

Sawbridgeworth Town Council Newsletter



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Message from the Mayor



Dear Resident

I have now been Mayor for two months and have attended various events. There are two that particularly stand out, The Young Enterprise Awards and Herts Youth Games.

The Young Enterprise Scheme offers a unique opportunity for young people aged 14-16 to set up and run their own companies at school. The students make real products and a real profit, which allows them to experience firsthand the many challenges of running a business and helps them to develop a variety of important skills. Unfortunately, there were no students from the Sawbridgeworth area, but I am sure that we have a wealth of talent in this town.

During my visit to the Herts Youth Games it was a pleasure to see so many children participating in a variety of sports, such as football (girls and boys), badminton and table tennis. Both events were held at the De Havilland Campus of the University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield.

What is happening in the next few months? On a personal note I am sponsoring a police mountain bike. After conversations with the local police, we feel that they could patrol the town much better on a bike, rather than a patrol car...so watch this space!

The Sawbobus bus shelter in Budgens car park has now been handed over to us by the Rotary Club. I am sure that all of those that use the bus will be very pleased to now have somewhere to wait for the bus in comfort. The Town Council would like to thank the Rotary Club, especially Jim Barrie, for the shelter, Ridgeons for supplying the materials at a reduced price and also the secret donor of £150.

Finally, may I wish you all the very best and if you are going on your holidays, have a restful time with your families.

Councillor Derek Filler

Town Mayor

Sawbridgeworth Farmers' Market



Bell Street Car Park 9:00am-1.00pm



Sat 03 Sep 2011
Sat 05 Nov 2011
Sun 18 Dec 2011

Sawbridgeworth & Spellbrook's Civic Awards



From left to right Nicola Thorp, Andy Haysman, Michelle Hills and Cllr Eric Buckmaster Mayor of Sawbridgeworth 2010/11 – Pictures taken by Dr. G. P. Connolly ©

Local dignitaries and Community groups were invited to the Civic Awards evening back in May to celebrate Sawbridgeworth and Spellbrook's Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year 2011. Sawbridgeworth's Young Citizen of the Year was awarded to Michelle Hills (pictured above). Story continued on page 2...

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Spellbrook's Civic Awards Cont..

.In recognition of her work with the Sawbridgeworth guides. Citizen of the Year was awarded to Mrs Dorothy Chancellor in recognition of her impressive 50 years service as a Scout leader. Both winners were awarded with a trophy and a £100 cheque for their chosen local charity. The awards were generously sponsored by The Rivers Hospital (representatives pictured below)



Pictured from left to right: Nicola Thorp, Andy Haysman – Pictures taken by Dr. G. P. Connolly ©

Royal Wedding Themed Best Dressed Window Competition

In honour of the Royal Wedding, Sawbridgeworth Town Council organised a "Royal Wedding Themed Best Dressed Window Competition". Many shops took part and dressed their windows for the occasion. Mariposa and Age UK were jointly awarded first prize. Both shops were given £250 to donate to their chosen charity. Mariposa donated their prize to St Clare Hospice and Age UK donated their prize to the Age UK.



Age UK shop above and Mariposa below - Pictures taken by Dr. G. P. Connolly ©



Town Play Areas

At **West Road** the Town Council carried out a consultation exercise at the end of June to find out what people wanted to see at the planned revitalisation of the Play Area. We sent out over 750 flyers to schools and to the area around West Road. From the feedback from people who attended at Mandeville School and from the play equipment suppliers who were also there, we have got a number of ideas as to what parents and young people would like to see provided. These included a range of activity equipment both traditional and innovative including swings, monkey bars, slides, climbing towers and scramble nets plus a special request for picnic benches. We are now putting the ideas out to tender and hope to make a start on installing the project in the autumn.

At **Vantorts Park** we continue to work with the District Council on a much bigger scheme to revitalise the whole area. The consultation carried out there has brought up ideas for areas dedicated to toddlers and also for the older age groups. We hope that the installation of this project will also be started in the autumn.

Annual Allotment and Garden Show - 03 September 2011



**Memorial Hall
The Forebury
Sawbridgeworth
2pm onwards**

There are classes for all including:
vegetables
flowers
domestic fruit
handicrafts
floral art
section for the children to take part.

For further information please contact Jan Mead
Email: meadspanner@aol.com
Tel: 01279 864398 or 07711 416689

The show is open to all...start planning now!

Events

Tell us about your event and we will add it to our online events calendar for all to see. Our contact details are on page 4.

Police in Sawbridgeworth



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CONSTABULARY

We have once again had several Thefts from Motor Vehicles which have been left unlocked by the owners.

