

# Sawbridgeworth Town Council Newsletter



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## Message from the Mayor

Dear Resident,

*It is my pleasure to introduce the first edition of the Sawbridgeworth Town Council Newsletter which together with the improved web site is part of the Council's initiative to provide more diverse and efficient methods of communication with residents. The move to Bell Street has made for a more accessible presence in the town centre and many residents have already found this beneficial. The Council now has Tourist Information in the office and in the Tourist Information Point in the redundant telephone kiosk on the corner of West Road.*

*During the year the Town Plan has been completed and the Council wishes to acknowledge with grateful thanks the many contributions from a dedicated group of participating residents. The Plan sets out the vision for the town. The full text can be viewed at the Council office or Library. An abbreviated version is currently being distributed to every household. The Council's intention is that the Plan should influence the District Council on planning issues related to Sawbridgeworth.*

*We are approaching the time for nominating the Citizen of the Year and the Young Person of the Year Awards. Forms will be available from the Council office and on the web site [www.sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk](http://www.sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk) during February.*

*In conclusion may I take this opportunity on behalf of the Council to wish you all a happy, healthy and peaceful 2010.*

*Yours sincerely  
Cllr Mrs Angela Alder  
Town Mayor*

## Christmas Competition Winners



Callum Carney, 9, Jack Harries, 6 and Chloe Hills, 8

Sawbridgeworth Town Council awarded three children with prizes for winning the Council's Christmas Competition. Each child received a stocking filled with goodies and the top prize included a family ticket to see Aladdin at the Rhodes Arts Complex in Bishop's Stortford. The children had to spot 8 Father Christmases hidden in shop windows and match the different names for Father Christmas to the correct country.



Berrin Lee (House of Harlequin) &  
Kay Allington (The Green Room)

The Green Room and House of Harlequin were both awarded £250 to donate to the charity of their choice for having the best dressed Christmas Windows, as voted for by shoppers. The Green Room donated their prize to Noah's Ark Children's Hospice in Barnet and House of Harlequin made their donation to Age Concern.

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## Town Council replaces axed SW bus service

Sawbridgeworth Town Council launched Sawbobus in November last year to replace the axed SW1, 2 and 3 services. This vital community service has proved very popular with the town's residents and has had large numbers of passengers in the three months it has been operating. The Town Council set up this service in partnership with Bishop's Stortford Minibus Trust and receives a grant from East Herts Council to help fund the service.

The bus covers most of the same areas as the old service and covers a figure of eight in routes A and B. Cyril Lumley and Alan Cox are the two drivers.



### Prices

Sawbridgeworth	£1 return
Bishop's Stortford	£3 single £4.60 return

### Concessionary passes accepted

The bus operates on a hail and ride system on

### Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday

Information leaflets are available from the Town Council office on Bell Street, the Library, Budgens, and The Tuck Shop. These leaflets show the routes that the bus covers and gives an indication of the times that the bus will pass points in the town.



Please check our website homepage for any changes to the advertised service.

## Police in Sawbridgeworth



HERTFORDSHIRE  
CONSTABULARY

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the team of local officers that are now based at Sawbridgeworth Police Station and cover Sawbridgeworth, High Wych and Spellbrook.

There are three Police Officers who are PC 1367 Tina Mustoe, PC 1843 Paul Chapman and PC 487 Ray Larcombe as well as being assisted by Police Community Support Officer 6631 Clare Andrews.

Whilst the Police Station is not open to the general public we are based in Sawbridgeworth, meaning we can respond to incidents quickly and have a good understanding of the local area.

This year has been rather busy for us in terms of crime but we are pleased to say that our overall crime is down on last years figures.

We have seen a recent rise in Burglaries to the area and we would like to remind all house holders to ensure that their property is secured by double locking their doors and ensuring all valuables are stored out of sight. It is also important that any vehicle keys are kept away from the front door and out of sight, preferably taken upstairs at night.

If you have any questions or issues you wish to raise with us we can be contacted by email through the Hertfordshire Constabulary website or by calling 0845 33 00 222 and asking for the local officers to make contact.

Finally we would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year

PC 1367 Tina Mustoe

## Note from the Town Clerk

Welcome to the first issue of the Sawbridgeworth Town Council Newsletter. It will be published quarterly and together with the new and improved Council website ([www.sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk](http://www.sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk)) is part of the Town Council's effort to inform and communicate better with parishioners. I hope you find the contents useful. Please let us know what you think of the first issue and suggestions for future content.

Richard Bowran

### Farmers Market

Bell Street Car Park,  
Sat 6th February & Sat 3rd April 2010  
9.30am-1.30pm

## Who is responsible for what in Sawbridgeworth?

There are three tiers of local government that provide services in Sawbridgeworth, Sawbridgeworth Town Council, East Herts District Council and Hertfordshire County Council. The Town Council is the first tier of local government, designed to be the voice of the people. Town Councils only have limited power, but work with other authorities to address problems and provide services.

### Sawbridgeworth Town Council provides the following services: (Telephone: 01279 724537)

- Allotments
- Bus Shelters
- Cemetery
- Christmas Lights/Trees
- Civic Events (promoted by the Mayor)
- Community Transport
- Consultee on all matters relevant to the town
- Crime Prevention Initiatives
- Farmers Market (with Town Partnership)
- Footpaths
- Grants to voluntary organisations
- Hanging Baskets and Planters
- Planning Matters (acting as a Statutory Consultee)
- Promoting the town
- Publicity/Information: Annual Report, Newsletter, Town Guide, Website
- Recreational areas (at Bullfields and West Road)
- Summer Activities for young people
- Town Ranger

### East Herts District Council provides the following services for Sawbridgeworth: (Telephone: 01279 655261)

- Building regulations
- Bus Passes
- By laws
- Clean Air
- Council Tax Collection
- Economic Development
- Elections
- Environmental Health
- Environmental Services (Refuse & Recycling Collection inc. Trade Waste)
- Grants for various activities
- Home Safety
- Housing
- Local Licensing
- Markets
- Planning:
  - Advertisement Control
  - Building Preservation Notices
  - Conservation Areas
  - Development Control
  - Listed Building Control
  - Local Development Framework
  - Tree Preservation
- Recreational Facilities (Vantorts Road, The Old Bowling Green and Edens Mount)
- Transportation:
  - Community Transport
  - Off-street parking
  - Car parks


### Hertfordshire County Council provides the following services for Sawbridgeworth: (Telephone: 01438 737555)

- Children & Lifelong Learning
- Consumer Protection
  - Trades Description
  - Food & Drugs
  - Weights & Measures
- Education
- Emergency Planning
- Fire & Rescue Service
- Footpaths/Bridleways
- Libraries
- Museums & Art Galleries
- Police
- Planning
  - Local Development Framework
  - Minerals & Waste Policies
- Social Care & Health
- Transportation
  - Highways
  - Highways Lighting
  - Footway Lighting
  - Public Transport
  - Road Safety
  - Transport Planning
- Youth Services

## Contact your Town Councillors

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## Contact your Town Council

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