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Other police issues were raised, which included the theft of a catalytic converter from the Memorial Hall car park and to note that crime in general is on the increase. It was agreed that the Chairman would write to PCSO Higham to ask for her observations and whether she has any background on patterns of criminal behaviour. It was also agreed to raise concerns about the increasing dangerous and illegal use of electro scooters.

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## 22.055 Reports by County and District Councillors

County Cllr Eric Buckmaster's July County report is included in these Minutes as Appendix B.

It was agreed that the Chairman would check with the Gilston action group regarding a response to the HCC 2022 Minerals & Waste consultation.

TP

## 22.056 Planning

### 1. New Applications:

3/22/1183/FUL	Sayes Park Farm: Change of use grain silo to Class B1 <b>RESOLVED: No objections</b>	Clerk
3/22/1205/FUL	Sayes Park Farm: Cladding glass house with painted weatherboard <b>RESOLVED: No objections</b>	Clerk
3/22/1314/FUL	Bonneys Row, High Wych: Redevelopment of the site; remove existing dwelling and replace with new, plus landscaping. <b>RESOLVED: Status of existing to be checked</b>	DS
3/22/1193/FUL	Fryars Farm, High Wych: Change of use agricultural to residential <b>RESOLVED: No objections</b>	Clerk
3/19/1045/HH	Land north of the Stort Valley and the A414, Gilston: outline planning <b>RESOLVED: Status to be checked</b>	TP

2. **Decision Notices.** As detailed in Appendix A below – for information only

3. **Other planning matters,** including items received too late for the agenda

1. Late applications: None
2. Manor of Groves listed gates concerns: Agreed that no further action required.

## 22.057 Finance

### 1. Treasurer's Report for 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022

#### The account balances as at 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Current Account balance	£736.74	
Deposit Account balance	£16,000.00	
Petty cash	£ 0.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£16,736.74</b>	

DS/Clerk

#### Accounts Reconciliation as at 05/07/2022

	Current Account	Deposit Account	Total
Actual bank balances	£736.74	£16,000.00	£16,736.74
Balance as per books			£16,677.94
Difference			£58.80
Cheques to pay in			£0.00
Scheduled payments	HMRC PAYE		£58.80

#### Key points

- The Jubilee Picnic in the Park was well supported. There was a contribution of £223.17 from the BBQ which has been allocated to the Community Fund
- As agreed at the previous meeting, a 5 litre flagon of weedkiller was purchased for use in the Car Park and surrounds
- A Jubilee grant of £150 was made to AGA for their celebrations
- The annual insurance has been paid to Zurich and the HTC have refunded their portion of the premium. As agreed at the May meeting, a grant of £250 was made to HTC to enable them to meet their contribution for the year given the unexpected increase.
- General Reserve is forecast to be £3,574

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Unanimously **RESOLVED: to approve the Treasurer's Accounts Report and Bank Reconciliation for 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

## 2. Payments (gross) All expenditure made under The General Power of Competence

	Value	VAT incl
Accountancy & Book-keeping Services: Internal audit	130.00	
Philip Knott: grass cutting	290.00	
Clerk: Mileage	10.80	
Clerk: telephone and home working allowance	11.00	
Gardeners Dream: Weedkiller	69.99	11.66
Allen's Green Village Hall: Jubilee Grant to Allen's Green	150.00	
Clerk: salary May	234.80	
Dawn Ashworth: Clean and paint bus shelter	100.00	
Harlow Theatre Company: Grant for insurance	250.00	
Color-Board: Litter picking May	96.00	16.00
Zurich: Insurance (excluding pavilion)	440.33	
Zurich: Insurance (pavilion)	532.60	
HWMH: Hall hire May	30.00	
HMRC: Income tax	58.60	
Dawn Ashworth: Jubilee refreshments	191.25	
Janet Bellingham: Jubilee gifts	26.78	
Castle Water: water bill	135.98	
Philip Knott: grass cutting	360.00	
High Wych PCC: The Link colour supplement	90.00	
Clerk: salary June	234.60	
Color-Board: Litter picking June	96.00	16.00
HMRC: Income tax	58.80	
<b>Total (gross)</b>	<b>£ 3,597.53</b>	
<b>VAT included To be reclaimed under VAT Act 1994 (1), (3)</b>		<b>£ 43.66</b>

