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WELCOME TO CHASE VISION



Welcome to the 2011 Winter edition of Chase Vision

All at Chase CVS wish you an enjoyable festive break.

Chase CVS offices will be closed for the Christmas Holiday period from:

Monday 26th December
to
Monday 2nd January
inclusive.

Normal hours will resume
on
Tuesday 3rd January 2012

For your information here are a few of the Acronyms used in this issue:

AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
NIACE	National Institute of Adult Continuing Education
NAVCA	National Association for Voluntary and Community Action
NSPCC	National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children
PA	Personal Assistant
QiSS	Quality in Study Support
RF	Richmond Fellowship
S3SN	Staffordshire Third Sector Network
SCIO	Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Consortium of Infrastructure Organisations
SCVYS	Staffordshire Council of Voluntary Youth Services

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OFFICER



Our new collaborative venture with Social Care & Health launched officially last month at our AGM. The service is designed to provide vulnerable people within the local community with the opportunity to participate in social activities.

We aim to launch four groups across the district early next year providing a range of activities eg: exercise; craft; bingo; memories etc. Together with the social aspect members will enjoy a hot meal and access to reduced cost transport.

The service will be recruiting a team of volunteers, who will receive appropriate training, to support the running of the groups.

Also don't forget our two Home Comforts re-use services - at Ranton Park, Martindale in Cannock, where we sell second-hand furniture and household goods; and at our re-use shop next to the Rugeley Recycling Centre, where we sell a wide range of second-hand toys, books, DVDs, video games and bric-a-brac.

Finally I myself wish you a joyful Christmas and we look forward to continuing to support you in the New Year.

Kent Parson - Chief Officer

Communities First

Chase CVS would like to thank the **Coalfields Regeneration Trust** for their support with funding a sixteen month programme - **Communities First** - to provide support to VCOs within the following Cannock Chase Wards: Brereton & Ravenhill; Cannock East; Cannock North; Cannock East; Cannock South; Cannock West; Etching Hill & The Heath; Hagley; Heath Hayes East & Wimblebury; Hednesford Green Heath; Hednesford North; Rawnsley or Western Springs.

The service will enable direct support for individuals working in the voluntary and community sector to improve their skills and operational capacity. From forming a new group, developing existing committees to preparation for the 'contract culture'.

For more information contact:

Bev Molloy, Development Manager



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CHASE CVS NEWS

Chase CVS Staff Changes



All at Chase CVS wish a very
Happy Retirement to Pat Stevens

Pat left her role as PA to the Chief Officer at the end of October after almost a decade of service with Chase CVS and will be missed by all members of the team.



Caroline Bradford has taken up a new role within the organisation as **Community Wellbeing Co-ordinator**.

Contact details for Caroline:



01543-500404



carolinebradford@chase-cvs.org.uk



Chase CVS welcomes two new members to the Team

Jan Matthews - Community Liaison Officer



Jan has taken over the role vacated by Caroline. Prior to joining Chase CVS, Jan, worked for Age UK South Staffs.

Contact details for Jan are:



01543-500404



janmatthews@chase-cvs.org.uk

Zareena Khan - Community Wellbeing Administrative Assistant

Zareena has been appointed as administrative support for the Community Wellbeing Project and will be supporting Caroline with this new service.

Contact details for Zareena are:



01543-500404



zarineenakhan@chase-cvs.org.uk



CHASE CVS NEWS



£1.9 million boost for volunteering in recession-hit communities



Volunteer Centre Cannock Chase is

one of 15 Volunteer Centres to receive a share of a £1.9m Big Lottery Fund grant for a three year project, led by Volunteering England, to help communities most affected by the recession through stimulating volunteering.

The funding is concentrated on some of the most deprived communities in the country, such as the Blake Community Programme area which has one of the most deprived areas within its locality (22.7% of residents of working age claimed benefits in 2009 compared with a district rate of 17.9% and a county rate of 14%) coupled with greater demand for services.

Over a two year period, the project will use volunteering to engage those furthest from the job market, to assist them in utilising their skills and talents to help their local communities. It seeks to strengthen volunteering locally by enabling Volunteer Centre Cannock Chase to support increasing numbers of volunteers, provide additional opportunities for volunteering and engage more widely with the community.

Volunteer Centre Cannock Chase will be working closely with organisations in the area to create what will hopefully be a seamless volunteering experience for all, hosting taster days for local people to come and discover what volunteering can do and supporting local residents find the right voluntary placement for them.

This work promises the triple benefits of helping people who need the services of volunteers, of developing the capabilities of the volunteers and of strengthening local systems to build resilience in the Blake Community Programme area.

