

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

MARCH 2022

Welcome to your March 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 are available 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

COVID ADVICE

FRIDAY AFTERNOON WALK IN COVID VACCINE CLINIC

Booster, 1st and 2nd doses available

The Hub, Ground Floor, Rossendale Primary Care Centre, 161 Bacup Road, Rawtenstall BB4 7PL

Final walk in clinics for the current cohort of eligible patients

- Friday 4th Mar 2022 from 3pm to 6pm
- Friday 11th Mar 2022 from 3pm to 6pm
- Friday 18th Mar 2022 from 3pm to 6pm
- Friday 25th Mar 2022 from 3pm to 6pm

NO NEED TO BOOK – Just walk in!

Please note if you have recently had covid you will not be able to have the vaccine until:

- 4 weeks after your positive result if you are 18 and over
- 12 weeks after your positive result if you are under 18

Who can attend here for a coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine

If you are...	You can get...
Aged 16 and over	Two Doses - 8 weeks apart for 18+ 12 weeks apart for 16-17 year olds Booster from 3 months (91 days) after second dose
Aged 12-15	Two Doses - at least 12 weeks apart
Any age and you have a condition that puts you at high risk from COVID-19 or you live with someone who has a weakened immune system	Please visit the NHS website for detailed information on vaccines schedules https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/who-is-at-high-risk-from-coronavirus/

COMMUNITY INFORMATION



Trash to Treasure Event

At Helmshore Textile Museums on the 20th March

11.00 am - 4.00 pm

Refreshments available on site

Book your table now on email address:

thefriendsofhelmshore@gmail.com

Tables £10 each

Entry fee £2.00

Selling a variety of new and old items.

Please send payment to Helmshore Textile Museums, Holcombe Road, Helmshore, Rossendale, Lancashire, BB4 4NP. Payment is by cheque or cash, cheques made payable to The Friends of Helmshore Textile Museums.



Council urge residents to pay for council tax by direct debit to speed up energy rebate

Rossendale Borough Council is encouraging all residents that do not already pay council tax by direct debit to register to do so by 17 March.

The Government has announced measures to help households with rising energy bills and this includes a £150 Council Tax rebate for homes in bands A-D.

A council spokesperson said: "If people pay for their council tax via direct debit, then this money will automatically be sent direct to their bank account, and they will not be required to fill in any applications for the rebate.

"If you do not pay by direct debit the process is a bit more complicated and will require you making an application for the rebate, and it will therefore take much longer to receive the payment."

You can set up a direct debit by calling the council on 01706 217777 or by visiting www.rossendale.gov.uk/directdebit to set up a direct debit online.

The council are also asking that people do not chase up this payment as that could slow the process down.

There will be some extra discretionary funding available to help people who don't pay Council Tax and those who are on low incomes with homes in Council Tax bands E-H. Further information will be publicised on the council's website once received.

Anyone who is struggling to pay their Council Tax should contact the council straight away for further help.

ADVENTURE HAS NEVER BEEN
BIGGER

JACK **WHITEHALL** DARBY **CAMP** AND JOHN **CLEESE**

Clifford

The Big Red Dog



Coming 25th March 2022 at the ABD Community Cinema,
ABD Centre, Bacup

Tickets on sale from 1st March.



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New to The Doal's Community Centre Weir

Adult Dance Class

Malcolm and Hazel

Introduce

Latin in Line

Every Monday 1:00- 2:00pm

£4:00 per session

For more information contact Malcolm on

Tel: 01706 872129

Mobile: 07814636571

Keep fit, have fun, make friends!

RACE AGAINST HUNGER

On Saturday 2 April 2022, supporters all around the UK will come together to Race Against Hunger to raise money to help end the need for food banks in the UK.

Take part in our virtual 5k, plan your own route and take on the event at a time that suits you!

It doesn't matter whether you're an experienced runner or a novice. Make it your challenge, your race. Run, jog, walk, start at dawn, start at dusk, wear your armband, back sign and Race Against Hunger t-shirt with pride.

Race Against Hunger is more than just a run. It's a movement for change.

Sign up today



Citizens Advice Rossendale and Hyndburn are getting a team of volunteers and staff together to take part in the Race Against Hunger:

We are planning a 5k route around Stubblelee Park, Bacup (which will probably mean more than one circuit). We are hoping to have a Citizens Advice stall with information about the services we offer and possibly refreshments - it depends how many volunteers we get. It would be great if local groups and organisations could take part in the fight to eradicate the need for foodbanks.

You can sign up using the link below:

<https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-involved/fundraise/events/race-against-hunger/>

If you want to get involved could you let Sarah Lageard know so she can share information through social media. sarah.lageard@carh.org.uk

A message from



CALLING ALL CCTV OWNERS

We've recently acquired a new digital evidence management system to help us to deter and solve crimes quicker and we need you and other residents and businesses to register your CCTV cameras or video doorbells with us.

