



HUNSDON PARISH COUNCIL

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1. Hunsdon Parish Council - Chairman's Report - Year 2020/21

This year we will be holding our Annual Parish Meeting online as Covid restrictions prevent an open public gathering. When I wrote last year's annual report, I had no idea that we would still be living under such severe restrictions and reliant on Zoom one year on.

I think we are all indebted to those helping the community come through this very trying time – good neighbours, the Much Hadham practice, Amrish and the Village Stores, Bianca and James at the Fox and Hounds.

I am pleased to report that although our Parish Council meetings have been held using Zoom, we have nevertheless made significant progress in key areas.

On the planning front, East Herts Council requested revisions to the outline applications for the Gilston Area. Places for People submitted their amendments covering Villages 1-6 in November 2020 and Briggens Estate 1 (BE1) submitted theirs covering Village 7 in January this year. Through the Gilston Area Neighbourhood Plan Group (GANPG) which we sponsor jointly with the Parish of Eastwick and Gilston, detailed responses have been made on our behalf with technical advice from the consultants (Urban Silence) engaged by the Group. It is also encouraging to note that the owners of Hunsdon House have engaged a team of consultant specialists and submitted a lengthy comprehensive response objecting to the proposals for Village 7. Our key objections to these proposals arise because BE1 see Village 7 as a stand-alone development which the Group contends requires the supporting infrastructure associated with Villages 1-6 to be sustainable and comply with District Plan Policies. There can be no doubt that Village 7, comprising 1500 dwellings in the south of the Parish, represents a potential threat to our community unless it is programmed and phased to ensure that schools, public transport, welfare facilities, community facilities, roads, cycleways, footpaths etc are all in place to avoid demand swamping our existing infrastructure.

Responding to the revised applications and progressing the Gilston Area Neighbourhood Plan have been the chief activities of the HEGNPG. Its work is covered in greater detail by the report from the Group's Chairman, Anthony Bickmore.

I wish to record my thanks to Anthony for his tireless endeavours pursuing our interests and leading the Group. I believe that through the NPG we have ensured that our concerns about the Gilston development proposals have been professionally expressed and consequently carry significant weight in determining the planning applications.

Regarding our own Hunsdon Area Neighbourhood Plan things have moved forward under the guidance of Frank O'Shea and we have completed the consultation stage. Frank has also issued an annual report for this meeting. My thanks to Frank for his very hard work getting us to this point.

Construction work seems to have stalled on the development of the old crane yard which is regrettable as we need the affordable housing.

As with last year's annual report, I have no news on when construction of the chapel will commence.

The anticipated battle over the Herts Minerals Plan and the Olives Farm Quarry proposals did not happen. The publication of the Draft Plan is now expected after the May County Council elections 2021.

The Parish has seen some notable improvements to our community facilities in the last year.



The playground has been completely remodelled and now has a wonderful zip-wire to keep the youngsters happy. My thanks to Jackie Carthy and her team for organising all this work.

We have two Speed Indication Devices on the B180 approaches to the village centre in Stanstead Road and Widford Road. I'm really hopeful that these will be effective in slowing down speeding drivers.

A new AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) has been obtained through a rental arrangement and will be relocated outside the Village Hall.

The village website has had an overhaul and the Parish Council has engaged a Communications Manager to improve our publicity arrangements. Our aim is to keep the community abreast of PC business and make it all readily available and as transparent as possible.

The Parish Council continues to fulfil its routine obligations, litter picking, maintaining recreational facilities, overseeing the upkeep of our public footpath network, monitoring police operations and the state of our highways and listening to you and representing the community when things need attention. Your rates, through us, also go on other commitments including the Neighbourhood Plans, the lower graveyard and exceptionally engaging professional advice when required. To bring some colour and cheer to the village centre the PC has funded the Gardening Club to plant flowers at the Village Hall. A small thing but in these times quite important. We are also continuing with the 'awards scheme' whereby local organisations can apply for small grants to support a project/purchase they have in mind.

The Parish Council has resolved to adopt the General Powers of Competence as provided under the Localism Act 2011. In effect the PC is now enabled to do anything an individual may do. The Council meets the qualifying conditions which include employing a qualified Clerk.

Looking forward to 2021/2022 the PC will still be very much involved in the Gilston planning processes as they progress and will look forward to having both the Gilston Area and Hunsdon Area Neighbourhood Plans complete their journeys through to adoption by East Herts Council. We will tidy up the northern boundary on the allotments and bring forward proposals to enhance the Dell. The longer-term project for a multi-use games area on the tennis courts remains a priority for acquiring financial support. The PC will also discuss with Herts CC Highways how the shabby rundown appearance of our lanes can be addressed. The verges and hedges are untidy and litter strewn with the road surfaces potholed and lacking white lines. We will be looking to bring forward an agreed action plan to smarten up the place.

My sincere thanks go to Eric Buckmaster as both County member and as our District Council member for his support and advice through the year which has been invaluable.

Also thank you to my colleagues on the Parish Council for their support and hard work over what has been a difficult year. I have missed having a pint in the Crown after the meetings.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank Carole for all her support and administration, keeping us on the straight and narrow procedurally, and for organising this annual review.

Bob Toll

Chairman Hunsdon Parish Council

2. **Hunsdon Parish Rooms Trust (Registered Charity 2896)**



Hunsdon Parish Room Trust was founded in 1921. It was established in its present form with a Charity Commission scheme in 1984. Under the terms of this scheme the Trust's income should be applied "for any charitable purposes for the general benefit of the residents of Hunsdon".

The Trustees in 2020 were:-

Mr Tom Whyman (Chairman)

Mr David Gibbs

Mrs Esther Nicklin

Mrs Judy Walford

Mr Andrew Pummell (Secretary).

The Trustees met on the 9th of March. Due to the Covid pandemic it was impossible for the Trustees to meet again in 2020. Matters for the rest of the year were dealt with by email.

The following grants totalling £1567.14 were made during the year. £67.14 was paid to Hunsdon School at the start of the year to provide prizes for endeavour. The termly prize giving was then in abeyance for the rest of the year due to the pandemic. £1500 was paid to the Parish Council on behalf of Hunsdon Active to pay for the new picnic tables and chairs on the renovated children's play area.

The accounts for the year ending 31st December have been approved by the Trustees and can be inspected by reference to myself, Andrew Pummell, Trust Secretary.

The Trust held a total of £24858.55 in its NatWest account at the start of the year and ended the year with a total of £26307.41

3. Report of the Parish Paths Wardens

Introduction. For those of you who were not at the meeting last year, or are new to the parish, we want to give you some background as to what the Parish Paths Partnership is all about.

Hunsdon Parish Council has been a member of the Partnership for some 19 years. It involves us working with our partners, Groundwork Trust Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire County Council Rights of Way Team and landowners to manage and promote the footpath network at a local level, at the same time funding and carrying out rights of way improvement schemes in the parish.

Our primary role as volunteer footpath wardens has been to monitor the condition of the public footpaths paths and carry out any small items of routine maintenance such as cutting back overhanging bushes across paths and replacing damaged waymark discs. HCC use contractors and volunteers to undertake a regular mowing and strimming programme where landowners do not have this responsibility. Numerous waymark posts have been replaced, at our request, by the HCC



Rights of Way team. To help with this process a map numbering and showing the position of the posts in the parish has been produced and circulated as necessary.

