

# Chronicle

Stevenage Borough Council's residents' magazine

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**TRANSFORMING  
OUR TOWN**



**REGENERATION OF THE OVAL**



**INDOOR MARKET  
HAS MOVED**



**OUR NEW WEEKLY  
FOOD WASTE SERVICE**



**HAPPY 80TH  
ANNIVERSARY  
STEVENAGE!**





# Leader's column

## Welcome to the Spring 2026 edition of The Chronicle...

I hope you are enjoying the long-awaited arrival of springtime in Stevenage. It has been a busy period for the council as we have delivered several key initiatives for the town.

Making Stevenage Even Better remains our priority, and I would like to thank residents who have taken the time to participate in the Local Government Reorganisation consultation.

I know, as a resident myself, that it's important to continue to have your opinion heard, because as our motto goes - 'the heart of a town lies in its people'. The structure of councils is changing, and it is important that central Government hears from you.

Please read the article on page 13 to find out about the work we have done

so far, and the way in which your local authority may change. We will continue to work with our colleagues elsewhere in Hertfordshire and beyond to understand the implications for our town, and we will continue to deliver on your priorities.

This year marks a very special occasion for Stevenage, as the town prepares to celebrate its 80th anniversary. Look out for a new logo and a series of exciting events for all to participate in and enjoy, as we get ready to celebrate one of our greatest assets, the people of Stevenage.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our celebratory events very soon.

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

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Hertfordshire councils are changing.

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**HERTFORDSHIRE: DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY**

# Happy 80th Anniversary Stevenage!



**D**id you know that 2026 marks 80 years since Stevenage was designated as the UK's first post-war New Town (11 November 1946).

It is a significant civic milestone for Stevenage and a great opportunity for everyone to reflect on our heritage while looking forward to the town's future.

## Celebration time

We have an exciting schedule of events and activities planned to mark this fantastic occasion throughout the year. We are celebrating Stevenage turning 80 through major events such as Stevenage Day 2026 and our annual Fairlands Valley Fireworks Display, and we are continually adding new activities to the plan.

In true Stevenage style, we want you to help us bring this to life so that it's inclusive and partnership led. We want everyone to take part and co-design activities, so that community groups, schools, businesses and cultural partners can participate.

We have selected a number of themes for Stevenage 80:

- A celebration of Stevenage's pioneering New Town story and its national significance.
- Community and neighbourhood led activities
- A spotlight on Stevenage Museum, with cultural and heritage events to focus on Growing up in a New Town.
- Recognition of Stevenage's strength in innovation, manufacturing and life sciences as part of the town's ongoing story.



Our celebrations will focus on civic pride, community cohesion and legacy. Stevenage 80 is about celebrating a proud past whilst looking towards an ambitious future.

Join us to recognise our pioneering New Town heritage and the communities who built it, while also showcasing the innovation, opportunity and ambition that define Stevenage today. Email [events@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:events@stevenage.gov.uk) to get involved.

# Ground broken on major regeneration of The Oval

**W**ork has officially begun on redevelopment of The Oval, marking a significant milestone in the regeneration of one of the town's longest-standing neighbourhood centres and supporting the council's wider housing development programme.

A breaking-ground ceremony took place on Friday 30 January and was attended by representatives from Bugler Developments, Baroness Taylor of Stevenage OBE, Cllr Richard Henry, Leader of the Council, Cllr Jackie Hollywell, Cabinet Member for Housing, ward councillors and officers, Cllr Lloyd Briscoe, Deputy Mayor of Stevenage, Sian Carter, Homes England and Toby Fox, Founder of 1.5M New Homes.

The Oval, which has been part of Stevenage since the 1960s, is being transformed into a vibrant, modern neighbourhood with new homes, shops, church, community facilities and a welcoming market square designed for residents and families to enjoy.

The first phase of the redevelopment is being delivered in partnership with Bugler Developments and includes

Roland Court, a council-led development of 91 modern and affordable independent-living homes. Phase one will also deliver a new church, a community building and new play spaces, helping to create a thriving and inclusive community hub.

The redevelopment is being supported by £20.5million of funding from Homes England and forms a key part of Stevenage Borough Council's long-term, council-led housing development programme, which has been delivering high-quality, affordable homes across the town since 2015.

