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Playgrounds

and outdoor learning and play facilities in 3 local schools



Modernised

toilets for pre school



Football kit and equipment to local club

New up to date books for **school library**



Outdoor shelter for **Hedgehog** sanctuary



Support

to local hospice and care home



THANK YOU HARPENDEN

The generosity of the residents and businesses of Harpenden has been exceptional in this difficult year. We have seen this generosity in terms of donations and in time given to us by volunteers

DONATIONS £65,000



£65,000 donated to the Harpenden Trust annual Care Fund Christmas appeal- more than in any other previous year.

This money for the Care Fund will make a real difference to supporting those most in need in our community.

VOLUNTEERING

Over **600** residents now volunteer for the Harpenden Trust in a huge variety of roles

Volunteers have worked more than **25,000** hours in just the last 6 months, supporting our community.

We would all like to sincerely thank the Harpenden community for their extraordinary generosity

In the past 12 months the **Harpenden Trust Care Fund** has supported local projects to :



Provide much needed financial and practical support **to over 45 local families and residents**, assisting them with aspects such as food costs, school uniforms and essential appliances

Arrange **Befriending** for over 70 residents and still growing



Provide **Utility grants** for 80 residents on low pensions

Deliver **140 Christmas Parcels** to Seniors and families



Provide **vouchers for family trips** in lieu of a family outing this year



What is the Community Fund?

The Harpenden Trust Community Fund was established in 2008 and relies entirely on income from a substantial capital donation made by the Abbeyfield (Harpenden) Society. None of the monies received from the annual Christmas Appeal are used. We provide financial support for community projects in the Harpenden area with grants for specific projects designed to develop, improve or enhance their work or for facilities for their members. Since 2008 the Fund has provided grants of over £800,000 to over 100 recipients.

Can we help you?

To find out more about the Community Fund or you would like to apply for a grant from the Harpenden Trust, please visit: <https://www.theharpendentrust.org.uk/how-we-can-help/community-fund>

How have we helped?

Over the last 12 months lots of help has been given to schools, improving playground and outside learning/play facilities at Lea Primary, Roundwood Primary and High Beeches Primary. St Nicholas Primary has been helped towards the purchase of books and Highfield Pre-School have had their Victorian toilets modernised. (see more on this page)

Children have also been supported by the provision of funds for the Hornbeam Wood Hedgehog Sanctuary for the construction of covered Education and Awareness Shelter so they can give interactive talks. Harpenden Rovers Junior football club

have had funding for equipment and kit allowing a significant increase in membership, both boys and girls. (See more on this page)

Support has also been given to the local Sustainability initiative for their environmental projects being undertaken currently.

The more senior residents have also benefitted with support being given to Rennie Grove Hospice and Willow Court Care Home.

Such a wide range of projects adding such significant value to so many local residents!!

What's Next?

As well as these projects there are others in the pipeline that the Community Fund has agreed to support. Each of these will significantly benefit the local population.

The Salvation Army is to construct an outside store for their foodbank

A boardwalk is to be constructed over the recently formed marshy area at Batford Springs.

Hopefully this can be completed by the end of the summer.

Lastly, the play area in Rothamsted Park is to be completely refurbished with up to date play equipment separated in to age appropriate zones. The Community Fund has provided substantial funds to this project. Work has just started with completion anticipated by the end of July.

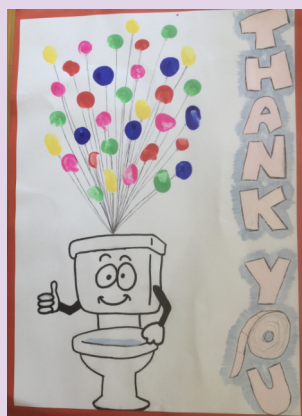
Community fund flushed with success

We recently received a request from Highfield Preschool to help them to replace their Victorian toilets and we were only too pleased to assist. The project has been a great success and a lovely thank you card was received from the schoolchildren which included their comments about the new facility.

