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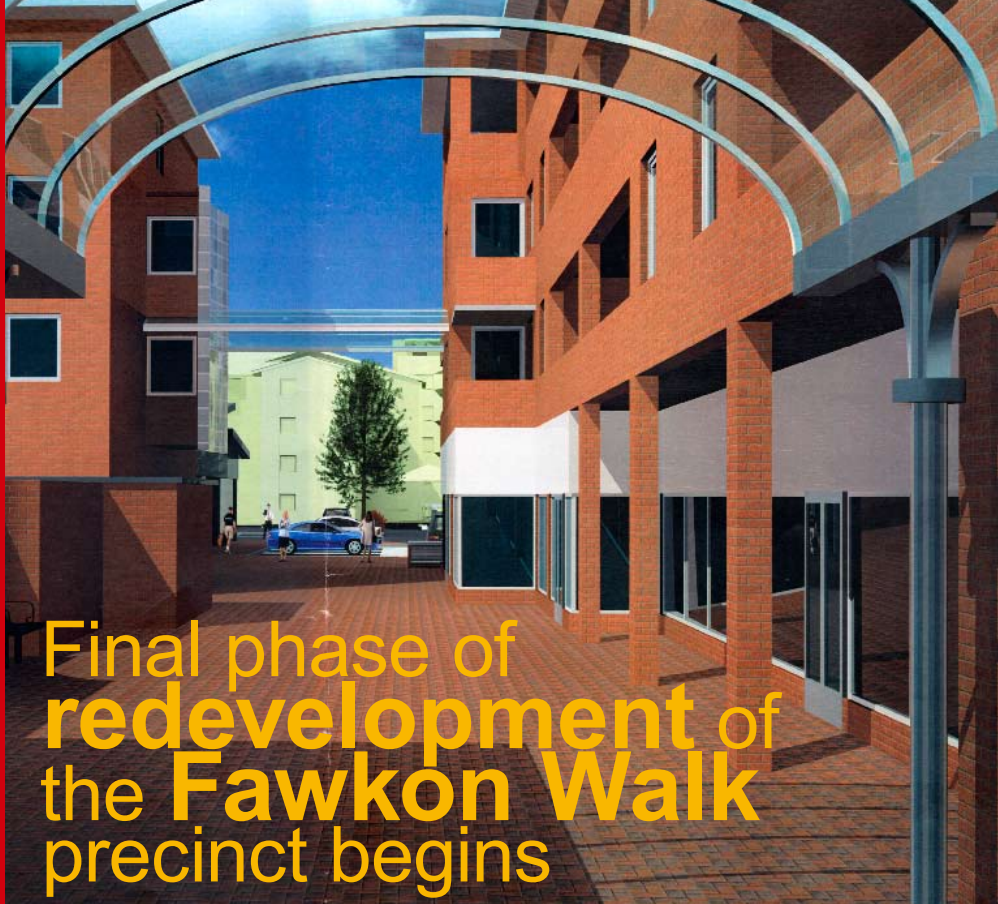
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Final phase of redevelopment of the Fawkon Walk precinct begins

The third and final phase of the redevelopment of the Fawkon Walk precinct in Hoddesdon began in January 2006. The development will provide significantly expanded shopping facilities, health services, offices and residential accommodation in Hoddesdon town centre.

The first two phases of the development are also under construction. The new development will be made up of a medical centre covering two floors, 47 flats, a floor of small office suites, shops, a café kiosk and 50 underground car parking spaces. There will also be refurbishment of the Fawkon Walk precinct and High Street frontage shops including installation of a glazed canopy over the central walkway of the precinct and across the High Street frontage of Fawkon Walk. The new shopping area should be complete by January 2007 and the rest of the development including the medical centre should be ready by the summer of 2007.

It is hoped that major new developments will have a positive impact on the prosperity of the High Street.

New surgery at Valley View



Work has begun on a new purpose-built doctors' surgery in Valley View, Goffs Oak. The new health centre will bring modern medical services to communities in Goffs Oak and West Cheshunt.

A temporary surgery, Valley View, opened in January 2003. The new development will take ten months to complete. The Council will provide an additional 18 car parking spaces on the site for use by the general public. Broxbourne's first community plan revealed there was a need for further provision to the west of the Borough into Goffs Oak. This new development will significantly improve the service in this part of the Borough.



