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Your local Hertfordshire County Councillor

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Welcome to my newsletter

Many of you will already know me from my many links with local people, charities and organisations. I've lived and worked in the area for over 30 years – the last five as your local County Councillor.

I'm a great believer in local solutions for local people, and would encourage everyone to get involved in their communities. This could be by volunteering for a community project or becoming a school governor. I am currently a Governor of Turnford School and Arlesdene Nursery School. Taking an active interest in the running and improvement of the school is a very rewarding job.

There are many fantastic local organisations. I have been lucky enough to be able help some of them from my locality budget (there's more details of this on the next page), including the Saturday club held at Turnford School that provides activities for children with special educational needs or disabilities. It's particularly good that siblings are included too, giving parents a much needed break. Carers do a fantastic job and are often unpaid and forgotten.

In 2009 I become Deputy Executive member for Children's Services, which is great for me as I am keenly interested in education.

If you would like to get in touch with me my details are at the bottom of the back page. I'd be pleased to hear from you if you have a problem or need advice. I work closely with my District council colleagues for the good of the whole area. I'm also interested in your views on the proposed development of greater Brookfield Farm.



Visiting The
Beaumont Centre
with Charles
Walker MP

My local links

Hertfordshire County Council

www.hertsdirect.org

I sometimes post videos on YouTube of local events—you can see them all here.

<http://www.youtube.com/user/DAVEHEWITTORGUK>

Broxbourne Borough Council

<http://www.broxbourne.gov.uk/>

The Beaumont Centre

www.beaumontcentre.co.uk

Cheshunt Hertfordshire

<http://www.cheshunt-herts.co.uk/>

Spitalbrook Village Green

<http://>

www.spitalbrookvillagegreen.co.uk/

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Locality Budgets - helping local people

Each County Councillor has a £10,000 Locality budget to allocate to worthy causes in their patch. I like to ensure funding goes towards projects that will help the local community. I'm also keen to encourage local businesses and other public sector organisations to match funding provided through this budget. This means extra cash for local worthy causes.

Here are a few of the projects that have benefited recently:

Councillors in the area joined together to give £6000 to **Hertfordshire Practical Parenting Programme Ltd** a support network for parents and children in crisis - helping more families in the East Herts and Broxbourne areas.

Three of us also gave a grant worth £2350 to support a scheme to support **table tennis coaching** for young people aged 9 to 16 year olds at Grundy Park and John Warner sports centres in the Broxbourne area.

Children and young people in Cheshunt with special educational needs or disabilities can continue to take part in a range of activities after I allocated £2000 to **Turnford Extended Schools**. The funding went to a Saturday club that includes mad science, pottery, drama, swimming and sailing, catering for up to 18 youngsters.

I recently visited the scheme and met some of the children and their parents and carers. It was good to see how much everybody was getting from this project, and I was glad that the grant has helped to extend and sustain the terrific work that is going on at Turnford.

£2000 for the **Beaumont Centre** based in Cheshunt will pay for computer equipment, printers and a broadband internet connection. The club for the over sixties is a registered charity that aims to provide a social and luncheon service for people over 60 and offers activities such as scrabble, card games, darts, and art classes.

As well as the grant, I persuaded Curries in Enfield to give an extra 10% discount on the equipment. Myself and Borough Councillor Richard Clemerson built the website and trained staff and users on it. Richard is now maintaining the site. You can take a look here:

<http://www.beaumontcentre.co.uk/>.

Together with other County Councillors, I allocated funding to an **alcohol therapy and support service** that operates in the Broxbourne and Waltham Cross area. The money will help to pay for training counsellors who work with people suffering with alcohol problems and will focus on intervention and relapse prevention. The project is unique in that it supports families and carers of those affected by alcohol with very specific services.

I assist local MP Charles Walker with his regular surgeries in Waltham Cross, Rosedale and Hoddesdon. please ring Sue Harding on 01992 479972 to arrange an appointment

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