## Northstowe Community Forum 11th January

Northstowe Community Forum will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> January. The Forum will start at 6pm for Presenters and Drop-in Organisations to meet each other prior to the drop-in being opened to residents at 6:30pm. The presentations will start at 7pm with an open question time at 8:30pm for individual Q&As.

#### Subject specific Drop-in

We hosted a drop-in at the Secondary College on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Greenbelt were on-site to answer questions on management and maintenance of open spaces. This was from 3pm-7pm which allowed the opportunity for people to attend after work. The Community Development team was there to answer questions, take contact details and forward some questions to the relevant parties. We are hoping to make this a regular occurrence, we would welcome suggestions from the Town Council on future themes.

### **Welcome Packs**

We will be delivering the final Welcome packs of 2022 on the 16<sup>th</sup> December (weather permitting) and look forward to welcoming new residents in 2023.

#### **The Winter Festival**

Mihaela supported the Town Council at the Winter Festival during Light Up Northstowe and was on-hand to talk to the local community. The Christmas jumper swap is going well, and we look forward to the festive carols, wellness walks and running challenges from various community groups.

#### **Warm Hubs**

We are continuing to support the Town Council with the Warm Hubs and have recruited a number of volunteers from the community to manage the project. These are hopefully starting on the 4<sup>th</sup> January in the Secondary College on a Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon. We will help with promoting the events through our Communities Facebook page, including asking residents if they have any suitable activities (boardgames, arts and crafts) to donate or talks they would like to give.

The Community Development Team are also working with the Children's Centre to support their Family Warm Space sessions which will take place on a Thursday afternoon at Pathfinder School.

# **Northstowe Allotments**

We are supporting the Northstowe Horticultural Association to identify volunteers who would like to take over some of the raised beds they are building. Volunteers will also be needed for the Community Orchard tree planting project which is hoped to be done early next year.