Unanimously **RESOLVED: to approve all payments as per the Treasurer's report, including the Clerk's expenses of £23.85**

DS/Clerk

### 3. Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2021/22

The Clerk reported that the external auditor, PKF Littlejohn, has noted the Parish Council's exempt status and will not be undertaking a review unless they receive a request from a parishioner as a result of the Notice of Public Rights. There will therefore be no external audit charge this year. It was noted that the Exercise of Public Rights period closed on 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

Clerk

22.058

#### 1. Highways

1. Pavement parking in High Wych Lane. No change to ongoing issues.
2. Overgrown hedges, update: The Clerk reported that the Manor of Groves has still not yet fulfilled its undertaking to trim back its hedge on Bakers Lane.  
The allotments hedge is the responsibility of the Allotments Association.
3. HCC Highways heavy road surfacing plant parked on Allen's Green Village Green in April: No further action taken.
4. Beanfield Road, Bakers Lane, and Slough Road closures and works were noted.

Clerk/  
TP

#### 2. Footpaths and other Public Rights of Way (PRoW)

1. Modification Order for footpath near Broadfields, recording the continuation of the Footpath to the Public Rights of Way map: Ongoing with Cllr Tom Payne: This is currently about no. 276 on the PRoW priority list.
2. Footpath Broadfields to High Wych Lane: Clarion ownership ongoing with Cllr Tom Payne who will check the status with Cllr Eric Buckmaster.
3. There has been a complaint that the footpath from the car park to the playing field is again overgrown, particularly with brambles, and is impassable in places. The PRoW

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	Officer to be contacted to clear it.	Clerk
	<b>3. Other Parish Matters</b>	
	<b>1. High Wych Memorial Hall and car park</b> 2023 is the HWMH Centenary and events are being planned with HTC to raise funds for both HTC and HWMH. New doors and windows are due to be installed in August.  See note re car park at item 3.4 below.	DS
	<b>2. Bus shelter</b>	
	1. No updates from EHDC regarding the replacement of the bin by the bus shelter.	DS
	2. Refurbishment: Completed. There is an issue with the Village Stores sign on the shelter and the Parish Council notice board at the Store. Cllr John Andreotti to discuss with the store owner to see if a quid pro quo arrangement can be agreed.	JA
	<b>3. Commemorative Village sign</b>	
	1. No update on when it will be installed - still awaiting the wooden post which is being cut to size by a company in Gilston. Lease is back with EHC legal dept to finalise land lease.	DS/ Clerk
	<b>4. QEII Platinum Jubilee "Queen's Green Canopy" (QGC) trees initiative</b> The Chairman said he had received no feedback on suggestions for potential sites, but Mansfield may be the most probable. Also, the car park where trees could replace those cut down earlier in the year, the alternative being to resurface the car park to the boundary fence to make approximately four more parking places Resurfacing would cost about £20k. The next deadline for ordering trees is October.	TP
	<b>Other news:</b> Planning is under way for the annual Scarecrow event in September. The theme this year will be tortoises.	DS
22.059	<b>1. Playing Fields and buildings</b>	
	<b>1. Harlow Theatre Company</b> update	
	1. Some refurbishment work is ongoing. See also note at 22.058.3.1 above.	
	<b>2. Play area</b>	
	1. New equipment and S106 funding: This has ground to a halt due to new plans not complying with EHC requirements – Cllr Keith Jordan is putting together a plan matrix for EHC approval. Also, S106 funds availability to be confirmed.	KJ
	2. Annual RPII inspection: Due to be undertaken W/C 25 <sup>th</sup> July.	Clerk
	<b>3. Boundary hedge</b> The Chairman agreed to contact Cllr Gareth Emanuel to consider the best way forward.	TP/GE
	<b>2. Allotments report</b>	
	(i) Overgrown boundary hedge: As discussed at 22.058.2, the allotments hedge is the responsibility of the Allotments Association.	DS
	(ii) There has been a complaint that cockerels being kept on the allotment are causing a nuisance to nearby residents. The Clerk to write to the tenants concerned to advise that It is illegal for cockerels to be kept on allotments and that they should be removed (Allotments Act 1950 s12(1) and to clause v of the tenancy agreement).  This to be clarified on the new Tenancy Agreements going out for renewal in October.	Clerk DS
	(iii) It was agreed that The Chairman will take over the maintain of the Register and that the Clerk will take responsibility for the administration of renewing annual tenancies. The Allotment association to be responsible for arranging new tenancies.	TP/ Clerk
22.060	<b>Correspondence:</b> The list of correspondence was noted as it appeared on the Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Parishioner: Overgrown footpath car park to playing field (22.058.2.3)</li></ul>	
22.061	<b>Late items and items for future agendas</b>	
	1. Late items: None requested.	
	2. Future agendas: Scarecrow Festival September meeting	

