

# Chronicle

Stevenage Borough Council's residents' magazine

Summer 2024



**PLAY AREAS  
OPENING SOON**



**TRANSFORMING  
OUR TOWN**



**DELIVERING MORE  
COUNCIL HOUSING**



**LET'S RECYCLE  
RIGHT**



**CARE CONNECT 24/7  
IS AT YOUR SERVICE**



New urban artworks at the Monkswood Way and Six Hills Way roundabout.

**Stevenage**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

# Leader's column



## Welcome to the Summer 2024 edition of the Chronicle magazine...

I hope you are enjoying summertime in Stevenage, despite the rainfall. We have organised a busy events programme to help all ages enjoy a variety of activities in our town so hopefully the sun will come out.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Stevenage Day. It's the biggest event on our calendar and we love bringing more than 20,000 people together to enjoy food, drink, rides, entertainment, live music, and dancing. Thank you for your support because when we hold these events, it makes me proud of Stevenage and its people.



Over the last few months, the council has been working hard on its brand new three-year Corporate Plan (page 4). I care deeply about what our residents think, and this is why the new priorities are shaped around what you have told us matters most.

Our vision is to create a transformed town centre, more affordable, social and good quality homes, and enhanced skills opportunities to help residents fully benefit from the changes taking place in our town. As a co-operative council, we believe strongly in co-producing solutions with local people.

Our new Making Stevenage Even Better Corporate Plan's key themes are:

- Transforming Our Town
- More Social, Affordable and Good Quality Homes
- Thriving Neighbourhoods
- Tackling Climate Change
- Balancing the Budget

The Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths, known as STEM Skills agenda, is important to Stevenage and its future. We are working closely with North Herts College, businesses, and Mission 44 to develop a range of opportunities for young local people.

Finally, thank you for taking part in Local Elections in May. All 39 ward seats were up for election due to the 2023 Boundary Commission Review in Stevenage, and it was the first all-out council elections in the town for 25 years. The council is now made up of 32 Labour councillors, six Liberal Democrat councillors, and one Conservative councillor. I am pleased to remain the Leader of the Council and it will be a great privilege to continue to serve this town and support residents, businesses, and community groups.

**Best wishes,  
Cllr Richard Henry  
Leader of the Council**



*The official unveiling of the new murals near Vista Tower*

# Inside

Welcome to the Summer edition of the Chronicle, a magazine for Stevenage people...

3 Latest News

4 Making Stevenage Even Better Corporate Plan (2024-27)

5 Transforming Our Town

6 Delivering More Council Housing

7 Let's Recycle Right

8-9 What's On in Stevenage

10 Save Our Chalk Streams

11 Care Connect 24/7

12 Meet the New Cabinet

13 Local Plan Consultation

14-15 Councillor Surgeries

# Stevenage News Round-up

## Refurbished play areas due to open in summer

Children will soon be able to enjoy exciting and accessible new play equipment at eight refurbished play areas in Stevenage.

Our play area refurbishment programme has taken an exciting step forward, with £455,000 being spent on the refurbishment of seven sites.

Earlier this year, we asked residents and children the top five items of play equipment they would most like to see in the new designs. Over 250 children helped to decide on what should be included. New equipment will include trampolines, a group swing and activity trails. The council also worked with Make Space for Girls and will be incorporating lots of innovative and social fun hang out spaces for girls to enjoy, particularly at Canterbury Way Playing Field, which is only possible due to its size.

The council is now working with suppliers who will be delivering the new play areas. Work has started to the following sites:

- Lapwing Rise (work is now complete)
- Shearwater Close
- Parishes Mead
- Camps Hill

And work is due to start soon at Canterbury Way Playing Field.

Work to Riccat Lane and Chancellors Road play areas has started and re-open this summer, with the aim of re-opening in early August. The Town Centre Gardens play area is also due to re-open in September.



## May's Local Elections Results

Earlier this year, the first all-out council elections were held in Stevenage for 25 years.

The council is now made up of 32 Labour councillors, six Liberal Democrat councillors, and one Conservative councillor. Cllr Richard Henry remains Leader of the Council with a Labour majority. (Contact details on pages 14-15).

### Congratulations to our new councillors:

**Tom Plater** - Almond Hill (Labour & Co-operative)  
**Kamel Choudhury** - Bandle Hill (Labour & Co-operative)  
**Jade Woods** - Bandle Hill (Labour & Co-operative)  
**Peter Clark** - Longmeadow (Labour & Co-operative)  
**Akin Elekolusi** - Longmeadow (Labour & Co-operative)  
**Lynda Guy** - Longmeadow (Labour & Co-operative)

**Coleen Houlihan** - Old Town (Labour & Co-operative)  
**Nigel Williams** - Old Town (Labour & Co-operative)  
**Alistair Gordon** - Roebuck (Labour & Co-operative)  
**Ceara Roopchand** - Symonds Green (Labour & Co-operative)  
**Robert Boyle** - Woodfield (Labour & Co-operative)  
**Leanne Brady** - Woodfield (Labour & Co-operative)



# Making Stevenage Even Better Corporate Plan (2024-27)

Our new corporate plan, **Making Stevenage Even Better**, outlines the council's priorities for the next three years.

