

Knebworth Matters

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FAIRER PARKING FOR KNEBWORTH

I believe it is important to support local shops by making parking in the centre of Knebworth as easy as possible. NHDC introduced 'Pay and Display' parking for St Martin's Road Car Park as it was becoming full with long-term parking by commuters and local employees.



The current charges are unfair to those who wish to park briefly to drop their children off to school or pop in to our local shops. And a flying visit risks a hefty fine.

I would like to see at least thirty minutes free parking and am campaigning with local residents to persuade NHDC to allow limited free parking there.

...AND BETTER PARKING

I will continue to work as part of the Knebworth Parking Initiative Group (KPIG) to improve parking in Knebworth. The railway station is a fantastic facility for us all, but brings problems with on-street 'commuter' parking. After extensive consultation parking restrictions on a number of roads were introduced in 2013 aimed to prevent anti-social drivers parking near junctions and in other dangerous locations, and help balance traffic flow and parking space. For a long-term solution I believe we need to work to find additional space in the village centre - part of the Redeemed Church of God car park has very recently become available to commuters, as suggested by KPIG.

GP SURGERY

I believe it is important to continue to have a local GP Surgery for Knebworth, and also to make sure any site and its location is accessible and able to provide a 21st-century service to local residents.

The current surgery is cramped and constrained, and in the future a better site may become available. It is important that the planning authority is ready to play its role

RE-SURFACING OF ROADS

Those of you who use or live in Station Road, Swangley's Lane, Deanscroft, Gun Road, Gun Road Gardens and Park Lane will have noticed re-surfacing work in your road by Herts County Council.

These roads had been in a very bad condition and as a result of consultation with Knebworth Parish Council the most severely affected parts have now been re-surfaced.

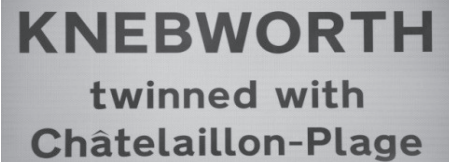
DEVELOPMENT OF OUR VILLAGE ... WITHIN AND AROUND KNEBWORTH

Recent developments in Knebworth have generally been built at the very highest density permitted under planning policies applicable at the time. The result is usually further parking problems and pressure on our infrastructure. There are a number of current applications to redevelop redundant sites in the village, including at the former Bulwer Lytton care home in Lytton Fields and the former hostel at 111 London Road.

Much of the village was built before the era of widespread car ownership. There is no question that now many families will own two or more cars. I think that it is important that applications include adequate parking for each dwelling. Garages should be counted only if they are built at a size sufficient to accommodate the cars of today, not the 1960's minis.

Land in Knebworth is valuable, but gains made by developers should be shared with residents. In any case, it is hard to see that any large-scale development of Knebworth would make sense, given the current capacity of transport, and other infrastructure and facilities.

It is important to me that Knebworth retains its distinctive village character within the Green Belt.



KNEBWORTH
twinned with
Châtelailon-Plage

LOCAL POLICING TEAM

Knebworth is a very safe place to live and has a very low rate of crime, with Hertfordshire Police available to take action when necessary.

We have a local policing team led by PC Keith Harding. It is important that we keep crime low by working in partnership with our local Police and ensure any issues arising are nipped in the bud.

Steve Hemingway - Your Local Campaigner Working For You

Steve Hemingway will need no introduction to many of you, as a resident of 'New' Knebworth for thirty years. Steve is closely involved in representing the community, having served as a member of the Parish Council since 2010, and as chair of the Parish Council's Planning Committee since 2011.

"Knebworth is a sustainable community, and an excellent place to live.", says Steve, "However, it needs strong representation in forums where it is competing for resources with other communities in the District and beyond."

Stephen McPartland, Member of Parliament for Stevenage, comments, "I have worked closely with Steve and believe he is a fantastic champion for Knebworth. He is an ideal candidate to deliver real results for the local community."

Steve, along with his wife, Kathie, is involved in a variety of local groups, such as the walking group and Twinning Association, and is a frequent supporter of community activities such as the Knebworth Festival and performances by KATS, the Knebworth Players and Community Chorus.



Stephen McPartland MP with Steve Hemingway

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