



UPDATE

THE NORTHAW AND CUFFLEY PARISH COUNCIL MAGAZINE

It may be a little late but this is the first opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Healthy 2026 from Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council, councillors and staff.

*Written by Cllr Burrows,
Vice-Chair, NCPC*



The Parish Council would like to say thank you for 'turning out' to the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony in December hosted by Cllr. Ben Roberts and the 'switch on' by our Hertfordshire County Councillor Fiona Thomson.

Also thank you to Sally, our office manager, for organizing the ceremony so well and the Cuffley school choir also deserve a big thanks.

Hopefully, you will know that Cllr. Fiona Thomson and Borough Councillor Barbara Fitzsimons hold 'Drop-In' surgeries usually on a Saturday morning once a month for an hour, for any concerns, questions or problems. Look out for dates on our website.

At the Parish council meeting in November there were three requests for Community Grants which were all granted. Certain criteria have to be adhered to for these grants, so congratulations

to Northaw and Cuffley Bowls club, Wednesday Games Club and 1st Cuffley Scout Group.

Also on the agenda was our Precept requirement for 2026, this helps to cover our outgoings for the next year along with the income from the car parks. The outgoings will cover things like parks and open spaces, operating costs, car parks and community. We were recommended to require a modest increase of 2%, you will be pleased to know that because we hold reserves, this figure was downgraded to 1%, rate of inflation at time of writing is 3.6%. We have to wait for Welwyn Hatfield's increase on our council tax!

In January we have received the latest draft plans for the KGV after input from a survey carried out for the younger members of the Parish. The final plan was discussed at a meeting of the KGV working group and a proposal was taken to the

Full Council meeting in January for approval going forward.

The group decided that the children's playground would be extended and modernised and separately the parcel of gifted land should be either a multi-purpose games area or a pump track. The gifted land will be subject to surveys and Welwyn Hatfield's approval before we progress. The two projects will be handled separately as they are both large and expensive projects for us to undertake. The children's play area will be brought forward first as we think this is achievable within a shorter period of time.

We anticipate that although we have some funds in reserve for the projects, the council will probably have to gain some grants to top up these funds.

Not everyone will agree with the final plan, but we do hope everyone will come together and back the projects to bring cohesion.

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In Northaw we have had several instances of unauthorized parking taking place on the village green.

As there are some very old, brick, water storage, tanks underneath the green, this is a health and safety issue.

We have therefore now placed some further bell bollards around the edges to accompany the ones already in place.

Just as an observation to do



with climate. I had to take my family to Luton Airport, and as I hate driving on the motorway, I passed through Hatfield and going past Lemsford Cattery and low and behold two fields of rape seed in flower! In December! I had to stop and take a photo because I was sure my husband would not believe me. Apparently because of the mild weather the seed is tricked in early flowering.



Drop in Surgeries

Do you have questions about your local services?

Come and meet Councillor Fiona Thomson (Hertfordshire County Council) and Councillor Barbara Fitzsimon (Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council) at the Parish Council offices, 7 Maynard Place on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Next dates:
Saturday, March 14th, 10.00 – 11.00am
Saturday April 11th, 10.00 – 11.00am

HELP US TO HELP YOU

Please do get in touch. We are here to help the parishioners of Northaw and Cuffley. You can contact the Councillors or the Parish Clerk through our website, with any concerns or with helpful comments/observations that you have using www.northawcuffley-pc.gov.uk/contact_us. We will always do our best to reply. Either to let you know if we can help or, if not, then we can put you in touch with the appropriate department/authority who can.

Who looks after what

Some of the main things in each tier of local government.



Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council: Grassroots

Council offices: **7 Maynard Place, Cuffley, EN6 4JA**

The Parish Office is open for your queries Tues-Fri 10:00 – 14:00/10am - 2pm. These hours are dependent on staff availability, so please see notices in the office window for weekly updates.

Website: www.northawcuffley-pc.gov.uk

Lisa Peters, Clerk: **07375 962 772** or clerk@northawcuffley-pc.gov.uk

Sally Griffiths, Office Manager: (general enquiries) **01707 875 825** or officemanager@northawcuffley-pc.gov.uk

Councillors can be contacted using the Council Members page on our website:

https://northawcuffley-pc.gov.uk/contact_us/

We are the first tier of local government, and we take pride in managing spaces directly used by our community.

