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Oaks Cross (Visited 14 February 2020).	None	Longmeadow Evangelical across the road	Convenience store. Florist and others.	Yes, in convenience store.	Yes.	Not close. For example Roebuck SG2 8HW and Spring Drive SG2 8AZ.	Longmeadow Primary School SG2 8LT over zebra crossing. Hideous fence.	No.	Pied Piper.	Several	Yes but charge.	Fairly frequent buses. Cycleway crosses Oaks Cross between Pied Piper and the school. Difficult steps up to flats above shops.	There is a vast expanse of pavement, parking areas and ramp all the same colour and design. Boring and a trip hazard. Very concrete. Rear of the Chinese carry out block is particularly unsightly. Cars sometimes park on the entry to the cycle route. Some trees missing.	There are no flowers in the shops and car park area. There is a garden scheme behind one block of shops.	Barbed wire. Is some concrete failing? Canopies seem OK. No lights in the bus stops.
Oval (Visited 11 and 14 February 2020)	Large centre. Busy but part-time reception. A few years ago the centre got a new lease and funding for an extension and stairlift.	Anglican and Methodist in the same building. Multiple others nearby. Mosque on Vardon Road.	Co-op. News'gnt. Amazing DIY shop. Butcher.	Yes. In Martins news'gnt.	Yes.	The nearest may be Chells & St. Nicholas.	Trotts Hill?	Yes. In shopping area. Part-time in community centre,	There is the Times Club but no nearby pub.	Several	? But need to check on charge or free.	Fairly frequent buses. Cycleway parallel with Verity Way. There is a ramp up to the flats above shops.	Some maintenance issues at the community centre. Letters missing in "The Oval" sign. Concrete steps to homes just north of the neighbourhood centre collapsing.	There are no flowers in the community centre and shops areas. There is a community garden but is not visible from the community centre and active shops.	Some issues around responsibility for and condition of the former youth wing.

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Symonds Green (Visited 11 and 3p.m. 24 February)	Medium sized recently extended centre following closure of the play and neighbourhood centres. Busy programme including the Learning Zone. Storage space is an issue.	Christ the King Church is in the same building. I'm not aware of other religions or denominations nearby.	Co-op. The neighbourhood shops are not owned by SBC. Hairdres'r is still open but round the back amongst scaffoldng. The hairdresse r may move round the front when the building work is complete.	Yes. In Co-op.	Yes.	Yes. SG1 2JW.	Woolenwic k SG1 2NU is the nearest school. Some distance and the other side of a dual carriageway.	Part-time in community centre.	Yes. Tom Tiddler s SG1 2JW.	Two. Chinese /fish and pizza/ke bab.	Yes and free. At Co-op.	Cycleway the other side of the Co-op. The bus service is not great during the day and stops completely early evening.	Building work on top of the tops does not help the current appearance and caused the recent temporary closure of the shops. No public toilets after 2p.m. or at weekends. Pub garden privately owned - hard, flat and colourless.	A small number immediately in front of the community centre.	Much of the exterior of the community centre is new.	

