



# UPDATE

THE NORTHAW AND CUFFLEY PARISH COUNCIL MAGAZINE

## Northaw & Cuffley Parish Boundaries

Following a few recent questions regarding the extent of the Parish boundaries, I have been asked to remind residents of the Parish's boundaries.

The northern and eastern boundaries largely follow Cuffley Brook, running along the top of Great Wood, bisecting Carbone Hill, and continuing around the edge of

Peters Wood before crossing the railway line. The boundary then follows a line east of The Meadway, descending to Cuffley Hill. From there, it continues in a southerly direction, passing to the east of the Sopers Road Estate until it reaches the M25.

To the west, the boundary with South Mymms begins at the westernmost point of Great Wood, curving gently down to the junction of The Ridgeway and Shepherds Way, before sloping westwards and stopping just short of Little Heath. The border then traces a line above Potters Bar, passing north of the site of The Chequers pub and Springfield Close, before descending to meet the M25 at Foxhole Hill.

The southern boundary then follows, as far as possible, the line of the M25.

Adjoining Authorities:

**To the West:** Potters Bar is unparished and administered by Hertsmeare Borough Council and South Mymms Parish Council, under Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council.

**To the North:** Hatfield Town Council, under Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council.

**To the East:** Goffs Oak is unparished and is administered by Broxbourne Borough Council

**To the South:** Enfield London Borough Council



Shown is a 2014 parish rights of way map showing the extent of the Parish



## 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.

## REPORT FROM THE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AGM

The Northaw & Cuffley Residents Association (NCRA) was pleased to welcome a strong turnout at this year's AGM, reflecting the growing concern and engagement within our community. We were particularly encouraged by the attendance of the Chairs of the Goffs Oak and Crews Hill Residents Associations, alongside active representation from the Enfield Society, whose campaign against the arbitrary 21,000 housing target was both compelling and informative.

We were also grateful to hear from Borough Councillor Barbara Fitzsimon and County Councillor Fiona Thomson, both of whom continue to represent our villages

with commitment and integrity. A key message from our councillors was clear: local voices matter.

On a positive note, we are delighted that Diane Draper will continue in her role as Treasurer and as our ever-vigilant "planning eagle." Her expertise and dedication remain invaluable as we navigate increasingly complex planning matters.

The AGM highlighted the importance of building momentum as we move forward. Our area continues to face extensive development pressures, often without the necessary investment in infrastructure. Concerns remain around road capacity, access

to GP services, public transport provision, youth facilities, and other essential services that are critical to maintaining the character and sustainability of our villages.

Now, more than ever, we need collective action. We encourage all residents to stay engaged, attend meetings where possible, and support the work of the Association as we continue to advocate for responsible, balanced development that truly reflects the needs of our community.

To find out more or get in touch, head to [www.ncragb.uk](http://www.ncragb.uk).

*Harry  
Chair, NCRA*



## NORTHAW & CUFFLEY BOWLING CLUB

Northaw & Cuffley Bowling Club has been a part of the community since it opened in 1937. We are situated at King George V Playing Fields, Northaw Road East.

We have attempted to grow the club and make it a fun and friendly place to go for people of all ages. Last year we started the process of planning to add a gazebo to our existing pavilion building. The club applied for a grant from the Parish Council towards the build cost. This was approved and we received a generous community grant of £5,000. The work was completed for the season opening in April.

The club members are delighted with the result and it is a fabulous

addition to the overall look and comfort of the club. There is nothing better than sitting outside on a summers day/evening, sipping a cool drink and watching a game of bowls. Being a club member offers a great social environment to be a part of. The game of bowls is great exercise too!

Take a look at the photos of the new gazebo or better still, come and visit us and have a look around. We have Open days on Saturday 9th, 16th and 23rd May.

**Why not give bowls a go?**

**We look forward to welcoming you soon.**



## Scouts 1st Cuffley Group News

At this time of year, as the evenings are growing longer and the weather gets warmer, we are pleased to run more of our meetings outdoors. There has been firelighting, tent-pitching practice, cooking, first aid, Lego, seed planting and lots of games. The Cubs had a bushcraft day and added backwoods cooking (no pans and limited utensils) and trebuchet building to their skills.

Our outdoor space now has a really useful wooden gazebo, an extra covered area which will benefit all our Sections during meetings and activities. We'd like to thank the Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council for the Community Grant that helped pay for this project.

