

Lead Members Report 20/10/2026

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Lead Members Reports

Report from the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Giles-Medhurst

Council Leaders Report

Local Government Reform

I am sure many of you were as shocked as I was by yet another Government "U-turn" on Local Government Reform.

Having announced just before Parliament rose for the summer that Hertfordshire would move to four unitary councils, with elections scheduled for May 2027, the Government has now decided to "pause" the process while it reconsiders its position. I am told we may hear more by the end of October, but I am not holding my breath.

I wrote to all our hardworking staff following this announcement, reassuring them that we value their work and that it remains business as usual. However, this latest development has inevitably created considerable uncertainty and concern.

It also risks wasting hundreds, if not thousands, of officer hours and significant public resources if Local Government Reorganisation does not proceed. Alongside other senior councillors across Hertfordshire, I have personally invested hundreds of hours over the past eighteen months working collaboratively to determine what we believed would be the best outcome for Hertfordshire residents.

While we may have disagreed with the Government's decision in July, the current position is arguably the worst of all outcomes, with a pause but no clear direction or decision.

Along with the other Hertfordshire Leaders, I have urged the Government to provide dedicated funding to cover the unavoidable costs of maintaining the Local Government Reorganisation programme during the review period and the consequential implementation delays. Without such support, councils will be forced to divert resources away from essential services to fund a process whose timetable has been altered by Government.

New Parish Council's Consultation

To me, parish and community councils may be the first tier of local government, but that does not make them any less important.

I have served as a Parish Councillor in Abbots Langley since 2008, including five terms as Chairman, so I know first-hand how valuable parish councils can be. They provide a vital link

with local communities, manage important local amenities such as allotments, community halls and open spaces, and represent residents' views on planning applications and many other local issues.

Among residents who responded to the consultation in the currently unparished area of Three Rivers, covering Maple Cross, West Hyde, Penn and Mill End, a majority supported establishing a parish council with powers to make genuinely local decisions.

As a result, a second stage consultation is now taking place to consider what any new parish arrangements should look like and whether changes should be made to existing parish boundaries.

A Green Council

Next month residents will be able to see first-hand how renewable technologies and energy-saving improvements can reduce bills, improve comfort and cut carbon emissions.

The Renewables Roadshow, taking place from 10am on Saturday 14 November at the Manor House in Abbots Langley, will feature presentations on home retrofit and renewable energy, information about available grants and opportunities to speak with local accredited installers.

The event will also feature the award-winning retrofit advocate and author Judith Leary-Joyce, who will share her experience of reducing her energy bills by 75% after making improvements to her home in St Albans.

I am also pleased that, despite opposition from some councillors, we have increased our Business Solar Panel Grant to £6,500 and extended the scheme until March 2028.

We have also widened eligibility so that, in addition to small businesses, community buildings can now benefit from these grants. Three Rivers remains one of the few councils offering this level of support.

Securing Investment for Our Community

Next month the Council will be submitting an application for £5 million from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

If successful, residents will see major improvements at Rickmansworth Aquadrome beginning next spring. This builds on the Council's own investment and the £1.4 million already secured through other third parties funding.

Subject to a successful bid, the first phase of this exciting project will include a new Woodland Walk, with construction expected to begin next April.

Of course, we are also putting the health and safety of residents and visitors first. That is why work continues on asbestos mitigation measures to ensure that high-risk and medium-risk areas remain securely fenced and inaccessible to the public.

I know not all political groups supported spending money on these essential safety measures, but I will not put current or future generations of residents at risk.

Local Plan

There were 603 individual respondents, including my own, who submitted 1,029 responses through the Have Your Say platform.

In addition, we received 76 responses by email, including submissions from developers and statutory consultees, and a further 13 handwritten responses. This represents a total of 692 individual respondents.

The lower number of overall responses compared with Regulation 18 reflects the different consultation process used for Regulation 19. Under Regulation 18, each site and policy had its own separate question, generating a much higher number of responses. Under Regulation 19, many consultees responded to multiple sites and policies within a single submission.

Officers are currently separating these responses so that comments can be grouped and analysed by site and policy.

A number of key community organisations, including the Three Rivers Joint Residents' Association, Croxley Green Residents' Association, Abbots Langley Parish Council and Kings Langley Residents' Association, Abbots Langley Association and most Parish Councils. have submitted detailed well-argued representations on a number of proposed sites – especially those imposed on us by the government..