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**22.062 Date and venue of next Meeting:**  
8pm, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at High Wych Memorial Hall.

Clerk

*Clerk's note: The September meeting was subsequently postponed until 12<sup>th</sup> October due to the National Days of Mourning following the death of HM QEII on 8<sup>th</sup> September.*

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Signed.....

## APPENDIX A

**22.056.2 22.056.2 PLANNING DECISION NOTICES for information only as at 19<sup>th</sup> July**

<b>3/20/1665/HH Sweetdews Barn</b>	<b>APPEALED</b>	<b>Ref 00003/REFUSE</b>	<b>APPEAL ALLOWED</b>
<b>3/22/1036/PNHH Templewood:</b>	Single storey rear extension. Presumption that planning permission is not required		<b>PNH REFUSED</b>
<b>3/22/0737/HH Great Penny's Barn:</b>	Erect cart lodge		<b>Awaited</b>
<b>3/22/0718/FUL Land at Primrose Cottage, High Wych Road:</b>	Change of use to provide 6 pitches for the travelling community.		<b>Awaited</b>
<b>3/22/0076/HH Andor, Slough Road:</b>	remove conservatory. Loft conversion and new extension.		<b>Appeal awaited</b>
<b>REFUSED and APPEALED</b>			
<b>3/21/2998/LBC Carters Barns:</b>	Variation of Condition 2, 3/19/2224/LBC.		<b>Awaited</b>
<b>3/21/1400/FUL Sayes Park Farm:</b>	Change of use – barns to residential		<b>Awaited</b>
<b>3/21/0824/FUL Land at Leaky Cauldron Corner:</b>	Erect 4 No. 4-bed dwellings		<b>Awaited</b>
<b>3/20/0633/FUL Crumps Farm</b>	<b>APPEALED</b>	<b>Ref 00/00008/REFUSE</b>	<b>Appeal awaited</b>

## APPENDIX B

### County report for July 2022

Cllr Eric Buckmaster

### Local Highways Matters

School Lane TRO for Double Yellow Lines on bends to be sealed in August

Bullfields DYLS waiting for final statutory consultation

The Orchards DYLS on bends waiting for statutory consultation

Data for speed and volumes North and East Sawbridgeworth looks favourable. As everyone knows the process includes getting into budget and two rounds of consultation. I'll be looking for the quickest possible way.

Have booked Speed and Volumes for West of Town

Sheering Mill Lane No Entry we are chasing consultations on the final design

I have sent members the Local Growth and Transport Plans for which I will encourage officers to apply for funding for deliverable schemes.

### Minerals and Waste Plan Regulation 18 Consultation

The matter is due to go to cabinet on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July and Full Council on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>. The plan allocates 3 sites for minerals extraction, Briggens, Hatfield Aerodrome, the land adjoining coopers Lane. Coopers Lane has been through Dev Control but Decision notice is yet to be issued. 2.7 yrs and 3.5m tonnes. Hatfield Aerodrome has had a new planning application submitted but yet to be determined. The Consultation will be for a 10 week period as we are now approaching the holiday period. I have sent some background information I requested as to the call for sites and sifting process. I have arranged a presentation from the lead officer on 20<sup>th</sup> July for the local parishes of Stanstead Abbots, Eastwick and Gilston and Hunsdon.

