## **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 <a href="Council">Council</a>.
- The team are working alongside the Digital Transformation Team to develop an online platform for grant applications.
- 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**

Community Partnerships Officer Update:

- CP Officer took part in the CVS Royston: Let's Talk event, which was held at Coombes Community Centre. The event aimed to explore the evolving landscape of volunteering and fundraising, and spark fresh ideas to help local groups adapt and thrive.
- Attended various Parish meetings.
- Engaged with community groups including Parkinsons, Fostering in Hertfordshire and Active in the Community.