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# Voluntary action



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**B**roxbourne Mayor Cllr Mark Mills-Bishop visited The Council for Voluntary Services (CVS) Broxbourne and East Herts to find out more about the work they do for community and voluntary groups.

The CVS provides support services - such as information, funding advice, training opportunities and networking forums - for more than 300 voluntary and community groups, helping them to serve their communities.

They recently put their knowledge

of local organisations to good use by helping them get redundant furniture from Hertford's Castle Hall, where refurbishment led to hundreds of chairs and tables going begging.

East Herts Council contacted the CVS, who put the word out to local community groups, who were all too happy to receive them.

On his visit last week The Mayor said: "I am enthused by the work that CVS do and for the high level of support and expertise they give to community groups and the voluntary sec-

tor in the Broxbourne and East Herts districts.

"I'm a staunch supporter of the work that they do and I will do everything I can to support the link they have with community support groups."

If you are an existing voluntary or community group or if you have an idea for a new community group, the CVS is here to help.

Contact 01920 487888, email [admin@cvsbeh.org.uk](mailto:admin@cvsbeh.org.uk), [www.cvsbeh.org.uk](http://www.cvsbeh.org.uk) or visit 20 Tudor Square, West Street, Ware, Herts, SG12 9XF.

## Sainsbury's plans for cycle-friendly store

A DETAILED planning application for bike parking facilities at the new Sainsbury's store in Hertford has been submitted to East Herts Council.

It's the first of a number of minor applications and technical requirements which must be met before work starts on building the 25,000sqft store and the restoration of the listed McMullen's brewery where it is to be built.

Applications to come will cover issues such as materials, landscaping,

archaeology and surface drainage.

Sainsbury's will also propose several minor modifications to the detailed design of the new store.

These include a larger café on the ground floor, information on the history of the brewery inside the store, more natural lighting and additional plant to allow the use of more environmentally friendly CO2 refrigeration units.

The proposed cycle parking is among

measures to reduce vehicle traffic; a new bridge to the town centre will carry a pedestrian and cycle path.

The new store forms part of a wider regeneration of this key site close to the heart of the town.

Robert Oxley, Sainsbury's regional development executive, said: "We are looking forward to starting on site for our new store in Hertford, but first we need to finalise a few minor details - such as the cycle racks."

## News in brief

### Doing business with public cash

BUSINESS representatives from the Hertford and Ware area were among over 220 people at the launch of the Supply Hertfordshire Portal in Hatfield on September 17.

Local firms vying for business from the public sector can use the online tool, available at [www.supplyhertfordshire.g2b.info/hpf/](http://www.supplyhertfordshire.g2b.info/hpf/), to advertise their services.

The system automatically emails suppliers to alert them of opportunities which may suit them, while quotes and

tenders can then be posted online.

Deputy leader of Hertfordshire County Council David Lloyd said: "The public sector organisations in the Supply Hertfordshire partnership spend over £1bn each year on a wide range of services and they are keen to find new suppliers, so this was the perfect opportunity for Hertfordshire-based businesses to find out how they can work with the public sector."

### Starting a business?

ARE you thinking of starting up a business? Business Link has introduced a new two-day Business Boot Camp for start-up businesses with high growth potential.

To find out whether the Boot Camp is right for them, anyone who has a business idea with aspirations for rapid growth can try a taster workshop run by Business Link in partnership with Broxbourne Council. The three-hour workshop will take delegates through a process to help them decide whether they have what it takes to build a high growth business and will learn what the full camp will involve.

The free taster workshop is on Tuesday October 19 at the council offices in Churchgate, Cheshunt from 9.30am to 12.30pm. It will cover: whether a business has got high growth potential, the realities and pitfalls of being in business, what businesses need to be successful, the support available from Business Link and an insight into the Boot Camp and the application process.

Places can be booked online at [www.bookevents.org](http://www.bookevents.org) or by calling the Business Link events team on 0845 601 1000.

### Council leader elected

HERTS County Council leader Robert Gordon has been elected chairman of the influential County Councils Network at the organisation's AGM on September 8.

The all-party network represents the 38 shire counties and unitary councils in England, which provide public services for 24 million people, in 87 per cent of the land mass of England.

It lobbies government and provides a forum for members to share ideas.

Mr Gordon said: "I believe that our members, with their experience of providing modern, efficient services, are well placed working with district council colleagues in two-tier areas, to lead our public sector partners in the drive to serve local communities well, despite funding cuts."



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