

<b>Districtwide Community Updates</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Overview of any projects the team are working on/have been involved in throughout the district.</i></li> <li>• Co-ordinating various local and district wide Network Groups such as Youth Action, Food Provision, Arts and Culture and Green and Growing Group.</li> <li>• Worked to coordinate and facilitate the All About Us Conference targeting the Voluntary, Community, Faith, and Social Enterprise sectors in partnership with NHCVS and the Letchworth Heritage Foundation.</li> <li>• Continue to facilitate the NHC Councillors' Community Surgeries.</li> <li>• Continuing to share and disseminate information on social media and to mailing lists, keeping in touch with the community, voluntary, statutory, and non-statutory agencies.</li> <li>• Setting up a Wellbeing networking group</li> <li>• Coordinating a project for the Cooperative Council's Innovation Network (CCIN) around how Arts &amp; Culture can improve community cohesion and encourage vibrant town centres</li> <li>• Setting up a partnership project between Waste Not, Want Not and Keystage Housing to provide a community garden at the Lord Lister Hotel in Hitchin.</li> <li>• Coordinating voluntary support response to Asylum Seekers based in North Herts</li> <li>• New Community Partnership Officer covering Baldock starting 10<sup>th</sup> July.</li> </ul>
<b>Area Community Updates</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working in partnership with Letchworth British Legion and Letchworth BID to organise the District's Remembrance Day event.</li> <li>• Follow up meetings and discussions on the outcomes of the All About Us Conference.</li> <li>• Meeting with Create Community <a href="http://create-community.co.uk">Create Community (create-community.co.uk)</a> - sharing general information about groups to connect with and information about our Network Groups to join.</li> <li>• Working in partnership with the ground maintenance contractor John O'Conner, we're aiming for 'bee friendly' status for Letchworth, and if successful will roll out to other towns in the district <a href="http://north-herts.gov.uk">'Bee' part of it!   North Herts Council (north-herts.gov.uk)</a></li> <li>• <b>Christmas Tree</b>                      The Council currently funds and sources a Christmas Tree each year on Broadway Gardens. In the other towns in the district, other organisations have taken on procuring a Christmas tree as part of the wider festive decorations. It also gives those organisations (who also arrange light switch on events) full control over when the tree will arrive. The Council has provided a grant each year in line with what we had been paying for the tree. There is a requirement to promote that the Council have funded the tree.                      Letchworth BID are interested in taking on the tree in Letchworth, but would want to put the tree in a different location, probably on Leys Avenue by the fountains. This is a better location for drawing people into the town, it can be linked better with any other decorations, and the tree will have more impact. There may be some minor works required to enable the tree to be located there, which the Council would support. Members of the Forum are asked for their comments on this proposal, especially in relation to the tree being in a different place.                 </li> </ul>