Footpaths. A continuing theme in the parish is the condition of the paths and the time it takes to re-establish footpaths which run over arable meadows and are cultivated each year. In a year dominated by the Covid pandemic, we have seen the network heavily used by walkers taking legitimate exercise and the role of local farmers, particularly on the airfield is acknowledged. Working with the land agents, Knight Frank, and tenant farmers has help create better understanding and means of communication with the farmers involved.

It is also good to report that, the airfield owners, Places for People have funded the purchase and installation of 2 benches, one a replacement and the second a new addition to the network.

There have been a number of fallen or potentially dangerous overhanging trees on a number of paths this year and these have been removed following communication with the landowners.

Broomlands. In our report four years ago, we outlined negotiations to create a circular walk by the diversion of footpaths in the Broomlands area of Fillets Farm. These plans are still with Hertfordshire County Council for consultation with interested parties.

Footpath 10/Amiens Close. With the reopening of the official start of footpath 10, it is good to report the installation of the RADAR gate mentioned last year, despite the disruptions created by Covid. Another RADAR gate is due to be installed at the beginning of H17, at the end of Drury Lane

Footpath Publications. With a £1000 grant from Herts County Council we have now updated and published a new edition of John Ashley's- booklet '**Walking around Hunsdon and Surrounding Parishes**' This booklet and a companion leaflet/map are available at no cost in local outlets and can be seen also on the Hunsdon Hub.

Planning Applications. Representations were made to East Herts Council concerning an application which would have negatively impacted FP8 in Hunsdon and FP 22 in Stanstead Abbots, which was subsequently not granted.

Thanks. In conclusion we would like to thank the council for their support in our endeavours and to Nicholas Maddox and the Team at Herts Council, who has helped to sort out many of the issues that we encountered. We would also like to acknowledge the support of Knight Frank, Land Agents for Places for People, concerning issues regarding the airfield footpaths. It is noteworthy that the condition of the paths in the parish compare very favourable with those of adjoining parish who, to our knowledge, do not participate in the Parish Path Partnership.

Bud Carthy and Martyn Reid 26/4/21

4. Hunsdon Area Neighbourhood Plan Report

1. The full draft of the Plan and ancillary documents are all on the NPG website <https://hunsdonneighbourhoodplan.org.uk/hunsdon-area-neighbourhood-plan>



It is a Local Plan for Hunsdon, separate from the larger one for the Gilston Development, so it encompasses the Parish Area less the part which falls within the Gilston development, broadly the Airfield and Village 7.

2. We have put the draft plan through its first public consultation which finished in March this year and are now, as a Group and with our planning consultant, in the course of a full review all the responses to the draft Plan from residents, who gave it their overall support, and the statutory consultees like EHDC, Herts CC, Environment Agency, Historic England and local landowners. This process will take a couple of months. It may involve some further discussions with some of the consultees.
3. When this is concluded we will produce the next version of the Draft Plan with legal documentation, for East Herts DC to submit to the next round of Public Consultation.
4. On finances for the year ended 31 March 2021, all our funds, receipts and payments pass through and are part of the Parish Council Accounts but in summary:

Received during year:

From Locality Grant (Central Government) - £3000

Total Paid during year -

Planning Consultant-	£4875
Administration	£250
IT and Misc. expenses	<u>£250</u>
Balance met by Parish Council	£2375

5. Hunsdon, Eastwick and Gilston Neighbourhood Plan Group – annual Report to the Sponsor Councils



HEGNPG

Supporting our Community

1 Introduction

We are pleased to present our annual report and in doing so to thank you as our sponsors for your support for our work, especially your ongoing financial support.



The last year has been an exceptionally busy year and I am grateful for the staggering amounts of time committed by the members of the NPG, including many who also hold Parish Council posts, and so wider community commitments.

2 Financial

The NPG opened the financial year with a cash balance of **£24,115** and closed the year with a projected balance of: **£23,025**

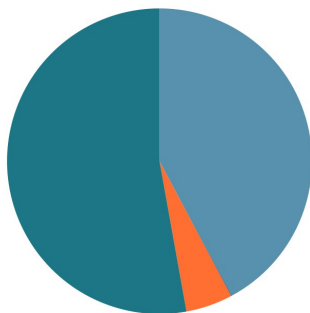
Total income for the year was **£20,160**

£8,500 was received as annual contributions from sponsor Parish Councils. £1,000 was given as a grant from Locality to further the Neighbourhood Plan. £10,650 was received from Stop Harlow North, which wound up this year.

Total expenditure for the year was **£29,120**

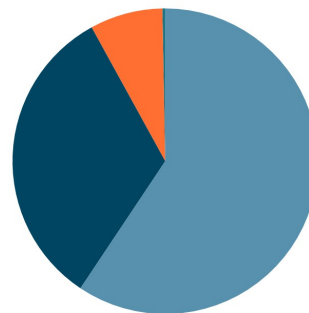
The bulk of this expenditure, £17,300, was for our Neighbourhood Plan. Costs included consultancy, printing, and legal fees during the examination process. A further £9,500 was spent on consultancy to aid responses to planning applications from Places for People and Briggens Estate. An additional £2,245 was spent on administration and communications.

Income



- Parish Councils
- Sales
- Locality
- Stop Harlow North

Expenditure



- Neighbourhood Plan
- Planning Applications
- Admin/Comms
- Expenses

3 Key activities and progress over the last year

3.1 Neighbourhood Plan - We have made enormous progress in the preparation of a joint neighbourhood plan having started out in February 2019 with an idea to in February this year having prepared a plan, with extensive public consultation, taken it through a formal Examination and now having received the Examiner's report. The Examiner has essentially endorsed our work subject to some recommendation and suggested modifications. We are making these modifications and, at the time of writing, are waiting for East Herts Council to endorse our Plan before taking to Referendum, hopefully, on 6th May 2021.

Putting our Plan in place is a major piece of work and while we have had fantastic support from our planning advisors, Urban Silence, we have also been reliant on the



sheer hard work by two of our members who have committed vast amounts of time to the detailed negotiations and the public Examination process.

Assuming the plan is endorsed through the referendum, the next stage is to make sure that the Plan is used when determining all applications made within the Plan area. Your part, as the relevant Parish Councils, will remain key to this process.