To find out more about volunteering opportunities or advertising a position contact: **Kelsey Lintern**



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01543-500404



kelseyintern@chase-cvs.org.uk



TRAINING

Community Training Skills

A **free** training session for people who deliver training (*including volunteers*), especially if you have recently taken or are thinking about doing the PTTLS qualification.

The training will be delivered by Philip Mantom, Development and Training Officer at Lichfield and District CVS and will cover:

- Working with learners before the course delivery
- Adapting sessions for learners needs
- Ensuring inclusion
- Getting better outcomes from the training you deliver

The free training session is funded by Staffordshire County Council Adult and Community Learning, this is a one day course, with lots of opportunities to attend, there's one near you!

Community Training Skills starts in January 2012 and run through to June 2012 in various locations across Staffordshire:

Location	Venue	Date
Cannock	Chase CVS	Thursday 26 th January
Tamworth	Stoneydelph Arch	Thursday 9 th February
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Newcastle CVS	Thursday 23 rd February
Stafford	Rising Brook Fire Station	Thursday 8 th March
Biddulph	Staffordshire Moorlands Children's Centre	Thursday 22 nd March
Lichfield	Lichfield CVS	Tuesday 1 st May
Burton-upon-Trent	Queens Street Community Centre	Thursday 3 rd May
Codsall	Codsall Village Hall Pavilion	Wednesday 13 th June

If you would like more information or to book a place please contact
Philip Mantom



philipmantom@ldcvs.org.uk



01543-303030

TRAINING



Volunteer Management Training Workshops SDVS (Stafford)

SCIO Training and the Volunteer Centres Staffordshire would like to bring you this highly successful volunteer management training package.

The course content was designed to promote and support good practice in volunteer management for organisations.



22nd February - 10am to 4pm

Developing a Volunteer Programme	How to attract Volunteers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is volunteering • Volunteering policies • Volunteering agreements and role descriptions • Staff/volunteer perceptions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing to recruit volunteers • Marketing your organisation • Marketing opportunities • Benefits of recruiting volunteers from a diverse range of backgrounds

29th February. - 10am to 4pm

Recruitment & Selection of Volunteers	Supporting Volunteers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application process • Selection process • Update on CRB/ISA • Legislation and equal opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Induction/supervision • Motivating volunteers • Reward & recognition • Dealing with difficult situations

Prices: £99 Members; £119 Non Members; £159 Statutory/private sector

Venue: Stafford District Voluntary Services, 131-141 North Walls, Stafford ST16 3AD

Bookings:

Contact SCIO Training for further details, email or telephone:



sbad-min@sdvs.org.uk



01785 279930



TRAINING

Green Age at Blore Heath Farm

A **NEW** day programme primarily aimed at older people and their supporters.

Opening April 2012



- connecting with nature
- a change of scenery
- something to look forward to
- respite for carers
- meeting others
- life on a working farm
- good food
- walks
- allotment
- nature crafts

...or just relax and do nothing - it's up to you!

For more information contact: **John and Rosie Hegarty**



01630 653912



j.r.hegarty@gmail.com



www.green-age.org.uk

FREE Training and Support for Voluntary Organisations (VCOs)

*Introducing a new service - **The Learning Exchange** - that has been set up to support any VCO group, large or small, to develop their partnerships with schools. This new service is provided by **ContinYou** who have been grant-funded by the Department for Education to set up a website and database for schools and **VCO organisations**. Their website is the **Learning Exchange** and their database can be accessed through the **VCS Hub**.*

They are particularly keen to support those organisations involved in delivering Extra-Curricular Activities (after-school, holiday clubs etc) to pupils aged 5 – 14 years, and up to 16 for pupils with special needs.

Once registered with the **VCS Hub**, you will automatically become members of the **Learning Exchange** and can then take advantage of the **free resources, support and training** they offer. The **QiSS Local Critical Friend Training** detailed on the following page (pg 9) is available **FREE** to members of the exchange.

To register as a member or to find out more go to:



www.learning-exchange.org.uk



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QiSS Local Critical Friend Training

for Schools, Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Organisations
Midlands Training Day

This course is supported by the Department for Education's 'Improving Outcomes for Children, Young People and Families' grant

Thursday 19th January 2012 Time: 10:00 – 16:00

Staffordshire University, College Road, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs ST4 2DE

If you are interested in supporting and developing organisations' good practice then this Local Critical Friend's course is aimed at you.

This course will provide practical support to enable you to develop your skills as a Critical Friend for education organizations that wish to achieve QiSS First Steps or Emerged, Established or Advanced recognition status for organisations.

