

### Districtwide Community Updates

- The North Herts Heroes winners were celebrated at an awards event on Thursday 19 March, where they were recognised as outstanding individuals who make a positive difference in our local community - [Community champions celebrated at North Herts Heroes awards 2026 | North Herts Council](#)
- 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](mailto:community@north-herts.gov.uk).
- 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 continues to build and foster relationships within the community.

A local Hitchin Primary School will be visiting the Council Offices for an event where pupils will learn about local democracy.

Hertfordshire Volunteer Fair will be held in Hitchin on 5<sup>th</sup> June, organised by GoVolHerts - [Hertfordshire Volunteer Fair 2026 | GoVolHerts](#) An opportunity to meet over 30 charities and organisations and learn about what opportunities are available.

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