The plan represents what matters to residents and provides a strong foundation and clear direction of travel for us.

Making Stevenage Even Better builds upon the long-term objectives of the previous corporate plan, Future Town Future Council (2016-2024), and reflects the views of over 3,000 residents. These views have been categorised as follows:

- Transforming Our Town
- More Social, Affordable and Good Quality Homes
- Thriving Neighbourhoods
- Tackling Climate Change
- Balancing the Budget

Underpinning these priorities are three cross-cutting themes:

1. **Equality, Diversity & Inclusion**
2. **Health & Wellbeing**
3. **Technology & Innovation**

The inclusion of these themes highlights the need to raise the awareness of these areas when designing and delivering services.



They reflect important social benefits and demonstrate the value the council places on creating effective partnerships to build more homes for local people, regenerate the town and improve lives.

Following formal consultation with residents, local businesses, partners and staff, 69% of respondents said the new council priorities captured what matters to them. Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to the survey, we really appreciate your input, to shape our services.

Monitoring council performance against the priorities of Making Stevenage Even Better (2024-27) officially began on 1 April 2024. It ensures that we hold ourselves accountable and provides an opportunity to promote our successes.

As a council, we know that over the next three years, difficult financial decisions will need to be made to balance the budget. Effective communication, robust performance monitoring and a commitment to the outcomes and actions set out in Making Stevenage Even Better will provide a foundation from which we can collectively make our town an even better place to live, work, and visit.



For further information on Making Stevenage Even Better please visit:



# Transforming Our Town

## Arts and culture in Stevenage

Stevenage has a rich history and heritage, and offers a wide range of culture and art for everybody to enjoy. A key part of transforming the town is to celebrate this and integrate our past, present, and future through arts and culture.

Last year, three pieces of urban artwork were introduced at the underpass located by Stevenage FC and Wickes at the Broadhall Way roundabout, marking the start of a series of underpass improvements. The new urban artworks will continue to reflect the history and spirit of community throughout the town.



The next phase of underpass artworks has been completed at the Monkswood Way and Six Hills Way roundabout. The council asked the local community to choose their favourite themes, and these were Stevenage Photographers, Town Centre Gardens, and Stevenage on Wheels. Hertfordshire-based artists MurWalls has designed the artworks, except for the wall dedicated to Stevenage Photographers. This wall



showcases photographs submitted by local people, and further information can be found on the images by visiting [www.stevenage-even-better.com](http://www.stevenage-even-better.com)

Elsewhere, following a call-out to commission an artist to create a new, permanent piece of public art at the Stevenage Bus Interchange, we are delighted to announce that Donna Reeves has been selected to produce this commission.

## Improvements to Market Square

As part of a series of public realm improvements, works have started on Market Square in the town centre.

The council is making changes to Market Square to make it more attractive, safer for pedestrians who use the route, and offer greater visibility to the entrances of the Indoor Market and St George's Car Park.

There will be a new and improved footpath with a raised pedestrian crossing, improved lighting, and new greenery which will improve


and brighten the area, creating a safer and visually improved crossing, whilst still providing designated loading bays for businesses. Pedestrian safety is a priority, and these works will create ease of movement and aid those with mobility issues. Two loading bays will be relocated, and there will be no loss of blue badge parking.



## Stay up to date....

You can stay up to date on the latest news about the transformation of the town by visiting our website or following us on social media:

 [stevenage-even-better.com](http://www.stevenage-even-better.com)

 @stevenagebetter

 @StevenageBetter



# Delivering more council housing for Stevenage people

**Our council houses are critical in ensuring we're able to provide our residents with a safe haven to call home.**

There are lots of new council housing developments underway in the town, providing a variety of different homes for people living in Stevenage. From Brodie Court, the new independent living scheme at Kenilworth Close, to the construction of some smaller sites as well, there has been lots happening in our Housing Development programme.

## Kenilworth Close, Phase 1

It is really exciting to see the first phase of the Kenilworth Close development now complete, since work began in September 2020.

The build reached a significant milestone when the residents of Walpole Court were shown around some of the new flats. Feedback was excellent and they cannot wait to move into their new homes.



Each of the flats has a high-quality finish, with added extras including a roof-top garden, large communal areas, and retail units.

All the residents have moved into the council-rented properties at Chilham

House, and the final touches are currently ongoing at Brodie Court independent living scheme.



## Brodie Court

If you're over the age of 60 and looking to downsize or thinking about planning for your retirement, why not look at what Brodie Court offers? To find out more, get in touch with the friendly Specialist Accommodation Team or call 01438 242912.

## Dunn Close

Delivering 27 homes including supported accommodation, Dunn Close is due for completion later this year. Construction is well underway, with the building now watertight, the roof finished, and the guttering installed too. Scaffolding has been removed, and internal works have begun inside, with second fix electrics complete and plaster-boarding progressing well.

Work has also started on several smaller-scale sites throughout the town. Building has commenced at Stirling Close with the brickwork nearing completion and you may have noticed that ground works and the clearance of sites have also started on Valley Way and

Colestrete. These developments will provide a mixture of three and four-bed houses across the three sites.

