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# CYCLE STRATEGY LAUNCHED



The Heritage Foundation is leading on a cycling strategy for the town and we need your help!

**Since last autumn we've been working with transport advisors and local groups to explore where improvements could be made to the cycle routes and streets within the town. The analysis has been completed and we've now got some fantastic suggestions on how to move forward.**

These include:

- Town centre bicycle parking improvements
- Improving the route across Norton Common
- Better access for cyclists to North Herts Leisure Centre
- Extending the programme of cycle training

But for the next steps, we need you! We want to know your views on the proposed improvements and want to hear what suggestions you have for other enhancements.

Graham Fisher, Chief Executive of the Foundation, said: "I'm really pleased to be able to launch the consultation for Letchworth's cycling strategy and really hope residents let us know what they think and what they want us to consider. Cycling is a fantastic way to keep

fit and a great way to explore the green spaces within the town and of course the Greenway surrounding us. Whether you cycle with friends, family or on your own; for work or for pleasure, your views are very welcome."

The cycling consultation will close on Friday 20 July. Responses will then be collated and the revised strategy presented to the local authority, who we will support with implementation.

For a full listing of proposals and to share your views visit [letchworth.com/cycling-strategy](http://letchworth.com/cycling-strategy), write to us at Foundation House, Icknield Way, Letchworth SG6 1GD or email [response@letchworth.com](mailto:response@letchworth.com)

## Foundation supports Garden House Hospice Care

The Garden House Hospice Care in Letchworth has taken delivery of 12 new specialist chairs for its Inpatient Unit thanks to a £7,970 grant from the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation.

*Pictured: Sue Plummer (Chief Executive) and Christine Johnson (Senior Sister) from Garden House Hospice; Kevin Jones (Nominated Governor), Lynda Needham (Nominated Governor) and Pam Burn (General Governor), from Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation*



## Commemorative poppies in bloom

To mark 100 years since the end of the First World War, we teamed up with scouts, guides and cadets from around Letchworth to take part in poppy planting on the Greenway. The planting took place in January as part of a national Ribbon of Poppies event marking the anniversary and the flowers are now in bloom.



## 40 years of Town Twinning



Photo – David Levett

Celebrations will be taking place later this summer to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Town Twinning Treaty between Chagny, a small town in the Burgundy region of France, and Letchworth Garden City.

Jon Marshall, Chairman of Letchworth Twinning Association commented: "Over the years residents of both towns have enjoyed visits across the Channel and today friendships exist between generations of residents. We're looking forward to celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a special trip in August.

He added: "What makes our programme stand out is that it is very much by the people for the people, as opposed to council led. Everyone in Letchworth is welcome to join in and you don't need to speak another language."

Letchworth's other Twin Town is Wissen in Germany and Letchworth recently played host to visitors from the town (pictured). If you are interested in learning more about Twinning or in the visit to Chagny please contact Jon on **01462 673956** for more details.

## TOWN CENTRE PARKING UPDATE

The Broadway Gardens Car Park (located at what was Plinston Hall) is open daily and ideal for commuters and long stay visitors. Charges are £4 a day or £16 a week. Separately, please be advised the car-park immediately on the left as you turn off Broadway into Morrison's is now permit holders only. Morrison's also has a three-hour parking restriction.

## LAST CHANCE TO SEE Barry Parker: Architecture For All

There's still time to see **Barry Parker: Architecture For All**, an exhibition celebrating the life and works of Barry Parker, one of the unsung heroes of the Arts & Crafts movement. The exhibition runs at Broadway Gallery until 15 July.

Parker, along with his business partner Raymond Unwin, created the template for the Garden Cities. He believed passionately that architecture and thoughtful planning of community spaces could change lives – Letchworth Garden City was his masterpiece and his home for more than 40 years.

The exhibition showcases a selection of the 4,500 historical objects from the Parker Collection alongside a project by artist Katherine Mager,

working in collaboration with the Gallery and Collection. *Living History* explores the legacy of Barry Parker's architecture in Letchworth today, through a series of photographs and interviews with current residents of Parker homes.

An evening walking tour led by the exhibition curator will take place between 5pm and 7pm on Friday 13 July, taking in highlights of Parker's Letchworth. Tickets are free and available by calling **01462 476110**.



## Join us at our Garden City Meeting



The 2018 Garden City Meeting will take place on **28 June** at Spirella Ballroom on Bridge Road. The meeting is a chance to meet the teams who run our charitable services and venues including Standalone Farm, Broadway Cinema and Theatre, Broadway Gallery and the Garden City Collection, as well as staff from our property, grants and heritage advisory teams.

Doors open at 6.30pm with the meeting getting underway at 7pm. For more information email [response@lethworth.com](mailto:response@lethworth.com)

## Foundation moves eco-friendly

We've been looking at how eco-friendly we are and have made some significant changes to cut down on waste and improve recycling across all our sites, including our head office. Broadway Cinema and Theatre will now be selling water in recyclable cans instead of plastic bottles. In addition, plastic straws are out and recyclable cups are in! At the Farm work is underway to develop a 'show and tell' conservation area with plenty of good ideas for visitors to recreate at home.



HERTS JAZZ  
FESTIVAL  
2018



## Herts Jazz Festival to be held at Broadway Theatre

Broadway Theatre will host this year's Herts Jazz Festival on 6-7 October, bringing some of the UK's finest jazz musicians to the town. This is the first time the festival will be held outside Welwyn Garden City and it's a fantastic endorsement of Broadway as a leading arts venue in the region.

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Beth Dawes, Marketing Manager Broadway Theatre, said: "The Herts Jazz Festival has a fantastic reputation and we're delighted to welcome them to Broadway Theatre this year. It's a great opportunity for local people to come and see some live performances."

For further information visit [broadway-lethworth.com](http://broadway-lethworth.com)

Matt Peak  
Finance Director



# Annual Report:

## Annual financial results are published

“ This has enabled us to invest £7,812,000 back into the town in the financial year as our charitable expenditure.

We have published our annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017.

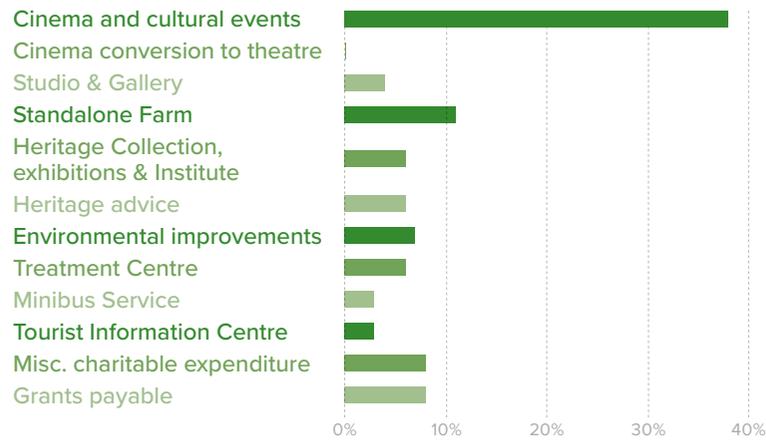
All the work we do in the community from running our Cinema and Theatre to providing a minibus service and free health services at the Ernest Gardiner Treatment Centre is funded via the rental income from our property portfolio.

This has enabled us to invest £7,812,000 back into the town in the financial year as our charitable expenditure.



Return from investment activities, £m

### Breakdown of Charitable Expenditure in 2017\*



\* Excluding Charitable Support Costs

## FIND OUT MORE

These figures are from our audited annual accounts which set out a full summary of our financial performance. The full report is available to download from [letchworth.com/2017accounts](http://letchworth.com/2017accounts) or collect a printed copy from the Tourist Information Centre.



