Districtwide Community Updates

- 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. Nominations close on Sunday 4 January. The winners will be celebrated at an awards event on Thursday 19 March. Information on how to nominate is available on the North Herts Heroes web page
- The Community Partnerships team worked with the Royal British Legion and Letchworth BID to deliver the Letchworth Remembrance Day parade on 9 November 2025.
- The new Community Grants Application platform launched on 17 November. The
 application form can be found here <u>Community grants | North Herts Council</u>. If
 councillors or organisations would like any guidance on this, please speak to the
 Community Partnerships Officer or get in touch with the team via
 community@north-herts.gov.uk.
- To commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day, a video will be shared via North Herts Council socials on 27 January.
- 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

Continuing to build and foster relationships within the community, including meetings with the:

- New Foodbank Director for Letchworth Foodbank who is building relationships across North Herts. They operate a foodbank centre in Hitchin. <u>Helping Local People in Crisis in Letchworth</u>, <u>Hitchin and Baldock</u>
- Neighbourhood Team Police Sergeant for Hitchin Urban and Hitchin Rural.
- Churchwarden at St Mary's Church, Hitchin.
- Community Investment Coordinator at Settle.

Attended the Citizens Advice North Hertfordshire AGM.

A reminder to Councillors that they are very welcome to arrange any meetings or ward walks with the Community Partnerships Officer.