

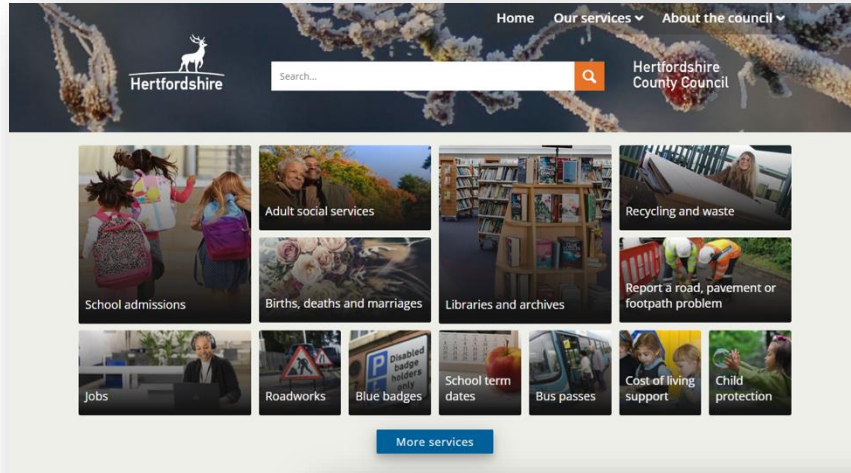
# Engaging with councillors

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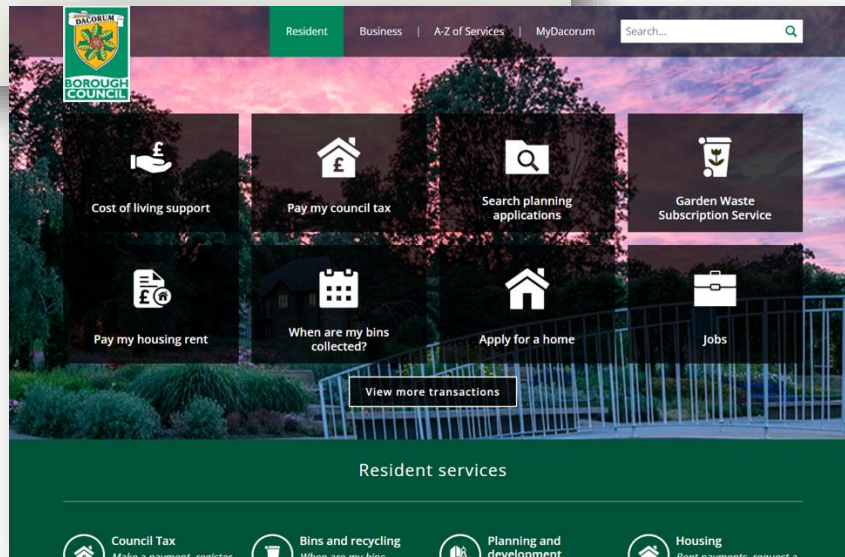
**Dacorum Sports Network**



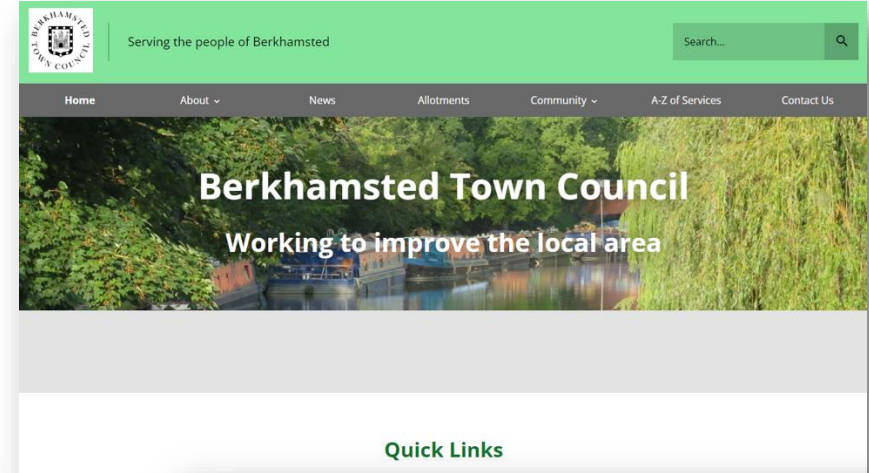
# Which ones?




The screenshot shows the Hertfordshire County Council website. The header includes the Hertfordshire logo, navigation links for Home, Our services, and About the council, and a search bar. The main content area features a grid of service tiles: School admissions, Adult social services, Births, deaths and marriages, Libraries and archives, Recycling and waste, Report a road, pavement or footpath problem, Jobs, Roadworks, Blue badges, School term dates, Bus passes, Cost of living support, and Child protection. A 'More services' button is located at the bottom of the grid.



The screenshot shows the Northchurch Parish Council website. The header includes the Northchurch Parish Council logo, navigation links for Resident, Business, A-Z of Services, and MyDacorum, and a search bar. The main content area features a grid of service tiles: Cost of living support, Pay my council tax, Search planning applications, Garden Waste Subscription Service, Pay my housing rent, When are my bins collected?, Apply for a home, and Jobs. A 'View more transactions' button is located at the bottom of the grid. The footer includes a 'Resident services' section with icons for Council Tax, Bins and recycling, Planning and development, and Housing.



