

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

OCTOBER 2021

Welcome to your October Community Bulletin. We are continuing to produce a monthly bulletin with our health and community partners to keep you updated about community activity across Rossendale. This will include information on community group activities, events, health information and community training opportunities. We hope you will find the bulletin useful.

All published Community Bulletins can be found at https://www.rossendale.gov.uk/downloads/download/11317/coronavirus_community_bulletins

Feel free to share the bulletin with friends, community groups and on community group social media. If you have some information that you would like to share in the next bulletin, or you would like to be added to the e-mail distribution list, please contact us at communitiesteam@rossendalebc.gov.uk

Advice and support for people impacted by Covid-19 is available from Rossendale Connected on 01706 252520 or at help@rossendaleconnected.org

COVID ADVICE

Vaccinations in Rossendale & East Lancashire

Rawtenstall – Rossendale Primary Care Centre, Bacup Rd, BB4 7PL

Vaccinations at The Hub will begin again week commencing 27th September

This is NOT a WALK-IN centre, appointments will be made by invitation via your GP for booster vaccinations

If you are yet to have your vaccination either first or second dose, you must now either book an appointment via the National Booking System by clicking here <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

or go to one of the other a walk-in centres in East Lancashire (see details below)

YOU SHOULD NOT TURN UP FOR A VACCINATION AT THE HEALTH CENTRE WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT

For details of WALK-IN SITES please go to <https://www.healthierlsc.co.uk/CovidVaccination/getmyjab> or up to date information

Free travel to vaccination sites across Lancashire is available. Simply show the driver a proof of appointment (on phone or print out) or details of the pop-up centre you are travelling to.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Free community online event

Rossendale Connected

THE BIG CONNECT

Mental Health Connect

Thurs 21ST Oct 9:30am - 1:30pm

Information and Inspiring talks from:

- Stubbylee Greenhouse Project
- Men In Sheds & Waterwell Foundation
- Jacks club
- Learn more about the training available to support volunteers
- Have you ever thought about how welcome your group make people feel on their first visit?
- Find out more about what community groups are doing to support people with mental ill health
- How can you encourage more people to join in with your group?

register at www.rossendaleconnected.org

CONNECTING FOR A BETTER ROSSENDALE #weareconnected



THE LINK CENTRE
@HASLINGDEN COMMUNITY LINK

Open to
all levels
of skill!

KNIT AND NATTER

Every
Wednesday
10AM
- 12PM

CONTINENTAL STYLE

Make new friends, learn how to knit
or just knit with friends! Call 01706
230116 to book a place

To find out more contact us at:
info@hcl.org.uk

STARTING 29TH SEPTEMBER

Afghan Refugees

Information from Lancashire County Council:

Many people are asking how they can donate items to newly arriving Afghan families.

In Lancashire, the most urgent priority is finding housing. We need houses with 3 bedrooms or more, which are available for 12 months. If you can offer a property, please email our Refugee Integration Team at: ritteam@lancashire.gov.uk

Donations of clothing, food or furniture are most in need at the holding hotels in Manchester. You can donate items to the hotels through [Care4Calais](http://www.care4calais.org) at www.care4calais.org

Other refugee families across Lancashire are always in need of clothes and food items. Here are just a few of the organisations we work with who are currently taking donations:

- ➡ Maundy Relief, Accrington: <https://www.maundyrelief.org.uk/>
- ➡ Arc Blackburn: <https://www.arcprojectblackburn.com/aboutus.htm>
- ➡ New Neighbours Together, Burnley: <https://www.nntburnley.org/.../24/afghan-refugees-welcome/>
- ➡ Jasmine Centre, Fleetwood: <https://volunteercentrebwf.org.uk/syrian.../jasmine-centre/>
- ➡ Global Link Lancaster: <https://globallink.org.uk/>
- ➡ British Red Cross Refugee Support, Preston: <https://www.redcross.org.uk/.../contact-your-local...>



Whitworth Mayor's Charity

Fundraising Event

On Saturday 16 October 2021

Doors open from 6pm Enjoyment starts at 6:30pm

An Evening
with
**SEÁN
RUANE
& Friends**



Tickets Adults £9.50, children under 10 £5.00 : Available from **The Ashcroft**
01706 854130, WTC office 01706 852018, Cllr Maureen Jones 07794355610, Mrs
Janet Neal 07866621969 Whitworth Post Office and Facit Garden Centre



Reminiscence Cafe

A café with a difference

Every Thursday from 10.30am to 2.30pm

Central Methodist Church, Burnley Road, Bacup



All welcome. Stay for half an hour or all day.