- 3.2 Villages 1-6 & 7, Outline planning applications revisions** - Having made their original applications we and many others had made representations recommending refusal. The applicants in turn made amendments/revisions to their applications. These revisions took the applicants much longer to prepare than anticipated and resulted in vast amounts of new data and documents. East Herts Council initially declined to allow us and so the Community any more than the four weeks to assimilate this information during the four weeks before Christmas on the Village 1-6 revisions; later extended to 8 weeks. We made a presentation of our thoughts on these revisions to our Community and had some 70 residents on line for nearly two hours. Subsequently we made a 35 page submission detailing our reasons for maintaining our objections and appreciated your support for the case we made. The Village 7 applicants made substantial in January and again we have been compressed into a short response time although that has been extended because the applicants have not submitted the correct information. We are working on our representations on the Village 7 application.
- 3.3 Landscape Master planning** - Sadly, despite our work with the Developers and their aspiration to start work on the Landscape Master Plan last autumn this work has yet to start. This is an important consultation as it will define the buffers between the villages and open spaces which East Herts Local Plan sets out that they will be transferred to Local Community ownership. We hope that this consultation will commence very soon and include a proper dialogue with the community.
- 3.4 Stewardship** - While we have also engaged on this there has been no significant progress to report. What discussions we have had have included work on early wins and we are hoping to see evidence of such projects starting shortly.
- 3.5 Other Consultations** - We have reviewed and made consultation responses on the following policy documents:
- Gilston Area Community Engagement Strategy (East Herts Council - October 2020)
 - Planning for the future (Government White Paper - October 2020)
 - East Herts Sustainability strategy
 - Sustainable and Healthy Living in the Garden Town (Harlow and Gilston Garden Town - December 2020)
 - South East Central Growth and Transport Plan (Hertfordshire County Council - January 2021)
- 3.6 Stakeholder engagement** - With your respective Chairmen we continue to represent to key stakeholders the views of the NPG alongside our request for additional funding for our work in recognition of the complexities of the issues and multiplicity of



authorities involved. Sadly our requests for further funding have, to date, been declined.

4 Looking forward

The following key activities we anticipate will require our attention:-

Issue	Comment	Likely timescale
Neighbourhood Plan - Referendum	Monitoring and encouraging voters to vote	April/May 21
Landscape Master Plan	Important strategy key to maintaining the original Developers promises of 7 villages separated by landscape buffers and the open areas to the North West	Outstanding/From March 21
Stewardship	To develop a structure for the long term management of the areas not being developed which are due to be passed to the Community as well as the stewardship of community assets within the village areas	Outstanding
Section 106 Planning obligations	To comment on the proposed formal obligations by the developers on the provision of infrastructure and the trigger points by which needed infrastructure must be delivered	Outstanding
Funding	To continue to seek a broad range of funding to continue the Group's work	Ongoing
Building and resourcing the NPG team	Reviewing our effectiveness and encouraging residents to participate	Ongoing

Anthony Bickmore, Chairman, HEGNPG

March 2021



6. **Report from VHM – Chairs Report** **Constitution**

Hunsdon Village Hall is a registered charity, number 302408, which operates under what is known as a Charity Commission Scheme – in plain English, a constitution. This guides everything we do, in particular mentioning our charitable objects, which are “the provision and maintenance of a village hall for use by the inhabitants of the area of benefit without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for:

- (a) meetings, lectures and classes, and
- (b) other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants.”

Strictly speaking, everything we do in the Hall must advance these charitable objects, but we are also allowed to carry out activities which contribute to these objects by raising money to keep the Hall going. The constitution of the Hall also makes provision as to how it is managed.

Trustees

Any charity must have Trustees, whose job is to further the charitable objects of the charity. Trustees have 6 duties:

1. Ensure the charity is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit
2. Comply your charity’s governing document and the law
3. Act in the charity’s best interests
4. Manage the charity’s resources responsibly
5. Act with reasonable care and skill
6. Ensure the charity is accountable

Trustees must act together to ensure that these duties are carried out. The Hall constitution states that the Trustees are the management committee of the Hall. The members of the management committee are stated to be as follows:

- 5 members elected from the community
- 1 member appointed by the Parish Council
- 1 member representing each of the following groups:

- Hunsdon Badminton Club
- Hunsdon Gardening Club
- Hunsdon Local History and Preservation Society
- Quintessence
- Scouts and Cubs
- Hunsdon Carpet Bowls Club
- Hunsdon Over Three Score Club
- The Parochial Church Council
- The Toddler Group

For the last year (ie April 2020-end March 2021) the members have been:



Elected members

Chair	Robin Osterley
Treasurer	Robin Osterley
Buildings Manager	Mike Newman
Bookings Manager	Angela Felstead
Administrator	Jen Simpson

Parish Council appointee

Frank O'Shea

Group representatives

Hunsdon Badminton Club – Julian Butcher
Hunsdon Gardening Club – Diane Dangell
Hunsdon Local History and Preservation Society – Malcolm Slater
Quintessence – Elizabeth Chapman
Scouts and Cubs – Karen Osterley
Hunsdon Carpet Bowls Club – Richard Waters
Hunsdon Over Three Score Club – Diana Gee
The Parochial Church Council – Mark Dunstan
Scrabble Group (Annette Luedtke)
The Toddler Group – Gill Lewis

In addition the constitution states that Hunsdon Parish Council is the Custodian Trustee for the Hall. This is a position which exists solely for the purpose of owning the property (in this case the Hall and its land) and ensure that the management Trustees do not own the property themselves. The Custodian Trustee has no powers of management or influence over the managing Trustees but can assist them with their permission. Finally as a management committee we do have the ability to co-opt up to 2 additional members. We are grateful to all the Trustees for turning up to meetings, providing thoughtful advice and help, and for sharing their time and energy with us.

Activities

Obviously the principal activity that the Hall undertakes is hiring itself out for use by the community as a warm, comfortable and attractive location to undertake events and meetings. Unfortunately the series of lockdowns as a result of the coronavirus pandemic essentially brought these activities to a halt during the period in question, and there is therefore very little to discuss in the way of activities.

Having said that we have managed to use the period of lockdown and the shutting of the Hall very wisely. Mike Newman and Angela Felstead first of all made the hall COVID secure so that reopening could occur as quickly as possible, and we were fortunate in the receipt of a number of government grants which have preserved our financial position quite successfully.



Thanks to the amazing efforts of Angela and Mike the Hall is now ready to reopen fully on May the 17th and indeed has already been some hosting some limited activities. An incredible amount of effort has gone into providing risk assessments for the Hall's activities and I want to put on record my thanks in particular to Angela for her hard work in this unrewarding but incredibly important task.

Rental

The other significant activity that the Hall undertakes is the ownership of its two adjacent properties, Nos 43 and 47 High Street. Both properties have been successfully let all year and this continues to remain an important source of income for us.

Fundraising and finances

As a hospitality venue which was forced to close as a result of government restrictions the Hall has been extremely fortunate to be in receipt of a number of government grants totalling £25340 during the financial year 20/21. As our income from hires had essentially dropped to zero this was a very welcome and indeed necessary contribution to the Hall's finances which essentially kept us afloat during this difficult period. Because the hall's costs have reduced substantially as well now appears to be an excellent time to consider making some maintenance improvements and generally ensuring that the Hall is as good as it can be when reopening occurs in the early part of the next financial year.

Committee officers

This is my last year being involved with Hunsdon Village Hall. It's been a rewarding time, although pressure of the day job has not allowed me to be as committed as I would like to have been. Taking over as Treasurer as well in 2019 meant that a number of the activities as chair were less than thoroughly undertaken, and I would like to thank my volunteer colleagues for stepping into the breach as necessary.

Going forward, I'm delighted to say that Diane Dangell has agreed to take over the treasurership, effective from the new financial year, and she will be a great addition to the business team I am sure. We have yet to find a replacement – see below. Mike Newman continues to do great work with John Felstead on keeping the building intact and up to scratch, and the huge volume of work undertaken by Angela Felstead must be acknowledged – for many people she IS Hunsdon Village Hall, and the enterprise certainly would not be as thriving and successful without.