# Meet our new Governors

We are delighted to welcome three new Governors: two Nominated Governors who were put forward by local groups and clubs and one General Governor.



**Sam Royston**  
(Nominated Governor for Social Welfare and the Relief of Poverty)

Sam is policy director at The Children's Society and is also the outgoing chair of End Child Poverty, a coalition of around 100 charities, faith and community organisations campaigning for an end to child poverty in the UK. Sam has lived in Letchworth's Wilbury ward for five years now and has loved being part of the distinctive and ever changing local community. Until recently he was also a trustee of the local Citizens Advice Bureau.

**Sam says:**  
“ Addressing poverty and improving the social welfare of local residents has always been at the very heart of The Heritage Foundation's values. In my role I want to work to make sure that the Foundation does everything it can to act on these values, so that no one in Letchworth is excluded from taking part in the life of the town as a result of poverty or other social disadvantage. ”



**Adam Grant**  
(Nominated Governor for Preservation of Buildings and Other Items of Historical Interest)

Adam is an architect specialising in historic and listed buildings. His love for the historic environment informs his work; enabling it to not only be conserved, but to thrive and live on for future generations. Alongside his work commitments Adam is also an active member of Transition Town Letchworth.

**Adam says:**  
“ I have a young family, and since moving to Letchworth I have discovered what a great place it is to bring up children. I feel the strong sense of community which is present in Letchworth and I'm keen to see Letchworth evolve and become a more sustainable town which utilises the historic environment to its best potential whilst creating better communities for all. ”



**Gary Mallett**  
(General Governor)

Gary currently works within the children's services team at Hertfordshire County Council where he is responsible for co-ordinating the training provision for the 3000 members of staff and multi-agency partners. He formerly worked at North Hertfordshire Homes (NHH) where he was a key member of the Local Safety Partnership leading a multi-agency project on tackling anti-social and environmental projects.

**Gary says:**  
“ I'm looking forward to working with the Heritage Foundation to support the people and families of Letchworth to thrive. My family and I are regulars at Standalone Farm and the Kids Club at the Cinema. We're so lucky to have such great facilities on our doorstep and I'm keen to ensure all families across Letchworth are able to access them. ”

Would you like to be a Foundation Governor?

We are looking for new Governors to join us and welcome applications from across the community. For more details visit [letchworth.com](http://letchworth.com) or email [response@letchworth.com](mailto:response@letchworth.com)

# The Amazing Bubble Man comes to Broadway

We chatted to Louis Pearl, **The Amazing Bubble Man**, who is coming to Broadway all the way from the USA.

## What did you do before becoming The Amazing Bubble Man?

I studied literature and art at university. I thought I would be a writer of some sort. Then I stumbled into making toys as a way to earn a living. I began in 1980 by selling my first toy, the Bubble Trumpet and I had to spend hours demonstrating how to make large bubbles. Pretty soon I learned some bubble tricks. Eventually, it became apparent that I should do stage shows with bubbles. I did my first show in 1983, and haven't stopped since!

## Most people use washing up detergent to make bubbles, do you have a special formula?

I have always said that in the bubble business, the problem is the solution. I encourage people to make their own solutions and there are many recipes available online. An easy recipe is water and original Fairy liquid, about 16 parts water to 1 part Fairy. To make the bubbles stay moist, I would add some glycerin. To get the super big bubbles you need to add gums that allow the bubbles to stretch. Try guar or zanthan gum for starters!

## How does the weather affect your bubbles?

The most important ingredient in any bubble solution is humidity. A soap film is incredibly thin, and it is mostly made of water. When the water evaporates, the wall of the bubble is so thin that a piece of dust can penetrate it and pop the bubbles. That is one reason why I like working in the UK, you tend to have a lot of moisture in your air. Doing bubbles in the desert is much more difficult. Also, the slightest moving air will blow the bubbles away. Theatres can be a real problem for me as the heating and cooling systems can turn on and blow my whole stage show away. I have to ask theatres to turn off the ventilation systems while the show is on!

## What can we expect from your show?

A lot of amazing bubbles, fun, laughter, beauty, and wonder. I use lots of effects to create the bubbles including lighting, lasers, helium, steam, lots of stage fog, and 30 years of wrangling bubbles into every imaginable shape, from square bubbles to huge bubbles, doughnut bubbles, people in bubbles, volcanoes, tornadoes, rocket bubbles, flying saucers, alien creatures and flying foam!



The Amazing Bubble Man is performing at Broadway Theatre on **Saturday 1 September** at 2pm. Tickets are £12, £10 concessions and £38 for a family of four, and are available from [broadway-leitchworth.com](http://broadway-leitchworth.com)

## We all know that Letchworth loves a trip to the Cinema...

So what have been the biggest blockbusters at Broadway in the first part of 2018, and how does this compare to the rest of the UK?

### ▶ JANUARY-APRIL 2018

IN THE UK*	BROADWAY <sup>1</sup>	ADMISSIONS
<b>BLACK PANTHER</b> Released 13 February 2018	<b>PETER RABBIT</b> Released 16 March 2018	9447
<b>PETER RABBIT</b> Released 16 March 2018	<b>DARKEST HOUR</b> Released 12 January 2018	7358
<b>DARKEST HOUR</b> Released 12 January 2018	<b>BLACK PANTHER</b> Released 13 February 2018	6114
<b>COCO</b> Released 19 January 2018	<b>AVENGERS: INFINITY WAR</b> Released 26 April 2018	3215
<b>FIFTY SHADES FREED</b> Released 9 February 2018	<b>THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING, MISSOURI</b> Released 12 January 2018	3088
<b>READY PLAYER ONE</b> Released 28 March 2018	<b>COCO</b> Released 19 January 2018	3491
<b>THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING, MISSOURI</b> Released 12 January 2018	<b>EARLY MAN</b> Released 26 January 2018	2490
<b>EARLY MAN</b> Released 26 January 2018	<b>THE POST</b> Released 19 January 2018	2244
<b>THE POST</b> Released 19 January 2018	<b>STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI</b> Released 14 December 2017	2140
<b>A QUIET PLACE</b> Released 5 April 2018	<b>FINDING YOUR FEET</b> Released 23 February 2018	2099

\*Data from boxofficemojo.com

## WHAT WILL BE THE BIG FILMS AT BROADWAY FOR THE REST OF 2018?

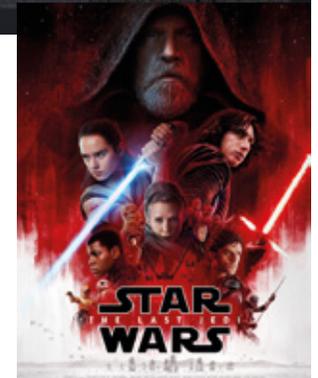


**OCEAN'S 8**  
Released **22 June**  
Sandra Bullock plays criminal mastermind Debbie Ocean, who brings together seven other female thieves try to pull off the heist of the century at New York's annual Met Gala.

**MAMMA MIA: HERE WE GO AGAIN!**  
Released **20 July**  
The first Mamma Mia was one of our biggest films ever, so we're sure you'll all be back to watch part 2! Sophie (Amanda Seyfried) finds out more about her mother's past, with more ABBA hits along the way.

**FANTASTIC BEASTS: THE CRIMES OF GRINDELWALD**  
Released **16 November**  
The second instalment of the Harry Potter spin-off franchise, with Jude Law coming on board as a young Albus Dumbledore.

**MARY POPPINS RETURNS**  
Released **25 December**  
In Depression-era London, a now-grown Jane and Michael Banks, along with Michael's three children, are visited by the enigmatic Mary Poppins following a personal loss. Starring Emily Blunt and Meryl Streep.



