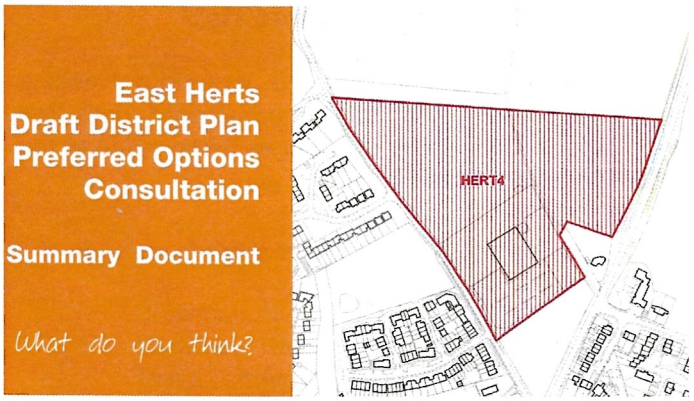


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Bengeo Earmarked for 150 new homes

Hopefully all residents have received a summary of the Draft District Plan through their letterboxes recently. The Plan proposes to build 15,000 homes in East Herts by 2031. A total of 1,200 homes have been allocated to Hertford with 1050 of these on 6 allocated sites on the outskirts of Hertford.



It is proposed that 150 homes are to be built on land between Sacombe Road and the B158 Wadesmill Road between 2021 and 2026. The site includes the Bengeo Nursery site but excludes the allottments. It would lead to housing on both sides of Sacombe Road up to The Orchard.

If you want to find our more there are two events coming up in the town. Civic Society members have their own session at Hertford Catholic Church on 19th March.

The general public can go to one at the castle at 7pm on Thursday 27th March run by the town council. It will take the form of a presentation followed by questions and answers.

We encourage all residents to express their views!

The Plan can also be viewed in local libraries and the Town Council offices and online at http://www.eastherts.gov.uk/media/pdf/5/p/Chapter7.pdf

For full stories and photos; http://www.molewood.org.uk

Mark Prisk Online Drive

Mark Prisk, MP for Hertford and Stortford, is leading a drive to get more people connected to the internet. He has written to the Molewood Residents' Association to encourage residents to help out where they can.



Mark is keen to hear your ideas and suggestions. He would be very happy to come and support local initiatives and to try and encourage as many people as possible to get online.

To sign up, or for more information visit www.markprisk.com/clickhere-campaign

Molewood to be 20mph zone?

County Councillor Andrew Stevenson would like Molewood residents' views on the streets in the area becoming a 20mph zone. Please contact him directly to share your thoughts or for more information

E: Andrew.stevenson@hertfordshire.gov.uk
M: 0787 685 8671

The Drive Christmas Party

On the evening of Friday 6th December The Drive residents gathered in the Church Hall on Duncombe Road for their Annual Christmas get together.

The hall was lit with candles, the Holiday Inn soundtrack played in the background and there was a wonderful range of seasonal food (generously provided by The Drive 'Ladies') and mulled wine.



Part way through the evening Father Christmas arrived on his sleigh and led a lantern procession down the road to judge the 'Best Decorated House' competition. The Fishers at number 39 were this year's winners with a stunning display which looked equally good during the day as well as when lit at night.

Old Outlook Archive

Visitors to our website (http://www.molewood.org.uk/) may have noticed that we've been hard at saving copies of our magazine going back to 1976 there. That's a history of the estate going back 38 years.

One of the things that strike you flicking back through them is how little has changed - some topics just won't go away. We've always fretted about parking and traffic, new housing and gravel extraction. But in many ways it is the world that has changed around us. We made our entertainment more back then. The Association used to organise walks, picnics and trips to shows in London. We even used to have our own set of shared tools that people could hire out for use at home.

If you have any old MRA newsletters we could add to the collection please give them to your friendly local committee member or email us at enquiries@molewood.org.uk.

Sacombe Road Works

Sacombe Road has recently been resurfaced and yellow lines will be painted soon as reported in previous editions of the newsletter.



Lafarge Tarmac application update

We have been informed that the Waterford Housing Scheme application will not be considered until 2nd April. There is a possibility of changes being made to the application before consideration.



Banner Image Competition

The 2013 Autumn banner image was taken by Stuart Rossall walking towards Chapmore End.

How would you like to see your photograph or drawing as the background to the Outlook banner? Please email your entry to enquiries@molewood.org.uk and we will select the best for each edition. It should be seasonal and reflect the Molewood area. Good Luck!

Waterford Heath nature reserve

Below are extracts of the January 2014 newsletter from Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust. If you'd like to see what they do, or get involved, you can visit their website



The pond on the north heath has been the fullest it has been in recent years, which should bode well for the coming year and for the aquatic animals that live there.

Several trees that were blown down over paths in the storms have been removed by volunteer wardens and others.

Unfortunately, there is still some fly tipping on site. This costs the trust money and time to dispose of it. If you see anyone depositing material onto the site or on the surrounding road verges please call the police, report it to the environmental services department at the council or call the wildlife trust.

