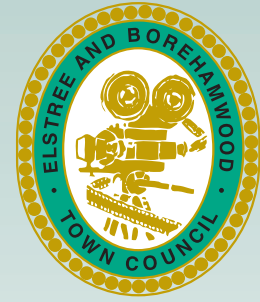


Annual Report 2017/2018



Mayor's Summary



Town Mayor Cllr Eric Silver visiting the EastEnders set

Summing up at the Council meeting on 14 March 2018, the Town Mayor Cllr E Silver said "Evelyn and I attended over 100 Mayoral Engagements since I took on the role last May and it has always been a pleasure and honour to make new friends at these events. Particular projects of interest to me this year have been fundraising for the Dementia Club charity, being on the Big Brother tv programme and going to the EastEnders set at the BBC. Visiting places of worship, care homes and schools was a priority for me and I have always been welcomed at these and valued the opportunity to discuss matters of benefit to our communities."

Community Services



Fairway Hall

Hall Bookings: Fairway Hall was booked for 2,055 hours for casual hire such as party bookings, amateur dramatics and shows. Regular hirers for the year were:

- Ballet: Hertsmere Academy Of Performing Arts
- Borehamwood Women's Institute

- AJ Fitness:
- Drop In Centre (Over 60s)
- Dementia Support Group
- Born To Move
- Weight Watchers
- Borehamwood & Elstree Twin Town Association
- Yoga
- Star maker School
- Junior Soccer Stars
- Borehamwood Islamic Society
- Radlett Reform Synagogue

Improvements to Fairway Hall during the year included the installation of a speaker system and the recoating of the wooden floor.

Allotments

Site	Managed	Occupied	Occupancy
Allum Lane	46	43	93.5%
Melrose Avenue	100	97	97%
Stapleton Gardens (Opened September 2017)	54	54	100%
Total	200	194	6 vacancies



Stapleton Gardens Opening

Planning and Consultations: The council considered a total of 364 planning applications referred to it by Hertsmere Borough Council as a statutory consultee. Comments were made on 93 of these with concerns including issues of tower block developments, problems with smaller unit developments failing to meet local needs for family sized homes, highways infrastructure and potential basement developments negatively impacting the water table. Members also raised concerns over the high levels of retrospective applications locally. Consultation responses were made on the Hertsmere Local Plan (Planning for Growth), Local Council Tax Support Scheme and the Electoral Review of Hertsmere.

Site and Street Maintenance: In partnership with local businesses, the Council maintains the film plaques in Borehamwood, 47 benches and 10 notice boards. Both War Memorials, St Nicholas and All Saints Churchyard (and Church Clocks) are maintained by the grounds team and the High Street planter cost is shared with Hertsmeire Borough Council.



Harrison Ford Film Plaque

Grants: In 2017/18 the Town Council was proud to have assisted the following organisations with grant awards to contribute to the cost of local activities which are of benefit to the Community (or a section of it).

The total sum granted in Budgeted, Community, Special and Fee Waiver grants was £14,959 as follows:

- First Impressions: £4,000 (£1,000 for admin costs and £3,000 towards the 150 Years of the Railways Event);
- BETTA (Twin Town Association) £1,000 for admin costs;
- Boreham Wood Football Club £1,000 for advertising;
- Herts Inclusive Theatre £425 for theatre performance costs;
- Monday Club Senior Citizens at Organ Hall £400 coach trip;
- DR96 Senior Citizens Drop in at 96 Shenley Road £400 coach trip;
- TWF Short Film Awards £200 for awards ceremony costs;
- Community Hertsmeire £1,000 for IT equipment;
- Aldenham Country Park £800 for play equipment (for children with disabilities);
- Elstree Productions £500 for Hall Hire and props;
- Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Support Group £1,374 (£500 for admin costs and £874 in free use of Fairway Hall for 23 weeks);
- Borehamwood and Elstree Synagogue JLEX Project £500 costs towards transport and hosting Exhibition; and
- EBRA (Residents' Association) £360 in free quarter page adverts in Town Crier magazine.
- Borehamwood Bandstand Project £3,000.

Transport Forum: Four well attended meetings of the forum took place with lively discussions on topics including potholes at Elstree and Borehamwood Railway Station bridge, train timetables and services, bus service changes, police updates and traffic flow in Borehamwood and Elstree.

Business Forum: Five meetings of the group took place in the year, providing networking and sponsorship opportunities for local businesses of varying sizes. The Forum also provided a platform for guest speakers to offer advice on relevant issues (e.g. Business working in China, Recyclable Plastic Carrier Bags and Prosthetics for film and medical use).

China Sister Town: The council signed a memorandum of understanding with Huainan in China in order to promote business links and for cultural and friendship contacts to be formed.