"We didn't like the old toilets – they were yucky! They had germs and the new toilets have no germs"

"These toilets are small and different, and we don't even need a step to get on"

"It's clean and sparkly – I like it now!"
Definitely satisfied customers!



Harpenden Trust supports Harpenden Rovers

It is Saturday morning at the Grove Junior School in Southdown and Harpenden Rovers Youth football teams are having their weekly training session and matches there. The Youth Club started playing in 2018 as the opportunity to play football at junior schools had largely disappeared.

The Club is run by volunteers most of whom are parents and their enthusiasm has resulted in the Club now having 145 playing members and a waiting list of 80. The youngest are aged 4 and boys go up to 12 and girls 13. The club also has 40 volunteers/coaches who are putting in their time to support the grassroots club.

The Harpenden Trust's Community Fund provides financial support for community projects in the Harpenden area with grants for specific projects designed to develop, improve or enhance their work or for facilities for their members. As a result of an application made by the club, The Harpenden Trust were able to pay for new football shirts for the team,

Steve Pryor, Chairman of the Community Fund at The Harpenden Trust, said:



"The Community Fund of the Harpenden Trust were delighted to support this new initiative by paying for their football shirts and it is great to see the enjoyment and benefits that the participating children have gained. Another example of how the Harpenden Trust have made a positive contribution to the town."

Paul Crowson, Chairman of Harpenden Rovers, said:

"Harpenden Rovers would like to thank Harpenden Trust for their support in funds as it really makes a difference. We are looking forward to building a long-time relationship to benefit children in Harpenden in physical activity and to improve mental health via grassroots football for all abilities in a safe compliant environment"

Good Luck Harpenden Rovers!

What is the Care Fund?

The Harpenden Trust Care Fund was established in 1948, totally funded by local residents. The fund was set up to help any Harpenden resident in need of support, both young and old. This continues to be how it is used today, 73 years on.

The Care Fund is made up of 12 specialist teams. Each offers a valued service from weekly coffee mornings to substantial help for families struggling with the cost of school uniforms, or essential appliance breakdown.

Can we help?

If you know of a friend or neighbour that you think would benefit from our help please get them to call 01582 460457 or email: help@theharpentrust.org.uk where our friendly office staff will be able to assist.

How have we helped?

The past year has been quite a challenge to continue to provide all of our services. However, we are proud to say due to the dedication and hard work of our Care Fund volunteers we have been able to continue most vital services. We have even succeeded in expanding some.

Our Home Visits team have been busy throughout this year. They have been continuing to offer help to families in need via telephone consultations. Using this method we have completed nearly

500 virtual visits helping 40-50 families a month.

We have seen an increase to 70 clients now receiving friendly calls of support and help from our Befriending team.

The Utilities team have provided 80 seniors with a cheque towards their energy bills.

Back in December, the Christmas Parcels team successfully delivered over 140 seasonal parcels.

What's Next?

We are starting to plan to open other areas that have been unable to operate during the past year. We hope to announce the reopening of our weekly **coffee mornings** in July: 10.00am at the Trust Centre on Tuesdays and 10.00am at the Salvation Army on Thursdays.

This year we have been pleased to welcome our colleagues from the Harpenden Seniors Forum to the Trust. One of the highlights of their work has been to organise a **Seniors Fair** in the Public Hall in the Autumn.

We have great hopes that we may be able to run this again in the new Cultural Centre in Rothamsted Park this autumn.

We are delighted to be one of the Town Mayor's Nominated Charities for this year. We are in the process of organising a number of **fund raising events**.

For announcements and information on all the above keep an eye out on our website and Facebook page.

Introducing the Care Fund teams

We currently have 12 specialist teams helping us support the residents of Harpenden.