Critical friends work in a variety of contexts and organisations to support and challenge voluntary organisations, children's centres, schools etc in their strategic development. They work closely with individuals to assist them in becoming change agents at operational or strategic level. The aims of the course are to empower delegates in the use and understanding of quality assurance to audit and develop extending learning provision. In this way delegates will be able to assist learning organisations to improve strategic planning, respond to the needs of the community, integrate their provision and provide evidence of impact.

Critical friendship will empower leadership skills, develop good practice, enable quality assurance provision and improvement in the delivery of study support programmes.

Delegates who attend the course will be registered on the QiSS National Database as a Local Critical Friend will receive a certificate and Local Critical Friend's logo as recognition of their skill.

*For more information please contact: **Carol Standen***



01227 86 3029



carol.standen@canterbury.ac.uk



www.canterbury.ac.uk/qiss



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Free S3SN Action Learning Sessions:

for organisations that want to be prepared for the future

Voluntary and community organisations increasingly need to understand the current funding and commissioning environment, the priorities of public sector partners, and opportunities for collaboration with other organisations.



The support programme will help you and your organisation to understand:

- How Central and local government work, their priorities and how this will impact on future opportunities for your organisation,
- How to work positively with statutory and private sector partners,
- The skills and behaviors' required to have a positive relationships with partners
- Evidencing your views to increase to your opportunities.

The programme is delivered over five sessions but you can opt to join just one or two. It will be delivered using action learning sessions that recognise and enhance the skills, experience and knowledge of voluntary and community sector organisations in the context of today's public, private and voluntary sector environment. It will also use materials designed by National Association for Voluntary and Community Action (NAVCA)

Who should attend? Individuals, community or voluntary organisations, people who attend partnership meetings, and voluntary sector representatives.

Where? **Stafford District Voluntary Services,
131 / 141 North Walls, Stafford ST16 3AD**

How much? **Free of Charge**

Session One: **The impact of national and local policies and strategy on your organisation**

The aim of the first session is to understand the impact of national, and local policies and strategy on your organisation. Its purpose is to help

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voluntary sector organisations understand how decisions taken at a national and local level will affect the future of their organisation.

The learning outcomes include:

- Raised awareness and understanding of Coalition Government Policies, and Staffordshire Strategic Board developments which will impact on the voluntary and community sector.
- Christina Webb (Manager, Staffordshire Strategic Partnership) will explain the evolving Health and Wellbeing Board structure and priorities.

Date: 12th January, 2012 - **Time:** 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Subsequent Sessions are as follows:

Session	Subject	Date and Time
Session 2	Skills for working with public and private sector bodies	26 th January 2012 10-1 pm
Session 3	The role and responsibilities of being a voice for your community	9 th February 2012 10-1pm
Session 4	Skills and behaviours for influence	23 rd February 2012 10-1pm
Session 5	Skills for research, finding the evidence and establishing needs	8 th March 2012 10-1pm

If you would like to attend any of the sessions please contact:

Jan Wright



janwright@ldcvs.org.uk

or

Jeanette Burrows



01543-303030



jeanetteburrows@ldcvs.org.uk



“The most useful and relevant training to my current needs and demands of my role that I have participated in a long time. Well presented and great to have lots of supporting documents to take away, thanks”. Course delegate.



SCC CONSULTATION



EXTENDED CONSULTATION DEADLINE

NHS/Social Care engagement/complaints

We recently included an article regarding the consultation underway in Staffordshire about proposals to make it easier for people using NHS and Social Care services to provide feedback, improve how that information is utilised and provide greater independence in the way complaints are handled.

The consultation has proved successful and it would be useful to explore many of the issues raised in greater detail. With that in mind three face to face consultation events have been arranged and also the closing date for consultation responses has been extended to:

16th January 2012

to ensure everyone has the opportunity to have their say

The early findings of the consultation show that 93.8% of respondents feel it is important for patients and service users to have a say about the services they receive. 84.9% have said it would be useful to have one independent organisation providing help and support in relation to health and social care services and 81.7% would support health and social care feedback being looked at holistically in one place. So far 47.2% have agreed that the service provider should have the chance to resolve a complaint in the first instance but if that fails 24.6% felt the complaint should then be handled by an independent organisation.

What is clear so far is that people in Staffordshire want a transparent voice and more 'clout' over their care services. It is important that people understand they now have until 16th January to make their views known and also have an opportunity to attend any of the three public events mentioned earlier.