China Sister Town Signing

Leisure and Entertainment

Coach Trips: the 12 subsidised Summer coach trips for the over 60s included two trips to both Eastbourne and Broadstairs with new destinations planned for Brighton and Oxford. In addition, due to popular demand resulting from the success of 2016/17, two Christmas Market Winter trips visited Winchester and Canterbury. Luxury 53 seater coaches were provided by local company, Hearn's.

Civic Festival: The Festival fortnight began with a civic parade dedicated to the 40th Anniversary of Star Wars being filmed at Elstree Studios. Highlights included a free outdoor screening of Rogue One: A Star Wars Story at Maxwell Park Community Centre, a screening of Elstree 1976 at Fairway Hall with Q&A from director Jon Spira, Star Wars table-top role playing evening, John Williams BBC Band concert at Allum Hall, Borehamwood's Got Talent! (with thanks to Elstree Productions for helping on the evening), Teddy's Trail community walk (led by walk creator John Cartledge), Festival 5k Run at Aldenham Country Park (in conjunction with Park Run), allotment open day, the Annual Festival Flower show, Primary School Performing Arts and Royal British Legion Festival Quiz. Families Day included 44 community stalls with the addition of a traditional seaside Punch and Judy show (suitable for audiences of all ages). Arena events were Joseph Pearce Fire Show and Above and Beyond Acrobatics. Throughout the Festival, characters in Star Wars costume helped to bring a sense of occasion and celebration to the activities.



Civic Festival Parade

Fireworks Display: This was the 27th free entry fireworks display, choreographed this year to musical scores by John Williams to tie in with the 40th Anniversary of Star Wars.



Fireworks Night

Christmas Switch On Display: The BBC Band performed their annual Christmas concert at Allum Hall. The Switch On ceremony was conducted by Town Mayor, Cllr E Silver. Activities included free Santa's Grotto, Ice Skating and children's rides. Borehamwood Brass Band, Community Choir, Elstree Productions and local musician James Stowell helped to generate a festive mood. Four schools performed concerts at All Saints Church.



Christmas Lights, All Saints Church

Children and Young People

Youth Council: With 20 active Youth Councillors, this group continues to represent and be a voice for young people in the local area and carries out community service work and environmental improvements. Work undertaken during the year included 'Urban Angels' homelessness initiative, 150 Years of Railways project, 'Make a Difference' (a 'Dragon's Den' style ideas community initiative), Youth Councillor training and working with the Borehamwood Times to develop writing skills.



Youth Council 2017

School Swimming: The Council supported local schools in meeting the cost of travel to The Venue swimming pool for lessons (£32,000). This much appreciated service is applauded by Head teachers and students alike.

Public Access Report and Communications

The report contents were approved by Full Council on 14 March 2018 and the report is available for inspection by any elector in the Parish area by contacting the Town Council Offices or viewing on the Council website (www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk). The report is published in the quarterly Town Crier publication distributed to every resident in Elstree and Borehamwood (16,000 copies). Copies are available at the Town and Borough Councils and at Borehamwood Library.

Finances

The summary of Council Finances at Year End is as follows:

	Actual year to date	Current annual budget
General Management		
Expenditure	£303,260	£328,466
Income	£604,939	£504,085
Net Expenditure	-£301,679	-£175,609
Environment and Planning		
Expenditure	£29,175	£40,239
Income	£8,378	£6,989
Net Expenditure	£20,796	£33,250
Leisure and Entertainment		
Expenditure	£107,765	£116,804
Income	£7,876	£11,344
Net Expenditure	£99,889	£105,460
Community Support		
Expenditure	£43,627	£47,000
Income	£0	£0
Net Expenditure	£43,627	£47,000
TOTALS		
Expenditure	£483,827	£532,509
Income	£621,192	£522,418
Net Expenditure	-£137,365	£10,091

General Reserve Fund at Year End: £110,910

Earmarked Reserves at Year End: (Van: £5,451, Capital Projects: £206,025, Election: £11,750 Future Planning: £40,000).

Town Councillors

2017/18 Mayor: Cllr Eric Silver
2017/18 Deputy Mayor: Cllr Victor Eni

The new Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be appointed at the Annual Council meeting on 16 May 2018 along with Committee Chairmen and representatives on outside bodies.

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Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council meetings

For a full list of our forthcoming meetings, please see the website.

All meetings now take place at Fairway Hall.

8 May	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
9 May	Transport Forum	Main Hall	7pm
16 May	ANNUAL COUNCIL MAYOR MAKING	Main Hall	7.30pm
22 May	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7pm
24 May	General Management	Meeting Room	7pm
5 June	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
6 June	Business Forum	Main Hall	7.30pm
13 June	FULL COUNCIL	Main Hall	7.30pm
19 June	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7pm
4 July	Transport Forum	Main Hall	7pm
10 July	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
12 July	General Management	Meeting Room	7pm
17 July	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7pm
4 September	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm

Note: Times and venues of meetings may be changed at short notice. Meetings listed are open to the press and public.

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