

## Opening of new Gedling CVS Hub!

The opening of the new Gedling CVS hub went screamingly on the Saturday before Halloween, with a pumpkin design competition, crafts, cakes and teas and orange drinks for the children, as well as face painting and spooky music.

Conveniently situated on the ground floor for maximum accessibility, the new hub will act as a reception for the GCVS and act as a resource centre providing information on a wide range of topics, including volunteering and other opportunities for getting involved in the wider community.

Patrick Nelson of Expand Business Centre kindly performed the opening ceremony. There has been tremendous support for this venture from a range of individuals and local tradespeople, but we would specifically like to acknowledge all the de- and re-construction work carried out by volunteers Moz and Charlie.

The winner of the pumpkin design competition, chosen by Sarah Forecast, was Erin Ramsden.

The Community Hub will be open Monday-Friday 9am-4pm. We will be holding a work club (where you can get advice about applying for jobs, writing CVs and applications, and also access the internet for job searches) as well as providing information about all types of local voluntary groups and other local opportunities.

The Hub will also provide printing from your own memory stick, black & white and colour photocopying, spiral binding, faxing, laminating (A5, A4 and A3), mailbox service for organisations/groups, as well as access to our local information database. We can also design, copy and post out your flyers/letters.



*Pam Wisher and Patrick Nelson at the opening of the Hub*



Season's  
Greetings!

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## NAVCA Published Open Public Services Consultation Response



NAVCA has published its response to the government's Open Public Services White Paper, which sets out the government's plans to reform public services. The government sees it as part of their Big Society agenda. They believe it hands power to communities and ends the top-down 'government knows best' approach. Critics have called the plans "back-door privatisation". Read the article in full at

<http://digbig.com/5bfdgt>

[Source: NAVCA Linx 193 6.10.11]

## The Consequences of Localism

In a piece for the Centre for Charity Effectiveness, Hilary Barnard offers his personal view of the consequences of the government's localism policies and legislation in England for third sector organisations. Aimed mainly at senior staff and board members, he advocates engagement to retain the best of national frameworks and standards whilst enabling sector initiatives to meet local need. Download 'Whose Localism?' (PDF 85KB) from <http://digbig.com/5bfdgw>



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Further to Hilary Barnard's article you may like to read the plain English version of the Localism Act, which was passed by Parliament. You can read about it at this short link <http://digbig.com/5bfdgx> [Source: Vol Resource 492]

## Unevenness in Voluntary Sector Activity



The Third Sector Research Centre published a paper at a recent Researching the Voluntary Sector Conference. The paper entitled 'Voluntary sector organisations working at the neighbourhood level in England: patterns by local area deprivation' - the first to examine nationally representative data to illustrate the very real geographical differences across England. It can be found at <http://digbig.com/5bfdgy>

## Why Staff Join and Leave The Voluntary Sector

theguardian

From the Researching the Voluntary Sector Conference, this time an article on The Guardian's Voluntary Sector Network blog. Research fellow Alasdair Rutherford looks at the makeup of workers moving in and out of the voluntary sector.

[Source: Voluntary Resource, 22.9.11]



## Bill of Rights

In March the Government established a Commission on a Bill of Rights to investigate the creation of a UK Bill of Rights. They launched a discussion paper 'Do we need a UK Bill of Rights?' to gather the views of the public and of organisations. Read the discussion paper at <http://digbig.com/5bfdha> A report is due on the consultation by the end of 2012. [Source: Linx 192, August 2011]

## Gedling Caribbean Elders Celebrated Black History Month

Gedling Caribbean Elders meets monthly and is facilitated by Gedling CVS. After 5 years of activity, they are considering becoming a community group in their own right. Currently there are around 40 members over the age of 60 years, coming from Gedling Borough and neighbouring areas of Nottingham.



For Black History Month, members brought with them objects which had personal stories from a time when they were younger or arriving in Nottingham or arriving in the UK. Others read poems and writings about the rules of cricket, settling down, Barbadian Proverbs and the legacy of African Caribbean History in the UK. This link <http://digbig.com/5bfaxh> takes you to a poem by Benjamin Zephaniah called the "The Men from Jamaica are settling down". Barbadian/Bajan Proverbs such as "Dead man can't run from 'e coffin" had us scratching our heads to find meanings. This one means - It is impossible to run from your responsibilities. Read more at <http://digbig.com/5bfaxj>

## Cornwater Club's 10th Anniversary

This friendship club for older people has now been going for 10 years, and is going from strength to strength! So, how did they celebrate? They had a party of course! Over 90 guests including members, staff, volunteers and VIPs, including Mark Spencer MP and the Mayor of Gedling, Patricia Andrews helped them to mark this special occasion.