Responsibilities include things like:

- Grass cutting of Parish council owned parks play areas, cemeteries and village greens and memorials.
- Planting and tending flower beds or carrying out small scale tree planting in parish-maintained areas.
- Responding quickly to community concerns or safety hazards in local green space.
- Provision of community grants

WE DO NOT manage highways or trees next to main roads – that is the County Council.



Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council – District Council

Website: www.welhat.gov.uk/

Telephone: **01707 357 000**

General Enquiries: contact-whc@welhat.gov.uk

The District Council operates across multiple parishes.

The Borough Council is responsible for the administration of your Council Tax and for electoral services.

In addition, they:

- Maintain grass verges, trees and hedges on district-owned land or car parks.
- Enforce tree protection orders.
- Manage street cleaning and fly-tipping and litter in public spaces.
- Deal with health and safety, and environmental services, such as pest control, and noise complaints
- Abandoned Vehicles and Parking Enforcement
- Manage local art and leisure facilities
- Manage and maintain CCTV within their managed public spaces



Hertfordshire County Council – Primary local authority

Website: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/

Telephone: **0300 123 4040**

General Enquiries: contact@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Responsible for strategic services and infrastructure and are the local highways authority, which includes responsibility for:

- Maintenance of public highways and local transport, including street lighting, rights of way, bus services, and disabled parking.

- Cutting grass verges along main roads for visibility and safety.
- Maintaining and inspecting trees overhanging or near public highways and dealing with dangerous or fallen trees.
- Trimming hedges that obstruct sightlines, usually once a year, for safety.
- Social and health services, education, fire and safety services.
- Births and Deaths & Ceremonies.
- Trading Standards.
- Libraries.



Have Your Say on New Street Names

New developments need new street names, and you can help to choose them

While the developer of a new estate can make suggestions, new roads are ultimately named by the local planning authority. For Northaw and Cuffley this would be Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, and they have a Street Naming and Numbering Officer dedicated to this task. However, these decisions are made after discussions with statutory consultees, such as Royal Mail and the Parish Council.

Street names are more than just signposts. They help shape a place's identity, reflect its history, and are vital for things like navigation and emergency

services. That's why the Borough Council is keen to hear your ideas, as long as they meet a few important guidelines.

How to get involved

If you have an idea you'd like to put forward, please email it to the Parish Council Clerk, Lisa Peters, at clerk@northawcuffley-pc.gov.uk who will be collating suggestions on behalf of local residents.

A quick word on duplicate names

To avoid confusion (especially

for emergency services), any suggested street name must not already exist – or sound too similar to an existing name – within Welwyn Hatfield Borough or within a 10km radius.

Simply changing the ending won't be enough, so for example:

- Marys Close wouldn't be accepted if St Marys Way already exists nearby
- Names like Bush Hill Lane and Bushell Lane are also considered too similar

What makes a good street name?

When coming up with ideas, please make sure the name:

- Is easy to spell and pronounce
- Uses no more than two words (not including the street ending)
- Is respectful and appropriate

Names used for advertising or marketing purposes won't be accepted.

Approved street endings

All street names must include an approved ending that suits the type of street, such as:

Road, Street, Close, Lane, Avenue, Mead, Meadow, Mews, Place, Park, Rise, Square, Terrace, View or Drive.

Pedestrian routes should end with Path, Walk or Way.

Looking to local history

Residents are encouraged to draw inspiration from:

- Local history and heritage

- Geographical features or former land use
- Existing naming themes in the area

Streets are not usually named after living people or those who have passed away recently. In exceptional cases, names may be considered where someone made a significant contribution locally, provided they have been deceased for at least 20 years, had strong local connections, and family consent has been sought.

Supporting your idea

You're welcome to include a short explanation with your suggestion, telling us why the name is meaningful or relevant.

This is a great opportunity to help shape the character of future neighbourhoods – we look forward to hearing your ideas!

Disabled Parking in Cuffley – Maynard Place Car Park

Following complaints about confusing signage, we would like to clarify the disabled parking arrangements in Maynard Place Car Park.

There are two designated disabled parking bays, located on the right-hand side of the car park near the recycling bins.

- A valid Blue Badge must be displayed when parking in these bays.
- To receive up to 2 hours of free parking, you must:
 - Park in one of the designated disabled bays, and
 - Display both a valid Blue Badge and a free 1-hour ticket obtained from the pay-and-display machine.
- Even when displaying a valid Blue Badge, normal parking charges apply if:
 - You are not parked in one of the designated disabled bays, or
 - You do not display the free 1-hour ticket.