**Hertfordshire County Council is brightening up Welham Green, Hatfield with a wind and solar**

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**street lighting trial:** Hatfield wind solar street lights, Cllr Bibby and Ringway team. In its ongoing mission to create a cleaner, greener and healthier Hertfordshire, the county council is trialling new wind and solar street lighting in Welham Green, Hatfield.

The trial, which is the first of its kind on the public highway in the county, will see two LED lighting units installed on the remote footpath in Corner View, Welham Green, Hatfield, which is currently unlit. This also supports safe, active and sustainable travel such as walking and cycling.

The lighting will operate with both zero energy consumption and carbon emissions. It's silent in operation and operates instantly following a quick and clean installation, which was completed on Wednesday 15th June 2022. The trial will run for around 12 months to see how they perform over the four seasons (to account for variation in daylight / sun hours).

**Armed Forces Covenant - To those who proudly protect our nation, who do so with honour, courage, and commitment, the Armed Forces Covenant is the nation's commitment to you.**

After 3 years Hertfordshire residents were, once again, able to show their appreciation of our Armed Forces and veterans during Armed Forces Week (20-25 June) with local events celebrating those men and women across the county who are serving, or have served, in the military. Hertfordshire County Council Chairman, Cllr Annie Brewster is hosted a ceremony to raise the Armed Forces Day flag at County Hall in Hertford on 21 June from.

Hertfordshire County Council is a signatory to The Armed Forces Covenant, a commitment from public and private organisations to support the Armed Forces community, operating locally under the name Hertfordshire Heroes. Hertfordshire County Council is also a Forces Friendly employer and member of the Hertfordshire Armed Forces Covenant Board which works in partnership with business, military organisations, charities, NHS and local authorities to deliver the Armed Forces Covenant locally.

ONS data estimates that there are 28,000 veterans living in Hertfordshire. There are approximately 388 children of military families attending Hertfordshire schools. Through the Covenant, Hertfordshire Heroes provides support to those who need it, including personnel looking at leaving the service and returning to "Civvy Street", and requiring support with work, housing, or schooling.

**New contracts to end landfill for Hertfordshire's waste:** Hertfordshire County Council plans to stop sending waste to landfill sites by 2025 after signing new long-term contracts for disposal of the county's residual waste. Waste that cannot be reused, recycled or composted will be sent to energy recovery facilities where it will be used to generate electricity as a cleaner alternative to fossil fuels.

Cllr Eric Buckmaster, Executive Member for the Environment, said: "We want to create a cleaner and greener environment in Hertfordshire, so being able to stop sending waste to landfill sites is really a significant step for us. Of course, we want to help our residents throw away less, and to reuse or recycle as much as possible, but we're still left with around 250,000 tonnes a year that we need to dispose of, and these new contracts will help us do that in a more environmentally sustainable way."

Hertfordshire residents produce around 540,000 tonnes of waste a year, and currently 52% of this is reused, recycled or composted. Although our focus is on reducing, reusing and recycling waste, there will always be some material left over that cannot be recycled, and the county council is responsible for disposing of this. The new disposal contracts will run from April 2024 for ten years, with an option to extend for another five. The contracts are with:

Cory Topco Limited (three separate contracts)  
Indaver Rivenhall Limited  
Viridor Oxfordshire Limited  
Veolia ES UK Limited

Currently the waste that cannot be reused, recycled or composted is managed through a series of short-term contracts including both landfill and energy recovery. Under the new long-term contracts, once planned new shredding facilities are operational, all of Hertfordshire's residual waste will be able to be sent to energy recovery facilities, with none going to landfill.

**Primary school pupils get a taste of rural life at Hertfordshire Schools Food and Farming Day**

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Over 500 Year Six primary school pupils were given a fascinating insight into the origins of the foods on their dinner plate for the first Hertfordshire Schools Food and Farming Day, held on Tuesday (28th June).

