

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 on 18 January 2024.
- Coordinating voluntary support response to Asylum Seekers based in North Herts.
- Launch of the North Herts Heroes awards, nominations close 7th January. The Awards ceremony will take place at the Chair's Civic event on Friday 1st March.
- 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.
- A reshuffle of the Community Partnerships team in October means that some officers now cover different areas.
- Holocaust Memorial Day is on 27 January 2024. North Herts Council are holding an event to mark the day on **Friday 26 January 2024 at 1pm**. This will be a hybrid event that can be viewed on the Council's YouTube channel or attended in person. If you would like to attend, please email the Community Partnership Team for more details.
- Worked with Hitchin Rotary Club to help successfully deliver the Youth Showcase event.
- The Community Partnership Team worked with The Royal British Legion and Letchworth BID to help deliver the Letchworth Remembrance Day event.

Area Community Updates

- Ward walk with Cllr Alistair Willoughby & local police officer.
- Working with the Baldock Community Centre.
- Working with settle as they plan for works on Nightingale Park.
- Working with the Church Street businesses to reinstate a missing tree.
- Meeting with Baldock Events Forum, Nightingale Park Wildlife Garden, Baldock Library amongst other groups/ organisations in the new year.