Snacks and a brew between 10.30– 11.45am.

Lunch between 12-2pm.



Bring your old vinyl and reminisce about days gone by

Dementia friendly environment

info@communityasset.org

07805093348 for more details

What's On

ROSSENDALE

Activities are held at the VIC Centre, Bury Road, Haslingden, BB4 5PL, unless otherwise stated.

Outreach Service

MONDAY-FRIDAY

9am-4.30pm

For a home appointment call 01706 833180

MONDAY

Crafty Chatters

10am-12 noon

TUESDAY

Art Group

10am-3.30pm

Cost £6 places limited book on

01706 833180

WEDNESDAY

Allotment

Help on the allotment in Holcombe Road, Helmshore. Contact 01706 833180

THURSDAY

VIC Choir (weekly)

6.30-8.30pm

FRIDAY

Art Group

10am-3.30pm

Cost £6 places limited book on

01706 833180

SECOND SATURDAY IN THE MONTH

Rossendale Armed Forces and Veterans' Breakfast Club

10am-12.30pm

Haslingden Community Link Cafe, Bury Road, Haslingden BB4 5PG

Limited numbers book in advance

EVERY MONTH

Painting in the Style of Bob Ross art classes Contact Darren 01706 833180

Walking Group see Facebook or website for details

VIC – 01706 833180

**RENEW
LUMB**

Renew Wellbeing

Quiet shared spaces
where it's OK not to be OK



Starting Monday 20th September 2021

11 am to 1 pm weekly each Monday

Lumb Baptist Church, Burnley Road East, Rossendale BB4 9PL

Renew your wellbeing in a lovely tranquil setting

We all need to look after our wellbeing, especially when we have been through tough times like recently.

Come along, slow down, bring and share a hobby if you wish. Craft resources and activities available.

Pop in or come along for the whole 2 hours.

Ninja Coffee available for purchase at 11.45 am.

Optional prayer space available to all.

**For further information
contact Ros Bill on:
07385 670215
renew.lumb@gmail.com**



Join us for our next trips

CHESTER

(or spend the day in Chester Zoo)

Thursday 21st October

coach is **£13** (Zoo is an extra £23)

booking deadline is **October 11th**



YORK

and the Christmas Markets

WEDNESDAY 1ST DECEMBER

coach is **£14**

booking deadline is **November 22nd**

HALLE CAROL CONCERT

at The Bridgewater Hall, Manchester

SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER

at **3pm**

seats in the side circle are **£17.00**

coach is **£10**

Deadline for this booking is **October 1st**

Coach pick-up points throughout the valley – **everyone welcome**



For a booking form please contact David

07452984899

david.hollows@gmail.com



On behalf of the Rossendale Methodist Churches

www.rossendalemethodistcircuit.co.uk



Whitewell Bottom Community Centre



Tuesdays 2pm

Tai Chi for Beginners

Mindful & Relaxing: the gentle art of tai chi will improve your strength, balance, coordination and fitness. Lighthouse Tai Chi® provide professional, safe, experienced instruction, a supportive experience and a friendly approach to gaining the health and wellbeing benefits of these ancient moves for modern lives.

WHAT'S ON AT...