# Summer fun at Standalone Farm

As is now traditional, Standalone Farm will be running a fantastic events programme throughout the summer. Entry to all events is included with admission to the Farm.

## Circus Skills with Alight Fingers 30 July to 3 August

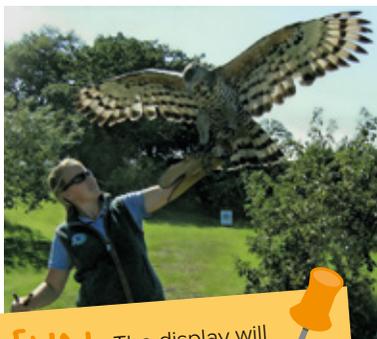
Ever thought about running away with the circus? Find out if you have what it takes with circus skills sessions to kickstart the summer schedule! Learn how to juggle, walk on stilts and clown around with drop in sessions throughout the day, this will be a great way to tire out the kids!



**FUN FACT** Ex-calvary soldier Philip Astley is credited with having the first circus in the UK – he started an equestrian show in London in 1768.

## CJS Falconry Display 6 to 10 August

Watch these majestic creatures swoop and soar as the Farm welcomes the fantastic CJS Falconry team. With audience interaction and the chance to get up close and personal, these displays offer the chance to see these birds at their best, in the sky! The team will even allow little farmers to pose for some photos with these amazing birds after the show.



**FUN FACT** The display will include owls, goshawks, eagles, buzzards and falcons!

## Dog and Duck Show 13 to 17 August

This entertaining sheepdog and duck herding display is a favourite with audiences of all ages. Watch how Richard and his sheepdog sidekicks herd the ducks through a variety of obstacles. This really is fun for all the family!

**FUN FACT** The phrase "That'll do" tells a sheepdog to come back to the farmer.

For more information about all Farm events, visit [standalonefarm.com](http://standalonefarm.com) or follow us on Facebook!



## Andrei Burton Trial Bike Show 20 to 24 August

Andrei Burton is the UK's premiere mountain bike trials athlete, and we're thrilled that he's bringing his team to the Farm. Watch the team perform gravity-defying stunts that will leave the whole family amazed and inspired.

**FUN FACT** Andrei has been in the top 10 mountain bikers in the world for the past 6 years.

## Donkey Rides 27 to 31 August

Mike will be bringing his lovely donkeys back to the Farm this summer. Rides will take place throughout the day. As with all donkey rides there are weight, height and age restrictions to take part, however Mike's donkeys love the attention and are always happy to pose for a photo with not-so-little farmers!

**FUN FACT** Donkeys have a great memory – they can recognise old donkey friends from 25 years ago!

# Family Arts Studio

Have you been to the Family Arts Studio at Broadway Gallery? The Gallery team wants to make sure that every child in Letchworth can explore their creative side with these **free** monthly art activities.



Laura Dennis  
Broadway Gallery  
Curator



## Family Arts Studio is going on the road!

This year we are taking the Family Arts Studio out into the Letchworth community, starting with the Food and Drink Festival at the end of May. Look out for more events throughout the year!

Would you like us to visit you? We would love to hear from schools, youth groups and event organisers in Letchworth who would like free art activities for children at their meeting or event. Email [broadway@lethworth.com](mailto:broadway@lethworth.com) to make an enquiry.

The sessions are run in the Studio space above Broadway Gallery on the second Sunday of every month. With a different hands-on activity every time, Family Arts Studios are completely free to attend, and there's no booking required – families can simply drop in any time between 10am and 1pm.

Absolutely everyone is welcome and these sessions are a fantastic opportunity for children to be able to express themselves using arts and crafts. Previous months have seen us have fun with painting, weaving, mobile-making and models. And there's no need to clear up at the end!

Family Arts Studios may be free but they are led by professional artists, such as well-known Letchworth artist Vanessa Stone, who comments "They are great to be involved in as I get to

work with lots of lovely families from the local area. It's just wonderful to see families make and create art together, and really good to be able to pass on my skills and experience."

The next Family Arts Studios are:

- Sun 8 July – Home Decorating
- Sun 12 August – Bright & Beautiful
- Sun 9 September – Fabric Fun

Drop in any time between 10am and 1pm. Activities are open to all, but are aimed at accompanied children aged 3+ and their families.



## First children's exhibition held this summer

This summer, Broadway Gallery is hosting an exhibition specifically for children – **Great & Small: Animals in Craft**. Selected from the Crafts Council Collection, the exhibition encourages children to explore our age-old fascination with representing animals, and to learn how people make crafts by hand.

**Great & Small** will display modern and contemporary crafts that introduce children to how makers create functional and beautiful objects, which might depict animals in a realistic or abstract way.

Children can discover the symbolism of certain animals, how we represent domestic and wild animals, and the techniques that are used in craft-making today.

As well as looking at the craft works on display, children can take part in hands-on and interactive activities, and come to events and workshops in the Gallery's top

floor Studio space. This will be an accessible, exciting exhibition that engages children in the animal kingdom and lets them express their own creativity.

**Great & Small: Animals in Craft** will be at Broadway Gallery from **Saturday 28 July to Sunday 14 October 2018**.

Tiger, Anteater, Zebra, W77a, W77b, W77c, Jim Edmiston, 1988. Photo: Todd-White Art Photography, courtesy of the Crafts Council.



Elizabeth Towler  
Environmental Landscape  
Manager



## Foundation ‘buzzing’ to support local bee habitat

**We’ve teamed up with The North Herts Beekeeper Association (NHBKA) to improve the habitat for some local bees.**

Focusing on the hives that are kept near Willian Arboretum, our recent works have provided an essential water source. During the drier months of the year the ditch that runs through the site dries up, causing the bees to have to travel further to find water, using more energy and subsequently producing less honey.



This pond will not only help the bees in the area, but also benefit other wildlife including frogs, toads and dragonflies, with the area being monitored over the coming months and years to ensure that it continues to provide maximum benefit to its local ecosystem.

### Did you know?



A bee’s wings beat 190 times a second, that’s 11,400 times a minute!

## 2018 GARDENING MASTERCLASSES

Our ever popular gardening masterclasses are back and running until late autumn. Mark the dates in your diary, reserve your spot and come and pick-up some tips.

All sessions are free, but booking is essential. More information [letchworth.com](http://letchworth.com)

### DATES

**22 September**  
Seed saving and collection

**6 October**  
Autumn pruning

**3 November**  
Introduction to garden design



## Greenway improvements



As we enter our last year of funding from the Countryside Stewardship, we are prioritising making improvements to the Greenway route itself. Improvements to the surface have started along the most problematic places, including Radwell Meadows and towards Letchworth Gate. There will be many more path repairs in different parts of the Greenway throughout the season and we will be erecting signs prior to works to give advance warning if the route is temporarily compromised.

In addition to the surface improvements, we purchased 70 new bollards last year and are currently installing these where existing ones have deteriorated, as well as adding new ones to help people better navigate the Greenway.

Many of the margins around the estate were re-sown with pollen and nectar mixes during April and May. These are created to attract bees and butterflies, providing a vital food source across the estate, while also creating habitats for small mammals and insects.

These margins have to be re-sown on a fairly regular basis to retain the right mix of wildflowers and reduce the invasive, more aggressive grass species. A majority of these are in and around the Greenway, so we should see a wonderful floral display here either in late summer or in early next year.

Some areas will be re-sown in early autumn with wild bird seed mix to provide important food resources for farmland birds, especially heading into the winter and spring. The mix produces small seeds suitable either directly as bird food or provide a source of invertebrates for the birds.

