

Achievements List 2024-25 (Quarter 2 July– September 2024)

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Service Improvements/Awards/Projects & Initiatives

1. Hatfield's ONE Town Centre development achieved Security by Design Gold Standard – the highest recognition for excellence in security and crime prevention.
2. New PSPO introduced in Highview, Hatfield to address activities resulting in anti-social behaviour, such as alcohol consumption and begging.
3. Introduced new recycling bins at 18 recycling bank locations across the borough.
4. Achieved first ever conviction of a landlord for illegal eviction and harassment.
5. Won gold and overall best BID town (for Welwyn Garden City) at Anglia in Bloom. Three special awards were also received in recognition of:
 - a. Best Sustainable Planting – Anniversary Garden, WGC Town Centre
 - b. Best Public Open Space – Howardsgate and Parkway, WGC Town Centre
 - c. Best Local Authority Floral Display – Howardsgate and Parkway, WGC Town Centre
6. Oak Hill awarded the coveted Green Flag award, bronze award at Anglia in Bloom and other accolades, including:
 - a. Highly Commended in the Best Public or Community Building category for the Central region at the LABC Building Excellence Awards.
 - b. Highly Commended in the Building Project of the Year for the Herts & Beds Club Constructing Excellence Awards.
 - c. Silver Winner at the Hertfordshire Building Awards and winning the category for 'Best extension / alteration / conversion / new build - Non Residential.
 - d. Highly Commended in the Project of the Year at the Eastern Echo Awards.
 - e. Winner of the Matt Batt Award – the People's Vote at the Eastern Echo Awards.
 - f. Shortlisted in the Public Category for the 2024 Brick Awards.
 - g. Shortlisted in the Community and Faith Category for the Architects Journal Award.
 - h. Oak Hill Lawn Cemetery winning silver for small cemetery at 2024 Cemetery of the Year Awards.
7. Working with partner, Novus, to improve and transform the outdoor patio area at Independent Living Scheme, Springfield House.
8. Council car parks awarded 'Park Mark' and Disabled Parking accreditation under the Safer Parking Scheme.
9. New partnership with District Enforcement to introduce a strict zero tolerance approach to those caught littering, fly tipping and not managing their waste properly under duty of care.
10. Mill Green Mill and Museum opened its recently refurbished Pump House, funded by UKSPF, the space provides opportunities for learning, exhibitions and events.
11. Council ranked in top 20 in the UK for most homes built for social rented completions, with 159 homes completing last year.

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Campaigns and Engagement

1. Launched the Council's Transition to Net Zero Strategy and sought the views of the community.
2. Launched early engagement of the council's New Local Plan.
3. Promotion of UK Government Pension Credit and Winter Fuel Payment.
4. Seeking nominations for the Council's Community Awards.
5. Continued promotion of the Council's Community Lottery.
6. Promotion of Gas Safety Week.
7. Promoted Park Play at King George V Playing Fields.
8. Launched Climate Change Video, promoting initiatives and the Transition to Net Zero Strategy.
9. Promoted Zero Waste Week.
10. Promoted National Cinema Day on Sat 31st August.
11. Awareness of Oak Processionary Moth.
12. Awareness of fire risks in bin lorries caused by putting batteries in bins.
13. Promotion of Council as a Hate Crime Reporting Centre.
14. Promotion of Eco Flex 4 and HUG2 government grant schemes, funding energy efficiency upgrades for properties.
15. Supported National Allotment week.
16. Promoted Safer Places Domestic Abuse Support Services.

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Events

1. Hosted Big Summer events across the borough between 29 July – 18 August.
2. Opened new exhibition 'What the Wind Saw' at Mill Green Museum in July.
3. Hosted one-year anniversary open day at Oak Hill in September.
4. Promotion of town centre markets and celebrated 25 years of the Farmer's Market in Hatfield.
5. Community Catch-up in Wickfield Close, Woolmer Green.
6. Community Catch-up in Longmead/Northfield.
7. Community Catch-up in Peartree Lane/The Spinney.
8. Hosted Hatfield Community Fair.
9. In partnership with Better, ran Dementia- friendly swim sessions at Hatfield Swim Centre.
10. In partnership with Sally's Skates, offered roller skating lessons at Campus West throughout August.