Officers remain on track to submit the Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate by the end of November as required by the Minister.

It is also worth noting that St Albans has recently adopted a Local Plan under the previous National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) . However, it has already been required to work on a new plan which is expected to identify around 23,000 additional homes by 2041.

As Three Rivers is submitting its plan under the current National Planning Policy Framework, this is not something we will need to revisit for some years once the plan has been adopted.

Opposing the National Delegation Scheme

I have already voiced my strong objections to the significant planning changes approved by Parliament. These changes attracted criticism from across the political spectrum because they remove a substantial element of democratic oversight from elected councillors.

However, at its meeting on 20 October, the Council has little choice but to amend its Constitution and procedures to comply with the new requirements imposed by Government.

If we fail to do so, there was a significant risk that the Council would lose what remaining

influence it retains over planning decision-making.

I do not believe decisions of this nature should be dictated from Whitehall. Local decisions should be made locally wherever possible.

From the Local Plan downwards, we are increasingly seeing centralisation rather than local democracy, and frankly I believe that is wrong and deeply concerning.

And the next month

November is the month of Remembrance. Across Croyley Green and the wider Three Rivers District, people we mark Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday. At this time of year my thoughts are with all those who made immense sacrifices in previous conflicts, and with those affected by wars and conflicts around the world today, together with their families and loved ones. I thank all Councillors who will take part in these events.

“At the going down of the Sun, We will remember them”

Stephen Giles-Medhurst OBE

October 2026

Report from the Lead Member for Resources, Regeneration and Economic Development, Councillor Louise Price

Cllr Giles-Medhurst has updated council on progress with Harrow Health and Barton Way. In other key property areas we are working to complete the Local Authority Housing Fund investments with the market purchase of further properties and Bugler has been contracted to develop the former garage sites.

The Council is currently working with its Auditor's Azets on the audit of the 2025/26 Statement of Accounts in order for the auditors to provide their opinion on the accounts by the statutory deadline of January 2027. Azets have also replaced EY as auditors for Housing Benefit audits and are working proactively with officers to complete these.

The Budget monitoring report elsewhere on the agenda shows additional cost pressures of £0.2M and £0.2M adjustments in budgets to reflect changes in funding. Since budget monitoring was completed the pay award for 2026/27 has been announced at 3.3% which will be contained within the contingency budget.

In addition the pause in Local Government Reorganization was announced by the Secretary of State. To date, Hertfordshire has relied on Central Government funding to fund its costs and Three Rivers Earmarked Reserve of £1M remains unallocated. Once the impact of the review is fully understood, the financial implications can be properly assessed.

Report by Lead Member for Sustainability and Climate Change, Councillor Aidan Bentley

This past summer, containing a series of record-breaking heatwaves. There have been wildfires across the country, including a fire from a combine harvester here in Three Rivers. It has also been saddening and deeply troubling to hear of the pressure being put on our local farmers due to these weather patterns.

It is likely we will see flood events in the winter as Climate Change continues to impact precipitation patterns and a significant El Niño event is predicted towards the end of 2026. This will probably mean a wetter and milder winter for much of the UK.

It is imperative that we continue to push towards reducing our emissions and enhancing our local natural environment – two missions which go hand in hand.

Our strategies are taking us in the right direction.

In 2025/26, our annual carbon reporting showed an approximately 13% decrease in CO2 emissions year-on-year. Dropping from 1939 tCO2e emitted in 2024/25 to 1790 tCO2e in 2025/26. On nature, a local naturalist found Star Sedge (*Carex Echinata*) growing in Bishops Wood Country Park – which was thought extinct in our part of the country. The same naturalist found Hard Fern here, a species not recorded in Hertfordshire since 2017.

I had a productive meeting with representatives looking to keep more Biodiversity Net Gain local to Three Rivers. We are also exploring remaining biodiversity opportunities from the Biodiversity Opportunities Audit.

The rivers for which our district is named also need our continued help. Cllr Tankard and I participated in the Water Blitz last month and tested the river Gade to keep informing our data on the health of our chalk streams.

I understand that nationally, various political parties have wobbled on commitments to climate and nature in recent months. From pledging to scrap Natural England to supporting new gas and oil drilling. Here in Three Rivers, it is vital that we pull together to do all we can to address the climate and nature crises.