The details for the events are on the page opposite (pg 7)

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Date and Time	Venue
Monday 9 th January 6pm start. Estimated to finish at 8pm or before.	Cannock The Civic Ball Room Beecroft Road Cannock WS12 9SA
Tuesday 10 th January 2pm start. Estimated to finish at 4pm or before.	Lichfield King Edward VI School Upper St John Street, Lichfield, Staffs WS14 9EE
Wednesday 11 th January 6pm start. Estimated to finish at 8pm or before.	Stafford The David Jones Centre 96a Stone Road Stafford ST16 2RS
Booking Details: Bookings can be made via telephone or email:  01785 277502  healthandsocialcareconsultation@staffordshire.gov.uk <i>It is important to book places in advance. At the time of booking please advise of any special requirements you may have.</i> <i>View the consultation at:</i>	
 www.staffordshire.gov.uk/healthandsocialcareconsultation	
If you have any questions or queries around the consultation, please do get in touch. <i>You can also email or post responses to:</i>  healthandsocialcareconsultation@staffordshire.gov.uk  Health and Social Care Consultation, Policy and Performance, Wedgwood Building, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2DH 	



FUNDING & AWARDS

Wilkinson - Helping Hands

Helping Hands is a new community initiative where each local store has been given a budget to distribute to projects and schemes within the stores local community. To apply for a donation from the Helping Hands Fund you need to visit your local store and pick up an application form. These forms can be found on your stores red community boards or if you cannot find them, ask for assistance at the customer service desk.

Please direct any requests for donations to your local store; these cannot be fulfilled at Head Office. If any letters requesting a donation are sent to Head Office they will endeavour to send them to the appropriate store where possible.



Wilkinson Store
Unit 4 Peel Court, Market Hall Street,
Cannock, WS11 1EB



<http://corporate.wilkinsonplus.com/story.asp?id=19>

BORN TO care

mothercare and early learning centre supporting  Save the Children

The Mothercare Group Foundation accepts grant applications throughout the year from registered charities.

The scheme supports projects in the following areas:

- Ensuring the good health and well-being of expecting mothers, new mothers and their children,
- special needs of babies and
- premature babies, parenting initiatives for family well-being.



Applications for funding will only accepted in writing using their application form which is available to download from their website at:



www.mothercareplc.com/charity

FUNDING & AWARDS



Lush Charity Pot

Charity Pot from Lush supports small, grassroots organisations around the world with small grants ranging from a few hundred pounds up to a maximum of £10,000, who are working in the following areas:

- **Environment;**
- **Animal protection; and**
- **Human rights.**

They will consider all applications irrespective of the organisations geographical location, field of expertise or how the organisation is registered (*it is not necessary to be a registered charity*), providing they:

- Are not involved in any way with animal testing or any other practices harmful to animals
- Are committed to non-violent action if a direct action group
- Are environmentally responsible
- Are respectful of human rights

Full details are available at:



<https://phoenix.lush.co.uk/content/view/393>

Biffaward - Small Grants Scheme

Often groups only need a small amount of money to make a difference to a local facility, be it a community building, nature reserve, cultural facility or outdoor space. The Small Grants Scheme offers quicker access to lower levels of funding to make these projects happen.

Over the past three years Biffaward has supported nearly 300 projects under the Small Grants Scheme. A continuous high number of applications are received, resulting in strong competition when awarding funding.

You can apply for between £250 and £5,000. Your project must not cost more than £10,000 in total.

You will need to find a third party contributor to provide 5% match funding of the grant you are applying for.

Full details at:



www.biffaward.org/about/soverview

Building Communities. Transforming Lives.



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COMMUNITY FIRST

This is a Government initiative designed to help communities come together to identify their strengths and local priorities in order to plan for their future and become more resilient. It is intended to fund both new and existing community groups.

In **Cannock Chase** the two wards that are eligible to participate are **Cannock East** and **Cannock South**.

The initiative establishes Community First Panels, made up of 4-8 local people who will work with their community to produce a Community First Plan and recommend projects/activities to be funded in their ward. Those people must live in the ward or be an existing group/organisation based or working within the ward; have members who are 18 years and over; and be willing to take on Community First Panel responsibilities.

More information can be found at this address:



www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/neighbourhood-matched-fund

Which explains some of the detail and invites people to sign their community up to receive support. Funding will be handed out by panels of the local people so communities decide what's important to them.

The fund is divided into two strands.

- £30 million (**The Neighbourhood Matched Fund**) will be used to provide small grants.
- The remaining £50 million (**Endowment Matched Challenge**) will be used to match private donations invested in community endowment funds which will pay out money for small grants well into the future.

If you are interested and want to have a conversation about the programme, please contact:

Kent Parson at Chase CVS

by telephone or email at:



01543-500404



kentparson@chase-cvs.org.uk



The True Colours Trust

The True Colours Trust Small Grants UK programme supports organisations and projects that support disabled children and their families on a daily basis. The Trust's a small grants programme is open to application at any time, and provides grants of up to £10,000, usually for one-off purposes, to help smaller organisations develop and deliver programmes for children, their siblings and families.

