

Districtwide Community Updates
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Policy & Strategy team have drafted the criteria for the Community Investment Fund with support from the Community Partnerships team. Looking to launch the fund at the beginning of September.• The first meeting of the Wellbeing networking group was held on July 19th.• Commencing planning of the North Herts Heroes awards, which will be launched in November.• Working in partnership with Rotary Club of Hitchin Tilehouse on the Youth Showcase event which will be held on 30 September.• Supporting the Samarivans charity art project.• Coordinating voluntary support response to Asylum Seekers based in North Herts.• Co-ordinating various local and district wide Network Groups including Youth Action, Food Provision, Arts and Culture and Green and Growing Group.• Continuing to facilitate NHC Councillors' Community Surgeries.• Sharing and disseminating information on social media and to mailing lists, keeping in touch with the community, voluntary, statutory and non-statutory agencies.
Area Community Updates
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Community & Partnerships officer has attended the Friends of Therfield Heath and Royston Daycare Centre AGMs, as well as the Community Breakfast.• The Leader and Managing Director of the Council went on Ward walks with councillors in Royston Heath and Meridian.• Working with various groups on grant applications, including the local Brownies and Guides who are looking to renovate their headquarters.• The outdoor exercise equipment at Royston Leisure Centre was officially opened on 17 August. The event was well attended and there were many interesting demonstrations.• Royston Arts Festival runs 22 Sep-1 Oct, featuring a range of talks, exhibitions and workshops, performances – including The Weather Machine which was funded by the Royston Community Grant budget.• Sustain-Ability 2023 is taking place in Priory Memorial Gardens on 30 September alongside the Royston Arts Festival. Representatives from North Herts Council and John O'Conner will be in attendance.