A creative team from our Cubs came second in the District Model Making Competition – Well Done! In April we had the annual St George's Day celebration with

other Groups from the Potters Bar District and renewed our Scout Promises followed by a fun afternoon of games in the sun at Elm Court. The Cuffley Explorers enjoyed a long weekend camp in the Brecon Beacons hiking, navigating and canyoning. The Cubs have a camping skills camp in May and a Pack Camp at Phasels Wood in June. The Beavers also have an overnight camp planned for the summer taking in some activities at Tolmers Camp Site.

Four Leaders attended the Hertfordshire Scouts Mountaineering Experience, a week's course at Lochearnhead Scout Station in Scotland over Easter learning advanced navigation, wild-camping and training for leading groups in the mountains and hills, taking their Scouting skills to the next level!



We are starting to put together some ideas for our 100 years of Scouting in Cuffley next year. If you have any memories to share, stories to tell or were involved with 1st Cuffley at any time we would love to hear from you – [cuffleyscoutgroup@gmail.com](mailto:cuffleyscoutgroup@gmail.com) or leave us a message at **07784 861218**

If you like the outdoors, are a team player, have a sense of humour and like to have fun then please get in touch. We have volunteering opportunities across the Group not only as Leaders but also in some administrative and more practical roles.

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.



## Our Local Hedgehogs Need Your Help

In the last two decades, hedgehog numbers have continued to decline by between a third and three-quarters nationally, with the largest declines seen in the eastern part of England.

While urban hedgehog populations appear to be stabilising and showing signs of recovery, rural populations remain low. As a Parish that straddles both urban and rural locations, it is important that we remain aware of the perilous position of this much beloved native species.

### DO YOU WANT TO BE A HEDGEHOG CHAMPION?

"Well that's terrible, what can I do to help?" I hear you say.

The answer to that question could be signing your family up to Hedgehog Street and becoming a Hedgehog Champion.

For more information, and to register as a "Hedgehog Champion", go to Hedgehog Street at <https://www.hedgehogstreet.org/> or see their posts on their Instagram @ [thehedgehogsociety](https://www.instagram.com/thehedgehogsociety)

### WHAT IS THE BIG HEDGEHOG MAP?

Following Hedgehog Awareness Week (3 – 9 May 2026) we were

delighted to see that, at the time of checking, 102 "hedgehog highway" fence holes and 774 hedgehogs had been reported in the local area, via the Big Hedgehog Map.

The BIG Hedgehog Map was launched through the Hedgehog Street campaign and is a national conservation project by the People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) & The British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS), with aims to:

1. Be a central hub for records of hedgehogs, dead or alive. If you see a hedgehog, mark

this on the map, to ensure everyone knows about recent hedgehog sightings.

2. Encourage people to do more, by pledging to make a hole in their fence.
3. Host a national network of "hedgehog highways", made by volunteers. These holes allow hedgehogs to move freely between gardens. A lack of connectivity is thought to be an important driver of the decline.

You can see the Big Hedgehog Map at: <https://bighedgehogmap.org/>



## Easy Ways to Make Your Garden More Hedgehog Friendly

Alternatively, according to The British Hedgehog Preservation Society, the best way of assisting hedgehogs is by helping them avoid man-made hazards and providing them with suitable places to nest, especially in the winter, and they highlight the importance of gardens and green spaces, and local action, in ensuring a future for hedgehogs.

This can be something as simple as making sure that a dish of water is available especially during the summer months or in extreme weather conditions, but here are some other easy actions for your garden:

- Keep your shed or garage closed, so hedgehogs do not wander in and get trapped.
- Keep dogs under control if you

know you have hedgehogs in the garden.

- Always check for hedgehogs before strimming, mowing or hedge cutting
- Make sure ground is clear of litter or rubbish bags so that they can't get trapped (Hedgehogs will eat anything and are very curious, which can, literally, be a deadly combination for them).
- Make sure that your drains, or any other recessed spaces, are properly covered or are provided with a small ramp to allow animals to escape if they fall in.
- Do not use slug pellets and try to avoid using other garden pesticides.
- Try to use environmentally safe wood preservatives on your fences, garden furniture, and wooden buildings.
- If you have a pond, or a pool, make sure that there are several sloping slipways around the edge of the water to allow hedgehogs to escape if they fall in.