The Trustees are particularly keen to support:

- Hydrotherapy pools
- Multi-sensory rooms
- Mini buses
- Young carers projects
- Sibling projects
- Bereavement support

Full details can be found at:



www.truecolourstrust.org.uk/small_grants.aspx

Peter Cruddas Foundation

The Foundation gives priority to programmes calculated to help disadvantaged young people in the UK towards pathways into education, training and employment. Preference will be given to the support of projects undertaken by charitable organisations.

The Foundation will not fund capital build projects.

Current priority funding programmes include:

- Pathways/support for young disadvantaged or disaffected people into education, training or employment
- Crime diversion schemes
- Work experience/skills projects for young people

Full details and application process at:



www.petercruddasfoundation.org.uk/





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Grantmakers Online

Grantmakers Online is a **FREE** interactive database of worldwide grant-makers. Developed to answer the need for a central location for identifying potential funders in a particular country/region from wherever you are in the world, it currently includes over 6000 entries (and growing!) of grant-makers from around the world who have websites in English and who make grants either nationally or internationally.



Grantmakers Online is an easy-to-use research database enabling identification of potential grant-makers in specific countries and regions. Opening with an interactive map of the world, simply click on a country to see a list of all the grant-making foundations in that country. Click on a grant-maker and further details will appear.

This is a very useful **FREE** tool, however, be prepared to spend time looking at the individual details of grant makers to ascertain if your project meets their criteria. *Visit the site at:*



www.grantmakersonline.com



Funded by Betfair In partnership with SportsAid



www.cash-4-clubs.com

Cash 4 Clubs

Sport in the community is about local people, local facilities, local groups and organisations working together to provide opportunities to enjoy sport.

Cash 4 Clubs offers all sports clubs in the UK the chance to win grants ranging from £250 to £1000. It is a simple scheme aimed at giving community clubs a helping hand and provide the opportunity to raise the money they need to invest in their club.

Full details and how to apply are available on the website; address above.

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Richmond Fellowship - Staffordshire Life Links

The Richmond Fellowship (RF) is a specialist provider of mental health services, and one of the biggest voluntary sector providers of mental health care in England, working with 6,000 people.

Staffordshire Life Links is a Community Based Service that supports individual pathways towards recovery and social inclusion. A range of opportunities enables individuals to achieve their goals and aspirations.

Service provision is available for people over the age 18 years, living in Stafford, Cannock Chase or South Staffordshire whose primary support needs are due to Mental Health issues. *The Service offers:*

Access to 1:1 support from the 'Life Links' team - Supporting an individual's recovery journey, focussing on their goals and aspirations, towards an enhanced quality of life.

Access to social networks and peer support - Provides opportunities for individuals to access support networks, develop friendships, interests and reduce isolation. This service is offered in community venues at times when support is most needed. There is a programme of taster sessions, structured groups and peer led activities.

Access to everyday 'mainstream' opportunities - Assists individuals to regain and retain meaningful lives in their communities. Community Link Workers assist individuals to access community and mainstream opportunities in order to pursue specific interests and aspirations.

Access to the service is by referral from: Qualified mental health Practitioners; Social Workers; General practitioners; Any organisation in the area providing services to people with mental health problems. Referrals should be made by the completion and return of the appropriate referral form. Referral packs can be requested by direct contact to the service, *contact details below:*



RF Staffordshire Life Links Community Based Services
Suite 2, St Johns House, Weston Road, Stafford ST16 3RZ



01785 227 020 Fax: 01785 243 349



rebecca.potter@richmondfellowship.org.uk



www.richmondfellowship.org.uk





COMMUNITY INFORMATION



Community Resources

The resourceful magazine for the community sector

National Launch of the Community Resources Magazine!

The magazine provides community sector organisations with free advertising and it also aims to signpost to free or low cost resources.

The mailing list exceeds 10,000 organisations across England and includes regional voluntary hubs, volunteer centres and local government agencies.

They are encouraging organisations large and small to take advantage of the **free** advertising and national reach. If you would like to: Promote a free or low cost service/resource; Tell them about your community organisation; Advertise a community based job; Advertise a volunteering opportunity; Tell them about funding opportunities or Promote well-being.

Send your articles to the News Desk at:

Full details can  newsdesk@communityresources.org.uk
be found at:  www.communityresources.org.uk

SCVYS

Staffordshire Council of
Voluntary Youth Services



Supporting Voluntary Youth Organisations throughout Staffordshire

SCVYS moved offices on 6th December 2011

Their new address is



SCVYS

**42a Eastgate Street, Stafford
Staffordshire ST16 2LY**

All other contact details remain the same:



01785 240378



office@staffscvys.org.uk



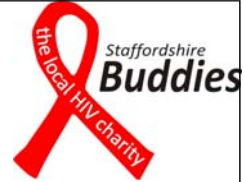
www.staffscvys.org.uk

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World AIDS Day - 30 Years on

The 1st December recognised World AIDS Day; the 30th year since its inception.



