

Districtwide Community Updates

- Since launching the 2025 North Herts Heroes Awards, the winners have all been contacted and filming is underway. The Awards ceremony will take place at the Chair's Civic event on Friday 28 February. Films about the winners will be available on the Council's YouTube channel.
- Holocaust Memorial Day was on 27th January and to commemorate this we created a short film, with readings from Councillors and Community Faith Leaders. It can be watched through this link [Holocaust Memorial Day 2025](#)
- 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 Update

- met with local organisations to build connections and support, this includes Resolve, Crossroads Caring for Life and Settle.
- continues to co-ordinate the Westmill network group.
- supported and attended the North Herts Interfaith Forum AGM, where North Herts Council's Safeguarding Lead delivered a presentation.

Green Spaces Update in Hitchin

Walsworth Common

Following the recent flooding in Hitchin along the River Purwell NHC has been working with the Environment Agency to undertake works that will improve water flow through the common. The works have consisted of cleaning up the riverbanks and removing a number of self-set trees that could present future problems. This work on site is now nearing completion while the more detailed investigations into the flooding event continue.

St Mary's Balancing Tanks

These are drained annually to remove any silt and rubbish that collects in them through the course of a year. NHC try to do the works at this time of year to catch the recent leaf fall and to try to keep the area outside St Mary's looking clean and tidy for the summer. In the past we have found shopping trolleys, bicycles and a surprising number of mobile phones. This task usually takes about a week to complete which entails the tanks being fully drained.

Please email green.space@north-herts.gov.uk for any further questions.