

### Districtwide Community Updates

- The Community Grants Policy was updated in March 2025. Some changes to be aware of include changes to the minimum amount that can be applied for, the maximum amount that can be applied for and that Business Improvement Districts (BID's) can no longer apply as they have access to other funds via UKSPF. Please read the criteria in full on the NHC grants webpage [Community grants | North Herts Council](#).
- Co-ordinating various local and district wide Network Groups including Youth Action, Food Provision, Arts and Culture and Green and Growing Group.
- Coordinating voluntary support response to Asylum Seekers based in North Herts.
- Continuing to facilitate NHC Councillors' Community Surgeries.
- Sharing and disseminating information on social media and to mailing lists, keeping in touch with the community, voluntary, statutory, and non-statutory agencies.

### Area Community Updates

The Community Partnerships Officer Update:

- Continuing to attend Parish Council meetings to make closer links with the parishes and local groups.
- Visited Knebworth Community Library to find out more on events, support and community links.
- Attended the Hertfordshire Refugee & Asylum Seeker Conference 2025.
- Offley & Stopsley Cricket Club have purchased the bowling machine and mobile cricket cage after receiving the Southern Rural Community grant in September 2024.



- Please feel free to arrange any meetings or ward walks with the Community Partnerships Officer to learn more about local groups and issues in your area.