Here are some facts; 30 years on:

- Almost 100,000 people living in the UK have HIV.
- 1 in 4 people with HIV do not know they have HIV.
- Around 700+ people are living locally with HIV and this is rising.
- 34 million people in the world have HIV.
- There are medications for HIV but still no cure.
- The case of the local women infected with HIV became part of the national debate around 'criminal intent' and the 'criminalisation of HIV' and led to front pages on several national and local newspapers.
- Recent changes in the law protect people living with HIV from discrimination.
- Many people we work with still are in fear of disclosure and the impact of stigma from others.
- More people over 50 than ever are living with HIV.
- Young people are still unaware of HIV and how important good sexual health and well-being is to their future.
- HIV is a long term condition and falls under Disability rights legislation.

Help raise awareness of HIV throughout the year by supporting Staffordshire Buddies campaign. Increase your knowledge of HIV, know the facts that perpetuate the myth or challenge the stigma and discrimination, help to get people talking about HIV, sexual health and wellbeing.



HIV affects us all, so if you are interested in resources, leaflets and posters around HIV, or resources around prejudice, discrimination and on Disability legislation around HIV throughout the year then contact

Staffordshire Buddies:



01782-201251 or 01543-411 413



ask@staffordshirebuddies.co.uk



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Adult Learners' Week (12th - 18th May 2012)

Awards identify people who have used learning to help them transform their lives, often beyond what they ever thought was possible. Awards are also given to innovative projects that provide adults with the opportunity to learn and improve their lives and the lives of their families and communities.



Nominations are now open for the 2012 Adult Learners' Week Awards. People can nominate someone they teach, a colleague, a relative or a friend and give them the recognition they deserve for their outstanding learning achievements. Every year, NIACE receives around 1,500 nominations from colleges, workplaces and other adult education providers.

All awards categories are open to learners living in **England** only.

The **closing date** for nominations is **5pm, Friday 27th January 2012**.

For more information about how to nominate for the Adult Learners' Week Awards 2012, visit:



www.alw.org.uk

Or if you prefer you can contact the

NIACE Adult Learners' Week Team on via telephone or email:



0116 204 4200



alw@niace.org.uk

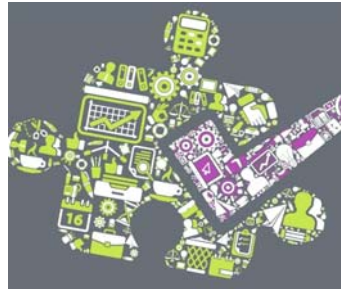


Girlguiding Beaudesert District - Cannock Wood

Would like to thank

People's Postcode Lottery
for funding new
**Uniforms for their
Brownies and Guides**





At Your Bidding

At Your Bidding is a guide for charity trustees about commissioning and tendering for public services, published by NAVCA in partnership with the Local Government Association.

At a time of significant change within the public sector, the guide aims to:

- Provide some context about the commissioning of public services so that trustees can understand the potential implications and impact of commissioning at a strategic level on their charity
- Outline the issue to consider and the decisions that trustees have to make regarding bidding for service contracts
- Describe the steps that trustees need to take to make sure their organisation is tender and contract ready
- Draw attention to key areas for risk assessment and risk management
- Signpost to other useful publications, resources and sources of information and advice

This publication is not a detailed technical manual on how to tender. The focus is squarely on the key issues that individuals need to be aware of in fulfilling their duties as charity trustees.

An electronic copy of the guide can be downloaded free from:



www.navca.org.uk/publications/atyourbidding

Community Tales

Urban Forum - want to showcase the work of the community sector. They are seeking contributions in the form of links to pictures, video, drawing and speech-based work that you have on the web. These will be collated into a social reporting project that will bring this content together in one place. *Full details at:*



www.urbanforum.org.uk/vcs-tales/community-sector-tales



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Sector wins VAT exemption on shared services

The government has confirmed it will introduce the long-awaited VAT exemption for civil society organisations that wish to share back-office services.

Confirmation of the exemption is contained in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement Document. It removes an additional VAT charge which can arise when organisations such as charities collaborate.

The exemption will apply to "services shared between VAT exempt bodies, including charities and universities".

A requirement that charities who want to share services must set up a separate legal entity to do so was opposed by the sector but has been retained in the government proposal.