The Oval redevelopment is part of a strong pipeline of housing projects across Stevenage, including the forthcoming hand-over of Dunn Close and

Brodie Court, the council's independent living scheme which was finished at the end of summer 2025 and is now fully occupied. Those developments provide modern, supported accommodation for older residents, encouraging downsizing that frees up larger council-owned homes for families and vulnerable residents who need them most.

Further phases of the redevelopment will be brought forward as work continues to transform The Oval into a vibrant, new-look neighbourhood and is part of our plans to build 1000 council homes for local people by the end of the decade..

Find out more about the housing development programme here: [www.stevenage.gov.uk/housing/housing-development](http://www.stevenage.gov.uk/housing/housing-development).



# Transforming Our Town

**The town centre is transforming. The introduction of new uses and experiences continues to make Stevenage a place for people to live, work and play.**

**STEVENAGE**

**H&ART  
TRAILS**

## Stevenage Heart Trails

Spanning our 27 miles of traffic-free cycleways, Stevenage Heart Trails will soon be coming to town. They will allow the exploration and discovery of art and heritage across the different communities in Stevenage, highlighting both historic and new art works.

Stacked Stories, the mosaic sculpture at the Stevenage Bus Interchange by artist Donna Reeves, is the first piece of new public artwork commissioned for the trail and has been funded by the Stevenage Development Board.

Keep following us on social media to learn more about the trails and what you can discover and learn on them.

## Claxton House Topping Out

Representatives from Stevenage Borough Council, Mace and Gilbert Ash celebrated the Claxton House development reaching its highest point with a topping out ceremony at the town centre site in Stevenage.

Claxton House, formerly known as Swingate House, is named after Eric Claxton, who played a key role in the creation of Stevenage New Town as a member of the Stevenage Development Corporation. The site will deliver 261 new homes and two ground floor commercial units, providing much needed housing and business premises within the town.



*Representatives from Stevenage Borough Council at the topping out of Claxton House*

## Town Centre campus for North Hertfordshire College

Work is underway to repurpose the former Stevenage Indoor Market into a new town centre campus for North Hertfordshire College. The new 3,600 square metre site will replace the current Engineering and Construction campus located at Fulton Close.

The new campus, which is being funded by the Government's Towns Fund through the Stevenage Development Board, will provide a dedicated study space for students, apprentices, and adult learners to develop their skills and learn a variety of trades.

Featuring dedicated bays for motor vehicle and building trades, the purpose-built space will ensure students learn the skills needed for a future career.

The multi-storey car park above the former Indoor Market on St George's Way will remain, and does not form part of the scheme. The work is being carried out by contractor RG Carter and is expected to be completed by Summer 2026.



*Artist's impression of the new space for North Hertfordshire College*

# 2026 in Stevenage: Let the fun begin!



**It's great to see the events calendar in Stevenage filling up for 2026 – it's shaping up to be another bumper year, with our much-loved show-stoppers already firmly in the diary.**

We'll be springing into action with our exciting events programme. There's plenty on the horizon, with something for everyone – from lively Kids' Zones packed with family fun, to the ever-popular Stevenage Day and the always moving Armed Forces Day celebrations.

And 2026 will be even more special as we mark 80 years of Stevenage as a New Town. We have commemorative moments woven throughout the year – a chance to reflect on how far we've come and to celebrate the community spirit that makes our town what it is today.

To all the organisers out there - grab your diaries, circle those dates in bright red and give us a follow on socials so you're always one step ahead.

To our loyal event followers – keep those eyes peeled and standby for the “be there or be square” announcements.

And to everyone else – clear some space in the calendar, rally your friends and come and join the fun with the rest of our brilliant community.

And one more thing - if you're a

community group planning an event that brings some fun to people in Stevenage as part of our 80th celebrations, you may even be eligible for some fun-ding (excuse the pun!). We'd love to hear from you – find out more and get in touch at [events@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:events@stevenage.gov.uk)

Stay ahead of the crowds by following us on SBC socials and checking out the events page on our website to see what's coming up. With music, culture, community celebrations and family favourites all lined up, 2026 is set to be a year to remember in Stevenage.

