

## **Lead Member for Community Partnerships' Update Report**

**December 2023**

Since last full Council, I've come to realise how big a job officers have with regard to the voluntary sector, and community safety. There has been a lot of work in the partnerships area, culminating in the W3RT Annual Conference, held at the Holywell Community Centre in Watford. This was a real eyeopener for myself, as I didn't realise how many groups are involved. It was very well attended and made for an interesting insight as to who does what, across the district and beyond.

Following on from that, there was a volunteer's fair on 2<sup>nd</sup> December at the Henderson Hub in Abbots Langley, where a variety of groups had their "wares" on display, which gave me the opportunity to meet with some of the people who do so much to support our residents when needed, and was co-ordinated by our officers.

Also, officers arranged for a flag raising at Three Rivers House to celebrate White Ribbon day, which is to end violence against Women and Girls. Our Council obtained accreditation for the work put into this.

I've had a number of briefings by our Community Safety officers along with the Police. The Police here in Three Rivers and further afield have had a number of positive results recently with regard to ongoing investigations, some of which are posted on OWL and for those who don't receive these posts, I would recommend signing up as they are very informative.

Before Council on Tuesday, there is the Community Safety Board meeting which is a day after my fortnightly briefing with the Police and Fire Service.

So, a busy time in the lead up to the holiday period, I hope you all have a peaceful Christmas.

My thanks to officers, who have supported me in this role, for their time and commitment to our residents, and all the staff who's support, members can rely on to help us in our roles as Councillors.

Cllr. Steve Drury