Districtwide Community Updates

- The Community Partnerships team worked with the Royal British Legion and Letchworth BID to deliver the Letchworth Remembrance Day parade on 10 November 2024.
- Grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 have been approved for a range of community groups across the district using money from North Herts Prosperity Fund, a pot of £210,000 funded by the UK Government.
- The Community Partnerships Team have launched the North Herts Heroes Awards. There are five categories to nominate anyone who you think deserves to be recognised for their services to our local community. The Awards will be presented at the Chairs Civic event on Friday 28th February. Information on how to nominate is available on the North Herts Council website. North Herts Heroes | North Herts Council
- 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 continues to co-ordinate the Jackmans Network meetings and the newly combined Grange/Norton/Wilbury network meetings. These provide the opportunity for local groups, Councillors and residents to connect and support each other's work.
- The Community Partnerships Officer has met with local organisations to build connections and support, this includes Create Community, Jackmans Community Centre, "Uncovering Letchworth" project by the Letchworth Heritage Foundation and North Herts African and Caribbean Community group.
- Connections have also been built through networking at events such as the Herts County Council Annual Conference, Settle's drop-in event at Jackmans Community Centre, Live Longer Better event at North Herts Leisure Centre and Citizens Advice AGM.

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

- £19,775 Green Care at Norton towards a low-emissions van.
- £9,769 Letchworth Eagles Football Club towards a pop-up refreshment area and storage solutions.
- £5,500 Letchworth Garden Shed towards a tech recycling project.
- Full list can be found here <u>Over £200k given to 20 groups making a difference in</u> <u>North Herts | North Herts Council</u>