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Wheathampstead Clubs & Charities etc

NB This list was last updated in 2016. It is a historic snapshot. Some of the organisations no longer exist and the links to websites are not functional.

Please do not try to use this information to contact an organisation.

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General

Botanical Painting Classes - In the Mead Hall, Wheathampstead. Tuesday mornings 1030 - 1230. **Learn to paint** flowers, fruits and vegetables in watercolour. Contact : Jill Winch 01462 713769
[web site](#)

[Hillyke Community Centre](#) - Activities for the all ages from babies to the retired. Hall also available for private functions. Sherry Roberts 01582 834758

[Neighbourhood watch](#)

Parish Council [Memorial Hall](#) (for meetings and functions). Julia Warren 01582 832541

East Lane & Meads Residents Association Reg Russell 15 East Lane AL4 8BN. 01582 629517

[Litterblitz](#) Eddie on 629494

Citizens Advice (Free, impartial, confidential, independent advice) Thursday 10 am - 12 noon, Memorial Hall. 01727 811118

[Fairtrade](#)

Wheathampstead [Conservative](#) party

Open Spaces

Wheathampstead Community Orchard - [Update Nov 2014](#)



[Whst'd Local Nature Reserve](#)

[Marshalls Heath](#) - nature reserve

Heartwood Forest - [The Woodland Trust](#)

Babies, Children, Youths

Yellow Star Day Nursery - 6a High Street, King Edward Place, Wheathampstead. We offer full day care from 7:30am until 6pm for 51 weeks a year for children aged from three months up to five years. www.yellowstarnursery.co.uk 01582 832343

Lamer Fields Children's Centre Area visit www.hertschildrenscentres.org.uk/lamerfields

'Dinky Dancers' - Dance, PE, Music and Action Classes. Boys and Girls aged Rising 2-4 years. 'Ofsted' outstanding! Great value classes for you and your child at Hilldyke Community Centre Friday mornings at 10.15am. Come along and join in the fun! Develop your child's physical, creative and social skills. Make new friends and have a brilliant time with us each week as we go on an exciting action adventure. Lorry Edwards 01438 831281 or classes@dinkydancers.com

1st Wheathampstead Guides [our web site](#) Donna Bigg donna.guides@hotmail.co.uk 01438 832987

[Wheathampstead Playgroup](#) Kerry Harrison 01582 833126

visit www.wheathampsteadplaygroup.org.
or email at wheatplaygp@surfwise.co.uk



[Beech Hyde JMI & Nursery School](#) Ms Hazel Millard (Head) 01582-832661

[St. Helen's C of E. Primary School](#) Mr Andrew Emeny (Head) 01582-832106

[Scouts, Cubs and Beavers](#) (1st Wheathampstead)

[Explorer Scouts](#) (Wheathampstead & Kimpton) Matt Wood leaders@wakesu.com

'Wasps' . (After School Club, Breakfast Club and Holiday Club). - Held at Beech Hyde School the After School Club and Breakfast Club are open to pupils from Beech Hyde and St Helen's Schools.



Breakfast Club opens at 7.30am and breakfast is served until 8.15am Monday to Friday.

After School Club is open from 3.15 until 6.15pm Monday to Friday.

Holiday Club is open to primary school aged children from Wheathampstead and the surrounding area. It is open during the half term holidays, at Easter and during some of the Summer Holidays (dates on application) from 8.30am until 5.30pm.

Website www.wasps-asc.org email: admin@wasps-asc.org telephone: 01582 834190

[Netmums](#) (provide information and support for parents in Harpenden and the surrounding areas)

Wheathampstead Baby & Toddler Group. 0 - 5 years welcome. Every Friday morning at the Memorial Hall. 9:45 - 11:30am

[Wheathampstead Wanderers](#) Youth Football Club. Andrew Ellis 07530 612366

Rainbow House Nursery Meads Lane, Wheathampstead. We are registered to care for children aged from 3 months to rising 5's Tel: 01582 831991

Health

Wheathampstead Patient Participation Group - www.wheathampsteadppg.org.uk/



Grove House - Providing quality care and support for those with cancer and life-threatening illness.