- If you have netting over fruit or vegetables, make sure that this is raised up 22-30cm (9-12") from the ground to stop hedgehogs from getting tangled underneath.

If you have found a sick or injured hedgehog, useful information on first aid and next steps can be found at:

<https://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/found-a-hedgehog/>

For more information on everything hedgehog related, you can find The British Hedgehog Preservation Society website at <https://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk>

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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LOCAL PCSO

As we move into the warmer months, I wanted to highlight a recent rise in thefts from motor vehicles in our area and share some simple steps that can really make a difference. Vehicles tend to be targeted when valuables are left on display or doors are left unlocked, even if just for a short period of time. Please remember to always lock your vehicle, even when parked on your driveway, and remove items such as bags, phones, tools and loose change. If you have a garage, use it – and don't forget to lock that too. If you are going away on holiday, please make sure that your home is secure before you leave. Ensure all doors and windows are securely locked. Consider asking a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property, pick up post, or park on your drive to make the house look occupied. Using timer switches for lights in the evening can also be an effective deterrent. By taking a few extra precautions, we can all help reduce opportunities for crime. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our community safe.

PCSO Jo Woods



## PLAY TENNIS LOCALLY

Looking for a new sport, restart one you haven't played in a while, or meet new friends?

**Northaw & Cuffley Lawn Tennis Club**  
welcomes new members of all abilities

Friendly club atmosphere  
Social and competitive play  
Coaching available (adults & juniors)  
Great way to keep active and meet people



Interested? Come and try a session.

Contact us at  
**Email:** northawandcuffleytennisclub@gmail.com  
**Phone:** 07956 522655  
**Website:**  
clubspark.lta.org.uk/NorthawCuffleyLawnTennisClub

## CUFFLEY ART SOCIETY

We meet every Monday afternoon at 1.45 til 4pm in Cuffley Hall small hall. We're a very friendly of group of people of all ages who love to paint and draw. We use pencils, pastels, acrylics and watercolours. We are happy to welcome new members so if you would like more information phone Jan on **01707874672**.

Look out for our ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION on Saturday 31st October in Cuffley Hall. We will open from 10.30 am til 3pm. As



usual we will be selling our original paintings and cards as well as tea and coffee, homemade cakes all day and soup and a roll from 1 til 2pm. You can vote for your favourite painting and there will be a raffle. **Entry is FREE.**

## NORTHAW COMMUNITY ORCHARD A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

The Community Orchard is a public green space in the heart of Northaw for all in the parish to enjoy. We aim to provide opportunities for education, conservation and healthy living. Run and managed entirely by volunteers, the Orchard is open all day, every day, for the benefit of our community.

Spring was a busy time in the Orchard. We completed the winter pruning of hedges, apple and pear trees and finally managed to get in to mow after a wet winter. The dry weather then meant lots of watering young trees and mulching with last year's hay. We had a successful Blossom Day event in May with a self-guided tour and Wise Words posted in a tree! Thanks to those who came along. We look forward to seeing you at our next event.



Jolly helpers

## ORCHARD FAYRE Sunday 26th July 1-5pm

Come and celebrate our wonderful community in the heart of Northaw  
Community groups, plants, BBQ and Pimms, activities for all and much more

Join our help-out sessions for gentle exercise in the fresh air! First Saturday in the month 10.30am to 1pm and a middle Thursday in the month 2pm-4.30pm (check website for dates) – tools, tea, coffee and cake provided!

Find the Orchard between No. 47 and 49 Northaw Road West (access road to the Scouts) or use entrance in Church Lane (by the bungalows). Parking available.

For more information visit our website [www.northaworchard.com](http://www.northaworchard.com) or email [northaworchard@gmail.com](mailto:northaworchard@gmail.com).

## Cuffley Community Library: Open Day

Do you know how the teddy bear got its name? What is the world's most expensive teddy bear? What are the names of the 8 bears that can still be found in the wild?

All of these questions and more will be answered at this year's Open Day where we are celebrating both Winnie-the-Pooh's 100th birthday and 'All things Bear'.

