

Districtwide Community Updates

- 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.
- 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. This includes attending:

- Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation's (LGCHF) partner meeting, to start planning around Letchworth's 125th anniversary, which will be in 2028.
- LGCHF's Garden City Meeting.
- Hertfordshire Volunteer Fair, organised by [GoVolHerts](#). Where there were over 30 charities and organisations sharing what opportunities are available.

North Herts CVS have organised a Volunteering Summit in Letchworth in July for Local Charities and Community Groups - [Volunteering Summit 2026: For Local Charities & Community Groups](#)

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