## Burwell Phase 2

Pre-commencement works will start in due course, with the development providing a total of 20 one and two-bedroom homes.

After the consultations carried out at the end of 2023, Kenilworth Phase 2 was granted approval earlier this year, The Oval was approved at the previous Planning Committee and the remaining two - Ellis Avenue and Cartref are due to be discussed later this year.

## Kenilworth - Phase 2

Planning has also been granted for the second phase of Kenilworth Close which will see the demolition of Walpole Court to make way for 24 three and four-bed houses.

As of spring 2024, the Housing Development programme has delivered hundreds of homes throughout Stevenage. These include award-winning emergency short-stay accommodation, sustainable builds such as Helston House and state-of-the-art independent living schemes.

Find out more about the Council Housing Development Programme on our website [www.stevenage.gov.uk/housing/housing-development/housing-development-on-the-right-road](http://www.stevenage.gov.uk/housing/housing-development/housing-development-on-the-right-road)

# Let's recycle right



**We all understand the need to recycle, but let's get it right.**

Research shows that we are becoming a nation of 'wish cyclers', meaning we have good intentions to recycle, but mistakenly add items to recycling containers that cannot be recycled at home.

We've compiled a list of some of the most common items which either can't be recycled at home but are often put in with your kerbside collections or can be recycled at home but are often forgotten about.

Let's look at some of those items and bust some recycling myths.

Yes ✓

Drink bottles  
Jars  
Perfume /  
aftershave bottles



## GLASS

\*Glass that cannot be recycled at home can be taken to the recycling centre for recycling.

No ✗

Drinking glasses  
Cookware / dishes  
(e.g., Pyrex) Light bulbs



Yes ✓

Drink bottles  
Pots, tubs & trays  
Cleaning /  
toiletries bottles



## PLASTICS

\*Most supermarkets provide facilities to recycle your soft plastics (plastic films and bags).

No ✗

Film and film lids  
Plastic bags  
Toothpaste tubes



Yes ✓

Tins & cans  
Foil & foil trays  
Aerosols



## METALS

No ✗

Foil pouches  
(e.g., baby food, pet food)  
Saucepans



\*Foil pouches can usually be recycled at soft plastic recycling points.

**Batteries must never go in your waste or recycling containers at home. Batteries pose a serious fire risk and need to be taken to a dedicated battery drop-off point. These are usually found in all major supermarkets.**

Recycling doesn't have to be confusing – check our online A-Z of what can and cannot be recycled in your containers at home: [www.stevenage.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/your-a-z-recycling-guide](http://www.stevenage.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/your-a-z-recycling-guide)

A wider range of materials can be recycled at Stevenage Recycling Centre. To find out about a specific item check: What can I recycle? | Hertfordshire County Council.



# What's On

## Stevenage is set for a packed 2024 event schedule



### Are you ready for the summer?

Even if nobody has told the weather about it, we are ready in Stevenage and cannot wait to share the exciting 2024 events schedule which is bursting at the seams with plenty to keep the whole family entertained.

We can only cross our fingers for sunshine, but the one assurance we can make is that it's going to be bigger and better than ever before.

Some popular events have made a comeback, and others are making their debut. Whatever you're looking for, make space in your diary and come along.

### SEPTEMBER

**7th - Get Active**  
(Town Square)

**8th - Kid Zone**  
(Event Island)

Don't forget to look out for our new monthly events such as Kids Zone, as well as a whole host of others. We promise, there's something to suit everyone.

### Family Friendly and Free Entry

We're really looking forward to seeing people having a good time. Don't forget, it's free entry for all the events and everyone is welcome to come along, so do share our line-up with your friends and family.

There is a wide range of local entertainment, stalls, and craft sessions too. Everything will be advertised on our website, via social media and in the town centre itself. So, share them far and wide and get ready to have some fun.

Also, as a reminder, some events have free car parking. It's also worth remembering that if events are really popular you may need

to secure your attendance ahead of the day. You can find out more information by visiting the Town Centre Website.

Stevenage really packs a punch with its events and it's great to continue to offer the community a busy schedule throughout the year.

Last year was really successful and it was great to see both residents and visitors entering into the spirit, supporting the local economy, and getting together with friends and family. Our events provide the perfect setting to socialise and enjoy a day out in the town.

So, get involved because we can't wait to see you.

Find us on Facebook and follow us on X @lovestevenagetc

### AUGUST

**Thursday 1 - Saturday 31**  
**Stevenage Summer Beach**  
Event Island

**Saturday 3 - Old Town Live**  
Old Town High Street

**Thursday 8 - Play Day**  
Town Square

**Friday 16 - Animal Crackers**  
Town Square



### OCTOBER

**12th - Stevenage International Day**  
(Event Island)

**12th - International Craft & Farmers Market**  
(Indoor Market)

**13th - Kid Zone**  
(Event Island)

**26th - Halloween Tastic**  
(Town Square)



# What's on at Stevenage Museum

## Exhibitions

### Stevenage On Wheels

Running until 31 August

From the Coaching Age to Lewis Hamilton's Formula 1 car, a celebration of bikes, buses, cars and more.

