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Leader's column



Welcome to the Spring 2025 edition of The Chronicle...

I hope you are enjoying the arrival of springtime in Stevenage.

It has been a busy period for the council as we have been carrying out consultations to capture your views on initiatives for the town. Making Stevenage Even Better remains our priority and I would like to thank residents who took the time to participate in our consultations. I know as a resident myself, it's important to continue to hear your opinion, because as our motto goes - 'the heart of the town lies in its people'.

In this issue of The Chronicle, there is a focus on Local Government Reorganisation, or how local government is structured. Please look at the article on page 11 to read about the way we work, and how the governance of your local authority may change. We will continue to work with colleagues in Hertfordshire and beyond to understand the implications for our town. We will be continuing to deliver your priorities across the town.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say congratulations to our housing team for a brilliant achievement.

We were one of the first councils to go

through the Regulator of Social Housing (RSH) new housing inspectorate. The RSH was set up by the Government to ensure that social landlords (like your council) deliver quality homes and services for current and future tenants. The Regulator issued its first Regulatory Judgement and Stevenage was awarded a C2 grade. As part of the inspection, the Regulator attended a workshop and met with tenants, council officers and councillors and reviewed an extensive suite of documentation.

Thank you to the team for their outstanding work. The judgement has confirmed our ongoing commitment to housing improvement and our tenants.

Finally, I would like to thank Matt Partridge, our Chief Executive who is retiring this month after working for the council for over 11 years. He has held the highest officer role for six years and spent over 40 years working in the public sector. I wish him a wonderful retirement and I also welcome his successor Tom Pike to the role. I'm sure he will continue Matt's great work.

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

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Stevenage News Round-up

Manor Ward Election Result

A by-election took place in Manor Ward on Thursday 13 February, following the passing of Cllr Graham Snell. The seat was won by Liberal Democrat Peter Wilkins, who joins Cllr Robin Parker and Cllr Andy McGuinness as the wards elected councillors.

Stevenage Festival

2025 is a Stevenage Festival year! The Festival has taken place every two years since 1994 and provides a showcase for the wealth of artistic and performing talent that we have in and around the town. Hundreds of performers, young and old, get their moment on stage at the Gordon Craig Theatre, and there's also a fringe programme of smaller events. Look out for the latest information on our website stevenage-festival.co.uk or by following our Facebook page.



Local consultations

The council is committed to working with local communities and we regularly ask for feedback across a range of topics. We have had several consultations open recently and would like to thank everybody who took the time to respond.

Please follow us on social media to find out more about how you can share your views to shape Stevenage.



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New Chief Executive Officer appointed

Tom Pike has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of Stevenage Borough Council. Tom has worked in local government for 20 years and joined the council in 2016. He will begin his new role at the beginning of April and replaces the current Chief Executive Matt Partridge, who announced his decision to take early retirement in November last year.



**All you need
to know
about voting
in this year's
elections...**

**Elections for
Hertfordshire County
Council will take place
on Thursday 1 May.**

County Council ELECTIONS

MAY 2025

Getting ready to vote on 1 May 2025

To register to vote in this May's elections, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>. Registering to vote is easy and only takes a few minutes. All you have to do is register by 11 April to make sure your vote will count.

Voter ID in Polling Stations

In accordance with central Government announcements and the Elections Act 2022, you will need to bring photo identification to receive your ballot papers when voting at a polling station on 1 May.

Acceptable forms of Photo ID include a driving licence or passport. Certain other forms of ID are also acceptable.

Visit <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id> for more information.

If you don't have an acceptable form of Photo ID, you can apply for a free Voter ID document, also known as a Voter Authority Certificate. To apply visit www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-to-vote. You will only need to do this if you do not have an acceptable form of Photo ID.



Voting by post

If you will be absent or anticipate difficulties getting to your polling station on polling day, you can choose to vote by post. The deadline to receive postal vote applications is 5pm on 14 April.

Postal vote applications, however, are accepted throughout the year. To ensure you have the correct voting arrangements in place for you, please complete an application and send it to the Electoral Services Office without delay.

The quickest and easiest way to now apply for a postal vote is online. To do so or for more information on postal and proxy voting, please visit: www.stevenage.gov.uk/Postal-and-Proxy-Voting.



Transforming Our Town

Stevenage town centre continues to evolve through our programme of transformation; improving it as a place where people can live, work, spend time and grow businesses.

