

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 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 recognised. The Awards will be presented at the Chair's Civic event on Friday 28th February. Information on how to nominate is available on the [North Herts Heroes web page](#).
- 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 has met with local organisations to build connections and support, this includes North Herts Minority Ethnic Forum and CDA Herts.
- Connections have also been built through networking at events such as the Herts County Council Annual Conference, Settle's drop-in event and Hertfordshire Trustee Conference.
- Previous grant recipient Groundwork East have upcoming free wild play sessions. These take place on 11th and 18th December at Knebworth Recreation Ground. Details can be found further below.

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

- £6,000 - FC Comets, a youth football club in Hitchin, towards a mower that is suitable for the grounds in autumn/winter months.
- £5,000 - Herts Musical Memories to support the delivery of weekly singing sessions for older people with dementia.
- Full list can be found here [Over £200k given to 20 groups making a difference in North Herts | North Herts Council](#)



Join us this Christmas for **FREE Wild Play** sessions. Explore your local surroundings and learn more about nature on your doorstep through creative and engaging activities. **Booking is essential.**

- > **Dates:** Wednesdays'- 11th and 18th December
- > **Time:** 11.00am-12.30pm & 1.00pm-2.30pm
- > **Location:** Knebworth Recreation Ground
- > Suitable for **children aged 2-8yrs** (siblings welcome)
- > Children must be accompanied for the whole session

BOOK NOW via Eventbrite:

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