

COMMUNITY



North Hertfordshire District Council

Co-operation at the Grass Roots: North Herts Food Provision Network

Since 2019, councils in Burntwood, North Hertfordshire, Stevenage & Sunderland have been working together on a policy lab to explore ways in which co-operation can be facilitated by councils in their interactions with residents and communities at a very localised level.

The policy lab has identified the value this brings, not just to more effective delivery of services, but also to wider social and economic benefits for places.

Geographically North Herts District Council covers a large area including several large towns as well as many rural and village locations. At the start of the Covid Pandemic in 2020, North Herts District Council had been working with community partners on establishing a local food provision network, the additional complication of the pandemic further highlighted the need for a cooperative approach across the district and though collaboration existing community food provision groups liaised with each other and NHDC to form the North Herts Food Provision Network. A group of community organisations, CIC's and charities focussed on ensuring food is available at a reasonable price to the whole community as well as the prevention of food waste. The network was able to thrive due to the introduction of video conferencing tools and is now an established group serving the needs of the many diverse communities of North Herts.

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