Support for Carers - A county wide voluntary organisation supporting anyone who, unpaid looks after a friend or relative with an illness or disability. www.carersinherts.org.uk

Manor Pharmacy www.manorpharmacygroup.co.uk

Doctors - 'Village Surgery' 01582 832258

Baby Clinic, Weds. 2-4pm. 01582 833546

Health Visitor for mothers and families. 01582 833546

Marford Rd Dental Practice - [web page](#) 01582 833408

Dental Surgery - High Street 01582 833232

Elderly

Dementia UK and **Admiral Nursing Care** and also their fundraising events - www.jan4dementia.co.uk

Sparrow Court - Sheltered accommodation for over 60's. Housing Support Officer Mrs R Smith. 01582 832963

Recreation for the Retired (Table tennis, Pool, Darts and board games) - Fridays 2 - 4 pm, Memorial Hall. Mrs B Clarke 01727 845274 / 07837 974294

EXTEND - provides recreational movement to music for men and women over-sixty and for less able people of all ages. - Head Office, 2 Place Farm, Wheathampstead, Herts, AL4 8SB. Office Manager Ruth Griffiths Telephone 01582 832760. website www.extend.org.uk email - admin@extend.org.uk Judy Holpin 01582 834494

Sports and Clubs

Welwyn Garden City Judo - friendly community based, not for profit, club, established over 40 years and is one of the oldest judo clubs in Hertfordshire. We teach Judo as a sport for all and welcome judo players of all ages and standards. - Ian Rowett (Wick Avenue) email- wgcjudo@googlemail.com

St Albans Junior Netball club Janet Blay 01582 62952

St. Albans Striders - (running club) Ross Nugent RINugent@aol.com

CTC (national cycling club) Ian Smith

Follyfields Residents Assoc. Neil Craig neil.craig@db.com 01582 832371

[Lawn Tennis Club](#) Kath Andrews tel. 01582 832267

[Mead Quilters](#) Stasha Martin - 01727 872747 or stasha.martin@btinternet.com

[The Wheathampstead Club](#) The Secretary 01582-833340

[Wheathampstead Flower Club](#) Elaine Enstone 01582 760709

[Wheathampstead & District Darts League](#) Mick Vardy

[Whstd & District Preservation Society](#) Richard Brett

[Horticultural Society](#)

[Wheathampstead Wine Club](#), Jill Barehan 01582 450079



3 Valleys Club - A social and community fundraising group, for men and women in the Beds, Bucks and Herts. area. (The Lea, Colne and Thames valley areas). Our members want to get the most out of life so an active social life, full of variety, is a high priority. At the same time we want other people to benefit from our enthusiasm too. By volunteering our time and energy, we help local organisations and charities do more for the community. <http://www.threevalleys.org>

[Women's Institute](#) Mead Hall, East Lane

[Archery Club](#) (Follyfields at weekends), J Booth 01582 762128

[10k/2k Race and Fun run](#)

[Wheathampstead Dramatic Society](#)

Charities

Wheathampstead Community Group (WCG) - A registered charity that provides help and support to any resident of the village. WCG - organise **transport** for people who cannot get to hospital, doctors appointments or collect prescriptions, provide an **Internet Cafe** at the Hilldyke Centre every Tuesday morning and arrange **lunch meetings** for people who may find it difficult to socialise or are housebound. [Web site](#)

Amwell Local Fundraisers (ALF) Funds raised by ALF at their ever popular Amwell Day summer fete at the Elephant & Castle are used to organise fun social events for our senior citizens. They include a Christmas party, bingo sessions on the last Tuesday of the month in the Mead Hall, and a grand day out in the summer.

If you are, or know of, a senior citizen who would like to come to ALF events we would be delighted to hear from you. Contact Colin Bower on 07790 639735. Volunteers to help at ALF events would also be most welcome.