## 2026 dates for your diary

	Date	Location
Kid Zone	23/05/2026	Town Centre / Event Island
Love Your Local Market	23/05/2026	Indoor Market
Art in the Park	30/05/2026	Hampson Park Community Centre
Stevenage Day	14/06/2026	KGV
Armed Forces Day	27/06/2026	Town Centre / Event Island
Get Active	24/07/2026	Event Island
Teddy Bears Picnic	29/07/2026	Hampson Park - Pitch & Putt Field
Stevenage Summer Beach	August	Event Island
Play Day	06/08/2026	Town Centre / Event Island
Kid Zone	22/08/2026	Town Centre / Event Island
Sport in the Park	26/08/2026	Hampson Park - Main Field
Stevenage International Day	12/09/2026	Town Centre / Event Island
Halloween-tastic	30/10/2026	Town Centre / Event Island
Annual Firework Display	05/11/2026	Fairlands Valley Park
Remembrance Sunday Service	08/11/2026	Old Town Bowling Green
Armistice Day Service	11/11/2026	Town Square & Joyride
Stevenage Christmas Light Switch On	21/11/2026	Town Centre / Event Island
Old Town Christmas Light Switch On	28/11/2026	Old Town Bowling Green
Kid Zone	05/12/2026	Town Centre / Event Island
Holocaust Memorial Day	27/01/2027	Daneshill House Council Chamber
Pancake Race	09/02/2027	Town Centre / Event Island
Kid Zone	13/02/2027	Town Centre / Event Island

# Borough Council ELECTIONS MAY 2026

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

Elections for  
Stevenage Borough  
Council will take place  
on Thursday 7 May.

## Getting ready to vote on 7 May 2026

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 20 April to make sure your vote will count.

### Voter ID in Polling Stations

You will need to bring photo identification to receive your ballot papers when voting at a polling station on 7 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](http://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 21 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](http://www.stevenage.gov.uk/Postal-and-Proxy-Voting).



# Stevenage indoor Market.

Established 1973



## Shop Local. Eat Global.

Love Stevenage and our Indoor Market



**S**tevenage's Indoor Market moved to a new home in Boston House, Park Place at the end of last year.

It has been a whirlwind couple of months with lots of new traders joining the already friendly faces of the established stalls that relocated, and they've all been busy welcoming shoppers through the doors.

Bright, warm and in the heart of town, the newly relocated market offers a vibrant mix of independent traders, start-ups and worldwide cuisines all under one roof. From freshly-prepared food inspired by global flavours, to unique retail finds and lots of other expert services, the market is quickly becoming a must-visit destination in the Town Centre.

The move marks an exciting new chapter for the market, creating a welcoming indoor space where residents can shop comfortably, meet friends and discover something different, so why not pop along, say 'Hi' to the traders and find out what they have to offer?



# Indoor Market Floor Plan



1	Yaad To Yaad International Groceries Ltd
2	Matt's Tatts
3	Matt's Tatts
4	Temi's Touch Afro Caribbean Hairdressing Salon
5	Café Moka
6	Casbah
7	Casbah
8	Casual
9	Available
10	Available
11	Ali's Shoe Repairs and Watch Stall
12	Ali's Shoe Repairs and Watch Stall

13	Mr Dicks Whiskers
14	Kombu
15	Pang Ploy Thai Café Street Food
16	More To Go
17	Available
18	Turkish
19	Ruth's Kitchen
20	Firepit Sandwich Co
21	Cece Cha (Bubble Tea and Cafe)
22	The Key & Hardware Stall
23	The Key & Hardware Stall
24	The Key & Hardware Stall

25	For Your Eyes Only
26	Herts Mobility
27	Herts Mobility
28	Seating Area
29	Seating Area
30	Sena Silver Jewellers
31	Sena Silver Jewellers
33	Frames A Plenty
34	Frames A Plenty
32	Lyna's Fabrics
35	Lyna's Fabrics
36	Lyna's Fabrics

37	Lyna's Fabrics
38	Available
39	Available
40	Available
41	Skylvxe Glow Med Spa
42	Vape and Phone Master
43	Vape and Phone Master
44	HF Beauty
45	Available

**Fancy joining the Indoor Market?**  
Contact us today at  
[indoor.market@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:indoor.market@stevenage.gov.uk)

As part of the Shop Local. Eat Global. Love Stevenage. campaign, residents are being encouraged to rediscover their local market and support the independent businesses that make it special. Every purchase made at the Indoor Market helps invest in local people, local jobs, and the local economy to keep Stevenage thriving.