Dr Peter Rose, Chairman of the Cornwater Club gave a speech outlining the history from the initial pilot schemes in 2001 to the present day. From the little acorn, that was the pilot scheme, has grown not only the Cornwater Club, but the Thursday Club, Friends of Ravenshead Day Centre (our fundraising arm) and the Cornwater Club Charity Shop. There to witness all the many changes have been six original members, five of whom attended the party; Beryl Hind, Lynn White, Rita Grace, Jean Grimshaw and Evelyn Christmas. Margaret Atkiss, the sixth member was unable to attend the party.



Mark Spencer MP, who led the toast and cut our celebratory cake, said "Ravenshead is a unique community because so many people are prepared to give their time for the benefit of others. As part of that, the Cornwater Club has demonstrated the Big Society in action for a decade and you should be proud of your achievement". Here's to the next 10 years!

Did you know we can use 'Community Eye' to circulate **your** publicity to our readers. If you have something to circulate please contact the office to find out more about the charges. Telephone **0115 987 1981** or email [admin@gedlingcvs.org.uk](mailto:admin@gedlingcvs.org.uk)

# Gedling CVS News

## Hellos and Goodbyes

Gedling CVS welcomes new staff to the organisation: **Paula Mason** is a new volunteer who has been helping put together our newsletter. **Josey Rann, Edwina Coleman, Marilyn Smith** have joined us recently as a **Frontline Services Volunteer**. **Brian Noakes** and **Claire Rintoul** were **GCVS trustees** who have both left recently, we wish them both well. **Peter MacKereth**, a Frontline Services Volunteer is leaving to take up a job in London. **Dave Thomas** has joined us as Volunteer Development Worker while **Sonia Lane** is going to cover for Martha Highton, Community Development Worker, at Calverton Children's Centre who is going on maternity leave. **Angela Brown, Befriending Co-ordinator** has been off work for several months recovering from an operation and we hope she will soon be back with us.

## 2011 Photography Competition At Gedling CVS AGM

Councillor Mrs Sandra Barnes, Gedling Borough Council Deputy Mayor, presented prizes of certificates and cheques to the winners at the AGM held at the Newstead Community Centre. Clare Selwood of the Netherfield Eco Action Team (NEAT) won for her picture (see right) showing a "Beautify your Butt" session at Netherfield Primary School. This event was for pupils and parents to decorate their own water butts. NEAT raised funding for and purchased the water butts. The other photographs that won

were taken by Kelly Young, a parent volunteer at Calverton Children's Centre. Kelly has also put together a collage of a selection of her photographs.



Kevin Price collected the prize on behalf of Clare Selwood.

*Photo Credit Greg Foster*



Rebecca Hatto being presented with the prize on behalf of Kelly Young.

*Photo Credit Greg Foster*

## Marketing Consultancy from IBM

IBM UK is creating a marketing bureau providing pro bono consultancy to charities and the third sector, as part of their centenary celebrations.

Marketing Matters services will include workshop sessions, marketing clinics and 1:1 consultancy. More at [www-05.ibm.com/uk/marketingmatters/](http://www-05.ibm.com/uk/marketingmatters/) (The web address does look a little different but is correct)

[Source: Vol Resource 491, 8.9.11]



## Free On-line Guides to Help Get the Most Out of Computers

Digital Unite's Learning Zone provides a free online resource offering over 200 easy-to-use learner guides for people at all levels. Topics covered include getting started and how to email to using social networking sites and downloading music and films. [http://](http://learning.digitalunite.com/)

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[Source: NAVCA Linx 194]

## BT Community Web Kit

BT has tools that let voluntary and community groups build and maintain their own simple website free of charge. Go to [www.btck.co.uk](http://www.btck.co.uk) for more information.

[Source: NAVCA Linx 194]



## Co-Op Simply Series



Co-operatives UK has launched a series of advice guides for community enterprises. The guides are free and are available online at [www.uk.coop/simplyseries](http://www.uk.coop/simplyseries) and hard copies are available by ringing Co-operatives UK on **0161 246 2953**. The guides includes legal, start-up, structures,

finances and governance of community organisations. \* *A copy of the guides are available in the resource library.*

[Source: NAVCA Linx 194]

## Ready for Change

This is a FREE tool developed by Rocket Science to help organisations measure their readiness to adapt and respond to change. Rocket Science is a consultancy committed to improving the quality of life for disadvantaged individuals, groups and communities. The tool can be downloaded from [www.rocketsciencelab.co.uk](http://www.rocketsciencelab.co.uk) or contact them on **Tel: 020 7253 6289**

Source: [Fit4Funding August 2011]