Overall, another busy summer on the Greenway!

David Ames  
Head of Strategic  
Planning and  
Development



### Could you be eligible for a Heritage Grant?

**If you live in a house within the Scheme of Management you could be eligible for some financial support to help carry out certain repairs. It’s all part of our commitment to maintain and enhance the town.**

Projects we can help with range from hardstanding removal and the reinstatement of trees, to re-rendering and the installation of doors and windows.

If you live in a home in the Heritage Character Area we can also support with roof tiles and thatching projects and chimneys.

There are some things we can’t support and it’s worth noting we will only consider grants to support work which has already been approved under the Scheme of Management.

Full details can be found at [letchworth.com](http://letchworth.com)



## Local Plan Update

**We have now completed the Public Examination for the Local Plan, held by the Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. We are awaiting the Inspector’s findings, but expect there to be a further stage of consultation by the Council later this year on possible modifications to the Plan as discussed at the Examination sessions.**

We anticipate that should the Plan be adopted, this will take place around Easter next year. We continue to undertake background research to ensure that should the development of sites under our ownership included in the Local Plan proceed, they are of a high quality, with minimal impact. This includes research into important issues such as ecology, archaeology and transportation.

A question we are often asked is ‘What should a Garden City look like?’ Ebenezer Howard did not advocate a particular design, but at the heart of Garden City Principles, is the creation of well designed great places; where people want to live and work. There are many design approaches taken across the world in Garden City schemes, from the beautiful Arts and Crafts design found here in Letchworth Garden City and Hampstead Garden Suburb, neo Georgian in Welwyn Garden City, to modernist architecture found in some of the new towns and

international examples such as in Germany and the Czech Republic.

In order to respond to this we are partnering with the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) this summer to launch a design competition – ‘Re-Imaging the Garden City’. This will be open to architects from across the country and early next year there will be an opportunity for you to give your views on the ideas put forward. As well as looking at the design of buildings, we will also be reviewing entries on master planning, landscaping, building efficiency and urban agriculture and how these reflect modern Garden City living.

In September, should the Local Plan process continue to proceed, we will start discussions with you about the type of housing that should be provided. This will be supplemented by research into local need and partnership working with the Council and local housing associations. We hope that this is something that you will get involved with, as it will help us decide the type of housing that will be provided, should the Local Plan be adopted.

There is plenty of opportunity to help shape the type of development that will be built in our town. For more information, please go to our website at [letchworth.com/local-plan](http://letchworth.com/local-plan)

### Celebrating excellence – the 2018 Heritage Awards

The Heritage Awards are our way of recognising the hard work of homeowners in the town to preserve Letchworth’s unique look and history.

There are two categories for the awards, which cover major and minor works to properties in the town. Entries closed in May and our judges are now picking the category winners. These will then go into a public poll to determine the overall winner, which will be announced in September.



For more information and to keep up to date on category winners, visit [letchworth.com/heritageawards](http://letchworth.com/heritageawards)

Mark Coles  
Head of Property



## TOWN CENTRE UPDATE

Our relocation to our new head office on Broadway has been delayed until later this year, however, plenty of work has been going on behind the scenes to combine our services under one roof.

You may well remember in our last newsletter we asked for volunteers to help us with our service design workshops based around the facilities we provide at the Local & Tourist Information Centre. The project provided us with a great opportunity to look at how we could effectively redesign the service and consider ways to enhance the facilities it could provide to the community and visitors to Letchworth when it moves to a new location. I am looking forward to seeing it take shape over the coming months.

# Zero waste shop comes to town

Earlier this year Bamboo Turtle, Letchworth's first zero-waste, plastic-free store opened in The Arcade.

**Offering a wide selection of food and non-food items, the store has proved incredibly popular since opening, with people bringing their own containers to take their goods home in. Not only do customers save on plastic packaging, they can also purchase items by weight; only buying exactly the amount they need.**

The store is the brainchild of friends Shani and Amanda. "We were actually having afternoon tea in Liverpool when we finally said 'let's do it' and that was that!" explained Amanda. "We had the idea about six months ago, but it's something we've been mulling over for a lot longer than that. From that point it was about six months of planning, researching and sourcing products, locating a place to



Bamboo Turtle can be found in unit 5 in The Arcade. Open from 10am – 4pm Monday to Saturday. Closed Sundays. Follow them on [facebook.com/bambooturtle](https://www.facebook.com/bambooturtle) or visit [bambooturtle.co.uk](http://bambooturtle.co.uk)

set-up shop, until we finally opened in March this year. For me it's been a natural progression really. I recently went vegan and it's the mindfulness and awareness of where there is excessive waste that spurred me to do something about it."

Shani adds: "With a greater media focus on the environment and the way Blue Planet 2 captured people's attention, it seemed a perfect time to use our passion to help others reduce their plastic footprint.

As the world's first Garden City setting up in Letchworth with its early links to vegetarianism and self-sustainability seemed a natural fit. "It's a lovely place and it has such a vibrant community feel," commented Amanda. "Since we've opened the feedback and reaction has been really positive. People feel proud that Letchworth has this kind of store and feel like they're buying in to the beginning of the trend."

And what has been the most popular product so far? "The bamboo toothbrushes and bamboo straws! These are both flying off the shelf!"

## Grants for businesses

**We're working with North Hertfordshire District council and the Business Energy Efficiency (BEE) programme to enable small and medium businesses in North Herts to access grant funding and free energy efficiency reviews.**

Thanks to European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) funding the BEE programme has a limited pot of money to give away. Up to 25% of project costs, to a maximum £20,000 could be covered by the grant.

The types of projects eligible for funding include LED Lighting, Smart Windows, energy-efficient Heating and Cooling Systems and Electric Vehicles.

Businesses are urged to register their interest now at [beecp.org/sign-up](https://www.beecp.org/sign-up) or call **01733 882549** or email [info@beecp.co.uk](mailto:info@beecp.co.uk)



# Brothers open vegan restaurant



**We spoke to brothers Brad and John Vooght, co-owners of Vutie Beets, Letchworth's vegan restaurant which opened earlier this year.**

**Where did the idea to open a vegan restaurant come from?**

Brad: Having been vegan for three years, what became really apparent was the lack of options for people to eat vegan food in the local area. Initially we had the idea to buy and roll out a vegan food truck, but by the time you'd bought a new van and kitted it out the costs worked out the same as having a real bricks and mortar space. So, here we are.

There's also a perception that veganism is a bit militant, so we want to educate people that's not the case.

**What made you decide to open it in Letchworth? What's the reaction been like?**

Brad: Being familiar with the area, Letchworth just seemed like a perfect fit. It's got history when it comes to ideas around food, especially vegetarianism, so we liked the synergy there. There is also a good feel to the place when it comes to trying and embracing new ideas.

**Do you get many non-vegans coming in? How do they react when they try something for the first time?**

Brad: I'd say 90% of people who came in are non-vegan and either curious about the food or looking to make a change in lifestyle. Their reaction when they try something is always one of surprise. I don't



think people realise you can have food so healthy and tasty that comes from all natural ingredients.

**What's been the most popular dish so far?**

John: 100% it's the burgers. The Guac Mac (bean and beet burger, onion rings and guacamole) is probably the most requested. Followed closely by the Neo burger.

**What plans do you have for the future?**

John: We'd like to be able to branch out a bit so that, as well as cooking vegan food, we can also promote the vegan lifestyle. It's not just about non-meat, it's the reasons behind it.