These are:

- Christmas Parcels
- Senior Outings
- Family Outings
- Home Visits
- Befriending
- Office Administration
- Utility Grants
- School Trips Grants
- Coffee Mornings
- Well-being
- Transport
- Seniors Fair
- Hall Bookings



Christmas Parcel Team

Making music at Walker Court

Harpenden Trust Care Fund were delighted to be able to help brighten up Walkers Court, a retirement housing facility in Southdown.

Walkers Court were due to start work on a refurbishment of their communal lounge before the first lockdown in 2020. As of December, they were still unable to fully use the lounge which continued to look somewhat forlorn.

It did, however, contain a piano. Playing the piano is of great benefit to the residents. They might not be able to congregate but it is lovely for them to hear the piano being played.

One resident in particular who does not go out much, loves to come down and listen to the pianist playing.

Harpenden Trust's Care Fund was able to help by putting Walkers Court in contact with a piano tuner and paying for the re-tuning of the piano.



Furthermore, the piano tuner was also able to assist with some great advice for looking after the piano in the future.

In addition, as the icing on the cake, the Trust found, provided and then arranged for the delivery of a comfortable adjustable piano stool.

The picture shows the pianist, Elizabeth, at Walkers Court sitting on the new piano stool.

Harpenden's Vaccine Success

.....thanks to the tireless work of volunteers at the Harpenden Trust

"Harpenden has been a magnificent example of how a whole community can come together to deliver a truly outstanding result. I would like to congratulate and thank you for your effort to date." Words from Matt Hancock (Health Secretary) to Harpenden MP Bim Afolami, praising the work of the Harpenden Vaccination Centre. To date over 33,000 vaccinations against Covid-19 have been administered in the Harpenden Public Halls.

And none of this would have been possible without the Harpenden Trust organising and training an army of willing volunteers from Harpenden. A brilliant example of the Harpenden Trust's reason for being - supporting our community here in AL5.

The first COVID-19 vaccine was granted regulatory approval on 2 December by the UK medicines regulator MHRA. An important day for all of us in the UK, but no one at the Harpenden Trust would have anticipated just how significant that decision would turn out to be for them.



On 4th December The Harpenden Trust was approached by Zoe Matthews (CEO of St Albans & Harpenden GP Federation) to ask if we might be able to help with the vaccine rollout in Harpenden by providing volunteers to work at the vaccination centre. "Of course- we will do whatever we can" was the immediate reaction- although we were unsure at the time what might be involved.

The first job was to see whether there was anyone in Harpenden who was willing to volunteer at the Vaccination centre.

Richard Nichols (Chairman) and Pat Ring (People Director) were hopeful they could find a few people to join



the team. At 1.30 pm on Sunday 6th December they sent out an email via the Trust and various community groups asking for volunteers. The response was truly extraordinary! We had 205 responses just by 8pm. By 8am the following morning another 168 had arrived. By the end of the week we had over 700 people who had responded to say they were happy to volunteer. The people of Harpenden had exceeded all our expectations- it was wonderful.

All those willing volunteers now needed organising in to a work force with a rota. The Vaccination Centre opening hours are from 8.30 am – 6.30 pm. To give reasonable shifts and maximum flexibility to our volunteers we broke each day down into 2.5 hours slots. Volunteer roles cover areas such as both indoor and outdoor marshalling, administration support at the main entrance desk and staffing the post-vaccination Observation Room. We are responsible for stewarding and checking in all patients, and ensuring their safety in terms of social distancing once in the halls.

To fulfil these roles a rota for a week made up of 360 slots was drawn up. Huge printed spreadsheets outlining each role and time slot were produced. A team of Trust volunteers created a call centre, contacting each of the respondents in order- speaking directly to them to discuss the roles. Quickly each of the 360 slots on the sheets was filled with a regular weekly commitment from over 300 volunteers.

Once the volunteers were signed up, safeguarding checks needs to be carried out. Here, another team sprang in to action to speed up the process to ensure we could begin vaccinating as soon as possible. Every Trust volunteer needs 2 references so Mike Gosling followed these up. They also needed Enhanced DBS checks that required an application form and 3 pieces of documentation- all of which needed to be copied, collated and used in the application. James Johnson ran this process- applying for over 400 DBS checks in the past 5 months.