Over the coming weeks, SBC will be shining a spotlight on individual traders, sharing their stories, showcasing their products and introducing the friendly faces behind the stalls.

Residents are encouraged to look out for the trader spotlight posts across SBC's social media channels and if you don't already follow us, you can do so here:

-  [stevenageindoormarket](#)
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-  [stevenageindoormarket](#)

Whether you're looking for lunch with a twist, a thoughtful gift, or simply somewhere warm and welcoming to browse, the new Stevenage Indoor Market is ready to welcome you.

**Shop local. Eat global. Love Stevenage.**



# Our new weekly food waste service

**S**ince 2 March 2026, we have been providing a separate weekly food waste collection.

Recycling your food waste separately and weekly will help to reduce the amount of waste that ends up in your refuse bin. Remember, no amount is too small, so make the most of this new weekly service by recycling all your food waste.

## What food waste can I recycle in my caddy?

 food waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ All uneaten food and plate scrapings</li> </ul>	 dairy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Dairy products</li> <li>✓ Cheese</li> <li>✓ Eggs</li> </ul>	 bread & pastries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Bread</li> <li>✓ Cakes</li> <li>✓ Pastries</li> </ul>
 meat & bones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Raw meat</li> <li>✓ Cooked meat</li> <li>✓ Bones</li> </ul>	 tea & coffee grounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Tea bags</li> <li>✓ Coffee grounds</li> </ul>	 fruit & vegetables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Raw vegetables</li> <li>✓ Cooked vegetables</li> <li>✓ Whole fruit</li> <li>✓ Peelings</li> </ul>
 fish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Raw fish</li> <li>✓ Cooked fish</li> <li>✓ Bones</li> </ul>	 rice, pasta & beans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Rice</li> <li>✓ Pasta</li> <li>✓ Beans</li> </ul>	<p>Remember to recycle your mouldy and out of date food, including ready meals removed from their packaging</p>	

## Frequently Asked Questions



We know that residents have had a lot of questions about the new service, and here are some of them along with our answers.

Any reason why we can't continue to use the brown bins for food recycling?

Yes, because food waste and garden waste will now go to different places to be recycled. The garden waste will be treated via a process called Open Window Composting. The separate pure garden waste will be tipped in an outside bay, and will be open window composted, which is essentially traditional composting, on a much larger scale.

Can you wrap up food waste in newspaper instead of the bags?

From March 2026 you can use any bag, liner or newspaper for your food waste. When these run out, you can continue to use compostable liners or you can use any plastic bag (e.g. carrier bag, bread bag, fruit/veg bag) or paper bag. The bags are stripped out at the anaerobic digestion site before the treatment of the food waste begins.

Who provides the green waste bags?

We have supplied you with a roll of 20 compostable food waste liners to get you started using the new service.

# Meet Stevenage's new recycling superheroes

**Last year, we held a competition for children to name our four new food waste collection vehicles and create a recycling superhero for each, and the winners have now been revealed.**

The four winners were chosen out of almost 100 entries by a panel consisting of Councillor Rob Broom, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change; Mayor of Stevenage, Councillor Nazmin Chowdhury; Pat Buckley, Refuse and Recycling Manager; and Claire Murrell, Environmental Policy, Strategy and Projects Officer.

The winning superhero designs have been professionally digitised and proudly displayed on our brand-new food waste collection vehicles, with each vehicle featuring its own name alongside the young designer's name. All four winners were invited to the Cavendish Road depot for a special unveiling, where they had the exciting opportunity to see their creations brought to life on the sides of the vehicles.

