

VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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NWLDC News

Work has started to create a new North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC)



[Customer Centre](#) in the heart of Coalville.

The move will take all customer appointments – including council tax, benefits and fraud, environmental protection, planning, housing, licensing, waste and communities – to a new, more accessible location on Belvoir Road. A police enquiries desk will also be located in the Customer Centre.

The fit out work is planned to take around four months, with the Customer Centre expected to open in the autumn. Other staff will be based at either a refurbished Whitwick Business Centre on Whitwick Road or at Stenson House on London Road - the historic part of the current Council Offices.



Cinema in the Park

Coalville's [Cinema in the Park](#) will return this August after proving a hit with film fans last summer. The hugely popular open-air cinema will run from Friday 12 to Tuesday 23 August.

Details of the line-up are still being finalised but will be a mixture of Disney films, musicals, much-loved movie classics and blockbusters. Tickets are £3 per person and free for the Under twos.

Sensational 70

Congratulations to all of the North West Leicestershire groups that make up the [Sensational 70](#) that have been awarded Queen's Platinum Jubilee awards from the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire. Well done on a wonderful achievement!



- [Charley Heritage Group](#)
- [Confident Communities, Coalville](#)
- [Hermitage FM, Coalville](#)
- [Hospice Hope](#)
- [Ravenstone with Snibston Parish Council](#)
- [Thringstone Pantomime and Drama Society](#)



Grace Dieu Archaeology

The Friends of Grace Dieu Priory are working with Past to Present Archaeology to hold an [archaeological field-school](#) at Grace Dieu Priory for two weeks from 18 July.

If you have an interest in local history and archaeology this is a great opportunity to support the group by taking part. If you can't excavate, no problem! The area will be open for free public viewing all day.



Free Memberships

Everyone Active is offering free memberships to Cared for Children and Care Experienced Young People.



If you know a child or young person who you think would be eligible, you can make a referral or enquire about eligibility for referral by contacting the [Health & Wellbeing Team](#) or [Community Focus](#).

CARED FOR CHILDREN		CARE EXPERIENCED YOUNG PEOPLE
0-10yrs	11-15yrs	16-25yrs
SWIM	GYM	GYM
SYNERGY DANCE®		SWIM
SOFT PLAY	GYM	GROUP EX
As from 13yrs Can be renewed after 12 months	As from 16yrs Can be renewed after 12 months	As from 26yrs Can be renewed after 12 months
Council Family Support Teams / Foster Care Identity card		Council Family Support Teams / Foster Care Identity card

Business Growth Grant

Do you know a local small business looking to grow?

Business owners in Leicestershire are being urged to check if they are eligible for a growth grant from the Business Gateway Growth Hub before funds run out. Currently around £400,000 remains in the pot for the [Business Growth Grant](#) aimed at SMEs (Small and Medium Enterprises) with ambitions to grow.

Grants from £2,000 to £25,000 are available, providing a third of the project cost and the support of a dedicated business adviser throughout the application process.

Events & Training

Summer Holiday Multi-sport Sessions

NWLDC and partners are running a series of summer holiday sessions for children aged 5-12 years across the district. See attachment for further info. Booking essential. Email [Georgia James](mailto:Georgia.James@nwldc.org.uk).

GoLearn! - Ukrainian Families Summer of Wellbeing

Free, fun activities for



children and their parents/carers at Coalville Library on 26 July, 2 & 9 August, 1.00-2.30pm. See attachment for further information.

Hospice Hope Support Cafés are weekly drop-in support groups for patients, their family members and carers:

- Ashby - Legion House, Fri pm
- Coalville/Whitwick - Methodist Church, Wed pm
- Ibstock - Methodist Church, Tues pm

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.

Voluntary Action LeicesterShire (VAL)

VCSE Organisational Planning, 22

September, 10.30am - 12.30pm.

This **FREE** session will give you the knowledge of what plans are relevant for different VCSE organisations, what planning tools are available, and what is important for your specific organisation now and in the future.

The Prince's Trust has two exciting programmes available. See attachments for further information.



Get Started in Sports Leadership King Power Stadium, 11 & 15-19 Aug

An action packed sports' programme to develop new skills, build confidence, meet new people, discover the roles in football and have fun!

Get Into Logistics with M&S M&S warehouse, Castle Donington 21 July & 1-19 Aug

Three week programme to gain in-depth training in logistics work experience followed by the possibility of securing a paid contract.

Community Foundation Funding

[Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation](#) has



the following funding opportunities.

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 18 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.**

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 £50,000. **Closes on 8 August.**

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

Job Vacancies

Investment Manager

The National Lottery Heritage Fund is recruiting four full-time Investment Managers to be based within its Birmingham and Nottingham offices. Salary: £23,230-£27,270. Closes 10 July.

Warm Homes Funding Support Officer

This LCC fixed-term post will provide information, advice and guidance, delivering projects to enable and maintain warm and healthy homes. Salary: £22,575. Closes 24 July.

Grants' Officer (Full or part time)

The National Forest Company (NFC) has a permanent role available to lead on the administration and reporting of NFC grant programmes. Closes 1 August. Salary: £29,179-£32,160 pro rata.



Funding

Shire Grants

Round 2 of LCC's SHIRE Community Grant is now open. 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 also eligible to apply.



LCC is particularly interested in funding services, projects and activities that will:

- Improve the lives, health and wellbeing of vulnerable or disadvantaged people and communities in Leicestershire
- Provide community-based intervention and prevention solutions which help to reduce demand on Council and other public services
- Complement existing services already being delivered



The Safety Fund

is run by the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland. Grants of up to £10,000 are available for projects that help drive down crime and protect the public. The fund is now open for applications from any community-based group, parish council, school or business. The deadline is 25 July.



Community Ownership Fund



If you are considering applying for this fund, please note that you will need to submit an [Expression of Interest](#) (Eoi) very shortly. You can expect a response within three weeks and, if successful, would then need to submit a full application by 19 August.

The 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.