My thanks to all the VHMC officers and trustees, every one a volunteer, who give up their time to keep the ship on the water.

Chairmanship

Your village hall needs you! As mentioned above I will be standing down as chair at the next Annual General Meeting in June after 3 years and need to be replaced. This is a responsible but not an especially onerous task; duties include chairing meetings, working closely with the executive committee and business team to take decisions about the future of the Hall, and liaising with the management company on the rental of the attached cottages. This role (which is voluntary) would suit someone who has some experience of business and/or charities, has the ability to act as an ambassador for the Hall, and works in a co-operative way with others.



For further information please contact Robin on 07968 185648 or robinosterley@googlemail.com, or email Angela Felstead, Hall Administrator, on angela@hunsdonvillagehall.org.

7. **Report from Hunsdon JMI School Governors**

The Covid-19 pandemic has, of course, dominated matters for the school throughout this year. The first period of government-enforced closure started on 20th March last year and carried through over the Easter break until 1st June. At that point Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 returned full time and some weeks later schools were encouraged to resume education for remaining years as best they could whilst implementing measures to minimise likelihood of transition. Many schools chose to 'take the easy route' and not provide above the minimum but I'm proud to report that our staff managed to provide at least some contact time with every child over that period. Normal schooling resumed with the new academic year in September through until Christmas but within a day of the new term starting in January the instruction came to revert to remote learning for children other than of key workers – and that remained the position until 8th March.

As a governing body, it is impossible for us to express adequately our appreciation of the effort that every single member of the school staff has made in response to the pandemic. As in my previous report, I must single out Jonathan Millward - our headteacher – since it was he who has been in every school day since the crisis began to oversee the classes of key worker pupils – which, towards the latter stages, had increased to more than 40% of normal number on roll – and which were being run by a rota of dedicated Teaching Assistants.

I am sure that every family has found the period of 'lockdown' incredibly difficult and that the disturbance to normal life of having school-age children at home has created problems, however I know from speaking with Mr Millward that parents of our school's pupils have continued to be appreciative of the extraordinary commitment made by our staff to overcome the situation.

As mentioned in last year's report, we were struggling for teaching space with pupil numbers at their maximum but having to cope with loss, due to a small fire, of the Walnut Room – a second-hand Portkabin unit installed nearly 30 years ago to accommodate Ducklings pre-school in its early days. We had been assured that insurance would provide for a like-for-like replacement, but were aware that each of the recent developments in the village had made a Section 106 contribution to primary education. The wording associated with each contribution varied, but each specified or at least implied that it was to allow for expansion of the school – and that was something we were very wary of because the current 'official' intake of 15 per year allows us to run with maximum allowable of 30 per class. Any increase would mean we had to engage more teachers teaching half-empty classes and/or start to split year groups – which is fraught with danger of unhappy parents. Fortunately we were able to reach an agreement whereby we would accommodate an extra 5 children from within the parish every other year – and this freed up the S106 money and allowed us to replace the Walnut Room with something much bigger and better. That went in during March this year and will shortly be in use, but will become the classroom for Year 1 when – with the extra children - we split Years 1 & 2 again in September.



While on the matter of school capacity I should mention the Governors' concern over primary education proposals contained in the current planning application for Village 7, which explicitly makes no provision before the 100th home is occupied but rather asserts that children will be accommodated in local schools. As 'the local school' which cannot accommodate extra children, we registered our concern at the application but, like everyone, else await the outcome with interest.

8. **Cubs / Scouts**

Like other village organisations we have mostly been unable to meet face to face during the last year, but from the beginning of lockdown in March 2020 we set up Zoom calls with the Cubs and Beavers which were very well received and provided some much needed continuity. We were able to celebrate St George's Day in a unique way by recording our promises in advance and submitting them for the film put together by the District team. Hunsdon Cubs found out about the story of St George and painted lots of dragons.

Plenty of artwork was produced during April to June - painted rainbows, made Easter cards for care homes and 100th birthday cards for Dorothy in Widford. Other badges tackled at home and online included Gardener, Communicator, Chef, Animal Carer and Music. The highlight of every zoom call was a scavenger hunt which got sillier and sillier as the weeks went by.

We were able to get back for a few sessions at the end of the year but when the next lockdown arrived we decided to wait for the real thing. It seemed a very long wait, but now restrictions have relaxed a little that time has come, and I am pleased to announce Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are all operating again on a face to face basis, albeit with careful planning and adjustments to account for Covid.

There's plenty to catch up on. We have bookings to go Katanuving and Wobbleboarding, an activity day, a night hike planned, a huge gathering of Cubs from all over the district will be taking place in October, and we will all be going camping as soon as we are allowed.

A big thank you to all our supporters who encouraged us during the last year, and to Rev Mark Dunstan for agreeing to accommodate our mess tent and trailer enabling us to create a second base for Scouts to operate from.

9. **County Councillor report - The County Council Division of Sawbridgeworth Includes High Wych, Eastwick and Gilston, Stanstead Abbots, Hunsdon, Widford, and Wareside. District and County Annual report for civic year April 2020 to March 2021**

Here are a few highlights of reports over the past year from a County and District Perspective

Hertfordshire News around Covid response

Volunteer and People Assistance Cell

The (VAPC) is set up under the Strategic Co-ordinating Group to organise the humanitarian and volunteering response to coronavirus.



Work commenced to contact those residents that are identified as 'shielded' but have yet to respond to the letter from Government; this is around 8000 individuals, but more data continues to be provided by Government. Hertfordshire District and Borough Councils will be contacting these residents to ensure they are well supported and are able to continue to self-isolate for the 12 weeks as advised. If residents do require support the necessary arrangements will be made.

Organisations who need to increase the support from local volunteers

As of 14 April, over 9,000 volunteers had been recruited to the three key voluntary sector organisations working collaboratively on this task: #TeamHerts, Watford3RT and Communities 1st. The number of volunteers deployed to date was over 2,500. There is, understandably some frustration from those volunteers awaiting a role. Volunteers have been kept informed and work is underway to process and match volunteers with appropriate voluntary and community groups; we have streamlined processes where we can.

Organisations who need to increase the support from local volunteers were asked to register with #TeamHerts Volunteering, visit www.thvolunteering.org.uk/organisations and complete the online form. Community groups and Parish and Town Councils who are all working to bridge any gaps in support for their communities were invited to utilise the online helpful resources and guidelines on the [#TeamHerts website](#).

For those residents who need support this remains the point of contact

Residents who are self-isolating and in [need of support from volunteers](#) can visit www.hertshelp.net, email info@hertshelp.net or phone HertsHelp on 0300 123 4044.

Public Health Services update

70 public health clinicians, who were working as school nurses, health visitors, in drug and alcohol services and in sexual health clinics, commissioned by Public Health, have been seconded to help the NHS around the county. This is 54% of the clinical public health workforce.

A number of public health initiatives have also been put in place to help free up doctors and pharmacists so that they can provide vital medication and support for those most vulnerable within our communities. Despite this, much of the health improvement work and vital services that the Public Health Team usually deliver continues.