CCTV system for Old Pond

The new CCTV system for the Cheshunt Old Pond area has eight cameras providing coverage of the shop and public car parks in the area, as well as Grundy Park Leisure Centre.

These cameras will be linked to the CCTV monitoring station which is manned 24 hours per day and to the police control room. The scheme cost approximately £65,000, with annual running costs of £15,000 to £20,000. The capital cost of the scheme has been met by the Council with support from the police and local retailers.

Public Service Appointments

The Council wishes to appoint independent representatives from the community to serve on a committee dealing with standards of conduct of councillors.

The duties are interesting and varied, but not onerous, and provide an opportunity to give service to the community. Out of pocket expenses will be paid to appointed representatives.

For further details and an application form, please telephone 01992 785534 or write to the Council at the address given on the inside front cover.



Gerald Game bridge opened at Essex Road

On 24 February 2006, Mrs Phyllis Game opened the Gerald Game bridge over the London-Cambridge railway line at Essex Road, Hoddesdon.

The bridge was named after the late Gerald Game, past Leader of the Borough Council and a County Councillor. Mrs

Game was accompanied by County Councillor Beatty and Councillor Ken Ayling, Leader of the Borough Council.

The bridge was funded by contributions secured from local landowners and developers through "planning benefit" agreements and it was built at no direct cost to the local taxpayer.



Parking bay provision

As part of its rolling environmental improvement programme, the Council has consulted with residents over the provision of 80 additional parking bays at 11 locations in the Borough over the past three months.

Construction works have been completed at River Close, Meadway, Cecil Road and Audwick Close and the remaining schemes will be completed by the end of March 2006.

The provision of additional parking bays helps to reduce damage to verges, improve access and resolve problems of obstructive and footway parking.

Should residents want additional parking in their street, please contact the Council by email at construction@broxbourne.gov.uk or by post to Construction Services, Borough Offices, Bishops' College, Churchgate, Cheshunt, EN8 9XB.

Local Organisations Directory 2006

The latest edition of the Local Organisations Directory has just been published. It provides a comprehensive guide to almost 700 organisations, including local and national clubs, societies and voluntary organisations, from animal groups to cultural and historical organisations, and from medical societies to scouts and guides.

The directory is available from the Council's one stop shops priced £1. Over 500 groups' details are also on the Council's web site at www.broxbourne.gov.uk - many of these have a direct link to their own web site.

Forthcoming Meetings

ENVIRONMENTAL AND RECYCLING PANEL

Tuesday 20 June
7pm - Borough Offices

BROXBOURNE COMMUNITY SAFETY CONSULTATION FORUM

Thursday 22 June
7.30pm - Borough Offices

BOROUGH CONSULTATIVE PANEL

Monday 3 July
Venue to be publicised in due course

HOUSING BENEFITS CONSULTATION PANEL

Monday 2 October
12.30 pm - Borough Offices

Rolling Register

If you move property, please don't forget to update the electoral register by contacting the one stop shops or on the web www.broxbourne.gov.uk for a 'rolling register' form. The register can now be updated any time of the year, but the last date for receipt of rolling registration forms for people wishing to vote at the Borough Election on 4th May this year is Monday 13 March 2006.

Postal Voting at Borough Election

Everyone can now apply for a postal vote - if you would prefer to vote by post rather than go to the polling station in person on Thursday 4 May. To do this you need to complete an application form, which is available from any one stop shop or on the web www.broxbourne.gov.uk

Your application can either be for a particular election or indefinitely. You can apply at any time of the year but if you apply at election time your completed form must be received at least ten working days before election day.



Help plan the future

The Council needs your help in shaping the future of the area

Broxbourne Council works in partnership with other statutory bodies, the voluntary sector and the community, to improve the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the area, according to priorities identified in the Community Plan 2003-06. As part of a review of the **Community Plan** the Council needs your views on the most important issues facing Broxbourne for the next ten years.