Organised by Hertfordshire Agriculture Society in conjunction with Hertfordshire County Council, Hertfordshire Catering Ltd and Hertfordshire Primary Heads Forum, the event provided an interactive experience enabling children to explore, touch and taste different foods and learn about healthy eating. Held at the Herts County Showground in St Albans, the day's activities were based around the 'Eatwell Plate' which highlights the different components of a well-balanced diet. A big-top tent was split into the different sections of the plate, corresponding to different food groups within the human diet, each containing a range of farmers and food production experts who gave an interactive talk to pupils.

For lunch the children had the opportunity to put together their own nutritionally balanced meal, thanks to Hertfordshire Catering Ltd, based on what they had learnt. Outside of the tent were a number of other educational exhibits such as live animals, agricultural machinery, an oil press, a mobile mill and organisations such as the British Association for Shooting and Conservation, National Farmers Union and local Colleges Oaklands and Capel Manor. The pupils also heard from local bakeries and mills and explored the subject of bread and flour, before looking at various local wheat crops with agricultural science research centre Rothamsted Research.

**HAPpy camps are back this summer:** HAPpy camps are back this summer: More than 80 free, fun HAPpy activity camps are running across Hertfordshire this summer. Hertfordshire County Council is funding free summer activity camps for children and young people in Hertfordshire. HAPpy (Holiday Activities Programme) camps are for children and young people who attend a Hertfordshire school and are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. The camps, which are delivering healthy food and fun activities during the school holidays, are funded by Hertfordshire County Council, coordinated by Herts Sports Partnership and the Hertfordshire Community Foundation (HCF) and run by over 80 different providers.

Booking is now open for more than 45,000 places available at 190 HAPpy camps running across the county from 25 July until 31 August. Hertfordshire schools are currently giving the booking codes to families of eligible children.

At the sessions, which vary in duration from four to seven hours long, eligible children and young people can enjoy free food, free sports and free craft activities. They will also receive advice on nutrition and cooking skills to enhance their health and wellbeing.

**Healthy little trips can help make a big difference:** Hertfordshire County Council is launching a new campaign encouraging residents to think about those little trips we take and whether we can walk, cycle, scoot or use the bus instead of jumping in the car.

The campaign focuses on the healthy little trips and choices we can all make; whether it's just a walk to school or a visit to the local high street. It all adds up to improving our mental and physical health, air quality, traffic congestion and the local economy.

A new web page [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/littletrips](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/littletrips) has just been launched, which will provide hints, tips and news of events and activities taking place across the county, helping to get us out and about that little bit more. A video has also been created showing what it means to children to travel actively to school and the adventures they have Healthy Little Trips – YouTube

### **Hertfordshire Libraries prepare to launch this year's Summer Reading Challenge**

On 9<sup>th</sup> July is the launch of this year's Summer Reading Challenge, a completely free, summer activity for children aged four to 11, run by Hertfordshire libraries. The Challenge - titled 'Gadgeteers' – has been created with a special science and innovation theme for 2022, aimed at sparking children's curiosity about the world around them, and how science plays a part in everything they love to do – as well as encouraging children to keep up their reading during the school holidays. Running until Saturday, 3 September, the popular initiative tasks children to read six library books of their choice over the summer holidays. Everyone who signs-up will receive a special activity-sticker pack to record their reads in, that also follows the story of six young 'Gadgeteers' who have some great experiment and activity ideas for young readers to try at

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home, as well as asking for their help coming up with cool inventions for their summer party.

**Age UK Handy person service** will be available to all older people living in Hertfordshire. Their team of Handy people have had a DBS check, are fully insured, and will arrive with a smile and equipment needed to complete the job safely and to a high standard. They can arrange regular visits or one-off DIY tasks such as fitting security chains, hanging shelves, fitting, and supplying key safes, changing tap washers and much more. This service costs £25 per hour, with a minimum of 1 hour per visit. For more information, or to request help with these services please contact Carla Johnson on 07951 105370

**Meet air pollution targets by 2030, says Hertfordshire Council.** As reported by Air Quality News, the English local authority has revealed calls for minimum air quality standards to be met by 2030, a decade ahead of Downing Street's aims. Following the release of a new report by the National Audit Office that the British government is failing to deliver on its air quality standards, Hertfordshire Council wants to meet limits ten years ahead of Westminster's target.