Please see below tips to help reduce this type of crime:

- Don't leave any valuables in your car - even if you know the bag on the front seat is empty, a thief may still try their luck, leaving you with a broken window to deal with.
- Remove your Sat Nav and its holder from the car - don't leave it in the glove box as that's the first place a thief will look - and make sure you wipe away any suction marks.
- It may sound obvious, but remember to shut your windows and sunroof when you leave your car.

Recently there have been groups of youths gathering in the fields behind The Crest in Sawbridgeworth. This area is not to be camped on and we have previously had complaints of litter, noise and general nuisance with large numbers of youths drinking alcohol, many of whom are under age.

Can I advise any parents not to drop their children off to camp in the area and for any residents to call in when these youths are gathering as we are also experiencing thefts from bags that the youths are bringing with them.

I would also like to advise people that anyone can join up to our community messaging service. Community Messaging uses the Constabulary's award-winning Online Watch Link (OWL) to keep you up to date with what's going on in your police service. It is an automated system that emails you with useful information, news about your local police and crime prevention advice. It can also send short SMS text messages direct to your mobile.

To receive Community Messaging you must be living or working with a registered postal address in Hertfordshire. In most instances we will contact you by email. Should the need arise, occasional SMS text could be sent to your mobile phone for urgent or emergency incidents.

After you have signed up to Community Messaging we will be able to send you messages of interest relating to Hertfordshire and/or specific to your neighbourhood or district. Hertfordshire

Constabulary will send you around one or two messages a fortnight, although you may be sent additional messages should the need arise. This service is completely free.

If you already receive messages via OWL as a member of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, there's no need to register as you will automatically be sent Community Messages. A self sign-up facility has been developed and will be available to the public on our Force website at www.herts.police.uk.

Please be aware that PCSO 6001 Paul Lillie has returned as one of the PCSO's to the area and has also been joined by PC 2214 Jarl Thomason. Please feel free to come and say hello to any of us if you see us out and about!

PC 1367 Tina Mustoe

Sawbridgeworth Community Bulletin – sign up today!

To receive our community bulletin which includes forthcoming events in Sawbridgeworth, simply log onto our website www.sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk and type your email address into the box on the left hand side of the homepage, press subscribe...it's as simple as that!

Notes from the Town Clerk

There are a number of significant issues that people are talking to me about at the moment.

Currently we are tackling fly posting around the town, and we hope to get a local agreement with the District Council about that soon; parking in general and specifically the problems of congestion in Station Road; and in the longer term doing something about the poor state of the public conveniences in the Bell Street car park.

A big thank you to Sawbridgeworth Rotary for the new bus shelter for Sawbobus and especially to the anonymous donors for their generous cash donation which went towards to materials they used.










What's Happening in Town?

20 August 2011
Town Walk - 10am -2pm
Meet at the exit of Bell Street Car Park

28 August 2011
Friends of Pishiobury Park Summer Walk, 2pm

03 September 2011
Farmers' Market – 9am – 1pm
Bell Street Car Park

Contact your Town Councillors

	<p>Cllr Mrs Angela Alder "Orion" London Road, Spellbrook, Bishop's Stortford Herts. CM23 4AX Tel: 01279 722360 angela.alder@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk <i>Town Initiatives</i></p>		<p>Cllr Adam Lowe 40A Bell Street Sawbridgeworth, Herts. CM21 9AN Tel: 01279 723224 adam.lowe@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk <i>Recreation Areas</i></p>
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	<p>Cllr Pat Coysten 128 Sheering Mill Lane Sawbridgeworth, Herts. CM21 9ND Tel: 01279 723435 pat.coysten@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk <i>Floral Displays and Planters</i></p>		<p>Cllr Brian Rochester 20 Reedings Way Sawbridgeworth Herts. CM21 0DZ Tel: 01279 832753 brian.rochester@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk <i>Farmers Market, Footpaths and Open Spaces</i></p>
	<p>Cllr Derek Filler – Town Mayor "Kingsbury" Chelmsford Road, Hatfield Heath, Herts. CM22 7BQ Tel: 01279 730146 derek.filler@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk <i>Transport & Community Buses</i></p>		<p>Cllr Mrs Joyce Vincent 10 Brook Road Sawbridgeworth, Herts. CM21 9HA Tel: 01279 723649 joyce.vincent@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk <i>Cemetery</i></p>
	<p>Cllr Barry Hodges 10 Buttersweet Rise Sawbridgeworth, Herts. CM21 9HD Tel: 01279 723189 barry.hodges@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk <i>Emergency Plan</i></p>		<p>Cllr Andrew Wincott 20 Rowney Gardens Sawbridgeworth, Herts. CM21 0AT Tel: 01279 726062 andrew.wincott@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk <i>Memorial Hall</i></p>

Contact Your Town Council

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County & District Councillors

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