- If parking for longer than 2 hours, standard parking charges apply.

Please note that we have been made aware that there are ongoing investigations following fraudulent use of the Blue Badge system within the village.

Badge holders are reminded to ensure their badge is used correctly and in accordance with regulations.

Parking with a Blue Badge

To help avoid any confusion, here's a quick reminder of where Blue Badge holders can and can't park. You can park:

- In resident permit zones (council-run only) without a permit or time limit
- In limited waiting bays with no time limit
- On yellow lines for up to 3 hours, if your Blue Badge and clock are displayed, the clock is set to arrival time, and there



- are no loading restrictions
 - In disabled bays, following any signed time limits
 - In advisory disabled bays (courtesy spaces) – no badge required, but please leave these for those who need them
- A Blue Badge does not allow parking:

- Where there are loading bans
- In car parks without payment
- On verges or footways
- In bus stops or loading bays

Please remember that your Blue Badge must be clearly displayed in your windscreen while parked.



SOPERS ROAD CAR PARK

Following a tender process conducted in October 2025, the resurfacing of Sopers Road Car Park was approved by the Parish Council at its meeting on 11 November 2025.

As the anticipated value of the contract exceeded £30,000, the tender was published on the government procurement

website Find a Tender and was also advertised locally.

The Council received submissions from six contractors, which were assessed against a range of criteria, including cost analysis and value for money, as well as experience, financial capability, community value, and environmental standards and impact.

Following Councillors' approval, Henderson & Taylor (PW) Ltd was appointed as the successful contractor. The works were completed successfully in January 2026, with the project delivered on time despite challenging and deteriorating weather conditions.



A message from your local PCSO

Spring is arriving which means it's time to consider if your home and garden are safe from burglars.

Burglaries and thefts from gardens often increase at this time of year as the weather turns milder. People often purchase new garden equipment or start DIY projects which means there can be lots of valuables at risk.

Luckily, there are simple measures you can take to help prevent being a target.

Firstly, always lock your shed, preferably with two 'hasp and staple' locks (one near the top and one near the bottom of the door) or use an alarmed padlock. Remember to secure your rear garden by locking entry gates with a padlock. Burglars can use garden tools to break in, so make sure you securely lock away any tools after use.

It is also worth taking time to ensure boundary fences are secure and in good condition.

Spiky plants along garden boundaries are good additional deterrents too.

For more crime prevention advice take a look on our website at [herts.police.uk/crimeprevention](https://www.herts.police.uk/crimeprevention)

PCSO Jo Woods



A scene from a recent rehearsal of The Good Doctor

The Cuffley Players is a friendly local drama group based in Cuffley, with members from Goff's Oak, Northaw, Cheshunt and beyond. The group stages two productions each year and welcomes new members of all abilities, whether you wish to perform on stage or help behind the scenes. Rehearsals are held on Monday and Thursday evenings at Cuffley Hall from 7.45pm, providing a supportive and enjoyable environment for anyone looking to rekindle an interest in drama or try something new.

The Players' next production is The Good Doctor by Neil Simon, running from Wednesday 25 to Saturday 28 March at 8pm, with a

3pm matinee on Saturday 28 March, at Cuffley Hall. Tickets are £12, available from www.cuffleyplayers.co.uk or the box office on **07857 841930**.

Inspired by the short stories of Anton Chekhov, The Good Doctor is a series of comic and poignant vignettes narrated by "The Writer". The play features a colourful cast of characters, including a fiery old woman confronting a bank manager, a nervous actress at an audition, an unfortunate dental patient, and a man offering to drown himself for a small fee. Simply staged in period costume, the production promises an evening of warmth, humour and theatrical fun.

CUFFLEY ART SOCIETY



Our friendly group of artists of mixed ages meet every Monday afternoon at 2pm until 4pm in Cuffley Hall to paint together and socialise. We paint or draw in all mediums, watercolour, acrylics, pastels, pens and pencils. We have beginners and seasoned artists in our group. Advice and general appreciation is always given. We paint for an hour and then have a tea/coffee break and then we continue with our painting.

Our next Exhibition will be in October or November this year. New members are very welcome. Phone Jan on **01707874672** for more information.



Cuffley Floral Art Club

Cuffley Floral Art Club is the monthly venue for you if you would like to learn more about flowers, flower arranging and see expert demonstrators in action.