Read the full statement at:



[www.civilsociety.co.uk/finance/news/content/11059/
sector_wins_vat_exemption_on_shared_services](http://www.civilsociety.co.uk/finance/news/content/11059/sector_wins_vat_exemption_on_shared_services)

RNIB Stamp Appeal

Do you realise that more stamps will be used over the Christmas period than the rest of the year?

If you can, please save them up and send them to:



RNIB Stamp Appeal
PO Box 6198, Leighton Buzzard,
Beds LU7 9XT



Please cut or tear the stamps from the envelope leaving approximately **½cm** of paper around the stamp. Foreign stamps can be sent separately and marked clearly on the front of the package 'Foreign Stamps Only'. Foreign stamps generate a greater amount of revenue for the appeal.



Congratulations to

Chadsmoor Tapestry Group

who were one of 130 volunteer groups from around the UK, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man awarded

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2011

VOLUNTEERING



The Woodland Trust Jubilee Woods



To celebrate the anniversary of
Queen Elizabeth II's historic 2012 Diamond Jubilee,
the Woodland Trust is helping millions of people across the UK to come
together to plant **6 million trees**.

Help to plant one million trees in just one month to mark the Queen's
accession to the throne, by applying for one of
1,000 FREE Community Tree Packs to plant in **February**

Full details at:



[www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/en/jubilee-woods/communities/
Pages/information.aspx](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/en/jubilee-woods/communities/Pages/information.aspx)

More packs will be available in March and November 2012

ChildLine Schools Service

A new volunteer service from the NSPCC's ChildLine is being rolled out
across schools in the West Midlands.

The innovative new ChildLine Schools Service is aimed at primary age
children, particularly focusing on seven to 11 year olds, and aims to help
them understand what abuse is, how to protect themselves and how to
seek help if they need it – including through ChildLine.

The new schools service will be led by volunteers who will be trained to
deliver safeguarding assemblies and interactive workshops in schools.

Eventually the ChildLine Schools Service hopes to help every primary
age child across the West Midlands to recognise and protect themselves
from abuse. By 2016 the aim is to visit every primary school in the UK
at least every two years.

To find out more about the new ChildLine Schools Service and
volunteering opportunities please visit:






www.nspcc.org.uk/schoolsservice

NSPCC 
Cruelty to children must stop. **FULL STOP.**



WHAT'S ON?

Neighbourhood Networks - Dates for your Diary - 2012

Networks	Day and Dates	Venue
Chadsmoor Network 	<i>Thursdays on:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd February • 5th April • 3rd May • 7th June • 5th July • 6th September • 4th October • 1st November 	Chase CVS Arthur Street, Chadsmoor Cannock WS11 5HD
Rugeley Network 	<i>Mondays on:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th February • 16th April • 14th May • 11th June • 9th July • 3rd September • 1st October • 5th November 	South Staffs PCT Anglesey House, Towers Business Park Rugeley WS15 2WF
Norton Canes Network 	<i>Tuesdays on:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28th February • 24th April • 29th May • 26th July • 31st July • 25th September • 30th October • 27th November 	Norton Canes Library Burntwood Road, Norton Canes WS11 9RF



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WHAT'S ON?



Community Brunch - Dates for 2012

Why not join us for a bacon bap and hot drink in 2012?

Enjoy a **FREE** Bacon Roll and hot drink whilst finding out about services available to you locally.

Our Community Brunch takes place on the last **Friday** of the month at

Chase Baptist Church, Clarion Way WS11 4NU
10:00am – 12:00noon



Find out more by contacting:

Jan or Natalie
(see previous page
(pg 26) for contact
details)

27 th January	24 th February	30 th March
27 th April	25 th May	29 th June
27 th July	31 st August	28 th September
26 th October	30 th November	



S3SN Health & Wellbeing Reference Group Meeting



Thursday 19th January 2012 - 10.00am - 12 noon

Staffordshire Girlguiding Headquarters Hixon ST18 0PS

Presenting at the meeting will be Andrew Donald. Andrew is the Director of Commissioning & Development for the new Staffordshire PCT Cluster having formerly been chief executive of NHS Birmingham East and North. His role is key in getting Clinical Commissioning Groups ready to take on their new responsibilities in 2013.

Andrew has been asked to update you on what will happen with existing contracts as we move towards the new commissioning structure. He will also talk about the opportunities that may become available over the next couple of years as Clinical Commissioning Groups become established and what the sector needs to do in order to prepare itself to take advantage of these.

If you wish to attend the meeting then please let **Dave Benge** know by contacting:



davebenge@ldcvs.org.uk



WHAT'S ON?

The MASE Group



Monthly Alzheimer's Support Evening

For more information
Please contact:

Daphne



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Elaine



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The MASE is an opportunity for people with Alzheimer's/Dementia, their Carers, families and friends, to meet and socialise with others in a similar situation.