This was all happening at the busiest time of year for the Trust- the appeal

money was being counted; Christmas parcels were going out. At the same time we needed to observe strict Covid protocols and social distancing measures! The team took 3 days of rest at Christmas, but were all back in again on Bank Holiday Monday 28th December. Everyone was working to get Harpenden vaccinated as soon as possible.

At the end of December Harpenden Heath PCN chose the Public Halls as the vaccination venue. We visited with David Hems, Clinical Director of the Harpenden PCN. Job specifications were provided by the PCN for each volunteer role. The layout and processes were worked out. It was all starting to feel very real.

At the last minute we realised we had not thought about parking. Thankfully rail operator Thameslink stepped forward by making space available for free at the station's car park for drivers giving lifts to the elderly and vulnerable arriving for their jabs, as well as for volunteers and staff. Another problem solved!

Finally the big day arrived...Wednesday 13th January Harpenden Public Halls opened for COVID vaccinations. The atmosphere was extraordinary- there was a real buzz of excitement. The volunteers, the healthcare professionals and the patients were all so happy to be there and to get the vaccination programme in Harpenden underway.

And so it has continued over the past 5 months. Winter snow we first experienced has given way to summer sunshine. It still has a special atmosphere in there today. Being there is a very positive experience for both patients and volunteers- everyone has a smile on their face and usually a spring in their step as they leave. The Harpenden Trust is very proud to be involved in such an important programme.



Vaccination Centre by numbers

605 Harpenden residents applied to volunteer at the vaccination centre

Over **400** volunteers have regularly worked at the Vaccination centre

That's over **20,700** hours of volunteering to the end of June

Over **33,000** vaccinations have so far been given to Harpenden residents

Well done!

We are also proud to have received recognition for every volunteers' hard work at the Harpenden Vaccination Centre.

Hertfordshire NHS recently awarded certificates of recognition to the surgeries that stand-out in Hertfordshire for their dedication and commitment to vaccinating their patients on the learning disability register. All three of the Harpenden Surgeries were recognised. Hilary Gardner, Strategic Liaison Nurse at Hertfordshire Primary Health, wrote to us noting that, "It is now evident to me that their success as surgeries was attributed to the amazing joint work of the care coordination from the PCN and the fantastic support of the Harpenden Trust"



The work of the volunteers was also recognised and praised by Matt Hancock, the Health Secretary in a letter to Bim Afolami MP



The Harpenden Trust, led by Pat Ring and Richard Nichols have managed the volunteer effort, identifying over 700 volunteers eager to support the effort. I have heard about how efficient they have been and the warm welcoming atmosphere they have created.

Harpenden has been a magnificent example of how a whole community can come together to deliver a truly outstanding result. I would like to congratulate and thank you

A Community that cares

The vaccination programme in Harpenden has shown once again what a wonderful community we have here in Harpenden.

The vaccine rollout was a huge challenge for the PCN at a time when GPs were already under enormous pressure due to Covid -19. The Trust members, and the many people from Harpenden who willingly volunteered, stepped up to alleviate some of that pressure at a crucial time. The community has supported our local GPs so they are able to continue their essential roles in supporting the health of the Harpenden community.

The Harpenden community has also shown its appreciation for the Trust volunteers – for which we would like to say a huge thank you. Local businesses including Costa Coffee, Thompsons Close Café and the Silver Palate have provided refreshments for volunteers. Harpenden residents have also been extremely kind; bringing in cakes, chocolates and other goodies. Word quickly gets around the volunteers when there are treats in the kitchen- and they are certainly much appreciated by all the volunteers at the end of a shift!

Odd job Bob

The Public Halls are a wonderful facility- but they were never designed with the vaccination centre in mind. As you might expect as few things needed fixing or setting up.

In stepped Harpenden Trust member Bob Ring. A trained engineer Bob proved to be an excellent handyman. Each day he was presented with a list of jobs to help the smooth running of the centre.

