

# Partnerships Newsletter

March / April 2016

## Clean for The Queen

Her Majesty The Queen celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2016. To celebrate this event, [Keep Britain Tidy](#) asked people throughout the UK to join together and present a gift to her, a gift that will benefit us all. In the run up to The Queen's birthday, officially celebrated in June 2016, they aimed to inspire a million people to take action and enjoy a few hours together litter-picking to make the places where we live more beautiful.

To support this National campaign [Cheshire East Council provided 100 litter picking kits](#) comprising of 6 litter pickers, bag hoops, high visibility vests and a quantity of disposable gloves and refuse sacks. Local community groups, councils, businesses and neighbours across Cheshire East applied for the packs and in less than a week all 100 had been requested. Due to careful purchasing there was enough money left over to purchase an additional 24 packs that were again very quickly snapped up.

The campaign was really embraced by people throughout Cheshire East and we saw a number of people taking pride in the areas where they live and work. Some of the 70 plus groups who got involved are now completing regular litter picks and other, established, groups have gained new volunteers.



## Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations

To support the Queen's birthday celebrations Cheshire East Council will be providing grants of up to £100 each for community groups and neighbours to hold street parties in their local areas. Details of how to apply will soon be added to the Cheshire East Council website.

[For more information contact the Partnerships and Communities Team](#)

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### What is PACE?

Partnerships for Action in Cheshire East brings together all organisations who are working to maintain and improve the quality of life in Cheshire East.

## Local Area News

### Crewe

#### Computer Sessions at The Lighthouse Centre

Wulvern has teamed up with The Lighthouse Centre Community Hub to provide basic computer classes. If you know anyone who ever wanted to learn how to find their way around a computer, from switching it on to creating an email account or managing their budget, this is the course for them.

Anyone can learn at their own pace with the help of a friendly advisor. Sessions start from 12:00pm on Tuesdays, they are free to attend and refreshments are available.



Could you be a digital champion? Volunteers are being sought to help run the sessions, free training is provided.

[For more information visit The Lighthouse Centre website](#) or call 07980 011803 or 01270 668996

### Introducing the Creative Crewe



Creative Crewe's mission is to improve the health and wellbeing of the community using art, craft and leisure activities. They know that there is a lot of local talent to celebrate and promote all the good things about Crewe.

2014/2015 was very successful with a series of fantastic events. They were supported by [Crewe Town Council](#) and were successful in receiving grants from both [Cheshire East Council](#) and the [Ministry of Defence](#). All members are local, living and working in the area so know and understand the town and its people and want to use a variety of locations to increase footfall to the Town Centre.

They are seeking sponsorship from local businesses to help take their plans forward and are part of the 'Vision for Crewe', Art and Culture Group and the Crewe Artists Network. They are building on existing networks and forming new partnerships to engage the local community.

[For more information and to view their calendar of events visit the Creative Crewe website](#)

### Macclesfield

#### Employment Courses

Do you know somebody who is looking for work, or needs to improve their CV and skills? Disability Information Bureau in Macclesfield will be running employment courses at their Shopmobility premises on Churchill Way.

The courses, which begin in April, will enable people to gain a qualification in Skills for Further Learning and Employment, including job searching online. Learners will receive a whole package of support to help them get back into work.



[For more information visit the Disability Information Bureau website](#) or call 01625 501759



## Delivering Differently in Macclesfield

Communities are at the heart of Cheshire East and this exciting initiative aims to unlock the door to what extent local people can drive local projects within their neighbourhoods. This programme will be engaging with the residents of Macclesfield through a number of informative and imaginative health-themed local events with an underlying aim to embrace local voice, encourage resident participation and support the enthusiasm we know that is embedded within these communities.

Local service providers, businesses and residents are all being encouraged to support at any capacity. The Delivering Differently in Macclesfield launch event will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 11.00am until 3.00pm at Sanders Square, Macclesfield and will be in the form of a Street Party!



**Delivering Differently**  
in Macclesfield

For more information on how to get involved and for future events contact [Dan Coyne](#) on 07816 144062

## Poynton

### Men in Sheds



Now open on a Monday as well as a Wednesday the Men in Sheds at Poynton Community Centre remains popular since its inception in 2015, so much so that bigger projects are being undertaken. An old railway wagon gifted by the [Anson Engine Museum](#) is currently being refurbished in their workshop and will serve as a flower bed, to be put on permanent display in a prominent location in Poynton.

