

**Achievements List 2021-22 (Quarter 1, April – June 2021)**

**Corporate Priorities:**

One – Attractive and accessible green spaces supporting the borough’s wellbeing

Two – Evolving, vibrant town centres and a growing economy

Three – Quality homes through managed growth

Four – A sense of community where people feel safe

Five – A well run council which puts our customers first

**(Press releases:** U: Used by local media – print or online, N: Not used by local media)

Achievement	Source	Corporate Priority
<b>April 2021</b>		
The council received external funding from Sports England which we match-funded to refurbish the skate park at KGV. The project was completed in early 2021 and the skate park is now open to the public.	Corporate Plan	One and Four
The Woodland Garden project at the Campus was opened at the end of April.	Corporate Plan	One
Local shops and businesses welcomed customers back on Monday 12 April as both Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield town centres reopened for non-essential retail, outdoor hospitality, leisure, and personal care. This was done in Covid-secure way and helped to support the town centres and small businesses.	Press Release (U)	Two and Four
Specialist treatments were set to remove Oak Processionary Moth caterpillars from a small number of trees on the north side of Stanborough Park to make it safe for the community. These treatments have protected the environment and community as the pests cause itchy rashes, eye and throat irritations, and health hazards to trees and animals.	Press Release (U)	One

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<b>May 2021</b>		
<p>Operation Balsam, an out-of-hours service designed to combat neighbourhood noise nuisance, returned between 19 and 29 May as lockdown restrictions eased. Funded by the University of Hertfordshire and run jointly by Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council and the police, additional noise patrols were put in place between 10pm and 3am.</p>	Press Release (N)	Four
<p>Mill Green reopened on 17 May with three exciting tour options which gave visitors the opportunity to learn about the history of milling, how the mill works, and to see the machinery in action. Visitors also had the option to join the museum curators for a special exhibition tour - Welwyn Garden City: By Wisdom and Design - hearing about the ideas behind the garden city and its influence on planning.</p>	Press Release (U)	Four
<p>The inspirational achievements of local people were celebrated at the Annual Council Meeting on Monday 24 May, with the announcement of the Civic Awards for both 2020 and 2021. The awards celebrated a range of achievements, including service to the community, courage, environmental work, and education.</p>	Press Release (U)	Four
<p>Welwyn Roman Baths reopened on Saturday 29 May and included family tours and guided tours, teaching both children and adults about incredible local history.</p>	Press Release (U)	Four
<b>June 2021</b>		
<p>This Girl Can campaign was delivered 14-20 June with over 40 activities on offer which were delivered by a range of partners. Activities included skiing, hockey, baby and buggy classes, and netball.</p>	Corporate Plan	One and Four
<p>To celebrate the increasingly successful This Girl Can week in Welwyn Hatfield, WelHat Sports and the Youth Council organised a sport-themed art competition. The winners won £50 Love2Shop vouchers.</p>	Press Release (U)	Four

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BIG Summer events in Welwyn Hatfield were announced to take place between 2 and 22 August with everything from arts to sports in the borough's parks, open spaces and town centres. The council helped to organise Graffiti Art, a BMX Pump Track and a climbing wall among many other exciting activities.	Press Release (N)	One and Four