Thanks to Bob lighting was rigged up outside so patients could see their way in to the Halls during the darker winter afternoons- another way the Trust ensured the safety of the community.



Bob & Pat Ring- both contributed to the success of the Vaccination Centre

A Big Thank You

The Vaccination Centre has been a huge community effort

Richard Nichols, Chairman of the Harpenden Trust, said:

"It has been such an amazing community response and a joy to have been part of.

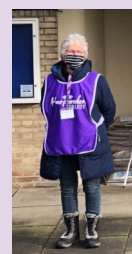
On behalf of the Harpenden Trust, I would like to say a big thank you to the huge number of local residents who stepped forward following our appeal for help to support the vaccination process in Harpenden.

It has been a huge project to manage but has been made substantially easier with the help of our fantastic volunteers.

We are so pleased to have played our small part in supporting our local GP practices and local residents through this critical period."

Tale of the tabards

The bright purple Harpenden Trust tabards are now a familiar sight around the Public Halls. They are a brilliant way for everyone to identify the volunteers. However, when the vaccination centre first opened they posed a bit of a problem. We only had 60 tabards, which were being used everyday by the 60 volunteers. At the end of the day all those had to be washed and dried to be ready for new volunteers to wear them the following day. Trust member Sue Cumming volunteered to take them home and wash and dry all 60 every day. So they were dropped off with her at 7pm each evening and collected again at 7am the following morning.



Sue in her tabard

Overnight her house must have been draped in purple! Thankfully, we were able to source a new supply and now every volunteer has their own tabard, which they can take home and wash, and Sue's house has been able to get back to normal!

Meet our volunteers

The Harpenden trust has over 600 volunteers in a huge variety of roles. Here we meet just a few of them to find out what they do, why they volunteer and what they get from their work with the Harpenden Trust.

Are you interested in joining us as a volunteer?

Would you like to make a difference to your life and the lives of those around you in Harpenden?

The Harpenden Trust has a large range of opportunities for volunteers to get involved, for those of you who just have a few hours to spare and those who have time for a more regular commitment; there is something to suit everyone.

We have roles for regular volunteers, Christmas volunteers (especially collectors for our annual Christmas appeal) and for occasional volunteers who may have particular skills or interests.

To find out more about how you can get involved please contact us by calling 01582 460457 or email us at admin@theharpendentrust.org.uk.

Jen - Office Administrator

Hello! My name is Jen, mum of three small people, and originally from Yorkshire. I moved to London after my degree to find work and I have worked in retail head offices for twenty years as a Merchandiser. With three small children I don't have a huge amount of time for hobbies but I do really enjoy cooking, music and walking (alone!) when I get the time.

I had always wanted to volunteer at a charity. Recent events made me realise this was the right time. I was made redundant from two roles in three years. During the pandemic I had some time to evaluate what I wanted to do going forward. Volunteering at the Trust seemed an obvious choice - I could use my administration skills whilst also helping the community.

So I started volunteering at the Trust this year. My role was put on hold due to the pandemic and having to home school my children, but I finally started in March.

I currently work in the Harpenden Trust offices as an administrator.

I spend a few hours a week answering phone calls, reading emails and opening mail whilst doing additional tasks in the office. I am also currently involved in

organising schedules for a mini film about the Harpenden Trust scheduled to be shown at the AGM. This involves lots of communication, emails and phone calls as well as face-to-face meetings.

I really enjoy meeting the wider community in our town and knowing that the Trust makes a huge difference to so many people. I would urge anyone who is considering volunteering to offer help to the Trust as there are so many different ways you can be involved. You can offer an hour of your time or a whole day; there are so many options.

Everyone I have met is so friendly and my few hours a week are one of my highlights!



Sarah - Lead at Vaccination Centre

"Hi! I'm Sarah, I've been volunteering for The Harpenden Trust's Christmas Appeal as a collector for a couple of years.

