

Districtwide Community Updates

- The North Herts Heroes Awards judging process is now complete, and the winners have been selected. They will be celebrated at the awards event on Thursday 19 March, where they will be recognised as outstanding individuals who make a positive difference in our local community.
- The new Community Grants Application platform launched on 17 November. The application form can be found here [Community grants | North Herts Council](#). 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.
- There were a huge number of Grants this quarter, possibly a record number, with a total of 27 being presented across all five Community Forums.
- 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.
- We continue 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

- Baldock Community Centre Association have come to an agreement with Baldock Community Centre Association 2025 led by Brent Copsey. The aim is for the running of the Community Centre to transfer to the new group on 1st April 2026. The centre will be renamed the Baldock Community Hub.
- Meeting with Osbourne Court Care Home. They are offering a variety of different free groups, meetings and space to the local community. They have also offered to provide free dementia training to our local police officers.
- Urban & Civic and I are currently looking for businesses who can attend and provide input to the Growing Baldock Advisory Forum meetings. The meetings are normally online quarterly for one hour. Between us, we have approached many businesses, but whilst they are all interested, none have come forward to commit time to attend the meetings.
- Parish Council meeting attendance. I have attended 35 to date @ 9 March 2026, of which 8 have been this year.
- I continue to increase my knowledge across the whole District by becoming involved in various Network Groups.
- I have attended the Carbon Literacy Course and am working towards becoming accredited.
- I attended the Village Halls and Community Building Conference 2026 on 5th March. This year's theme is around Health & Wellbeing for this year's conference.
- I am working on a Community Centre project across the whole of North Herts. Aiming to improve communication and sharing of best practices between each of the centres, fostering a culture of supporting each other.
- Confirmation to Councillors that I am available for meetings or ward walks if that would be beneficial.

Appendix 4: Community Updates