

## **GENERAL**

### **WIGAN ROTARY CLUB SAY - "HELP US RECYCLE YOUR SURPLUS HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT!"**

Do you have any equipment loaned by the hospital that you no longer need? Then please let Rotary help you! Over the years the hospital has loaned equipment to patients to aid their recovery which by now, in many cases, will be surplus to their requirements. So here is a wonderful opportunity to return it to the hospital enabling them to recycle it for reuse!

On Sunday 18th February between 10a.m and 4p.m four of the borough's Rotary Clubs have arranged to use premises in their area to enable the public to return any equipment which is surplus to their needs. Wigan Rotary Club President Gwyneth Millard said 'this appears to be a win - win event where the person creates some more space at home and at the same time gives the hospital the opportunity to use recycled equipment and save money. This is another example of Rotary working with Wigan Council for the benefit of the borough's residents. With NHS budget under so much strain we feel we are doing a little bit to help our local hospital trust but we need the help of the borough's resident to make the day a success.'

Residents can bring any item to the addresses listed below but it would be appreciated if it was clean to reduce the work of the Council in recycling before returning it to the hospital. If the item is too large or heavy telephone one of the numbers and the Rotary Club will arrange with the Council for this to be collected. Please Note - Medicines, Tablets, Bandages etc., cannot be accepted. Gwyneth continued 'We hope people will really get behind this project and we have rooms full of recyclable equipment by the end of the day'.

The collection centres are:

Sunshine House, - Wellington Street, WIGAN WN1 3SA 07813 471000

Tesco Leigh Extra, -The Loom, Derby Street, LEIGH WN7 4BA 07881 229601

1 Ashton Scout HQ, - Woodedge, ASHTON IN MAKERFIELD WN4 9LH 07546 063931

DRB Photos 153 Elliot Street, TYLDESLEY M29 8FL 07834 584134

### **WARNING AS CASES OF SCARLET FEVER RISE**

Residents are being urged to ensure they are vigilant in spotting the signs for Scarlet Fever as cases rise across Greater Manchester. Cases of scarlet fever occur throughout the year but have a seasonal pattern with the highest incidence between December and May, peaking in March and April.

The symptoms of scarlet fever often include:

- A sore throat
- Headache
- Fever
- Nausea and vomiting

This is followed by a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On more darkly-pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it should feel like 'sandpaper'. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth.

It's important to be aware that there can be complications of Scarlet Fever.

Children who have had chickenpox recently are more likely to develop more serious infection and parents should remain vigilant for symptoms such as:

- A persistent high fever
- Cellulitis (skin infection)
- Arthritis (joint pain and swelling)

Professor Kate Ardern, Wigan Council's Director For Public Health, said: "It's extremely important that everyone ensures they know what to look out for in cases of Scarlet Fever especially with young children. "If you think you showing signs of Scarlett Fever I would urge you to visit your local GP urgently to ensure you get the antibiotics needed to combat the infection, make sure that you take the full course of antibiotics prescribed by the doctor."It is advisable to stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection."

If you think you, or your child have scarlet fever please visit your GP or contact the NHS on 111 as soon as possible

### **LUCKY HENS RESCUE NORTH WEST WINTER APPEAL**

This time of the year is a very expensive time due to no grazing for the rescued sheep, pigs, turkeys, chooks & little blue the rescued foal who we have taken in this year. If you could support us in any way by donating a sack of chicken feed ,course mix pony or grass nuts, bale of straw, shavings , bales of hay or you can pay by pay pal, bacs or send a cheque or postal order to Lucky Hens CIC.

If you can help in any way the link is here

<http://luckyhensrescuenorthwest.weebly.com/about-us.html>

### **BLUE BADGE UPDATE**

The Government has announced that they are consulting on extending the criterion for Blue Badge holders.

The proposal is to change the criterion to:

- a person who has an enduring and substantial disability the effect of which is that that person is unable to
  - walk;
  - undertake any journey without it causing very considerable difficulty when walking;
  - undertake any journey without there being a risk of very considerable harm to the health or safety of that person or any other person;
  - follow the route of any journey without another person, assistance animal or orientation aid.

The consultation closes 18 March 2018. Please make your views known and forward to your networks. You can respond online, by email or by post.

Full details on the consultation and how to submit your views can be found by visiting: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/blue-badge-disabled-parking-scheme-eligibility-review>

### **DEMENTIA SERVICE USER GROUP**

Wigan has recently set up a dementia service user group for people living with dementia to have a voice and we are looking for people living with dementia to join this group.