When the COVID pandemic hit I volunteered for the Harpenden Cares Helpline, a joint enterprise with other local groups to help those who were shielding with shopping and prescriptions.

I then moved to the Vaccination Centre at the Public Halls. I feel privileged to have been a small part of that superb team effort. The first cohort of seniors were so pleased to be out and were a joy to help. Friends and neighbours met for the first time in months as they waited for their vaccination.

For me, the volunteering experience demonstrated the spirit of camaraderie in Harpenden that was just waiting to be tapped into. I've made new friends and I know that The Harpenden Trust will continue to be part of my life when this crisis is over."



Gordon- Home Visitor

Gordon lives in Harpenden and is now enjoying retirement and a slower pace of life. He's a keen gardener and runs an allotment. He's also an ardent rugby and train fan and a cat lover.

He started volunteering with the Trust as an Appeal Collector at Christmas 2013. Having enjoyed this role he joined the Home visits team in the following year.

The Home Visits team is part of the Care Fund, helping families and individuals with small grants in the form of food vouchers, help with utility bills, school uniform and any other reasonable requests within a specific area of Harpenden.

Home visitors are authorised to spend up to £200 for each visit. In normal times we visit clients in their homes, although that has not been possible since March last year. We are hoping to be able to resume that service again once restrictions permit.

Gordon says

"I saw an ad asking for volunteers for the Trust and that coincided with my looking for another volunteering role. The attraction of the Trust to me is that local people fund it for the benefit of local people, so is essentially a self-help group supporting our community.

I really enjoy the feeling that, even with modest resources, we make a difference-



helping people get through short-term financial problems.

It has been very rewarding for me that we have been able to help children behind in their learning with laptops. I personally feel very strongly that we must help children in any way we can in their education. The Trust is very different now to when I started. There are many more roles, something to suit everyone. This is an opportunity to directly support our local community - something I have got a lot from too."

The Trust is committed to embracing diversity and promoting equality and inclusion when recruiting volunteers and welcomes applications from people of all backgrounds and skills. We provide appropriate training for all our volunteers and have adopted a range of policies to support them in their roles.

Kids Corner

Can you find these local Harpenden places and activities hidden in this grid ?

S	I	P	R	E	K	K	E	D	Y	L	F	B	E
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ROTHAMSTEAD
PUBLIC HALLS
GOLF
PARK
SPORTS CENTRE
LYDEKKE
COMMON
STATION
SOUTHDOWN
RIVER LEA
BATFORD
TRUST
SWIMMING
HARPENDEN
CRICKET
NICKEY LINE

Why I love Harpenden

What's your favourite place in Harpenden, or what do you enjoy doing here?

We would love to know!

Write in and tell us for your chance to see it printed in our newsletter

Please include your name, age, what you think is special in Harpenden and a photo of the place or your activity. We also need your parent or guardian's name and email address and their written permission for us to publish your words and picture.

Please email to
admin@theharpenderitrust.org.uk
We promise not to use your contact details for anything else

Teatime trivia

Test your general knowledge with our fun quiz (answers below)

- What was the Turkish city of Istanbul called before 1930?
- Name the Coffee shop in US sitcom Friends
- What is the capital of New Zealand?
- From what grain is the Japanese spirit Sake made?
- What is the name of the 1976 film about the Watergate scandal, starring Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman?
- What is the currency of Denmark?
- What was the old name for a Snickers bar before it changed in 1990?
- What is the smallest planet in our solar system?
- What is the most sold flavour of Walker's crisps?
- What's longer, a nautical mile or a mile?
- Which European city hosted the 1936 Summer Olympics?
- Name the first actor to play Dumbledore in the Harry Potter films.
- Name all five Brontë sisters
- How many hearts does an octopus have?
- How many stripes are there on the US flag?
- What country has the most islands in the world?
- Which language has the most words (according to dictionary entries)?
- When did they open the London underground?
- Name Disney's first film?
- How many different teams have won the Premier League since the start of the inaugural season in 1992/93?