Warm Homes Local Grant (2025-2028):

44 live applications from Three Rivers residents to date and these are progressing through the customer journey.

Three Rivers has 8 properties with an installation underway or completed and awaiting post-install checks, and 16 awaiting survey/quote.

More marketing has been arranged via a mail-out to 600 EPC D-G homes in IMD eligible postcodes and addresses receiving council tax discount based on low income among other measures to increase take-up of this grant and achieve full spend.

Grand Union Community Energy contracts

Sustainable Streets

Two groups have completed the programme to-date: Chorleywood and Sarratt.

GUCE seeking new groups currently.

Retrofit Events

Grand Union Community Energy (GUCE) have been contracted to run local events that promote domestic retrofit, primarily to “able to pay” households i.e. those who are not eligible for grant funding, until October 2026.

Open Home events are scheduled throughout October 2026 and another “Renewables Roadshow” event on 14 November 2026 in Abbots Langley. A [press release](#) has been published promoting these events.

I would be grateful if Members could share details of these events via their local networks.

See Eco Open Homes – October 2026 [Here](#)

Viability of Air Source Heat Pump and Solar Canopy on the Car Park for William Penn Leisure Centre through pre-market engagement

William Penn Leisure Centre is a the most significant user of energy in our building estate, accounting for 31% of total electricity consumption and 46% of total gas consumption. This project could save 325 tonnes CO2e per annum.

The boilers are due to be replaced in 2028, and officers are working to determine if there is a financially viable option to decarbonise the building. Since 2024 several externally funded studies have been undertaken to determine the optimal technical and financial solution.

A pre-market engagement exercise was undertaken to explore solutions with the private sector. Four suppliers responded, all recommending a combination of additional rooftop solar, car park solar canopies and ASHPs. As a result, further feasibility work is being progressed.

In parallel, opportunities to supply electricity generated at the site to other council buildings are being explored.

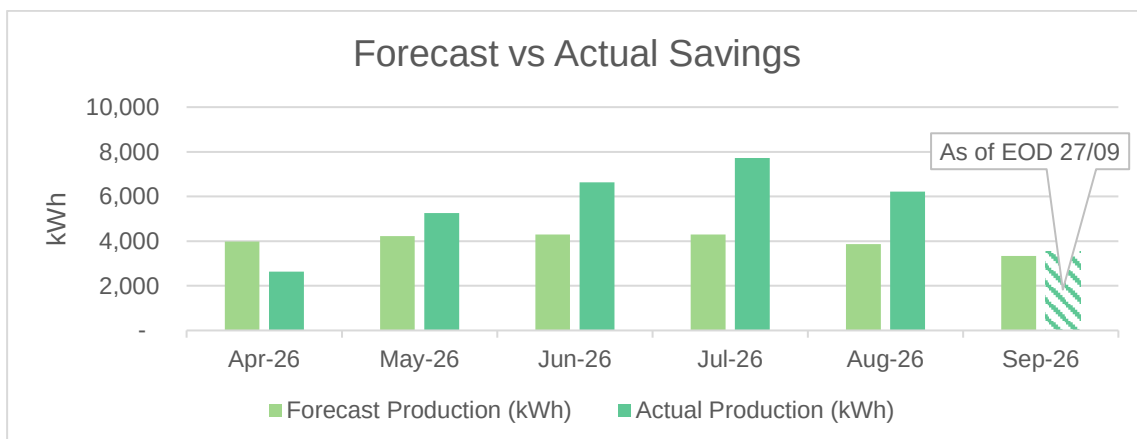
Great British Energy Community Energy Fund

In September 2026, Great British Energy launched the Great British Energy Community Fund (GBECF), providing £20 million of support for community-owned clean energy projects. Stage 1 provides grants of up to £40,000 to assess the technical, financial and legal feasibility of a project, whilst Stage 2 provides up to £100,000 to develop viable projects to an investment-ready stage. A further Stage 3 capital funding stream offers up to £3 million towards project delivery.

We are intending to apply for a CEF Stage 1 Feasibility Study for a small heat network in South Oxhey in partnership with the diocese of St Albans and Herts County Council, among other potential applications.

Three Rivers House Solar

The solar PV installed at Three Rivers House has been operational for the entirety of summer and greatly benefitted from the heatwaves experienced throughout the summer. As such, the array has already produced almost 90% of the expected annual production, with 6 months of the year remaining (measured on fiscal year). So far, the array has saved £6228.79 in electricity costs, and 4.19tCO2e of greenhouse gas emissions.