[Community Meeting Point](#) - A local charity serving the area around Wheathampstead, Harpenden and St. Albans. Maggie Snyder 01582 831485

[Greyhound Compassion](#) L Read 01582 713598 / 01582 712418

[James Marshall Foundation](#) 01582 760735

[MIND](#) Jolie Driscoll 01727 838545

[Friends of St. Helen's Church](#) Chairman Richard Debenham 01727 857391 : Hon Sec Mrs Ruth Jeavons 01582 629516

[Send a Cow](#) Mike Hollick 01582-832567

Home-Start - St Albans City & District - providing practical and emotional support for young families in: St Albans, Harpenden, Redbourn, **Wheathampstead**, Colney Heath, London Colney and Sandridge. Home-Start is a voluntary organisation in which volunteers offer regular support, friendship and practical help to young families in their own homes, helping to prevent family crisis and breakdown, and emphasising the pleasures of family life. www.homestartstalbans.org.uk

Cycling

This is a local section of the CTC (national cycling club). Our rides mostly start from St Albans & Hatfield but also some from East lane car park. We have 7 active members that I know of living in Wheathampstead. I am based in Marford Rd and have created a web site that is updated regularly. We also carry a page relating to activities for tandemists.

Please take a look at this URL www.ctcherts.org.uk/stalbans .

Ian Smith (Tel: 01582 629949.)

Mead Quilters

Meetings are held at the **Mead Hall**, East Lane, Wheathampstead

1st Tuesday (morning 10:00 to 12:30), on the 3rd Tuesday (evening 7:30)

65 members and a waiting list at present.

Visitors welcome - Evening meetings £3.00 - Morning meetings £2.50 (Tea and coffee with biscuits included at both meetings.)

Contact details: Stasha Martin - 01727 872747 or stasha.martin@btinternet.com

[Other Hertfordshire Quilt groups](#) | [Go to start Sport and Clubs List](#)

Horticultural Society

Meetings are generally held at 8.00pm in the Memorial Hall. There are two sections:

Horticultural Section meets 1st Wed. each month

Wine Club often meets last Wed. each month

The **Horticultural Section** meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 8.00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall, Marford Road to hear interesting, illustrated talks on all aspects of gardening.

Visitors and new member are always welcome and you don't have to be an experienced gardener to join. We regularly have excellent speakers with stunning photography so why not come along to a meeting and give us a try.

We also run plant sales and popular coach trips to attractive gardens.

All events are held at THE MEMORIAL HALL, MARFORD ROAD at 8.00 p.m.
unless other wise announced

Contact: (01582 832348
EVERYONE WELCOME!!

We very much look forward to welcoming you. Just turn up on one of these dates or for further information contact David using this email address, which you will need to type in
david.singleton@iee.org (this is an anti-spam precaution)

The **Wine Club**, a section of the Horticultural Society, meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 8.00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. The committee have put together an interesting programme for 2010 and into 2011, including professionally led tasting, 'cooking with wine' and social events. For further information please e-mail
wheat_wineclub07@hotmail.co.uk Contact: Max Walker 01582 832802

The Wheathampstead Club (now closed & demolished in 2014)

The Wheathampstead Club had been in existence for about 70 years and was open to Members and their friends from any locality. The present Club building itself has now been built for 16 years and all the facilities are relatively up-to-date. They offered Games Sections for **Darts, Pool, Crib** etc.

The following events were regularly held:

Lea Valley Country Music with some of the best Country Musicians in the South - first Saturday of every month - Dancing (sorry no line-dancing),

It was open to Members and non-members.

The Hall (with stage) **could be hired for private functions** and held **120** visitors.

An elected Committee ran the Club.

MIND

This is the Branch Out Befriending Scheme (St Albans & District). Adults give 1 - 2 hours per week to befriend the lonely or isolated who suffer long term mental health problems. Ongoing training and support is provided; expenses are reimbursed. We work toward equal opportunities for all.

