders course at the beginning of this year at Arsenal Training Ground.

The same month, Hertsmere Volunteer Police Cadets and 25 coaches from the Radlett-based Belstone Club took part in separate coach education courses.

 To find out more about our programme go to [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Arsenal](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Arsenal)


# Spring into action

**New We Move, She Moves sessions for women and girls aged 14 or older are on offer in the borough to help you get into shape this spring.**

An eight-week Learn to Run course aimed at total beginners who want to build their running confidence in a safe and friendly environment is kicking off in Potters Bar later this month. The course starts on Tuesday 24 March and runs for eight consecutive weeks. Sessions will begin in Oakmere Park, to book your place go to [www.learnTORun.co.uk](http://www.learnTORun.co.uk)

Or you could try getting into the groove at our newest class, Zumba, which incorporates a variety of dance styles to upbeat music for an energetic and effective workout. It doesn't matter if you feel like you can't dance, this session is all about just having fun. Come along to 96 Shenley Road to have a go and burn calories.

Or if you're a new mum and keen to get out and about why not try Stroller Strength sessions in King George Recreation Ground in Bushey or Aberford Park, Borehamwood.

 For more information, including dates and costs, go to [www.wemoveshemoves.me.uk](http://www.wemoveshemoves.me.uk) or email [community.services@hertsmere.gov.uk](mailto:community.services@hertsmere.gov.uk)

# Active Together

**Classes designed to help older people stay active and well are available in Hertsmere**

Strength and Balance classes are for people wanting to improve their posture and stability while learning new exercises to maintain independence. There is a mixture of standing and seated exercises and the class is suitable for anyone who hasn't exercised before or is experiencing a decline in their fitness or ability.

The one-hour long classes are just £3 a session at Maxwell Park Community Centre in Borehamwood every Thursday from 11.45am. A 15-minute period is available before and after the session to ask questions.

The class is run through our Active Together programme with Stevenage Football Club Association and Herts Sport Partnership.

Short films about other classes, including Tai Chi and Otago, offered through the programme are available to view on our YouTube channel

[www.youtube.com/HertsmereBC](http://www.youtube.com/HertsmereBC)





# Museums Update

## Borehamwood Museum

Final chance to see BBC's Holby City exhibition, which runs until 25 April. Start at the reception desk and walk through to the operating theatre with weird and wonderful prosthetics, props and costumes to celebrate 20 years of the popular medical drama.

Elstree and Borehamwood Museum is open Tuesday to Thursday midday to 6pm and between 10am and 3pm on Saturday. Entry is free. Find out more on their website: [www.elstree-museum.org.uk](http://www.elstree-museum.org.uk)



## Bushey Museum and Art Gallery

Two upcoming exhibitions are on display.

'Recent Arrivals' runs until June and showcases new acquisitions, including local history and pottery items, photographs, costumes and artworks.

'20/20 vision – 200 years of history in Bushey' is an exhibit displaying Bushey life in 1820, 1920 and 2020 is compared through paintings, costume and oral history from the collection. The display runs until May.

The museum and art gallery is open Thursday to Sunday; from 11am to 4pm. Admission is free. To find out more visit their website: [www.busheymuseum.org](http://www.busheymuseum.org)



## Potters Bar Museum

The latest exhibition opens on 9 March and will focus on 'Fashion in the Twentieth Century', which will range from Victorian corsets to punk and beyond.

The museum is situated in the Wyllyotts Centre in Darkes Lane. It is open Tuesday and Wednesday between 2.30pm and 4.30pm, and Saturday from 11am to 1pm. Find out more on their Facebook page [www.facebook.com/pottersbarmuseum](http://www.facebook.com/pottersbarmuseum). Admission is free.

## Radlett and District Museum

Exciting news! A new museum is coming to Radlett. The beautiful cabin has been installed and volunteers are working hard to prepare an interesting collection on Radlett's local history. The museum will open in April - more information coming soon!





# Planting the seeds of summer events

Bushey Rose Garden will be celebrating 10 years since it was restored to its former glory.

The anniversary event takes place on 25 July, so put it in your diary now! You'll be able to find out more about the celebrations planned in our summer edition.

There are a number of exciting events coming up:

The annual **Easter Egg Hunt** takes place on **7 April** with kids' entertainment and inflatable fun.

Remember you can take part in Yoga and meditation classes on a weekly basis throughout the spring and summer evenings in the garden. Visit [wemoveshemoves.me.uk](http://wemoveshemoves.me.uk) to find classes.

There are the summer solstice events including a **jazz evening** on **Friday 19 June** and **Soul Seed**, which brings together the creative arts on **Saturday 20 June**.