Within the group, we talk about issues that are important to you enabling people to influence decision making in relation to health and social care provision for people living with dementia so that we can have services that people want and need. Members have said how much they enjoy attending; how it has built their confidence and sometimes even helped members to come to terms with a diagnosis through others in a similar situation to themselves.

In some other groups across Greater Manchester, people with a diagnosis (and sometimes their carers) have been involved in focus groups around particular issues such as support on diagnosis but also some members have also been keen to get involved in media work such as appearing in the local press, being interviewed for BBC radio and also the Alzheimer's Society Magazine. There is a film of YouTube about a recently event we held where we brought people living with dementia from every borough across GM to put challenges to the GM Mayor Andy Burnham as he has lots of power over decisions that impact people's lives such as transport, housing, emergency services, health and social care services. He is also keen to carry on the work of the MP Jo Cox around social isolation and loneliness which many people living with dementia experience. You can find this film if you search for 'Making Greater Manchester Dementia Friendly-a discussion with the Mayor Andy Burnham. Most of those people with a diagnosis that appear in this film are working with me.

If you know if people living with dementia who would be interested in joining the group could you please let me know and I will contact them or please feel free to pass on my contact details: 01942 404251 or [liz.fisher@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:liz.fisher@wigan.gov.uk)

### **SMALL CHARITY BIG IMPACT AWARDS LAUNCHED**

Highlight your charity's impact to win an award and prize package

Small charities and community groups around the country carry out vital work but in many cases people are not aware of their impact.

Through the FSI Small Charity Big Impact Awards, small charities and community groups can highlight the work and the impact they make on a local, national and international level.

The awards will celebrate the impact of five charities in the following categories:

- Charity with an annual income under £50,000
- Charity with an annual income between £50,001 - £150,000
- Charity with an annual income between £150,001 - £250,000
- Charity with an annual income between £250,001 - £500,000
- Charity with an annual income between £500,001 - £1.5 million

Winning organisations will benefit from:

- A film of each organisation provided by the FSI highlighting their work and impact
- One day's Impact Audit carried out by the FSI, which has a value of £650 and will support charities to identify areas where they are performing well, and areas to focus on to improve impact planning, measurement, evaluation and management.
- Two development sessions for the charity's CEO which will include leadership and marketing.
- Recognition for the charity's valuable work and impact made to current and new supporters.

How to enter

Simply fill out the short application form and send a high-resolution photo.

Entries must be submitted by **Friday 23 March 2018**.

Winners will be charities that:

- Have delivered a high impact through their services and programmes in the past 24 months
- Show there is a planning process around impact
- Demonstrate their impact internally and externally

For further information and to enter, visit: <http://smallcharityweek.com/small-charity-big-impact-day/>

### **WIGAN INFIRMARY TO GET 100 MORE CAR PARK SPACES**

The number of parking spaces at Wigan Infirmary is to be increased by almost 100 this spring. Work to increase the number of spaces has begun at the Wigan Lane site with 20 new ones due to be available this March and a further 72 available by May. An extra 20 spaces will be outside the Christopher Home building.

WWL says it understands that some patients have to attend hospital regularly, which can be costly. The Trust has developed a number of sympathetic concessions which include: any oncology patient who attends for frequent regular treatment; and any patients attending clinics for a minimum of one day a week for an extensive period.

Visitors of patients hospitalised for more than two weeks, will be offered free parking for the remainder of the patient's stay from day 15 onwards. And patients attending the Cancer Care Centre also benefit from dedicated parking spaces.

### **NEW ELECTRONIC SYSTEM FOR WASTE PERMITS AT RECYCLING CENTRES**

Residents who use a trailer or van to take items to one of the three recycling centres across Wigan Borough will soon be able to download and print their own permit within hours under a new online permit scheme. The scheme will launch in April when residents will be able to download a permit at any time of the day.

For more information about visiting the household recycling centres visit [www.wigan.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.wigan.gov.uk/recycling)

### **ACT FOR TV COURSE**

\*\* Bespoke Act For TV Course Held by Industry Professionals at The Way Theatre/Studio \*\*

Includes some great benefits and is being held over 10 weeks starting in March!

For more information please contact [elisew101@outlook.com](mailto:elisew101@outlook.com)

### **LOCAL BANDS BATTLE IT OUT FOR SPOT AT FESTIVAL**

Community group, Strike a Chord, are calling for local bands to battle it out for a place in the next RocknStroll festival.

The festival will be held in Lilford Park on Saturday 14th July but hopeful bands will need to enter the competition before the deadline on Friday 16th March.

Wigan Council part-funded last year's event, awarding money to Strike a Chord from Brighter Borough and the Community Investment Fund and the local authority is keen to support the festival again this year for its community spirit.

