

Our Community

The council has supported numerous village groups and provided community facilities in recent years.

In 2020/21, the council was able to make grants to:

- Age Concern (Dacorum)
- Dementia UK
- The Peace Hospice
- Kings Langley Guide Hut
- Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
- Christ Church Baptist
- The Abbeyfield Kings Langley Society
- Kings Langley Village News
- The British Heart Foundation
- Berkhamsted Motorcycling Club

Other Services

Lobbying -The council is active in promoting or defending parish interests, especially protecting the Green Belt.

We can pursue public matters with other councils if villagers have had problems getting those matters resolved, e.g. road faults / improvements.

Consultations – The council, as a statutory consultee, is consulted on a wide range of public services provided in the parish, e.g. health services and strategic planning.

Planning Applications – The council is consulted on all planning applications in the parish, and, subject to planning law, has the power to refer applications to the Borough Council's Development Control Committee.

Parish / Neighbourhood Plan – During 2018-19 the Council produced a Parish Plan based on a survey of residents and is now working on a Neighbourhood Plan which will allow it to influence the shape of development in the Parish. Please look out for further news on this.

The Council is elected once every four years, and the current councillors (& 01923 phone no's) are:

Alan Anderson (Rucklers Lane)	262884
# Gerry Angiolini (Abbots View)	263369
* Howard Button (The Glebe)	400103
Derek Collins (Hempstead Rd.)	260623
Rene De Silva (Rucklers Lane)	07771395206
Currently vacant	
Alan Johnson (Hempstead Rd.)	400104
Bob McLean (Rucklers Lane)	269954
John Morrish (Rucklers Lane)	263939
Mark Rogers (Barnes Lane)	268108

* Chairman & # Vice-Chairman

The Staff employed by the council are:

- Clerk to the Council - Paul Dunham.
- Administrative Assistant - Beverley Ross
- Village Warden – Paul Hier

The council is based at **Charter Court**, at the bottom of Vicarage Lane – first entrance on the left from the High Street.

The office is open Mon - Fri, 9.30am - 12.30pm,
tel: 01923 261828,
email: klpc@kingslangley-pc.gov.uk

Meetings - The council meets on the first Tuesday of each month starting at 8pm, and the Planning & Licensing Committee meets on the first, third & fifth Tuesdays of each month starting at 7.30pm.

Each meeting starts with an opportunity for you to ask questions / raise any specific issues.

The meeting hall can be hired at other days / times - please contact the office for availability.

KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Arms of Isabel of Castille
and Edmund de Langley

An Introduction to your Most Local Council

May 2021

Charter Court, Vicarage Lane, Kings Langley, WD4 9HR

www.kingslangley-pc.gov.uk

Parish History

Kings Langley began and acquired its name in Plantagenet times when Edward I's wife, Eleanor of Castille, bought the "Langelei", the long meadow or clearing, next to the River Gade.

A royal hunting park was created, and a palace built at the top of Langley Hill:



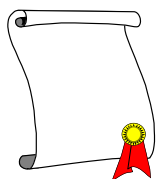
Drawing by Richard Boustred

Edward III used the palace to govern England during the Black Death in 1349, and his fifth son, Edmund de Langley, the first Duke of York, is now buried in a tomb in All Saints Church.

The palace was largely destroyed by fire in 1431, but parts of the neighbouring priory remain.

The Parish Council

The Parish Council was created in 1894, and is the closest form of local government.



Hertfordshire County Council and Dacorum Borough Council may provide the local government services, but the Parish Council provides the extras, which are summarised on the following pages, and help make the parish an extra special place.

Annual Events

Each year, the council runs or supports the following events in the parish.

Beating the Bounds

A public walk around the parish boundary on Rogation Sunday (5th after Easter).

Best Kept Gardens Competition

There are several categories, e.g. Best Newcomer, and you don't have to have a big garden. The awards are presented at a presentation evening in the autumn.



Carnival - The council helps to run the village carnival on the Common in late June.

Community Award - This annual award is presented to a nominated person to acknowledge an exceptional and valuable contribution to the community in the parish of Kings Langley in the last year or over many years.

Christmas Festival

An event run jointly with Community Action Dacorum. The High Street is temporarily closed off to traffic for the arrival of Father Christmas, the switching on of the council's Christmas Lights, stalls and other entertainment, followed by fireworks in the park.



Twinning with Achiet-le-Grand

A lifelong resident of the parish, Christopher Cox, was awarded the Victoria Cross for valour near the village of Achiet-le-Grand, France in March 1917. In recognition, in 2009, Achiet-le-Grand and Kings Langley entered into a "Friendship" (Twinning) agreement.



Our Environment

The council owns and maintains:

- the village centre entrance signs
- the village garden (adj. All Saints' Church)
- the public flowerbeds and troughs
- the brick-built bus stop shelters, and
- most of the park benches

And the council's Village Warden also does extra litter-picking and grounds maintenance etc. which can be done by a single person.



The Pound was completely rebuilt over the Easter weekend in 2018 after the previous structure fell into disrepair. The word 'pound' or 'pund' comes from medieval times meaning pen or enclosure. Their purpose was to impound stray animals until the owners claimed their animals and paid a fine to the pound keeper. Farmland was not enclosed until the 17th to 19th centuries. The Pound was originally sited behind cottages in the High Street and was moved to Common Lane in 1835.