## Letty Lettuce

**Letty Lettuce** was designed by Elvie-Lee Mitchell and is the winner of the age 4–8 category. Here's a little bit about Letty:

- Letty is a bold, sassy eco-hero with a kind heart, always encouraging people to make small changes for the planet
- Her sparkly glow, powered by magical glitter from her childhood, makes food waste float into the caddy and shows others how easy it is to do the right thing



## Captain Carrot

**Captain Carrot** was designed by Sophie Pratt and won in the 9-11 age category.

- Captain Carrot is a kind, brave eco-superhero who encourages others to protect the planet from waste
- Once an ordinary carrot, he gained super strength and magnetic arms from a magical tree. The magnetic arms help him to sort the recycling
- By listening to the sounds of nature, he knows when to act - whenever he hears cans clatter or spots plastic bottles, his arms tingle and he springs into action to recycle



## Sir Sort a Lot

**Sir Sort-a-Lot** was designed by Gwen Shepherd and won the age 15–18 category. Here's more about Sir Sort a Lot:

- Sir Sort-a-Lot wields the legendary Bin Blade, a sword of recycling cans that instantly sorts items into the right container
- Clad in armour made from recycled metals, he brings honour, order, and clean recycling practices to the modern world
- His motto: "The fate of the realm lies within thy bin!"



## Charlie Core

**Charlie Core** was designed by Felicité Joy and is the winner of the 12–14 age category. Here's Charlie Core's origin story:

- Charlie Core discovered his powers when his mum asked him to take out the food waste
- He encourages everyone to recycle their food waste so it can become renewable energy, compost, and fertiliser



# Our new

To find out more about the new service and view a full list of FAQs see

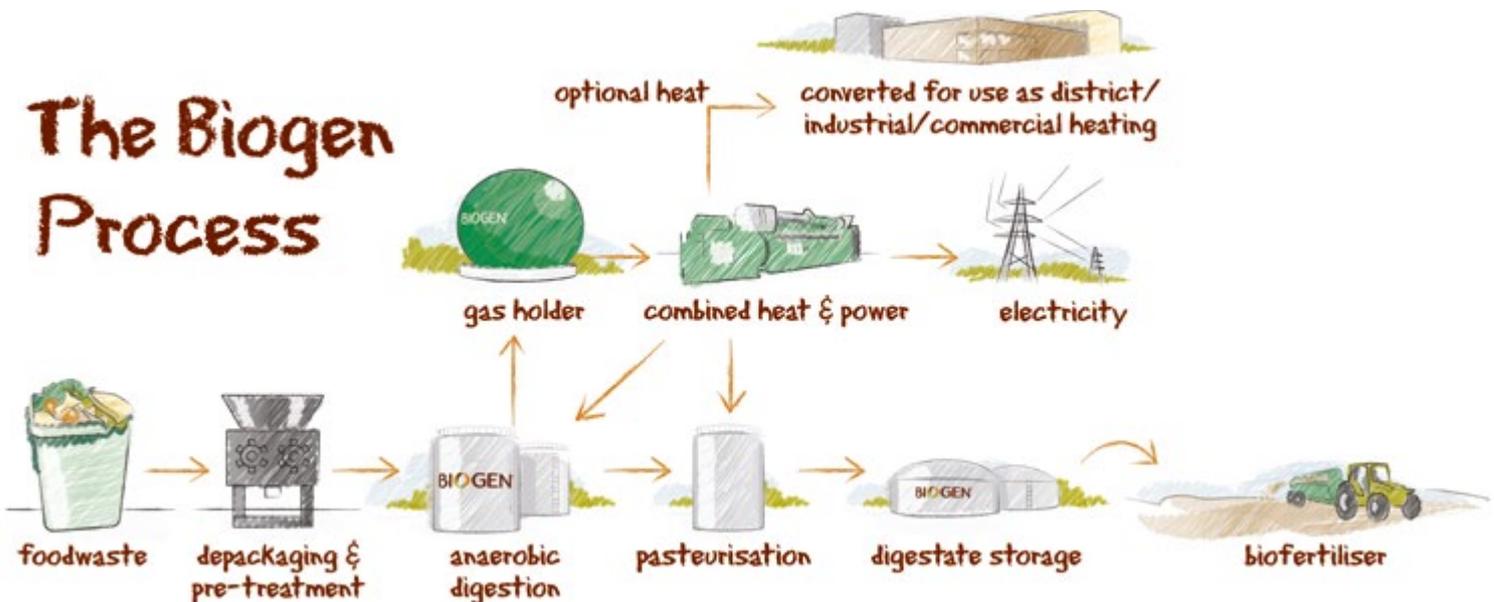


The new heroic personas are on a mission to fight waste and protect the planet, look out for them on the new food waste collection vehicles working around the town soon.