Work is ongoing across a number of schemes and you can find out more about the wider programme on our website: <https://stevenage-even-better.com/>.

Co-Space expansion

Visitors to the town centre will have seen work taking place to expand Co-Space into the Town Square Chambers, overlooking Event Island. Utilising Towns Fund money from the Stevenage Development Board, the work is now complete and has created more than 150 new jobs, while increasing footfall and spend within the town.



A new Sports and Leisure Centre

Thank you to everyone who shared their feedback on the proposals for the Leisure Centre. The new centre will bring together sports, leisure and swimming facilities under one roof in a state of the art, modern building. The services are currently provided at Stevenage Arts & Leisure Centre, and Stevenage Swimming Centre. The Gordon Craig Theatre is unaffected by the proposals.

The team are now reviewing all of the comments shared before a planning application is submitted. Please follow our social media channels for further updates and visit our website to find out more.



Underpass transformations

The programme to transform underpasses throughout the town continues with the introduction of more urban artworks.





In late 2024 we invited local schools to enter a competition to have their artwork displayed on the walls of an underpass, based around the theme of colour. Over 950 entries were received and the new underpass, which will feature 268 winning artworks, is due to be unveiled in the spring.

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

 @stevenagebetter

 @StevenageBetter

BUILDING THE FUTURE: THE HISTORY OF COUNCIL HOUSING IN STEVENAGE

Our More Affordable and Good Quality Homes objective highlights the importance of decent, affordable council housing in Stevenage. Since the creation of the Housing Development team back in 2015 a lot has happened in the world of Housing. Here's a snapshot of history since the first council houses were built here and what has been achieved since.

1946

1946 NEW TOWN DESIGNATION

After the Second World War, Stevenage was designated the first new town under the New Towns Act 1946, with the aim of providing high-quality housing for post-war families.

1940s
-70s

1940S-1970S EARLY COUNCIL HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

The plan saw the first new council houses being built in Monkswood and Bedwell in the 1940s. With more council housing estates following in the 1960s in the Shephall, Pin Green and St Nicholas wards. As the population grew, more areas were developed. Later developments included the first high-rise blocks such as The Towers.

1980s
-90s

1980S-1990S RIGHT TO BUY AND SHIFTS IN HOUSING POLICY

1980 saw the introduction of the Conservative government's Right to Buy scheme, leading to a large decline in the amount of council housing stock we manage today. Throughout the years many council houses have been sold through the scheme and today we have retained just over 8,000 homes which are all let to council tenants.

2000-
present

2000-PRESENT CREATION OF THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Although many councils transferred their housing stock into the ownership of housing associations, in 2015 we established a Housing Development Team. It was a forward-thinking, innovative concept that has enabled us to build hundreds of homes for the community over the last 10 years within the town. It is partially funded by profits from some private sale homes which are reinvested into our council housing developments. This in turn enables us to build more council homes. Currently there are more than five developments being built, with another five that have received planning approval and are due to commence over the next few years, providing much-needed council housing for the next generation. We're building a wide variety of homes, with Brodie Court, an independent living scheme in Bragbury End, being the latest development that will be fully occupied from March 2025. It provides 88 high-end apartments for those over the age of 60.

Of these, 57 have been allocated to residents who have downsized from their large family homes, freeing up much needed housing for bigger families. Take a look to see the developments so far and those upcoming too...



BUILDING DECENT HOMES FOR THE FUTURE

It's not only about building new homes but maintaining and modernising our existing council properties too. We are investing £249m over the next ten years to improve the maintenance of our council homes.

Delivery of the Decent Homes programme is key to ensuring that 100% of our council homes meet both national and local standards. Alongside 1,400 properties undergoing work to improve energy efficiency; over the next three years we also plan to carry out 995 new kitchen installations, 1,875 heating upgrades and 1,500 window and door upgrades.



On the right road, we're committed to delivering more council homes



Discover Stevenage's exciting 2025 events

Summer is just around the corner, and Stevenage is ready to offer you an unforgettable season of fun, community, and entertainment. Our 2025 events schedule is packed with exciting activities that promise something for the whole family. Whether you're local or visiting there's something for everyone. So mark your calendars, invite your friends, and get ready for a summer to remember.