Hertfordshire County Council focus is on promoting the news that we **have joined local and regional authorities from across the UK in signing a letter to the UK Environment Secretary George Eustice, pledging to meet World Health Organisation (WHO) targets on deadly air pollution ten years ahead of the Government's 2040 deadline.** The pledge comes as a new report from the National Audit Office reveals the Government is failing to deliver on air quality standards. Councillor Morris Bright, Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Public Health & Community Safety said he had signed the letter because "air pollution is one of the most significant challenges to public health and the environment that we face in Hertfordshire, and we want to work with the Government to deliver our Sustainable Hertfordshire ambition of cleaner air for all by 2030."

This letter responds to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs 'consultation on environmental targets', and pledges our collective commitment as Local and Combined Authorities to meet the WHO-10 guideline for PM2.5 by 2030 in partnership with the UK Government. Evidence that we have collated tells us that with small additional support from the UK Government, achieving WHO-10 for PM2.5 is feasible by 2030. Modelling by Imperial College for The Clean Air Fund's 2022 report 'The Pathway to Healthy Air in the UK' found that 99% of the UK is likely to comply with WHO-10 by 2030 as a result of existing Government policies and plans. This means that with a small increase in ambition, meeting WHO-10 across the whole of the UK is entirely feasible by 2030. We know from work undertaken by the CBI that this will deliver a significant economic dividend for the UK – a £1.6 billion economic benefit and three million working days gained by reducing sickness absence.

**As priorities we urge the Government to:**

- bring forward the PM2.5 target of 10ug/m3 to 2030 in line with the WHO's interim guideline, and to provide local leaders with the powers and funding to meet this target.
- put in place a longer term target to meet the WHO's updated guideline for PM2.5 of 5ug/m3. Many areas across the country already meet the PM2.5 guideline of 10ug/m3. This is still not considered to be a safe level by the WHO, and so it is important that a 35% population exposure reduction target is put in place for areas already meeting 10ug/m3.
- Establish a national public awareness campaign around the health impacts of air pollution and its causes. Domestic combustion from burning wood and coal is one of the largest contributors to PM2.5 pollution, yet many people are unaware that their heating choices are producing toxic emissions.

**Funding for domestic abuse support services**

Two vital support services are now available for Hertfordshire residents experiencing 'high-risk' domestic abuse, thanks to funding from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and the Hertfordshire Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls Partnership.

From 1 July, Refuge was re-commissioned to deliver Hertfordshire's Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) service, while Safer Places is now providing Hertfordshire's safe accommodation service, in partnership with St Albans and Hertsmere Women's Refuge and Druglink.

These services, which are funded to run for the next two years through contracts totalling more than £5m, are helping to make Hertfordshire a safe place for people who are experiencing – or



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who have experienced - domestic abuse.

It is estimated that more than 114,000 women and 78,000 men in Hertfordshire will experience domestic abuse in their lifetime. In the last year alone, around 42,285 adults aged 16-74 in Hertfordshire will have experienced some form of domestic abuse. The Hertfordshire Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls Partnership is committed to funding and developing services that help and support all those affected by domestic abuse in Hertfordshire. Refuge's IDVA service provides support for women and men experiencing abuse within intimate or family relationships and are at high risk of harm or homicide. The service provides free, confidential, non-judgemental specialist support tailored to their individual needs such as housing, safety planning and emotional support.

Safer Places is providing Hertfordshire's safe accommodation service. They provide accommodation-based, and community outreach support to those who are unable to remain in their own home due to the high risk of further harm. Safer Places has a range of safe accommodation options to ensure all those who are experiencing – or who have experienced - domestic abuse, and their children, have equitable access and choice to services, including spaces for male clients.

The funding for these services is part of a whole system response to all of those affected, including children, across Hertfordshire. More information about strategic partnership's approach is included in its new [Domestic Abuse Strategy 2022–25](#).