The picture shows a reclaimed area of land behind the centre, which is being transformed into a garden, complete with concrete bandstand which had been buried beneath years of wild growth. It is hoped that once completed furniture can be installed for all to enjoy.

This project has been painstakingly led through the hard work of Sandra Horsman, with the help of members of the Men in Sheds team. The work is ongoing and should be completed by early summer.

For more information contact [Trish Hill](#) on 01625 872238

## Community Café

A new community café has been established at [Poynton Community Centre](#) and is now open on both Mondays and Tuesdays providing light refreshments. The ethos is that it will be a social event where anyone can drop in for a chat, drink and sandwich. More than a café, they will be developing to become an information hub where different clubs, societies and groups can showcase their services.

For more information and to volunteer to help with the project contact [Val Burlison](#) on 01625 374950

## Wilmslow

### New project to make your place cleaner, greener and safer

[Riverside](#), one of the UK's largest housing providers is introducing an initiative in Colshaw Farm aimed at making neighbourhoods cleaner, greener and safer. This new service, which will be launched in April, will allow Riverside to deal with the day to day estate issues that need to be actioned straight away.



Their aim is to maintain our open green spaces so that they can be enjoyed by everyone and the Your Place teams, who will be highly visible in their teal uniforms, will deliver environmental improvements which include: grounds maintenance, fly tipping removal, litter picking, graffiti removal and sweeping of footpaths to improve green spaces.

Tenants and residents can report incidents or request jobs to be done and this will help to ensure that the areas are kept clean, green and safe for all who live there.

For more information and to report an incident call 0345 111 0000

## National Recognition of Heritage Railway Signs at Handforth Station



The Friends of Handforth Station were delighted at the start of the new year, their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, to receive news that two of their unique collections of railway signs were designated by the Board of Trustees of the [Science Museum Group](#). This Group is charged under the 1996 Railway Heritage Act to identify artefacts and records of significance for preservation.

The designated signs are the Regional Railways sign on the Manchester platform and the British Railways enamel sign on the Crewe platform. In addition to these, there is also a collection of over twenty modern International Railways' "Handforth" signs. The designation requires Network Rail and the Train Operating Company to retain the signs and prevents them from removing the designated item without agreement from the Science Museum, through the Designation Advisory Board. This will help ensure the continuing exhibition of these signs.

[For more information and to read the full press release visit the Friends of Handforth Station website](#)

## Partner News

### New health app set to CATCH on

An innovative new health app for parents and carers of children aged 0-5 years has been launched. The [CATCH app](#), is now available for free on the App Store for iPhones and iPads, and on Play Store for Androids and tablets.



The app was developed by [NHS Eastern Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group](#) (CCG), [NHS South Cheshire CCG](#) and [Cheshire East Council](#) to provide:

- NHS-approved health advice
- Highly localised information about healthcare services and support groups in Cheshire East
- Timely notifications about key health dates, such as childhood immunisations

The app is also highly personalised, as parents can input their child's date of birth and it will only present health information and reminders that are relevant to their child's age. CATCH came about as a result of a study undertaken by the council's Public Health department, which found that A&E attendance among 0-4 year olds in Cheshire East is much higher than the national average. CATCH stands for Common Approach to Children's Health, reflecting the joined-up approach to care that is being promoted in Cheshire East.

[For more information visit the CATCH App website](#)

## Help to address Social Isolation in your area



The Royal British Legion Cheshire & Merseyside will be hosting a networking event in Cheshire East in April. They hope to bring similar organisations around the table to discuss addressing social isolation in the local area and how they can best do this together; to avoid duplication of services and addressing best practice. They will give some presentations and hope that everyone will leave with clear referral pathways for those people they may come in to contact with, who may need a bit of additional support.

[If you would like to be involved, email the British Legion](#)

and let them know whether you would also like to give a 15 minute presentation at the event

## Together we can Tackle Child Abuse

Cheshire East Council is supporting a national campaign launched by the Department for Education to tackle child abuse. The campaign 'Together we can Tackle Child Abuse' encourages members of the public and community groups to report child abuse and neglect. It highlights that we all have a role to play in protecting children and young people in our local area. The campaign encourages people to report, even if they are not absolutely certain about their suspicions and features an 'ABC' of spotting the signs of child abuse and neglect:

- **A**pppearance – such as frequent unexplained injuries, consistently poor hygiene, matted hair, unexplained gifts, or a parent regularly collecting children from school when drunk;
- **B**ehaviour – such as demanding or aggressive behaviour, frequent lateness or absence from school, avoiding their own family, misusing drugs or alcohol, or being constantly tired;
- **C**ommunication – such as sexual or aggressive language, self-harming, becoming secretive and reluctant to share information or being overly obedient.