For more information visit [facebook.com/vutiebeets](https://www.facebook.com/vutiebeets)

## SPOTLIGHT NEXUS: REDWOOD BANK



### What?

Redwood Bank is a new business bank offering commercial mortgages for businesses and chart-topping savings accounts for businesses, charities, clubs and associations across Britain. Redwood Bank launched in August 2017 after completing what is considered to be one of the fastest 'licence-to-launches' in UK banking history.

### Who?

The bank was co-founded by Jonathan Rowland and CEO Gary Wilkinson, a Letchworth resident, who was recently named as one of the Top 25 Business Leaders in the UK by CEO Monthly magazine, the only recipient in Hertfordshire. There are currently 45 members of staff and the team continues to grow.

### Why Letchworth?

When searching for their head office location, the team wanted to be north of London and south of the Midlands, ideally in Hertfordshire or Bedfordshire. The Nexus Building in Letchworth Garden City proved to be the ideal location, with an easy commute and a welcoming community. Redwood Bank is the only bank to be headquartered in Hertfordshire.

# SPRING IN YOUR STEP

**Thank you to those who came along to the Active Letchworth focus groups back in March. These workshops along with other valuable feedback played a vital role in shaping our new programme 'Spring in Your Step'.**

This programme has been created to provide a supportive pathway for adults to become more active within their community. By finding suitable groups and classes to take part in, the aim is to increase levels of physical activity as well as social interaction.

Spring in Your Step features a handful of new weekly classes to suit a range of abilities, many of which you can come and try for free! In addition we've put together a continuously growing database of relevant activities currently happening in Letchworth. So if our new classes aren't quite what you're looking for, we are confident that we can work with you to find an alternative option.

If you are, or you know someone who is retired or nearing retirement age and would like to be more active do get in touch with Helen on **01462 476048** or **active@lethworth.com**



**active**  
Letchworth  
supporting community wellbeing

## Success for Community Garden

**Last year we were approached by a group of residents regarding the community garden in Common View.**

Over the years this area had been neglected and the residents wanted to turn it around. They had plans to rejuvenate the allotment which they would all use; they had the skills, knowledge and time, but were struggling to fund the project. They approached the Heritage Foundation for a grant to support a project that would see this unkempt area brought back to life.

Alastair Stewart, Head of Charitable Services commented: "The funding request from the residents of Common View was quite unique in that it was a group of residents coming together as opposed to an established group. We were impressed with the sense

of togetherness that the project had: there was a real sense of community spirit and positivity. These are exactly the types of project we'd like to see more of in the town.

He added: "Quite often people have good ideas about community projects and are unsure where to go with them. I'd urge anyone to pick up the phone or send me an email as we may be able to help."

With the Foundation's support work started on the site in November 2017. With plenty of hard work the 400sqm area has now been brought back to life with crops planted including potatoes, carrot, cauliflower, marrows, broad beans, cabbages and parsnips.



Resident Alan Davies commented: "We're delighted to have received support from the Foundation in turning this area back into a useful allotment site. It's been great to watch the area transform – although it's not been easy!"

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**We're delighted to have received support from the Foundation**

For more information on our grant funding email **response@lethworth.com**

## North Hertfordshire Homes has become settle

**settle**

**Letchworth-based housing association North Hertfordshire Homes has recently rebranded as settle, following a period of transformation for the housing association.**

Gavin Cansfield, Chief Executive of settle, said: "Over the past few years we've changed significantly in order to do more for people needing

somewhere to live, to help those people live comfortably and create a business which is trusted by our customers and colleagues. As a result, we felt that it was time to change our look, to reflect who we are today and what we want to do in the future as a proud provider of social housing."

Talking of the new vision for the organisation, Gavin said: "We know

that having somewhere to live and settle, even if only for a short while, helps transform people's lives."

The new web address for settle is **www.settlegroup.org.uk**. Contact phone numbers all remain the same and all emails are being redirected to the new settle address.

## Be The Best Success

**We speak to Grange resident and Olympic 2024 hopeful Leona Lee about her successes on the badminton court.**

**Leona, congratulations on your achievements so far. When did you get into Badminton? How old were you?**

I first got into badminton when my dad coached his first student, his student started to win lots of medals, so my dad encouraged me to start. I held my first racket at the age of 7.

**How often do you practice?**

I practice most days apart from Friday. I train a minimum of 13 hours a week normally in North Herts Leisure Centre.

**How do you juggle school work and training?**

I put aside a few days a week to do my schoolwork, normally on a Friday and occasionally at the weekends when I don't have tournaments.

**Do you compete every weekend?**

Not every weekend, but most! Competing in All England tournaments normally involves a lot of traveling across the county and of course international tournaments are played overseas.

**What do you enjoy the most – singles or doubles?**

I enjoy both singles and doubles, but if I had to choose one, it would have to be singles because it is more challenging, there's a lot of skills and stamina involved and you have to rely on yourself not anyone else.

**What is your current ranking?**

In my current age group, u14 Badminton England, I am ranked no2 in singles and no1 for girls doubles and mixed doubles. In Badminton England Women's ranking I am 78 in singles, 131 in doubles, 129 in mixed doubles across England. I am also ranked no2 in all age groups across Hertfordshire.



**Where do you see yourself in five years time?**

In five years time, I will continue playing badminton, train hard and hope to compete in the 2024 Olympics in Paris. My goal is to win and come home with a medal and do my family and myself proud.

We support Leona through our Be The Best Grant programme. This scheme awards up to £500 to develop the skills and talents of individuals, or groups, who live in Letchworth Garden City. For more information visit **lethworth.com**. If you would like to sponsor Leona please email **response@lethworth.com**.

# Questions & Answers

## with Hertfordshire Domestic Abuse Helpline



Christine Roach,  
Chair of Hertfordshire  
Domestic Abuse  
Helpline

**Hertfordshire Domestic Abuse Helpline provides a free and confidential signposting service for anyone affected by domestic abuse.**

We spoke with Chair Christine Roach, to find out more about this vital community service:

**When was the helpline set up and why was it deemed necessary?**

We were set up in 2005 by a Police Inspector who worked closely with victims of domestic violence and recognised that many of them prefer to obtain confidential, anonymous advice on what options they have. Domestic Abuse makes up a significant proportion of violent crime, with 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men affected at some point in their lifetimes.

Not all victims of domestic abuse are ready to have action taken against an abusive partner. Some fear that matters will be taken out of their

control if they contact the Police or Social Services, for example, having their children taken away from them, or their abusive partner being arrested. Our helpline purely offers support and guidance.

**Who takes the calls?**

We have 25 well-trained volunteer call takers, who answer calls on a rota basis. They listen and then suggest which organisations the caller could contact. The decision about who to contact always remains with the caller and they are welcome to call back if they need further information.

**Are you looking for additional volunteers?**

We are always keen to hear from people who are interested in becoming volunteer call takers. Moving forward, we are working to build a proactive team of fundraisers and would love to talk to people willing to volunteer their skills in areas such as marketing, human resources or providing pro-bono legal advice.

**How many calls do you take each year?**

We take around 2,000 calls a year from a mixture of survivors, concerned friends and family and professionals looking for advice on the best way to help.

Call the Helpline on **08 088 088 088** from 9am-9pm weekdays and 9am-4pm at weekends.

If you don't feel ready to call, please visit our website to read more about domestic abuse and the options available to you. [www.hertsdomesticabusehelpline.org](http://www.hertsdomesticabusehelpline.org)

For information about volunteering contact our helpline coordinator on [admin@hertsdomesticabusehelpline.org](mailto:admin@hertsdomesticabusehelpline.org)



**Where does funding come from to run the helpline?**

It costs around £35,000 a year to run the service. We are grateful for the grants we receive from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Herts Community Foundation. However, we are also dependent on the generosity of members of the public for donations and for hosting local fundraising events.

