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# UPDATE

THE NORTHAW AND CUFFLEY PARISH COUNCIL MAGAZINE

## A message from the chairman

***Councillor Barry Knichel***

The local elections had the effect of pressing pause on the Local Plan and so we expect the dialogue between WHBC and the Inspector to resume, if it hasn't already. Exactly where this dialogue will go is anyone's guess.

The message coming from the government is that development in the Green Belt which will have high harm should not be endorsed, communities should have more say in developments, levelling up will reduce pressure on the southeast, and economic signals suggest a seismic impact unseen in generations.

Unfortunately, none of this has resonated with the Inspector who has steadfastly stuck to a position of

- Economic projections are just speculation
- He will decide what is harmful to the Green Belt
- Public opinion is irrelevant

It's not that there is some misalignment between government opinion (local as well as national) and the Planning Inspectorate – but they are, quite clearly, at odds with one another.

It seems the progress of the WHBC Local Plan is being followed by many borough councils, as the eventual outcome will shape their own local plans. It should also be followed by academics and politicians as a shining example of how fractured and untethered to reality the existing planning regulations, processes, and governance, really are.

But we live in hope that sanity and common sense will prevail. Not a lot to ask, is it?

## A message from your local Sergeant

My name is Sergeant Dan Bales and I lead your local Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT), covering Cuffley and Northaw. The SNT are your traditional 'bobbies on the beat', tasked with tackling local neighbourhood issues that affect you. We are currently asking residents to share their views on safety in the local area by completing a new survey which has launched. The six-question 'Feelings of Safety' survey will help us identify matters of concern, so that we can understand what is important to residents, businesses and visitors in making them feel safe whilst out and about in the local area. The feedback, which can be submitted online, will be used to help shape local safety improvement plans. In addition to the survey being available online, my team will also be out on the beat, encouraging residents to take part. If

required, they can submit feedback on behalf of anyone who does not have internet access. Please do let us know your thoughts by taking part in the survey at **www.bit.ly/welhatsouthsafety**

## Headlines from Recent Council Meetings

Tennis Court Surface Solutions Ltd of Colchester have been contracted to resurface the old tennis court at Northaw Playing Fields. This work will be carried out during the summer months to allow safe vehicle access to the playing fields.

Hertfordshire & Middlesex Wildlife Trust have been contracted to carry out Ecology Surveys of the Open Spaces in Northaw and Cuffley. We anticipate results back from them at the end of July.

Please help us to welcome David Sive who was co-opted to the Parish Council at the meeting on 8th June, as a new Councillor.

Due to the current deterioration, it was agreed that the "Best Kept Village" sign would be temporarily removed from Northaw Green, and placed in storage pending renovation or renewal.

An agreement has been reached with Hertfordshire Constabulary for the reinstatement of the PCSO for Northaw and Cuffley. Full details will be published in due course, but a new contract has been agreed by the Parish Council which will allow for a regular Police presence within the villages.

# FACT CHECKER

The Parish Council have recently received copies of an e-mail circulating from two anonymous authors: CANVillages and Parish News. It's the same message so we can only assume the source is the same but masquerading as different organisations. These claim to be representative of our community, but nothing could be further from the truth.

The Parish Council's policy is not to enter into any dialogue via social media or local newspapers. Instead, we are publishing a Fact Checker on our website where we set out the facts in relation to any misleading newsletters and emails distributed widely in the local community.

We hope via the Fact Checker to set the record straight particularly where the intention of the rogue newsletters is to mislead residents by painting a totally false picture. The author of the circulated emails should not be trusted as they seem to have only one agenda – to put out false information to undermine the reputation and credibility of the Parish Council.

We would urge all residents who receive unsolicited e-mails that are unsigned and with no contact details (phone number, web site etc) to ignore them. If you receive these types of email it would be helpful if you could forward them to the Parish Council so that we can monitor this activity and respond accordingly.

It is not clear how the database of resident's email details has been created but we are concerned that it may not have been done lawfully.

CANVillages and Parish News have no affiliation with any community stakeholders, and have no more validity than the scammers that plague our lives. They operate anonymously for a reason – they cannot face open debate and would rather operate in the shadows of the internet.

If you want the truth, please contact the Parish Council and monitor our Fact Checker and ignore these rogue emails.