Essential Public Health services have moved online; many consultations are taking place virtually;.

Highways

We reviewed our work programmes to identify what could be resumed safely by altering our usual methods of delivery, to ones that comply with the government requirements on social distancing. In these ever changing circumstances we have decided it prudent to take the opportunity to resume the following activities whilst the necessary resources are available. All these activities will help to ensure the highway network remains safe and operational for the vital services that need to use it and for the general public.

Variable Message Signs – Support the NHS and Care Workers

We have now added a new message to our VMS to show thanks to the NHS and Care Workers. The message shown below was displayed last night (Thursday 16th April) and will be displayed



every Thursday (7pm-9pm) for the next 3 weeks. This is also being shared across our social media.

Countryside and Rights of Way

Countryside and Rights of Way (CRoW) staff produce a monthly eNews bulletin, Walking in Hertfordshire, which forms part of the Update Me stream. It focussed on keeping active locally. In particular it has promoted the key Government messages regarding social distancing, reducing unnecessary journeys and taking exercise outdoors through walking and cycling on the 3000km of Hertfordshire's Rights of Way network – footpaths and bridleways.



Support for care homes

The Minister of State for Care had [written to council leaders supporting](#) care homes. Council chief executives were being asked to lead a process to develop care home support plans by 29 May, working with CCGs and taking into account the views of health and care providers. These plans were published on council websites and were subject to a regional and national review process.

The letter also included further information on the new Adult Social Care Infection Control and Workforce Resilience Fund. This follows the announcement from the Prime Minister yesterday of £600 million in additional funding for COVID-19 pressures in care homes. This funding supported adult social care providers to reduce the rate of transmission in, and between, care homes and support wider workforce resilience.

Hertfordshire Crowdfunding webpage launched to help local charities and businesses

Hertfordshire County Council has joined with partners to launch a new Hertfordshire wide crowdfunding platform this week giving local groups and organisations an opportunity to secure funds in a new way.

Crowdfunding is a digital method of raising finance by asking a large number of people to each give a small amount of money. Organisations and individuals can add their projects onto a crowdfunding webpage and use social media and their networks to build support and enthusiasm for their ideas, amassing pledges from the community, public and private organisations to achieve their funding target.

Hertfordshire Libraries launched a new “Ready Reads” lending service.

Ready Reads rolled out across 10 sites from Monday 6 July 2020, the service allowed users to collect a pre-selected book pack to read at home.

Customers will be notified when their books are ready for collection from the door or lobby of the library while observing social distancing guidelines. All returned items will be placed in quarantine for 72 hours before going back into circulation.

Stay Safe Hertfordshire Summer 2020

A campaign to support the safe re-opening of Hertfordshire's high streets



Hertfordshire County Council worked with district and borough councils and other organisations across the county to launch a new 'Stay Safe Hertfordshire' campaign, which supports the safe re-opening of Hertfordshire's town centres.

As part of the campaign, Hertfordshire's Behaviour Change Unit has developed a toolkit for businesses to provide advice and resources that will help them re-open their premises safely. [The toolkit for businesses is available to view and download here.](#) The toolkit includes a suite of posters that can be displayed in the premises to encourage social distancing and other behaviours that will help to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

Changes were made to road layouts in town centres, which have been put in place to allow for safer social distancing for pedestrians and to make it easier for active travel.

Nine Herts councils received housing support for vulnerable people

Vulnerable people who were housed during the pandemic were helped to stay in accommodation thanks to the allocations of funding announced by the Housing Secretary Rt Hon Robert Jenrick. [£91.5 million allocated to 274 councils in England to help vulnerable people housed during the pandemic.](#)

How should speed limits be set in Hertfordshire?

A consultation on the draft plan was open until 12 September 2020. Hertfordshire County Council consulted on a new strategy for setting speed limits on the county's roads, including clearer guidance on introducing 20mph speed limits to protect pedestrians and cyclists.

Reviewing our plans for the county's waste

Hertfordshire County Council reviewed its Waste Local Plan to ensure that the county has the right mix of facilities to deal with the waste produced by residents and businesses.

Hertfordshire is projected to be producing 4.4 million tonnes of waste a year by 2033 – an increase of almost 1m tonnes a year from current levels.

Hertfordshire already produces more waste than it can manage locally, and with the county's population expected to rise by up to 175,000 by 2031, and up to 100,000 new homes and 100,000 new jobs being created over the same period, we will need significantly more capacity to recycle, recover and dispose of our waste in future.

As the Waste Planning Authority for Hertfordshire, the county council needs to set out strategic policies for managing the county's waste, and identify the types of facilities needed. These could include recycling centres, transfer stations, composting facilities or disposal facilities.

East Hertfordshire Growth and Transport Plan

The draft East, and South East Growth & Transport Plan (GTP), covering the towns of Bishop's Stortford and Sawbridgeworth, down to Hertford, Ware, Hoddesdon, Broxbourne, Cheshunt and Waltham Cross, and the key transport links between these towns and to surrounding areas, went to public consultation in October to December 2020. The aim was to refine the initial schemes and packages that considers the key problems and opportunities which currently exist or may in the future on the transport network and identifies what types of interventions are needed to improve the transport network.

The East Hertfordshire GTP has been developed at the same time as the South East Hertfordshire GTP due to the number of linked trips between the areas.

Local Outbreak Plan. The Hertfordshire Approach. In the autumn the Government asked every Council to create a Local Outbreak Plan, with an officer Board, called the Health Protection Board,



overseen by a Board of elected members. In Hertfordshire the Elected Member Board is chaired by David Williams, Leader of the County Council, with Tim Hutchings the Executive Member for Public Health and Prevention as Deputy Chair, and comprises the leaders of the County Council, the District and Borough Councils and the Police and Crime Commissioner. The published outbreak plan can be found at this link www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/outbreakplan and is a live document. The Health Protection Board is a multi-agency board of partners working together to reduce and manage outbreaks of infection.

The Elected Member Board agreed the creation of a countywide approach to events, within the framework of legislation and guidance.

The Hertfordshire approach, overseen by the Health Protection Board in partnership with all relevant agencies is in short:

1. To enable events which are lawfully and safely planned to proceed lawfully and safely, and ensure they are COVID-19 secure
2. To ensure that events can remain dignified while being safe
3. To use existing event notification systems to do this
4. To require everyone organising an event to undertake a suitable COVID risk assessment, to ensure that the event happens safely
5. Maintain social distancing for all gatherings in accordance with current government guidance
6. To work cooperatively with organisers, including (i) seeking to agree any necessary measures with organisers if possible, (ii) applying restrictions rather than prohibitions where practical, and (ii) using enforcement powers only where this is necessary.

