## **Districtwide Community Updates**

- The Community Investment Fund has now closed. Successful grant applicants have been informed.
- Coordinating voluntary support response to Asylum Seekers based in North Herts.
- The winners of the North Herts Heroes awards have all been contacted and filming is underway. 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.
- The Community Partnership Team met with the Royal British Legion and Letchworth BID to discuss this year's Letchworth Remembrance Day Parade and how they can recruit more members from across North Herts.
- Holocaust Memorial Day hybrid event took place in the North Herts Council Chamber and can be viewed on the Council's YouTube channel.

## **Area Community Updates**

- Reaching out to village halls and community centres to gain knowledge on local community groups. Recently met with the manager at Great Ashby Community Centre and the work they do.
- Working with Ickleford Parish Clerk towards addressing loneliness in rural areas.
  Met with CDA Herts (Community Development Action Hertfordshire) to discuss how to create digital inclusion as part of addressing this and support available in the local area.
- Toured St Ippolyts with Parish Councillors to find out more about the community and local area.
- Attended a school democracy visit for year 5/6 with Cllr Barnard to Cockernhoe Primary School.