### In the foyer:

#### Running until 7 September Remembering Ken Hensley and his band Uriah Heep

Ken started his music career in Stevenage with a gig at the Mentmore pen factory in 1961 alongside his friend John Hollingworth.

He then went on to feature in Stevenage-based bands including The Jimmy Brown Sound and Kit and the Saracens, frequently gigging at the Mecca and Bowes Lyon House.

From there he moved to London, setting up a band called The Gods before becoming a co-founder of Uriah Heep in 1969, and it was that band that brought Ken major success, selling around 45 million records during his time with them. Stevenage has recognised his achievements and Ken is now on the Walk of Fame between the town and Stevenage train station.



## Feel Good Fridays

### Museum meet up

Meet new people, have a cuppa and a chat, or play a game or two.

**26 July 10.30-11.30am**

Free

### Make it!

Come along, get creative and meet others who enjoy the fun and benefits of sewing, knitting and crochet. Just bring sandwiches and whatever you are working on or materials to start from scratch. Tea and coffee provided.

**19 and 26 July**

**12noon to 2pm**

Free

### Saturday film & afternoon tea

**Saturday 27 July**

**Saturday 24 August**

12.30pm. Suitable for over 14s.

Booking essential

£8 per person.

## For Families

### Family Saturdays

**20 July Romans**

**3 August Cat in a Hat**

11am-12noon and 2-3pm

Free

### Family Movie Mornings

**3 August**

Saturdays 10.30 start

Get in touch to find out which movies we are showing!

Reasonably priced refreshments available.

Free



## Holiday Activities

### Summer Holidays

#### Stone Age week

Woolly Mammoths and Sabretooth

Tiger Puppets

Stone Age Mysteries (clay day)

Stone Age mark making (make your own inks)

#### Summer Madness

Flower power portraits

Sunny sculptures

Giant flowers and bugs

#### Make it Move

Kaleidoscopes

Windchimes

Bits and pieces

Textiles

Cost: £4 per child, £2 for concessions.

Please book in advance as places go very quickly, and if you can't make it, it would be great if you could let the museum know so that someone else can use the space.

**STEVENAGE**  
**museum**

Tel: 01438 218881

Email: [museum@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:museum@stevenage.gov.uk)

Visit [www.stevenage.gov.uk/museum](http://www.stevenage.gov.uk/museum)

Online booking: [stevenage-museum.arttickets.org.uk](http://stevenage-museum.arttickets.org.uk)

Opening hours: Wednesday to Friday  
10am to 4.30pm, Saturday 10am to 5pm

Admission to the museum is free.

# Save our chalk streams

There are fewer than 300 chalk streams in the world, 240 are found in England, and of those 10% are in Hertfordshire. Although they are rare, they support an exceptionally high number of wildlife species, including the water vole, brown trout, and kingfisher.

The Stevenage River is a major tributary of the river Beane, one of the county's chalk streams. It used to be a renowned fishing river, and also supported watercress beds and water mills.

**Hertfordshire residents use one of the highest amounts of water per person** compared to other UK counties. On average we use around **157** litres per person every day, compared to the national average of **145** litres. Much of our tap water comes from the same underground natural reservoir that feeds the chalk streams. So, the more we use the bigger the threat

to our rivers and the wildlife that relies on them.

We can all play a part in helping to save water and improve our waterways. Some examples of the work already being done to achieve this include:

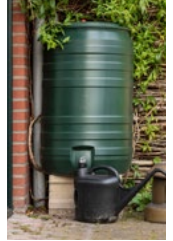
- Affinity Water has reduced the amount of water that it extracts from the underground reservoir
- We have removed the seasonal bedding displays around Stevenage to reduce the amount of water we use
- We've been working with the Environment Agency to improve the Stevenage Brook.

But there is more that can be done to help, including in our homes. At home we can:

- Turn off the tap while brushing our teeth
- Only run washing machines when full, and
- Spend less time in the shower.

## In the garden we can:

- Install a water butt to collect rainwater, instead of using tap water to water the garden
- Water plants early in the morning or in the evening, and directly onto the roots to help prevent it evaporating immediately
- Avoid watering your lawn – in a healthy well-established lawn the top might turn brown, but the roots should still be alive and able to send up fresh new growth once rain arrives.



For more water saving tips visit [www.affinitywater.co.uk/saveourstreams/tips](http://www.affinitywater.co.uk/saveourstreams/tips) and to claim your free water-saving devices, visit [www.affinitywater.co.uk/saveourstreams/devices](http://www.affinitywater.co.uk/saveourstreams/devices)



# Care Connect 24/7 is at your service

**Ensure your loved one is protected 24 hours a day, seven days a week with Care Connect 24/7.**

We've relaunched our popular Careline Service as Care Connect 24/7. Don't worry, it's still the same excellent team providing great care for you or your loved ones, but you may notice their smart new uniforms which are easily recognisable as they carry out their fantastic care work.

Locally, Care Connect 24/7 is the only service of its kind where users simply press a button for help in an emergency and the team will attend in person to support them 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They're also on hand to carry out checks following an emergency or if there are any welfare concerns.