## Togetherall

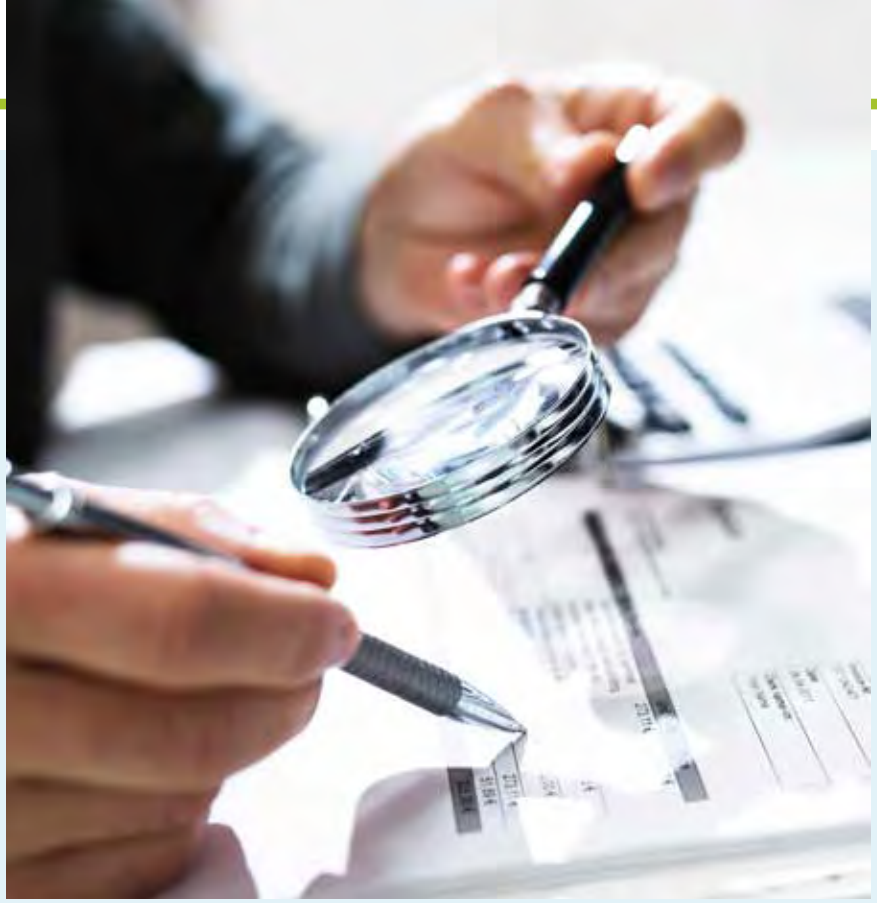
The Public Mental Health Team in Hertfordshire County Council Public Health Directorate have now launched Togetherall, an evidence-based, clinically moderated, online 24/7 peer-to-peer mental health community, for residents of Hertfordshire aged 16 and over who may be feeling anxious, low or depressed.

Togetherall can also help prevent mental health unwellness with a range of support, courses and advice with the additional benefit of professionals monitoring for any signs of distress.

No judgement. No stigma. This is a place where anyone can begin their journey towards better mental health.

To sign up go to the website at **https://togetherall.com/**

# NCPC SUMMARY
## - External Auditor's Review



The Parish Council is subject to audit by external auditors appointed independently of the Council, our auditors are PKF Littlejohn a major UK firm.

All electors have a statutory right to raise issues relating to alleged financial irregularities with the auditor and this occurred in relation to the 2019/20 accounts. The auditor has undertaken a full review of the complaint and informed the Council of the results.

The auditor has taken the view that several issues raised involved minor sums of money and the costs to investigate would be disproportion to the amounts involved. In such cases the auditor reached no overall conclusions.

However, in three cases the auditor did reach a conclusion.

It was found that there was no Council mandated authority to award grants to voluntary organisations in 2019/20 as there were no minutes of the meeting which apparently authorised such payments; circa £22,000 was subsequently paid, including to an organisation managed by Councillor Jane Brook. There was apparently an informal meeting at which the decision to award grants was made, which was held in private without any justifiable reason for the exclusion of the public. The Chairman at the time these payments were made was Councillor James Sharkey.

In 2020 the employment of the Clerk was terminated with compensation. It was found that no mandated Council authority existed for termination of employment, or payment of compensations. This matter was managed by Councillor Brent Cheetham and Councillor Jane Brook without appropriate authority or scrutiny or oversight by other Councillors.

