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Burntwood Town Council

Co-operation at the Grass Roots: Burntwood be a Friend

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.

In response to the Covid pandemic in 2020, Burntwood Be a Friend was established through cooperation from existing community groups within Burntwood, along with Burntwood Town Council the organisation administered support to residents, providing food parcels and signposting in what was an unprecedented time of need. Following the easing of the pandemic and restrictions, Burntwood Be a Friend continued to harness the outpouring of support from the community to provide further services and volunteer opportunities across the town, the flagship being the Burntwood Be a Friend Community Store.

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