Bevan Thompson and David Dubois, founders of Strike a Chord, are encouraging bands from schools and colleges across the borough to send them videos to enter the competition. Successful submissions will then be invited to attend the final, which will take place on Saturday 19th May in the Masonic Hall, Leigh, where bands will perform before the judges choose their favourite to play at the festival.

If you or your child is part of a school or college band, they can submit a video of their band playing to [david@rocknstroll.org.uk](mailto:david@rocknstroll.org.uk) including the name of the band, where they are based and which school or college the band members attend.

### **ARTIST'S EXHIBITION INVOLVES THE WHOLE COMMUNITY**

If you could create anything at all, how would you make your mark on your town? This is the question asked by Wigan-based artist, Jess Rotherham, who is calling for her whole community to explore their artistic flair as part of a new visual project.

Jess, 25, is one of eight artists-in-residence as part of Wigan Council's Imago programme and is leading on the project 'Ideas for a town', which encourages the local community to take ownership of the places that they live through art.

Members of the public can sculpt, draw or write about their ideas before handing them into their local library or taking a photograph and uploading to the project blog. All submissions will then be included in Jess' open exhibition from 10th March in Wigan Library.

Sculpture packs can be picked up from the Grand Arcade or Wigan Library's mezzanine, which have all the materials needed including a backdrop, clay and figurines. There have been more than 60 submissions so far with ideas such as a tower of pies, a brick maze and even a spaceship.

For those who would like to work with Jess directly on their submission, there will be a free drop-in workshop on Monday 19th February suitable for all ages at the Museum of Wigan Life, 11 am-12:30 pm.

Alternatively, visit the project blog at [www.ideasfortown.tumblr.com](http://www.ideasfortown.tumblr.com) for more information or to submit your ideas.

### **SCRIPTWRITING COMPETITION OPEN FOR ENTRIES**

Budding scriptwriters are being invited to put their creative skills to the test by entering a competition.

Writers in the Leigh, Atherton and Tyldesley area over the age of 16 will be able to send in their 10-15 minute scripts for the ScriptShop Shield contest.

The top six scripts will be performed on stage with cash prizes on offer for the top three. There is a £2 entry fee competition with the deadline for entries set for May 31.

The event is being run by Tyldesley Creative Writers and Leigh and Atherton Writers. For more information and to get an entry form visit [www.tyldesleycreativewriters.weebly.com](http://www.tyldesleycreativewriters.weebly.com) or contact Mary on 07905729819.

Written submissions will not be considered.

### **THE HERBERT PROTOCOL SCHEME LAUNCHED IN GREATER MANCHESTER TO HELP PEOPLE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA WHO GO MISSING**

A scheme to help protect people living with dementia has been launched in Greater Manchester.

The Herbert Protocol, which is being rolled out across the country, is a form which carers and family members fill in with useful information that could help police officers track a vulnerable person if they go missing. The form, which will be stored in a safe and easily accessible place- either in electronic form or printed- will include locations they are likely to visit, their medication, general routines, a description and recent photo

Marion Coleman, dementia friendly communities co-ordinator for Alzheimer's Society in Greater Manchester, added: "We are delighted that GMP is introducing the Herbert Protocol. "People with dementia are particularly vulnerable if they go missing from a care home or another familiar setting.

"They may be trying to find their way back to their home or somewhere else from their past life that they have happy memories of but can quickly become confused and completely lost. "These new measures will really help police to act quickly to find someone who has gone missing and hopefully minimise the distress this can result in for the individual and their family."

The form, which should be readily available day or night, has proved to be successful in other police forces such as Cheshire.

Anyone interested in filling out a form can visit [www.gmp.police.uk/Herbert](http://www.gmp.police.uk/Herbert)  
Officers will only ask for the form, or the information on it, if the person is reported missing.

For advice or information about dementia visit [www.alzheimers.org.uk](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk) or find your nearest office at <http://bit.ly/2zyFZrd>.

### **CHARITY AWARDS 2018**

The Charity Awards provides charities of all shapes and sizes with a window to showcase their efforts and the impact they have made.

The Charity Awards is a national scheme that aims to celebrate the achievements and characteristics of charities of all sizes

Awards are given out in the 10 categories below and an overall winner is chosen from the winners of each category.

- Arts, culture and heritage
- Campaigning and advocacy
- Children and youth
- Disability
- Education and training
- Environment and conservation
- Grantmaking and funding
- Healthcare and medical research
- International Aid and development
- Social care, advice and support

Entrants are assessed on 6 hallmarks of excellence:

- Outcomes and effectiveness
- Value for money
- Innovation
- Sustainability
- Replicability and scalability
- Best practice

All UK registered charities are eligible to enter - although they recommend that newer charities should make sure they have a clear track record of the Hallmarks of Excellence before they apply. Partnership projects are also eligible to apply.

