

Hertfordshire

Localnews



Your local Hertfordshire County Councillor
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WELCOME

Welcome to the first edition of my newsletter.

This really has been a busy year as we enter a new era for public services. We will undoubtedly face tough financial pressures over the next few years, so it is more important than ever that communities pull together. By getting involved in your local area or having your say in local issues you can ensure you get the best results for local people. Have you considered becoming a school governor, or volunteering for a local organisation?

I will be visiting each Parish in my patch twice a year for a 'deep dive' into local issues. I will be visiting local schools, residents, church leaders and other key figures in your community. I will publicise these visits locally and very much hope you will take the opportunity to invite me to visit you.

My contact details are on the back of this newsletter.

Locality Budgets

Every Hertfordshire county councillor has a budget to use on worthy social, economic or environmental causes. Some of the projects I have helped to fund are listed below. **If you would like to submit a bit for funding in the next financial year please contact me.**



The first donation I made out of my budget was to St Mary's C of E First School in Northchurch, to help provide swimming lessons for the children. Being so near the canal it was important that the

children were able to learn to swim while they are young. The headteacher has said the money will be of great benefit to the school in terms of safety, fitness and exercise.

Links to local websites:

Your local county council
<http://www.hertsdirect.org/>

The beautiful Ver Valley – right on our doorstep:
<http://www.riverver.co.uk/>

Environmental groups in the Dacorum area:
<http://www.dacorum.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=1648>

A link to the Dacorum Borough council's website:
<http://www.dacorum.gov.uk/>

Find a link to your local Parish council from here:
<http://www.herts-aptc.gov.uk/>



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More local projects that have received funding from my locality budget

I was pleased to offer a helping hand by giving £1,800 to villagers in **Markyate** for five new litter bins to be placed outside the fire station, the footpath in Cavendish Road, the Red Lion public House, village hall and recreation ground on Pickford Road. The new litter bins will help to keep the village tidier due to the built in lid feature.



Northchurch Parish Council benefited from £3000 to help them refurbish the play area in the village that needed rescuing so it can continue to be enjoyed by the local children.

Funding of £1,400 for a new-look kitchen was given to **Trowley Hill** Methodist Church. The kitchen is used by Rainbows and Guides, and weekly coffee mornings as well as catering for celebrations such as Easter Breakfast and Harvest Supper. I'm looking forward to a cup of tea in the new facility once the work is completed!

Ten local councillors joined forces to help fund neighbourhood watch activities in the **Dacorum** area and improve community safety. The 822 watch schemes are represented by the newly formed Dacorum Neighbourhood Watch Association who will be promoting and spreading neighbourhood watch information in each of their local areas.

The village hall in **Flamstead** had a face lift with their grant. I know this is a much valued community resource and hope the money spent on new curtains will make it even more welcoming for everyone.



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