The rebrand has been an exciting piece of work and is very important in ensuring we move with the times. Our service is used by a wide range of ages and backgrounds, all with different needs, and we want to recognise that. We know we provide an unparalleled

service, so why not get in touch with our friendly team to find out more.

Our new logo represents each service provided within our Specialist Support Services:



Care  
Connect  
24/7

- Care Connect 24/7
- Independent Living
- Flexicare
- Community Support
- Tenancy Support

Find out more on our website [www.stevenage.gov.uk/housing/specialist-support-services/care-connect-247](http://www.stevenage.gov.uk/housing/specialist-support-services/care-connect-247)



**DID YOU KNOW**  
99% of our service users would recommend us?

## Skip into summer!

It's that time of year again when the weather cheers up and many of us take the opportunity to have a clear out in our homes.

If you have a bit more waste than you can fit in your vehicle and take to the recycling centre yourself, then you may need to use a skip. Did you know that we have a range of different skip options for house and garden clearances?

We have different sizes which can be delivered anywhere in Stevenage and the surrounding area. We also offer a dumpy bag pick up service which can save you money.

Much of the waste we collect is either recycled or goes to energy from waste facilities, with 89% of Hertfordshire waste diverted away from landfill in 2023.

So, why pick a skip? Well, not only is it convenient to have all your waste in one place, but you can keep adding to it as your project develops. Delivery and collection are all included in the one-off price, saving

you the cost of fuel and multiple trips. We can also help you make the right decision on the size you require, so you can get the right skip for the job.

If your waste is going to be generated over the course of a few days, because you might be renovating a room in your house, for example, or you have soil and rubble to get rid of, skip hire is a great choice. You will also not have to sort your waste beforehand, as we will do this after we take your skip away.

### PRICES

Basic household skip hire:

- 4-yard skips = £250
- 6-yard skips = £325



In addition, we have recently opened our drive-in and drop-off service for commercial customers. Which means if you have a small business or decide to use a clearance company, you can ask them to drive by our centre on Cavendish Road so you can be safe in the knowledge that your rubbish is being disposed of legally.

# Meet the New Cabinet

It's time to meet the eight councillors who make up the council's Cabinet. This includes the Leader of the Council and the Deputy Leader. There are also six further Cabinet members with responsibility for other portfolio areas. The Cabinet (formerly called the Executive) makes decisions on all key policy matters.



**Councillor Richard Henry, Leader of the Council, and Transforming Stevenage, Communications and Strategic Partnerships**

The Leader holds specific responsibility for Modernisation of Local Government, which includes new political structures and the constitution; media and communications; public consultations; partnerships, regeneration, and the Civic Suite at head office.



**Councillor Jeannette Thomas - Deputy Leader, and Resources and Transformation**

The Deputy Leader takes on the council's budget setting and budget monitoring (General Fund, Housing Revenue Account, Capital, and Revenue). She is also responsible for commercial and insourcing, legal, digital and transformation, including customer services and complaints, and information technology (IT).



**Councillor Jackie Hollywell - Housing and Housing Development**

Cllr Hollywell has changed portfolios and will be responsible for all things related to housing, including the council's housing strategy and policy, property repairs and maintenance, building safety, compliance and regulation, and housing development.



**Councillor Sandra Barr - Co-operative Council and Neighbourhoods**

Community development, community and voluntary sector, neighbourhood management, co-operative council, and older people remain under the guidance of Cllr Barr.



**Councillor Simon Speller - Environment and Performance**

Cllr Speller continues to lead on climate change, planning policy, corporate performance management, environmental health, and licensing, including residential and commercial services and Stevenage Direct Services - waste and recycling.



**Councillor Loraine Rossati - Culture, Leisure and Wellbeing**

Led by Cllr Rossati, the portfolio includes council events, culture and arts, sport and leisure, health and wellbeing, and council events.



**Councillor Lloyd Briscoe - Economy, Skills, and Transport**

Cllr Briscoe remains the economic development portfolio holder for the council. His remit includes engineering and parking services, transport and sustainable travel, highways, skills development, and business relationships including Town Centre management and Old Town partnership.



**Councillor Conor McGrath - Stronger Communities**

Joining for the first time is Cllr McGrath in a new Cabinet role tasked with building stronger communities. This will focus on community safety and enforcement, community cohesion, equalities and diversity, CCTV, and young people.

# Local Plan Consultation

Stevenage Borough's Local Plan (adopted May 2019) is undergoing a partial review and update and we are seeking your views on the changes. The consultation runs from 5 July to 15 August 2024.



The Local Plan is the town's spatial development strategy which plans to 2031. It identifies the main issues that are likely to affect Stevenage and sets policies to deal with them, setting out the rules for how development is carried out. It is important to remember that the Local Plan Review, at this stage, consists of limited changes. As such, the scope of the review to policies and supporting text is limited to necessary changes only, related to key drivers of change since the Plan was adopted in 2019.

Other wider changes will be considered for the next stage of the Local Plan which entails a full review from 2025 onwards.

Anyone in Stevenage's community, including residents, workers, businesses, community organisations or visitors can comment on the changes we are proposing.