THE LINK CENTRE
@HASLINGDEN COMMUNITY LINK

COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2021

MONDAY	DATES	TIME ON
Mini Me Time	4th, 11th, 18th	10AM - 11AM
EDSQ Course (LAL)	4th, 11th, 18th	12:30PM - 3PM
ESOL Course (LAL)	4th, 11th, 18th	12:30PM - 3PM
TUESDAY		
ESOL Course AM (LAL)	5th, 12th, 19th	9:30AM - 12PM
Cooper's Coffee Morning	Every Tuesday	9:30AM - 11AM
ESOL Course PM (LAL)	5th, 12th, 19th	12:30PM - 3PM
Maths Functional Skills (LAL)	5th, 12th, 19th	1PM - 3:30PM
Up & Active Yoga	Every Tuesday	1:30PM - 2:30PM
WEDNESDAY		
English Functional Skills (LAL)	6th, 13th, 20th	9:30AM - 12PM
Knit & Natter	Every Wednesday	10AM - 12PM
Gentle Exercise	Every Wednesday	1:30PM - 2:30PM
Easy Sequence Dancing	Every Wednesday	1:30PM - 3:30PM
THURSDAY		
Gardening Course (LAL)	7th, 14th, 21st	1PM - 3:30PM
Maths Functional Skills (LAL)	7th, 14th, 21st	1PM - 3:30PM
Crafternoons	Every Thursday	2PM - 4PM
FRIDAY		
Friends Reminisce	Every Friday	10:30AM - 12:30PM
SATURDAY		
Drama Pop	Every Saturday	9AM - 12:30PM



DON'T FORGET!

The Link Café is open Monday - Friday, 9AM - 3PM, as well as Saturdays 9AM - 1PM! Grab a drink, a snack or even a meal after your activity! Great freshly cooked food at amazing prices!

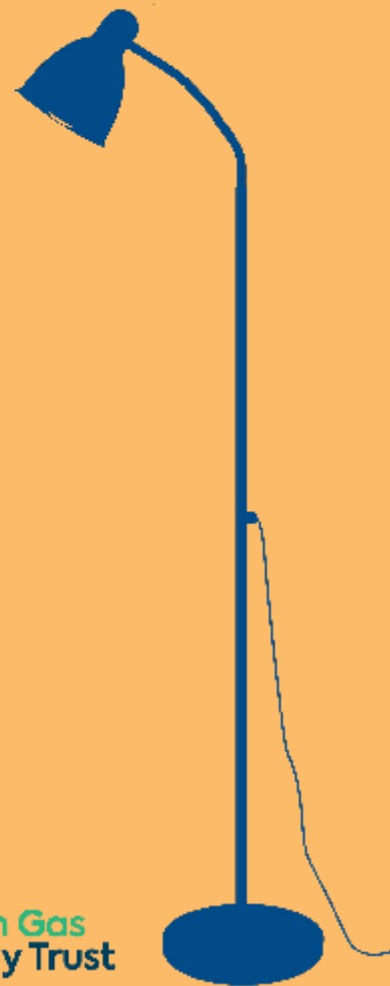
THE CENTRE WILL BE CLOSED ON SATURDAY 16TH OF OCTOBER FOR WORK ON SITE.

THE LINK CENTRE

Haslingden Community Link
Bury Road, Haslingden, Rossendale, Lancs BB4 5PG
Community Tel: 01706 230116
Childcare Tel: 01706 224848
Email: info@hcl.org.uk
www.haslingdencommunitylink.org.uk
Haslingden Community Link—Company Limited by Guarantee
No. 3612468 - Registered Charity No. 1075926

The Healthier Energy Project

- Free and impartial energy advice for people living in Rossendale, Hyndburn and the Ribble Valley
- Find out how to reduce your energy bills, and make your home warmer
- Get help with checking your energy use, switching supplier or accessing home improvement grants
- Learn how Homewise can help make improvements to your home to keep you cosy
- Call our energy advisers on **01254 304129** or email **energyproject@carh.org.uk**
- These projects are delivered by Citizens Advice Rossendale & Hyndburn and Homewise, funded through the *Energy Industry Voluntary Redress Scheme* - www.energyredress.org.uk - and the *British Gas Energy Trust*



EAT'N MEET

St James Church, Haslingden

Come and eat with us! 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 12pm. A homemade 3 course lunch for a £5 donation but if you can't pay we'd still be very happy to welcome and feed you.