Guided walk to find the Grizzled Skipper Butterfly



On May 11th at 10 am there will be a walk on the heath to look for Grizzled skippers. It is a wonderful opportunity to see one of the rarest butterflies in Hertfordshire. This will be lead by Andrew Wood tel 07765 098824 or email zoothorn@ntlworld.com.

If you would like to get involved with the site please get in contact and I will put you in touch with the appropriate warden:

Andy Brown - Reserves Officer HMWT
M: 07787 528804
E: Andy.Brown@hmwt.org

MRA Annual General Meeting Date Confirmed

This years AGM will take place at Bengeo Primary School in the evening of 20th May. Look out for further details.

Peru trek in aid of Isabel Hospice

Sue Sexton, owner of Headlines hair salon, is one of 19 people who will hike the Silkantay Inca Trail this Novemebr to raise money for Isabel Hospice.

If you would like to join the group, or for more information, call Aaron Lynch on 01707 382500 or visit http://www.isabelhospice.org.uk/



"When the opportunity came to take part in The Inca Trail trek and help to raise funds, it was not a difficult decision."
Sue Sexton of Headlines hair salon

Defribulator installed in the Greyhound

The Greyhound pub on Bengeo Street have installed a defibrillator for use by the Bengeo community. Chris and Gosia Campbell, who took over The Greyhound last year, have installed the defibrillator in their pub with the hope that it can save lives.
an emergency.

The Greyhound offer a charity quiz night every Saturday, Open Mic Nights every other Thursday as well as regular darts.

Your Association

Molewood Residents' Association was formed in the late 1960's soon after the estate was built. The aim of the association is to support Molewood residents and enhance their enjoyment of the Molewood neighbourhood. The association organises events and contributes to community events arranged by residents. The Association issues 4 Outlook newsletters each year. If you would like to read about the early days of the estate our website has copies of early newsletters.

Annual membership of Molewood Residents' Association costs £2 and runs from June each year. Members of the committee begin collecting subscription payments, door to door, in June. This gives people the opportunity to discuss how the committee is doing and how it can work best to represent residents.

If you would like to pay in advance or if it is more convenient you can drop the payment along with contact details through the letterbox of our treasurer, Alan Sewell, 16 The Avenue.

Your Committee

Chair	Nick Gough	11 Lys Hill Gardens
Treasurer	Alan Sewell	16 The Avenue
Secretary	Liz Walton	69 The Wick

General Members

Marie Archer	55 The Wick
Peter Dougherty	47 The Wick
John Edwards	8 The Wick
Joan Murrell	38 Cowper Crescent
Rachel Ogier	103 Cowper Crescent
Ben Penrose	104 Cowper Crescent
Emily White	27 The Drive

Co-opted Members

Kath Richardson	126 Cowper Crescent
Website Manager	Paul Ogier
Outlook Editor	Emmet O'Sullivan

What's On?

22nd March
Table Quiz at Bengeo Primary School
7.30pm. £10 includes pizza

25th April - 10th May
Hertford Arts Festival at the Castle and Town Centre.
For more info contact melissa@hertford.gov.uk or call 01992 552885.

4th May
Bengeo Club Open Day

11th May
Grizzled Skipper Butterfly guided walk.
10 am call Andrew Wood on 07765 098824

20th May
Molewood Resident's Assocation AGM
Bengeo Primary School

24th - 26th May
Bengeo Exhibition at St Leonard's Church

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Unsure of the value of your home..?
We can help!

We have seen a significant uplift in property sale prices over the last 12 months and I would be delighted to provide you with an up to date valuation of your home – completely free of charge and without obligation.



Contact me - 01992 526 752
james.luton@lanes-sales.co.uk

** REDUCED SELLING FEES FOR MOLEWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION MEMBERS! **

To join for 2014/ 15 complete the slip and put it through the letterbox of our treasurer, Alan Sewell, 16 The Avenue.

I/ we want to join the MRA for 2013/14. I enclose my £2 payment for this year's subscription.

My/ our name is .....

and I/ we live at .....

I/ we would be happy to be contacted by email about local issues by the residents' association so here is my email address .....

Molewood Residents Association

MOLEWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
49th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, 20th May 2014 at 7.15 for 7.30 pm
Bengeo Infants' School

AGENDA

1. Introduction

2. Minutes of 2013 AGM

3. Any matters arising therefrom

4. Chairman's report

5. Treasurer's report

6. Election of Officers:

   Chairman: Nick Gough has been proposed for re-election
   Secretary: Kath Richardson has been proposed
   Treasurer: Alan Sewell has been proposed for re-election

7. Election of committee members

Existing members: Marie Archer, John Edwards, Rachel Ogier, Ben Penrose and Emily White.
Co-opted member: Kath Richardson
New committee member: Colin Broomfield

Examiners of accounts: David Brooks and Colin Crannis are willing to continue
Outlook editor: Emmet O'Sullivan
Website manager: Paul Ogier

8. Invitation to any councillors present to address the meeting

9. Any other business

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10. Talk by guest speaker and Drive resident Marilyn Taylor on the history of Bengeo followed by questions