

Newsletter

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Fredericks Wood, Coursers Road

The Parish Council are aware of residents' concerns with regards to the development by the new owner. All action that can be taken is being taken on behalf of residents. Reports to the Environment Agency, Hertfordshire County Councils highways and St Albans District Council have been made and are ongoing. We would urge residents to continue to report their concerns.

The Parish office at the Colney Heath Village Hall has now closed permanently and all correspondence and enquiries should be directed to the Highfield Park Office, Highfield Park Visitor Centre, Hill End Lane, St Albans AL4 0RA, tel: 01727 825314. The office is open daily from 10am to 12.30pm.

Community Survey Coming Soon

The Parish Council will soon be launching a Parish wide Community survey. We want to hear the views of everyone who lives in the Colney Heath Parish; we want to hear separate responses from as many people in your household as possible. Please answer the questions based on your own views and experiences and encourage other people you live with or know in Colney Heath Parish to take part.

Taking part in the survey will take no more than 10 minutes. Taking part is voluntary, but your feedback is really valuable.

Results of the survey will be collated and presented to the Council by the appointed contractor Eventure.



THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

2nd - 5th
June 2022

Colney Heath Parish Is
Planning To Celebrate!

As well as national celebrations to mark this remarkable milestone, every community in the country is being encouraged to join in by holding its own commemorative events. The Parish Council are interested to know your suggestions for ideas for events that might be held over the long weekend of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th June 2022.

At the moment, we are receiving requests for support for street parties being held on 5th June, but how would you like to celebrate? Do you have any suggestions for joint events that local organisations, and the Parish Council could organise together? Get in touch with the Parish Clerk at clerk@colneyheathparishcouncil.gov.uk

BALLOT BOX



Community Governance Review

During 2022, St Albans City and District Council will be conducting a community governance review of the whole district. The review will look at governance arrangements at parish council / town council level.

The purpose of the review is to ensure that community governance arrangements reflect local identities and interests and are effective and convenient for electors and elected representatives.

Community governance reviews may consider a variety of topics, including:

- whether to create a new parish / town council
- whether to alter parish / town council electoral arrangements (e.g. number of wards / number of councillors)
- whether to alter the boundary of an existing parish / town council
- whether to group a number of parishes together in a grouped parish council

Further information about community governance reviews is available on The Local Government Boundary Commission for England's website: www.lgbce.org.uk/how-reviews-work/other-types-of-review/about-community-governance-reviews.

A public consultation will begin in early 2022. During the consultation period, information about the review will be available on a dedicated page of the council's website and at the Civic Centre council offices. Please contact Electoral Services on elections@stalbans.gov.uk for further information about the review.



LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME FOUNDATION

The Local Council Award Scheme (LCAS) has been designed to celebrate the successes of the very best local councils and to provide a framework to support all local councils to improve and develop to meet their full potential.

The scheme offers councils the opportunity to show that they meet the standards set by the sector, assessed by their peers, and to put in place the conditions for continued improvement.

The scheme has been designed to provide the tools and encouragement to those councils at the beginning of their improvement journeys, as well as promoting and recognising councils that are at the cutting edge of the sector. It is only through the sector working together, to share best practice, drive up standards and supporting those who are committed to improving their offer to their communities that individual councils and the sector as a whole will reach its full potential.

Local councils must meet the criteria of the guidance that is in place at the date they submit their completed application form to their local accreditation panel.

Colney Heath Parish Council is an award-winning Parish Council that has attained 'Foundation' level status.



Meet the New Councillor

Tony Burns, Colney Heath Ward.

I was brought up in Friern Barnet and went to school in Finchley; I subsequently studied in London and Leeds and also had periods working in Cambridge, Hereford and Trowbridge. I spent most of my working life in higher education, engaged for over 20 years in teaching and research in my specialist field of food safety. In the last 10 years before retirement I was

in a cross-university role concerned with academic standards in higher education.