## HOW TO GET HELP:

- **To find out more about these services or to make a referral:**
  - IDVA Service: call 0300 790 6772 (Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am - 5pm and Tuesday, Thursday 9am - 8pm) or email [hertsidva@refuge.org.uk](mailto:hertsidva@refuge.org.uk)
  - Safer Places: call 03301 025811 (24-hours) or email [info@saferplaces.co.uk](mailto:info@saferplaces.co.uk) or complete an [Online referral form](#)
- Anyone can call the Herts Domestic Abuse Helpline: 08 088 088 088 (09:00-21:00 Mon-Fri or 09:00-16:00 weekends and bank holidays) for confidential and free space to listen, consider options and signposting.
- The National Domestic Abuse Helpline, run by Refuge, can be called on 0808 2000 247, 24 hours a day 7 days a week for free, confidential specialist support. You can also visit [www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk](http://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk) to fill in a webform and request a safe time to be contacted or to access live chat services (live chat available 3pm-10pm, Monday to Friday).
- The [Herts Sunflower website](#) is a countywide 'hub' of information, guidance, advice and signposting for those experiencing or using harmful or abusive behaviours, and hosts a directory of key services available to help.

**Services for Young People leads the way in LGBT+ young people's inclusion:** Services for Young People's work with LGBT+ young people has been instrumental in Hertfordshire County Council and Herts for Learning being awarded the Stonewall Children and Young People's Services Gold Champion Award.

Receiving this award means that the work we are doing with LGBT+ young people is of the highest standard, that it best supports young people who identify as LGBT+ in Hertfordshire and that others can learn from the work we are doing.

**Hertfordshire launches new Sleep campaign for young people:** Almost half of young people in Hertfordshire don't think they are getting enough sleep, according to a recent local survey, with 'worrying or being unable to switch off' being the main reasons for disruption. In addition, only one in five Hertfordshire parents and carers know that people need different amounts of sleep. To address this, The Just Talk partnership, coordinated by Hertfordshire County Council, has launched a 'Let's Just Talk About Sleep' campaign to highlight the importance of sleep and share advice on how to get the right amount.

The campaign includes Hertfordshire's first ever sleep challenge, to help children, young people and their parents and carers better understand their own sleep patterns. Families who complete the two-week challenge will be entered into a prize draw to win a £200 voucher for a family experience of their choice.

The campaign will also share details of free workshops that parents and carers can access for

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guidance on helping their child to develop better sleep patterns.

Visit [www.justtalkherts.org/sleep](http://www.justtalkherts.org/sleep) to take part in the summer sleep challenge and follow @JustTalkHerts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for useful advice.

**East Herts TRO consultation** to introduce Charging as a standard day on Sundays. For Sawbridgeworth this would remove the free charging on Saturdays. Link is <https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/highways-and-parking/parking-traffic-regulation-orders>

**Love Parks week.** Southern Country Park 26<sup>th</sup> July, Pishiobury Park 28<sup>th</sup> July. Events include Treasure Trails, Bug Hunts, dog show, tug of war, Petanque,

Eric Buckmaster, County Councillor, July 2022

## COUNCILLOR ACTIONS ARISING

CLlr David Smith

- Make payments as approved
- Ongoing check on bus shelter litter bin emptying
- HTC and HWMH ongoing liaison
- Village sign post
- Allotments 2023 Tenancy Agreement to include rule for cockerells

CLlr Tom Payne\*

- Write to MoG re Bakers Lane hedge
- QEII Jubilee tree initiative: location options
- Liaise with Sam Clark on Modification order for footpath and adoption of FP from Broadfields to High Wych being adopted by HCC
- Footpath from Broadfields to High Wych Lane: confirm ownership with Clarion
- New play equipment Working Group
- Discuss with GE suitable trees for planting in the Playing Field hedge
- Allotments

CLlr John Andreotti\*

- Continue to monitor Highways parking issues
- Car park matters
- New play equipment Working Group

CLlr Stacey Butcher\*

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CLlr Keith Jordan\*

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- follow up Section 106 funds for play area
- Play area matrix plan for EHC

CLlr Gareth Emanuel

- Discuss with TP suitable trees for planting in the Playing Field hedge

\*CLlrs Tom Payne, John Andreotti, Stacey Butcher, Keith Jordan under delegated powers granted to the Clerk: Taking forward the new play area proposals.

Clerk

- Send planning comments as agreed
- Casual vacancy notice
- Allotments renewal payments