In parallel, a Local Development Framework **Core Strategy** will determine how the Council will tackle issues like housing, the local economy, the environment and community facilities. To find out more about the Community Plan and Local Development framework, visit www.broxbourne.gov.uk

To influence the future of your area, please complete this questionnaire by Friday 25th March (no stamp needed) or complete on line at www.broxbourne.gov.uk

Win a year's Council Tax

All completed questionnaire with name and address details (returned by post, by hand or electronically) will be entered in a prize draw to win a year's free council tax. The prize is to the value of the Borough of Broxbourne 'Band D' council tax.

or

Win an iPod

If you are not a council tax payer - particularly if you are under 18 years of age - you can be entered in a prize draw for an iPod.

Details are available at www.broxbourne.gov.uk
Employees of Broxbourne Borough Council and their families are not eligible to participate.

The Vision

The current Vision for Broxbourne is:

“To create an area where people continue to want to live and work. The partnership aims to improve the quality of life of all those living and working in the Borough by maintaining a healthy, safe and prosperous area with a buoyant local economy. The partnership aims to increase the level of educational attainment and engagement in lifelong learning within the community and where possible provide affordable homes for residents in a pleasant environment with quality local services.”

Do you agree with this vision

Y/N

Comments or changes you would like to see

The Community Plan identifies seven themes (1 - 7 below). Please circle which two of these themes you consider are the most important.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Please indicate which are the two biggest issues facing the local community?

1 Keeping the Borough Healthy

In comparison with the rest of the country, residents of Broxbourne enjoy relatively good health. However, with an ageing population, the pressures on health services are likely to increase in the future.

- Q** There are more local health services than there used to be.
Strongly Agree/Agree/Disagree/Strongly Disagree
- Q** Hospital services are easy to access in the Borough of Broxbourne.
Strongly Agree/Agree/Disagree/Strongly Disagree
- Q** Sports centres and other exercise facilities are easy to access in Broxbourne.
Strongly Agree/Agree/Disagree/Strongly Disagree

3 Striving for a Learning Borough

In comparison with the rest of Hertfordshire, local standards of educational attainment are a little below average, particularly basic skills for adults.

- Q** More child care services and provision of activities outside school hours are needed in this area.
Strongly Agree/Agree/Disagree/Strongly Disagree
- Q** More help for people who wish to retrain for a new career or improve their qualifications.
Strongly Agree/Agree/Disagree/Strongly Disagree
- Q** More adult leisure and recreational courses for the wellbeing of the community are required.
Strongly Agree/Agree/Disagree/Strongly Disagree

2 Maintaining a Safe Borough

Broxbourne is a safe place in which to live and work with comparatively low crime levels when compared with other areas.

- Q** The level of crime and disorder has improved in the last 12 months in my local area.
Strongly Agree/Agree/Disagree/Strongly Disagree
- Q** Which two of the following are most important for the quality of life in your local area - please tick two
 - More uniformed patrols _____
 - More enforcement action against young offenders by ASBOs _____
 - Improved street environment (e.g. reduced graffiti, improved street lighting) _____
 - More activities for young people _____
 - Improved hotline access for reporting incidents) _____

4 Sustaining an Economically Prosperous Borough

Though low overall, levels of unemployment are higher than many other areas of Hertfordshire, and there are small pockets of high unemployment. Many people travel outside the Borough to work.

- Q** Reducing dependence on commuting by increasing local jobs is important.
Strongly Agree/Agree/Disagree/Strongly Disagree
- Q** Increasing the variety of jobs available to local residents is important
Strongly Agree/Agree/Disagree/Strongly Disagree
- Q** Which two of the following do you think are most important to achieve a prosperous economy
 - Improving training and work related skills _____
 - Improve commuter facilities _____
 - Support local jobs in industrial areas and town centres _____
 - Encourage new businesses to move into the Borough _____

5 Meeting the Need for Homes

High home prices in this area have a knock on effect for those unable to afford to purchase homes. The Council must plan for at least 5100 additional homes by 2021.

Q Additional homes should be built in existing built up areas.

Strongly Agree/Agree/Disagree/Strongly Disagree

Q Additional homes should be built on the edge of existing built up areas.

Strongly Agree/Agree/Disagree/Strongly Disagree

Affordable housing can be provided as “social housing” for rent to people on low incomes or “key worker housing” for people in essential occupations such as nursing, teaching, etc. Please tick which two of the following you think are most important.