My family and I have lived in Colney Heath for over 40 years and together have been involved in numerous local activities. I was a member of the CHJMI Governing Body for about 10 years and chaired it for most of that time. As a family we are long-term members of the Twinning Association, having paid our first visit to Boissy-sous-St. Yon in 1988. My wife, who taught for many years in Hertfordshire schools, chaired the Association for several years and was also on the committee of the WI for a period. I am a long-term member of Colney Heath Football Club and currently lead the club's darts team.

Like most residents of Colney Heath, I am keen to see it retain as much of its character as possible. It is likely that there will be developments in the coming years, particularly in the rural areas of the parish, and the Parish Council will have an important role in resisting developments which threaten the identity and character of our area. As a Parish Councillor I will aim to play a full part in this and in all other issues which affect the interests of local residents.



Herts and
Middlesex

Working to create a wilder Hertfordshire and Middlesex for everyone



If you would like to see Colney Heath become a little bit wilder, then we have good news! Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust, in partnership with St Albans City and District Council, has launched a pioneering project called Wilder St Albans.

Wilder St Albans aims to increase biodiversity – natural habitats and the species they support – across the District of St Albans. This is extremely timely. Globally and in Hertfordshire, wildlife and habitats are in decline and we simply need to make more space for wildlife to thrive. What we have now in terms of habitat is not enough to halt this decline.

At least 30% of our land and sea needs to be managed for wildlife and protected for nature's recovery by 2030. This is considered the bare minimum and we are far short of this now. The project's recent ecological audit has shown that only 16% of our land in the District is considered as natural or semi-natural.



But 30% is tangible, we can all apply it to wherever we are, whether it is in our parks, verges, school grounds, places of work or gardens. It is something that we can all work towards and Wilder St Albans is here to support everyone and anyone who wants to take action. If you are taking action right now, no matter how small the act is then you are already helping to create a Wilder St Albans.

So how good is your patch and how can you work towards that 30% target or more? Here are four things you could try.



Take action

There are so many ways we can make our homes, gardens and grounds wild and wonderful. You could start as local as you like and cut a hole in your garden fence to create a hedgehog highway or plant bee-friendly flowers in your window box. Create a meadow in your school grounds or support others to do something. Deciding what to do and how to do can be daunting so the Wilder St Albans web pages are crammed full of resources, toolkits and over 50 individual actions to choose from: hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/wilderstalbans

Put your name on the Wilder Actions Map

Please add whatever action you take to the 'Wilder Actions Map' at hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/wilderstalbans and find out how and where people are taking action for wildlife where you are. This map will help us to build a picture of how our individual actions work together to improve the nature network around us. If you put your name on the map you will be sent a free wooden plaque to proudly display, letting everyone know that you are part of a Wilder St Albans.

Join the Wilder Facebook Community group

Why not join the Wilder Facebook Community Group [facebook.com/hertswildlifetrust](https://www.facebook.com/hertswildlifetrust)

groups/wilderstalbans. Use this space to ask questions, find wild inspiration, offer advice or shout about what you are doing!

Join Colney Heath Common Conservation Volunteers

New for 2022! Wilder St Albans will be supporting the set-up of a regular conservation volunteering group to help carry out tasks that will directly benefit wildlife on the common. Tasks may include woodland management and scrub clearance. Volunteering can be a great way to experience wildlife, keep fit and meet new people. Everyone would be welcome and no experience will be necessary. If you would like more information about this new group then please contact Heidi Carruthers at Heidi.Carruthers@hmwt.org.uk

By combining our individual actions across our District we will improve the nature network around us. Every action, no matter how small, can make a difference and if we work together we really can create a #wilderstalbans. If you have a wilder idea and would like support or advice then please get in contact with the Wilder St Albans Project Officer, Heidi Carruthers at Heidi.carruthers@hmwt.org



New Eco Dog Stations

In an attempt to help address the issue of dog mess on the Common the Council is purchasing two Eco Dog Stations providing free bags for the collection of dog mess. The stations will be installed soon at the Warren Farm Track and Church Lane entrances to Colney Heath Common. We hope this will be additional encouragement for owners to pick up after their dogs and dispose of the waste in the dog poo bins provided.

