

Appendix 1



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Ancient Charities of Hertford

Purpose:

To support needy residents in the town of Hertford and nearby villages.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Alex Daar

Update:

I have attended all three meetings in this financial year.

Generous donations have been received by the charity. Grants have been given mainly for white goods. Discussion has centred on making sure organisations are aware of the support available. Applications need a professional recommendation. Hertford Town Council officers regularly remind organisations of the grant. I have spoken to East Herts Officers, Citizens Advice, Homestart and Community Alliance about the charity's available support. The main current referrers are CAB, food banks and then SNG. Please spread the word about support available in relevant wards.

Links for more information: <https://www.hertford.gov.uk/clubs-societies-charities-volunteering-1/>

Update provided by: Alex Daar

Date: 11/03/2026

OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Hertfordshire Armed Forces Covenant

Purpose:

The Armed Forces Covenant is a pledge that acknowledges and understands that those who serve or who have served in the armed forces, and their families, should be treated with fairness and respect in the communities, economy and society they serve with their lives.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Alex Daar

Update:

Attended two meetings invited to in October and March in 2025/26.

Both meetings have been useful for networking and becoming aware of the variety of organisations around the area that support current armed forces and veterans. At the October meeting there was an intense discussion about whether the format of meetings should change from two board meetings per year to an annual conference. The final consensus was that the current format should remain.

I learnt from the Annual Report that East Herts has the third highest number of veterans in the County and at our last meeting that many that are known to the public sector are older. The impression I have gathered is that many organisations are working towards employment support for veterans but that more work needs to be done in ensuring services are identifying new veterans and they are getting appropriate support. There is a high incidence of mental health issues amongst veterans, and a big issue is supporting veterans in getting appropriate housing. We heard presentations from different charities supporting veterans including very detailed description of the adversity faced by individual veterans in settling down to civilian life, including the problems in identifying them as veterans.

At the March meeting we were told about a new initiative to develop a "Valour" support service. This initiative is being led by Stevenage Borough Council who have six months funding to develop a hub which is likely to serve veterans in the East of England. The aim is to provide a one stop shop to veterans for support, making the support as efficient and effective as possible so veterans do not have to repeat

their story across multiple services. Anyone can complete the survey on this link that will help the hub to develop and coordinate the right support. I have requested that is also shared via various media channels. [Stevenage Armed Forces Community Hub – Engagement Questions.](#)

This is the page for East Herts support for Armed Forces
<https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/about-east-herts-0/armed-forces-community-covenant>

A further issue presented has been the difficulty in recruiting adult helpers to run cadet units for young people to join.

Update provided by: Alex Daar

Date: 11/03/2026

OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Bishop’s Stortford Business Improvement District (BID)

Purpose:

Business Improvement Districts are business-led partnerships which are created through a ballot process to deliver additional services to local businesses. They are a powerful tool for directly involving local businesses in local activities and allow the business community and local authorities to work together to improve the local trading environment.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Calvin Horner

Update:

- Support for Town Centre Businesses – training, local discount card, support with business rate reviews
- Safer Town Centre – Purple Flag application (night-time economy), Town Link Radio scheme, Street Stewards
- Events – Festive Funday, sponsorship of Bishop’s Stortford Carnival
- Placemaking – North Street improvements/pedestrianisation, Lighting in Town Centre

There have been 17 meetings during the year, including board meetings, business meet ups and purple flag related events. I have attended 11 of these. Several have clashed with East Herts Council or Committee meetings.

Update provided by: Calvin Horner

Date: 15/4/2026

OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Bishop's Stortford Chamber of Commerce

Purpose:

To represent the businesses within Bishop's Stortford, by meetings, training, networking, and other activities likely to improve the business activity

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Martin Adams

Update:

Business activity is always a consideration, and the BS Chamber of Commerce facilitates regular networking sessions such as monthly breakfast briefings, which I try and attend as frequently as possible. This year I managed to represent the council at the Chamber a total of 3 times, which is far from ideal, and I would guess, probably less than is necessary.

From a personal perspective, I have found the role needs greater input than I can afford given my primary role as Chairman of the Council and recommend that the role of Chairman should come with a list of positions, such as Outside Bodies, that may make it difficult to juggle. I remain of the belief that it is important for the Council to remain a member and to be involved in supporting businesses, in Stortford and across the District.

Update provided by:Martin Adams

Date: 08 January 2026

OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

CCTV Joint Partnership

Purpose:

To oversee the contract for CCTV cameras across several towns in East Hertfordshire in partnership with other councils who use this service such as Stevenage, North Herts and Hertsmere. The aim of the cameras is to reduce crime and help residents feel safer. The cameras are managed via the incident room in Stevenage.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Alex Daar, Mione Goldspink.

Update:

Two meetings in this financial year.