For further information and to apply, visit: <https://charityawards.co.uk/2018-awards/>

Application deadline: **Friday 23 February 2018**

### **IT'S TIME TO CLEAN UP THE COUNTRY**

The nation's biggest tidy-up, the Great British Spring Clean, is just five weeks away.

Over the weekend of 2-4 March 2018, join thousands of others taking part and help clear up the rubbish that lies around us.

Whether you're planning to go at it alone, or join in with one of the hundreds of organised events across the country, register today for the Great British Spring Clean and together we can make a difference.

Full details at [http://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean?utm\\_source=KBT\\_General&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=GBSC18\\_260118\\_KBT\\_General](http://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean?utm_source=KBT_General&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=GBSC18_260118_KBT_General)

### **FREE FITNESS PASS FOR ARMED FORCES FAMILIES IN FEBRUARY**

We have just linked up with the Pelican Centre, Castle Street Tyldesley to offer a free fitness pass for members of the Armed Forces and their families in February.

This is a pilot project for us and if it is successful we would like to make this into a permanent offer.

Referrals only through Shoulder to Soldier at [info@shouldertosoldier.org.uk](mailto:info@shouldertosoldier.org.uk) to take advantage of this offer  
Any queries contact 07515 892720

### **DO YOU WANT TO BE CHEERLEADER?**

To join our teams who compete around the UK or even just learn how to perform and take part in local events.

Gemstone Cheerleading has classes for all ages from 2 years plus.

Whether you're a beginner or advanced we have teams to suit all.

Contact us for more info Head Coach Lydia-07802417516 [Gemstonecheerleading@gmail.com](mailto:Gemstonecheerleading@gmail.com)

### **BEYOND WIGAN PIER - THE MUSICAL**

This is totally original!!

A World's first.....a fully inclusive, place centred, community musical, written by, performed by, and starring a NORTHERN TOWN - Wigan!!

One night only - **27th April 2018**

Take a look at our Facebook page....."Beyond Wigan Pier-the Musical" for more information...

The only way to get a ticket, is to donate to our crowd funding site (Just click on the link below)

<http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/beyond-wigan-pier-1>

There are only 900 tickets, and they're moving fast....once they are gone....THEY ARE GONE!!

### **LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

ACE Adult Community Education Ltd.

Market Street, Wigan O1942 829321

Lord Street, Leigh O1942 262890

- Convenient town centre locations accessible by public transport and taxis.
- Competitively priced.
- Quality service delivered by qualified tutors and learning support workers.

- Opportunity to achieve ASDAN accredited qualifications - Skills for Life and Skills for Employment.
- Places available across the week: morning / afternoon / full day (9.30am-4pm).
- Person centred service with a range of fun and exciting activities!

### **MOVING MORE OFTEN**

A training programme for people interested in promoting physical activity

- Do you care for, support or work with people on a paid or voluntary basis?
- Would you like to help people improve their well being and quality of life?
- Could you help motivate people to become more physically active?
- Would you like to assist people in retaining their independence?

Moving More Often is part of a national training programme designed to promote physical activity, independence and well being. Moving More Often training will enable you to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to engage frailer older people or adults with additional support needs to become more physically active.

After completing the training course, you will be supported to provide a range of safe, effective and appropriate activities, games, walking and everyday physical activity opportunities.

The next date for the Moving More Often Course is 14th March at Hindley Leisure Centre 9 am – 3 pm. If you or anyone else is interested in the training please contact Gill Healey on 01942 886802 or email [Gill.Healey@ihlmail.org](mailto:Gill.Healey@ihlmail.org)

### **WOMAN ZONE**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018 Leigh Town Hall Square

Are you part of a local Charitable, Voluntary Organisation, Not For Profit Organisation or Community Group, whose main purpose is to improve the lives of Women and Girls or Families?

Leigh & District Soroptimist Club are organising this Woman Zone Event to showcase the wide variety of services available to help Women and Girls and Families in the Leigh area.

To take part in this free event and publicise your services please contact us by email to register your interest: [soropleigh@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:soropleigh@yahoo.co.uk)

### **NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2018**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 4 pm – 8 pm Wigan & Leigh College Parsons Walk Wigan

The event is an opportunity to promote the housing and construction industry and the employment opportunities available, most importantly via Apprenticeships. We will also be looking for live opportunities to be available for people to apply for, and we will host some CEIAG support for potential candidates. As for last year we will be looking for pledges from partners to offer ongoing support and opportunities and will be tracking the impact of these over the coming year.