The Rebel Business School

Do you want to set up your own business but have been put off by traditional business plans and start-up loans?

The Rebel Business School have partnered with St Albans City & District Council and other Hertfordshire councils to offer a free live online course that helps people from all backgrounds and situations to become equipped with the tools and skillset to transform their business ideas into sales without intimidating business plans or risky start-up loans.

The practical and interactive course runs from Monday 21st March – Friday 1st April between 10am – 3pm daily (Mon-Fri) and covers all of the topics needed to start a business, including sales, taxes and marketing.

For those who feel stuck or have a business idea that they are not sure will work, the course is a great move towards their first sale, building their confidence and getting their business idea off the ground in a debt-free way.

Sign up here: therebelschool.com/hertfordshire



St Albans Old People's Trust is a small and friendly local charity. Our aim is to relieve need, hardship and distress for older people in St Albans District. Over the last 10 years the Trust has helped over 500 local residents by paying for various goods and services that, for all sorts of reasons, they couldn't afford to fund themselves.

Can I apply for help?

To be eligible to apply you must be 60 or over, in need, hardship or distress and live in St Albans District.

What information will I need to provide?

We have a simple application form, which we can help you to complete. We need to know about your general circumstances including your household income. We recognise that you may have savings or own your own home but be finding it hard to make ends meet or pay for a big item. Your information is always treated in the strictest confidence.

What can the Trust pay for?

Examples of what we can pay for:

- **Household and Personal Items:** bed, reclining chair, mobility aids, cooker, washing machine, fridge, warm clothing, glasses, dentures, supportive shoes.
- **Services:** regular cleaning, meals on wheels, care alarm.
- **Grants of money:** travelling expenses to hospital, gas or electricity bills.
- **Small Home Repairs:** repairing a leak, decoration of a room, replacement carpets.
- **Boiler Servicing:** annual service and small repairs.
- **New Boiler:** we partner with the Warmer Homes Scheme to each fund 50% towards a new boiler (eligibility criteria apply)

The Trust will not pay for items which your housing provider, Social Services or the NHS should pay for. We cannot pay for things like regular gardening or holidays. We do not pay for large scale building works or structural house repairs.

Can you help me increase my income?

We know that 1500 older people across the district are not claiming Pension Credit, and many more are missing out on Attendance Allowance and other benefits. We work closely with Citizen's Advice to help you to apply.

How does the Trust decide on my application?

Every application is considered on its own merits because we know that everyone's circumstances are different. We approve over 90% of applications and can usually get an answer within 10 days. As an independent charity we do not have to use the same strict criteria as the Council or the NHS. If we are unable to help, we will try to signpost you to other sources of support.

Contact the St Albans Old People's Trust, c/o HILLS, Jubilee Centre, Catherine Street, St Albans, Herts AL3 5BU; Tel: **01727 260 701** or **07541 659 442**; Email: grants.admin@staopt.org www.staopt.org



Colney Heath Football & Social Club



The Recreation Ground, High Street,
St Albans, AL4 0NP

Tel: 01727 824325

We are a small village club, punching well above our weight. We will try to unite the community, call on the local support of individuals and businesses alike and do things as professionally as we can within our means on and off the field. Why don't you join us and come and see what we are all about? Along with the football we are a very sociable lot, not exclusive and very welcoming. We do that bit well!



JOIN US AND BECOME A MEMBER:

Why not become a member and you can enjoy Happy Hour prices Monday to Thursday and private hire of our function room which seats up to 120 people with kitchen facilities and a licenced bar!