We have considered the budgets, distribution of costs across the partners, the number of incidents, any business developments. Chair of the partnership rotates between partners.

Management reports here <https://www.hertfordshirecctv.co.uk/east-herts-management-reports/>

Update provided by: Alex Daar

Date: 30/03/2026

OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Co-operation for Sustainable Development Board

Purpose:

The purpose of the Co-op Board is to support plan-making process across East Herts, Epping Forest, Harlow and Uttlesford. The Board reviews cross boundary issues (strategic planning matters) being progressed through emerging local plans. It is an advisory body, and any decisions resulting from its advice remained the responsibility of its constituent councils.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Vicky Glover-Ward

Update:

The Board is currently in abeyance. There have been no meetings during the last year, and none anticipated for the foreseeable future.

Update provided by: Cllr Vicky Glover-Ward

Date: 26 March 2026

OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Heritage Champion (organised by Historic England)

Purpose:

Historic England are the public body that helps people care for, enjoy, and celebrate England's spectacular historic environment. A Heritage Champion is a councillor who has been nominated by their authority to promote all aspects of the historic environment in their area. The network of Heritage Champions across the country supports the protection of the historic environment at a local level.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Vicky Glover-Ward

Update:

The Heritage Champion:

- Liaises with Officers to make sure that local plans and strategies capture the contribution that the local historic environment can make to the success of an area.
- Promotes heritage within East Herts, generating enthusiasm for and awareness of the importance of the local historic environment.
- Helps ensure that commitment to the proper care of the historic environment is embedded in all relevant activities and plans of the East Herts.
- Supports the work of the Conservation service within the Planning Department.

Update provided by: Cllr Vicky Glover-Ward

Date: 26 March 2026

OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Hertford Museum

Purpose:

Trustee of Hertford Museum

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Maura Connolly

Update:

I attended all 7 formal meetings of trustees as well as the personnel subcommittee. In addition, there were informal meetings, attendance at private viewings and Sunday opening sessions (both expectations of trustees).

The Museum has decided to change its status to a CIO, which is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This will result in a much-reduced number of Trustees. To that end, Chris Pease the Museum Chair has formally removed the museum from the East Herts Outside Body List. My understanding is that I will step down at the end of this civic year.

Update provided by: Maura Connolly

Date: 27 Feb 2026

OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership (HCCSP)

Purpose:

The Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership (HCCSP) consists of all 10 districts and the county council, plus the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). HCCSP is a strategic group which acts as the lead partnership organisation for partners to collaborate and identify joint work programmes on environmental, climate change and wider sustainability issues.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Tim Hoskin

Update:

Meetings are held 6 weekly which I have attended as the East Herts representative. There have been 8 meetings held in the last year and I have attended 6 of these meetings. I have also represented East Herts at the annual HCCSP review conducted with the Chair and lead CEO of Watford. I was elected vice chair in 2025

HCCSP continues to work on its six themes:

Water

Biodiversity

Decarbonisation

Transport

Behaviour change

Joint work programmes have included:

Solar Together – 2024/25 facilitated private resident investment of over £4.1m in generating and storage potential and saved 11,800 tonnes of CO₂

Retrofit – Work is now progressing and a Retrofit Strategy has been drafted and approved. Funding via the Local Area Retrofit Accelerator or “LARA” Process has been secured.

Update provided by: Cllr Tim Hoskin

Date: 7th Jan 2026

OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Hertfordshire Infrastructure and Planning Partnership (HIPP)

Purpose:

The Hertfordshire Infrastructure & Planning Partnership (HIPP) comprises the planning / transport portfolio holders and heads of planning from the eleven councils in Hertfordshire as well as representation from Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership and others. The partnership is supported by Hertfordshire Planning Group, comprising heads of planning and invited guests, as well as sub-groups which bring together planning policy managers and development management managers.

HIPP's overarching purpose is "to provide a forum to discuss and develop a shared view and to propose joint work programmes on planning and infrastructure issues of common concern, working co-operatively within Hertfordshire and across county borders."

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Vicky Glover-Ward, Executive Member for Planning and Growth

Update:

Four meetings have been held over the last year (12/06/2025, 17/09/2025, 09/12/2025 and 27/02/2026). Meetings have focussed on Local Plan updates, development management issues, planning resilience (recruitment and retention in the planning sector), government consultations on planning including the consultation on the revised NPPF and other matters the Local Nature Recovery Strategy, and shared learning on strategic sites.

Update provided by: Vicky Glover-Ward

Date: 26/03/2026

OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Hertfordshire Waste Partnership

Purpose:

WasteAware is the partnership of Hertfordshire's county, district and borough councils, working together to reduce, reuse and recycle Hertfordshire's waste. It promotes waste and recycling education and campaigns, providing useful tips to help be WasteAware.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Tim Hoskin

Update:

These meetings are ordinarily held quarterly but there has been a hiatus in 2025 due to the resignation of key HWP personnel. The resumption of these meetings took place in December 2025 under new leadership.

