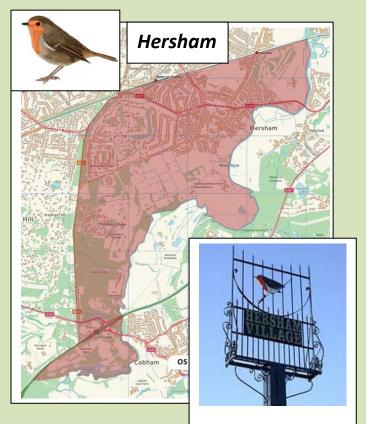
Welcome to Hersham

If you have recently moved to Hersham – this leaflet is for you!

.... longer term residents might also be interested – why not take a look and pass this leaflet to a new neighbour in your street?



Congratulations you have chosen a great place to live!

Hersham is the sort of place where friends and neighbours say hello to you, and you can get to know people when you are out and about in your street, or using the local shopping centre.

The aim of this leaflet is to help you get know Hersham and its community, and what it has to offer. We hope you will enjoy making your home here and can help maintain and build on our friendly village identity.

Description

Hersham Green Shopping Centre and the Green mark the middle of the village. Within easy reach from here you can find Waitrose and other shops, several coffee shops, and pubs. St Peters Church further up Burwood Road opposite Vauxmead is also a great landmark.

To the East of Waitrose car park you will find Riverside Park which is a hidden gem with some lovely riverside walks.

The village boundaries include a wide area. To the North past the library and the Barley Mow pub you will find Hersham Station and Hersham Golf Club and adventure mini golf.

In the southerly direction to the left of St Peters you will find Burhill Road and Turners Lane. These offer a fine 'U' shaped walking route with some great views of open farmland. It re-joins the main Burwood Road near Squires garden centre and cafe. Opposite Squires off the Burwood Road is Burwood Park which is an exclusive and extensive private estate. Further up on the other side of the road you will find Burhill Golf Club and then an historic residential complex for older people called Whiteley Village. This was built on a truly grand scale in 1906, and remains a fine example of the 'Arts and Crafts' architectural style.

Hersham history

Henry the VIII used Hersham as part of his hunting land – and in more recent times several large country houses were developed in the area. Only one of these remains as a very impressive Burwood Golf Clubhouse – where Barnes Wallace did some of the development work for his famous bouncing bomb during World War II.

Industry

Older Hersham residents can tell you lots about our industrial heritage, here's just a taster. The large office building on the Molesey Road opposite Thrupps Lane used to be a thriving industrial site where very heavy duty electrical transformers were made by Hackbridges Ltd. Many people remember the sirens which sounded the start and end of the working day in that part of Hersham.

On the other side of the road where Lidl is being built, aero engines were made during the First World War when production was moved from premises at Brooklands. Then they started making cars, and later on the

factory was used by Vickers for precision engineering.

In the 1970s Hersham Green shopping centre was developed on the site of an old slaughterhouse, this helped to transform Hersham into the village we know today.

Hersham is still changing with a recent school redevelopment and association residential housing and a new supermarket. Nevertheless Hersham still retains its distinct sense of identity. This is captured in the adopted Hersham symbol of a robin which takes pride of place on the 'Hersham Village Sign' on the green opposite the shopping Centre.

Local facilities / Services clubs etc - look

on the HRA website for this leaflet to make use of the weblinks provided below:-

- <u>Elmbridge Borough Council</u> For local data /bins etc / local councillors etc <u>register here with your</u> <u>postcode</u>
- Police in Hersham
- Elmbridge Civic Centre Esher
- Hersham Centre for the Community
- Hersham Surgery tel 01932 229033
- Local pubs <u>Waterman's Arms</u> the <u>Royal George</u>, <u>Bricklayers Arms</u> and the <u>Barley Mow</u>
- Restaurants include various excellent Indian Chinese and English

Local open spaces / parks

- Riverside Park
- Coronation Rec (incl bowling / tennis adventure play park and large grounds
- Hersham Green
- Back Green
- Vaux Crescent Green and play park
- The park opposite the Barley Mow pub.

Local Clubs / facilities for young people

- 1st Hersham Scout Group
- <u>Girl Guiding etc in Hersham</u>
- Hersham Youth Club Arch Road
- Piglets Burhill Road
- Hersham Bowls Club
- WI meets at their Hall in Burhill Road
- Hersham in Bloom
- Hersham Village Society & film club
- Hersham Sports and Social Club

Local Schools

- <u>Three Rivers Academy</u> a newly built
- and striking new facility in Hersham
- Burhill Primary School
- Bell Farm School
- <u>Cardinal Newman School</u>
- <u>Cleves School</u>
- Notre Dame School (fee paying)
- Felton Fleet School (fee paying)

Local Churches

- <u>St Peters Church</u>
- Hersham Baptist Church
- All Saints Catholic Church
- Living Water Church
- Emmanuel Church

Local Halls

- St Peters Church Hall
- Catholic Church Hall
- WI Hall Burhill Rd
- Hersham Youth Club available or Hire

Local events and things going on

Local events clubs and activities are advertised on the Hersham Community Notice Board opposite the Watermans Pub. Local events and much more is also featured on the Hersham Hub and other posts as below: -

- <u>The Hersham Hub website / face book this is</u> an excellent local resource
- <u>The Hersham Village Society a significant</u> face book resource in Hersham
- <u>The website of Hersham Residents</u> <u>Association (the HRA)</u>

Hersham Residents Association (the HRA)

The HRA created this leaflet and has a long history supporting the community in Hersham since 1971. The HRA is not political but lobbys for Hersham when required.

Our membership includes Hersham residents from all political parties. We have strong and positive links with all Hersham Councilors and help organise occasional community events

Members and non members are very welcome to make suggestions to our committee, and come to one of our committee meetings by arrangement to discuss a particular issue or share ideas for future Hersham initiatives.

If you would like to help support us – please see details on our website <u>here</u> (you can join online by Pay Pal or join at our AGM held in May each year at a local hall).

If you would just like to receive occasional updates

from the HRA please subscribe to our mailing list.

If you would also like to show your support for the HRA

see our website for <u>membership details</u>.