Information is usually gathered from many sources and any concerns would form one part of a bigger picture. Children and families can be helped at an earlier stage with preventative support, if more members of the public share their concerns.

To help raise awareness download a poster from the For Your Notice Board section of this newsletter or [visit the Department for Education website for lots of resources and more information](#)

## Education, Health and Care Plan Independent Support Service



Edge Inclusion Partners are pleased to have been awarded an extended contract to deliver Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) Independent Support in Cheshire East.

- Do you have a child or young person with a statement transferring to an EHCP?
- Do you have a new request for an EHCP?

They provide free and impartial independent support throughout the EHC planning and assessment process tailored to individual needs and can include: helping you to understand and guiding you through the process, ensuring that your views, needs and wishes are included, attending meetings and supporting you in completing your section of the paperwork.

[For more information contact EDGE Inclusion Partners](#) on 07947 100727



## Cheshire East students take part in Fatal Distraction performance

Hundreds descended on the [Crewe Lyceum Theatre](#) for 'Fatal Distraction' - a moving and challenging performance devised by Cheshire students working alongside the [Manchester Camerata Orchestra](#). The piece, which also featured a cameo appearance by Crewe's White Watch and the Cheshire Fire Choir, was the third collaboration between the orchestra and the Service and was all about educating young drivers about the dangers that exist on our roads.



Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Mark Cashin said: "The event was a great success and it was wonderful to see how the young people had worked so hard to create a brilliant performance and a truly special event. It is a terribly stark statistic that the single biggest cause of accidental deaths in young people remains the road traffic accident. A major contributor to this is people being distracted at the wheel. All the young people involved in the piece were at that age where they had either just passed their driving test or are taking lessons. Therefore, we really hope that the messages they have explored in the creation of the piece stay with them and ultimately keep them and their friends safe."

Projects such as 'Fatal Distraction' are all about education and enabling the Service to promote safety in an innovative way and, by doing so, have a positive impact on the Service's aim of a Cheshire where there are no deaths, injuries or damage from fires and other emergencies.

## Supporting Carers to get more active



[Everybody Sport and Recreation](#) (ESAR) are holding sessions for carers to meet, chat and share information with other carers whilst trying out new activities and sports. The sessions are tailored to each individual and aimed at all ages and abilities. Carers can even bring along the person that they are caring for to the session or a friend. It is a great opportunity to get more active and try out new things whilst looking after a carer's own health and wellbeing at the same time.

Activities vary from yoga, fitness classes, racquet sports, archery, bowling, walking, zumba and more. Sessions run monthly across seven different leisure centres and cost £2.80 per session. In addition ESAR are exploring opportunities to attend local parent and carers groups to talk about what they can offer and to deliver sessions directly.

[For more information contact Ellie Dick](#) on 07809 665228

## Hospital Trust Chairman Receives County Accolade

[Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's](#) Chairman, Dennis Dunn MBE, has been appointed as a Deputy Lieutenant of Cheshire. Dennis, who was a Governor and then Non-Executive Director of the Trust before becoming Chairman in 2014, was formally presented with his Commission of Appointment in January by David Briggs MBE, the county's Lord-Lieutenant.

Deputy Lieutenants are appointed by the [Lord-Lieutenant](#) (HM The Queen's Representative in the County) to support him with a range of duties, and in particular to deputise for him when he is not available, and tend to be people who have served the local community or who have a history of public service. Dennis is former Pro Vice Chancellor International of Manchester Metropolitan University and, as well as his work for the Trust, is currently Cheshire President of the British Red Cross and Visiting Professor at Huizhou University, China.

## Hospices join together for Love Your Local Hospice TV Ad Campaign

A series of TV advertisements were recently filmed on location at The Donna Louise Children's Hospice, Trentham who support over 200 children and families with life-limiting or life threatening conditions across Staffordshire and Cheshire. It was shown on ITV over a 10 day period, from Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February, and it showcases the love, care, friendship and support each of the hospices provides to patients, young and old, and their families.



