

Districtwide Community Updates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The new Community Grants Application platform was launched on 17<sup>th</sup> November.</li><li>• The Community Partnerships Team launched the North Herts Heroes Awards on 21st November, 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. Nominations close on Sunday 4 January. The winners will be celebrated at an awards event on Thursday 19th March 2026. Information on how to nominate will be available on the <a href="#">North Herts Heroes web page</a></li><li>• The Community Partnerships team worked with the Royal British Legion and Letchworth BID to deliver the Letchworth Remembrance Day parade on 9 November 2025.</li><li>• To commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day, a video will be shared via North Herts Council socials on 27 January.</li><li>• We continue to co-ordinate various local and district wide Network Groups including Youth Action, Food Provision, Arts and Culture and the Green and Growing Group.</li><li>• We continue to facilitate NHC Councillors' Community Surgeries.</li><li>• Sharing and disseminating information on social media and to mailing lists, keeping in touch with the community, voluntary, statutory, and non-statutory agencies.</li></ul>
Area Community Updates
<p>The Community Partnerships Officer Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I am still looking into the Baldock &amp; Villages community networking event along the lines of the Community Breakfast in Royston.</li><li>• I have taken over the support role for the North Herts Wellbeing Network.</li><li>• I have investigated and to a certain degree resolved the issue with the Clothall Common Noticeboard.</li><li>• I attended the Hertfordshire Community Energy Conference. Cllr A Willoughby has approved inviting them to present at a future Community Forum.</li><li>• I continue to attend as many Parish Council meetings as I can.</li><li>• On World Peace Day, I attended the Peace Pole Ceremony in the Rotary Woods at Ivel Springs.</li><li>• I attended the Herts County Council, Voluntary Community Faith and Social Enterprise Conference which was an excellent networking opportunity, and I learnt about an exciting new, first-of-its-kind, digital tool called Our Social Impact, launched on 20<sup>th</sup> October by the University of Hertfordshire.</li><li>• Confirmation to Councillors that they are very welcome to arrange any meetings or ward walks with the Community Partnerships Officer.</li></ul>