Bigger and better than ever

While we can't guarantee the weather (fingers crossed for sunshine), we can promise that this year's events will be even bigger and better than before. Some popular favourites will be back including Animal Crackers, Get Active and Kids Zone. Don't forget to pop along to Event Island and join us for the family movies and women's football (that's 27 July in case you're wondering) on the big screen too.

From the ever-popular Stevenage Day to commemorating special dates like Armed Forces Day, this summer has it all.

Family-friendly and free entry

All of our events are family-friendly and completely free to attend. Whether you're coming for the entertainment, the food, or to support the local community, everyone is welcome. From local craft sessions to fun stalls and live performances, you're sure to find something to enjoy.

Plan Ahead - Free parking and booking info

For some of our popular events, parking will be free, while others may require booking in advance due to high demand. Be sure to check the Town Centre website for more information and to stay updated on all event details.

Join the Fun!

Last year's events were a huge success, with both residents and visitors joining in, supporting local businesses, and spending time with friends and family. We're excited to continue that tradition this year, and bring the community together again. So, don't miss out on these fantastic events - share the news with your friends and family and get ready for a summer full of fun in Stevenage.

Be sure to check our social media pages and website for the latest event updates and all the info you need to make the most of your time in Stevenage. Follow us on Facebook and X @lovestevenage, and let's make 2025 the best summer yet!

See you there!

Highlight events to look out for:

Stevenage Day – 8 June

One of the biggest events in Stevenage's calendar, Stevenage Day returns on Sunday, 8 June, at King George V Playing Fields. The theme for 2025 will celebrate the STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) sector in Stevenage, and will include live music, local food, entertainment, and fun activities for all ages.

Armed Forces Day – 21 June

Show your support and appreciation for the brave men and women of the Armed Forces. Celebrate their contribution with a special day dedicated to honouring them and take the opportunity to see a replica 1917 SE5a Biplane up close.

Kids Zone 2025 - 15 February, 24 May, 22 August, 6 December

Bigger and better than ever before, Kids Zone is back. Don't forget to pick up your Kids Zone loyalty card from the Town Centre team. Grab a stamp for each of the dates you join us, and you'll be entered into a prize draw.

Animal Crackers – 19 April

Come along and meet The Gruffalo along with lots of other fun friends at the Wycombe Pastures Petting Zoo. Explore your visual and auditory senses with the Travelling History Museum, enjoy a donkey ride, and meet reptiles and birds of prey. That's only a snippet of what's happening! A fun day for all the family.

We have a whole host of other events lined up that will keep you entertained all summer long.

What's on at Stevenage Museum

Exhibition

Preacher, Punisher and Dredd

5 April – 30 August 2025

Preacher, Punisher and Dredd: the work of British comic book legend Steve Dillon.

Quiz Night

Wednesday 9 April 6-8.30pm

£9 per person, includes a cheese platter, bring your own drinks.

Lunch and listen 1pm

Enjoy a lunchtime talk. Subjects are varied but we hope you will always learn something new and interesting! Numbers are limited so please book in advance. Tea and coffee provided (just bring your own sandwiches).

Friday 14 March

Medieval Women: illuminating peasants, nuns and queens

Medieval women ruled over kingdoms, abbeys, and households; produced stunning works of art and craft and did the hard work that kept ordinary families fed and clothed. In medieval written accounts, however, women's contributions were often diminished or completely ignored. Yet, art tells a different story. Women appear everywhere, from manuscript miniatures to statues in cathedrals. Historian Gemma Hollman, uncovers the captivating story of medieval European women through the art of their time.

Friday 11 April

Ghost stories: Tales from Stevenage and Knebworth

Join Damien O'Dell, author and paranormal historian, to explore local stories.

Cost: £4 (£3.50 concessions).

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.

March 21 & 28

April 4 & 25

12-2pm

Free

Saturday film and afternoon tea

29 March

26 April

12.30pm. Suitable for over 14s.

Booking essential

£9 per person.

Pop up Play

The Lecture Room will be open as well as the existing play spaces around the museum with lots of opportunities for play of all kinds.

Open most Fridays 10am-11.30am

and Saturdays 10am-12pm plus

one Thursday a month, 12.30pm-

3pm: Check the website for

dates and times.

Voluntary donations

Thursdays: 3 April

Cost: £3 for a drink for you and your little one and lots of play!

