

VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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News

Future of Hermitage Recreation Ground – online consultation now live.



Have your say on the future of Hermitage Recreation Ground and the former leisure centre site in Whitwick. An online feedback form is now live at www.nwleics.gov.uk/hermitage and the consultation will remain open until Friday 15 July 2022.



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

How do you feel about being active? What are your physical activity habits and future intentions?

Complete the survey at:

active-together.org/residents-survey

Survey closes midnight Sunday 10th July 2022

Open to residents of Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland aged 18 years or over.

Terms & Conditions Apply

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LET'S GET MOVING

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Support for Ukraine

Find out more about the support on offer to Ukrainian nationals living in the UK at Leicestershire County Council's webpage: Support for Ukraine. This includes information on how to become a sponsor.



Trauma-informed practice

[Trauma-informed practice](#) is all about seeking to understand and respond to the impact of trauma on people's lives.

Face-to-face information sessions are being held on 28 June at council offices, Coalville. Two sessions are available:

- 1.30-3.30pm
- 5.15-7.15pm

Topics covered will include:

- Adverse childhood experiences (ACE)
- Long-term impact of childhood trauma
- Bystander responsibilities
- The male role to end violence
- What this means for you and how you can support

Please email Community Focus to book your place.

FCV International Football Academy

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ACADEMY

FCV International Football Academy, based at Grace Dieu, has an amazing opportunity for those students planning their post 16 pathways who are interested in football and to further their development in sport-related industries.

They have a limited number of scholarships available to students local to the area to join their academy as a UK day student. They would combine full-time football training and enrolment on the NCFE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport and Physical Activity. **Please see attachments.** Students can also visit the [website](#) for further insight into FCV academy life and to see the new facilities at Grace Dieu Manor Park.

NWLDC Grants

COMMUNITY GROUPS GRANTS



Are you a community organisation, voluntary group or charity in North West Leicestershire?

Do you have a project, event or initiative that needs funding?

North West Leicestershire District Council has grant funds available!

Small Grants*

Up to £500 for new projects or for one-offs (like equipment or other items) to help you to improve a service or just to try something different.

Zero Carbon Grant**

Between £50 and £500 for environmental improvements - climate change projects, litter picking equipment, composting, energy efficiency, transport issues, cycling and walking projects, wildflower meadows, community orchards, hedge planting, recycling... think green!

Coalville Special Expenses Community Chest Grant

£250 to support and encourage a range of community activities, initiatives and events for people in Coalville, Bardon, Snibston, Thringstone and Greenhill wards.

For more information on these grants and to apply, visit www.nwleics.gov.uk/grants or contact grants@nwleicestershire.gov.uk



* Match funding of cash, volunteer time or in-kind contributions is required
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Job Vacancies

Leicestershire County Council (LCC) has an exciting opportunity for two passionate and driven individuals to join The IMPACT Team as Impact Workers (Street based Youth Workers).

LCC has two fixed term 12 month posts of 20 hours per week, working Monday – Friday 3pm onwards and occasional Saturdays. [Find out more.](#)



Leicestershire County Council

Events

Crisis Cafés on Wednesdays and Fridays 6.00pm – 10.00pm at the Marlene Reid Centre, Coalville. They are drop in and no appointment is required.

Leicestershire Holidays Together – Holiday



Activities and Food (HAF) is a free and exciting holiday programme for children aged 4 to 16, living in Leicestershire and in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. It is funded by the Department for Education.

Eligible children and young people can access a maximum of 16 holiday club sessions each, free of charge.

To check your child's eligibility for a free HAF place this summer, please click on the eligibility checker link below:
https://leicestershirecc-self.achieveservice.com/en/service/HAF_Eligibility.

You can find the full schedule of locations and activities [here](#).

Did you know that rooms at Measham Leisure Centre are available for hire?

The sports' hall and function/meeting rooms have availability most days and in particular in the afternoons. The hire fee for the function room and sports' hall varies from £9 per hour up to £17 per hour. Please contact Jane on 01530 274061 for more information.

The Prince's Trust Newsletter is now available to view [online](#). They have some excellent programmes coming up over the next few weeks. The programmes cover a variety of sectors and last for differing durations. There is something for everyone!

Learn the basics of negotiating your lease for your organisation and how to manage your relationship with your landlord. FREE property webinar for voluntary organisations in partnership with **Voluntary Action LeicesterShire and South Derbyshire CVS**. [Find out more](#).

Date: Wednesday 6 July 2022
Time: 11.00am-12.00pm

Community Foundation Funding

Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation has



the following funding opportunities.

Getting Help in Neighbourhoods Adult Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund

Round 2 of this fund has just opened to support projects that help improve adult mental health. Grants range from £3,000 to £50,000. **Closes on 8 August.**

Sir George Earle Benevolent Fund

This small fund is currently open for small organisations that work to support older people facing loneliness and isolation. Groups can apply for up to £3,000. **Closes on 22 July.**

Mercia Park Community Fund

This fund offers grants up to £5,000 for projects that help strengthen local communities and/or improve the natural environment. Must be within a five mile radius of the Mercia Park Development at Junction 11, M42. **Closes on 22 July or earlier if heavily oversubscribed.**

[Email](#) Louise Cotton, Grants' Manager for further information or telephone her on 07496 179376 for an informal chat.

National Forest Survey

The National Forest Company (NFC) is inviting stakeholders and individuals who live in the Heart of the National Forest and surrounding areas to contribute to a future vision for the Heart of the Forest by taking part in an [online survey](#).

The NFC is seeking the views of local people as to how the area can continue to develop as a vibrant and sustainable place for its communities, businesses and visitors, set within maturing woodlands. Those who complete the survey will have the opportunity to enter a competition to win either two adult weekend tickets to [Timber festival](#) at Feanedock, Moira worth £260 or a £200 One4all voucher.



Funding

Community Ownership Fund



This £150 million fund has been set up to help communities take ownership of assets at risk of closure. Voluntary and community organisations can bid for up to £250,000 (match funding required) in Round 2 of the fund. Parish councils cannot apply but are encouraged to support local groups. Funding may support the purchase and/or renovation costs of community assets. The [Expression of Interest](#) stage opened on 10 June and the bidding window for this round closes on 19 August.

Shire Grants

Get ready for Round 2 of the SHIRE



Community Grant, which will open on 6 July. The programme enables VCSE (Voluntary, Community & Social Enterprise) sector organisations to deliver community-based projects, services and activities that help to improve the lives of vulnerable people in Leicestershire. Organisations can apply for either a Small Grant (up to £3,000) or a Large Grant (up to £10,000). Parish and town councils are eligible to apply.

LCC Monthly Funding Bulletin



The latest

bulletin for June has just been added to the LCC funding webpage. This contains information on a wide variety of funding opportunities and includes deadlines for applications. Always well worth a browse!

The registered charity, London Hearts, has



launched an initiative to assist communities to obtain life-saving defibrillator equipment.

The charity is currently offering a £300 grant towards the cost of every defibrillator it supplies across the UK. They also supply free online training. You can obtain a quote by completing a short, [online application](#). Alternatively you can contact Tia, Development Officer, at London Hearts on 02070 432493 or by [email](#).