CHRISTMAS FAIR HERE BACUP CRICKET CLUB

SUNDAY 5th DECEMBER

**LOTS OF THINGS TO BUY, DO, AND WATCH
MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW**

**£10 PER TABLE ANYONE WANTING ONE
THERE IS A FEW LEFT, PLEASE RING
07888753620 TO RESERVE**

Rossendale Climate Emergency Action Day

Save the date!

 10th November

 10am – 4.30pm

 The Ashcroft
(former Riverside) Whitworth



Rossendale
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Rossendale Borough Council is holding an Action Day to promote and share information about grants, actions and local experience of how businesses and communities in Rossendale are responding to the Climate Emergency.

The morning session will focus on climate change and businesses including launching RBC's small grants programme for SMEs, minimising energy and waste, e-charging and active travel.

The afternoon session will have a Community focus including energy efficiency in homes and community buildings; the community buildings' small grant scheme; active travel and environment and working towards a Plastic Free Rossendale.

The format for each session is one or two short presentations and videos then a round table discussion about opportunities, challenges and commitments for action.

We aim to start the morning session at 10am. Lunch is scheduled for around 12.15pm and final round up at 4pm.

Express your interest by emailing:

communitiesteam@rossendalebc.gov.uk

Please state if you want to attend either morning/afternoon or both sessions.

CONSUMER ALERTS

Roofing & Driveway Cold Callers

Cold callers offering roofing services have been prevalent in the last month throughout Lancashire, being reported operating in the Bacup, Great Harwood, Garstang and Poulton le Fylde areas. In one case a start date was agreed, a deposit was paid but the roofers did not return. In another case the initial repair cost was £320, further roofing problems were found and the job escalated to costing over £20,000.

Always make sure you use local known traders and are given written contract details including a valid name and address for the trader. Remember if you have agreed a contract at your own home you have a 14 day right to cancel which should be provided in writing.

Trading Standards advice is to always say no to cold callers. The Safetrader scheme can help you find a trader in your area, contact 0303 333 1111 or go to www.safetrader.org.uk

Cold Callers offering Energy Measures

Residents in Rossendale have reported pushy doorstep callers offering free loft insulation, boiler replacement and other energy saving measures. Please be aware the measures may be free to some households, but eligibility criteria do apply around receipt of benefits, low income and fuel poverty.

Often these cold callers will pass leads to companies who may eventually fit the measures and reports have been received where eligible households have not known who has fitted the measures - always make sure you have details of who your contract is with.

If you wish to enquire as to your eligibility or for further information on energy saving measures, contact Cosi Homes in Lancashire (CHiL) via www.chil.uk.com or 03306 061 488. CHiL is a partnership set up by the 15 local authorities in Lancashire.

Covid Passport Scam Email

Action Fraud is asking people to be aware of a fake email purporting to be from the NHS claiming to be able to provide people with a “digital passport” that “proves you have been vaccinated against COVID-19”. These emails are fake, and the links within them lead to genuine-looking websites that steal your personal and financial information.

In the UK, coronavirus vaccines will only be available via the National Health Services of England, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland. You can be contacted by the NHS, your employer, a GP surgery or pharmacy local to you, to receive your vaccine. Remember, the vaccine is free of charge. At no point will you be asked to pay. Your vaccination status can be obtained for free through the official NHS app, NHS website, or by calling the NHS on 119.

If you believe you are the victim of a fraud, please report this to Action Fraud as soon as possible by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk.

VOLUNTEERING

Sightline Telephone Befriending service is looking for volunteers to expand its service into the sight loss community.



People with a visual impairment, many of whom have faced social isolation since their initial diagnosis of sight loss, have found the current pandemic particularly difficult and are facing even greater isolation, loneliness and anxiety, which is likely to lead to more worrying long-term mental health issues.

We therefore need **YOUR** help now, especially if you can spare as little as one hour per week for a friendly chat with a visually impaired person from the comfort of your own home.