And back by popular demand is a traditional **Tea Party** on **Friday 3 July** offering a variety of tasty sandwiches and scones.



 Visit the Friends of Bushey Rose Garden website to find out more: [busheyrosegarden.wordpress.com](http://busheyrosegarden.wordpress.com)





# It's tree-mendous!

Below: Tree planting

## We're planting more than 850 trees across the borough.

A variety of new trees replaced dead, diseased or dying trees that were removed previously to ensure public safety.

- We have increased the small woodland copse in Ripon Park with an additional 30 trees. Thank you to the Borehamwood Air Cadets for their help planting the trees.
- Five hundred trees were planted in Furze Field Woods to restock and improve the local habitat for wildlife. Countryside Management Scheme (CMS) undertook the work on our behalf.
- Our staff helped to plant 150 trees in Aberford Park to increase and replenish the woodland block along the service road.
- We've allocated an additional 100 trees and shrubs to be planted in King George Recreation Ground in Bushey as part of the woodland scheme.



- We also planted 71 trees across our other parks and open spaces.

➤ Find out more about tree planting across the borough on our website: [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/treesinparks](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/treesinparks) or watch our videos at [www.youtube.com/hertsmere](http://www.youtube.com/hertsmere)

## PARKS UPDATE

### Stroll through spring gardens near you

From beds of colourful tulips to delicate blossom, gardens across the borough are finally waking up after the winter sleep. We've selected some spring walks for you to enjoy in Hertsmere:



Left: Mary Forsdyke Garden

- **Parkfield in Potters Bar** is a Green Flag award-winning park with traditional meadows, a Japanese garden, holly walk and pond.
- **Studio Way Woodland** in Borehamwood is rich in wildlife thanks to the natural habitats. You may even be lucky to see bats, a fox, Great Spotted Woodpecker or a Muntjac deer.

- **Bushey Rose Garden** is of special historic interest with more than 40 varieties of roses and over 4,000 different plants.

- **Mary Forsdyke Garden** and **Warren Lake in Bushey Heath** is an enchanting garden with boardwalk and many different plants on offer.

To find out about more than 100 flagship parks across Hertfordshire, visit [www.ParksHerts.co.uk](http://www.ParksHerts.co.uk).



You can also like us on Facebook/ParksHerts, follow us on twitter @ParksHerts or Instagram @ParksHerts.

# Hertsmere launches free central heating scheme

Householders of Hertsmere homes without radiators could receive free installation of gas-powered central heating helping them to keep warm, whilst slashing energy bills.

Homeowners and private renters can qualify for the funding either because they receive certain state benefits, such as pension guarantee credit or income support, or because they are on a low household income, typically below £20,000 after rent or mortgage costs have been paid.

Householders who are vulnerable to the effects of living in a cold home could also receive support.

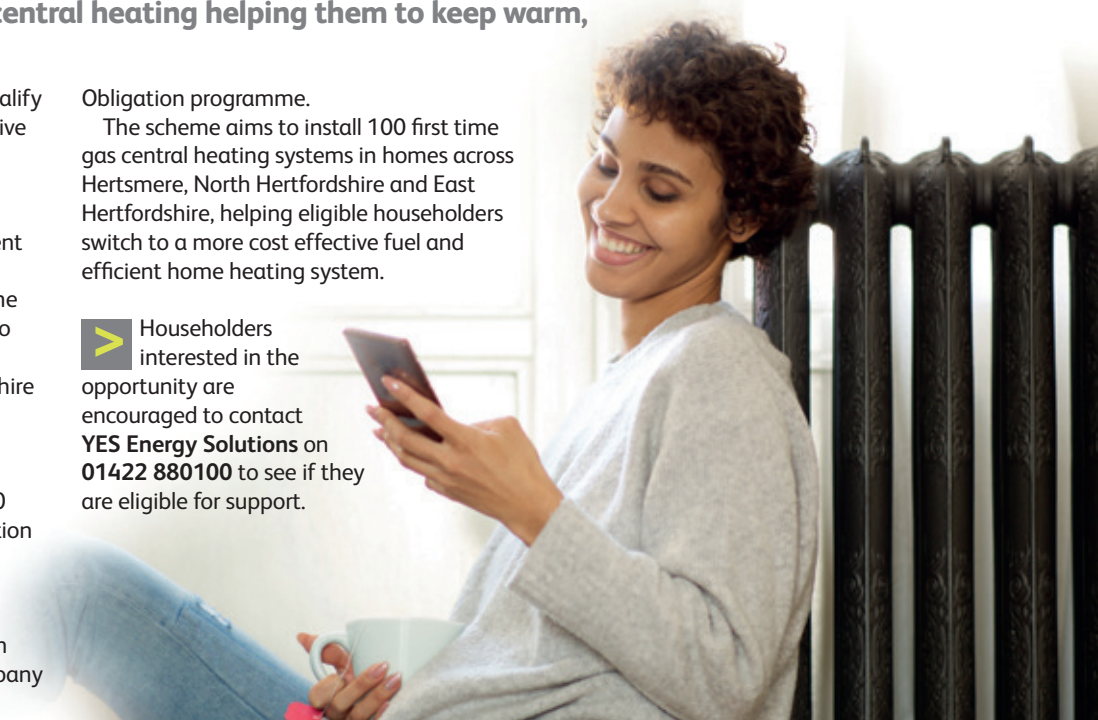
We have worked with North Hertfordshire District Council and East Hertfordshire District Council, Hertfordshire County Council and energy experts, YES Energy Solutions, to secure more than £230,000 from the Warm Homes Fund, an innovation set up by the National Grid.

