

Achievements List 2022-23 (Quarter 2, July – September 2023)

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Service Improvements/Projects

1. The One Town Centre development opened in Hatfield.
2. ONE Welwyn Hatfield Community Lottery was launched in September, with over 60% of each ticket sold going towards good causes.
3. Oak Hill Crematorium was officially opened by the High Sheriff in September and is now open. The site also achieved the Green Flag Award as it is officially recognised as one of the Country's best green spaces.
4. Council website came in the top two out of nearly 400 local authority websites that were tested for accessibility.
5. Welwyn Garden City and Danesbury Nature Reserve won Best BID and Best Historic Park and Garden, respectively at the 2023 Anglia in Bloom awards.
6. The Annual Community Grant was launched, with community organisations able to apply for up to £20,000 towards projects that benefit Welwyn Hatfield communities.

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Campaigns and Engagement

1. Launched our Community Survey to find out what matters most to residents, business and visitors to the borough, with over 1,300 responses received.
2. Launched our One WelHat Community Lottery campaign which aimed to get people to purchase tickets and in turn raising money for good causes.
3. Raised awareness of energy saving schemes #SolarTogether and HUG2 (warmer homes).
4. Raised awareness of Operation Balsam – a noise nuisance partnership with the Uni of Herts.
5. Celebrated National Fitness Day and raised awareness of WelHat Sports and the sports facilities in the borough.
6. Created videos of Oak Hill Crematorium to share on social media and raise awareness of the open days.
7. Supported HCC #HomesForUkraine campaign.
8. Shared a water safety campaign on social media to discourage people jumping in the lakes at Stanborough but to instead attend their open water swimming sessions with lifeguards.
9. Supported WasteAware #WorthSaving campaign to encourage people not to waste food and educate them on how to use leftovers.
10. Supported HCC's 'Kids Eat for Less' and 'Fifty low-cost activities' campaigns.
11. Took part in #FoilFriday campaign on social media to encourage residents to recycle their foil.
12. BIG Summer campaign raising awareness of the 300+ events.
13. Celebrated #LovesParkWeek and created a video with Cllr Max Holloway to encourage people to litter pick throughout summer.
14. Raised awareness of the Hatfield Market Place consultation
15. Celebrated GLL turning 30 and raised awareness of their open weekend and what they offer in general.
16. Raised awareness of HCC's 'Your Tree Our Future' campaign. Over 10,000 trees were claimed by Welwyn Hatfield residents.

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Events

1. The Neighbourhoods team have taken part in two Community Days in Millwards and Breaks Road.
2. Over 300 activities for families, teens and children were arranged as part of BIG Summer.
3. The Community Partnership team hosted Hatfield Community Fair, with over 30 partner organisations taking part and over 500 attendees.
4. The Community Safety Partnership team attended the University of Hertfordshire freshers' fair to raise safety awareness.
5. Mill Green Museum hosted heritage open days.
6. The Community Safety team organised domestic abuse support sessions at local schools for parents to raise awareness.
7. Campus West, HatTech and WelTech hosted Macmillan Coffee mornings, raising over £700.
8. The Community Safety team organised Community Youth Challenge for 6th form students across the borough which focussed on raising awareness of domestic violence.
9. 3 events took place in White Lion Square, Hatfield in July/August – Worlds strongest man, gardening workshops for kids and family game days.