This helps to demonstrate the Council's investment in solar is worth it – helping us secure savings and greener energy into the future.

UK100

We are progressing the Council's membership of UK100 to become a full member.

UK100 is a cross-party network of 117 local and combined authorities in the UK committed to accelerating climate action, clean energy, and net-zero targets.

This body offers a range of research and training opportunities to its members, 1:1 support from their team and access to their broad network. They also conduct advocacy work to further these goals. Their website is linked above.

Three Rivers Environmental Network (TREN)

Attendance in July was disappointing low, most likely due to the exceptionally hot weather. However, there is a trend of low attendance at these meetings, and the meetings take up a fair amount of officer time and effort.

I think that this Network has value, historically bringing together parish councils, environmental organisations, residents' associations and other stakeholders to discuss environmental issues, share best practice and provide feedback to the Council. I want to see it continue and thrive.

I would welcome input from all Members to try and increase attendance at the TREN. Any local groups or individuals you think may be interested, please do flag them to me.

Next Meeting: 4th November 2026, location TBD

Aquadrome Programme

National Lottery Heritage Fund main application

Officers continue to work towards submitting the Delivery Phase bid in November 2026 for approximately £5m to greatly enhance the amenity and biodiversity of the site.

A positive public meeting took place in September 2026 when the feedback from RIBA 2 was presented to the public along with the RIBA 3 designs for improvements at the site.

Thank you to all officers who set up and delivered the evening and for all Members and the public who attended and put questions forward.

Alternative Grassland Management (AGM)

The 2022 Biodiversity Opportunities Audit and Alternative Grassland Management Strategy was agreed unanimously by general assent at the Leisure, Environment and Community Committee on Wednesday 16th March 2022. This work was completed following a council motion to increase the area of grass managed for the benefit of biodiversity. A public consultation on the subject took place in 2023.

The Grassland Management online map is on the council's website, this outlines the various forms of grassland management that take place and is currently being updated. Many of the sites have borders cut as either designated firebreaks or as amenity. The council receive requests every year to change the AGM process; however, it must be noted that with climate change increasing summer temperatures, nature has a vital part to play in combatting this; in addition to their value to wildlife these wildflower meadows hold the ability to store 500% more carbon than fields of grass alone.

The AGM has always been an evolving policy – to find the best balance between nature and amenity space. I welcome Member's input on this. I have personally been out to Coombe Hill and discussed with residents in other areas to hear their views on adjustments that can be made.

Report from the Lead Member for Leisure, Councillor Chris Lloyd

The summer months are very busy for the Leisure Team and you can see details of events below. The Aquadrome Project Team are getting ready to submit the bid for the main funding next month. I have attended several events since the last Full Council, including Parkruns and Junior Parkruns.

Watersmeet

Staff

- Tom Harrop Theatre Manager joined on 13 July.

Projects

- Visited the Theatre to discuss current and potential future projects:
 - The electrical intake room replacement works have now been completed
 - The majority of the fire door replacement works have been completed with some final remediation works due to be completed in the next month

Pantomime

- The Pantomime is Peter Pan – 4th – 21st December 2026 – Cast announced:
 - Tinker Bell - Nadiya Bychkova
 - Mr Smee - Steve Best
 - Dame Able Mabel - Paul Giddings
 - Mr. Darling/Captain Hook - Nicholas Lee
 - Peter Pan - Will Joel
 - Mrs Darling/Tiger-Lily - Rachel O'Hare
 - Wendy Darling - Lucy Rose-Walker
- The pantomime opens on Friday 4th December
- Gala Night (previously known as civic night) has been rescheduled to Friday 11 December @ 6:30pm (this performance includes invited press, community stakeholders, councillors and other VIPs)
- Tickets Sales and how they compare to last year: currently 7157 tickets sold, on average 1.7% ahead of last year.
- Watersmeet Annual Review Presentation was given at the Climate Change and Leisure Committee in September.

