

**Achievements List 2021-22 (Quarter 2, July – September 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>July 2021</b>		
Work began on the Gosling Sports Park masterplan with the aims of delivering a modern and high-quality leisure facility, promoting wellbeing.	Press Release (U)	One
Ka Ng was appointed as Chief Executive of Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council.	Press Release (N)	Five
The doors to Campus West, Mill Green Museum, Welwyn Roman Baths and The Hive were fully reopened, encouraging visitors to enjoy what they missed during lockdown.	Press Release (U)	Four
The WelHat Sports Healthy Hub Festival took place between 19 July – 1 August. There were over 50 activities on offer across the borough, including try an Olympic Sports Day where we engaged with over 200 children and families.	Corporate Plan (U)	One

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A consultation on renewing the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for Hatfield Town Centre was completed. As a result of the feedback, the PSPO will be renewed. A separate consultation will take place later in the year to consider broadening the area the PSPO covers.	Corporate Plan	Two/Four
<b>August 2021</b>		
BIG Summer took place on weekends from 2 August, including exciting activities for toddlers to teens at various locations across the borough. Events included: Xplorer, Booster Cushion Theatre, Fast Traxx and a climbing wall.	Press Release (U) Corporate Plan	One
The Xplora project was successfully completed with one session delivered in June half-term and four sessions delivered during the summer holidays. The project saw just over 100 families engaging in physical activity throughout the summer.	Corporate Plan	One
Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council submitted a planning application for Campus West car park to unlock the potential of other sites across the town centre for redevelopment. This was the first phase of wider WGC 2120 regeneration proposals to deliver new homes, leisure, retail and community spaces in the heart of WGC.	Press Release (U)	Two/Three
New Mayor of Welwyn Hatfield, Cllr Peter Hebden, chose his charity for the year – Welwyn-based mental health charity JOCA, which stands for Just One Click Away. JOCA provides a vital service to people struggling with their mental health. By choosing this charity, the Mayor was able to shine a light on the brilliant work that volunteers do for the community.	Press Release (U)	Four
The free Ride Leadership Award course organised by British Cycling and funded by Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council was announced, due to take place in early September.	Press Release (N)	Five

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<b>September 2021</b>		
<p>A free retro gaming event took place in Hatfield on 18 and 19 September as part of the council's #LoveWelHat activities, bringing entertainment into the town centre. People had the opportunity to play classic games like Street Fighter 2, Super Mario Kart, Sonic the Hedgehog, Streets of Rage, Crash Bandicoot, Guitar Hero and many more.</p>	Press Release (N)	Two/Four
<p>It was a 'HAPpy' summertime for the young people in Welwyn Hatfield who took part in the Hertfordshire special holiday activity programme throughout July and August. The scheme was aimed at countering the triple inequalities facing the county's most disadvantaged young people – holiday hunger, physical inactivity, and social isolation.</p>	Press Release (N)	One/Four
<p>Splashlands was announced winner in the Community and Schools Development category of the 2021 National Landscape Awards. The multi-storey Common car park in Hatfield also won an award for council partners Bourne Parking and Brightspace Architects at the British Parking Awards. The car park came top in the Special Projects category, as well as being nominated in the Best Car Park category.</p>	Press Release (N)	Two/Five
<p>#WelHatSafetyWeek took place from Monday, 20 September to Sunday, 26 September 2021. The campaign promoted a range of key community safety themes comprising of: Fire Safety, E-Scooter Safety, Scam Awareness, Hate Crime, Domestic Abuse, Substance Misuse and ASB/Noise. Much of the campaign was published online throughout the year, although the CSP launched the campaign at the International Fair, University of Hertfordshire on Monday 20 September.</p>	Corporate Plan	Four