

VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Remembrance Day



Today we remember and reflect on the sacrifices of fallen soldiers on Remembrance Day. [Events](#) will be

happening across the district and this year North West Leicestershire is taking part in the University of Leicester's [Poppy Pilgrimage](#) to honour the lives lost during the First World War.

Wreaths have been laid at:

- Memorial Square, Coalville
- Village Green, Hemington
- Castle Donington War memorial



Christmas Toy Appeal

[MRC Community Action](#) has launched its Christmas Toy Appeal for 2022 and is calling for donations for brand new books, games, toys and gifts for local children who, for whatever reason, may not receive presents this Christmas.



Donations can be dropped off at MRC's reception from Monday to Friday, between 9.00am and 5.00pm. Full details are on the [MRC website](#).

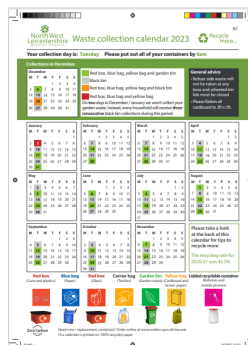
Waste Calendars

It's that time of year again — NWLDC waste collection calendar deliveries!

[Deliveries have already started](#) and will continue throughout November, finishing on Monday 28 November. The calendars cover 12 months of collections, starting from December 2022 (including Christmas and New Year collections) through to November 2023.

As with previous years, NWLDC will suspend two garden waste collections in December and January.

All households will receive three consecutive black bin collections during this period.



Expression of Freedom



LCC's Children and Family Wellbeing Service is inviting everyone to visit Leicester High Cross

to view the 'Expression of Freedom' Exhibition, which runs from 25 November to 10 December. See attachment for further information.

This exciting project explores the context of abuse in relationships, working with young people and survivors of Domestic Abuse - using art to reflect, heal and empower and give a creative voice. Well worth a trip!

State of the Sector

The [VCSE Observatory](#) at Nottingham Business School



is undertaking a '[State of the Social Sector](#)' survey to understand the potential impacts of rising energy costs and government support packages on the voluntary, community, and social enterprise (VCSE) sector.

Please take some time to fill in the [survey](#). The intention is to influence the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS) around the decision of who counts as a 'vulnerable industry' when they review business support in three months' time.

Prince's Trust

Do you know any young people aged 16 to 30 not currently in full-time work, training or education? There are currently lots of exciting opportunities with the Prince's Trust in Health & Social Care mentoring, Cyber Security, Digital Skills, Enterprise and lots more. Browse everything on offer in the latest newsletter - see attachment.

GoLearn!

Leicestershire Adult Learning Service has organised a number of 'Wellbeing Saturday' events on a variety of themes to be held in Loughborough in 2023:

- Art and Diversity
- Art for Wellbeing
- Sit and Get Fit

See attachment. You can also browse the latest GoLearn! brochure [here](#).

Events & Training

Leicestershire Local Offer provides support and information for children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities



For any groups/organisations who work with children

and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), LCC is holding a [SEND Local Offer Roadshow](#) at Loughborough Town Hall on Wed 23 November, 9.30am-2.30pm. Book directly via [Eventbrite](#).

Leicestershire Communities is hosting a series of short [online sessions](#) on the theme of support for the cost of living crisis. The first session will be on 24 November, 10.30am - 12.00pm.

- Citizens' Advice LeicesterShire and the support they offer
- The Household Support Fund and how you can refer people
- SHIRE Community Grant funding
- What your organisation is doing to help your community

Voluntary Action LeicesterShire has various FREE online and face-to-face [training and events](#) coming up:

- Setting up and Reviewing your Structure - online
- Introduction to Writing Funding Applications - online
- AskVAL Volunteering Network and Learn – MRC, Coalville



Employment Hub

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Leicestershire



Ashby pop up employment hub

Are you at a career crossroads, does your CV need updating?



Take the next step towards your future and join us at Ashby Library.

Ashby Library, North St, Ashby-de-la-Zouch LE65 1HU



Monday 21 November 10:00 - 12:00
Monday 28 November 10:00 - 12:00
Monday 05 December 10:00 - 12:00
Monday 12 December 10:00 - 12:00

To contact Work and Skills Leicestershire call our personal advisors on 0800 988 0309 you can also book a face-to-face appointment at a local Employment Hub. Find Work and Skills online at [leicestershire.gov.uk/work-and-skills](#)

Warm Spaces Grant

NWLDC is offering grants of up to £250 to support venues that are providing 'warm spaces' for residents during the cost of living crisis. We may consider requests for more than £250 where there is an exceptional need or benefit.



In order to be eligible for funding, groups will need to register as a warm space with NWLDC by completing the warm space survey and returning to [Helen Crouch](#). A copy of the survey is attached.

You also need to demonstrate a commitment to working with other groups and partners in the area to maximise the support available to vulnerable members of the community.

Funding could cover costs such as:

- Food and drinks that are made available to warm space users and are not part of business as usual activities
- A contribution towards heating costs where hours of opening have been extended or facilities will be open on additional days in order to provide the warm space
- Costs associated with providing recreational activities for warm space users
- Costs associated with providing advice services to warm space users
- Transport costs where warm space providers are transporting residents to and from the warm space

To apply for this funding, please email [grants](#) with the following information:



- What costs you would like the NWLDC funding to cover
- Evidence of exceptional need or benefit for requests over £250
- Your organisation's constitution
- Quotes for the items that you would like us to fund
- A recent bank statement

The grant fund will be open for applications until Friday 31 March 2023 or until the grant budget has been allocated.

Other Funding

NWL Community Grants

Visit our [grants' page](#) to find out about the funding and support available for your group/organisation.



Time after Time E-Waste Fund

Virgin Media and Hubbub have launched a £500,000 fund to boost innovation in tackling electronic waste.



Grants of £10,000 to £75,000 are available and supported projects will launch by April 2023. The deadline for Expressions of Interest is 14 December.

Comic Relief Community Fund

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to grass roots, community-led organisations. The four key themes are:

- A Safe Place to Be
- Children Survive & Thrive
- Gender Justice
- Mental Health Matters



Deadline for applications is 30 November.

There is still time to apply for Round 3 of the [SHIRE Community Grants](#).

Deadline for applications is 30 November. Small grants (max £3000) and large grants (max £10,000) are available for projects such as:



- Establishment of community-based warm banks/warm spaces
- Food banks and other food provision related services
- Provision of money, debt, welfare advice and associated services

Reaching People Environmental Fund

This fund from the Community Foundation Leicestershire & Rutland has just opened and offers up to £5,000 for projects on the following themes:

- Reduce pollution
- Supporting wildlife
- Increase recycling and the reuse of materials
- Protect habitats and green spaces
- Raise environmental understanding and awareness