

### Districtwide Community Updates

- Grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 have been approved for a range of community groups across the district using money from the North Herts Prosperity Fund, a pot of £210,000 funded by the UK Government. The press release is available [here](#).
- The Community Partnerships Team have launched the North Herts Heroes Awards in which we aim to celebrate people in the local community. There are five categories for nominations, please nominate anyone who you think deserves to be. The Awards will be presented at the Chair's Civic event on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Information on how to nominate is available on the [North Herts Heroes web page](#).
- The Community Partnerships team worked with the Royal British Legion to deliver the Letchworth Remembrance Day parade on 10 November 2024.
- Co-ordinating various local and district wide Network Groups including Youth Action, Food Provision, Arts and Culture and Green and Growing Group.
- Coordinating voluntary support response to Asylum Seekers based in North Herts.
- 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

- The Community Partnerships Officer attended school visits to Roman Way, Icknield Walk, Studlands Rise and KJAR. Town, District and County councillors were in attendance at each visit. Councillors discussed the work they do and students had an opportunity to talk about democracy in school, as well as ask questions.
- The Community Partnerships Officer has met with organisations to build connections and support, this includes North Herts Minority Ethnic Forum and Royston Museum.
- Connections have also been built through networking at events such as the Community Breakfast, Royston Wellbeing Network, Home-Start RB&SC AGM and Hertfordshire Trustees' Conference.

#### **Below is a list of community groups in Royston that received funding from the Prosperity Fund:**

- £20,000 – Royston Museum towards upgrading their storage.
- £6,589 – Royston Swimming Club towards swim meet costs and upgrading equipment.
- £19,250 – Reed Parish Council towards replacing playground equipment.
- Full list can be found here [Over £200k given to 20 groups making a difference in North Herts | North Herts Council](#)