## What happens to your food waste?

After it is collected, your food waste is taken to an aerobic digestion facility, where it is broken down to produce biogas and biofertilizer. The process happens in a sealed, oxygen-free tank called an anaerobic digester. The biogas produced can then be used to power the electricity and gas grid. The biofertilizer created can be used by UK farmers to help grow food and vegetables.

### The Biogen Process



# Have your say on Local Government Reorganisation



**R**esidents and organisations across Hertfordshire are being urged to have their say on proposals to change the structure of local government in the county.

In November 2025, the 11 councils in Hertfordshire submitted a joint proposal to the Government on the future of local government in the county. On 5 February 2026, the Government launched a seven-week statutory consultation on those proposals.

In Hertfordshire, there are currently two types of council delivering services (although parish and town councils also operate in some areas):

District/borough councils provide services such as social housing and homelessness support, leisure services, town planning, street cleansing, waste and recycling collections, community and cultural centres, and council tax and business rates collection.

Meanwhile, Hertfordshire County Council is responsible for education (including special educational needs), libraries, highways, and social care.

Under the Government's plan, those councils will be replaced by new unitary councils that will deliver all services currently provided by the county council and the district/borough councils.

Following a series of engagement events for residents and stakeholders, plus an online survey, Hertfordshire's 11 councils, together with the Police and Crime Commissioner, submitted proposals for two, three and four unitary council models for the Government to consider.

Full details of the three proposals, including business cases, financial analysis, maps showing the proposed boundaries, and a link to the Government's consultation are available at: [www.hertfordshire-lgr.co.uk](http://www.hertfordshire-lgr.co.uk).

Share your views on the consultation, which closes on Thursday 26 March here <https://www.hertfordshire-lgr.co.uk/consultation>.

A decision from the Government is expected in summer 2026.

## HERTFORDSHIRE OPTIONS:

### TWO UNITARY COUNCIL MODEL

Hertfordshire would be divided into two councils:

- Eastern (Broxbourne, East Herts, North Herts, Stevenage and Welwyn & Hatfield)
- West (Dacorum, Hertsmere, St Albans, Three Rivers and Watford)

Each authority would serve approximately 600,000 residents.

### THREE COUNCIL MODEL

- Eastern (Broxbourne, East Herts, North Herts, Stevenage)
- West (Dacorum, Three Rivers, Watford, plus Bushey from Hertsmere)
- Central (Hertsmere, St Albans, Welwyn & Hatfield)

Populations in each authority would range from 350,000 to 480,000.

### FOUR COUNCIL MODEL

- Eastern (Broxbourne, East Herts, plus six wards from North Herts and Cuffley & Northaw from Welwyn & Hatfield)
- Central (North Herts, Stevenage, Welwyn & Hatfield)
- South West (Hertsmere, Three Rivers, Watford)
- West (Dacorum, St Albans)

Each authority would serve 290,000–320,000 residents.

The proposals were submitted using current boundaries. The three unitary model may require significant boundary changes to be financially viable.

# Councillors and ward surgeries

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**Ward Surgeries:**

11 April 2026 10.00 -11.00  
9 May 2026 10.00 – 11.00  
13 June 2026 10.00 – 11.00  
11 July 2026 10.00-11.00  
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16 May 2026 11.00-12.00  
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16 May 2026 12.30 – 1.30  
13 June 2026 12.30- 1.30  
11 July 2026 12.30-1.30  
Bedwell Community Centre, SG1 1NA  
AND

2 May 2026 12.30 – 13.30  
30 May 2026 12.30 -13.30  
27 June 2026 12.30 -13.30  
25 July 2026 12.30- 13.30  
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9 April 2026 19.00-20.00 Chells Man-  
or Community Centre, Emperor's Head  
14 May 2026 19.00-20.00 St Hugh &  
St John's Church, Mobbsbury Way  
11 June 2026 19.00-20.00 Chells  
Manor Community Centre, Emperor's  
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9 July 2026 19.00-20.00 St Hugh & St  
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**Ward Surgeries:**

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**Ward Surgeries:**

9 April 2026 19.00-20.00 Chells Man-  
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14 May 2026 19.00-20.00 St Hugh &  
St John's Church, Mobbsbury Way  
11 June 2026 19.00-20.00 Chells  
Manor Community Centre, Emperor's  
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9 July 2026 19.00-20.00 St Hugh & St  
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**Ward Surgeries:**

