

community matters

Welcome to our first 2020 edition of Community Matters! This edition includes: highlights from 2019, our environmental update and a brief look at some of our valued work within the community.

2019/20 Corporate Responsibility

We are so pleased to have been able to support so many wonderful charities and organisations during 2019/20. Our 'CR contribution value' of £46,723.16 was achieved via:

- Cash or other donations to Willow and other local charities onsite fundraising events
- Gifted space for local charities to raise awareness
- Volunteering hours by staff
- Education activities
- Arise Grants
- Our onsite Jobs Fair
- Our Willow Partnership

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We would like to thank all our customers and brand partners for their continued support.

19 NEWS HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019

2019 was a busy year at The Galleria, here is a snap-shot of the highlights.

Willow 'Time for Tea' Event

In June, our annual event brought the community together, guests enjoyed home made bakes and tea in return for their generous donations to The Willow Foundation.



Hatfield Community Games

The fourth year of this now annual local event saw local school children in Hatfield come together and share a fun packed day of trying out different sports, with the encouragement of up to 100 volunteers. The event was managed by Sports Inspired and proudly sponsored and volunteered at by The Galleria, Ocado and The University of Hertfordshire.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

POPPY APPEAL

Hertfordshire Poppy Appeal

Every year we invite the British Legion to The Galleria to launch their poppy appeal.

In 2019/20 they raised
£1410.36 for the charity.



The Giving Tree

Over the festive season, £500 worth of gifts were donated by our customers and brand partners. All gifts were delivered to Lister Hospital Children's ward, where they were gratefully received by the East and North Herts Charity staff.



The Giving Tree
East & North Hertfordshire Hospitals' Charity

All gifts will go to Lister Hospital Children's wards.

Buy a gift from the wish list and drop it off to the customer services desk and we will do the rest. No wrapping required. Last donations 18th December.

The hospital cannot accept second hand toys or soft toys.

WISH LIST

- Art and craft activities
- Word search books
- Sticker books
- Small distraction items, such as fidget spinners, squishy balls, slime etc.
- Plastic baby toys
- Top trumps and other card games
- Pads
- Game consoles and current games
- Smelly sets for teenage girls and boys

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About Potential Kids



It's been a great year for Potential Kids, the charity have a base within The Galleria from which they run social and learning activities for neurodiverse children.



They were delighted to have been a finalist for the "Supporting young people" award at the prestigious 2019 Hertfordshire Business Awards and thrilled to have been chosen as Winner of the "Judges Choice" award.

Potential Kids also managed, with the help of regular volunteers, to offer more activities, which now include Minecraft gaming, independent living skills, along with arts and crafts. If you are interested in booking a session or finding out more visit their website at www.potentialkids.org/activities

World Autism Awareness Week



The Galleria will be supporting World Autism Awareness Week, 30th March – 5th April, by helping to spread awareness and increase acceptance. Our brand partners will be offering customers a daily quiet hour from Monday 30th March – Saturday 4th April, 10am to 11am and Sunday 5th April, 11am to 12pm.

Potential Kids will also be holding an awareness stand on Thursday 2nd April, at which guests can find out more information or pick up a Hidden Disability Lanyard.



Volunteering Opportunities at Potential Kids

Without the support of their amazing volunteers, Potential Kids would not be able to provide as many sessions as they do. Potential Kids know your time is precious, your commitment is invaluable.



Potential Kids are always looking for new volunteers, so if you would like to get involved please email info@potentialkids.org

Potential Kids are a voluntary charity which desperately needs support and donations from local businesses. If your business would like to consider them as your charity of the year please get in touch.



The Galleria's Community Champion is Alison Linskey, if you would like more details on any event please contact alison.linskey@landsec.com or call 01707 256860 extn 225.

Local charity partner update



Fundraising in the Classroom

We are delighted to continue supporting Willow, our chosen Charity partner. Willow works with seriously ill young adults, between the ages of 16 to 40, providing uplifting and unforgettable Special Days, creating treasured memories for them and their loved ones.

At least half of the 1000 Special Days that Willow provide every year will include the beneficiaries children. Often this is one of very few days of normality amongst hospital appointments and worry. It is a chance to be together as a family, like any other family.

Willow is already working with some of the communities fantastic local schools who are doing great things to raise the vital funds needed to provide even more Special Days.