We meet at Cuffley Hall, Maynards Place, Station Road, Cuffley EN6 4JA on the 2nd Tuesday of every month (except January and August). Doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. During the evening you will enjoy watching a professional floral demonstrator who creates floral exhibits to be raffled at the end of the evening.

We are a friendly club so please come and join us and enjoy the evening. For further information please contact **01707 889447**.

We look forward to welcoming you.



Kidston Institute

7, Northaw Road West, Northaw, EN6 4NW.

The Kidston Institute is a Charity based organisation in Northaw with Table Tennis and Snooker facilities.

New members welcome.

A £52 annual membership allows unlimited use of the tables (outside of Pre-School hours).

Further information and contact details at www.kidstoninstitute.uk



Choose to Reuse: Saving Waste and Supporting Our Community

Did you know that all Hertfordshire recycling centres help give still-good items a second life? When visiting a centre, look out for the pink 'Reuse Drop Off' signs and donate items such as furniture, bikes, toys, games and garden equipment.

Most donated items are sold at Reuse Shops located at Harpenden, Stevenage, Waterdale (Watford), Ware and Welwyn Garden City recycling centres. It's a great way to pick up a bargain while reducing

waste. Best of all, all profits go straight back into supporting Hertfordshire's recycling services.

They also donate items every week to vulnerable households, charities, schools and community groups. Last year alone, over £7,000 worth of items were donated to support local people in need.

Find out more at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/reuse and follow Hertfordshire Reuse Shops on Facebook.



Poetry Club

A small group that meets every other Friday from 2-3.30pm would welcome new members to share and enjoy our love of poetry. Please speak to a volunteer who will be happy to assist you with further info



Your local library working for the community

At this time of the year, we look back at what we have achieved at your community library and are staggered that with just 22 volunteers, we look after 420 active borrowers, who, in the last 6 months have visited the library 8,294 times and borrowed 6,945 items. And most importantly, we have welcomed 82 new borrowers. Now you may ask yourself in this digital age, when most of us have a smart phone that gives us access to a Pandora's Box of information, what is the point of being a member of a library?

Well, your library card is the key to a number of additional benefits. As well as being able to borrow the latest books, audio CDs and periodicals, we can reserve whatever we don't stock from the other 45 libraries in Hertfordshire and a consortium of libraries in the country of which we are a member. We can also source librettos, music and playbooks from the Performing Arts Service. And in-house, we also have a number of large print books and can provide a home library service to you.



There are several free Apps you can download with your borrower number that will allow you to read ebooks, listen to audio books and give access to 1,000s of worldwide periodicals and newspapers. If you're interested in tracing your family history, you have 2 hours free access to **Ancestry.com** and **Findmypast** on our library PCs. And if you want to work away from home, in a warm space this winter, we have free Wi-Fi and can provide you with refreshments. And don't forget, we also have a photocopying and printing service.

Finally, we host a number of special interest groups such as a book group, a craft group and the poetry group. There's also a Neighbourhood Police Beat Surgery every quarter, evening talks and our annual Open Day. If you are a younger reader, we have Baby Rhyme Time on Monday mornings, children's crafting during the holidays and one of our favourite promotions,

The Summer Reading Challenge. So as you can see, very much a social space too.



Here are some of my bears so please join us (and bring along your bear) to wish Pooh Bear a very happy 100th birthday!

If you haven't visited us yet, we are in the centre of the village under the Surgery and have a convenient car park to the rear of the library with one hour's free parking. Open all day Mondays and Wednesdays from 10am to 5pm and Friday afternoons from 2-5pm. Please speak to a volunteer if there is any activity you are interested in and we'll see what we can do.

Paola Munns, Chair of Cuffley Community Library



In Memoriam Anna Sharkey

Written by Jane Brook

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Anna Sharkey in December following a short illness due to a long-term health condition which, in true Anna style, she rarely mentioned.

Anna lived in Cuffley, which she loved, for fifteen years. Her children and grandchildren grew up here and she had a keen interest in, and commitment to, the life of the village and its community. Many residents will have come across Anna through the Northaw and Cuffley Resident's Association where she was Secretary for many years and a guiding light in the organisation. Most recently she was closely involved in the relaunch of the Association. She was also a member of several clubs in the parish, notably Cuffley Art Group and Cuffley Library Craft Group and was a regular volunteer at Cuffley Library. Many in the dog-walking fraternity will have got to know Anna when she was out with her beloved dog, Purdey, too. Musical theatre was another of her passions, she used to run a drama school, and this love was passed on to her family.