We've planned lots of teddy-related activities, games (the Teddy Olympics), children's crafting and storytelling and an exhibition on 'All things Bear'. There's our delicious home-baked cakes and refreshments on the day, a book sale, a teddy bear hospital and of course a stall selling delicious local honey. As well as super prizes in both our adult and separate children's tombolas. And we invite you all to join us in our Teddy Bear's picnic to celebrate with our specially invited guest and of course, you must bring along your teddy.



Our nominated charity at the event is the 'Toy Project' who deliver toys to disadvantaged children, both at home and abroad. We are currently collecting your unwanted toys at the library but you can also bring them along on the day.

Finally, we need your help to complete our teddy bear mural for the day. So please drop a photograph of you, your family

## Cuffley Community Library OPEN DAY

Saturday 27 June  
11-4pm

## THE DAY THE TEDDY BEARS CAME TO CUFFLEY

Games, Treasure Hunt  
Children's Crafts, Stalls  
StoryTime, Tombola  
Refreshments  
Bear Exhibition  
AND  
Winnie-the-Pooh's  
100th Birthday Party  
SAVE THE DATE

and friends with their teddy bears, as our tap dancers have done (left), into the library or send it to: [cuffleylibraryvolunteers@outlook.com](mailto:cuffleylibraryvolunteers@outlook.com)

# REMINDER

## Recycling Centre Epass Now Required for Hertfordshire Residents

You now need an ePass to visit recycling centres in Hertfordshire, but don't worry this is free and can be arranged online by going to <https://www.epassrecyclingcentres.hertfordshire.gov.uk/> and selecting "Apply for a Recycling Centre epass".

If you are having problems, Wasteaware can also be contacted via Email: [csc.wasteaware@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:csc.wasteaware@hertfordshire.gov.uk) Or Phone: **0300 123 4051**

(Hours: Mon – Fri, 8.30am–5.30pm/Sat – 10am–2pm/Sun – closed).

### How does it work when visit?

The ePass is allocated against your registration number, and not you personally, so another driver from your household can visit in the registered vehicle.

You don't need to print or display anything in your vehicle, it is all done electronically.

Just make sure that you take a proof of address with you when you visit (for example, your driving licence or a utility bill), as they may check your proof of address against your ePass.

### You don't need to book before you visit.

When you arrive at the recycling centre, your vehicle registration number will be checked to confirm that you have an ePass, and site staff will have handheld devices to use and will log that you have made a visit.

### How long your ePass lasts

The car ePass is valid for 3 years. There are no restrictions on the number of visits allowed against your car ePass.

A household can have up to 2 ePasses at a time. Hertfordshire residents can register for either 2 car ePasses or 1 car ePass and 1 van and trailer permit.

## REMINDER TO USE GOV.UK

A quick reminder that, following government guidelines, the Parish Council has moved over to a **gov.uk** website and email addresses.

Whilst, currently, emails sent to our old org.uk addresses are being forwarded on, this is not a facility that will last, and we don't want to miss out on receiving your email.

Please can you therefore make sure that you update your contacts so that any email sent to the Parish Council is via a **gov.uk** email address.

Clerk – [clerk@northawcuffley-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@northawcuffley-pc.gov.uk)

Office Manager –  
[office.manager@northawcuffley-pc.gov.uk](mailto:office.manager@northawcuffley-pc.gov.uk)

Councillors – [cllr.surname@northawcuffley-pc.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.surname@northawcuffley-pc.gov.uk)

**Thank you, and we look forward to hearing from you.**

## HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH US

**Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council, 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.

Councillors can be contacted using the Council Members page on our website: [https://northawcuffleypc.gov.uk/contact\\_us/](https://northawcuffleypc.gov.uk/contact_us/)

Our Office Manager, Sally Griffiths, will be happy to assist with any general enquiries and can be contacted on **01707 875 825** or [office.manager@northawcuffleypc.gov.uk](mailto:office.manager@northawcuffleypc.gov.uk)

Our Clerk, Lisa Peters, can be reached on **07375 962 772** or [clerk@northawcuffley-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@northawcuffley-pc.gov.uk)

You can also find useful information, both on the Council and on Local Resources, at our website [www.northawcuffley-pc.gov.uk](http://www.northawcuffley-pc.gov.uk)



## 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, June 13th, 10.00 – 11.00am**

**Saturday July 18th, 10.00 – 11.00am**

\*No surgery in August\*

**Saturday, Sept 12th, 10.00 – 11.00am**