The Parish Council was in dispute with a developer in relation to trespass on Council land. After issuing court proceedings the Council withdrew their legal action leading to the developer being entitled to recover their legal costs. In 2019 the Council paid the developer £21,600. It was found that there was no mandated Council authority for making this payment which was initiated by Councillor Sally Pollitt and Councillor Andrea Allgood without appropriate authority or oversight or scrutiny by other Councillors.

During 2019/20 the acting Clerk was Carol Branigan whose core responsibilities included making sure that all transactions are authorised in accordance with the various regulations and protocols. It is clear that she failed to do so in all three cases above.

In 2019 an independent review of the Parish Council was conducted by a senior lawyer from Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council which recommended that Parish Councillors should urgently undertake training in relation to decision making, openness and transparency. This was never actioned by the Parish Council or individual Councillors.

There is no suggestion that any individual gained a personal financial advantage from the above.

The key issue is that Parish Councils are required to operate on an open and transparent basis so that the electorate and taxpayers can see and make judgements on how taxpayers funds are being spent. Clearly if decisions are not being made in public, and minuted, it is impossible for the community to be sighted on key issues, which completely undermines the statutory intention that Parish Councils should operate on an open and transparent basis.

James Sharkey, Jane Brook, and Andrea Allgood are no longer Councillors and Carol Branigan is no longer employed by the Council.

Since all of these events occurred there have been significant changes, Staff, Councillors and Processes, and there is no prospect of similar unauthorised transactions being made in the future.

The current Council regrets that such events occurred and has done everything possible to mitigate the impact.

*Image credit: Peter Walker, FoNGW*

# Northaw Great Wood – a natural wonder in our community

During the lockdown, many local families discovered the Great Wood as an amazing and beautiful location to take exercise and relaxation. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful natural resource on our doorstep – though some visitors come from all parts of North London and Hertfordshire to visit.

Northaw Great Wood is a Local Nature Reserve and Site of Special Scientific Interest, due to the particular species of trees, plants and wildlife which make it their home. It is particularly noted for the density of hornbeam trees, while in Spring bluebells are found in great numbers. The 300 acre site is also a Countryside Park, which means the public are welcome to enjoy visiting and waymarked trails are provided, as well as a number of picnic tables and benches. Toilets are available at the car park, where there is also an honesty box, with visitors requested to pay £1 towards the upkeep of the wood. However, it should be stressed that whilst the wood is managed to maintain public access and increase bio-diversity, it is not a 'manicured' urban park. It is managed to maintain a mix of traditional woodland and more open glades and rides where the original 'wood pasture common', which dominated the wood before the 19th century, is encouraged to re-establish. In these spaces, heather, broom and gorse can be found, showing that this was more open heathland in earlier times.

The site is managed by Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council who call on contractors to carry out major management projects, whilst the day-to-day management of the wood is performed by volunteers from the Friends of Northaw Great Wood. The Friends group also carry out monitoring of the flora and fauna to validate the effectiveness of the management work. Work parties are held each Friday morning and on the first Sunday each month. This activity is a fantastic way to help our local environment, is most enjoyable and a great way of exercising in the open air.

To learn more about the wood and volunteering, please visit the Friends' website at **www.fongw.org.uk**

## Cuffley Community Volunteer Library is open...

# Brighter and Better!

We have been overwhelmed by the welcome our volunteers have received from the local community since opening our doors again on April 6th 2022, and inundated with praise for our bright and colourful furnishings especially in the children's area. And what a treat it is to have an entirely new book stock for our readers as supplied by Hertfordshire Library Service.

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to the local community who supported us throughout our closure, not least to those of you who signed our petition to repair and re-open our library. In all, we collected over 1,000 signatures.

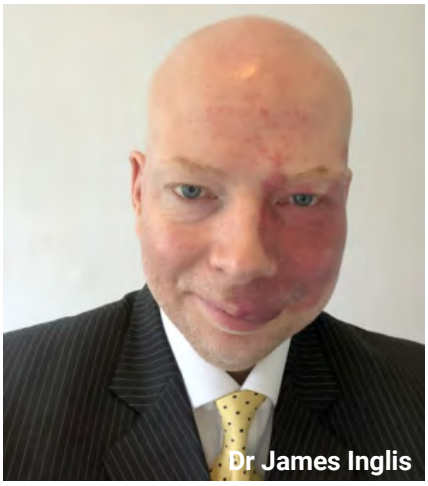
Since opening, the volunteers celebrated World Bee Day. We had a real hive in the library. Our volunteers planted our Jubilee Garden on a very hot Saturday morning in May with plants and soil donated by local garden centres. And we had an exhibition of Royal Memories and children's crafting to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. We are also excited to welcome younger readers to our Baby Rhyme Time which commences on Monday mornings in June.

