



# Local Area Guide

for health and social care international recruits



*Where  
tradition meets  
tomorrow.*

Borehamwood  
and Bushey



## About this guide

This guide is intended to provide an overview of the local area to include guidance on travel distances, potential areas in which to live, tips for finding accommodation and contact details for local letting agents. Should you require any further assistance please speak to your employer who will be able to provide you further information.

**Borehamwood** and **Bushey** offer a unique mix of cinematic glamour and serene suburbia. Home to the famous Elstree Studios, Borehamwood is steeped in film and television history, while Bushey retains a quaint village feel with its historic buildings and green spaces. Together, they provide an ideal setting for those seeking both excitement and tranquillity.



### About Borehamwood and Bushey

- Borehamwood and Bushey are neighbouring towns in Hertfordshire, just outside of London.
- Borehamwood is famed for Elstree Studios and its association with the film and television industry.
- Bushey retains a more traditional village atmosphere, known for its historical buildings and green spaces.
- Both towns are within 20 miles (32km) of central London, offering easy access to the city while retaining a suburban feel.

## Getting around

### By bus

- Main operators include [arrivabus.co.uk](http://arrivabus.co.uk) and [unobus.info](http://unobus.info), connecting to Watford, St Albans, and Luton.

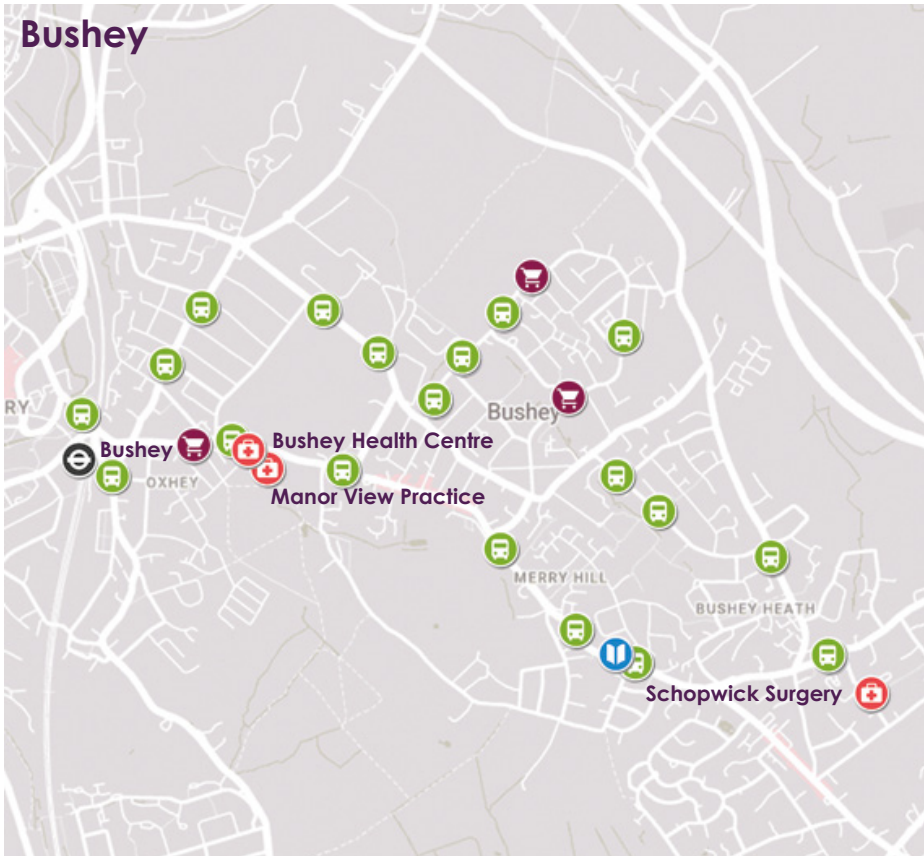
### By rail

- Elstree & Borehamwood Station: Direct services to London St Pancras (approx. 25 minutes) and Luton. Train services are primarily operated by Thameslink. For schedules, visit [thameslinkrailway.com](http://thameslinkrailway.com).
- Bushey Station: Offers services to London Euston (approx. 20 minutes) and Milton Keynes.

## Borehamwood



## Bushey



### Key

-  Train station
-  Supermarket
-  Library
-  Bus station
-  Tube station
-  Bus stop
-  Medical centre
-  Police station
-  Council offices

## Finding accommodation

When renting property, UK law says that landlords must check that you are who you say you are and that you are allowed to live in the UK. More information on proving your right to rent property can be found at [gov.uk/prove-right-to-rent](https://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-rent)

### Useful tips

When considering a new home, it's crucial to think about your preferred location. Deciding on an area simplifies the search. Consider proximity to your workplace and essential amenities like shops, gyms, supermarkets, churches, childcare facilities, schools, and parks. Research public transport availability, including the frequency, cost, and travel times of bus services, as well as the location of train and bus stations. Remember, rural areas often have less public transport than major cities or towns. Communities 1st has developed a Top Tip Guide for finding Accommodation in the UK.

Be aware that some landlords offer "all inclusive" rent, which might cover some of these costs. It's important to understand exactly what is included in the rent before committing to a property.

Before moving into a rental property, you will typically need to pay the first month's rent in advance, a tenancy deposit, and possibly a holding deposit if you're renting through a letting agent. For advice on paying bills visit: [moneyhelper.org.uk/en/homes/renting](https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/homes/renting)

### Rental cost guide (£/pcm)

Bedrooms	Borehamwood	Bushey
Studio	£850	£950
1 Bed	£1,150	£1,250
2 Bed	£1,700	£1,900
3 Bed	£2,200	£2,500

### Local letting/estate agents

Barkers Estate Agents  
Connells  
L&H Residential  
Simmons Estates  
Winkworth

### Agent portals

homestay.com  
onthemarket.com  
rightmove.co.uk  
zoopla.co.uk

# Borehamwood and Bushey



## Local NHS services and facilities

**Local GP Practices:** Several GP surgeries serve the local population. To find a GP, check [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk)

**NHS Walk-in Centres:** Nearest facilities are located in Watford, St Albans and Barnet for non-emergency care.

**Watford General Hospital:** Operated by West Herts Hospital NHS Trust, this hospital is a major healthcare facility serving the area, located about 15 minutes' drive from Bushey.

**St Albans City Hospital:** Also part of the West Herts Hospital NHS Trust, offering a range of services, situated approximately 20 minutes from Bushey.

**Barnet Hospital:** Located near Borehamwood, providing a comprehensive range of medical services, about 10 minutes' drive from the town centre.

**Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust:** Offers a range of community health services in the area.

## Useful contacts

NHS	<b>111</b> or in an emergency <b>999</b>
Hertfordshire Police	<b>101</b> or in an emergency <b>999</b>
Hertsmere Borough Council	<b>020 8207 2277</b>
Hertfordshire County Council	<b>0300 123 4040</b>
Citizens Advice Hertfordshire	<b>0800 144 8848</b>

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Communities 1st is committed to offering rounded pastoral support for international health and social care recruits transitioning to life in the UK. Our comprehensive service, delivered through a combination of dedicated staff and enthusiastic volunteer buddies, focuses on individualised 1:1 support and a range of group activities, ensuring a smooth integration into the UK lifestyle.

Don't miss the opportunity to benefit from our well-structured and holistic programmes. Reach out to us today to find out how we can collaborate to create a positive and seamless transition for your recruits.

### For more information

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