**You took part in a joint conference on domestic abuse last year. Tell us about this event.**

We had an information stand at the annual Stevenage and North Herts Domestic Abuse Conference at the Icknield Centre in October. They always have such great speakers who give really informative and inspirational talks. It's a great opportunity to promote our service, recruit volunteers, network, and keep up to date with changes in the sector.

**If there was one message you could give to those who are afraid to seek support, what would it be?**

Domestic abuse is everyone's business. The first step is to talk. Don't wait any longer – call us today and explore your options. If you are not sure whether you are in an abusive relationship you can talk it through with our call takers.

# St. Francis' College turns 85!



**St. Francis' College celebrates its 85<sup>th</sup> birthday this summer. We spoke with Headteacher Bronwen Goulding to find out more about the school and its history.**

**Tell us about some of the highlights of the last 85 years and how the college has evolved since it was founded.**

St. Francis was originally founded by Sisters of Charity of Jesus and Mary, and when the College began there were just 29 pupils.

The landmark building, which stands on the Broadway, was opened in 1939 just as war broke out and was built to accommodate a growing roll. During the Second World War, the College housed refugees from London.

The College continued to expand until the opening of St. Angela's Catholic School in 1967 in Stevenage.

In 1972, the College built its own swimming pool and today this facility is used widely by the local community.

In January 1983, the Nuns decided to close the College. A group chaired by Mr Neil Phoenix established the St. Francis' College Trust and rescued the school. The Trust established St. Francis' College as a Christian foundation which welcomed pupils of all faiths and none. The pupil numbers rose again and a new uniform – a tartan kilt, navy blazer and green sweater was introduced.

In the 1990's the west-end style theatre was refurbished, then a new Prep building was completed in 2015. Global links were developed by annual exchange programme with Unison World School and the Kanyike Project in Uganda.

The College has thrived and continues to deliver a high quality academic education to young women in a happy and caring environment.

**What are you most proud of as Head of the school?**

I am most proud of my students; they are very well rounded, intelligent,

socially conscious young people who are an asset to society.

**How are you planning to commemorate this special anniversary?**

Celebrations started with a Spring Concert. We are looking forward to an Anniversary Ball in June and a special church service in September. In the meantime, we are celebrating with smaller events throughout the year.

**What is unique about St Francis?**

We are one of the top 20 independent girls' boarding schools in the country, with excellent A-Level results. Our students achieve well because we recognise each individual as unique and encourage each girl to be true to herself.

**Do you have any alumni who have gone on to achieve great things?**

We have a wide variety of successful alumnae; Jenny Bond, BBC Royal Correspondent; Adenike Grange, Professor of Paediatrics and former Minister of Health; Emma Borthwick BBC presenter; Nicola Fox, NASA Scientist on the Solar Mission Project.

**St. Francis' College will be taking part in this year's Heritage Open Days on 8 September, 12-4pm.**

## Celebrating 80 years of St Thomas' Church

**Earlier this year St Thomas' Church on Bedford Road marked its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary.**

The celebration included a special service led by the Bishop of St Albans followed by a lunch. The Foundation's Chairman, Colin Chatfield also attended the service, where a new altar display by the church's craft club was unveiled, featuring the names of every street in the Wilbury area.

Speaking after the event, Colin Chatfield said: "I would like to thank St Thomas' Church for including the Foundation in the service. It was a privilege to be part of this special commemoration and to see so many people from the community coming together to mark the occasion. I wish Reverend Pate the very best for their events during 2018 and for years to come."



Peter Willcox, one of the church's wardens, added: "It was great to be joined on the day by the Bishop of St Albans. He told the church to look back, but not for too long, and while the achievements of the last 80 years are important, we need also to look ahead and plan for our work for the next 80 years, which is great advice as we continue with our anniversary events."

The event was part of a busy 2018 calendar for the church, with many special events planned throughout the year. The church is also collecting oral histories from people who attended the church or grew up in the Wilbury area. You can share your stories and get in touch with the church by visiting their website at [st-thomas-leitchworth.org.uk](http://st-thomas-leitchworth.org.uk) or call on **01462 623119**.

Josh Tidy  
Town Historian and Curator



# HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2018

**Heritage Open Days are back for 2018 giving you the chance to experience local history, architecture and culture for free!**

Running on 8 and 9 September, famous Letchworth landmarks will be manned by volunteers and open to visit. Final details and timings were being confirmed at the time of publication, but we can confirm The Spirella, The Settlement, Howgills and St. Francis' College will all be participating.

So if you've always wanted to see the restored Ballroom, or wondered what it's like behind the doors at Howgills, this is your chance. On the Sunday book a ticket to join members of Letchworth History Group and the Early Cottages

Group for walking tours around Letchworth's 1905 Cottages and early industrial sites, each tour culminating in a visit to the Garden City Collection, with chance to explore some of the 250,000 historical items in their care.

For more information contact me directly on **01462 476069** or email [josh.tidy@letchworth.com](mailto:josh.tidy@letchworth.com)

## Did you know?

Howgills, the Society of Friends (Quakers) Meeting House built in 1907, has an interior carving by the renowned sculptor and typographer, Eric Gill.

At its height, the Spirella factory housed over 1,000 workers.

## Garden City Collection

### Events

Home to more than 250,000 artefacts on Letchworth's fascinating history. You can have your very own behind-the-scenes tour, visit with others on a group tour or join a collection explorer's session.

For information on our regular tours:

- ☎ 01462 476075
- ✉ [gcc@letchworth.com](mailto:gcc@letchworth.com)
- 🏠 [gardencitycollection.com](http://gardencitycollection.com)

Or follow us

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## The International Garden Cities Exhibition



### Walking tours

Join me on a pleasant stroll around the world's first Garden City. On route, we'll explore the rich history of the town and dig deep into the history of some of Letchworth's most iconic buildings. Guided walking tours take place on the third Saturday of every month at 10.30am meeting at the Spirella building. And if you prefer to go at your own pace, we have a range of self-guided tours available – pick up maps from the Tourist Information Centre.

# Celebrating Women in Letchworth

**Our summer exhibition this year is 'Women in Letchworth' and will run from July to September at the Letchworth Community Museum in The Arcade.**

We have a proud history of fighting for the suffragettes cause and our past is packed-full of passionate, inspiring, high-achieving women, who the exhibition will celebrate.

Drawing on the rich archives at the Garden City Collection, the exhibition will be packed full of objects and old photographs, celebrating Letchworth's extraordinary (and ordinary) women, from poets to painters, factory girls to flappers, war workers to weddings and secretaries to suffragettes.

**Women in Letchworth** runs from Friday 27 July to Saturday 22 September at the Community Museum, The Arcade, Letchworth.

Open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday 11am-3pm. A programme of events is being finalised, visit [letchworth.com](http://letchworth.com) for more information.



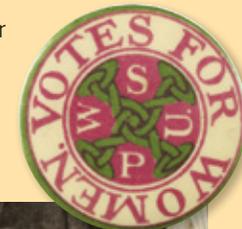
## LETCHWORTH'S SUFFRAGETTES

**The Women's Suffrage Movement was extremely active in Letchworth, with local branches of National Societies and many meetings, debates and demonstrations held in the town.**



According to the annual report for 1911/12 of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Society (Letchworth & District Branch) there were 284 members from Letchworth. The town also received some important and influential speakers including Christabel Pankhurst and Annie Kenney, who went on to found the Women's Social and Political Union. Kenney eventually made the town her home.

Millicent Browne (nee Price) was a LGC suffragette who was once arrested with Sarah Carwin of Croft Lane, Letchworth for obstructing the approach to the House of Commons.



