

Mediation Hertfordshire

Mediation Hertfordshire grew from two projects:

Mediation St Albans. and **Mediation Dacorum**

It also supports peer mediation projects in a number of Hertfordshire schools.

Referrals from other areas of Hertfordshire are also accepted.

Mediation St Albans was launched in September 2003 and was funded by The Community Legal Service and St Albans City and District Council. It is now fully funded by St Albans District Council.

Mediation Dacorum is well known for its work dealing with neighbour disputes in Hemel Hempstead, Tring & Berkhamsted and the villages, having successfully helped hundreds of disputing neighbours over the last ten years.

The organisation grew from a recognised need by the Housing and Environmental Health Officers of Dacorum Borough Council, who were spending increasingly more time dealing with neighbourhood disputes. The advantages of an independent mediation service were explored and it was soon seen to be an effective and constructive alternative.

Interested parties from the Council, police, local housing associations and the voluntary sector legally established themselves as a voluntary organisation, with an independent Management Committee, staff and a team of volunteer mediators.

Mediation Hertfordshire is the name now used to reflect the organisation's aim to develop its services throughout the county. It is registered as a non-profit making company under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965. Mediation Hertfordshire has charitable objectives and is run by a democratically elected Board. Membership is open to all who support the organisation's aims.