Answers: 1: Constantinople 2: Central Perk 3: Wellington 4: Rice 5: All the President's Men 6: Krone 7: Marathon 8: Mercury 9: Cheese and Onion 10: Nautical mile (it's 1.15 miles) 11: Berlin 12: Richard Harris 13: Emily, Elizabeth, Charlotte, Anne and Maria 14: 3 15: 13 16: Sweden, over 220,000 17: English, 200,000 words 18: 1863 19: Snow White, 1937 20: 12

Harpenden Well Being Hub- Our New Initiative



SUPPORTED BY

Harpenden Health PCN

◆ Davenport House Surgery
◆ The Elms Medical Practice
◆ The Village Surgery

Harpenden TRUST
Supporting Our Community

Mind
for better mental health
in Mid Herts

We are delighted to introduce our involvement in a new initiative; the Harpenden Wellbeing Hub - supporting better mental health in our town.

The Harpenden Trust is partnering with our local GPs and MIND in Mid Herts in this project.

Dr Tania Goodwin from The Village Surgery explains more:
"As a GP, my colleagues and I understand only too well that there is a two way relationship between wellbeing and health; health influences wellbeing and wellbeing itself influences health. In a year where we have all experienced increased exposure to stresses and lost many of the coping mechanisms we had come to rely on, there has never been a more important mental health

awareness week than the one this year. As we move gradually out of lockdown and head on the road to recovery, it is the perfect time for us all to consider what interventions we can take part in to improve our wellbeing. These might be social, community or physical activities. The three Harpenden GP practices recognise the importance of wellbeing on health and are now working in partnership with The Harpenden Trust and MIND to set up a wellbeing hub for our local community.

We encourage anyone who runs a group/activity encompassing well-being (or who has a desire to run one) to email us if they'd like to be involved. We would love to hear from you."

Contact us
at wellbeing@theharpenderitrust.org.uk

Science fun at the Trust Halls

Mini Professors, one of our regular hirers, are back on Friday mornings in our Renwick Hall exploring the wonders of science. The programme has been designed specifically for 2 to 5 year olds, where children can explore science whilst also having loads of fun and generally getting stuck in!



Harpenden Arts Club Annual Exhibition

Friday 29th to Sunday 31st October
Open 10am – 5pm (to 4pm on last day)
Harpenden Trust Centre
Free entry

Harpenden Trust Halls reopen for hire!

The Harpenden Trust centre has been there for the community over the past year as the “headquarters” for the volunteer work The Trust has carried out during the pandemic. This includes running the ‘Harpenden Cares’ call centre, managing the hugely successful Christmas appeal and coordinating the workforce for the vaccination centre in the Public Halls.

We are very excited that we are now able to further support the community by reopening our halls for regular hire in line with Government guidance. Our regular hirers offer a myriad of different groups, societies, classes and more so there’s something here for everyone whatever your interests.

Did you know we have two halls available to hire at very competitive prices?

We can offer the larger Renwick Hall and the smaller Randall Room. Both are well equipped with tables and chairs, newly-fitted projection screens, amplification equipment and free wi-fi. For your security and peace of mind we are following Covid secure procedures so you can book our halls with

complete confidence that you will get the perfect, safe venue for your members.

The Trust Halls are conveniently located at 90 Southdown Road- just opposite The Plough and Harrow. Free parking is moments away and the 321 bus stops right outside the door. We are fully accessible for the disabled and less mobile. We really are welcoming to all!

At this time, we are hoping to be able to reopen for Children’s Parties and one-off hires from 1st September (depending on Government guidance in place at the time)- we are taking provisional bookings now.

Please take a look at our website for more details on all we can offer.

For bookings please contact our friendly bookings team by emailing bookings@theharpendentrust.org.uk

Thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to our many regular hirers for their understanding, flexibility and support during the past year. We are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back.

CONTACT US

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(weekdays between 10.00 & 12.00)

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