

VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Warm Spaces



We now have 14 confirmed warm spaces in North West Leicestershire. These are organisations who have registered by completing a Warm Spaces survey. See the attachment for further information.

Warm spaces have also been invited to add their details to the national [Warm Welcome Space website](#).



NWLDC is offering grants of up to £250 to support venues that are providing 'warm spaces' for residents during the cost of living crisis. The grant fund will be open for

applications until Friday 31 March 2023 or until the grant budget has been allocated. For further information email [Grants](#).

Safe Place



If you are feeling worried, scared or overwhelmed this Xmas and need help whilst you're out look out for [Keep Safe Place](#)

stickers in local businesses, shops and library windows. They offer a safe space to go with a friendly face who will be happy to help you out. For a full list of places including those in North West Leics.



Winter Fuel Payment



Last week the Government [announced](#) that over 11.6 million pensioners will start to receive up to £600 to help with their energy bills this winter.

[Winter Fuel Payments](#) of £324 for lower income households have been boosted this year by an additional £300 per household Pensioner Cost of Living payment, which will land in bank accounts over the next two months.

People are also reminded to check if they qualify for [Pension Credits](#), which can be worth over £3,500 a year. Pension Credit claims can be backdated by up to three months and pensioners are being urged to claim as soon as possible, and by no later than 18 December 2022.

Heat Bank Volunteers



We are looking to provide a warm and welcoming place this winter and need

volunteers to help out. If you are able to help and wish to find out more please contact

Andrea Robinson Town Clerk

01283 552784

email clerk@aw-tc.co.uk

Ashby Woulds Town Council

Moira Replan, 17 Ashby Road, Moira

Help us make a difference this winter

Weather Ready

The Met Office has produced some [WeatherReady materials](#)

to encourage local communities to get prepared for adverse weather conditions.

There are posters to print off, email signatures to use and graphics to share on your social media. There is also

useful advice for [driving in severe weather](#).



NTU

Cyber Fraud

[Have yourself a Safe Cyber](#)

[Christmas!](#) New data from the National Fraud Intelligence

Bureau (NFIB) shows shoppers lost over £15 million to cyber criminals during the festive period last year, with an average loss of £1,000 per person.



Take these steps to ensure you are more protected during the Christmas shopping period.

- [Protect your accounts](#): set up 2-step verification and use three random words passwords
- Check before you buy
- Pay securely: Use a credit card when shopping



NWL News



NWLDC's new customer centre situated at the Belvoir Shopping Centre opened on Tuesday. All customer

appointments will now take place here including housing, benefits, council tax and environmental health.

A police enquiry desk will open at the centre in early 2023. Police enquiries will continue to be taken at the council offices until then.

The new opening hours for the customer centre are 9am to 5pm every week day except Thursdays when the centre is open from 9am to 4pm.

Please note that there is a new PO Box address for all correspondence:

NWLDC, PO Box 11051, Coalville, LE67 0FW.



Funding



Voluntary Action LeicesterShire in partnership with the NHS and Clinical

Commissioning Groups are delivering a Crisis Café grant programme. [Crisis Café Grants - Voluntary Action LeicesterShire \(valonline.org.uk\)](#)

Crisis Cafés will provide a safe, supportive and collaborative alternative to accessing GP services or A&E departments for people with issues that may affect their mental health. It will ensure people receive support and interventions in the least restrictive environment consistent with their safety and health & social care needs.



Funding



[White Ribbon Day](#) was held on Friday 25 November and fell on the same week as the start of the FIFA Men's World Cup.

This year's campaign is titled #TheGoal and raises awareness about the challenges, and dangers, that women and girls face in traditionally male-dominated contexts like the football pitch, but also public transportation.

Did you know that domestic violence and the World Cup are closely linked? As reported by the [National Centre for Domestic Violence](#), reported incidents of domestic violence increase:

- By 26% if England play
- By 38% if England lose
- By 11% the next day, win or lose

Check out [NWLDC's Domestic Abuse](#) webpage for information and signposting for anyone in North West Leicestershire who requires support.



The Future Communities Fund will focus on supporting voluntary organisations passionate about helping to achieve

their [Future Communities Vision](#), created by young people. This, in turn, will help to deliver on the Co-op's vision of 'Co-operating for a Fairer World'.

In this first round of funding they will look to support organisations building communities that are:

- Diverse, equitable and inclusive, and
- Prioritising youth activism, shared power and transparent governance .

Our fund will offer unrestricted grants of up to £30,000 per year for up to five years.



Events

#AskVAL Volunteering Network and Learn Coalville Event – Tuesday 6 December 17.30-19.30



VAL runs Volunteering Network and Learn Events at different locations and is bringing this session to Coalville to reconnect with local volunteer involving organisations and consider how we can work together to support positive volunteering in the area. This session will also be an opportunity for local groups to talk to us about other areas of support that are needed.



Coalville Library Presents

CHRISTMAS CHRONICLES

A day of festive stories and events

TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER

featuring...

Warm Up and Unwind

12-2pm

Enjoy a cup-a-soup Relax in the comfort of a warm and safe space

Read some Christmas poems

Not a library member? No problem! We'll be happy to show you around!

Tackle a Christmas quiz Learn more about your local library

All events are FREE but must be pre-booked at the library: Call 0116 305 3565 or pop in (we're on the High Street)



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9.30-10.30 Breakfast with Santa!

All families welcome

10.30-12 Christmas Crafts

Open to all

12-2 Warm up and Unwind

Enjoy a cup of soup and relax with some festive readings

2-4 Family Festive Fable Mystery

Help save Christmas by completing challenges to find out which reindeer is missing!

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