Aquadrome Programme

NLHF main application- WWW bid

- Development Phase (£787,315.40) - Following the Development Phase review by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, permission was given to proceed towards submitting the Delivery fund bid. Officers are working towards finalising documents including RIBA 4, Conservation & Management Plans, Activity Plan, full costings of the project, Risk Register and Programme for Delivery, Evaluation Framework and Project Management Structure.
- During the Development Phase review, the Lottery identified that whilst they expect costs to increase from our initial bid, they would also expect to see income/match funding increase and specifically highlighted that they would like to see the council support its own funding bid with a financial contribution. The

team have therefore submitted a report, requesting £165,000 for consideration that can be used as match funding. This match funding will put us in an even stronger position to secure the £4+ million to the lottery.

- RIBA 4 is now being reviewed by officers.
- The RIBA 4 drawings include key areas of change e.g. the Welcome Hub, the Meadow, Woodland path and aspects of the project will be submitted to planning this month.
- A public facing document has been produced, summarising RIBA 2 through to RIBA 3, which includes outcomes from the public engagement and scientific investigations, including asbestos surveys. This document was on the website before the Public Engagement meeting on 16 September.
- The Public Engagement meeting was a well attended and positive event and I would like to thank all that took the time to attend or submit a question. A recording of the presentation and questions and answers are now published on our website: [The Rickmansworth Aquadrome Project | Three Rivers District Council](#)
- If successful, the National Lottery funding will be confirmed for a start date of March 2027 to April 2030, making delivery phase three years.
- The small-scale activity plan has been successful throughout this development period and currently include including Bat Walks and Guided Chalk Stream Walks.
- Significant amounts of asbestos have been located on site and remediation work has taken place with further works planned to include fencing sections within the wet woodland and canal entrance areas.
- Check the website for the latest information: [Rickmansworth Aquadrome | Three Rivers District Council](#)
- The bid will be submitted in November to National Lottery.

Play Areas and Open Spaces.

Ebury Play Area

- Review meeting to took place in September following the summer holidays – focused around the grass.
- Given prolonged heatwaves reseeding in some areas will be required in the Autumn.

Scotsbridge Management Plan

- Officers and colleagues from CMS are currently working to develop this.
- It is anticipated to be consulted upon later this year and then be discussed at committee in February 2027

Hayling Road Play Area

- To be delivered in 2026/27
- Current plan highlights
 - Designs have been requested to submit for public consultation mid Sept
 - School engagement session on 8 October
 - Consultation report due mid October
 - Tender issued mid/end October for evaluation and award towards the end of November.
 - Planning submission planned to be submitted in early December
 - Subject to planning permission, works to start March 2027

Parks and Heritage Capital (£150k) and Revenue (£100k) Works

- To be delivered 2026/27 and 2027/28
- **Leisure Capital Projects Officer:** new Officer started on 01/09
- **Croxley Boulders** 72 boulders were removed on 7th August and taken to the Chiltern Open Air Museum (£2k). discussions ongoing with the Parish about the Parking prevention measures around the two pubs.

Cattle grazing for 2026:

- Cattle at Horses Field, Chorleywood Wood House Estate, Withey Beds and Croxley Common Moor all remain until the Grazier makes the decision to remove them.
- This may be weather dependent and on the grass conditions.
- The grazier will update officers once they are removed and then we can share information with councillors.

Leisure Management Contract:

- GolfPod
 - Groundworks commenced on 13 July 2026 regarding the installation of Golfpod facility at Rickmansworth Golf Course.
 - Golf Pod expect the works to be fully complete by Monday 12th October with the technology being installed on 14th October.
 - The site will go live from this date, but a launch event will be hosted on Saturday 17th October.
- Beryl Bikes are being considered for South Oxley Leisure Centre.

Leisure Development

Artistsmeet -

- Petra Geggie's exhibition will run from 25 September, through to 16 November. An open evening was held on Wednesday 30 September and was well attended.
- Watersmeet will then use the space for their Christmas Market and the Christmas panto.

Active Parks

- Our Active Parks programme started on Monday 8th June and finished on Thursday 10th September.
- This year we hosted Yoga, Tai Chi, Pilates, Beginners running, Zumba, Tennis, Stroller strength, Mum and baby yoga, Nordic Walking, and Circuits.
- Programme has been successful with lots of sold-out sessions and positive feedback and compliments from instructors and participants.
- Numbers across all sessions are up from last year.
 - Pilates had 97 attendances this year (34 in 2025).
 - Yoga 350 attendances (271 in 2025).
 - Tai Chi 99 attendances (109 in 2025).
 - We have also had 145 attendances on Zumba in the Park which was new this year.
 - Beginners running had 7 participants complete the course.