Sustainable Hertfordshire

In 2019 the County Council declared a climate emergency. The public engagement was open from **02 November 2020**

The county council's ambitions for leading in our own operations are:

Carbon neutral for our own operations by 2030

All operations and services are ready for future climates

Improve biodiversity on our land by 20% by 2030

Reduce what we throw away. Send nothing to landfill by 2030

The county council's ambitions for enabling and inspiring a sustainable county are:

Net zero greenhouse gas county before 2050

Our communities are ready for future climates



Improve wildlife in our land and water by 20% by 2050

Clean air for all by 2030

Increase resource efficiency threefold in the County by 2050

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/consultations/environment/sustainable-hertfordshire-strategy.aspx#>

Diversity & inclusion Strategy

This consultation opened on **21 October 2020**

The council's current Diversity & inclusion Strategy was due to end in 2020. This survey asked residents to inform how we deliver a new strategy that:

- Works with communities to ensure that our services are responsive to our diverse population
- Works in partnership across all sectors to make Hertfordshire a safe and inclusive County of Opportunity for all its residents.

Hertfordshire County Council provides a number of services. This includes; Adult Social Services, Children's Services, Education, Libraries, Roads, Fire and Rescue, Citizenship Services and Public Health. A full list of services can be found here. To help us understand both the needs of our communities and how we can work better together, we would be grateful if you could complete the short set of questions below.

The Equality and Diversity team has worked with a number of stakeholders over the last year to identify how to develop the new strategy that meets the needs of Hertfordshire's diverse population.

School Holiday food vouchers press release

Hertfordshire received nearly £2.5 million pounds which would fund up until the end of this financial year to April. County Council's Conservative administration has moved quickly to provide food vouchers during the school holidays following the Government's grant of nearly £2.5m to Hertfordshire.

The Council extended it and will be providing food vouchers to the value of £15 per week for each child in the County that receives free school meals during the school holidays from Christmas 2020 to Summer Half Term 2021, inclusive.

HCC have commissioned Family Fund Trust (FFT) to manage the process of buying and sharing digital vouchers,

Hertfordshire schools come top of the class in national performance tables

The Sunday Times singled out the nation's top 500 secondary schools in its recently published 2020 guide and 25 Hertfordshire schools were included, an impressive five per cent of the UK total. The schools were ranked by performance according to the results of their A'Level and GCSE examinations taken in the summer of 2019.

The 25 Hertfordshire schools ranked within the top 500 state secondary schools are (position in brackets):

Dame Alice Owen's School, Potters Bar (33)



Hockerill Anglo-European College, Bishop's Stortford (41=)

Watford Grammar School for Girls, Watford (73)

Watford Grammar School for Boys, Watford (119)

St George's School, Harpenden (139)

The Herts and Essex High School, Bishop's Stortford (153)

Beaumont School, St Albans (170)

Sandringham School, St Albans (171)

St Albans Girls' School, St Albans (172)

The Broxbourne School, Broxbourne (235)

Hitchin Girls' School, Hitchin (238)

Presdales, Ware (259)

Roundwood Park School, Harpenden (276)

The Bishop's Stortford High School, Bishop's Stortford (321)

The John Henry Newman RC School, Stevenage (326)

Rickmansworth School, Rickmansworth (336=)

Queen's School, Bushey (339)

The Hemel Hempstead School, Hemel Hempstead (351=)

Loreto College, St Albans (389)

St Joan of Arc RC School, Rickmansworth (417)

Richard Hale School, Hertford (457)

The Highfield School, Letchworth Garden City (459)

Stanborough School, Welwyn Garden City (480)

The Priory School, Hitchin (490)

The Leventhorpe School, Sawbridgeworth (495)

Police and Crime Commissioner plans for Hertfordshire's largest ever police force

Hertfordshire is set for its largest ever police force, funded by a planned a £1.25 a month Council Tax increase. (£15) Police and Crime Commissioner David Lloyd is aiming to fund extra frontline officers as part of a £14.1m budget increase, on top of the number provided by the government national uplift programme.

The Commissioner's budget proposal would increase the total number in the ranks to 2,267 in the next financial year, with a total of 167 new officers joining. The government is funding 90 officers to be in post by April 2022, while the Commissioner's planned precept rise would pay for another 77 officers.



Locality Gant awards made by Cllr Eric Buckmaster

Applicant organisation

Sawbridgeworth Evangelical Congregational Ch	1000
CAB/CAS	500
Sawbridgeworth town Council	1000
Friends of Sawbridgeworth Neuro Centres	750
Isabel Hospice	500
Herts Vision Loss	1000
Make Lunch Charity Sawbridgeworth	500
Red Balloon family educational boxes	150
Herts Young Homeless	500
Aspects	500
Carers in Herts	300
CHIPS	150
Sawbridgeworth Bowling Club	750
Hunsdon Parish Council	239.50
Sawbridgeworth Young Peoples Recreation centre	1,000
Grove Cottage BS Mencap	500
Sawbridgeworth Congregational food boxes	1100
Gt St Marys PCC community hall	750
Widford Play area and field	350
Wareside	450
Sawbridgeworth Cricket club	750
Stanstead St Margarets + Benefice	500
East Herts	500



Gilston Parish Council	1000
Kit out volunteers for vaccinations	260.5

Total £15,000

East Herts Cultural Strategy. In my Wellbeing Portfolio at East Herts I am introducing a Cultural Strategy for the District. The purpose is to increase participation and access to the arts and culture for all but particularly for those in more disadvantaged circumstances. The intention is to encourage providers and volunteers to come together to share the gifts of our arts, culture, heritage and our creative industries with established and new audiences alike. We know the potential of arts, culture and creativity in enriching people's lives and we all have our part to play to ensure everyone can enjoy and be inspired by the exciting and unexpected cultural opportunities on offer. I see this as very much connecting with the Social Prescribing Service I introduced a couple of years ago and the Healthy Hubs launched just before the first lockdown as a means of accessing lifestyle support and advice.

New Homes Bonus Change New awards of the New Homes Bonus (NHB) were due to have ended but this was given a one year reprieve by

government. Given the pressures on the overall budget and the need to protect the council's cash flow it is proposed to end the

automatic payment of NHB resources to Town and Parish Councils. Instead an amount equivalent to the 25% normally paid over to Town and Parish Councils will be held in reserves for eligible Town and Parish Councils to bid for. The payments will be conditional on the Town and Parish Council: having local Member endorsement of the bid; that the bid amount is capped at the amount they would have received under the previous arrangement; that they have spent all New Homes Bonus previously received and that the scheme being bid for meets one or more of the council's SEED priorities.

County Budget. Investment to support those in need, protect the environment and make Hertfordshire more sustainable are the key priorities in the council's spending and budget plans for the year ahead

Councillors today (Tuesday 23 February) agreed the budget for 2021/22, which includes an increase of 2% for the adult social care precept and an additional 1.99% for general council tax, meaning a total increase to council tax of 3.99%. This works out at an extra £1.08 a week for average Band D households.

The county council has decided to not take up the option of increasing the adult social care precept to 3% this year and will instead collect the remaining 1% next year in 2022/23.

The key areas highlighted within the budget are:

- Supporting the vulnerable and COVID recovery: This includes funding for additional numbers of people needing support and increases in the National Living Wage, in addition to providing the Voluntary Sector with an enhanced package to support COVID recovery. This will be broadly met by the extra 2% in social care precept. Investment will also be made in safeguarding to support vulnerable individuals in care. This is on top of further investment to enable care worker pay increases and funding for the Domestic Violence Service, and to provide support for the future transformation of disability services;

Hertfordshire County Council secures £23.5m to combat Climate Change



Hertfordshire County Council has successfully secured a further £8.5m of funding from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme, managed by Salix Finance, to help fight the climate change emergency in the county.