We will have a space for an introductory presentation that will run 3 times through the event; a space for interactive practical activity; and a market place.

We will start promoting the event in the next week or with an Eventbrite page to book on, but we need to start collecting details now of who will be hosting stalls etc.

So ..... my ask to you all is.....

- Confirm if you will require a stall at the event
- If you require a stall, provide any details of your requirements (eg access to power)
- Confirm if you will have live opportunities to apply for on the night – what sector, how many
- Promote the event to partners in your supply chain and encourage them to be part of the marketplace

If you could confirm the above by **Friday 16th February** to Beth Locke on [b.locke@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:b.locke@wigan.gov.uk) we would be very grateful to enable us to plan for numbers.

### **TIME TO CASH IN OLD TENNERS**

Old £10 notes must be spent by 1 March 2018 when they stop being legal tender, this is after the introduction of the polymer version in September 2017. However, the old notes can be ex-changed at the Bank after that date. The £10 banknote, is the first Bank of England note with a tactile feature to help blind and partially-sighted users.

### **DO YOU NEED A SPACE FOR A MEETING?**

Hindley Library & Community Centre, First Avenue, Hindley WN2 3EB

Crisp CIC is offering a welcoming; warm, friendly spaces for

- Community Groups
- Presentations
- Craft Groups
- Exercise Sessions
- One to One's
- Drop In's
- Office Space

All rooms fitted with 50-60" HD TV's fully accessible for HDMI and Laptops

2 Rooms seating 12; 1 seating 6

For more details contact 01942 255287 or email [info@crispcic.co.uk](mailto:info@crispcic.co.uk)

### **PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST**

The twinning association in Angers organises a photographic contest between its twin towns. It's a good opportunity to show what you like about your city and above all, you can win a trip to Angers between the 25th and 27th May 2018!

Tell a story about your town in 10 pictures. Capture the story in an original or even funny way. PLEASE BE CAREFUL! The aim of the competition isn't to create a touristic documentary! The story must be lively and entertaining.

Young people aged over 18. It is important to underline that participants must be amateur photographers and not professionals. You can however, be a member of a photography club

Period of taking and editing photos and videos:

- From the 1st of December 2017 to the 10th of March 2018.

Photos and videos will be sent to the AAJ, by the 15th of March 2018 at the very latest. Please send all entries to the following email address: [asso@angersjumelages.fr](mailto:asso@angersjumelages.fr)

If there are more than 5 entrants (per town), the AAJ will choose the best 5. Photos will be chosen based upon technical criteria and also, the originality of the story. Photos must be copyright free, with a resolution of: 3508x49612480x3508 (300DPI).

Full details from Martin Pouvreau Ambassador from Angers Direct line: 01942 489 193  
E Mail [angers@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:angers@wigan.gov.uk)

### **FANCY A TRIP TO ANGERS ? THEN PLAN AHEAD AND SAVE THE DATE**

Wigan and Angers will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Twinning between the two towns next year. We are proposing to take a trip to France to honour the occasion from Thursday 6th – Wednesday 12th September 2018 – the same dates as the annual Accroche-coeurs street festival.

If you have never been to our beautiful twin town – please consider registering your interest and joining us on the trip – individuals, groups and organisations welcome. If you have already visited Angers – then maybe you will want to renew your contacts and make a return visit. Also please pass this information on to your friends. Thank you.

Visit our website [www.wiganangers.co.uk](http://www.wiganangers.co.uk) to find details of the itinerary, cost and booking forms. Or ring Phil Hasler on 01942 215412 – for further information.

### **CYBER CRIME**

The first link to the National Cyber Security Centre provides a host of downloadable pdfs dealing with things from protecting your passwords, to cyber security for small businesses, to managing information risk:

