

Achievements List 2021-22 (Quarter 3, October – December 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
October 2021		
Welwyn Hatfield’s ambitious regeneration plans made another step forward with the appointment of national housebuilder Bellway as the preferred residential developer for Campus East Car Park. The winning bid from Bellway will deliver approximately 290 new homes.	Press release (U)	Three
The Lawn Cemetery in Southway, Hatfield, was once again awarded Green Flag status, confirming it as one of the finest green spaces in the UK. The prestigious award, marking its Silver Jubilee this year, is the international quality mark for parks and green spaces. Stanborough Park and King George V playing fields in Welwyn Garden City also received Green Flag Awards.	Press release (N) Business Plan	One
HatTech Business Centre celebrated its first birthday with some of the businesses it has successfully supported over the past year.	Press release (N)	Two
A new Post Office in Hatfield was opened, providing residents with much-needed banking facilities and much more.	Press release (U)	Two

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November 2021		
A selection of artwork by budding artists was unveiled in Hatfield town centre as part of an ongoing project between Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council and local students. The unveiling was part of a wider tour of the town centre for the board to see how the Hatfield 2030+ Partnership's regeneration plans are progressing.	Press release (U)	Two
Remembrance Sunday was commemorated by special services held throughout the borough.	Press release (U)	Four
The council purchased a detached property on Peartree Lane and extended it to provide a five bedroom home, with a support worker on site for young people who have experienced homelessness. The project was completed and the property has been leased to Herts Young Homeless.	Business Plan	Four
December 2021		
Local business Fairfax Plumbing and Heating Supplies were the first business to move into Hatfield's new £45m High View development.	Press release (U)	Two
The winning entry from the Black History Month art competition was unveiled at the Howard Centre in Welwyn Garden City. The competition, based on the 2021 BHM theme of 'Proud To Be...', invited submissions from local primary schools and included drawings, paintings, collages, and mixed media pieces. Submissions were also exhibited in shop windows throughout the Howard Centre during October.	Press release (U)	Four
The council's Development Management Committee (DMC) approved the construction of a single deck on the existing surface-level car park at Campus West, in the first step of wider regeneration plans for Welwyn Garden City town centre.	Press release (N)	Two

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<p>Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council were successful in obtaining a banning order on a local business following a number of safety failings at a property. The ruling was one of the first of its kind in the borough. The council worked with the University of Hertfordshire and Trading Standards to gather evidence for the hearing and to obtain the banning order.</p>	<p>Press release (U)</p>	<p>Three/Five</p>
<p>Under the banner of 'Heart of Christmas', activities including lantern parades led by local schools, music, Father Christmas, circus acts and food stalls brought thousands of people to our town centres. In WGC, the BID provided the Light Trail and other activities to further improve the vibrancy of the town centre. Much of the activity was funded via the Welcome Back Fund.</p>	<p>Press release (U) Business Plan</p>	<p>Two/Four</p>