New MASE Drop in from 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Cannock - St Luke Church Hall WS11 1DE

1st Monday afternoon of each month

Great Wyrley - Old Wyrley Hall WS15 2EH

1st Monday of each month

from 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Haughton - Haughton Village Hall ST18 9EZ

2nd Thursday of each month

from 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Rugeley - St Joseph's Church Hall WS15 2EH

3rd Wednesday of each month

from 7:00pm - 9:00pm

The evenings are free of charge, and include a raffle, drinks, buffet and musical entertainment.

Registered Charity No: 1137193 - The Monthly Alzheimer's Support Evening Limited (MASE)
Company Limited by Guarantee No: 7228424

Cannock Chase Scouting

There are 13 Scout groups across the Cannock Chase District which include:

Beavers 6 to 8 years. **Cubs** 8 to 10½ years.

Scouts 10½ to 14 years. **Explorers** 14 to 18 years.

Is your child bored? Let them TAKE On the CHALLENGES AND EXCITING ADVENTURES THEY CAN ENJOY IN SCOUTING.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS ARE ALSO WELCOME!



For further details contact:



01543-279106



WHAT'S ON?



Saturday Morning Kids' Club

Specifically for children with disabilities/special needs.

Held on the 2nd Saturday of each month in the Meeting Room at Cannock Library (1st Floor) from 10am to 12noon

Admission is **free** and soft drinks will be provided.

Highly textured, colourful, sensory materials, funded by **Aiming High for Disabled Children**, will be provided to enable children to explore and play. Freedom is given to parents to decide what they would like to do during each session.

Please note: Parents will be required to stay with their children throughout the session as there is no outside supervision.



Dates for 2012

• 14 th January	• 14 th July
• 11 th February	• 11 th August
• 10 th March	• 8 th September
• 14 th April	• 13 th October
• 12 th May	• 10 th November
• 9 th June	• 8 th December

For more information please contact:

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LIBRARY



POET'S CORNER

A Miner's Lot

How lucky I was to be poor,
With a wonderful dad like mine
His faith was incredibly sure
As he pursued the daily grind

Long before the chirping sparrows
His clogs clattered down the street,
Preparing for the boss's cruel arrows
His Woodbines in his pocket for a treat

About seven miles he would trudge
To the colliery across the common,
Through heather, bracken and sludge
A thousand yards into blackness abhorrent.

Oh yes, we had free black gold
On top of just three quid a week
But in a few short years Dad grew old
With no pension of which to speak.

Ever week brought a scare and dread
And mum would be called to the mine,
The roof had caved in, who was buried or dead?
Who would survive to see the sun shine?

The miners of Cannock Chase were a hardy breed
Through their efforts coal production soared.
But they'd reckoned without Heseltine's creed
As with closure they were put to the sword.

Kenneth Jackson, Chair Chase CVS



WHO'S WHO AT CHASE CVS



Chase CVS Staff: Kent Parson - Chief Officer

Bev Molloy - Community Development Manager

Alison Cotterell - Finance Officer

Maureen Brown - Information Officer

Caroline Bradford - Wellbeing Co-ordinator

Jan Matthews - Community Liaison Officer

Natalie Mahon - Administrative Assistant Zareena Khan - Administrative Assistant

Clare Matthews - Administrative Assistant

Kelsey Lintern - Volunteer Development Officer

Lucy Cox - Volunteering/Chase PAIRs Administration Assistant

Chris Wright - Community Link Worker - Tina Hunt - Community Link Worker Support

Saffra Martin and Jessica Howarth - Community Link Worker Support

Nicola Mucklow - Toy Library Assistant

Fiona Maybury - Administration Community Transport - , Volunteer

Myra Rathbone - Cleaner

Volunteers: Steven Tomkinson; Julie Horobin and Jenny Woodman

Home Comforts: Kate Bainbridge - Project Manager

Tim Bainbridge - Project Worker

Donna Crowley - Volunteer Co-ordinator - James Aston - Volunteer Admin/ICT

Home Comforts Rugeley: Rebbecca Jenkins - Admin Support

Volunteer Drivers: David Clissold, Colin Calloway, Bob Gallagher, Dave Garner, Gary Grant, Gerald Joyce, Eric Jupp, Steve Knight, Don Owen, Clive Shepherd, Ron Stevens, John Taylor, Michael Traat, Bert Tranter, Celia Tranter, John Walkenden, Bill White.

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Anything to add?

- Do you have any information that you feel would benefit the voluntary sector?
- Would you like to advertise - either for volunteers or for a special event?
- Have you any stories that you would like to share with our readers?

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