Bedwell (Visited about 4p.m. on Monday 24 Feb 2020).	Bedwell benefitted from a new lease and SRB funding bringing a substantial extension in 2004. Large centre with many rooms including a hall with a stage. The Sherma Batson (Together) Centre and Family Centre are nearby.	URC in Cuttys Lane. CofE at the bottom of Cuttys Lane.	General purpose store (appeared delapedated). Other shops include a hairdres'r; off licence; bakery; bookie.	Yes. In a shop.	Yes.	Bedwell Medical Centre, Sinfield Close, Bedwell Crescnt, SG Herts. SG1 1LQ	Bedwell Primary, Bedwell Crescent, SG SG1 1NJ and Broom Barns, Homestead Moat, SG1 1UE.	Mornings in the comm. centre.	The Poache r.	Fish and chips; pizza/kebab.	Two. One free; the other £0.99.	Bus stops nearby on Bedwell Crescent. Steps up to flats above shops. No nearby cycle way but links either end of Bedwell Crescent.	Some cigarette ends in the gullies at the edge of the car park. Who knows what's happening at the old telephone exchange?	No much evidence in the shopping area but have a look at Bedwell Park which is nearby.	Back of shops much better than Oaks Cross. There is a fence.
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St. Nicholas (Visited 24 February 2020).	Yes. Partly hidden behind the shops. Another community centre with a former youth wing. Also a separate building at the back. Office open in the mornings. Forbidding security fence from 1990s.	A long way from St. Nicholas Church.	Substantial convenience store. Small shopping area.	No.	Yes.	Yes. Two but oversubscribed.	St. Nicholas School is not close. It is on Six Hills Way. The Leys Primary and Giles Schools are closer.	No.	St. Nicholas.	No.	Yes but a very high charge of £1.99.	Fairly frequent buses. Bus stops near the pub. No nearby cycleway. Links at the western end of Catnerbury Way and off the Pilgrims Way.	Not in the neighbourhood shops but there's a lot of scaffolding nearby which seems to have been there for a long time.	No much evidence but there is a large Christmas tree in a planter and flowers may appear around it in the Spring.	Community centre looks a bit under seige.
Old Town (No visit. Virtual 24 February 2020).	Springfield House is an old house covenanted for community use. Its age and garden make it very attractive but there are challenges. Access to the first floor would be difficult for those with mobility difficulties.	Several in the old town including Baptist, Catholic, CofE and Methodist.	Several but suffering from the closure of Waitrose and the Post Office in October 2019 and the last bank just before that.	No.	Yes.	Yes.	Letchmore Infants; Fairlands Junior and Thomas Alleyne secondary.	Yes including TJs., Revolution and Costa.	Several.	Several.	Yes. Free still available.	Fairly frequent buses on routes between the new town centre, Lister Hospital and Hitchin. Cycleway up to the front of the community centre. Noted this is the only neighbourhood where people have to pay in the car parks.	An attractive old High Street. This was the original heart of Stevenage but spoilt by empty shops and the gyratory. The shops are not owned by SBC. The southern part of the High Street is dominated by parked cars.	The old Bowling Green is very attractive. The planters further down the High Street are a bit sad. A start has been made but more missing trees need to be replaced.	Many of the buildings are quite old and in a conservation area. Interesting access to some flats.
Chells (No visit. Virtual 24 February).	Timebridge. Named after the links between young people and the rest of the people. At the edge of Nobel School.	St. Hugh and St. John (Anglican and Methodist) between the community centre and the shops.	Several including Tesco.	TBS	TBC	Chells Surgery, 265 Chells Way, SG2 0HN. Stands apart from the rest of the neighbourhood centre.	Lodge Farm Primary; Camps Hill Primary; Nobel secondary and not far from Marriotts.	Yes.	The Swan public house has closed and the site occupied by Tesco.	Yes. Details TBC.	TBC.	Fairly frequent SB1 buses.	TBD.	TBD.	Recent refresh. TBC.

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Hampson Park (Pin Green. No visit. Virtual 27 February)	The Hampson Park Community Centre is new (2016) and well used. It replaced the Pin Green (Fairlands) Community Centre which was on Archer Road. It is more than an easy walk from the nearest shops.	The mosque is the nearest place of worship. A church group meets in the centre.	A few on Archer Road.	TBD.	TBD.	TBD.	Mossbury Primary, Webb Rise.	In community centre.		Not close.		It's a walk to the bus stops. There are fairly frequent routes 2 and 3 buses along Vardon Road, Merdith Road and Archer Road. A cycleway runs close to the rear of the community centre. The centre is a single storey building.	The centre is in an attractive park location.	In the park.	The centre was opened in 2016. There may be some maintenance issues.	
The Hyde (Shephall. No visit. Virtual 27 February)	The Shephall Centre was formerly known as the Broadhall Community Centre which was dominated by its social club. It's a substantial building but some distance from the local shops at The Hyde and Peartree.	The Catholic Church is close to the Hyde. There is a community church on Hydean Way.	The Hyde is a substantial local shopping area.	Yes. In Foursquare shop at The Hyde.	Yes. 8 The Hyde.	Shephall Health Centre.	Peartree Way and Peartree Spring. The Heathcote site of Barnwell secondary school is next door to the Shephall Centre.	Yes. Slightly behind and to one side of the shops.	Yes. Vincent.	TBD.	TBD.	Fairly frequent buses on routes 4 and 5 at the Hyde.	TBD.	TBD.	TBD.	

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Nothing observed during the visit but Pied Piper can be very loud during special events.

Nothing observed during our visit but some anecdotes from the café.

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Nothing observed during either visit. No obvious youth provision. There had been some in the neighbourhood centre.

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Nothing observed at the time of the visit, about 3.30p.m, but some graffiti.

There are complaints about young people in front of Tesco Express and issues with rough sleepers and asking for money. The lively night time economy can lead to noise complaints and other ASB issues.

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Note the CCTV
camera on Shephall
Way.