Dr Susan Parham  
Academic Director at the  
International  
Garden Cities  
Institute



# Foundation wins EU Grant

**I am very pleased to say that Letchworth has been chosen to take part in a large-scale European research project entitled the Edible Cities Network. This is a major project that will be funded to the tune of £10 million across a number of countries.**

The basis of the research is to overcome social problems by inclusive participation to create new green businesses and jobs, and help generate local economic growth as well as greater social cohesion. This is by exploring local food production at a community level (generally by way of urban agriculture) and then to see how these may fit into different urban environments. Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation has secured £137,000 based on bid material written by myself and David Ames.

In Letchworth we will have the chance to explore the wealth and diversity of existing 'edible city

solutions' and for us that means going back to garden city principles but also very much focusing on today and looking to the future.

We are planning to use the funds to explore a number of solutions that will help us with social resilience and sustainable food production. To help on developing and applying this research, we will be running consultative activities. If you would like to take part or have some ideas to share with us – please do get in touch with me at [susan.parham@letchworth.com](mailto:susan.parham@letchworth.com)

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## International visitors to the town



The International Garden Cities Institute (IGCI) recently welcomed academic visitors from the Russian State Agrarian University in Moscow. The group of landscape architecture students were keen to visit the town to explore the impact of garden city principles. Earlier in the year we welcomed delegates from Greentown China who visited Letchworth for two days as part of a week-long trip to the UK.

I was privileged to have the opportunity to meet this fascinating group and speak to them both in Old Hatfield and at the Institute in Letchworth, about aspects of garden city planning and design including in relation to food and engaging with communities in garden city contexts.

## Questions & Answers with Amelie Andre



**At the end of 2017, we helped appoint a doctoral scholar, Amelie Andre, as part of our work alongside the University of Hertfordshire at the International Garden Cities Institute. We spoke with Amelie to find out more about her work.**

**Hi Amelie, can you give us a bit of background about yourself and what you're doing in Letchworth?**

I'm a French Urban Planner and Architect. I joined the Heritage Foundation in November as part of a studentship for doctoral research. The focus of my research is on the food economy in a Garden City context. The research aims to reinforce and improve a healthy and sustainable food economy in Letchworth Garden City. This is the first year of a four year journey, during which I will be working closely with the Foundation, to gain applied knowledge about the food economy within the town.

**What drew you to study Letchworth and what are you looking to uncover?**

First of all, Letchworth is not your typical town. The history of the first Garden City is a tremendous asset for the study. I guess many of the residents of Letchworth know about Ebenezer Howard and his principles, following which the town was built in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Yet 100 years on, a lot of his proposals are still relevant to the present day.

**What does your research actually entail? How do you conduct the research?**

I am using a mapping software to design food-related maps, which display every food related stakeholder in Letchworth Garden City. Be that farms, allotments, community gardens, restaurants, supermarkets, markets, pubs, bars and even waste management disposals! Every step connected with food.

I also want to meet stakeholders and ask questions. This is actually a major part of the research: people's



experiences and knowledge are central to bring different perspectives together and bring up issues.

**Any interesting findings so far you could share? What will you be doing next?**

Well, it's the start of a long journey! Rather than proper findings, I have exciting threads I want to pull on! The venture needs to be continued. I'll be analysing the data collected and my next step is to report to the University and to the Heritage Foundation on what I've learnt.

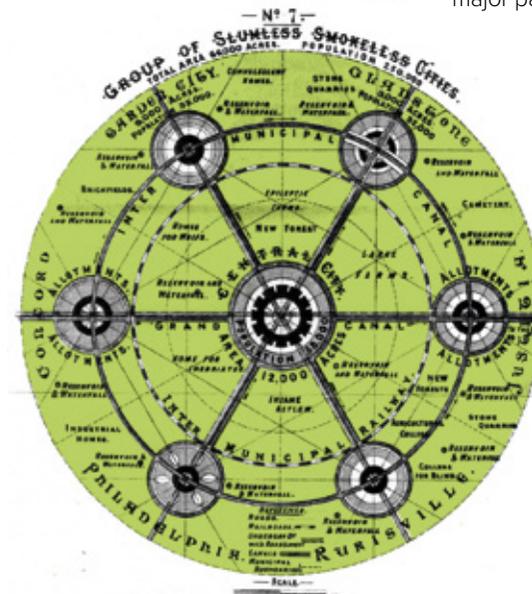
In October I will give back two different documents, one for the University with a more theoretical and academic content, and one for the Foundation, which will include the practical findings and hopefully recommendations for the Garden City food economy to look at now and in the future. A public presentation will also be organised where I will talk about the work and progress made during this first year.

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**Farms, allotments, community gardens, restaurants, supermarkets, markets, pubs, bars and even waste management disposals! Every step connected with food.**

*Acknowledgements*

This four-year doctoral research follows a Knowledge Transfer Partnership programme the first year, called Hertfordshire Knowledge Exchange Partnership (HKEP). It is co-funded by the University of Hertfordshire, the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation (LGCHF) and the Hertfordshire Local Economic Partnership (Herts LEP). Part of the latter's funds comes from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). The LGCHF contributes to the study by facilitating contact with local food economy key stakeholders, offering applied knowledge of the local food economy and providing logistic support in its premises.



**4 MAY – 15 JULY**

BROADWAY GALLERY

**Barry Parker Architecture For All**

Join Broadway Gallery and the Garden City Collection to explore the life and work of Barry Parker (1867-1947).



**28 JUNE** Doors open at 6.30pm, meeting starts at 7pm  
SPIRELLA BALLROOM  
**Garden City Meeting**

**30 JUNE**

BROADWAY GARDENS

**Armed Forces Day**

A full fun day of celebrating our Armed Forces in Hertfordshire is planned! You are invited to come along and support the local veterans and serving members.

**30 JUNE**

LETCWORTH TOWN CENTRE

**Letchworth Festival Community Day**

Letchworth Town Centre will be filled with entertainment for the Community Day of Letchworth Festival 2018.

**1 JULY**

HOWARD PARK

**Park Live**

Organised by Letchworth Festival. Letchworth's annual music festival takes over the whole of Howard Park, with music, entertainment, food, stalls, activities and fun for all the family.

**3 JULY** 1pm & 6pm

BROADWAY THEATRE

**Ministry of Science Live!**

100% Educational. 200% Entertaining. 300% Explosive. 400% Fun.

*Tickets £15, Concessions £13*

**18 JULY** 6.45pm

BROADWAY CINEMA

**Romeo and Juliet**

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

Set in a world very like our own, this Romeo and Juliet is about a generation of young people born into violence and ripped apart by the bitter divisions of their parents.

*Tickets £16*



**28 JULY – 14 OCTOBER**

BROADWAY GALLERY

**Great and Small: Animals in Craft**

An exhibition for children & families selected from the Crafts Council Collection.

**28 & 29 JULY**

LETCWORTH TOWN CENTRE

**Vintage Festival**

Organised by Letchworth BID

**6 SEPTEMBER** 6.45pm

BROADWAY CINEMA

**Julie**

NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE

This new version of August Strinberg's play Miss Julie, written by Polly Stenham, remains shocking and fiercely relevant in its new setting of contemporary London.

*Tickets £17*

**9 SEPTEMBER** 3pm

BROADWAY THEATRE

**Splash Test Dummies**

Splash Test Dummies are here, ready to roll out their beach towels and spring into a brand new hour of circus-filled hilarity for the whole family.

*Tickets £12, Family £44*

**12 SEPTEMBER** 6.45pm

BROADWAY CINEMA

**The Merry Wives of Windsor**  
ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

Down on his luck in the suburbs, John Falstaff plans to hustle his way to a comfortable retirement by seducing the wives of two wealthy men.

