



Keen St Albans composter, Ian Maskell

Getting your composting off to a good start

If you still have leaves lying about in the garden, or you want to know how to compost your green kitchen waste, www.recylenow.com has some great tips and advice.

There are step-by-step guides on things like getting the right composting mix and making the perfect leafmould and lots of seasonal ideas for going greener in your garden and in your home.



Ellenbrook Fields country park now open

A 400-acre country park on the former aerodrome site between Hatfield and St Albans is now open to the public.

The site, known as Ellenbrook Fields, was once part of the British Aerospace site and was at one time used as a jet engine test area and airfield – as well as a blockbuster movie set in later life!

It has now been converted into a large open space for the public to enjoy.

Back in 2000, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council and St Albans City & District Council secured the site as green space as part of the planning permission granted for the development of Hatfield

Business Park.

Following land surveys and substantial landscaping, the site has been converted into parkland with footpaths, hay meadows, a bridleway and woodland. It will also retain the taxiway for heritage and access purposes and have information panels, picnic benches and seating. Approximately half of the remaining park land will then be used for cattle grazing with Longhorn Cows introduced into the park.

Ellenbrook Park was used as part of the set for Saving Private Ryan in 1998 and Band of Brothers in 2001.

Information on the site can be downloaded from: www.welhat.gov.uk/ellenbrook

Council improves its office recycling rate

THE council has worked hard this year to improve its own recycling rate at its office locations. We are now recycling 57 per cent of our office waste, diverting an extra 10 tonnes of waste away from landfill and saving over £5,000 annually.

The new recycling scheme was set up to ensure that the council is practicing what it preaches. We hope to do even better in 2011 and will let you know how we are doing.

Recycling rates in the District are improving all the time. Residents recycled over 50 per cent of household waste for 2009/10 beating the District's recycling target ahead of schedule. To keep up the momentum, the council has increased the target to 60 per cent by 2015 and will be providing lots of information, services and advice to help residents who are keen to do their bit for the local recycling effort.



Got your copy of Recycling News?

ALL homes in the district should by now have received their winter copy of Recycling News, the council's regular newsletter for residents.

It has lots of useful information about local recycling and includes the waste and recycling calendar. If you didn't get your copy delivered, you can download it at www.recyclingforapremier.com (click on collection calendar on the left hand side) or telephone 01727 819285.

Redevelopment of play area in Wheathampstead



FOLLOWING a series of consultation sessions with local residents and youth groups, work is about to begin to develop an exciting play area for young people in Wheathampstead, which will transform an existing play space off Caesars Road.

The play area is being funded by the Department for Education, Hertfordshire County Council and St Albans City and District Council and is being designed by Groundwork Hertfordshire.

Pictured are Julia Warren (Wheathampstead Parish Clerk), Wheathampstead Ward Councillors Gill Clark, Annie Brewster and Chris Oxley (also Portfolio Holder for Community Engagement and Support), together with Cllr Anthony Rowlands, Portfolio Holder for Sport and Leisure.

Keeping St Albans City & District Clean and Green

If you spot a problem with...

- ✓ Abandoned vehicles
- ✓ Illegal fly-tipping
- ✓ Graffiti or litter
- ✓ Dog fouling or stray dogs
- ✓ Dumped rubbish
- ✓ Illegal fly-posting
- ✓ Overgrown hedgerows
- ✓ Spills from refuse collection
- ✓ Accumulation of leaves
- ✓ Pest control
- ✓ Damaged street furniture
- ✓ Street cleaning required
- ✓ Drugs paraphernalia
- ✓ Trees (overgrown/obstructing highway)
- ✓ Empty/derelict property
- ✓ Air pollution (bonfires/fumes)

...please contact

☎ The Cleaner District Hotline: 0845 125 8000

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