All information and your chance to respond, can be found here: <https://stevenagelocalplan.commonplace.is/>



**Garages available to rent in Stevenage**

We have garages - including new and refurbished - available to rent at locations across Stevenage, all at a competitive price.

To apply or find out more, scan the QR code.  
[www.stevenage.gov.uk/garages/apply-for-a-garage](http://www.stevenage.gov.uk/garages/apply-for-a-garage)



**Stevenage**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

# Councillors and ward surgeries

## Almond Hill

**Labour & Co-operative**

Lin Martin-Haugh  
01438 351467

[lin.martin-haugh@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:lin.martin-haugh@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Labour & Co-operative**

Tom Plater  
07986 543762

[tom.plater@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:tom.plater@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Labour & Co-operative**

Jeannette Thomas  
01438 721258

[jeannette.thomas@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:jeannette.thomas@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Ward Surgeries:**

10th August 2024 10.00 – 11.00

14th September 2024 10.00 – 11.00

Hampson Park Community Centre,  
SG1 5QU



## Bandle Hill and Poplars

**Labour & Co-operative**

Jim Brown  
07939 687509

[jim.brown@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:jim.brown@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Labour & Co-operative**

Kamal Chowdhury  
07949 983822

[kamal.chowdhury@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:kamal.chowdhury@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Labour & Co-operative**

Jade Woods  
07596 867018

[jade.woods@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:jade.woods@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Ward Surgeries:**

10th August 2024 11.00 - 14.00

7th September 2024 11.00 - 14.00

Roundmead Centre, 101A Roundmead,  
SG2 9PH



## Bedwell

**Labour & Co-operative**

Nazmin Chowdhury  
07517 938985

[nazmin.chowdhury@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:nazmin.chowdhury@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Labour & Co-operative**

Conor McGrath  
07535 497811

[conor.mcgrath@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:conor.mcgrath@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Labour & Co-operative**

Ellie Plater  
07814 539194

[ellie.plater@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:ellie.plater@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Ward Surgeries:**

11th August 2024 14.00 – 15.00

8th September 2024 14.00 – 15.00

Sherma Batson Centre, 10-12  
Exchange Road, SG1 1PZ



AND

28th July 2024 12.30 -13.30

25th August 2024 12.30 – 13.30

22nd September 2024 12.30 -13.30

Rockingham Way Café SG1 1SJ

## Chells

**Liberal Democrat**

Julie Ashley-Wren

Daneshill House

Danestrete

SG1 1HN

07932 696065

[julie.ashley-wren@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:julie.ashley-wren@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Liberal Democrat**

Stephen Booth

Daneshill House

Danestrete

SG1 1HN

07970 900126

[stephen.booth@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.booth@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Liberal Democrat**

Tom Wren

Daneshill House

Danestrete

SG1 1HN

07786 517218

[tom.wren@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:tom.wren@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Ward Surgeries:**

8th August 2024 19.00 – 20.00

Chells Manor Community Centre, 12

Emperor's Gate, SG2 7QX



## Longmeadow

**Labour & Co-operative**

Peter Clark

07951 594961

[peter.clark@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:peter.clark@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Labour & Co-operative**

Akin Elekolusi

07886 370899

[akin.elekolusi@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:akin.elekolusi@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Labour & Co-operative**

Lynda Guy

07805 184848

[lynda.guy@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:lynda.guy@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Ward Surgeries:**

21st September 2024 13.00 – 14.00

Oaks Cross Shops



## Manor

**Liberal Democrat**

Andy McGuinness

Daneshill House

Danestrete

SG1 1HN

07801 658239

[andy.mcguinness@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:andy.mcguinness@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Liberal Democrat**

Robin Parker CC

8 Cameron Close, SG2 0HG

01438 724746

[robin.parker@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:robin.parker@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Liberal Democrat**

Graham Snell

177 Durham Road, SG14JP

01438 238399

[graham.snell@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:graham.snell@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Ward Surgeries:**

8th August 2024 19.00 – 20.00

Chells Manor Community Centre, 12

Emperor's Gate, SG2 7QX



## Martins Wood

**Labour & Co-operative**

Myla Arceno

07476 968208

[myla.arceno@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:myla.arceno@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Labour & Co-operative**

Lloyd Briscoe

01438 229795

[lloyd.briscoe@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:lloyd.briscoe@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Labour & Co-operative**

Carolina Veres

07482 488528

[carolina.veres@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:carolina.veres@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Ward Surgeries:**

10th August 2024 11.00 – 12.00

14th September 2024 11.00 – 12.00

The Oval Community Centre, SG1 5RD



## Old Town

**Labour & Co-operative**

Coleen Houlihan

07939 193095

[coleen.houlihan@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:coleen.houlihan@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Labour & Co-operative**

Mason Humberstone

07760 642109

[mason.humberstone@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:mason.humberstone@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Labour & Co-operative**

Nigel Williams

[nigel.williams@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:nigel.williams@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Ward Surgeries:**Please contact the

ward councillors directly.