The screenshot shows the Berkhamsted Town Council website. The header includes the Berkhamsted Town Council logo, the tagline 'Serving the people of Berkhamsted', and a search bar. The navigation menu includes Home, About, News, Allotments, Community, A-Z of Services, and Contact Us. The main content area features a large banner image of a canal with the text 'Berkhamsted Town Council Working to improve the local area'. Below the banner is a 'Quick Links' section.



The screenshot shows the Northchurch Parish Council website. The header includes the Northchurch Parish Council logo, contact information (07543493002, clerk@northchurchparishcouncil.gov.uk), and a search bar. The navigation menu includes Council, Mission, News, Community, History, Amenities, Attractions, and Contact Us. The main content area features a large banner image of a church with the text 'WELCOME TO NORTHCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL'. Below the banner is a 'Committee Meeting: Planning' section with the date '29 January 2024' and the location 'St Marys Parish Room High Street Northchurch HP4 3DW'. The footer includes the text 'Making Northchurch a safe, healthy and vibrant community' and the date 'Monday 7:00 pm'.

- 78 Herts County Councillors
  - 44 Conservative
  - 23 Lib Dem
  - 7 Labour
  - 2 Independent
  - 1 Green

£££

- Members locality budget - £5,000 a year
- Major developments

**County**



# Bearroc Park

# Durrants Lane



- 100 houses
- S106 agreement
- Playing pitches!

- 49 Dacorum Borough Councillors
  - 18 Lib Dem
  - 17 Conservative
  - 4 Labour
  - 10 Independent

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- Community Grant: up to £4,000
- Small Grants Fund: up to £550
- Community Grant Training Bursary: up to £500.
- Local Plan!

# Community Grants Scheme

- Community, Voluntary, Arts and **Sporting** projects
- Up to £4,000
- Reopens on Sunday 1 December 2024
- "This could be a project which encourages people to get active, try out a new activity or get back into sport."



## Community Grants Criteria and Guidance

Our Community Grant Scheme is specifically set up to support Community, Voluntary, Arts and Sporting projects which benefit the residents of Dacorum.

The information below details which type of organisations are eligible to make an application, what projects can and cannot be funded and how organisations can apply for funding and what information is required to support the application.

### Projects must demonstrate they support Dacorum Borough Council's vision and priorities.

The Council's vision is to work in partnership to create a borough which enables the communities of Dacorum to thrive and prosper. To apply for a community grant, projects must demonstrate they seek to work in partnership with other groups and meet at least one of the following Council priorities:

- Vibrant communities
- Sustainable future
- Clean, safe and green
- Proud and thriving borough

Projects must also demonstrate they support the 5 Ways to Wellbeing. Eligible projects must also support at least two of the key outcomes from 'The 5 Ways to Wellbeing' (researched and developed by the New Economics Foundation). By supporting these outcomes, evidence links to improving wellbeing.

- 1. Connect** - There is strong evidence that indicates that feeling close to, and valued by, other people is a fundamental human need and one that contributes to functioning well in the world. It's clear that social relationships are critical for promoting wellbeing and for acting as a buffer against mental ill health for people of all ages. This could be encouraging new people to get involved with your project, projects which get people talking and listening, or any other ways you can think of to help people make a connection.
- 2. Be active** - Regular physical activity is associated with lower rates of depression and anxiety across all age groups. Exercise is essential for slowing age-related cognitive decline and for promoting wellbeing. But it doesn't need to be particularly intense for you to feel good - slower-paced activities, such as walking, can have the benefit of encouraging social interactions as well providing some level of exercise. This could be a project which encourages people to get active, try out a new activity or get back into sport.
- 3. Take notice** - Reminding yourself to 'take notice' can strengthen and broaden awareness. Studies have shown that being aware of what is taking place in the present directly enhances well-being and 'savoring the moment' can help to reaffirm life priorities. Heightened awareness also enhances self-understanding and allows positive choices to be made, based on values and motivations. This could be a project that helps people to take some time to enjoy the moment and the environment.
- 4. Learn** - Continued learning through life enhances self-esteem and encourages social interaction and a more active life. Anecdotal evidence suggests that the opportunity to engage in work or educational activities particularly helps to lift older people out of depression. The practice of setting goals, which is related to adult learning in particular, has been strongly associated with higher levels of wellbeing. This could be a project that has an opportunity for participants to learn new skills.
- 5. Give** - Participation in social and community life has attracted a lot of attention in the field of wellbeing research. Individuals who report a greater interest in helping others are more likely to rate themselves as happy. This could be a project that encourages people to give their time and volunteer.

## 15 Berkhamsted Town Councillors + Clerk

£££

- Grants for activities and projects
  - In the interests of the town.
  - For the benefit of some or all residents or community of Berkhamsted, or
  - To improve the range of services and activities in the town.

**Town**

# Parish

- 7 Northchurch Parish Councillors + Clerk
- 6 Wigginton Parish Councillors + Clerk
- 8 Nettleden with Potten End Parish Councillors + Clerk

£££

- Section 106 funds
- Small grants
- Facilities



A glowing yellow tent is pitched on a rocky mountain peak at night. The tent is illuminated from within, casting a warm yellow light. The background shows dark, rugged mountain ranges under a deep blue night sky with a few stars and a bright moon in the upper right corner.

**The way to get  
started is to know who  
they are and get talking.**

**(NOT) Walt Disney**