- “Social housing” to reduce homelessness and waiting lists.
- “Key worker” housing for nurses/teachers, etc.
- More small flats and houses for young people
- More family housing.
- More sheltered housing for elderly people...

6 Improving Transport and Environment

Q Please indicate which of the following transport issues are most important in the Borough of Broxbourne (tick two)

- Improve bus services.....
- Managing road congestion.....
- Manage parking.....
- Improve facilities for cyclists.....
- Improve facilities for pedestrians.....

Q There are sufficient parks and open spaces in the Borough of Broxbourne.

Strongly Agree/Agree/Disagree/Strongly Disagree

7 Community Facilities

Q The encouragement of a greater sense of community is important.

Strongly Agree/Agree/Disagree/Strongly Disagree

Q Which of the following are the most important facilities for all residents - tick two.

- Protect local heritage and cultural sites.
- Enhance facilities in town centres.....
- Improve leisure and recreation facilities.
- Improve range and choice of shopping facilities at Brookfield Farm.
- Provide more facilities for young people.

Other Important Issues

Please list any other issues you feel important for Broxbourne in the future.

Your Details

Finally, to make sure we have a representative sample of residents, could you tell us about yourself? There is no need to supply your name and address unless you wish to be contacted again or enter the prize draw. All information supplied will be processed.

Are you Male Female

Age group Under 18 18-24 25-40
41-55 56-65 65+

Occupation _____

Q Which area of the Borough do you live in

- Waltham Cross
- Cheshunt
- West Cheshunt
- Broxbourne
- Hoddesdon
- Wormley & Turnford
- Goffs Oak

To be entered in the prize draw, please complete your details below:

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

and let us know which prize you want

Free Council Tax or iPod

How to Respond

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. The results will be used to help in the preparation of the new Community Plan.


Please post your questionnaire (no stamp required) to:-

Chief Executive Officer, Broxbourne Borough Council, FREEPOST WBJ90, Cheshunt, Waltham Cross, EN8 9BR

What's on ... What's on ... What's on ... What's on ...

Live in Concert

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Mayors Charity Concert
Wednesday 29 March, 8pm
 Broxbourne Civic Hall

The B'Eagles are back in Broxbourne. In this stunning two hour show you will hear all the hits and more, 'Hotel California', 'Life In The Fast Lane' and so on. Formed from the nucleus of the Stu Page Band who were recognised for their song writing abilities worldwide. The tribute band The B'Eagles have gone from strength to strength wowing audiences both home and abroad.

Terrace £12 Stalls £10



An evening with England World Cup winning goal scorers SIR GEOFF HURST AND MARTIN PETERS

Friday 31 March, 7.30pm

Broxbourne Civic Hall

Sir Geoff Hurst, and his West Ham team mate Martin Peters will talk about their careers and what it was like 40 years ago to win the World Cup at Wembley. The pair will also look ahead to the June World Cup and give expert opinions and predictions.

A great evening of football magic.
 Terrace £17 Stalls £14.50

THE SOOTY SHOW THE IZZY WIZZY HOLIDAY SHOW Wednesday 5 April, 1pm & 3.45pm Broxbourne Civic Hall

Sooty and the gang in this show of slap stick, sing-a-long songs and games.

All seats £6.50 Crèche £2 per child

(2nd Performance only)

Crèche must be booked in advance as places are limited.



BINK & THE GIANT WHIZPOP

Family Pop Musical
Sunday 9 April, Performance
2.30pm

Workshop 1.30pm
 Broxbourne Civic Hall

All Seats £7 Ages 3+
 Family Ticket (4 people) £25.

Show and Workshop £10

Make the most of your visit by booking your child on to a drama workshop where they will work with the cast of the show in fun practical ways to learn an introduction to the characters and songs, an improvised exploration of the story and games relating to the themes of the show. Session lasts roughly 50 minutes.