Within the last 12 months several significant consultations have been run by Defra including one on the proposed carbon tax for flue gases resulting from energy from waste incineration. These costs are estimated to be significant and further mitigation work is necessary

The implementation of Extended Producer Responsibility (producers' payment for collection and disposal of packaging) has happened and approx. £1.1bn will be paid into LA's for disposal/recovery of packaging. 12 months until October 2025.

East Herts went through extensive change in 2025 with the implementation of a new contract and a transition to 3 weekly residual and recycling collections along with a weekly food waste collection.

Update provided by: Tim Hoskin

Date: 7th Jan 2026

OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Local Council Network – (formally Local Government District Council Network)

Purpose:

The D/LCN champions the role played by councils within a devolved system, asserting that power, responsibility and accountability should sit as close to communities as possible.

Politically neutral and led by its members, it brings together senior councillors and officers to develop collective priorities, influence national policy decisions and strengthen local leadership.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Ben Crystall

Update:

I attended the annual D/LCN conference, numerous webinars and receive monthly bulletins, alerts and briefings which are shared with the Executive and others as appropriate. Recent briefings, webinars and bulletins have focused on LGR, funding challenges and government policy changes.

Update provided by: Cllr Ben Crystall

Date: 20/03/2026

OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Local Government Association General Assembly

Purpose:

To champion and strengthen local government, to provide a strong voice for local authorities with Government, to offer information updates, support and provide services for member authorities, and lobby for policy change on behalf of local authorities.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Ben Crystall

Update:

Information on the impact of local Government Reorganisation and Devolution and government policy on investment, infrastructure needs, and support for communities.

I attended a number of online briefings and webinars, the annual conference and general assembly, and regular LGA independent group meetings. I also contributed to a Ware Town Council LGA-led peer review.

Update provided by: Cllr Ben Crystall

Date: 20/03/2026

OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Local Government East (formally East of England Local Government Association)

Purpose:

To provide support and services for member authorities, and lobby for policy change on behalf of members.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Ben Crystall

Update:

Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution, investment in the East of England, new NPPF changes, infrastructure needs.

I attended the LGE AGM, have annual meetings with the LGE chair, and have attended 2 meetings with leaders and mayors from the region. LGE have also provided HR support.

Update provided by: Cllr Ben Crystall

Date: 20/03/26

OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London - PATROL

Purpose:

A statutory joint committee that manages and enforces parking and other traffic restrictions in England.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Ben Crystall

Update:

There has been no activity beyond emails alerts and monitoring of issues raised in newsletters from PATROL. Alerts include notice of funding opportunities for campaign funding eg school parking and safety and notice of Pavement Parking consultation.

Update provided by: Cllr Ben Crystall

Date: 20/03/2026

OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Scotts Grotto

Purpose:

The Scotts Grotto Trust, set up by the Council in 2017 and in conjunction with the Ware Society continues to be a good example of how East Herts can work with community groups to transfer ownership of community assets and ensure they are managed more effectively. The Trust is still managing the Grotto, making use of volunteer and trustee support to ensure it remains open on Saturday afternoons and bank holidays from April to September every year.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Graeme Hill

OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Stansted Airport Consultative Committee

Purpose:

The Committee is an independent consultative committee constituted to meet the requirements of Section 35 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982 for an airport “to provide adequate facilities for consultation with respect to any matter concerning the management or administration of the airport which affects the interest of users of the airport, local authorities and any other organisation representing the interests of persons concerned with the locality in which the airport is situated”

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Chris Wilson

Update:

Unfortunately, I have been unable to attend many meetings of this forum due to work commitments, but from meeting minutes and those that I did attend I can advise that the following topics have been considered:

- Planning permission for Stansted Airport (increased passenger numbers) - now approved by Uttlesford DC

- The impact of this increase - flight numbers will not increase to any great extent as planes will have a greater capacity
- Greater road and rail traffic needs to be managed and keeping the modal share of public transport at 50% will still mean an increase in traffic
- S106 and ongoing contributions to the local community in East Herts (Bishop's Stortford and other areas near to the airport)

Update provided by: Cllr Chris Wilson

Date: 06/03/2026

OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group

Purpose:

To provide information updates, support and services for member authorities, and lobby for policy change on behalf of members.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Ben Crystall

Update:

The changing environment for aviation, the impact of local Government Reorganisation and Devolution and government policy, investment, infrastructure needs.

I attended an online briefing and receive regular updates from the Group on impact of Gov policy on the aviation sector.

Update provided by: Cllr Ben Crystall

Date: 20/03/26