Sightline volunteers benefit from building new relationships whilst making a difference to the lives of isolated people. Being a befriender can help you develop your confidence and conversational skills, whilst we also offer ongoing training opportunities to build experience for your career aspirations.

Sightline is an inclusive organisation that welcomes volunteers from all backgrounds who are experiencing, or have close experience with sight loss.

If you want to know more, we'd love to hear from you.

0800 587 2252

info@sightline.org.uk



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

kooth Safe and anonymous online counselling & support
Mon-Fri 12pm-10pm,
Sat-Sun 6pm-10pm
www.kooth.com

PAPYRUS PREVENTION OF YOUNG SUICIDE
Support with suicide, depression or distress.
Mon-Fri 10am-10pm 0800 068 4141
Weekends 2pm-10pm Text 07786 209697
Papyrus-uk.org.uk

THE MIX
Support any challenges under 25's might be facing
0808 808 4994, 4pm-11pm daily
Or text THEMIX to 85258 (24/7)
themix.org.uk

childline
Can contact them about any worries you may have.
0800111 anytime for free
Chat online or email. Information at www.childline.org.uk

YOUNG MINDS
Advice for parents or carers concerned about the mental health of a child or young person
0808 8025544 weekdays 12-10pm
Crisis messenger: text YM to 85258 anytime
Youngminds.org.uk

JACK'S CLUB
Based in Haslingden for young people to go, have fun, chat to people about their mental health (if they wish) & connect.
Jack's Club can be found on Facebook

Lancashire County Council
Rossendale BOROUGH COUNCIL
Healthier Lancashire & South Cumbria
Rossendale Connected

Do you or another young person need someone to talk to?

FUNDING

Lancashire Community Food Grant scheme



This year's Lancashire Community Food Grant Scheme has now gone live on the LCC website. The scheme is similar to last year, community food organisations can apply for up to £1,000 to support projects that provide emergency food and / or tackle food insecurity, focusing on supporting those most in need.

Funding can be used on:

- Equipment
- Venue hire
- Training
- Volunteer expenses

In total there is £30,000 available for the 2021-22 financial year. The deadline for applications is Sunday 10th October.

More details on the grants scheme, along with the application form and guidance notes, can be found at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/council/grants/community-project-support/lancashire-community-food-grant-scheme/>



JOB



Client (Advice) Support Worker

Hours: 37 hours a week

Salary: £20,097 per annum

Location: Rossendale & Hyndburn area

Contract: This post is funded until the end March 2022 and may be extended subject to further funding. Potential job share, trainee applicants are welcome. Secondments may be considered.

We have a new and exciting opportunity at Citizens Advice Rossendale and Hyndburn, funded by the British Gas Energy Trust to provide unique support for those most disadvantaged and vulnerable to avoid getting into financial difficulty and fuel debt.

We will work with local partners to reach those most at risk, help them access our advice services and other services, ensure that they get the support they need to help them through the advice process and get the best possible outcomes. and will work alongside our other services, particularly our British Gas Energy Trust funded Energy Advice project.

Our work aims to reach more people, who may not have accessed the service before or are from under-represented groups, to raise awareness of money advice and energy efficiency.

The Role

We want people who are passionate about giving an effective service to those most in need. You will need to demonstrate that you can engage skilfully with clients who are vulnerable and distressed, able to support them to identify goals and empower them to achieve them.

You will be a highly motivated strong team player with excellent interpersonal and organisational skills. You will have the ability to understand written and oral information of some complexity; have good numeracy skills and, have effective oral and written communication skills for the purposes of negotiation and reporting.

You will be based within our offices at Rossendale and Hyndburn. The role is fixed until 31 March 2022 and funding may be extended.

We are an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from people from all backgrounds and with all different kinds of life experiences. We are a Disability Confident Employer and guarantee to interview all disabled candidates who meet the minimum essential criteria for the role. Interviews will be undertaken via video conferencing.

An application pack, including the job description and personal specification, is available on our website <https://carh.org.uk/index.php/news>. Please note that CVs will not be accepted without an application form.

