## **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 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 <a href="Community grants">Community grants</a> | 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 Young at Herts to discuss their Grant Application and to see their work in progress.
- Attended a Body and Soul meeting at Baldock Community Centre to conclude the grant monitoring process. I thoroughly enjoyed my morning with the group who were very welcoming.
- Working on the minutes from the Baldock Community Association meeting from 19<sup>th</sup> May.
- Went to the Settle consultation for the possible upgrades to Nightingale Park.
- 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.