[https://clicktime.symantec.com/a/1/LoOYQ\\_OuXtF0msWrsH-3dj4qi7zKBvhoostlg2hVcvM=?d=y5ZSZqgdq5oGYQXnlkQu7CnBo5KnDSt2O\\_ms\\_rbts84yu8r\\_q5CQX8vk6ZTa833Z1tUrieJeVBU\\_YfQEsRKqTaR-ZUuQq6U0Nng0Qf-eKyaVkv2\\_X8XF\\_C1n9hqfheTcMLvxAdL5GoIMA46LpPWxzS9Oe99\\_s-Tj\\_30IjB1pNd\\_EGzZpeNr9beQPVTgYaccqLFx87Tt-Bp\\_fDNI9Pn4D1kt5zDVfD2CSGQRXULwytr61tHwu43ppVj3CYumwJhJqrylk2SZbwAXVKS03jCgwAxJ3nSe2Yh6tH3TlhZLb\\_qnqUaLMV--XFmX-dNh2rUphHJMnz0uab00eUxySDTtbBwa5QwqcHdEjQaxGhXTjdgDFS5olegKoDfQd462ZfF8QEh0-zg--HB86YaVnzH0o1uHoFXHPmjGmSE%3D&u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ncsc.gov.uk%2Finformation%2Finfograp hics-ncsc](https://clicktime.symantec.com/a/1/LoOYQ_OuXtF0msWrsH-3dj4qi7zKBvhoostlg2hVcvM=?d=y5ZSZqgdq5oGYQXnlkQu7CnBo5KnDSt2O_ms_rbts84yu8r_q5CQX8vk6ZTa833Z1tUrieJeVBU_YfQEsRKqTaR-ZUuQq6U0Nng0Qf-eKyaVkv2_X8XF_C1n9hqfheTcMLvxAdL5GoIMA46LpPWxzS9Oe99_s-Tj_30IjB1pNd_EGzZpeNr9beQPVTgYaccqLFx87Tt-Bp_fDNI9Pn4D1kt5zDVfD2CSGQRXULwytr61tHwu43ppVj3CYumwJhJqrylk2SZbwAXVKS03jCgwAxJ3nSe2Yh6tH3TlhZLb_qnqUaLMV--XFmX-dNh2rUphHJMnz0uab00eUxySDTtbBwa5QwqcHdEjQaxGhXTjdgDFS5olegKoDfQd462ZfF8QEh0-zg--HB86YaVnzH0o1uHoFXHPmjGmSE%3D&u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ncsc.gov.uk%2Finformation%2Finfograp hics-ncsc)

### **DATA PROTECTION: GDPR HOTLINE**

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has launched a dedicated advice line to help small organisations prepare for a new data protection law.

The phone service is aimed at people running small businesses or charities and recognises the particular problems they face getting ready for the new law, called the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

The GDPR replaces the current Data Protection Act and comes into force on 25th May 2018.

Regulated by the ICO, the GDPR strengthens the rules around personal data and requires organisations to be more accountable and transparent. It also gives people greater control over their own personal data.

There are already resources on the ICO website (<https://ico.org.uk/>) to help organisations employing fewer than 250 people prepare for the GDPR. But the new phone line will offer additional, personal advice to small organisations that still have questions.

People from small organisations should dial the ICO helpline on 0303 123 1113 and select option 4 to be diverted to staff who can offer support.

As well as advice on preparing for the GDPR, callers can also ask questions about current data protection rules and other legislation regulated by the ICO including electronic marketing and Freedom of Information.

In addition to the new phone service, the ICO has also announced plans to simplify its popular “12 steps to take now” graphic in response to calls from small and micro businesses that they need access to targeted information about how to prepare for the GDPR.

And the ICO is revising its simple-to-use SME toolkit – a resource used by around 9,000 businesses a month since January 2016 – into a GDPR resource that will allow businesses themselves to identify gaps in their own preparation for the new law.

Organisations that have yet to begin preparing for the law change can access a range of resources on the ICO’s dedicated data protection reform web pages.

The “12 steps to take now” graphic has been viewed 73,000 times since it was updated in May and is the most downloaded document on the ICO website:

<https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1624219/preparing-for-the-gdpr-12-steps.pdf>

ICO staff have spoken at nearly 100 stakeholder events where “getting ready for the GDPR” has been a key theme and around 10,000 people have viewed sector-specific webinars highlighting GDPR issues. By the end of the year, the ICO will publish a Guide to the GDPR. It expands the content of the current overview to make it a comprehensive guide along the same lines as the current Guide to Data Protection. For further information, visit: <https://ico.org.uk/about-the-ico/news-and-events/news-and-blogs/2017/10/new-data-protection-advice-service-aimed-at-small-organisations-preparing-for-the-general-data-protection-regulation/>

### **WIGAN ROTARY CLUB COMMUNITY DAY 2018**

Many will know about the Rotary Club of Wigan sponsored Community Day. To be held in Standishgate on Saturday 7th July 2018 this will be the 5th year of this event and is an opportunity for charities and local good causes to promote their cause, recruit volunteers and members, raise funds, sell merchandise to the many thousands of people who will be in Wigan on that date.

All this at no cost to the organisation!

