

Press Release

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Harpenden Common & Lydekker Park Recognised with Green Flag Awards

Lydekker Park and Harpenden Common have been recognised by the Green Flag Scheme as some of the best green spaces in the world. This is the 13th year in a row that the Harpenden Common has earned a Green Flag Award, and the third consecutive year that Lydekker Park has been recognised.

This international award, now into its third decade, is a sign to the public that the spaces boast the highest possible environmental standards, are beautifully maintained and have excellent visitor facilities. Green Flag judges assessed management plans for Lydekker Park & Harpenden Common and conducted site visits on both spaces to determine how well the Green Flag Award expectations have been met. Green Flag Award applicants are judged against specific criteria including community involvement, health & safety, and environmental management.

Nicola Linacre, Deputy Town Mayor and Chair of the Community Services Committee, said, "I am delighted that Lydekker Park and Harpenden Common have once again been recognised with a Green Flag Award. Well-maintained green spaces are incredibly important to Harpenden residents & visitors, and the Town Council would like to thank our volunteers, community groups and contractors for all their hard work. Their support is vital in helping us maintain our green spaces to such a high standard for all to enjoy."

Harpenden Common and Lydekker Park both regularly host events and wildlife activities for the community. Upcoming Lydekker Park events include the annual Teddy Bears' Picnic on 7 August and Music in Lydekker on 31 August.

The Green Flag Awards Scheme is run by the environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy. More information can be found at <http://greenflagaward.org/>. For more information about Harpenden Town Council, visit harpenden.gov.uk.

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About Harpenden Town Council

Harpenden Town Council was created in 1974 and is the largest parish in the St Albans District with a population of almost 30,000 represented by 16 Councillors across 4 Wards.