For information about upcoming events follow us on:

**@cuffleylibrary** **@ Cuffley Library Volunteers**

If you have a few hours to spare weekly, join us. For more information on volunteering pop in and speak to a volunteer or please email me at: **cuffleylibraryvolunteers@outlook.com**

**Paola Munns**
*Chair Cuffley Community Volunteer Library*


Dr James Inglis

## Northaw Church of England Primary School

I am writing to introduce myself as the new Head Teacher Northaw Church of England Primary School. It is a great honour to have been selected for this role, and I look forward to getting better acquainted with the school community.

Let me begin by sharing a little of my background. Having come to love teaching while completing a doctorate in history at Edinburgh University, I decided to change my career. I subsequently trained in London before spending four years in Harlow. I then moved to a popular, two-form entry school in Hemel Hempstead where I was promoted Assistant Headteacher in 2017. There is little to beat the buzz of equipping children to drive their learning on, identifying needs and addressing these effectively, while also nurturing general well-being, so they become responsible future citizens.

This will be my first headship, and I have been especially keen to find a school with an outlook particularly chiming with my own. Northaw School's vision, combining a passion for learning with preparation for life, perfectly sums up the essential role a child's primary school can play in their growth and development. Similarly, shared values powerfully set a school's ethos, and I admire how the six values Northaw have chosen form a golden thread running through everything undertaken while also embracing Christian beliefs. Northaw's link with Kiyunga Primary School provides students with an extraordinary and invaluable window on the wider world.

Having attended voluntary-aided primary and secondary educational settings myself, and as a confirmed Anglican, I fully appreciate what it means to be a church school, firmly rooted in the gospel message and closely linked to parish life. A church school rightfully enjoys a unique place at the heart of a community, providing pupils with the essential foundations for both lifelong learning and burgeoning faith.

My first priority is to bring stability to the school community as we finally emerge from the shadow of coronavirus and following changes in senior leadership. I wish to spend the summer hearing the views of all stakeholders, celebrating what makes Northaw so special while identifying and preparing to meet the inevitable challenges ahead.

# NORTHAW AND CUFFLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## WWW.NCRAGB.UK

Although there have been some improvements in day to day living recently, I am afraid things have only got worse for the Committee. We are all volunteers and for various reasons we have five vacancies which made it impossible to get a quorum for a formal meeting during May. At the time of writing it is unlikely there will be a formal Committee meeting in June either. Nevertheless we have continued to function using correspondence and holding an informal meeting in May.

Reluctantly we have decided to abandon the production of our usual Annual Leaflet this year which normally lists what we stand for, what services we provide and requests members to pay their annual subscriptions. Members with access to computers will find everything on our website shown above.

We are very pleased to be given this opportunity to reach other residents using space in this publication of Update for which we thank the Parish Council.

## NCRA Membership 2022 continues at just £5 per household per year

**Cash or Cheque**
If you are paying by cash or cheque please enclose a note of your name, address, post code, home and mobile phone numbers and, most importantly, your email address (please write your email address clearly and in the exact format or better still please email us at membership@ncragb.uk).

**Standing Order or Bank Transfer**
If you are paying by Standing Order or Bank transfer please arrange this with your bank remembering that a Standing Order will automatically renew yearly whereas a bank transfer covers only one payment and needs renewing annually. Please also drop us an email to confirm your payment.

**Subs Collection Points (Cash & Cheques) 2022**
**Cuffley**
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115 Brookside Crescent, EN6 4QP
6 Highfields, EN6 4EL
**Northaw**
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**Our Banking Details**
Northaw and Cuffley Residents Association Sort Code 20-20-37 Account 63534472
**Existing Life Members**
Please kindly consider a donation or yearly Standing Order to enable NCRA to continue working for you and the community.