Our NICE Investigate Community Portal makes it really easy for you to send us footage (including large data files in a wide variety of formats) if a crime or incident has taken place and also helps us identify which of your cameras may have evidential footage so you can get the right files to an Investigating Officer as quickly as possible.

The service is free of charge and entirely voluntary. By registering with the portal you are not giving Lancashire Constabulary access to your CCTV system or any cameras - you are simply making it easier for us to request and collect footage which may really help us in an investigation – the only footage we will ever have access to is the footage you send to us.

We've already had over 300 people/businesses sign up, equating to hundreds of cameras in our county now on the system.

What are the benefits?

You'll have peace of mind and in the unfortunate event a crime is committed, you'll be able to send us your evidence far quicker, meaning we can bring more offenders to justice.

If you want to register a camera, just pop an e-mail to NICE.Register@lancashire.police.uk with your name and contact details to get started – you will then get a registration link sent to you from the system.

Please also have a look at our website here <https://www.lancashire.police.uk/contact-us/register-your-camera/> for lots more information and frequently asked questions.

Get Involved & Have your Say!



- Would you like to change the lives of people in Rossendale for the better?
- Have you or a friend struggled with financial hardship?
- Do you want to have a say in how services are delivered in your local area?

If you answered YES to any of the above we would love to hear from you.

Citizens Advice Rossendale and Hyndburn want to work alongside people from all walks of life to:

- Provide a community voice
- Influence positive change
- Help change the way services are delivered in your local area



**Empowering
people in the
community**

For more information please contact:
Sarah Lageard - Project Coordinator
Email: sarah.lageard@carh.org.uk
Telephone: 07565 894275

Wellocks SWAP

7th - 11th March 2022

Wellocks is a highly respected fresh produce supplier based in Lomeshaye who are recruiting for Warehouse Food Operatives and Drivers. Wellocks have vacancies for day and night shift employees.

This Sector-Based Work Academy Programme (SWAP) is a 5-day face-to-face training programme held at Northlight, Brierfield. You will complete:

- Health & Safety Level 1
- Equality & Diversity Level 1
- Interview Masterclass
- Mock interview
- Personal Action Planning

Upon successful completion of the programme, you are guaranteed an interview. Your tutor will support you with this.

To register your interest, email us at
admin.lal@nelsongroup.ac.uk

Please include "Wellocks" in the subject of the email.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING



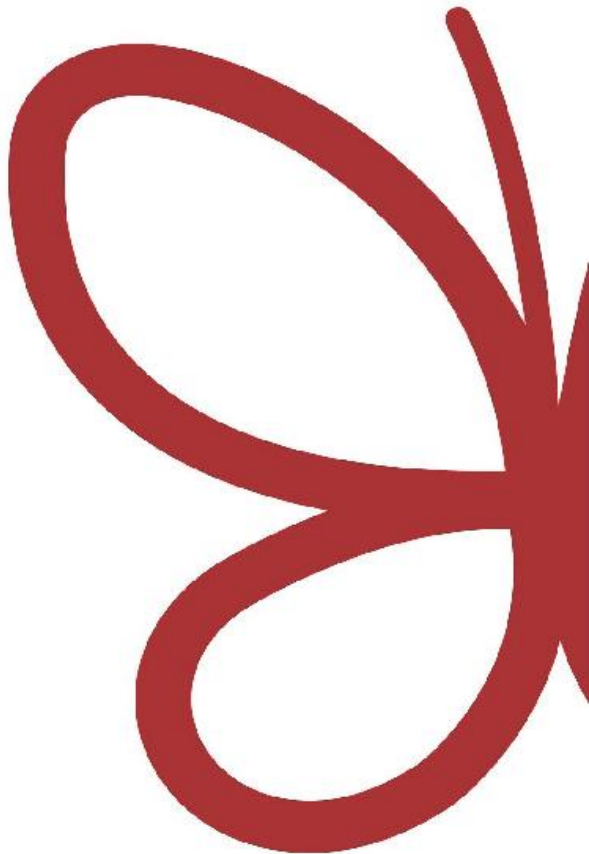
Support for Adults affected by Domestic Abuse.

ARE YOU EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC ABUSE?

Are you afraid of a family member or scared of a current/ex-partner?

Are you worried about someone you know - a friend/neighbour/colleague?

Be Free provide access to confidential advice and support in Pendle and Rossendale. Empowering people to be Be Free from abuse, harm, manipulation, upset, distress, control, fear, isolation, violence, harassment, stalking and violation - supporting people to live safe and independent lives.



befree@p-a-c.org.uk Live chat: www.p-a-c.org.uk

Helpline: 01282 726 000 www.p-a-c.org.uk

Text/Whatsapp: 07543 646 959 (Pendle) 01880 702 596 (Rossendale)



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The Building Better Opportunities (BBO) programme is delivered by a partnership of 30 community organisations, led by Selnet.

Our 3 specialist projects help people overcome complex barriers and move closer to work and training.

Based on individual needs and interests, BBO can transform lives.