*Love Your Local Hospice*

Each year, hospices across the Midlands care for over 26,000 adult patients and support over 1,500 children and their families. The cost of providing all these services each year is approximately £80 million and many hospices are reliant on voluntary donations to meet these costs and without them they simply wouldn't exist. Not forgetting the time generously given by an army of dedicated and skilled volunteers who donate up to 800,000 hours each year to support in so many ways.

Liz Gratton, Director of Income Generation at The Donna Louise said: "It was great that we were able to work together with other hospices, a total of 16 from the Midlands, to drive this initiative forward. Joining forces on this project has been a fantastic demonstration of what can be achieved by working together as well as a perfect opportunity to help educate and break down perceptions surrounding hospice care."

Mike McDonald, Chief Executive of The Donna Louise added: "Without the collaboration of the 16 hospices coming together, this campaign would not have been possible to advertise on primetime TV. Each hospice in the West Midlands region is a very individual organisation, for local people in their community. However, through working together, it became clear we shared many frustrations around the common misconceptions people can hold about us. With this campaign we're hoping to break down these myths and barriers by bringing the reality of what we are all about into people's homes and onto their TV screens. It is our hope that people watching will be encouraged to find out more about their local hospice so that, should they or someone in their family require the help and support, a hospice can provide then they know how to go about it".

[For more information visit the Love Your Local Hospice website](#)

## For your Notice Board

This section allows you to download posters which you may wish to display on your notice boards, either for staff, customers or residents. Please email May / June notices to [Tina Jones](#).

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| ➤ <a href="#">Holmes Chapel Music Society Programme</a>   | ➤ <a href="#">Cheshire Autism Exhibition Poster</a> |
| ➤ <a href="#">National Carers Service Events, Alsager</a> | ➤ <a href="#">Survivor Art Exhibition</a>           |
| ➤ <a href="#">DIB Open Awards Course Poster</a>           | ➤ <a href="#">Creative Crewe Poetry Blast</a>       |
| ➤ <a href="#">Child Abuse Posters</a>                     | ➤ <a href="#">Edge Independent Support Leaflet</a>  |

## Conferences and Events

### Survivor Art Exhibition

8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October, Kingsway Chapel in Chester  
29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October, the Survive building in Crewe

Survivor Art is a joint art exhibition where all the pieces of art have been created by people who have been touched by abuse.

To help promote this unique event download a poster from the For Your Notice Board section of this newsletter and [for more information visit the Survivor Art website](#)



## Bee Well Centre Open Day

14<sup>th</sup> April 2016, 11.00am – 3.00pm  
Bee Well Centre at Dean Row, Handforth

The open day will see a collection of organisations and local groups demonstrating the range of services they provide and how they can help to support local communities. At the same venue The Communities team, Snow Angels and the Police are coming together to provide a regular social drop-in event, for residents in the area aged over 60 years. Beginning on April 25<sup>th</sup> the coffee afternoon will take place on the last Monday of every month.

If you would like your organisation to be represented or provide information/flyers for circulation at the event contact Lindsay Martin of Snow Angels on 07936 195192

## Consultations

### Community Transport Consultation

Transport for many people across Cheshire, Warrington and Halton remains a huge barrier. Whether it is getting to the doctors or to do some shopping for the week, many people find getting out a difficult task. With austerity never far away, this issue will continue to grow.

To this end, Cheshire Community Action is carrying out a Cheshire-wide survey related to community transport. [To complete the survey visit the Survey Monkey website.](#)

If you know of people that would benefit from community transport provision but don't have online access to this questionnaire [contact Cheshire Community Action to request a paper copy questionnaire.](#)

## Funding

### Cheshire LEADER programme

The Cheshire LEADER programme, part of the Rural Development Fund for England which is funded by the European Union, is now taking applications for grants to help businesses or organisations in the rural area begin or expand their operations.



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[For more information visit the Cheshire LEADER website](#)

**The next edition of the Partnerships Newsletter will be circulated at the end of May, the deadline for submission of articles is 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016.**

**To promote an event, conference or consultation, ask for help with a project, let people know of changes taking place in your organisation or share information which is of interest to our wide range of partners contact [Tina Jones](#).**

**Previous copies of the newsletter are available on the [Cheshire East website](#)**

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