Districtwide Community Updates

- Overview of any projects the team are working on/have been involved in throughout the district.
- Co-ordinating various local and district wide Network Groups such as Youth Action, Food Provision, Arts and Culture and Green and Growing Group.
- Worked to coordinate and facilitate the All About Us Conference targeting the Voluntary, Community, Faith, and Social Enterprise sectors in partnership with NHCVS and the Letchworth Heritage Foundation.
- Continue to facilitate the NHC Councillors' Community Surgeries.
- Continuing to share and disseminate information on social media and to mailing lists, keeping in touch with the community, voluntary, statutory, and non-statutory agencies.
- Setting up a Wellbeing networking group
- Coordinating a project for the Cooperative Council's Innovation Network (CCIN) around how Arts & Culture can improve community cohesion and encourage vibrant town centres
- Setting up a partnership project between Waste Not, Want Not and Keystage Housing to provide a community garden at the Lord Lister Hotel in Hitchin.

Area Community Updates

- As there are now Area Forum meetings the concept of a Parish Forum Network is no longer necessary and will not be progressed.
- Advising St Pauls Warden Tennis Club on grant applications, unfortunately their completed application arrive too late for consideration at this forum and will be dealt with via delegated authority
- Following the Home Office decision to use Needham House in Wymondley to house Asylum Seekers, officers contacted local community, faith groups and the Parish Councils to set up a community support network to assist Asylum seekers. This included attending the Wymondley Parish Council meeting back in May.
- Since then, due to alleged legal issues with the ownership of the hotel the Home Office have moved any residents out of the area.
- There are currently no Asylum Seekers based in the Southern Rural area.