## **Scheduled Monuments in the Borough**

There are seven scheduled monuments in the Borough, representing an interesting cross section of structures, features and sites, as the list below shows.

**Eleanor Cross**, Waltham Cross

Theobalds Palace, Waltham Cross

Half Moat Manor House, Cheshunt (moated site)

Hoddesdon Park Wood, Hoddesdon (moated site)

Hell Wood, Broxbourne (moated site)

Perrior's Manor, Broxbourne (moated site)

**Motte Castle**, south of Cock Lane, Broxbourne

This leaflet is one of a series of eight on the scheduled monuments of the Borough. One leaflet provides general information on scheduled monuments whilst each of the others provides details on one of each of the monuments.

### **Further reading:**

The Buildings of Hertfordshire - Nikolaus Pevsner

Introducing the Monuments Protection Programme – English Heritage

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# **One Stop Shops**

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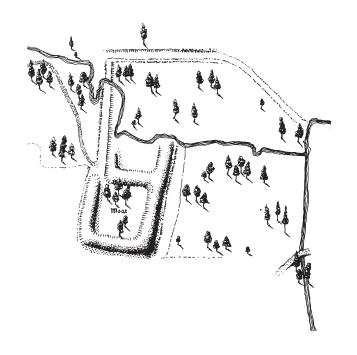
Monday-Friday 9am- 5.30pm (5pm at Cheshunt)

Saturday 9am-1pm

All One Stop Shops close at 3.30pm on the last Thursday of each month for staff training.

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# SCHEDULED MONUMENTS OF BROXBOURNE HELL WOOD







### **Hell Wood, Broxbourne (moated site)**

This site is situated to the north of Cheshunt only 500m west of the A10.

It comprises a rectangular moat with additional earthworks to the north and northest of the site thus forming an enclosure. The moat measures 70m x 75m and all four arms of the moat are currently waterlogged. There is a causeway in the northeast corner which is 5m wide and the western boundary of the outer enclosure is formed by a large bank which is 3m high, 19m wide and 160m long. The northern boundary is formed by a ditch approximately 10m wide and 0.5m deep with a length of 360m. The south side of the enclosure is bounded by a small brook.

The site at Hell Wood is an unusual example of a relatively small moat with a very large attached enclosure. The massive size of the bank that forms the western boundary probably indicates that the site boundary was used in a defence capacity.

The monument is inaccessible from the public highway and also lies off the public footpath network. However, it is just visible from the roundabout on the A10 at Turnford.

### **Moated Sites**

There are around 6.000 known moated sites within England. These often consist of wide ditches which can be waterfilled and enclose one or more islands upon which often stood some form of religious or domestic building.

A majority of the moated sites served as prestigious aristocratic and seigniorial residences having moats as a sign of status rather than for defence purposes. Most of the sites were built between 1250 and 1350 with the greatest concentration of these being in central and eastern parts of the country.

The importance of these sites is primarily to gain an understanding of the distribution of wealth and status of the countryside of England.

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