Family Saturdays

11am-12pm

Free

March 15 Telephones

April 12 Windmills

Easter Holidays

Animal Action

Wednesday 9 April

11am-12pm and 12.30-1.30pm

Teaching Talons are back at the museum with their fabulous array of small animals and informed and entertaining staff.

£6 (£5 concessions), £20 for a group ticket (up to four people). If price is a barrier, get in touch as we have a very limited number of heavily-subsidised places.

Arts and Crafts

Thursday 10 April and Wednesday

16 April

11am-3pm

Free drop-in arts and crafts. Plus try our new activity packs, available in the shop for a small fee. Pick one up to do in the session or take it away to do at home.



Thriving Neighbourhoods

Local policing priorities – how to have your say

Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPTs) across Stevenage now set their local policing priorities every four months, and residents are encouraged to get involved in the process.

Those priorities are the issues which can affect residents on a daily basis, such as anti-social behaviour, criminal damage, nuisance driving and speeding, and drug-related crime. They can be long or short-term problems.

NPTs regularly work alongside partners, including the council, to focus on solving neighbourhood issues.

The priorities are set out following the analysis of data, which includes feedback from residents, submitted via the police community platform - Herts Connected. Those residents signed up to Herts Connected will automatically receive the priority-setting survey during consultation periods, but feedback can be submitted all year round.

Through an increased police presence, engagement events and targeted enforcement, residents in Stevenage will see their dedicated team of PCs and PCSOs working alongside partners to address the agreed priorities which currently include:

- Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
- Illegal drug use across the area
- Drug-related crime and anti-social behaviour
- Vehicle-related nuisance behaviour including anti-social driving and speeding
- Support for the Build a Better Bedwell initiative

Stevenage is also policed by Intervention Officers who respond to emergency calls; the Local Crime Unit which investigates the more serious crimes such as burglary, robbery and assault, and specialist units such as Operation Scorpion who work to tackle acquisitive crime (or theft).

In addition, we can utilise officers from central teams which work countywide. These include our dedicated Sexual Offences Investigation Team, Child Protection teams, Domestic Abuse Investigation and Safeguarding Unit, and teams that specialise in tackling serious and organised crime.

To take part in the priority-setting surveys and to keep up to date with what is happening in Stevenage you can join the Herts Connected community messaging service. You can set your preferences to receive police messages, as well as updates from Neighbourhood Watch, Action Fraud and the Police and Crime Commissioner. Sign up for free at hertsconnected.co.uk.

To provide feedback at any time visit bit.ly/hertspolice-psf and share your thoughts.

Still time to act on your new year's resolution!

Fahad, just 21 and seeking asylum from war-torn Yemen, arrived in Herts keen to start volunteering, to give something back to our community (he's not allowed to pursue education, training, or employment).

Fahad finding a way to give back to our community



After a Herts Welcomes Refugees volunteer arranged a placement for him with a local charity, Fahad told us: "Volunteering is love and giving, and it is what makes me happy. The highest level of happiness is to give without expecting anything in return".

Touching words from a young man here all alone, facing an unknown future.

Herts Welcomes Refugees is looking for volunteers in Stevenage to help other young men like Fahad. Helping them understand Home Office letters, settling in, general wellbeing, improving their English and learning about UK life.

To find out more, contact enquiries@hertswelcomes.org.uk

Local Government reorganisation explained

Devolution is about moving the decision-making process away from central government.

What does this mean for you?

The Government has announced that it will facilitate a programme of local government reorganisation for two-tier areas, for example, Hertfordshire County Council and Stevenage Borough Council into a different structure.



Proposed government reforms in the White Paper will have a significant impact on every council and community. There are a range of views about devolution and local government reorganisation that exist within the local government sector.

Following the publication of the Devolution White Paper, we would like to make it clear that we do not support the creation of one unitary council for Hertfordshire.

Statement from Cllr Richard Henry, Leader of Stevenage Borough Council:

“Like all councils in two-tier areas, we have now received our statutory invitation from the Government to submit proposals for the reorganisation of local government structures in Hertfordshire.