## Roebuck

**Labour & Co-operative**

Alistair Gordon  
07450 747804

[alistair.gordon@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:alistair.gordon@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Labour & Co-operative**

Anne Wells  
07485 094939

[anne.wells@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:anne.wells@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Labour & Co-operative**

Forhad Chowdhury  
07365 272042

[forhad.chowdhury@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:forhad.chowdhury@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Ward Surgeries:**

3rd August 2024 10.00 – 11.00  
Sorting Office, London Rd, SG1 1AA  
7th September 2024 10.00 – 11.00  
Four Seasons Café, Roebuck Shops,  
SG2 8EE



## Shephall

**Labour & Co-operative**

Rob Broom  
07960 915130

[rob.broom@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:rob.broom@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Labour & Co-operative**

Sarah Mead  
07519 183500

[sarah.mead@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.mead@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Labour & Co-operative**

Simon Speller  
01438 239459

[simon.speller@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:simon.speller@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Ward Surgeries:**

14th September 2024 11.00 – 12.00  
Peartree Shops SG2 9XH



## St. Nicholas

**Labour & Co-operative**

Sandra Barr  
07714 955941

[sandra.barr@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:sandra.barr@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Labour & Co-operative**

Richard Henry  
Member Services' 01438 242330

[richard.henry@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:richard.henry@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Labour & Co-operative**

Claire Parris  
01438 726119

[claire.parris@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:claire.parris@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Ward Surgeries:**

3rd August 2024 10.00 – 11.00  
7th September 2024 10.00 – 11.00  
Shopping Parade St Nicholas, SG1 4LJ



## Symonds Green

**Labour & Co-operative**

Loraine Rossati  
07928 737816

[loraine.rosatti@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:loraine.rosatti@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Labour & Co-operative**

Jackie Hollywell  
01438 316005

[jackie.hollywell@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:jackie.hollywell@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Labour & Co-operative**

Ceara Roopchand  
[ceara.roopchand@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:ceara.roopchand@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Ward Surgeries:**

7th September 2024 10.00 – 11.00  
The Scarborough Centre, next to 9  
Scarborough Avenue, SG1 2HJ  
AND  
10th September 2024 10.00 – 11.00  
Tea at the Green Coffee Bar, Symonds  
Green Community Centre, SG1 2JW



## Woodfield

**Conservative**

Phil Bibby CC  
01438 316955

[philip.bibby@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:philip.bibby@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Ward Surgeries:**

Any issues or questions you may have  
I am happy to answer. Please use the  
contact details above.

**Labour**

Robert Boyle  
07887 098143

[robert.boyle@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:robert.boyle@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Labour**

Leanne Brady  
07887 098143

[leanne.brady@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:leanne.brady@stevenage.gov.uk)

**Ward Surgeries:**

3rd August 2024 10.00 – 11.00  
7th September 2024 10.00 – 11.00  
Shopping Parade St Nicholas, SG1 4LJ

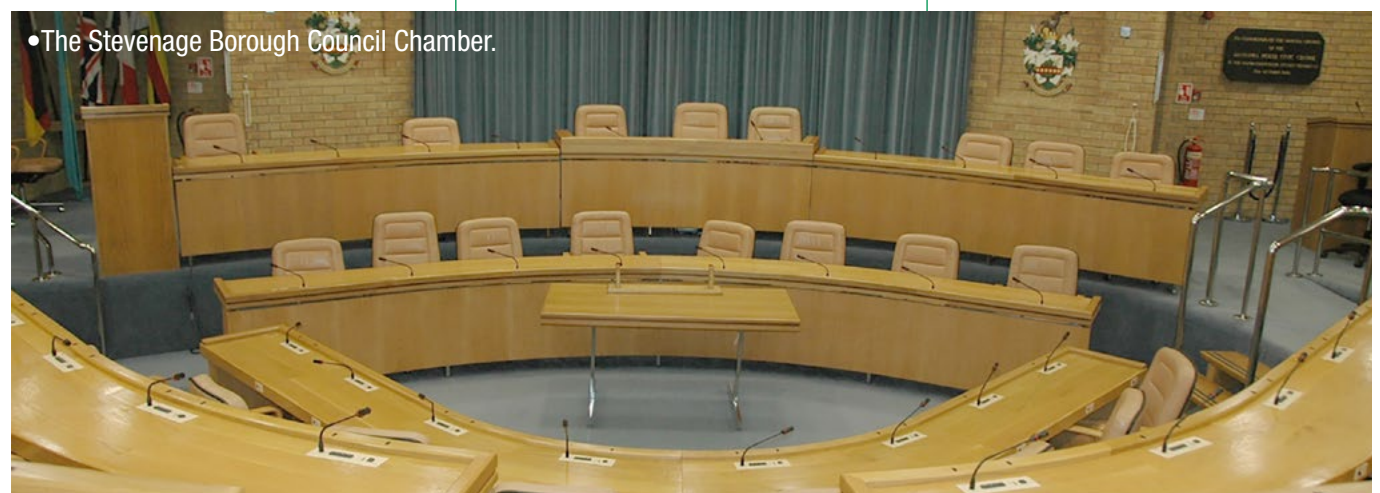




# Council Meetings

You can watch our public meetings which are listed here - [www.stevenage.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/decision-making-and-meetings](http://www.stevenage.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/decision-making-and-meetings).