11 April 2026 11.00-12.00  
9 May 2026 11.00-12.00  
13 June 2026 11.00-12.00  
11 July 2026 11.00-12.00  
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**Ward Surgeries**

18 April 2026 11.00 – 12.00  
16 May 2026 11.00-12.00  
20 June 2026 11.00-12.00  
18 July 2026 11.00-12.00  
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 16 May 2026 11.00-12.00  
 20 June 2026 11.00-12.00  
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**Ward Surgeries:**

4 April 2026 12.00-13.00 St. Peter's Community Hall, The Willows, SG2 8AN  
 2 May 2026 12.00-13.00 Crossroads Community Hub, Broad Oak Way, SG2 8QL

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**Ward Surgeries:**

11 April 2026 11.00 – 12.00 The Hyde Shopping Precinct, SG2 9SE  
 9 May 2026 11.00- 12.00 The Sailing Centre, Fairlands Valley Park, SG2 OBL  
 13 June 2026 11.00- 12.00 Shephall Green Wishing Well, SG2 9XR  
 11 July 2026 11.00-12.00 The Sailing Centre, Fairlands Valley Park, SG2 OBL

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 2 May 2026 10.00 – 11.00  
 The Scarborough Centre, next to 9 Scarborough Avenue, SG1 2HJ  
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 9 April 2026 10.00 – 11.00  
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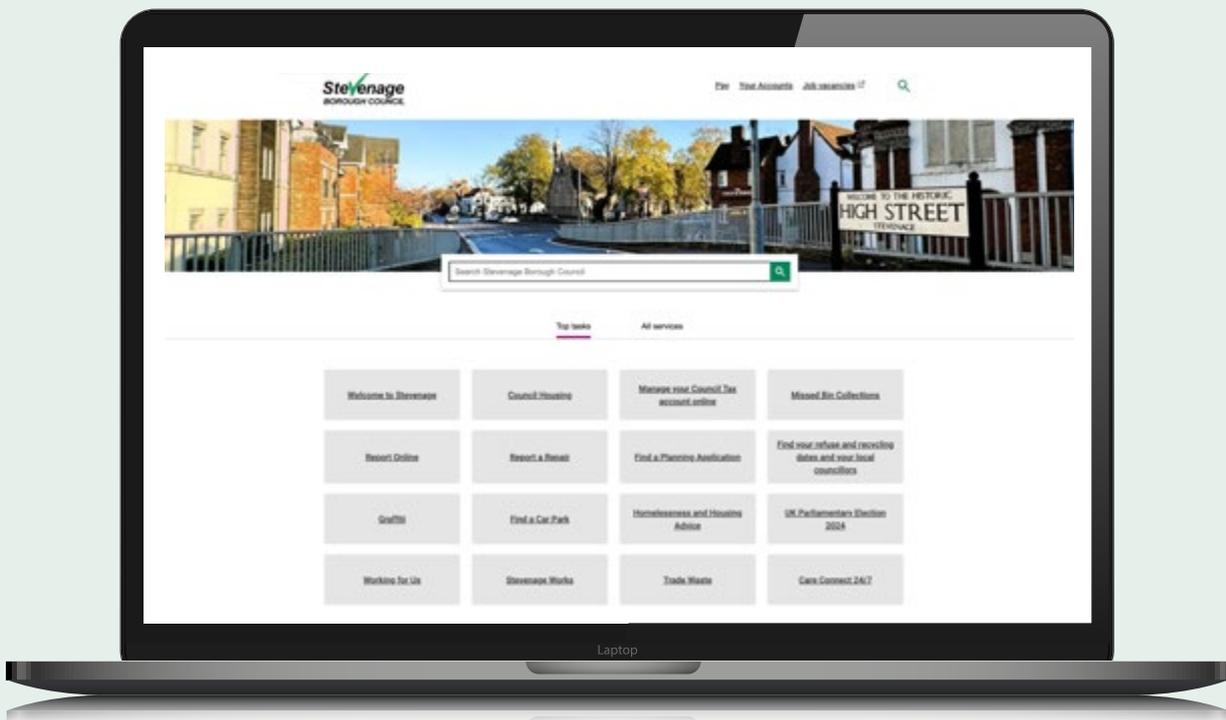
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