





In 1934, the De Havilland aircraft company set up its factory here, to produce many remarkable planes, including the Mosquito, Trident, Comet Racer (right) and Tiger Moth (left).

The airfield has been redeveloped to provide commercial, residential and leisure facilities, as well as a new campus for the University of Hertfordshire.

**Hatfield Aerodrome**

Ellenbrook Park  
University of Hertfordshire De Havilland Campus

**Blackberry Arch**

The Blackberry Arch created by local sculptor Diane Maclean in 1998.

**Boundary Mile Post**

This cast iron milepost marks the boundary between St Albans and Welwyn Hatfield. There are many mileposts like this along the National Cycle Network, a 6,000-mile backbone of cycle and walking routes around the UK, co-ordinated by Sustrans.



**Ellenbrook**

Ellenbrook Lane Station old platform

**The Galleria**

Hatfield Galleria contains shops, eateries and leisure facilities, including a multi-screen cinema.

**Roe Green**

Marketplace  
Asda

**Town Centre**

Hatfield Station  
Hatfield Cycle Centre

**Hatfield**

Hatfield House  
Hatfield House

**Old Hatfield**

Onslow St Audrey's School  
New Briars School

**Hatfield House**

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**The Ryde**

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**Birchwood**

Birchwood Avenue  
Homestead Rd

**The Ryde**

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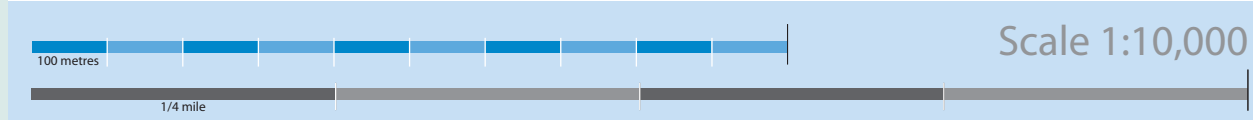
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**Key**

The route goes over Wrestlers' Bridge and joins the Great North Way cycle route, Route 12 of the National Cycle Network, which goes north to Stanborough Lakes, Welwyn Garden City & Stevenage.

Dating back to Saxon times, the village of Hatfield was first known as Hetfelle. Always important because of its position on the Great North Road, Hatfield grew rapidly in the late nineteenth century, fuelled by the aircraft industry and the post-war demand for new housing, and was developed as one of London's new towns.

Old Hatfield has many historic buildings, including the Old Palace, built in 1497, whose most famous resident was Princess Elizabeth. It was here, in 1558, that she learned she had become Queen, following the death of Queen Mary.

The Old Palace sits in the grounds of Hatfield House, built in 1607 as the seat of the Cecil family and still home to Lord and Lady Salisbury. A stunning Jacobean house, Hatfield House sits in its own Great Park and has magnificent gardens, nature trails and a national collection of model soldiers.

Cycles are not allowed in the grounds, but you can lock your bike at the Railway Station opposite the main entrance on the Great North Road.

**Friends of the Alban Way**  
The Friends of the Alban Way was formed by Groundwork Hertfordshire and St Albans City & District Council in 2003. It informs interested parties about progress being made to develop the route further. To find out more contact St Albans City & District Council or Pedal Point (see below).

**Alban Way Feedback**  
If you have any comments concerning the Alban Way, contact St Albans City & District Council: Tel: 01727 866100, or Pedal Point (see below) for Hatfield section.

**Pedal Point**  
The one point of contact for all issues relating to cycling in the Welwyn Hatfield area: Tel: 01707 357551 www.welhat.gov.uk/pedalpoint Email: pedalpoint@welhat.gov.uk

**St Albans Cycle Campaign**  
Working for cycling in St Albans district. Contact us for help or information on all aspects of cycling: www.stacc.org.uk

**Welwyn Hatfield Cycling Strategy & Forum**  
The Forum was set up to aid development of the local cycle strategy. For information please contact Pedal Point (details above).

**Welwyn Hatfield Activity Map**  
This shows walking and cycling routes in the Welwyn Hatfield area - available from Pedal Point, The Galleria or Hatfield Cycle Centre.