Leavesden Country Park football pitch and pavilion

Evergreen FC have agreed the five-year lease term.

Croxley Skate Jam

- The annual Croxley Skate Jam took place on Sunday 30th August from 12pm to 5pm.
- ABC skateboarding hosted the event which included various competitions for scooters, BMX's and skaters seeing around 50 competitors.
- Prizes were awarded to the first and second place winners of each competition, including a brand-new skateboard.
- Croxley Green Parish Council kindly supported the event with funding for prizes.
- Three Rivers District Council Chairman attended most of the event.
- Alongside the competitions, there was music, an inflatable skateboard game and extra star power from McFly singer Tom Fletcher.
- Thanks to The Corner Plaiice for the amazing meal deal.

Play Rangers

- This summer we had 1,111 attendances (up from 791 attendances in 2025) across 70 sessions delivered across parks and open spaces.
- Popular sites were South Oxhey, Stones Orchard and Barton Way.
- We have 301 people signed up to our Play Ranger membership.
- School delivery resumed on Monday 7 September and we have 4 confirmed schools for the autumn term (Arnett Hills, Malvern Way, Yorke Mead and Christ Church).

Summer Playscheme

- This summer at Playscheme we had 1,045 attendances across the 20 days (95% attendances).
- Of these, 74 children booked via the Accessible Childcare for Everyone scheme.
- We also had 304 attendances from the HAPpy funded spaces (76% attendances), supporting vulnerable children and providing them with a funded daily hot meal
- Our total attendances for the whole of summer was 90%. In summer 2025, we had an 84% uptake on all bookings, so we are 6% up this year!
- During the summer, we had some wonderful visits from different organisations including
 - St John's Ambulance,
 - The NHS Mental Health Support Team
 - Play Rangers
 - Mr Marvel
 - Wild Science experiments
 - ABC skateboarding
 - A-Life healthy lifestyles
 - African drumming
 - Ranger Stu's exotic animals
 - JD ballers football workshop.

Summer Walking trails

- This summer we had two trails, one at Leavesden Country Park and one at Oxhey Woods.
- The trails were active from Wednesday 29th July until Monday 31st September.

- The Elmer Hide and Seek Adventure Trail at Oxhey Woods had 278 registered players estimating 1,112 people participated in the trail and participants walked roughly 4 million steps. The busiest day for people participating in the trail was the 4th August, and there was an 85% participant rate overall.
- The Summer of Football Champion's Quest Trail at Leavesden Country Park had 220 registered players estimating 880 people participated during summer and participants walked roughly 1.94 million steps. The days with the highest engagement were August 7th and August 25th, and there was an 80% participant rate overall.

Autumn Walking Trail

- During October half term there will be a "Totally Spooking Out" trail at Rickmansworth Aquadrome: [Totally Spooking Out Trail at Rickmansworth Aquadrome | Three Rivers District Council](#)

National Play Day event

- The National Playday event took place at King George V Playing Fields on Wednesday 5th August this year, from 12pm to 3pm.
- Around 300 people attended the event.
- Stalls included Healthy Hubs, the Otley Way Family Centre Intensive Family Support Team, One YMCA, Mental Health Support Team, Everyone Active, Home Start, Action for Children, and Thrive 2gether.
- Alongside this, were free activities including Mr Marvel's magic show, face painting, TRDC smoothie bike, beat the buzzer game, an inflatable game, and our play rangers.
- The day was a huge success with lots of happy families and praise from all the organisations in attendance

Play Rangers at Leavesden Country Park (LCP)

- On Thursday 6th August we had a play ranger session at Leavesden Country Park hosted for children supported by the Intensive Family Support Team

Watercolour painting at Leavesden Country Park

- On Wednesday 19th August we hosted a water colouring painting class in the HIVE at Leavesden Country Park for 1.5 hours.
- 13 participants gave positive feedback on enjoying the class and wanting more of a similar nature!

Wild Play

- The Wild Play sessions hosted by Groundwork East so far this year have had 266 attendees across all sessions.
- We are already up 19 from last year and have the final session in October half-term!

