

# VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## UK SPF Fund

Voluntary and community groups are invited to apply for funding from the [UK Shared Prosperity Fund \(SPF Fund\)](#) to support work that improves and enhances their local area. Applications close on 30 June 2023 so please start planning your project now.

All areas across the district are allocated funding from the grant, with community groups, parish and town councils and voluntary organisations able to bid for some, or all, of the funding for a project.

Funding pots will be available for 2022/23 and 2023/24, with £150,000 available for the district each year. Communities have been assigned funds of between £3,000 and £10,000 each, depending on population size.



## THE BIG CORONATION LUNCH

SUNDAY 7 MAY | 12PM - 4PM  
COALVILLE PARK, LONDON ROAD, COALVILLE LE67 3JB

Enjoy an afternoon of free entertainment and music with friends and family to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III

- Live music from The Inspired and Leicestershire Co-op Band
- Balloon modelling
- Children's craft activities
- 'Be a King for the day' photo booth
- Caricaturist
- Refreshments available
- Bring your own food, picnic blanket or chairs
- No on site parking, please use town centre car parks and walk to the park



## Elections

[Local elections](#) will take place next Thursday 4 May. Please remember to bring along [appropriate photo identification](#) when you go to vote. The following forms of photo I.D. are acceptable:

- Passport
- Driving licence (including provisional licence)
- Blue badge
- Certain concessionary travel cards
- Identity card with PASS mark (Proof of Age Standards Scheme)
- Biometric Immigration document
- Defence identity card
- Certain national identity cards

## Heritage Trust Network

Do you know a community group operating from a historic building? Are they in need of support?



[Heritage Trust Network](#) is currently looking for organisations across the East and Midlands to join an exciting new outreach project. The project will support community groups who are working from historic buildings for non-heritage reasons to ensure the ongoing maintenance of these sites and the success of the organisations who operate from them.

To join the project or find out more information, email [Leona Wilson](#), Outreach Project Officer or telephone 07305 318601.

## Burning Survey



Local residents are invited to take part in a [solid fuel](#) survey and enter a free prize draw to help the district council learn more about solid fuel burning habits.

NWLDC is working with Harborough District Council on this DEFRA-funded project to investigate the levels of tiny polluting air particles, known as PM2.5, from the burning of solid fuel on:

- Wood burners and stoves
- Barbecues
- Chimineas
- Bonfires

## NCVO Good Practice

NCVO, the National Council for Voluntary Organisations, has produced some useful new guidance:



- [Recruiting volunteers](#)
- [Supporting and managing volunteers](#)
- [Paying volunteers' expenses](#)
- [Volunteers and the law](#)

## EMA Community Flyer

The latest issue of the EMA Community Flyer is now available as per the attached newsletter.

To find out more about the airport's community initiatives such as the Community Fund, volunteering and their education and employment programmes, as well as read previous issues of the Community Flyer, click [here](#).

## Events & Training

### National Forest Walking Festival

Sat 13 to Thurs 25 May

The [digital brochure](#) for this year's festival is now available to download. From ancient woodland to newly planted trees, wildflower meadows to rugged, rocky outcrops, the National Forest offers a vibrant and varied landscape to enjoy.

### Goodnight Mister Tom

Wed 7 - Sat 10 June, 7.00pm

Over 40% of tickets to this popular show from Coalville Drama Group have already been sold, so grab your tickets early to avoid disappointment.



### Building Your Child's Resilience Starts Wed 7 June, 6.30-8.30pm

Leicestershire County Council's Family Learning Team is offering this **FREE** five-week online course for parents and carers. See attachment for further details and booking instructions. A range of other courses are also available from Go Learn.



Click [here](#).

### Introduction to Storytelling in Fundraising Workshop

Tues 10 October, 10.00-11.00pm

Likely to be popular so book early! This **FREE** workshop will introduce the valuable skill of storytelling to help influence potential supporters and funders. [Get Grants](#) provide a range of other free and paid training that may be of interest.

## VOLUNTEER VILLAGE

Sunday 7 May 2023 | 12pm – 5pm

Ashby Bath Grounds

As part of the King's Coronation event organised by Ashby de la Zouch Town Council

Come along to find out about:

- Community groups in the area
- Volunteering opportunities
- How you can get involved



For more information or to showcase your community group, email [volunteering@valonline.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@valonline.org.uk)



## Community Vacancies

There are a number of community vacancies that may be of interest to some of you:

### Falcon Support Services

- [Community Manager](#)
- [Emotional and Wellbeing Worker](#)

### Leicestershire Cares

- [Community and Business Support Officer](#)
- [Youth Worker](#)

### National Lottery Community Fund

- [Reaching Communities Funding Officer](#)
- [Procurement Officer](#)

## VCSE Alliance

Has your group/organisation joined the [VCSE Alliance](#) yet? There are a number of member benefits:

- Hear about the latest opportunities to get involved in shared projects and priorities and apply for NHS funding
- An online searchable VCSE Alliance Directory of contacts
- Take part in the 'How to...' webinars
- Attend quarterly meetings to discuss in detail how the VCSE can help the NHS with its decision making
- Get access to the VCSE Alliance online forum. This is your space to talk about the latest voluntary, community and social enterprise health-related news

For further information please [email](#) Heather Jallands.

## Self-kindness Toolkit

The British Red Cross has published a **FREE self-kindness toolkit** to help everyone take care of their own wellbeing. It is full of activities to build resilience, cope with worries and connect with others. You can order printed copies for members or clients, or you can download the pack to [read online](#).



## Funding

### NWL Community Grants



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

### 'Food Hubs' grant for Community Fridges

Hubbub has further funding available for community fridges to develop 'Food hub' activities. Funding of up to £7k is available to each of up to 50 community fridges. Deadline for applications is 31 May 2023.

### Local School Nature Grants

Learning Through Landscapes is providing nature equipment grants of up to £500 to nurseries, pre-schools and also primary and secondary schools. Not open to PTAs or 'Friends of' groups. Deadline for next round is 9 June 2023.

### National Grid - Green Spaces Community Fund

With Spring having finally sprung, National Grid is offering grants to support communities to enhance their local environments and encourage more people to make the most of their green spaces. Registered charities and grassroots organisations can apply for up to £10k, while constituted charitable organisations with no charity number can apply for up to £2k. Deadline for applications is 12 May 2023.

### BIFFA Partnership Grants

Grants of between £250k and £1million are available to support capital projects that address either of the following themes (the project must not cross over the two themes):

- Built environment projects
- Natural environment projects

Organisations must be eligible to enrol with ENTRUST as an Environmental Body. Deadline for expression of interest is 1 June 2023.

### Benefact Trust - Building Improvements Grants

Grants are available for Christian charities, churches, cathedrals, and denominational bodies across the UK to support the conservation, preservation, or aesthetic enhancement of Christian churches and charity buildings.