

Press Release

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Harpenden Town Council Announces Hertfordshire Year of Culture Event Programme

Harpenden Town Council is excited to announce that it is organising a special programme of events in 2020 as part of the Hertfordshire Year of Culture. These Harpenden events will run in conjunction with local community groups & businesses alongside our monthly Harpenden Farmers' Markets.

Events will run from January through to December, with the launch event coming in March as the Town Council hosts the **Harpenden Street Festival**. The Street Festival, taking place on 22 March, will include theatre performances, circus skills, street performers, dancing, face painting, live music, and workshops.

Harpeden Town Mayor Cllr Brian Ellis said, "The Town Council is delighted to host this series of events as part of the Hertfordshire Year of Culture and show attendees so much of what Harpenden has to offer. I'm particularly looking forward to the Harpenden's Talent performances!"

Large crowds are also anticipated for the return of the **Harpenden Food & Drink Festival**, which will showcase a range of food, drink and produce available throughout Harpenden & the surrounding areas. The festival will include lots of stalls, demonstrations, activities, workshops, and much more!

The full Hertfordshire Year of Culture programme of events for Harpenden can be found below and online. Further details for each event will be announced throughout the year on the Town Council's social media channels and online at <http://www.harpenden.gov.uk/hyoc>.

Harpenden Hertfordshire Year of Culture Events:

26 January 2020

Try Something New

The Sensory Garden will host a variety of local groups & businesses to showcase Harpenden's

cultural activities to residents

23 February 2020

Harpenden's History Walks

Local groups will be leading bookable walking tours throughout Harpenden. The tours will be full of interesting historical facts and details about how things have developed into modern Harpenden.

22 March 2020

Harpenden Street Festival

The street festival will include theatre, circus skills, street performers, dancing, face painting and live music. There will be workshops for members of the public to get involved in and performances from local arts groups too!

26 April 2020

Street Food Social

Along with the hot food that is available at our monthly Farmers' Markets, street food traders will be welcomed to the Sensory Garden, along with music, a bar and a seating area for people to enjoy. The organisers usually arrange a children's activity too!

24 May 2020

Harpenden Vegan Market

Held across Church Green and the Sensory Garden, the Vegan Market will be dedicated to a wide variety of the best dairy-free and meat-free products.

28 June 2020

Harpenden's Talent Stage

The Town Council will invite local community groups & performers to feature on a stage which will be set up in the Town Centre. Farmers' Market attendees will be treated to a wide variety of fantastic performances!

26 July 2020

Storytime with Outdoor Games

Harpenden Town Council will organise a story time session which children of all ages can sit and enjoy! Large outdoor games and play activities will also be available to enjoy.

23 August 2020

Art in the Town

Art on the Common will run 'Art in the Town' on Church Green. This is a fundraising event organised by volunteers from the Harpenden Photographic Society.

27 September 2020

Harpenden Food and Drink Festival

The Harpenden Food and Drink Festival will showcase a range of food, drink and produce available throughout the town and surrounding areas. The festival will run for one day and will include lots of stalls, demonstrations, activities, workshops, and much more!

25 October 2020

Harpenden's Halloween Trail

The Town Council will work with local businesses to set up a Halloween trail for children to complete. Each child that completes the trail on the day will be given a small prize and entered into a prize draw for the overall prize.

22 November 2020

Harpenden Christmas Carnival

20 December 2020

Farmers' Market Celebrates Christmas

The Farmers Market in December will have a general Christmas theme with live choirs and more! Chestnuts and mulled drinks will be available to purchase as well as a visit from Father Christmas.

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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 Councilors across 4 Wards.