If organisations would like information on the event can they send an email with the words 'CD info reqd' to [mervyn.reeves@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:mervyn.reeves@blueyonder.co.uk)

### **THE “SILVER LINE “**

Silver Line is the only National FREE & CONFIDENTIAL HELPLINE for older people, the number is 0800 470 8090 and it is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week and 365 days per year.

The helpline offers, information, advice & services, there is no question too big, no problem too small and there is now no need for older people to feel alone any more.

More than half of people over the age of 75 live alone with 1 in 10 suffering intense loneliness, the Silver Line offers you someone to talk to, a friendly voice that will treat your call with the strictest confidence and gives you the opportunity to share how you are feeling and this can open the world up for you.

In addition to the HELPLINE, Silver Line offers, Telephone Friendship, regular exchange of letters through their Silver Letters scheme, to join other people of a similar age and become a member of Silver circles, information opportunities through their Silver Line Connects service.

Check the scheme out on [www.thesilverline.org.uk](http://www.thesilverline.org.uk)

### **HANDY PERSONS SERVICE FROM AGE UK WIGAN BOROUGH**

Need some support doing odd jobs around the house? Our Handy Persons Service may be the place to turn to. With our experienced and helpful staff along with a competitively priced service, no job is too small:-

- Installing grab rails and hand rails
- Making bespoke steps for easier access in and out of your property
- Hanging pictures, blinds, curtain rails etc
- Building flat pack furniture or moving furniture round the house
- Installation of Keysafes
- And much more

Ring our friendly team for further information or call at the office to discuss further  
Visit: 68, Market Street, Wigan Call 01942 241972

### **LEAN ON ME**

Is a new independent advocacy service from Wigan Churches Association for Family Welfare  
It offers short term support to over 18's.

For more information ring 01942 867888 or visit the office at St Catherine's House in Scholes

### **BOOK A PLACE ON ANY OF OUR NEW WEEKEND WALKS**

We have a variety of walks across the borough, perfect for exploring the amazing green spaces Wigan and Leigh has to offer. Get the exercise and fresh air your body needs. We have a variety of walks across the borough, perfect for exploring the amazing green spaces Wigan and Leigh has to offer. Get the exercise and fresh air your body needs....

Keep an eye on our Facebook page @getactiveoutdoors for all the walks being added in the events section.  
You can book at [www.inspiringhealthylifestyles.org](http://www.inspiringhealthylifestyles.org) or turn up on the day

Lilford Park (fortnightly) Saturday - 9:30 am  
Amberswood Nature Reserve (fortnightly) Saturday - 9:30 am  
Pennington Flash (fortnightly) Saturday - 9:30 am  
Haigh Woodland Park (fortnightly) Saturday - 9:30 am

### **WORKING BETTER BY WORKING TOGETHER**

Progressive policy think tank, IPPR North, has recently published a report on civil society support in the north of England. Based on interviews with a range of VCSE infrastructure organisations – including GMCVO – the findings are very interesting and conclude there is a need for a more joined up approach across public, private and voluntary sectors.

To read the report in full <https://www.ippr.org/research/publications/civil-society-support-in-the-north-of-england>

### **INFORMATION FOR LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE FW: CHARITY COMMISSION USER RESEARCH**

Please could you pass on this request? May also be worth signing up as they do consult over things we care about e.g. coming up now seem to be consultations about their complaints system and their advice on closing charities

The Charity Commission would like to build on its bank of people working in charities who would be willing to be consulted over research/user testing.

If you are willing to take part please complete the Survey with your details.

The contact details in case you want to contact her directly -Rachael Silcock Lead User Researcher

0300 065 1724 | e: [rachael.silcock@charitycommission.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:rachael.silcock@charitycommission.gsi.gov.uk) w: [www.gov.uk/charity-commission](http://www.gov.uk/charity-commission)

### **NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR QUEEN'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE 2019**

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS) is the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK to recognise outstanding work done in their own communities. It is the MBE for volunteer groups.

Nominations for voluntary groups in Greater Manchester reached a new record UK high in September 2017 of 49 groups. These groups have since been visited and assessed by Deputy Lieutenant's. Their reports and citations are in the process of being submitted to the QAVS team in London with a formal announcement of winners on 2nd June 2018.

New nominations for outstanding voluntary groups in Greater Manchester are now being encouraged which can be made at any time between now and midnight on 14th September 2018 for awards to be made in 2019.

The QAVS nominations fall into one of 14 categories and any group doing volunteer work that provides a social, economic or environmental service to the local community can be nominated for the award. Each group is assessed on the benefit it brings to the local community and its standing within that community.

