

Districtwide Community Updates

- The Community Investment Fund has now closed. There was an oversubscription of three times the amount of allocated funds available, with those scoring highest from initial assessment progressing to recommendation by the panel.
- Holocaust Memorial Day takes place 27th January 2024, with the North Herts Council holding an event to mark the day on Friday 26th January 2024. This will be a hybrid event that can be viewed on the Council's YouTube or to attend in person email the Community Partnership Team for more details.
- The [North Herts Heroes](#) award has now launched, with nominations having closed 7th January and judging taking place 12th January 2024. The winners will be celebrated at the Chair's Civic event on 1st March 2024.
- The Community Partnership Team worked with Letchworth BID to help deliver the Letchworth Remembrance Day event.
- 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

- Reshuffle of Community Partnership Officers meaning that a new officer is focusing on Southern Rural.
- The Community Partnership Office has attended Offley, Pirton, Lilley, Ickleford and Knebworth Parish Council meetings over November and December. They are currently planning to attend Codicote, St Ippolyts and Wymondley in the new year and to arrange to meet remaining Parish Councils.
- Community Partnerships Officer met with Knebworth Environmental Group to know more about what they do in the local community and what they hope to achieve.
- Working with Ickleford & Lilley Parish Clerk towards addressing loneliness in rural areas.