Anna was loved by all who knew her. Her quiet but determined nature and her energy and commitment were legendary, extending far beyond the community. She touched all who met her with kindness and genuine interest. Above all, she was a fantastic support to her family and friends. She will be sadly missed.



The Community Orchard is a public green space in the heart of Northaw, providing opportunities for education, conservation and healthy living.

Find the Orchard between No. 47 and 49 Northaw Road West Look for the Scout HQ sign on Northaw Road West and follow track to car park or use the entrance in Church Lane (by the bungalows).

Run and managed entirely by volunteers, the Orchard is open all day, every day, for the benefit of our community. There are plenty of picnic tables and benches to sit and take in the trees and the wildlife.

We are looking forward to another successful year in the Orchard with something for everyone.

If you have young children why not come along to our Family Forest School sessions on selected Sundays. It's a great way to share the outdoors with children and adults alike. Or visit one of our gatherings during the year – check out our events page on the website.

We couldn't do all this without the regular help of our volunteers so please do come along and join us! Join our help-out sessions for gentle exercise in the fresh air! All tools are provided and refreshments always include cake! You don't have to be super-fit, just happy to be outdoors for a couple of hours. First Saturday in the month 10.30am to 1pm and a middle Thursday in the month 2pm-4.30pm (check website for dates)

For more information visit our website www.northaworchard.com or email northaworchard@gmail.com. If you would like to get involved with running the Orchard, do contact us.





Scouts

1st Cuffley Scout Group

NEWS

The Spring Term started well with programmed activities and meetings to ensure the development and progress of our young members. It was also time for the Scout Association's annual Census of members and volunteers. We're pleased to say our Sections are maintaining good numbers and we have a great team of Leaders and helpers, Trustees and supporters.

However, we need some additional Leaders, particularly in our Scout Section, to work with our Young People on their journey through Scouting.

There has been a Scouting presence in Cuffley for almost one hundred years and we want to

make sure the Group stays strong and prosperous for many years to come.

Have you ever been a Scout, Cub, Beaver or Explorer?

Then you probably gained many skills for life, made friends and experienced lots of adventures.

Have you ever thought about volunteering or returning to volunteering?

Then you can gain more skills, make more friends and have even more adventures.

And it's good for you!

So, if you like the outdoors, are good at motivating and leading, are a team player and have a sense of humour why not get in touch. Come and give it a try for four weeks and we're sure you'll want to stay!

You can use the enquiry form on our website <https://cuffley-scouts.org.uk/join-us-enquiry/> or call **07784 861218** and leave a message.



NORTHAW & CUFFLEY BOWLING CLUB



Four of our ladies Carole Brewer, Christine Heiden, Angela Bryant and June King competed in the East Herts District Women's Bowls Association Fours Competition and after playing several rounds won through to the final (held at Bishops Stortford B.C.) which they won following a close game with an extra end. The trophy was presented by Barbary Levy the EHDWBA President for 2025.

Our next outdoor season commences on Saturday 18th April 2026 and if you are interested or would like to know more about bowling then please come and visit us at the clubhouse on Friday 10th April for our pre-season Coffee Morning commencing 10am or see our website www.nandcbowlingclub.co.uk. You don't have to wear pink bowling shoes and if you have never bowled before, initially all you need are a pair of trainers. We offer free coaching by qualified coaches and all equipment is provided during coaching. We welcome all age groups but under 18s but be accompanied by an appropriate adult.

You can find us at:
King George V Playing Field,
Northaw Road East, Cuffley EN6 4RD. (Next door to the football club)



Northaw and Cuffley Residents Association

Happy New Year to all our residents and supporters. As we start 2026, proposed and emerging developments in the area make it more important than ever that we work together to protect and positively shape our villages. We continue to represent the community's views, but we need more voices and helping hands – please get in touch at info@ncragb.uk if you have issues to raise, can spare an hour each month on our committee, or can help distribute flyers in your neighbouring streets.

