

# VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



17 March 2023 Issue 4



## Elections 2023



Voting in the district and parish council elections on Thursday 4 May is different this year with the introduction of photo I.D.

Anyone who wants to vote in the local elections will need to present an accepted form of photo I.D.

For the full list of accepted photo I.D. please visit our [website](#).

### I don't have photo I.D.

Don't worry – you will still be able to vote. You'll need to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate.

You can apply [online](#) or you can complete a paper application form and send to NWLDC.

To apply for a Voter Authority Certificate, you will need to provide your:

Name | Address | Date of birth | National Insurance Number

You'll also need to submit a photograph with your application, with similar requirements as for a passport photo.

For help applying for a Voter Authority Certificate, please contact NWLDC on 01530 454512 or [email](#) Electoral Commission helpline: 0800 328 0280



## Neighbourhood Watch



Our watch has launched their biggest recruitment campaign in recent years, termed a [BETTER PLACE TO LIVE](#). We would all like to achieve a better place to live no matter our starting point – whether it be working together to reduce fear of and opportunities for crime, supporting our neighbours, reducing isolation and loneliness, or making new friendships. With 2.3 million members already, the campaign aims to:

- attract even more members
- encourage groups to be more active
- encourage all local group members to register their membership nationally.

March edition of [OUR NEWS](#)

## 2023-24 Additional Garden Waste



Residents can now sign up or renew a subscription to the 2023-24 [additional garden waste service](#).

The next subscription period runs from 1 June 2023 until 31 May 2024 and costs £45 per extra garden bin. Residents can pay for as many garden bins as they wish.

Residents and existing customers can [sign up or renew online](#) or by calling customer services on 01530 454545.

## NCVO Update



Your organisation could qualify for free NCVO membership.

For even more support, including practical tools and game-changing benefits, consider joining our growing network of members. NCVO members save time and money, grow their networks and more. Visit our [website](#).

### Addressing your funding strategy

29 March | [Sign up](#)

A panel of experts from across the charity and donor services at CAF will discuss funding strategies; getting the right funding mix and finding the right funders for your strategy.

### Launch Event: NCVO's new campaign on climate change

29 March | [Sign up](#)

Discover how your organisation can make a real difference in the fight against climate change. Join our launch event.

### The Big Help Out

8 May | [Read how to get involved](#)

Volunteering recruitment has never been more challenging. So, the Big Help Out has come at a good time! Part of the King's coronation plans, this campaign will showcase how volunteering benefits both communities and the people who take part. Charities big and small are invited to take part.



## Events & Training

**Voluntary Action Leicestershire** has training opportunities available.



### Writing reports

**22 March, 10.30am - 1.00pm at**

**Glenfield Sports Pavilion, LE7 7AG**

They now have 3 places back available. Don't miss out!

This 2½ hour workshop will help delegates understand the essential elements of writing a report that conveys their message clearly, concisely and effectively. [Book a place](#)

### Volunteer Recruitment Opportunity at King Charles III Coronation

Voluntary community groups who provide support and activities to the residents of Ashby and the surrounding area are being given the opportunity to showcase their organisation with a focus on recruiting new volunteers.

**The event is on Sunday 7 May 2023, 12noon – 5pm at the Bath Grounds, Ashby de la Zouch**

If your organisation would like to take part please email [volunteering@valonline.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@valonline.org.uk) and register your interest by 31 March 2023.

### Family Fun area on the GoLearn



[website](#) which is available to all families and has

lots of free resources, activities and ideas for supporting children.

This is updated on a regular basis.

### Tell us about your events

If you are putting on an event in North West Leicestershire we'd love to help you promote it.

Remember to include as much detail as possible about your event, including date, time, location and a description.



## Physical Activity



After the success of the of the last Health & Wellbeing Roadshow aimed at Families and young people, NWLDC Youth Engagement Activators and Enrych would like to take the opportunity to invite you along to our Health & Wellbeing Open Day at Whitwick & Coalville Leisure Centre on **Friday 31 March from 12pm-5.30pm.**

Grace Dieu Manor Park are running a goalkeepers course for ages 8 - 16

Take your game to the next level with specialised goalkeeper training delivered by UEFA qualified coaches.

To attend a **FREE** taster session ahead of the full course, please email. [afoulger@internationalfootball.academy](mailto:afoulger@internationalfootball.academy) to register your place.

## Whitwick Scouts Big Help Out

The Big Help Out starts on Monday 8th of May Inspired by HM King Charles III's life of service, The Big Help Out encourages people to try volunteering for themselves, while celebrating those who already volunteer.



The aim is to bring communities together and create a lasting volunteering legacy from the Coronation weekend. Our Big Help Out Event will be based on a fun afternoon of interesting skills and activities that individuals and families can join in with that hopefully give meaningful examples of hands-on volunteering. Whitwick Scout Group are inviting all local groups and charitable organisations to join us and put on an Information Stand (gazebo with a table), with an engaging activity that represents your group/charity and prompts time for discussion about your organisation. Anything goes but it must be safe, suitable, and risk assessed by the provider. For more information please contact [WhitwickScoutGroup@Outlook.com](mailto:WhitwickScoutGroup@Outlook.com)

## Funding

### NWL Community Grants

COMMUNITY GROUPS GRANTS

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

### Warm Spaces Grant - time running out to apply

NWLDC is still 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. Please [email Jess Lloyd-Davies](#) for further information.



### King's Coronation Grant

The Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Saturday 6 May 2023, with an additional bank holiday on Monday 8 May 2023. We are keen to hear from groups / organisations in communities across North West Leicestershire that are looking to celebrate the coronation. The district council is making funding available of up to £250 to support groups that want to celebrate the occasion.

The grant could fund things such as a tea party, social event, exhibition or anything that has a coronation celebratory theme and involves the community. The grant will be open to parish councils, constituted community groups and schools. Applications are now open and will close on Thursday 6 April 2023. [Apply here](#)

### National Lottery Awards For All

Funding of between £300 and £10,000 is available for community projects, including the celebration of major events in 2023. Projects must involve people and communities from the start, build on people's strengths and be connected in their community.

### British Airways

### Better World

### Community Fund



If you are setting up a crowdfunding campaign you may be able to secure up to £15,000 additional funding from British Airways. Find out more [here](#).