

70 years of the Harpenden Trust

Seven decades ago we began to help Harpenden residents by providing winter coal.

Now with the town more than doubled in size:

- We don't deliver coal any more, but, among many other things, we do help with utility bills;
- We are very much the friendly face ready for a chat and a cuppa with someone who is lonely;
- We see that our young pupils from less well-off homes are not disadvantaged when it comes to important school trips.



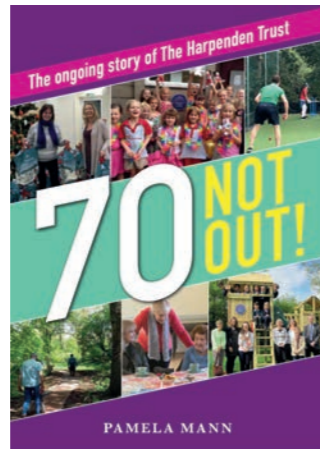
Look at what the Harpenden Trust does today

Who, what, why...

To mark the Trust's 70th anniversary its story has been updated with a new book — **70 Not Out!**

The original, produced at the time of the Trust's Golden Jubilee, was entitled *A lifeboat moored in Harpenden*, and covered the years to 1990. The new book picks up the story and, interspersed with recollections from former chairmen, covers the past 28 years.

- AVAILABLE FROM**
- The Trust Centre in Southdown Road
 - News4U newsagent in Station Road
 - The Town Hall in Leyton Road



The book costs just £5 and includes a free copy of the reprinted original.

LOOKING FOR HELP?

Our **Care Fund** helps families and individuals, with things like:

- School uniforms and shoes
- Furniture and white goods
- Utility bills for pensioners
- Christmas parcels
- Befriending
- Out-and-about days for seniors
- A summer outing for families

Get in touch if you think we can help

Our **Community Fund** has improved facilities for organisations and groups to the tune of £500,000 over the last decade. This year we helped:

- High Beeches School
- Southdown Play Area
- Harpenden Cricket Club
- Friends of Roundwood Primary School
- Batford Memorial Hall

Get in touch if you feel your group could qualify for help

All our community projects are financed from separate funds: no Christmas Appeal money is involved.

VOLUNTEERING

How you could volunteer with the Harpenden Trust

Can you volunteer for the Harpenden Trust once a week, once a fortnight, once a month or once a year? We need:

- Befrienders
- Coffee morning helpers
- Occasional drivers
- Collectors for the Christmas Appeal

GETTING IN TOUCH

Ring us any time on 01582 460457
If the office is unstaffed, please leave a message and we will return your call.

Visit our website

www.theharpentrust.org.uk

Call in and see us

The Trust Centre is open between 10am and noon Monday to Friday.

Email us

General enquiries:


admin@theharpentrust.org.uk

Care Fund:

help@theharpentrust.org.uk

Write to us at

The Harpenden Trust Centre,
90 Southdown Road, Harpenden,
AL5 1PS.

 **Join our Facebook Group**
'Friends of Harpenden Trust'
to be part of our online community.

HALLS FOR HIRE

If you run classes, organise lectures, society meetings and community events, or simply want a one-off hire for a children's party, the Trust Centre in Southdown Road has two halls available for hire:

- **Renwick Hall** Seats up to 80
- **Randall Room** Seats up to 40

Hires may be hourly, weekly, monthly, term-time or one-offs.

For further information on availability and costs, email the Lettings Team at bookings@theharpentrust.org.uk.

Harpenden Trust

70 years of helping Harpenden people



Look inside to see how we have helped Harpenden people

Looking for help?
Turn to our back page to find out how to get in touch



HELPING HARPENDEN PEOPLE IN NEED
The Harpenden Trust

See how your donations have helped in the past and could do so again

Jenny and Gavin are taking care of their grandchildren since their widowed daughter had a stroke. With a teenager, a toddler and twins in their home, the financial costs have been considerable. We stepped in to help.

David is one of our befrienders — making sure a lonely person has someone to talk to every week. We are always happy to help lighten the day.

Steven had a massive stroke, and as he recovered he could only work part time, with a huge drop in his income. The Universal Credit Scheme suffered delays and errors. Until it was sorted out, we made sure he had food bank vouchers, food parcels, supermarket vouchers and other help, too.

Sophie and Kevin's mum and dad got help to buy them school uniforms and shoes. Prices go up every year!

Pavek is one of our volunteer drivers. He picks up an elderly resident and drives him to the Trust Centre to catch the seaside outing coach. He's there waiting when the coach returns.

All names have been changed.

We continue to help those in need

Josie and her children were in a refuge before they got a home in Harpenden. She had no furniture or kitchen utensils, which is when

we stepped in with furniture and the white goods — and helped to kit out the children for their new schools.

When Mary lost her husband last year his occupational pension ceased. She has been helped with utility costs and is

attending the Tuesday coffee mornings for pensioners in the Trust Hall. She also went on the pensioners' coach outing.

"We made sure he had food bank vouchers ... other help too."

Christmas Appeal

The Trust's Care Fund will be spending £90,000 this year on supporting individuals and families in our town who are finding it difficult to make ends meet. People like Jenny, Gavin, Stephen and Mary.

Half of this money will come from investments — but we need to find the rest from our community, which is why we ask you to again support the Christmas Appeal.

We are very grateful for the generosity Harpenden people show every year: please do so again this year by filling up the familiar Appeal envelope when it drops on your doormat this month.

The money you donate can grow by 25% if you complete the Gift Aid declaration on the back of the envelope.