Membership prices per annum:

- Family - £15
- Individual - £10
- Concession - £5

2022 UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN 28 CASINO NIGHT

MARCH AN EVENING WITH RAY PARLOUR (DATE TBC)



UPCOMING FIXTURES

Sat 01 Jan 22	15:00		Colney Heath		Ware	Southern League Div One Central
Sat 08 Jan 22	15:00		Didcot Town		Colney Heath	Southern League Div One Central
Sat 15 Jan 22	15:00		Colney Heath		Barton Rovers	Southern League Div One Central
Sat 22 Jan 22	15:00		Hertford Town		Colney Heath	Southern League Div One Central
Sat 29 Jan 22	15:00		Colney Heath		Aylesbury United	Southern League Div One Central
Sat 05 Feb 22	15:00		Colney Heath		Welwyn Garden City	Southern League Div One Central
Sat 12 Feb 22	15:00		FC Romania		Colney Heath	Southern League Div One Central
Sat 19 Feb 22	15:00		Bedford Town		Colney Heath	Southern League Div One Central
Sat 26 Feb 22	15:00		Colney Heath		Kempston Rovers	Southern League Div One Central

23/01/22 14:00	Colney Heath Ladies First		VS		Royston Town Women First	COLNEY HEATH RECREATION GROUND	Premier Division
30/01/22 14:00	Colney Heath Ladies First		VS		Wyndham Town F.C. Women's First	COLNEY HEATH RECREATION GROUND	Premier Division

Contact for venue hire – Lee Turner at 07936 536733

Follow us on twitter @ColneyHeathFC & Facebook @ColneyHeathFootballClub

HCC Services for Young People

Services for Young People (SfYP) is part of Hertfordshire County Council. We provide free youth work projects, information, advice, work related learning, careers guidance and wider support for all young people in Hertfordshire.

HCC SfYP Access Points are centres specifically for young people to access free and confidential information, advice, guidance, including:

- Careers advice
- Finances and housing
- Substance misuse
- Training and apprenticeships
- Independent living skills

We also offer sexual health services for young people, such as:

- Sexual and general health advice
- Free condoms
- Free pregnancy testing
- Free chlamydia and gonorrhoea testing

For the St Albans area, the nearest Access Point is Catherine Street Young People's Centre, 41 Catherine Street, St Albans AL3 5BN. Opening hours: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 3-6pm.

To contact HCC SfYP call **01442 454060**, text **07860 065195** or email **sfyp.stalbans@hertfordshire.gov.uk**



Home Library Service in Hertfordshire

Hertfordshire Libraries provides the Home Library Service delivering books to some of the most vulnerable and isolated people in the county. Many of our customers regard the service as a "lifeline," and value the regular collections of books which are tailored to their interests and delivered to them in their own home by a friendly and familiar face.

It is not just the selection and the delivery of books which our customers appreciate, but also the opportunity for important contact and a chat. This is something that customers look forward to and that volunteers find rewarding.

To help develop this service further, Hertfordshire Libraries have launched a Reading Friends scheme. This enables library staff or volunteers to have a telephone call with Home Library Service customers about their favourite books, television programme or any topic of interest. The initial response to these befriending telephone calls has been very positive and demonstrates the importance for this work to expand.

The Home Library Service supports people who are unable to get to the library, for example those who:

- have a physical disability which prevents travelling to a library
- have a learning disability or mental health condition that makes it difficult to leave home alone
- are registered blind (severely sight impaired)
- are frail or in poor health which means they can't get to a library
- are a carer looking after someone affected by any of the above, and their caring responsibilities prevent them from getting to the library.

If you know of anyone who is eligible and would like to receive the Home Library Service, please contact your library via the Customer Service Centre on **0300 123 4049** or apply via the link: **www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/other-library-services/home-library-service/home-library-service.aspx**

If you are interested in becoming a Home Library Service volunteer, you can find more information and details of how to apply on the volunteering pages on the council website: **www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/support-your-library/volunteering-at-your-library.aspx**



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We're still here to help

Our offices remain closed, but you can still get advice.