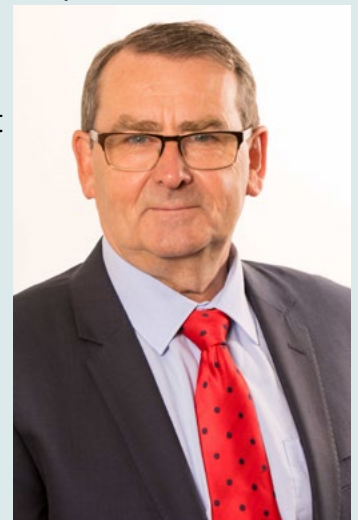
“The letter sets out the criteria to be considered and the timescale, including initial plans to be submitted in March and full proposals later this year.

“For Stevenage, our priority remains to ensure that any changes benefit the residents and businesses in our town and maintain our excellent local services.

“There are currently differing views on the best model for local government in Hertfordshire. However, we are committed to working together with our Hertfordshire district and borough colleagues, Hertfordshire County Council and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to determine how we can best achieve this goal to develop a shared evidence base to inform the options available to our county.

“This work is at an early stage and no proposals have been put forward to the Government.

“The views of residents, businesses, local government partners, our colleagues and other stakeholders across the public and private sectors will be essential to this process as it develops, and we commit to providing updates throughout.”



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Stevenage
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meet... Cllr Claire Parris

Chair of Planning and Development Committee

Please tell us a bit about yourself...

I was born in the Old Town in Stevenage and attended Fairlands infant and junior school before going to Barclay secondary school. I attended Stevenage College of Further Education before starting work at British Rail offices within the town. In 1994, I started working for the NHS at Lister Hospital.

What made you want to become a councillor?

I was at an age where my family were grown up and I felt that I could give the commitment and time. I have lived in Stevenage all my life and in St Nicholas for 30 years, bringing up my son. I feel the town has so much to offer and St Nicholas is my home. I feel privileged to be representing my community.

Could you tell us a bit more about being the Chair of Planning and Development Committee?

I was asked to be chair in May 2024. I had sat on the committee for three years. Being on the planning committee, you are the first to see what is coming through for development which is exciting. I work closely with the officers, and we meet regularly to go through the plans that are coming through. It is my job to ensure that everybody has an equal voice. Residents and developers can be

heard at committee meetings to voice concerns and explanations. It is our job as a committee to listen to everybody fairly, ask questions to the officers and to give our vote. It is a challenging committee but one that must be run and facilitated strictly and within the law. It is a challenge that I relish and enjoy.

What do you love about Stevenage?

Growing up in Stevenage, I enjoyed the green spaces which we still have now. I am proud of the diversity in this town and that we all live and work together. We have Green Flag parks, of which the jewel in our crown is Fairlands Valley Park which is the envy of many.

I enjoy the High Street which of course has changed since I was



a small child, but still has the character and charm that it always had. The choice of places to eat and have a drink whether it be a coffee, or a glass of wine is varied. Being part of the re-development of Stevenage is something I am proud of.



Fairlands Valley Park

Councillors and ward surgeries

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12th April 2025 10.00 -11.00

10th May 2025 10.00 – 11.00

14th June 2025 10.00 – 11.00

12th July 2025 10.00-11.00

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Ward Surgeries:

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9PH

12th May 2025 11.00-12.00 Round-
mead Centre, 101A Roundmead, SG2
9PH

June 2025 will be confirmed on web-
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July 2025 will be confirmed on web-
site at a later date



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Ward Surgeries:

27th April 2025 12.30 – 1.30

25th May 2025 12.30 – 1.30

22nd June 2025 12.30- 1.30

27th July 2025 12.30-1.30

Bedwell Community Centre, SG1 1NA
AND

13th April 2025 12.30 – 13.30

11th May 2025 12.30 -13.30

8th June 2025 12.30 -13.30

13th July 2025 12.30- 13.30

Rockingham Way Café SG1 1SJ



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10th April 2025 19.00-20.00 Chells
Manor Community Centre, Emperor's
Head

8th May 2025 19.00-20.00 St Hugh &
St John's Church, Mobbsbury Way

12th June 2025 19.00-20.00 Chells
Manor Community Centre, Emperor's
Head

10th July 2025 19.00-20.00 St Hugh &
St John's Church, Mobbsbury Way



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26th April 2025 12.00 – 13.00

