

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:

- Attended Walsworth Community Centre's re-opening showcase event. After months of repairs following flooding from last year, they are now fully re-opened.
- Attended Hitchin Youth Allotment's celebration event. They were awarded £12,225 from North Herts Council's Prosperity Fund in 2024 towards expanding their offer. Below is a photograph of their new greenhouse.



- We held our first in-person Arts and Culture Network meeting, which was attended by 15 members from across North Herts. This included Hitchin Library, British Schools Museum and North Herts Museum. Following positive feedback, we plan to hold the next one in-person in September.