We help Lancashire residents who are out of work and disadvantaged by:

- Lack of self-confidence & low self esteem
- Outdated or unsuitable skills
- Lack of qualifications & training
- Lack of IT skills
- Caring responsibilities
- Physical and mental health issues
- Learning difficulties/disabilities
- Age discrimination
- BAME background
- History of offending
- Debt/money management worries
- Substance misuse
- Long term unemployment
- Other barriers to employment.

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?

Contact the Building Better Opportunities team at Selnet - we will direct you to the most suitable partner for support.

01772 200690

hello@selnet-uk.com

Or contact BBO Engagement Lead
Rachel Coupe: call 07903 271414 or
email: rachel@selnet-uk.com



Building Better Opportunities is funded by The National Lottery Community Fund and the European Social Fund, investing in local projects tackling the root causes of poverty, promoting social inclusion and driving local jobs and growth.



OUT OF WORK?

Multiple barriers
stopping you
moving forward?

WE CAN HELP.
TALK TO US.





Age of Opportunity
Building Better Opportunities



Changing Futures
Building Better Opportunities



Invest in Youth
Building Better Opportunities

AGED OVER 50?

Out of work?

Low confidence, ill-health, disability and/or outdated skills?

If you are struggling to get a job, find the right training or need help to start your own business, we can help update your skills, qualifications and confidence to gain a fresh start.



"It's like they turned a light on. I can move forward and feel positive."

MULTIPLE ISSUES STOPPING YOU GETTING INTO WORK/TRAINING?

Do your problems feel so overwhelming that you don't know where to start?

We can help people of all ages to take control, step by step.

Our Transformational Coaches will help you to identify and develop your own abilities, skills and interests, overcoming your barriers, and moving you closer to the labour market.



AGED 15-24?

Not in education, work or training?

With intensive support from a Key Worker we can help you overcome your barriers.

From your interests and skills, the Key Worker will help you to achieve milestones agreed within your personal action plan.



"I was so stuck - but got loads of support. I'm excited for the future!"

FUNDING



QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE PUBLIC EVENT GRANTS JUBILEE WEEKEND – 2-5TH June 2022

Rossendale Borough Council has small grants available to support public events to celebrate the platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth 11.

Community organisations can apply for up to £500 to cover such things as refreshments, insurance, decorations and so on.

- Applications for funding must come from constituted community groups.
- Events must be public events open to all. Funding is not available for private street parties.

You can request an application form from Communitiesteam@rossendalebc.gov.uk.

Closing date for applications is Thursday 31st March 2022

A large number of applications are expected and not every application may be successful

If you are planning a private street party, there is more useful advice at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/your-guide-to-organising-a-street-party/your-guide-to-organising-a-street-party#what-sort-of-events-does-this-guidance-apply-to>

and at <https://www.streetparty.org.uk/>

if your event is to be held on a street (public highway) contact Communitiesteam@rossendalebc.gov.uk and we will send you a form requesting further information.



Historic England

Historic England has just launched '**Everyday Heritage Grants: Celebrating Working Class Histories**' to fund community-led projects contributing better understanding of local heritage. The focus is on heritage that links people to overlooked historic places, with a particular interest in celebrating working class histories.

Each project should enable people to creatively share overlooked or untold stories of the places where they live and encourage communities, groups and local people to examine and tell their own stories in their own ways. We are hoping for applications for projects that provide innovative volunteering opportunities for young people or people facing loneliness or isolation, as well as contribute positively to participants' wellbeing.

Community or heritage organisations in the North West can apply for grants of up to £25,000 to fund projects that will celebrate the built or historic environment near them. Applications for funding for smaller grass roots projects of less than £10,000 are also welcome. The closing date is 23 May.

Further information and application forms can be found <https://historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/grants/our-grant-schemes/hpc/proposals/>

Contact EverydayHeritage@HistoricEngland.org.uk

TRAINING



Equality and Diversity

14th and 17th March
10:00 - 12:00

Enhance your CV and update your skills with this Level 1 course in Equality and Diversity.

In this 2-hour course, you will:

- Learn the meaning of the terms Equality and Diversity
- Recognise Equality and Diversity in Action
- Find out more about how law impacts on Equality and Diversity
- Discover how to recognise and support Equality and Diversity at Work



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Adult Learning

Sow and Grow

Saturday 5th March, 10am – 11.30am, Online

Fancy giving 'grow your own' a go but not too sure how to get started? It doesn't matter if you are a planting pro, or have a balcony or window box to get your seeds shooting! This event will give you top tips to make the most of your space. Join us on our live sowing session and get your seedlings started with practical advice and support from our teachers. Resource packs are provided with compost pellets, seeds, and more! (Adults only; to take part with children join our Family Sow and Grow)

[Click here to enrol.](#)

Sow and Grow for Families

Saturday 5th March, 1pm – 2.30pm, Online

Do you fancy giving 'grow your own' a go with your family but not too sure how to get started? Our FREE virtual session is perfect for those with primary school-aged children. This session will include seed planting and sowing, as well as arts and crafts activities using natural materials you can find in your garden or while out on a walk.

[Click here to enrol.](#)

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