**Finally, a huge Thank You to those members who have already paid their subs for 2022.**

General Enquiries – **info@ncragb.uk**
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# YOUR WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCILLORS 2022/23

**In Welwyn Hatfield there are 48 Councillors representing the interests of people in 16 wards.**

**The Cabinet is made up of seven members from the controlling political group. It draws up major plans, strategies and budget proposals, and implements them once agreed at Council. The actions of the Cabinet are reviewed and monitored by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**

**The Mayor is the borough's first citizen and a vital link between the community and the council.**
**This year's Mayor is Councillor Barbara Fitzsimon.**

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**If you wish to email a councillor, you can do so using the following email address format: firstname.surname@welhat.gov.uk**

# 1st Cuffley Scout Group News

The Cubs (8-10½) had their first post-Covid Camp at Tolmers Scout Camp and are off to District Camp at Well End, soon. The Scouts (10½-14) have a weekend camp in July, the Beavers (6 -8) are preparing for a sleepover and the Explorers (14-18) are planning a 4-day expedition.

The biannual Maintenance Day at Scout HQ was held in March, with leaders, parents, young members and their Scout Active Support Unit spending a busy day tidying the grounds and working on their premises.

The Explorers took part in the Greater London North Scouts 'Monopoly Run' against 112 other teams, starting at Scout Park in Bounds Green and visiting many locations from the traditional game board.

The Potters Bar and District St George's Day Parade on April 24th, parading along Darkes Lane, showed how strong Scouting is locally.

Congratulations to Matthew Crowdy, Explorer Leader. Having achieved The Queen's Scout Award, equivalent to the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award and the highest earned Award in Scouting, he joined the National Queen's Scouts' St George's Day Parade at Windsor Castle.

Three Scouts took part in the Hertfordshire Scouts and Guides 'Intro to the Hills' weekend in the Peak District including camping, cycling, caving, climbing and hill walking.

In June, the Group is holding a Big Jubilee Lunch for our members and their families to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Lots of cake and bunting are expected!

If you'd like to know more about Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Explorers in Cuffley please get in touch by calling 07784 861218 or through their website at **https://cuffley-scouts.org.uk** . New adult volunteers are always welcome.

Introducing the Anne Robson Helpline - if you or someone close to you is dying, you can talk to us.

At the Anne Robson Trust we aim to be there to listen to anyone who faces dying or the imminent death of someone they care about. We know that facing the end of life can leave you feeling isolated and alone.

Being able to access support is so important. Gaining knowledge of what may happen towards the end of life and being prepared helps both the person dying and their loved ones to feel a sense of control.

Calls are free and confidential. Call us on **0808 801 0688** - we have time to talk

Please visit **www.annerobsontrust.org.uk/helpline-service** to find out more.

# News from Cuffley Football Club

Cuffley Football Club has just finished its 2021/22 season under the new Chairmanship of Lee Kisby – and what a fantastic season it's been. The club, which was founded in 1954, has grown from strength to strength over the years, and this year has been no different.

The club had three teams this year that won their leagues, the U15 Dragons, U18 Viper Blues and U18 Blues were all crowned league champions. As well as this the club also had five teams who reached the divisional cup finals, of which the U18 Blues won, so effectively won the double. Runners up this year were the U11 Warriors, U13 Stars, U14 Pumas and U14 Warriors. A huge well done to them all.

Over 21st and 22nd May the club welcomed over 177 teams, from across Hertfordshire and neighbouring boroughs, to its annual mini football tournament. The 2-day event was a huge success with children, young people and their supporters enjoying football, activities, and refreshments in the brilliant sunshine.

If you are interested in joining the club, helping out or just want to find out more please contact the General Secretary, Dominique, on **generalsecretary@cuffleyfc.co.uk.**

# NORTHAW COMMUNITY ORCHARD
## A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

*Apple trees in Ash Field*

The Community Orchard, a public green space in the heart of Northaw, aims to provide opportunities for education, conservation, and healthy living. It is a place of quiet enjoyment, and a haven for wildlife and people. The trees are growing well, and an abundance of blossom hints at a good harvest in the autumn.

For anyone wanting to pitch in, monthly help-out sessions take place every first Saturday of the month from 10.30am – 1pm. Tools and cake are provided!

The Orchard is also working with the CultureWood Family Forest School to offer outdoor activities for children 3 to 11yrs every second Saturday from 11am - 12.30pm. To book, email Tanya at **culturewoodcic@gmail.com**

The annual Orchard Fayre will be held on Sunday 24th July 1-5pm. Come for a great afternoon out with community groups, cakes and refreshments, BBQ, plants, scything, storytelling and activities for all.