*Tickets £16*

**19 SEPTEMBER** 4.30pm

BROADWAY THEATRE

**How to Hide a Lion**

When a lion is chased out of town, a little girl, Iris, helps him to find somewhere to hide. Helen Stephens' magical book comes to life with playful humour, dazzling puppets and jazz.

*Tickets £12, Family £42*

**22 SEPTEMBER** 10am

STANDALONE FARM

**Seed Saving and Collection**

Part of the Plants for free series, come and learn about how plants disperse their seeds and the best ways to collect them for using in your garden.

*Tickets free but booking essential*

**22 SEPTEMBER** 7.30pm

BROADWAY THEATRE

**Colin Cloud – Live**

Colin's incredible performances on TV and the world's largest stages have left celebrities and audiences shaken to their core. In the course of this mind-bending show he will ask members of the audience to take a leap of faith and put their life and beliefs in his hands.

*Tickets £20, Concessions £18*



**25 SEPTEMBER** 11am & 4.30pm

BROADWAY THEATRE

**Stickman**

Touching, funny, and utterly original, a delightful adaptation of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's children's book.

*Tickets £14, Family £48*

**27 SEPTEMBER** 6.45pm

BROADWAY CINEMA

**King Lear**

Ian McKellen's 'extraordinarily moving portrayal' (Independent) of King Lear.

*Tickets £17*

**28 SEPTEMBER** 7.30pm

BROADWAY THEATRE

**Seann Walsh**

This disheveled, fiery, animated, fiercely idle, millennial man child is one of best live comedians to have come out of the UK.

*Tickets £15*

**29 SEPTEMBER** 7.30pm

BROADWAY THEATRE

**Sigma**

Across art-form production showcasing exuberant rhythms, patterns and colours, celebrating the dialogue between the worlds of juggling, music and classical Indian dance.

*Tickets £16, Concession £14*

**29 & 30 SEPTEMBER** midday – 6pm

LETCWORTH TOWN CENTRE

**Beer & World Food Festival**

Organised by Letchworth BID. Over 100 stallholders bringing cuisine from around the world including Thai, Jamaican and South African delights to name a few.

**3 OCTOBER** 7.30pm

BROADWAY THEATRE

**Macbeth**

A couple's ambition consumes the kingdom of Scotland. A king's mind is poisoned by prophecy, power, and paranoia. A nation is led to the slaughter.

*Tickets £16, Concessions £14*



**6 OCTOBER** 10am

STANDALONE FARM

**Autumn Pruning**

Learn pruning techniques and discover what plants benefit from selective cutting back or training.

*Tickets free but booking essential*

**7 OCTOBER**

STANDALONE FARM

**Standalone 10K**

Annual 10k running race, organised by North Herts Road Runners



**6 – 7 OCTOBER**

BROADWAY THEATRE

**Herts Jazz Festival 2018**

A weekend of world-class music from nationally and internationally-acclaimed artists.

**9 OCTOBER** 7pm

BROADWAY CINEMA

**Oscar Wilde Season – The Importance of Being Earnest**

Wilde's much-loved masterpiece throws love, logic and language into the air to make one of theatre's most dazzling firework displays.

*Tickets £17*

**10 – 11 OCTOBER** 10.30am, 1.30pm

BROADWAY THEATRE

**Dear Zoo**

The classic children's book makes its stage premiere enchanting all those who have read the book as it unfolds with child-engaging puppets, music and lots of audience interaction.

*Tickets £14, Family £50*

**28 OCTOBER** 4.45pm

BROADWAY CINEMA

**Die Walkure**

Antonio Pappano conducts an international cast in the second opera of Richard Wagner's epic Der Ring Des Nibelungen.

*Tickets £17*



**28 OCTOBER** 2pm

**29 OCTOBER** 11am, 2pm

BROADWAY THEATRE

**Dinosaur World**

A brand new dino-mite adventure! Dare to experience the dangers and delights of Dinosaur World in this interactive new show for all the family.

*Tickets £14, Groups 10+ £8.50*

**3 NOVEMBER**

STANDALONE FARM

**Introduction to Garden Design**

Learn the basic principle of garden design and how to apply them to your garden.

*Tickets free but booking essential*

**20 NOVEMBER** 7.30pm

**21 NOVEMBER** 1.30pm & 7.30pm

BROADWAY THEATRE

**Private Peaceful**

Commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the end of World War One, *Private Peaceful* relives the life of Private Tommo Peaceful, a young soldier awaiting the firing squad at dawn.

*Tickets £16, Concession £14, School rate available*



**24 NOVEMBER**

LETCWORTH TOWN CENTRE

**Christmas Lights Switch On**

Organised by Letchworth BID. Kick off the festive season in style as the Christmas lights are turned on the town centre, with live music and entertainment throughout the day.

**3 DECEMBER** 7pm

BROADWAY CINEMA

**The Nutcracker**

A Christmas treat for the whole family and a classic with a special place in the hearts of ballet fans around the world.

*Tickets £17*

**9 DECEMBER** 1.30pm & 4.30pm

**10 DECEMBER** 10.30am & 1.30pm

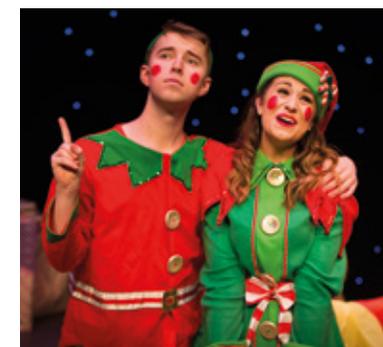
**11 DECEMBER** 10.30am, 1.30pm & 5pm

BROADWAY THEATRE

**Santa's New Sleigh**

A wonderful Christmas show for the children!

*Tickets £13, Family £48*



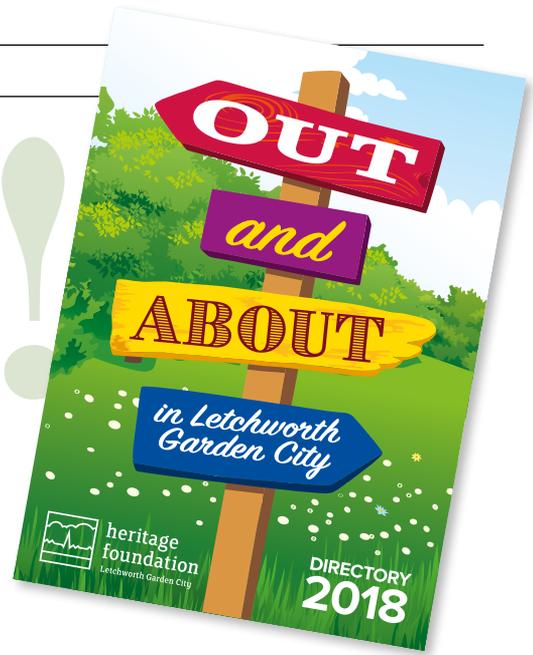
## Over to You

# Out and About — we need your groups!

Our **Out and About Guide** is now in its fifth year and is fast becoming one of our most popular publications.

If you've not seen it before, *Out and About* is a directory of hundreds of things to try and do in Letchworth.

Ever fancied turning your hand at sugar crafting or completing some first aid-training? New to the area and want to find a toddler group or looking for a lunch-time club for the over 60s? You'll find the answer here!



Letchworth  
District  
Gardeners  
Association



Baldock & District Canoe Club



Willian Bowls Club



Jackies Drop In  
Centre



Howard Garden Social  
& Day Care Centre

## Want to get involved?

We want to make our next edition the best yet and we're looking for even more groups and clubs to be included.

If you'd like to be featured please visit our website

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