If your school is currently looking for a new charity partner or would like to hear more about Willow, please contact the Community Fundraising team on fundraising@willowfoundation.org.uk



2020 Willow Dates for your Diary

JANUARY

Virtual 20 Fundraiser Throughout January

APRIL

20 for 20 Fundraiser Throughout April 

Rotary Centenary Walk

Welwyn Garden City.
Sunday 19 April

London Marathon

Various Cheer Points.
Sunday 26 April

MAY

Herts 100 Bike Ride

Stanborough Lakes, Herts.
Sunday 17 May

Leestock

Melford Hall, Suffolk.
Saturday 23 – Sunday 24 May

JUNE

Bedtime Story Walk

Hertfordshire

Take Time for Tea. Nationwide. Throughout June

JULY

Folk By The Oak

Hatfield House, Herts.
Sunday 19 July

AUGUST

Abseil. TBC 

SEPTEMBER

China Great Wall Trek.

Saturday 19 – 27 September

OCTOBER

Run with Willow

Hatfield House, Herts.
Sunday 4 October

DECEMBER

Willow Christmas Pudding Dash

Stanborough Lakes, Herts
Sunday 13 December

Willow Carol Concert

St Albans Abbey. TBC

For more information about any of these events, please contact Willow on 01707 259777.

 NEW event for 2020

Arise Hatfield – Awards Granted



As part of the Arise initiative, we are thrilled to announce that this year we have awarded a total of **£13,477.50** in grants for local groups needing support.



Does your Hatfield project need a cash boost?

The ARISE Hatfield fund is an alliance of four business partners, who each donate £5,000 per year. The partners comprise of Landsec (The Galleria), Ocado, Gascoyne Cecil Estates and Incentive-FM. The fund is open to Hatfield groups or individuals.

Applications are considered on their merits by an independent selection committee, for support of up to £1,000.

In order to be considered, applicants are required to complete a simple application form and provide the names of two referees, who will be contacted for reference purposes. In addition to the application form, applicants can further bolster their bid for funding by providing other materials like newsletters, testimonials and videos.

Visit www.arisehatfield.co.uk for more details.



The Hatfield House Chamber Music Festival 2019



This group organised a programme of concerts, education and outreach work in the local community, engaging and enabling the next generation of young musicians.

26th September they hosted three concerts, attended by 422 primary school children from 8 different schools + 46 accompanying adults.

28th September – 70 adults and children attended a Family Concert.

29th September – a masterclass was given by the Navarra quartet and two student quartets from the Royal Academy of Music.

29th September – Young Musicians

Platform ran three informal free concerts with audiences of 35-40 at each concert. Performances by 36 students from the Mid Herts Music School (part of Hertfordshire Music Service) and Young Etheldreda's Singers – Y.E.S!

The programme for the Schools' and Family Concert included music from Carnival of the Animals by Camille Saint-Saëns. In pre-concert workshops at the schools earlier in September, the children were encouraged to make animal masks, write poetry inspired by animals and learn something of the background to the music. This included learning about when and how Saint-Saëns had composed the pieces for Carnival and the instruments and musical techniques used to create the animal "pictures" in sound. The children also discovered that he used some French folk songs in the music as well as part of "Offenbach's "Cancan" and his own "Danse Macabre".

Environmental Update



Waste Management

In 2019 we achieved 72% waste recycling and, in line with our zero waste to Landfill policy, 100% of waste was diverted from Landfill. In 2020, in partnership with our waste management partner 'Go for Greener', our aim is to increase recycle waste to at least 75%.



Environmental Initiatives

Four, free to use, electric vehicle charging points have been installed on level 2 of the MSCP.



Biodiversity

We continue to focus our efforts on Biodiversity and our current projects include:

- A wildflower garden at the north car park to encourage and feed the bees.



- Bird nesting boxes at the garden on the east service road.
- Wildlife friendly planting and log piles to encourage wildlife habitation.

Our Community



Jobs & Opportunities

If you are passionate about retail and are looking for full or part time work you can view all our job vacancies at www.thegalleria.com/jobs or on the noticeboard at our customer services desk. If you are a student looking for work experience we can help.



Our Community Space

We offer our space FREE of charge to local charities, voluntary groups and local businesses. This is a great opportunity to promote, showcase, exhibit, and fundraise. If you would like to use some space to showcase your group or business, then please get in touch with alison.linskey@landsec.com



Vintage JiveSwing Event



Celebrate VE Day with us at our Vintage JiveSwing event on the 9th May 12pm-3pm 1940's Live Music, Singers, Dancing, Vintage DJ's, and vintage dances classes that you can take part in! If your club or group would like to hold an event on VE Day weekend please get in touch!

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DOES YOUR GROUP NEED A BOOST?

FUNDING OF UP TO

£1000

Arise Hatfield supports community groups and initiatives within Hatfield, with **funding of up to £1000**. So whether you're looking to **launch a new idea** or just **improve the services** you currently offer – **we can help!**

To find out more please get in touch:

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