

### Districtwide Community Updates

- Students from a primary school will be visiting the Council Offices for an event about local democracy.
- The CP Team facilitated the set up of a Community Centres Network, the first meeting of which was held on 19 May. The event was successful and there was positive feedback from attendees.
- 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.

The CP Officer:

- Attended several Annual Parish Meetings, including Royston Town Council, Reed and Barley.
- Attended a conference about supporting Communities During Adverse Weather for the VCFSE sector.
- Is talking to North Herts Centre for Voluntary Service about the organisation of the Volunteer Fair and Summit they have been granted funds for from the Royston & Villages Community Forum budget.

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