The county council's success in securing a second and third application from this scheme brings its total funding to £23.5m. In January it successfully secured £15m of funding from its first application.

The Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme enables public sector organisations to tackle climate change by delivering capital energy efficiency schemes and heating decarbonisation projects. This funding means the county council can now deliver several sustainability led projects at a number of its sites including its school estate, fire stations, libraries and main office buildings.

Some of the many projects include the installation of solar panels across 128 council owned buildings, the installation of an air source heat pump across our Mundell's estate and the delivery of improved cavity wall insulation across a further 15 school sites.

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Loan scheme for large businesses expanded

[The Coronavirus Large Business Interruption Loan Scheme was launched](#). All viable businesses with turnover of more than £45m were able to apply for government-backed support. Firms with turnover of more than £250 million can borrow up to £50 million from lenders. The scheme complemented existing support including the Covid Corporate Financing Facility and the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme.

East Herts [Covid19 Business Grant - update on payments page](#).

Around 80pc of eligible business fall below the Business Rate Threshold so East Herts District Council does not have data on these businesses including bank account details etc. Therefore much of the work is handled manually and takes time. It was important that businesses go online at East Herts and complete the necessary application form. The Government funding for business interruption has continued and which East Herts issues to applicable businesses and premises such as community halls.

Leisure Centres and Parks

All of our existing leisure centres closed owing to Covid lockdown and are now opening according to the timetable of easing restrictions

Grange Paddocks new Leisure Centre. The contractor proceeded with the construction at an appropriate pace subject to any restrictions and ability to receive supplies etc. I had a tour of the construction site on 27th April 2021 and laid the final tile in the wall of the 25mtre pool. Great progress has been made and opening is expected by the end of September.

Hartham Leisure Centre expansion and upgrade received planning permission and a contractor Cadman has been appointed. Work will take place over the next 18 months and arrangements will be made to limit disruption to users.

Hertford Theatre Also closed during lockdowns. The Theatre is currently open but is expected to close in June to decant following planning approval for the expansion of the auditorium, addition of 3 cinemas, studio theatre and café.

Council Operation. Council business continued but in a different form but face to face meetings are now replaced by Zoom meetings including any Board meetings associated with council major projects. Members had been trained on Zoom so that committee meetings such as Development



Management may resume. Waste Collection continues to work well. The brown bin/garden collections are now an optional chargeable service at £49 per annum. Take up of the service has so far achieved to target of 45%.

Revised Gilston applications

PfP Villages 1-6 and CPP village 7

Consultations were originally expected to take place in Autumn 2020 with a target committee meeting in December. These were delayed. The Development Management Committee at East Herts is now expected to consider the applications in June.

Use of Compulsory Purchase powers in the gilston area

It was resolved in principle, (and subject to Harlow District Council resolving to follow the same course of action) the Council be prepared to use powers available to it under section 226(1)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to compulsorily purchase land in the Gilston area, as generally shown on the plans at Appendix 1 to the report, to enable the construction of transport infrastructure to support the delivery of the Gilston Area allocation in the East Herts District Plan (The Gilston Area Allocation) and the achievement of the wider strategic planning benefits referred to in the report;

(B) that the Executive delegates authority to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Head of Planning, to enter into a Compulsory Purchase Order Indemnity Agreement (CPO IA) in relation to this matter, on behalf of the Council; and

(C) that the Executive and Council note that Officers will undertake the work needed to prepare for a possible Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) together with the associated documentation and, if necessary, will bring a further report back to the Executive and Council seeking authority to make a CPO.

Eric Buckmaster April 2021

10. Report on Hunsdon Recreation Area

Playground

At the beginning of 2020 the Parish Council received Section 106 money from the housing developments in Ellison Close and Acorn Street for improvements to the playground and the tennis courts. The Parish Council was also awarded a Community Grant of £8,000 from East Herts Council to install a zip wire, and the Parish Room Trust donated £1500 towards the cost of picnic benches. This gave a total of £32,318.50 towards the playground and £14,498.20 towards the tennis courts.



At the end of August Kompan began work on the playground, replacing the fencing and installing a zip wire, new pedestrian gate, basket swing, 2 flat swings, 2 cradle swings, a small playhouse and associated surfacing plus 3 picnic benches.

The result has been that a once severely underused playground is now full of children and parents using all the facilities. A zip wire was the most popular choice of children during consultations and, as expected, it is proving to be the star attraction for the children now.

Because of Covid-19 restrictions an opening party was unable to be held, but is currently in planning for the summer. I am also in the process of providing East Herts Council with monitoring reports as required as part of the Community Grant award.

Multi-Use Games Area

HPC is currently in negotiations with Bidwells, the agents for the Diocese of St Albans, on the lease of the tennis courts. I have 2 quotes for the Multi Games Area planned for the tennis courts, and when the lease is agreed I will start applying for funding – approximately £100,000!

Also in the planned is an outdoor gym for older children and adults. Funding sources are being explored for this. Cost around £10,000.

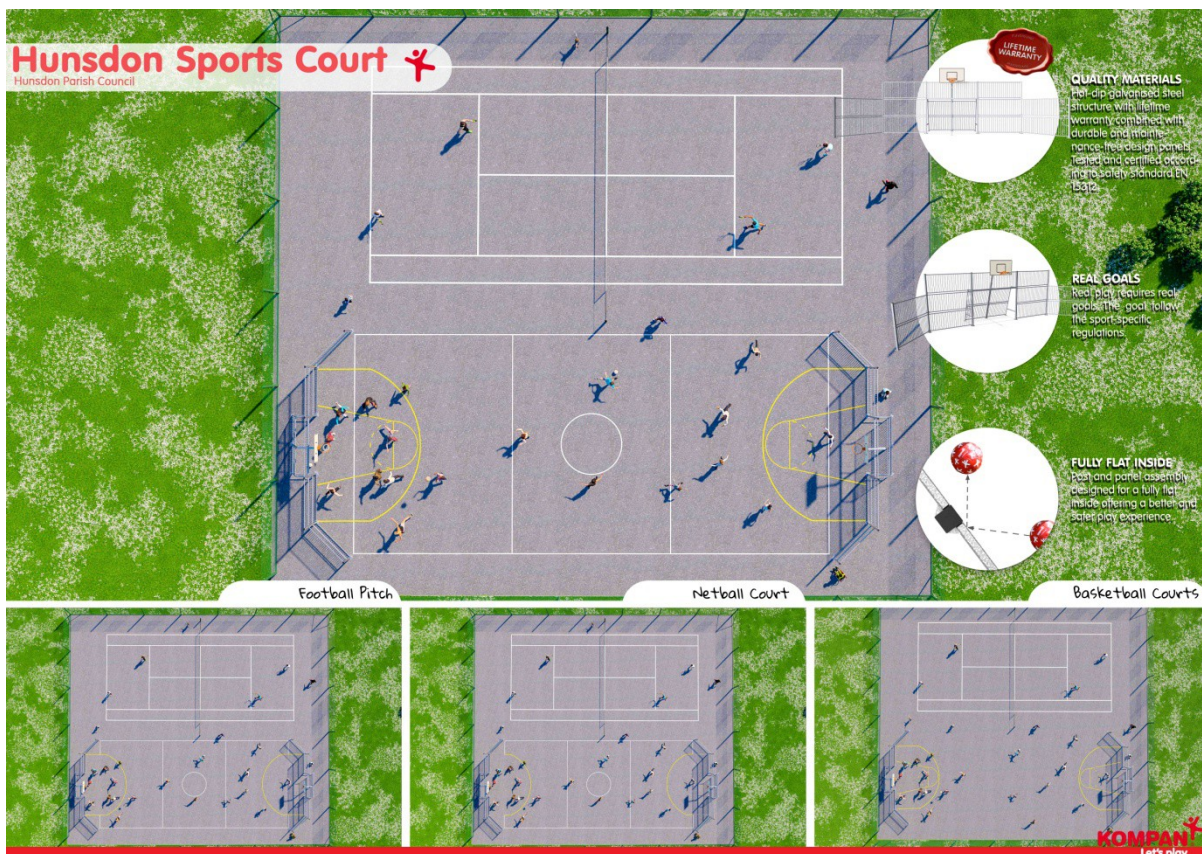
At present most funding is tied to Covid-19 related projects, so obtaining funding may not be easy.