We are providing match funding to support installations in the area, whilst additional funding is being channelled in through the Government's Energy Company

Obligation programme.

The scheme aims to install 100 first time gas central heating systems in homes across Hertsmere, North Hertfordshire and East Hertfordshire, helping eligible householders switch to a more cost effective fuel and efficient home heating system.

 Householders interested in the opportunity are encouraged to contact **YES Energy Solutions** on **01422 880100** to see if they are eligible for support.



## ATTENTION LANDLORDS AND AGENTS



Let with Hertsmere is now offering a great opportunity and incentives to Landlords and Agents to join our new partnership scheme.



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# Meet your Councillors

You can contact your ward councillors at any reasonable time. Hertsmere has a Conservative majority, with 30 Conservative councillors, six Labour 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/findmycouncillor](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/findmycouncillor) or call 020 8207 2277.

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# What's on

Come along to an event near you!

## Elstree & Borehamwood Museum

96 Shenley Road, Borehamwood  
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[www.elstree-museum.org.uk](http://www.elstree-museum.org.uk)  
[www.facebook.com/EBWmuseum](https://www.facebook.com/EBWmuseum)

HOLBY



### Until 25 April Holby City at 20

The BBC medical drama celebrates its 20th birthday. Go behind the surgical mask at this exciting exhibition. See prosthetics, costumes, behind-the-scenes photos and even an operating theatre set.

## Reveley Lodge & Garden

Elstree Road, Bushey Heath  
WD23 4GL  
020 8950 1017  
[www.reveleylodge.org](http://www.reveleylodge.org)

### Friday 8 and Saturday 9 May VE Day Anniversary

Join the team as they bring the gardens and house alive for a special celebration of the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day.



## Bushey Museum

Rudolph Road, Bushey  
020 8420 4057  
[www.busheymuseum.org](http://www.busheymuseum.org)  
[busmt@busheymuseum.org](mailto:busmt@busheymuseum.org)

## The Radlett Centre

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

### 1 April | 7.30pm Rachel Creeger – Hinayni!

A new stand-up show from the award-winning comedian 'It's No Job for a Nice Jewish Girl.' £16



RACHEL CREEGER

### 18 April | 7.30pm Go Now – The Music of the Moody Blues

Experience the timeless music of The Moody Blues, in this tribute to the greatest rock band of a generation. Featuring original drummer Gordy Marshall. £24.50



GO NOW!

### Until 24 May 20/20 Vision – 200 years of history in Bushey

To mark the beginning of a new decade, this exhibition focuses on items from the museum's collection from 1820, 1920 and 2020. On show will be old and new artwork, costumes and oral history.



THE ADELE STORY

### 24 April | 7.30pm Someone Like You – The Adele Story

A stunning live concert performance, celebrating the music of one of our finest singer-songwriters. Featuring Katie Markham and a six piece band. £22 and £16 child.

## Wyllyotts Theatre

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

### 1 April | 8pm An evening with Liam Brady

Highbury Legend Liam will talk candidly about his successful playing career and the game in general in conversation with Perry Groves. From £13.50.

### 9 & 10 April | 1pm & 4pm Beauty and the Beast

Rare Pantomimes are returning to the stage with their Easter Show. Join Belle and the Beast in the enchanted castle in this traditional panto for all the family. £19.50 and £17.50 child.

### 14 – 21 April 2.30pm and 7.30pm Chicago

Potters Bar Theatre Company brings Kander and Ebb's wonderful score to life in this non-professional production of a theatre classic. From £18 and £16 child.



### Until 21 June Recent Arrivals

Explore the largely unseen gems of the museum's collection at this exhibition. On show will be local history and pottery items, photographs, costumes, and artwork which have been kindly donated and then put into storage.