



# Local Area Guide

for health and social care international recruits



*Pioneering  
suburban  
utopia.*

Hatfield and  
Welwyn Garden City



## 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.

**Hatfield** features the historic Hatfield House, while **Welwyn Garden City** showcases innovative garden city design. Both towns in Hertfordshire blend architectural heritage with modern living in lush settings.



### About Hatfield and Welwyn Garden City

- Hatfield and Welwyn Garden City in Hertfordshire offer a unique combination of historical heritage and modern planning.
- Hatfield, about 20 miles (32 km) north of London, is known for the historic Hatfield House and its beautiful park.
- Welwyn Garden City, one of the first garden cities, is celebrated for its harmonious town planning and green spaces.
- The area combines the grandeur of stately homes and modern urban design, providing a distinctive living experience that blends tradition with innovation.

## Getting around

### By bus

- Arriva and Uno provide bus services within Hatfield and Welwyn Garden City, and to surrounding areas including St Albans and Stevenage.
- Visit [arrivabus.co.uk](http://arrivabus.co.uk) and [unobus.info](http://unobus.info) for routes and timetables.

### By rail

- **Hatfield Station:** Direct services to London King's Cross (approx. 25 minutes) and Cambridge.
- **Welwyn Garden City Station:** Trains to London King's Cross (approx. 30 minutes) and Cambridge.
- Train services are primarily operated by Great Northern. Visit [greatnorthernrail.com](http://greatnorthernrail.com) for more information.

## Welwyn Garden City



## 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)

Number of bedrooms

Studio	£750
1 Bed	£1,000
2 Bed	£1,450
3 Bed	£1,800

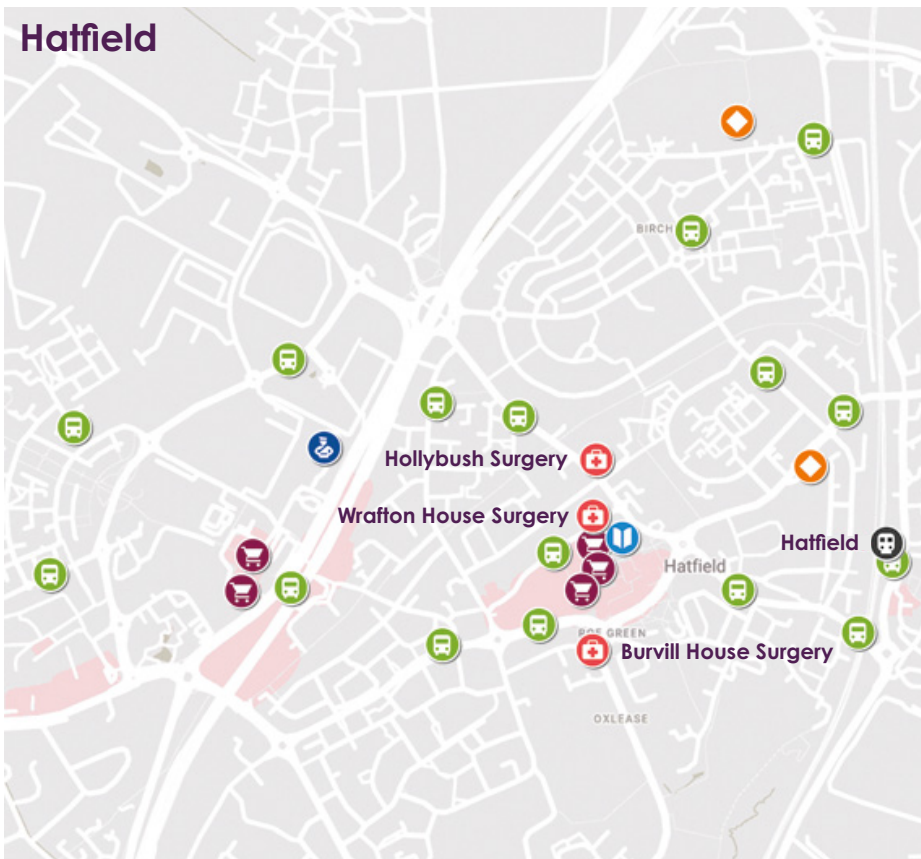
### Local letting/estate agents

Country Properties  
Morgan Alexander  
Pikes Estate Agents  
Raine and Co  
Wrights of Welwyn Garden City

### Agent portals

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

## Hatfield



## Key

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

# Hatfield and Welwyn Garden City



## Local NHS services and facilities

**GP Practices:** Numerous practices in Hatfield and Welwyn Garden City. To find a local GP, 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 Welwyn Garden City.

**Lister Hospital in Stevenage:** The main hospital serving the area, approximately 20 minutes from both Hatfield and Welwyn Garden City. It offers a wide range of services, including A&E.

**Queen Elizabeth II Hospital in Welwyn Garden City:** Provides outpatient services but does not have an A&E department.

**East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust** manages Lister and QEII hospitals. Contact: **01438 314333** (Lister Hospital).

## Useful contacts

NHS	<b>111 or in an emergency 999</b>
Hertfordshire Police	<b>101 or in an emergency 999</b>
Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council	<b>01707 357000</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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