

**CLERK'S REPORT ON PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES  
FEBRUARY 2008**

CALOR VILLAGE OF THE YEAR 2008

The regional judges will be visiting Hertford Heath on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April. They will be with us for two hours between 2.00pm and 4.00pm and we hope they will be able to meet as many people as possible.

In past years in the Hertfordshire competition, we have had representatives from village organisations, shops, pubs and services come to speak to the judges in the Village Hall. For the regional judging, we would like organisations to also put on displays of their activities – again in the Village Hall. If you would like to take part but do not get an invitation to do so, please contact the Clerk as soon as possible. If you would like to speak to the judges as individuals, please do come along on the day, although it would be helpful if you could let us know in advance as we hope the Women's Institute will produce more magnificent cakes which we think won over the judges in the past.

The Council also decided to enter this year's Hertfordshire Village of the Year – so it will be a busy few months for all involved. If you would like to help, please do not hesitate to contact me.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Apologies to all who did not receive a copy of February's newsletter. Apparently the deliverer is new and it seems that a number of houses were missed. If you did not get a copy or know of someone who did not get one, please let me know and one will be delivered.

We are arranging for extra copies to be kept in the shops so you will know when the new editions come out and can get a copy there or by contacting me. I have been assured that the old deliverer will be back on our rounds so deliveries should be back to normal.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Please be aware that there has been a recent spate of distraction burglaries when the perpetrator was wearing a high visibility jacket with the word "Police" on it.

Any legitimate police officer would not hesitate to show their official identification and this should always be requested. Alternatively, they would be happy to wait outside whilst you rang the police on 0845 33 00 22 to check their name and warrant number.

There have been a spate of burglaries from cars and sheds in the village. Everyone is asked to take care and ensure valuable items are locked away securely. As some of the thefts from cars have been of laptops placed in the boot, it is far safer to keep such items with you. Cars are not that secure.

RECYCLING

I understand that each house-hold is entitled to two green boxes if you need them. Contact East Herts on 01279 655261.

I also understand that the village will be getting brown bins this year – possibly as soon as April. Cardboard can be put into these bins apparently. As soon as I hear further I will let you know.

### VILLAGE OF THE YEAR POEMS

Here is Louise Reilly's poem:

#### *WHY I LOVE THIS VILLAGE*

*I love this village because it has lovely nature in it and nice animals in it,  
And especially kind people that look after our allotment.*

*I love this village because we have a lovely school in it.  
I love this village because our school has lovely friends in it.*

### EAST HERTS COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

EHDC has asked me to include the following in this report. (I'm afraid it came too late for March's newsletter so if you could pass the word on, I would be grateful.)

#### *Shaping Now – Shaping the Future*

*Work has begun on our new Local Development Framework (LDF) – the name of the new planning system. Your views are vital as the LDF will affect how the District develops to 2021. To help the Council produce the LDF we need to know your views:*

- *What do you like about your village and the rural area?*
- *What don't you like about your village and the rural area?*
- *What do you think are the issues facing your village and the rural area?*

*The Planning Policy Team has already attended the January round of Community Voice meetings – the series of regular public meetings that are held in each of the five towns – but we need the views of East Herts rural community. So come along to one of the meetings below to find out more:*

- *Tuesday March 4, 7.30-9.00pm at Cottered Village Hall*
- *Wednesday March 12, 7.30-9.00pm at Watton-at-Stone Memorial Hall*
- *Tuesday March 25, 7.30-9.00pm at Little Hadham Village Hall*

*Regular updates will be posted on the Council's website at [www.eastherts.gov.uk/ldf](http://www.eastherts.gov.uk/ldf)  
For more information please contact the Planning Policy Team by email at [planningpolicy@eastherts.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@eastherts.gov.uk); by post at East Herts Council, Wallfields, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8EQ; or by phone 01279 655261.*

### NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March in the Mission Room at 7.30pm. Members of the public are always welcome at Parish Council meetings.

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