31st May 2025 12.00 – 13.00

26th June 2025 12.00 – 13.00

26th July 2025 12.00 – 13.00

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Head

8th May 2025 19.00-20.00 St Hugh &
St John's Church, Mobbsbury Way

12th June 2025 19.00-20.00 Chells
Manor Community Centre, Emperor's
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10th July 2025 19.00-20.00 St Hugh &
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10th May 2025 11.00-12.00

14th June 2025 11.00-12.00

12th July 2025 11.00-12.00

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17th May 2025 11.00-12.00

21st June 2025 11.00-12.00

19th July 2025 11.00-12.00

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Community Hall, The Willows, SG2 8AN

3rd May 2025 – 12.00-13.00 Cross-

roads Community Hub, Broad Oak Way, SG2 8QL (behind Roebuck shops)

7th June 2025 12.00-13.00 St. Peter's

Community Hall, The Willows, SG2 8AN

5th July 2025 12.00-13.00 Marymead

Shops, 247 Broadwater Cres, Broadwater, Stevenage SG2 8ET



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Ward Surgeries:

12th April 2025 11.00 – 12.00 The

Hyde Shopping Precinct, SG2 9SE

17th May 2025 11.00- 12.00 The Café

at Fairlands Valley Park, SG2 0BL

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Shopping Parade, SG2 9XH

July 2025 will be confirmed on website at a later date



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Tea at the Green Coffee Bar, Symonds Green Community Centre, SG1 2JW



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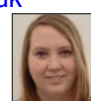
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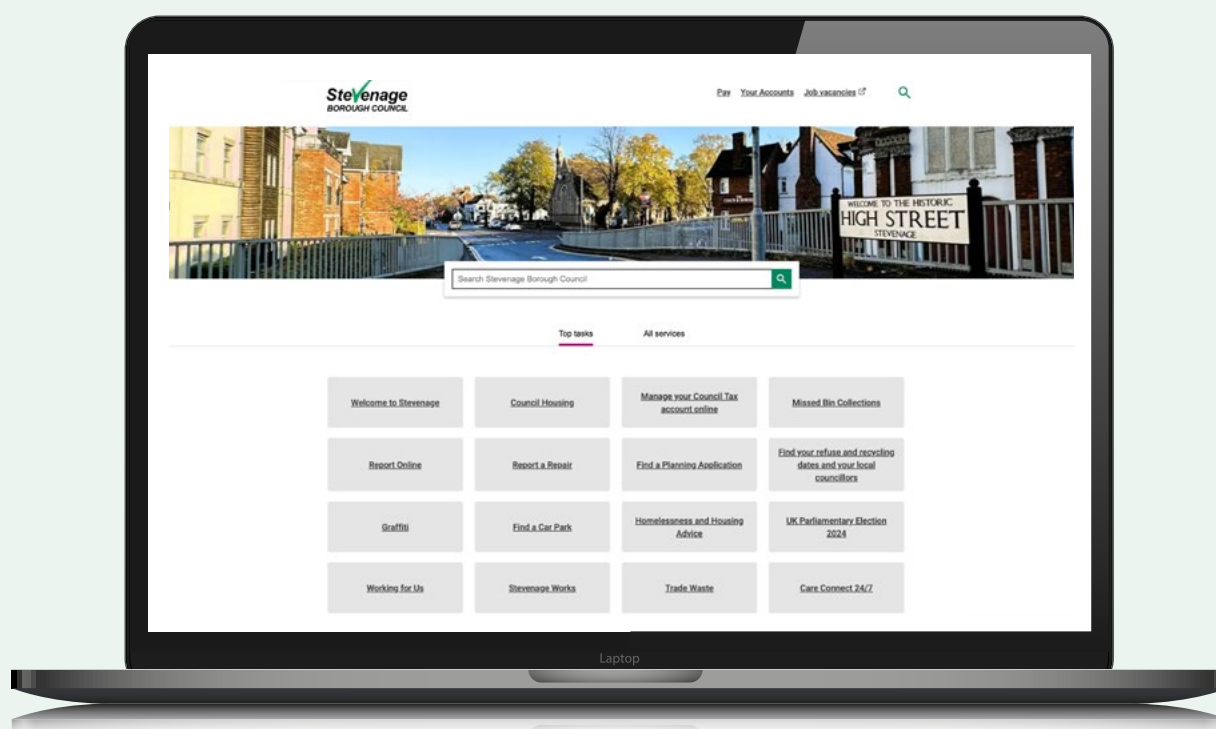
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