Call us on:
01727 811 118

Monday to Thursday 10am to 4pm, Friday 10am to 1pm

Or Hertfordshire Adviceline free on:

0800 144 8848



Call us with Relay UK, if you can't hear or speak on the phone:

18001 then **01727 811 118**

Visit the Relay UK website for information



To chat to an adviser online or email us, visit our website:

castad.org.uk



For general information visit:

citizensadvice.org.uk

We offer free and confidential advice on debt and money, benefits, housing, reducing energy bills, work, relationships, help with Blue Badge and other form filling, and more.

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citizens
advice

St Albans
District







Would you like to advertise your business or event in future editions of the Colney Heath Parish newsletter?



The newsletter is to be published three times a year, with a circulation to approximately 2,500 households across the three Wards of the Parish. Costs are £25 for a quarter page, £50 for a half page and £100 for a full page advert. Full details of the advertising rates and policy can be found on the Parish Council website or call the office on **01727 825314**.



FREE goods and services
supporting people over 60
in need, hardship or distress

 Utility Bills Boiler repairs	 Appliances	 Small Repairs
 Mobility equipment	 Meals on wheels	 Cleaning services

Call us now for a confidential chat
01727 260 701 or 07541 659 442

grants.admin@staopt.org www.staopt.org

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c/o HILLS, Jubilee Centre, Catherine Street, St Albans, Herts AL3 5BU

Respect other people

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Park carefully so access to gateways and driveways is clear
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Follow paths but give way to others where it's narrow

Protect the natural environment

- Leave no trace of your visit, take all your litter home
- Don't have BBQs or fires
- Keep dogs under effective control
- Dog poo - bag it and bin it

Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead, check what facilities are open, be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs and obey social distancing measures



ST ALBANS CITY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Civic Centre
St Peters Street
St Albans
AL1 3JE

Tel: 01727 866100

Email: contactus@stalbens.gov.uk

Website: St Albans City and District Council

To sign up for a District Council account where you can report issues directly to the District Council uploading photographs and locations please go to: **www.stalbens.gov.uk/mystalbensdistrictaccount/**

To report missing, damaged or cannot be read easily street name plates email: **streetnameplates@stalbens.gov.uk** or telephone **01727 819392**.

To order or request information on recycling Bins email: **A.CleanerDistrict@stalbens.gov.uk**

To report or discuss fly-tipping email: **wastemanagementservices@stalbens.gov.uk**

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

County Hall
Pegs Lane
Hertford
SG13 8DQ

Tel: 0300 123 4040

Website: Hertfordshire County Council

To report issues with roads (including pot holes), cycle paths, pavements and lighting, use the following link – **www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/faultreporting/** or email: **Highways.customerservices@hertfordshire.gov.uk**

For information on road closures, use the following link – **<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/highways-roads-and-pavements/roadworks-and-road-closures/roadworks-and-road-closures.aspx>**

Please note that many meetings and events could be cancelled, postponed or changed, sometimes at very short notice. Always check with the Parish Office or event organisers for the latest updates.

**COLNEY HEATH
PARISH COUNCIL**

**Highfield
Park Office**

Hill End Lane
St Albans, AL4 0RA



Colney Heath Village Office

www.colneyheathparishcouncil.gov.uk

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HILL END WARD

Cllr H Brazier:

cllrhbrazier@colneyheathparishcouncil.gov.uk

PUBLIC OPENING HOURS:

Highfield Park Office: Every weekday 10am – 12.30pm

If you wish to meet or discuss specific parish issues with the Clerk an appointment can be made for you by calling or emailing the office.

FULL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE 2020/21

23 Sept 2021	24 Feb 2022
21 Oct 2021	24 Mar 2022
25 Nov 2021	21 Apr 2022
16 Dec 2021	8 Apr 2022 (Annual Parish Electorate Mtg)
13 Jan 2022	

All Council, HR Committee and Finance & Governance Committee meetings will be held in the main hall of Colney Heath Primary School, High Street Colney Heath AL4 0NP and Environment Committee meetings will be held in the Atrium of Highfield Park Trust Visitor Centre, Hill End Lane AL4 0RA.