Over the past few months we have been busy on your behalf, including:

- Working with Hertfordshire County Council on road safety, including Station Road/Well Road junction, Cattlegate/

Coopers Lane Road, and improvements to older zebra crossings

- Monitoring all Parish planning applications and submitting objections where appropriate
- Notifying members of significant planning applications in the Parish
- Successful negotiations for the Plough Hill pedestrian crossing and speed bumps
- Meetings with County, Borough and Parish Councillors to raise residents' concerns
- Meeting with the Cuffley Surgery Manager to discuss patient issues and access
- Donating towards children's craft activities at our Community Library to mark Herts Libraries' 100-year centenary

- Sourcing books for the Cuffley Station Book Swap launch (no travel ticket needed to enjoy the books on Platform 2)
- Liaising with Goffs Oak Community Association and Crews Hill Residents Association
- Participation in CPRE and London Green Belt Council meetings
- Attendance at the Cecil Gascoigne renewable energy plans meeting

Do get in touch if you have any pressing issues in the community which you feel should be addressed. Scan the QR code (right) for more information.



Health & Independent Living Support

Community Activities

Cuffley Day Centre

70 Station Rd, Cuffley, Potters Bar, EN6 4EY

Open Monday to Friday, 10am-2pm, our Cuffley Day Centre is a warm and inviting space where older and disabled members of the community can enjoy a variety of activities, entertainment, and a two course lunch.

Activities include:

- Sing-alongs
- Bingo
- Quizzes
- Arts and crafts
- Live music
- Chair-based exercise
- Day trips
- and much more!

We're hiring!

We're looking for a **part time chef** to join our team in Cuffley

Working 24 hours a week, flexibly between the hours of 8am till 3pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

For more information please get in touch, or visit our website to apply

Call: 01707 876616 Email: Cuffley@hils-uk.org
Call: 0330 2000 103 Visit: www.hils-uk.org



Millennium Gardens, Cuffley, Boundary Wall Works



The Millennium Gardens in Cuffley are owned by Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council (WHBC), with the Parish Council holding a 99-year lease on behalf of the community.

Maynard Place is built on sloping ground, so the area has been designed to rise gradually from the road. The garden sits slightly higher than the road and parking area, with the western pavement and shops positioned a little higher again. This stepped layout helps make good use of the space and creates pleasant, usable areas throughout the site.

Since the gardens were



created, around the turn of the century, some wear has developed in the retaining wall behind the garden. This is something that has happened gradually over time due to ground movement, weather conditions, and normal ageing of materials.

Over the years, a number of improvements have already been carried out to help maintain the stability of the retaining walls. These have included strengthening connections between walls, adjusting planting in the raised beds, and carefully managing trees and shrubs where their growth was affecting the ground.

While these measures have been beneficial, further work is now needed to refresh sections of the brickwork and ensure the gardens remain safe and welcoming for everyone to enjoy.

Once it became clear that more substantial work was required, the Parish Council consulted with both

WHBC and Hertfordshire County Council (HCC). These discussions confirmed that responsibility for the repair and ongoing care of the gardens rests with the Parish Council. Following this, a tender process was completed, and a contractor was approved at the Council meeting on 11 November.

Falcon Structural Repairs Ltd have been appointed to carry out the work, which is planned to take place during February and March 2026, subject to suitable weather conditions.



To allow the work to be carried out safely, some areas of the gardens and short sections of the pavement along Maynard Place will need to be closed temporarily. Access to the shops will remain open at all times. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank residents and visitors for their patience while these important improvements are completed.

HGV Parking on the Pavement in Coopers Lane

Help us reduce HGV Parking on the Pavement in Coopers Lane

Following discussions between the Parish Council, the Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council (WHBC) parking team, and the enforcement team at East Herts Council, it has been confirmed that there is a legal basis to issue Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) to HGVs parked on the pavement along Coopers Lane.

We have been advised that Coopers Lane has been added to the enforcement officers' handheld devices to allow PCNs to be issued at this location.



Unfortunately, due to the road's isolated location and its position at the edge of the enforcement zone, enforcement will be reactive only.

This means officers will attend only when reports are made, rather than carrying out routine patrols.

For this reason, residents are being asked to report every instance of a large truck (over 7.5 tonnes) or HGV parked on the

pavement along Coopers Lane via the WHBC website using the following link: <https://www.welhat.gov.uk/parking/report-vehicle-contravention>

Each report will trigger a request for an enforcement officer to attend the location.

Please note:

- Enforcement action can only be taken where a vehicle has at least one wheel on the verge or footway.
- If all wheels are on the carriageway, officers cannot intervene, negotiate with drivers, or issue a PCN, and will leave without taking action.

It is hoped that this process will help reduce the number of vehicles parking at this location over time.