

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:

- We held our first in-person Jackmans Network meeting at the Jackmans Community Centre. It was well attended, and we have received positive feedback about how new connections have been made thanks to this network.
- The first in person Arts and Culture Network meeting was held at Broadway Gallery, which was attended by 15 members from across North Herts. This included the Letchworth Heritage Foundation, the Settlement, Letchworth Festival and local artists in Letchworth. Following positive feedback, we plan to hold the next one in-person in September.
- Our Green and Growing network met at Croft Lane Orchards, where the Letchworth Heritage Foundation hope to establish the site as a nature reserve and develop the community element. Below are photographs from the meeting.