The Orchard is open to visitors 24/7. Access is between No. 47 and 49 Northaw Road West (access road to the Scouts) or via an entrance in Church Lane (by the bungalows).

For more information, visit their website at **www.northaworchard.com** or email **northaworchard@gmail.com.**

# Cuffley Art society

Would welcome new members to join us on Monday afternoons in Cuffley Small Hall from 2 til 4pm.

We are a friendly group of all abilities who love to paint for pleasure. Friendly advice is always at hand.

Why not come and join us to discover your inner artist? Phone Jan Aiken **01707874672** for more information.

Look out for our Annual Exhibition of paintings in October.

Northaw + Cuffley

## Coffee Shop
## St Andrews Church

**Every Wednesday**
**10.30 to 12.30**
**Everybody Welcome.**
**Join us for coffee, tea, cake, biscuits and a chat.**

# THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

## 2-5th June 2022

While we were unable to decorate Station Road as originally planned, due to an escalation in pre-production costs, RBLI roundels and Jubilee bunting were hung from the decorative lamp posts.

Isobel Hospice Shop

The fountain and block paving in Millennium Gardens, Cuffley were also given a spring clean ahead of the celebrations.

Local businesses also joined in to make the villages look festive for the long weekend.

As always, the Mystery Knitter went above and beyond with their Jubilee themed decorations on Station Road.

Wacketts Newsagents

White Ribbon

NORTHAW & CUFFLEY BOWLING CLUB

# WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

A friendly club with free coaching. Equipment provided.
Come in and have a look around

Tel: **07763 334805** or **01707 874474**

**www.nandcbowlingclub.co.uk**

CUFFLEY FC

## Cuffley FC Soccer School

Developing children through sport

Be part of our club every Saturday morning between 9:30-11am for kids aged 4-7

**07584 063831 | soccerschool@cuffleyfc.co.uk**

**£40**
BLOCK OF 6 WEEKS

**Cuffley FC Teams Looking for Players from U8 - U18**

Contact: youthsecretary@cuffleyfc.co.uk

King George V Playing Fields, Northaw Road East, Cuffley, Herts. EN6 4RD

# Website Community Organisations

**https://northawcuffleypc.org.uk/local-organisations/**

Do you run a local group, sports club or organisation, that meets within the Parish, and would like to be listed in our community pages on the website?

Is your group already listed but the information is not up to date? We can easily add phone numbers, website details and information on timings and locations for your meetings just let us know.

Please contact the Parish Council office using **01707 875 825** or **officemanager@northawcuffleypc.org.uk** and we will be happy to talk to you about what we can do for you.

# How to keep in touch with us

Our website at **www.northawcuffleypc.org.uk** contains an abundance of local information. **The Parish Office is located at 7 Maynard Place, Cuffley, EN6 4JA**.

Please see the website for current opening hours. Councillors can be contacted using the council members page on our website: **https://northawcuffleypc.org.uk/council-members/**

Sally, our Office Manager, will be happy to assist with any general enquiries and can be contacted using **01707 875825** or **officemanager@northawcuffleypc.org.uk**

Our Clerk, Lisa Chaplin, can be reached on **07375 962 772** or **parish.clerk@northawcuffleypc.org.uk**

To keep updated with regular news on the Parish Council, and other items of local interest, please go to our website and sign up for our newsletter.

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**www.northawcuffleypc.org.uk/newsletter/**

# Your other local councils and their responsibilities

## HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**www.hertfordshire.gov.uk**
email: **contact@hertfordshire.gov.uk**
Tel: **0300 123 4040**

Responsibilities:

- Highways and Transport (Street lights, traffic lights, potholes)
- Household Waste Recycling Centres
- Adult and Children's Social Care
- School admissions, school meals and transport
- Children's Centres
- Fostering and adoption
- Disability support services
- Disabled parking (Blue badges)
- Libraries
- Trading standards
- Fire and rescue

## WELWYN AND HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL

**www.welhat.gov.uk**
Email: **contact-whc@welhat.gov.uk**
Tel: **01707 357 000**

Welwyn and Hatfield Borough Council deals with issues relating to:

- Waste and recycling collections
- Fly tipping, litter and graffiti
- Allotments, woodlands and green spaces
- Anti-social behaviour
- Council Tax
- Parking and council car parks
- Council housing
- Homelessness
- Cemetery Services
- Benefits
- Public health and protection (Air and noise pollution, food inspections, H&S at work, licensing)
- Planning and building