If you would like an informal chat about this opportunity, please contact Rachel Whippy on 07706 089179.

Closing date: 5pm 8th October 2021

Interview date: 14th October 2021 via Google Meet



Whitaker NLHF Project Manager and Valley Heritage Project Officer

(Fixed-term until 31.12.22)

Salary: Grade 7 (SCP 26-32), £30,451 – £35,745 per annum, pro-rata for each role

Hours: Whitaker NHLF Project Manager – 15 hours per week (2 days) RG2009
Valley Heritage Project Officer – 22.5 hours per week (3 days) RG2013

Job Reference: RG2009/RG2013

Rossendale Borough Council's Economic Development Team, working in partnership with the Whitaker CIC, and Valley Heritage are both looking to appoint to project roles. The appointments will be made through two separate employment contracts, and applications are welcome for either one or both of the posts.

Whitaker NHLF Project Manager

Rossendale Borough Council are looking to appoint a Whitaker NLHF Project Manager for The Whitaker Experience: our Past, our Present and our Future.

Following the circa £2m expansion of the museum into the adjacent barn and stables building, as a result of a grant award by the Heritage Fund and made possible by lottery players; you will be responsible for project managing the next phase of the project, working closely with the Whitaker CIC.

You will need an honours degree or above and have experience of a wide range of projects involving heritage and culture; experience of both capital and revenue funding; a successful track record of delivery and a recognised project management qualification.

You will need to be professional at all times and have an ability to bring about successful outcomes in complex environments whilst maintaining financial and output targets.

This 2 days per week post will be jointly based in the Council's Offices at Futures Park, Bacup and the Whitaker Museum, Rawtenstall.

For an informal discussion about the job role please contact Guy Darragh, Head of Regeneration, 01706 252568. Please also check out the Whitaker webpage <https://www.thewhitaker.org/> for information on the museum.

Valley Heritage Project Officer

Valley Heritage are looking to appoint a Project Officer to support their work as they move through the next exciting stage in their development.

You will join Valley Heritage with the construction phase of the repurposing project at the former Lancashire & Yorkshire Bank underway, and with a great activity plan to deliver. Alongside this, Valley Heritage's project pipeline has some amazing opportunities to deliver social impact through the repurposing of redundant heritage assets across Rossendale and beyond.

You will be enthusiastic about heritage and its ability to deliver social impact. You will be self-motivated and able to work with minimal supervision and have a natural tendency towards collaborative working. You will have experience working within the voluntary sector and delivering community focused activity.

This 3 day per week post will be focused on Rossendale, initially working from home and then from the Lancashire & Yorkshire Bank in Bacup, once completed.

For an informal discussion about the job role please contact Stephen Anderson, Chairperson of Valley Heritage, 07971 538 144.

Apply online at www.rossendale.gov.uk or email your name and address, quoting reference number RG2009 or RG2013 to recruitment@rossendalebc.gov.uk. Alternatively, telephone People and Policy on 01706 252449.

Closing date: 10.00am on Monday 11 October 2021

Interview date: Wednesday 20 October 2021

The Council's vision is:

“Rossendale, a place where people want to live, visit, work and invest.”



TRAINING

East Lancashire Recovery College October Courses

(All courses are FREE where possible and open to all, age 16+)

To book:

Tel.: 07933 812 890 (10am – 1.30pm)

Email: elrc@thegreenhouses.org

Creative Writing	This will be a 6-week course beginning on Tues/Wed Oct 5th/6th to Tue/Wed Nov 9th/10th - 10:30 to 12:30. Poetry and Prose. Writing is an inexpensive way to be creative. You only need a pen, a paper, an idea, and yourself. If necessary, Pen and paper can be provided but don't forget yourself. FREE	October 6 th 10:30 – 12:30	Ends 10 th November With a one week break on the 25 th Oct.
Making Changes	This 3 week course has sessions on Understanding Anxiety, Challenging Negative Thoughts and Impulse Control. Gain control of your thoughts, understand your feelings and make some changes! FREE	October 4 th 10:30 - 12:30	Ends 18 th October.