The meetings are broadcast live via our YouTube channel.  
[www.youtube.com/user/SBCComms](https://www.youtube.com/user/SBCComms)



•The Stevenage Borough Council Chamber.

# How to get in touch

You can access our services online at [www.stevenage.gov.uk](http://www.stevenage.gov.uk)

Information and advice about all our services is available to help you save time and go online.

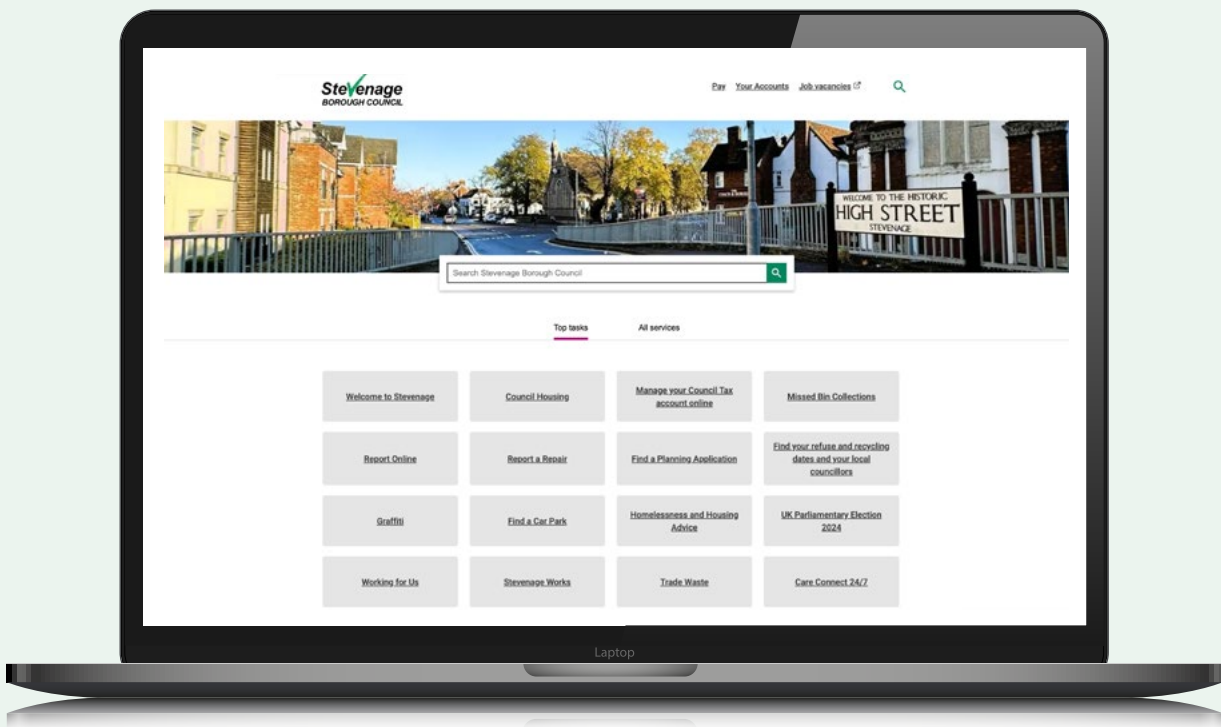
**Our most popular web services are:**

[www.stevenage.gov.uk/pay](http://www.stevenage.gov.uk/pay)

[www.stevenage.gov.uk/your-accounts](http://www.stevenage.gov.uk/your-accounts)

[www.stevenage.gov.uk/housing/council-housing](http://www.stevenage.gov.uk/housing/council-housing)

[www.stevenage.gov.uk/housing/council-housing/repairs/report-a-repair](http://www.stevenage.gov.uk/housing/council-housing/repairs/report-a-repair)



## Out of hours

For emergencies: Monday to Friday between 17:00-08:00, weekends and bank holidays contact **01438 314963**. Our phone and face-to-face services are for the most complex and urgent requests. You can help keep our urgent services available by going online, it's quicker and easier and available 24/7.

## Please contact Hertfordshire County Council for:

Highways – potholes, road/works and streetlights **0300 123 4047**

Libraries **0300 123 4049**

Schools **0300 123 4043**

Adult social care (including Meals on Wheels and Bus Passes) **0300 123 4042**

Recycling Centres **0300 123 0451**

General Enquiries **0300 123 4040**

### Get your local news in this magazine

The next edition is delivered later this year. If you would like information to be included please email: [chronicle@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:chronicle@stevenage.gov.uk) Chronicle is provided by Corporate Communications. Please be aware that the Editor reserves the right not to print articles. While every effort is made to ensure the information contained in Chronicle is correct, Stevenage Borough Council cannot be held liable for omissions and inaccuracies.

Stevenage Borough Council,  
Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage, SG1 1HN  
Telephone: 01438 242242 web: [stevenage.gov.uk](http://stevenage.gov.uk)

 @StevenageBC

 @StevenageBoroughCouncil

 @StevenageBoroughCouncil