EASTER EGGSTRA Wednesday 12 April, 2pm-4pm Broxbourne Civic Hall

An afternoon of fun games and entertainment with a disco and an Easter bonnet competition judged by the Mayor of Broxbourne. Craft tables, face painting and a host of furry friends, large and small. Age Guide under 8s (parents and guardians must stay on the premises)

Adults and Children £4.50 (Small charge for face painting)

The Spotlight Bistro will be open throughout the event for refreshments.

This is not a seated event.



THE LONDON COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR Thursday 13 April, 7.30pm

Broxbourne Civic Hall

LCGC is known for it's up-tempo gospel flair, swing-beat, R'n'B, traditional and soulful arrangements, with invigorating choreography

and vocal gymnastics.

Terrace £13

Stalls £11.

Circle of Friends £2 off.



ABSOLUTE SWING starring THE KINGS OF SWING

Sunday 23 April, 7.30pm
 Broxbourne Civic Hall

The music of Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Dean Martin and more.
 Terrace £15
 Stalls £13
 Circle of Friends - £1.50 off.



JONGLEURS ON THE ROAD Thursday 18 May, 8pm

Broxbourne Civic Hall

Comedy stand-up from Jongleurs.

All seats £10 Terrace seats and cabaret tables (max 12 per table)



Book Online
www.broxbourne.gov.uk

Bookings for most events featured in the "What's On" including cinema screenings can now be made online with a reduced transaction fee of only 50p! Visit www.broxbourne.gov.uk and follow the simple instructions from the "What's On" page.

X-plosion!



Following on from the success of the Xtra X-plosion nights organised in 2005, the Council has scheduled a total of 17 X-Plosion discos during 2006. Club nights for 11 to 15 year olds will be held on 24 March, 28 April, 12 May, 26 May, 9 June and 30 June from 7.30pm until 10.30pm. Tickets are available from one stop shops, Broxbourne Civic Hall or by calling 01992 441946.

Easter Holidays

The NEW brochure for the Easter Holidays will be available from early March at all Council One Stop Shops, Facilities and local libraries. There are various activities organised for children aged 3-11 years and young people aged 12+ years, including day trips, football courses, swimming sessions and much more. For a copy of the brochure please visit your local one stop shop or call into the Council offices.

Easter Swimming Crash Courses

These 4 and 5 day crash courses provide an excellent opportunity for children of all ages and abilities to develop their swimming skills. Categories include Tadpoles, Frogs, Beginners and Intermediates.

5 Day Course

3 – 7 April

£20 members

£26.50 Non-members

4 Day Course

10 – 13 April

£16 members

£21.20 Non-members

Crash courses take place at The John Warner Sports Centre and Grundy Park Leisure Centre. For further information and bookings, please contact reception at either centre.

Re-Opening of Hoddesdon Open Air Pool

The **Hoddesdon Open Air Pool** will be **re-opening** to the public on **Saturday 29 April until Sunday 3 September 2006**.

The opening on **29 April** is a **free day** to all residents who can take advantage of the heated outdoor pool and the lawn area.

Hoddesdon Open Air Pool is one of the few outdoor pools in the county.

There are also a variety of events to enjoy including, fun parties, private parties, BBQ's, public swimming and aqua aerobics.

It's gardening clear up time again!

Let **Broxbourne Services** take the strain

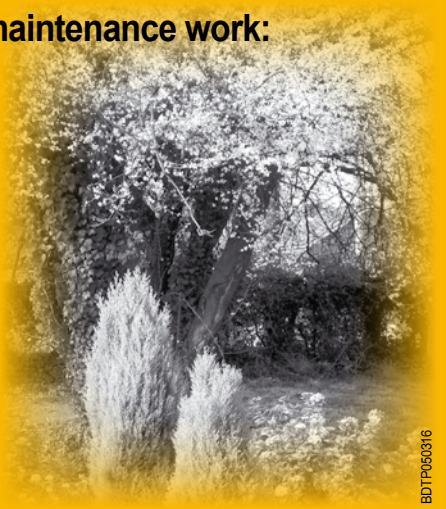
The Broxbourne Services' gardening team are fully trained and have experience in all aspects of gardening...

Regular garden maintenance work:

- Grass cutting
- Hedge trimming
- Weeding
- Planting

Complete garden clearances and 'make-overs' or smaller projects:

- Turfing
- Tree and hedge removal
- Re-planting beds



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