Volunteers are urgently needed. Please contact Jolie Driscoll Tel: 01727 838545

Send A Cow

This is a registered charity that sponsors the provision cows to families in Uganda and the training of support vets. A letter from Paul Heiney says "..... Remember, Uganda's own national herd was largely slaughtered and downgraded in the country's long civil war; what we are doing is not imposing western ways, but replacing those lost skills as well as lost cattle. ..."

Treasurer of the Hertfordshire Supporters' Group is Mike Hollick Tel. 01582-832567. Further details at [Send a Cow](#).

Women's Institute

The **Mead Hall** in East Lane is available for **hire** - Please contact
Bookings: 07985 400487 or meadhallbookings@gmail.com

We have a thriving **Walking Group**. We walk once a week, usually quite a short walk (3 - 4 miles), followed by either a **Pub lunch** or sometimes lunch at someone's home.

We have also just started a **Book Club** and are open to ideas of anything else that members would like to consider. We are also hoping to increase our **outings** this year - we already have lots of ideas of where to go but any suggestions are always welcome.

The Group is very friendly and relaxed - we have a lot of fun and learn a lot too, so do come and join us.

details updated March 2014

Friends of St. Helen's Church

[Interested in joining?](#)

Founded in 1970-1 the Friends were registered as a charity in 1995-6. The constitution expresses the aim as, "The preservation, repair and restoration of St Helen's church building for the benefit of the public by the provision of funds and equipment in co-operating with the Parochial Church Council"

Some Achievements

Over the years the Friends have raised over £80,000 and contributed to:

- repair an support of the North Wall
- recovering of South transept roof
- renovation and repair of the tower and spire
- external stonework repairs
- repair and renovation of the triple lancet windows
- publication of *The Brief History and Guide to St Helen's Church*, a new edition of which appeared in 2007.

Your Involvement

All subscribers are sent an Annual Report and new subscribers will be sent a complimentary copy of the *Brief History and Guide*. The minimum subscription is only £5 per annum.

Members have the opportunity to :

- attend the AGM
 - join in social and fund-raising activities
 - request guided tours of the church
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- offer themselves for election to serve as trustee, or help in organising events.

Chairman - Richard Debenham

Hon Secretary - Ruth Jeavons (Tel: 01582 629516) 44 Necton Road, Wheathampstead, Herts, AL4 8AU

1st Wheathampstead Scouts, Cubs & Beavers

These are girls and boys groups meeting in the Scout Hut. The ages covered are:

Beavers	6 to 8
Cubs	8 to 11
Scouts	11 to 15

Volunteers in various areas always welcome subject to the usual checks.

Waiting list contact - w11stwheathampstead@outlook.com

Wheathampstead & Kimpton Explorer Scouts Group

This is a mixed group. Meetings are held on Thursdays at 7:15pm till 9:00pm in the Scout Hut. The ages covered are 14 to 18 years. There is participation in adventurous activities. New members are welcome.

Explorer Scouts (Wheathampstead & Kimpton) Matt Wood leaders@wakesu.com

W.A.S.P.s. (Wheathampstead After School Play Scheme and Holiday Club)

The After School Club is open to pupils of Beech Hyde and St Helen's Schools. It is open from 3.15 until 6.15pm during term time. The Holiday Club is open to primary school aged children from Wheathampstead and the surrounding area. It is open during the half term holidays and at Easter and during some of the Summer Holidays (dates on application).

For more information please call:

Mrs Helen Archer 01582 834190 or email: waspsasc@tiscali.co.uk

LITTERBLITZ - Keeping Wheathampstead beautiful.

"**Litterblitzers**" are a collection of villagers who dislike being in litter strewn surroundings - we want our attractive village to be clean. We target litter "hotspots" in/near the village for about 1 1/2hrs collecting the litter and rescuing many recyclables from landfill !

We are supported by the Parish Clerk and Councillors and the District Council who provide the equipment and collect the bags of rubbish and recyclables.

All are welcome to join us, watch this site for the meeting point or ring Rosemary on 834480.

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Supporting the community of Wheathampstead
