



Local Area Guide

for health and social care international recruits



*Gems of the
green belt.*

Cheshunt,
Broxbourne
and Hoddesdon



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.

These charming towns in Hertfordshire offer a peaceful escape with their close-knit communities and scenic beauty. **Cheshunt**, **Broxbourne** and **Hoddesdon** are characterized by their picturesque landscapes, including the sprawling Lee Valley Park, and provide a serene backdrop for a calm and fulfilling lifestyle.



About Cheshunt, Broxbourne and Hoddesdon

- These towns in Hertfordshire, north of London, are known for their picturesque landscapes, including the sprawling Lee Valley Park.
- Cheshunt, around 15 miles (24 km) from central London, combines urban amenities with countryside charm.
- Broxbourne and Hoddesdon, slightly further north, offer historical sites and a close-knit community atmosphere.
- The area is popular for its accessibility to London while maintaining a tranquil suburban environment.

Getting around

By bus

- Arriva and Metroline operate local bus services, connecting the towns to each other and nearby areas like Harlow and Enfield.
- Check routes and timetables at arrivabus.co.uk and metroline.co.uk

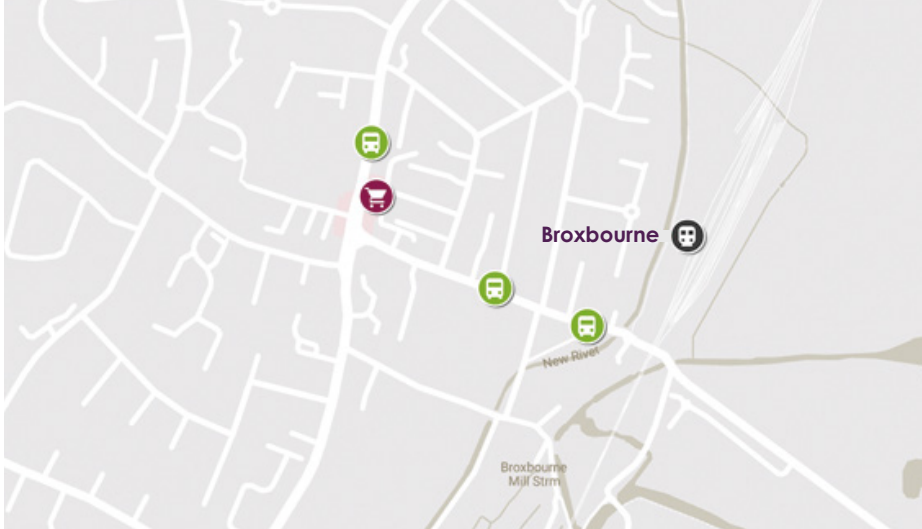
By rail

- Cheshunt Railway Station: Services to London Liverpool Street (approx. 30 minutes) and Stratford.
- Broxbourne Station: Trains to London Liverpool Street and Cambridge.
- Hoddesdon: Served by Rye House Station, with connections to London.
- Train services are primarily operated by Greater Anglia. Visit greateranglia.co.uk for more information.

Hoddesdon



Broxbourne



Cheshunt



Key

	Train station		Bus stop
	Supermarket		Medical centre
	Library		Police station
	Bus 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)

Beds	Ches.	Brox.	Hod.
Studio	£800	£850	£800
1 Bed	£1,050	£1,100	£1,100
2 Bed	£1,500	£1,550	£1,450
3 Bed	£1,900	£2,000	£1,800

Local letting/estate agents

Homes 4 Letting
Paul Wallace
Reynolds Salter Estate Agents
Shepherds Property Lettings
Woodhouse Property Lettings

Agent portals

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

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Local NHS services and facilities

GP Practices: Several in each town. To find a local GP, visit NHS Choices, visit [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk)

Walk-in Centres and Minor Injury Units: For non-emergency care, there are various centres in and around each town.

Chase Farm Hospital:

Located in Enfield, is the nearest hospital to Cheshunt, approximately 15 minutes' drive.

Princess Alexandra Hospital:

In Harlow, around 20 minutes' drive from Broxbourne and Hoddesdon, offering a range of services including A&E.

East and North

Hertfordshire NHS Trust:
Manages nearby hospitals.
Contact: **01438 314333**.

Useful contacts

NHS	111 or in an emergency 999
Hertfordshire Police	101 or in an emergency 999
Broxbourne Borough Council	01992 785555
Hertfordshire County Council	0300 123 4040
Citizens Advice Broxbourne	0808 278 7915

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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.

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