Hunsdon Playground 2015



Hunsdon Playground 2021



Plans for a Multi Use Games Area on the tennis courts

Jackie Carthy

11. Parish Clerk's Report – 2020/21

The precept for 2020/21 was £15,268. The precept for 2021/2022 will increase to £21,000, to ensure the precept covers the day to day running of the village. A detailed breakdown of the



accounts is shown over the page and the Council's books will be available for inspection later this year.

At the close of business on 5th April 2021, the end of our financial year, the Parish Council had £49,777 in its Bank Account.

The Council has its own website, <http://www.hunsdon.org.uk>, on which Council minutes, agendas, statutory documents, and audit documents [when available later this month] are available.

Our litter pickers continue to do a good job. East Herts funds our litter pickers – £1,942 pa. Despite their hard work, it is not possible for them to clear every part of the parish on a regular basis, due to Health and Safety they are unable to clear beyond the village boundary. I would like to see parishioners taking care of the areas around their homes by clearing some of the litter left by the thoughtless and uncaring, keeping to the pavements though and not stepping into the roads. The Council would very much like to thank those who already voluntarily clear litter.

The Council's thanks go to the Gardening club who keeps our flower planters looking beautiful throughout the year. We are looking to purchase two wooden planters to go next to the bench on the Memorial green.

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Financial position for the year 2020 to 2021

Revenue Expenditure						Capital Expenditure					
Credit						Credit					
	Budget	To date	Remaining period	Year	Variance		Budget	To date	Remaining period	Year	Variance
B/F General	£23,000.00	£23,000.00		£23,000.00	£0.00	B/F Special Projects	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
Precept	£15,268.00	£15,268.00		£15,268.00	£0.00	s 106	£37,316.70	£37,316.70		£37,316.70	£0.00
Litter Picker	£1,971.00	£1,942.12		£1,942.12	-£28.88	East Herts Community Grant	£8,000.00	£8,000.00		£8,000.00	£0.00
Allotment rents	£320.00	£489.00		£489.00	£169.00	Parish Room Trust	£1,500.00	£1,500.00		£1,500.00	£0.00
VAT refund rev		£967.65		£967.65	£967.65	VAT refund Cap	£6,463.60	£6,829.67		£6,829.67	£366.07
Grant Neighbourhood Plan		£3,000.00		£3,000.00	£3,000.00	New Homes Bonus		£6,208.00		£6,208.00	£6,208.00
s 137		£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	s 137		£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
Parish Paths Partnership Grant		£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	Business rates grant		£10,000.00		£10,000.00	£10,000.00
Santander Interest		£277.97		£277.97	£277.97						
Matched funding for clerks computer		£239.50		£239.50	£239.50						
Totals	£40,559.00	£45,184.24	£0.00	£45,184.24	£4,625.24	Totals	£53,280.30	£69,854.37	£0.00	£69,854.37	£16,574.07
Debit											
Administration	£2,262.81	£3,355.17		£3,355.17	£1,092.36	Playground Equipment	£38,781.60	£39,287.31		£39,287.31	£505.71
Litter picker	£1,600.00	£1,560.00		£1,560.00	-£40.00	Inspection for Equipment					
Salary	£5,400.00	£5,316.88		£5,316.88	-£83.12						
s 137	£620.00	£805.24		£805.24	£185.24						
Allotments	£427.00	£394.19		£394.19	-£32.81						
Playing Field	£593.63	£475.00		£475.00	-£118.63						
Rest of village	£1,100.00	£673.76		£673.76	-£426.24						
Grounds Maintenance	£5,400.00	£2,735.00		£2,735.00	-£2,665.00						
VH donation	£4,000.00	£0.00		£0.00	-£4,000.00						
Neighbourhood Plan	£8,500.00	£9,309.18		£9,309.18	£809.18						
NP Communicator Co-ordinator	£1,000.00	£0.00		£0.00	-£1,000.00						
Churchyard donation	£1,000.00	£0.00		£0.00	-£1,000.00						
S111 consultants	£1,000.00	£350.00		£350.00	-£650.00						
Tennis Court Legal costs	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00						
PC Community Groups Award	£500.00	£0.00		£0.00	-£500.00						
Working capital reserve	£2,500.00	£0.00		£0.00	-£2,500.00						
Defibrillator funding	£196.35	£0.00		£0.00	-£196.35						
War Memorial - Grant	£500.00	£0.00		£0.00	-£500.00						
Conservation area	£1,500.00	£0.00		£0.00	-£1,500.00						
Footpaths grant	£1,000.00	£1,000.00		£1,000.00	£0.00						
Totals	£39,099.79	£25,974.42	£0.00	£25,974.42	-£13,125.37	Totals	£38,781.60	£39,287.31	£0.00	£39,287.31	£505.71
Surplus	£1,459.21	£19,209.82	£0.00	£19,209.82	£17,750.61	Surplus	£14,498.70	£30,567.06	£0.00	£30,567.06	£16,068.36
Totals											
Revenue Surplus	£1,459.21	£19,209.82	£0.00	£19,209.82	£17,750.61						
Capital Surplus	£14,498.70	£30,567.06	£0.00	£30,567.06	£16,068.36						
Total Surplus	£15,957.91	£49,776.88	£0.00	£49,776.88	£33,818.97						



12. Police Report – PCSO DeBruyn

With regards to ECHO please see the below:

“Echo is the Herts police communication platform for local communities to use to let us know what area’s the think police should be focusing on. The feedback received by each community is automatically assessed and reviewed and discussed at the Local Policing Priorities meeting which takes place each quarter.

This information contributes to new policing priorities being set for the next quarter.

The Local Policing Priorities for the current quarter were set on 24th March 2021. They are:

*To reduce Agricultural plant theft
Speeding*

Local SNT officers have conducted several speed checks over [the past months and will continue to do so from information received from police reports and Echo.](#)”