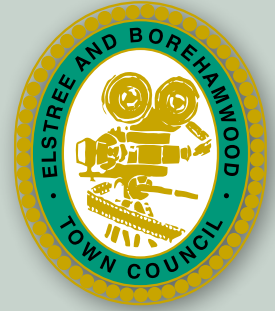


Annual Report 2021/22



Mayor's summary

Summing up at the council meeting on 11 May 2022, the Town Mayor Cllr Farida Turner said "I felt especially honoured to meet the Ukrainian refugees in Borehamwood recently. I wanted them to know that they are very welcome in our town and that we will do everything we can locally to support them in this time of need, especially in helping them to communicate with family and loved ones. My chosen charity, as you know, is the Foodbank who do an amazing job in providing essential support to families in Elstree and Borehamwood. I was staggered to find out just how much they do – not just food but school uniforms and practical advice and help of all kinds. I was also fascinated to see the volunteer work at the vaccination centre in Allum Manor – the sheer scale and professionalism of that operation was beyond words".

Community services

Hall bookings: Fairway Hall was open for the entire municipal year with a total usage of 1,535 hours (total income of £26,866).

Allotments:

| Site | Managed | Occupied | Occupancy |
|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Allum Lane | 56 | 56 | 100% |
| Melrose Avenue | 104 | 104 | 100% |
| Stapleton Gardens | 55 | 52 | 94% |
| Total | 215 | 212 | 98% |

The council continues to produce a biannual newsletter for all plot holders and a dedicated page (Compost Corner) is published quarterly in the Town Crier magazine. The biggest achievement was the installation of a locker shed at Stapleton Gardens funded through s.106 Developer monies.

Planning and Consultations: The council continued to consider planning applications referred to it by Hertsmere Borough Council as a statutory consultee. 282 were considered in total. Comments were made on 36 of these with concerns including issues of smaller unit developments failing to meet local needs for family sized homes and concerns over the high levels of retrospective applications locally.

Site and street maintenance: The council maintains the film plaques in Borehamwood, 56 benches and 10 notice boards. Both war memorials, St Nicholas and All Saints churchyard (and church clocks) are maintained by the grounds team. A dedicated bench to keyworkers to thank them for their work during the height of the pandemic was unveiled by the mayor adjacent to the Tesco's roundabout.



Thank You bench

Grants: In 2021/22 the town council was proud to have assisted the following organisations with grant awards (or CIL expenditure) to contribute to the cost of local activities which are of benefit to the community (or a section of it):

| Award | Amount | Purpose |
|---|---------|--|
| Hertsmere Borough Council | £58,751 | Community performance area "Bandstand" |
| Borehamwood and Elstree Twin Town Association (BETTA) | £1,500 | Running costs |
| Boreham Wood Football Club | £1,600 | Advertising |
| The Chai Centre aka Jewish Life Centre | £15,000 | Chanukar event |
| Elstree and Borehamwood Unity Network | £1,000 | Diversity festival |
| Herts Inclusive Theatre | £500 | Workshops |
| Borehamwood Foodbank | £760 | 10 microwaves |
| Woodlands Primary School | £1,000 | Defibrillator |
| Borehamwood Brass | £480 | Venue hire |
| The Women's Institute | £250 | Craft activities |

Leisure and entertainment

Replacement events and activities were held to compensate for the reduction in entertainments services the council was able to host due to the pandemic. These included:

- Festival quiz;
- Park run;
- Virtual literary festival (with writer and TV personality Will Self);
- Chess night;
- Indoor circus skills for children;
- Guided walk;
- Allotment tour;
- New town flag raising day.



New town flag

Fireworks night: Fireworks night returned to Meadow Park with a bang celebrating the music of James Bond films. The event was attended in a safe environment by some 5,000 residents/visitors (the only free on entry fireworks display in the local area of this size).

Christmas switch-on display: The Christmas lights were lit in person by EastEnders star Lorraine Stanley (playing the character of Karen Taylor in the BBC flagship show). Extra lights were installed on the trees outside of All Saints church to give a festive feel to the high street. All activities – including the ice-skating rink, Santa’s grotto and live music resumed.

Town Crier: Four editions of the popular town magazine were published and distributed to 16,000 residents and businesses. The publication is available online and in hard copy format at the Elstree and Borehamwood railway station, library, museum and Communities First.

Teddys trails: This local walking book and local history guide, Teddy’s Trail’s, continues to popular with 251 copies being sold to date. Updates are published monthly on the council’s website.

Coach trips: There were none (taking special account of the vulnerability of the target users of this service, i.e. senior citizens) with this much used service resuming in summer 2022.

Children and young people

School swimming: The council was delighted to supported local schools in meeting the cost of travel to The Venue swimming pool for lessons as this was a permitted activity following the end of Covid-19 restrictions.

Youth Council: The Youth Council continues to grow and has actively encouraged recruitment. It has had increased input into council decision making with representation at the Sustainable Transport Subcommittee and Neighbourhood Plan steering group. The Youth Council is planning to launch a public awareness initiative to reduce car travel locally – “Walk Under a Mile” scheme. Plans were made to launch a question time event later in the year with local MP, Oliver Dowden

and political leaders to increase civic pride and civic awareness for young people in Hertsmere.

Public Access Report and Communications

The report contents were approved by Full Council on 11 May 2022 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:

| | Current annual budget | Actual year to date |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| General Management | | |
| Income | £518,305 | £527,845 |
| Expenditure | £423,320 | £3672,639 |
| Environment and Planning | | |
| Income | £10,639 | £14,367 |
| Expenditure | £20,160 | £19,965 |
| Leisure and Entertainment | | |
| Income | £9,894 | £3,331 |
| Expenditure | £119,900 | £78,564 |
| Community Support | | |
| Income | Nil | Nil |
| Expenditure | £30,000 | £29,514 |
| TOTALS | | |
| Income | £538,838 | £545,543 |
| Expenditure | £593,380 | £500,681 |
| Net Expenditure | (£54,542) | £44,862 |

General Reserve Fund at Year End: £8,270 (plus 3 savings vehicles £300,000).

Earmarked Reserves at Year End: (Van: £9,671, Capital Projects: £124,375, Election: £26,250 and Community Wellbeing: £32,375 and Top Sliced CIL fund £264,702).

Town councillors

2021/22 Mayor: Cllr Mrs Farida Turner

2021/22 Deputy Mayor: Cllr Mrs S Parnell

The new mayor (Cllr Mrs S Parnell) and deputy mayor (Cllr C Butchins) were appointed at the annual council meeting on 11 May 2022 along with committee chairmen and representatives on outside bodies.

Town councillors

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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.

| | | | |
|---------|------------------------------|--------------|--------|
| 7 June | Entertainments | Meeting Room | 7.30pm |
| 15 June | Full Council | Main Hall | 7.30pm |
| 21 June | Environment & Planning | Meeting Room | 7.00pm |
| 6 July | Transport & Community Safety | Main Hall | 7.00pm |
| 14 July | General Management | Meeting Room | 7.00pm |
| 19 July | Environment & Planning | Meeting Room | 7.00pm |
| 28 July | Entertainments | Meeting Room | 7.30pm |
| 6 Sept | Entertainments | Meeting Room | 7.30pm |
| 7 Sept | Full Council | Main Hall | 7.30pm |
| 20 Sept | Environment & Planning | Meeting Room | 7.00pm |
| 28 Sept | Transport & Community Safety | Main Hall | 7.00pm |

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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