6-Week Creative Art Course

- Started on October 8th - we are hosting a 6-week art course every Thursday 6-8pm at the HIVE in Leavesden Country Park.
- The course will be run by artists Frances Black and Gillian Blair where they introduce three different mediums: watercolours, acrylics, and pastels.
- The art course is designed to introduce people to the medium one week and the following being able to put their learnt skills and techniques to practice.
- As well as developing artistic skills, the sessions provide a welcoming opportunity to socialise, meet new people and enjoy a regular creative activity – all of which can contribute to positive wellbeing.

Events

I attended events including -

- Wednesday 5th August - National Playday event took place at King George V Playing Fields.
- Sunday 30th August – visited the Skate Jam in Croxley after doing the Bovingdon 10K.
- Thursday 3rd September - Living Longer Better Event in Hatfield
- Wednesday 16th September - Aquadrome Steering Board with partners.
- Wednesday 16th September - Aquadrome Public Meeting. Two officers from the Environment Agency attended.
- Wednesday 30th September – Artistmeet – opening night with Petra Geggie
- Thursday 1st October – meeting to discuss historic building @ 99 Church Street
- Monday 5th October attended HCC Conference -VAWG
- Wednesday 7th October - Celebrating 100 years of Hertfordshire Libraries - an evening with author and comedian Robin Ince.
- Saturday 17th October – Opening of Golf Pods at Rickmansworth Golf Course.

Running

- Volunteer at Junior Parkruns at King George V playing fields (near William Penn) and at Leavesden Country Park
- Saturday 3rd October Tail Walked at Rickmansworth Parkrun
- Saturday 17th October Tail Walked at Leavesden Country Parkrun.
- This summer I have been encouraging Friends and Family to do Parkruns. I have been meeting them at Parkruns of their choice.
- Run the following events in Three Rivers
 - Moor Park 10K – Sunday 20th September
 - Abbots Langley Tough Ten – Sunday October 4th
 - Ricky 10 Miles – Sunday October 18th

- Ran Chester Marathon for Local Charity in Croxley Green – Croxley Parish Nurse - You can sponsor me @ [Chris Lloyd is fundraising for Churches in Croxley Green CIO](#)

I am wanting to encourage everyone to be more physically active. I suggest we all find any activity to do with friends; it does not have to be running. My wife walks 10,000 paces every day

Report from the Lead Member for General Public Services, Councillor Paul Rainbow

Waste Services

- Three Rivers has been affected as with the rest of the UK with the disposal of fridges due to specialist plant closures, facility fire and high level of summer breakdowns.

Bereavement Services

- Revised Cemetery Rules and Regulations supported by Members, at September's Committee Meeting.

Parking

- Chorleywood parking scheme – implemented earlier in the year with a review of some areas of the scheme scheduled for the beginning of 2027.
- Rickmansworth West Review – consultation results are in review with a further consultation due later in the year.
- Rickmansworth Carparks – the council is conducting a review of Rickmansworth carparks, and a consultation is being prepared.
- Rickmansworth Controlled Parking Zone – the council is conducting a review of the Rickmansworth Controlled Parking Zone, and a consultation is being prepared.
- Silk Mill Road Area – a design for a Permit Parking Area is being prepared for future consultation.
- Various Schemes – a consultation was held on several schemes in September and October. If agreed implementation on these will start in 2026. Designs on further smaller parking restriction changes are being prepared for future consultation.
- Community Way Car Park – the council is developing the next stages of the scheme following carpark surveys conducted earlier in the year.
- Bedmond Village - an initial consultation went live 2 October 2026 and is closing 30 October 2026.
- Kindersley Way - an initial consultation went live 2 October 2026 and is closing 23 October 2026.
- A further review of the proposed Parking Management Policy is being prepared for presenting to committee in November.
- South Oxhey - Review of parking around some of South Oxhey and Carpenders Park is starting with a parking audit in November. This will be followed by public consultation to inform parking changes in the area.

Wider Transport

- Ebury Way Improvements – officers are investigating plans for path improvements at the Rickmansworth end.
- LEVI – the County Council are progressing on-road EV chargepoints around the district in consultation with the district council. Initial site designs are being reviewed by officers and Ward Councillors have been asked for views.
- Beryl Bikes – officers are reviewing the results of the recent consultation for proposed Beryl bike locations with a view to implementation.

- 20mph Consultation – Hertfordshire County Council launched consultations in September for Abbots Langley, Croxley Green, Rickmansworth and South Oxhey
- Ferry Car Park - Ward Councillors being consulted regarding proposed tree works in the car park.