Guidance notes can be found on the government website; <https://qavs.direct.gov.uk>

### **GM POVERTY ACTION NEWSLETTER: PRINCIPAL PARTNERS SCHEME; RENTERS FORUM; NEW END CHILD POVERTY FIGURES; FUEL POVERTY AWARENESS; UNIVERSAL CREDIT & GM LIVING WAGE**

In the latest newsletter Greater Manchester Poverty Action(GMPA) are asking if your organisation might be interested in joining with their new Principal Partners to support the work of GMPA?

Also in the newsletter is a brief introduction to End Child Poverty's new report and the detailed data they have compiled; information about Citizens Advice Manchester's Fuel Poverty Awareness training; further comment on Universal Credit, the regular GM Living Wage Campaign column and details about a number of forthcoming events including the Manchester Renters' Forum meeting in March.

<https://www.manchestercommunitycentral.org/sites/manchestercommunitycentral.co.uk/files/GMPA%20Newsletter%20January%2031st%2C%202018.pdf>

### **END CHILD POVERTY COALITION:**

#### **MORE THAN HALF OF CHILDREN NOW LIVING IN POVERTY IN SOME PARTS OF THE UK**

The End Child Poverty coalition has published figures providing a new child poverty map of the UK. The new figures reveal that there are now constituencies within the UK where more than half of children are growing up in poverty – compared to one in ten, in the areas with the lowest child poverty rates.

The figures also show that some of the most deprived areas of the UK have seen the biggest increases in child poverty since the coalition's last local child poverty figures for December 2015.

Increases of 10 percentage points in some areas demonstrate the growing crisis of child poverty in the UK.

As price rises risk pushing ever larger numbers of children below the poverty line, the coalition is calling on the Chancellor to end the freeze on children's benefits – currently in place until the end of the decade – so that families no longer see living standards squeezed as prices rise.

The local child poverty estimates are broken down by parliamentary constituency, local authority and ward. Child poverty is the highest in large cities, particularly in London, Birmingham and Manchester. Among the twenty parliamentary constituencies with the highest levels of childhood poverty, seven are located in London, three in Birmingham, and three in Manchester. The Manchester Gorton constituency has the 5th highest child poverty rate in the UK at 47.97% and Manchester Central has a rate of 47.5% against a UK average of 27%.

Since the introduction of the benefit freeze, the coalition of charities, faith groups and unions has warned that as prices rise, low income families would find it increasingly hard to pay for the same basic essentials. 'It is scandalous that a child born in some parts of the UK now has a greater chance of growing up in poverty, than being in a family above the breadline', said Sam Royston, Chair of End Child Poverty and Director of Policy and Research at the Children's Society. 'There can be little doubt that the Government's policy of maintaining the benefits freeze despite rising prices is a major contributor to the emerging child poverty crisis.'

To read the full report and use the interactive poverty map, visit the End Child Poverty Coalition website

#### **NEW EDITION OF GMCVO HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE E-BULLETIN NOW AVAILABLE**

The bulletin contains a roundup of all the latest news relating to the Health and Social Care Devolution agenda together with information about related events, reports, funding opportunities and surveys.

To have a copy delivered directly to your inbox every Thursday morning, please subscribe to this mailing via the following link [www.gmcvo.org.uk/health-and-social-care-devolution](http://www.gmcvo.org.uk/health-and-social-care-devolution).

#### **A RADICAL TRANSFORMATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES IS NEEDED - NEW RESEARCH FROM THE KING'S FUND**

Growing financial and workforce pressures are having an impact on the ability of community service providers to meet the needs of the population and to make a reality of the vision set out in the NHS Five Year Forward View.

Community services are often fragmented and poorly co-ordinated, and are frequently not well integrated with other services in the community. This results in duplication as well as gaps between teams delivering care.

There is a great deal of innovative work going on across the NHS and beyond to improve community-based care. This is mainly happening through innovative projects rather than system-wide transformations in care delivery. A radical transformation of community services is needed, making use of all the assets in each local community wherever these are to be found, breaking down silos between services and reducing fragmentation in service delivery.

Reimagining Community Services, a new The King's Fund publication, followed research to understand the current state of community services and to explore how the health and care system needs to change to enable these services to meet the needs of the population now and in the future.

A copy of the report, together with further background information and a video by one of the authors, are all available on The King's Fund website:

<https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/community-services-assets>

### **CHARITY COMMISSION SEEKS USABILITY TESTING VOLUNTEERS**

The Commission is currently developing a number of digital services and, in order to identify where improvements can be made, is seeking to recruit people to help develop our services, test website content and complete tasks.

Whether you are a newly registered charity with the Commission, or have been using their services for a while, they would be very happy to hear from you.

Please register your interest at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/USERRE> if you would like to take part