Did you know you can use the **Resource Library** at Gedling CVS? We store a range of useful publications for groups to use. Its all been re-catalogued now so its even better. For more information contact us on **0115 987 1981** or email [info@gedlingcvs.org.uk](mailto:info@gedlingcvs.org.uk)

# Resources

## New VCS Learning and Skills Toolkit

The Learning and Skills Improvement Service (LSIS) has developed a new toolkit, designed to support voluntary and community organisations to respond to the literacy, language, communication and numeracy skills needs of their service users, staff and volunteers. The toolkit is aimed at VCS organisations who are not currently mainstream providers of education and training, and whose specialisms are outside the formal education sector. The toolkit provides guidance and resources to:



- Explore how literacy, language and numeracy can help people in an organisation achieve their goals
- Review an organisation's starting points, including recognising what contribution they already make to this agenda

See how this work links with other policies and priorities relevant to them. For further information and download the toolkit visit

[www.excellencegateway.org.uk/page.aspx?o=327312](http://www.excellencegateway.org.uk/page.aspx?o=327312)

[Source: One East Midlands web site 16.11.11]

## PAYROO Free Accredited Payroll Package



This is a free payroll package delivered over the Internet. Any organisation with less than 50 employees can use it free of charge. The package is HMRC accredited, comprehensive and has all the payroll functions you ever need. It has an intuitive driven menu and steps guiding you through every payroll function to help you manage your UK payroll with ease over the Internet, 24 x 7. Once you have signed up for an account over the Internet you can get your Free

Internet Payroll Star up and running in minutes.

**Excellent Free Payroo** : Payroo, pioneering cloud computing for Payroll Services, is sponsored by adverts. It enables you to enjoy this state of the art FREE INTERNET PAYROLL STAR system for up to 5000 employees conveniently from any internet point.

See: [www.payroo.com](http://www.payroo.com) [Source: Fit 4 Funding August 11]

## Everyclick

Everyclick gives people really simple new ways to raise money for the causes they care about. With the range of innovative products they've created, charities, both large and small, have an array of ways to access untapped online fundraising opportunities. For further information see:



[www.everyclick.com](http://www.everyclick.com) [Source: Fit 4 Funding August 11]

## B & Q Waste Donation Scheme



The waste donation scheme is co-ordinated in store either by the environmental champion, duty or warehouse manager who will keep a Waste Donation Form on file for interested groups. Before any materials are donated, the form must be signed by a representative of the group, and proof that you are a member of that group must be provided. This means we can donate waste materials, for example slightly damaged tins of paint, off-cuts of timber, and end of range materials, to community groups, charities and schools. For further information tel. **0845 609 6688** or see: [www.diy.com](http://www.diy.com)

# Focus on .... Newstead Enterprise Ltd

## Newstead Enterprise Ltd: The Company Developing Newstead & Annesley Country Park



Hopefully most of you got a chance to see the Village SOS BBC1 programme all about Newstead Village and the development of the Country Park. The film showed all the hard work that has gone into this project and really highlighted how much volunteer help we have had from all aspects of the community. Well done to everyone involved!



Architect Drawing of completed Visitor Centre

To help us raise funds for the Country Park we organised a two-day annual music festival called Headstock. Surplus funds from the festival will be used to help pay for the completion of the brand new eco visitors centre, a park ranger and other activities. Regular visitors to the park will have seen a few changes recently, but will have also noticed that work has slowed down.

The Headstock festival 2011 was great and we had even more people there than ever visit us. However despite increased income we still have not raised the money from the festival that we had hoped for and we are still looking for additional funding to finish the building and to get the park fully established. Watch this space for future fundraising events!

Headstock had some rave reviews in both local and regional press and here are some of the things that people said:

“Tucked away in a corner of Nottinghamshire, Newstead Village's Headstock festival has been the talk of the town for a little while. Now in its second year, the festival has grown from curious fledgling to swooping hawk.” efestivals.com

“The Miners Welfare/BBC Introducing stage had a bevy of talented acts all day (most of whom are Nottingham-based)...there was no excuse for going hungry – **Homemade** had their delicious festival spread of paella, burgers and brownies, and thanks to Charlie for his Indian inspired soups, stews and dhal for the artists and crew.”

“What's striking about Headstock is the combination of newcomers and really famous bands. **Aistaguca** are a superb live act from Nottingham playing the Musika stage with the Australian based **C.W. Stoneking** on the same bill. His riveting circus blues alongside **Tunng's** gorgeous electro-gypsy, made this a smashing line-up to rival any festival.” Left Lion



If you missed out this year, make sure you get your ticket for next year's event...or come along for free and be a festival volunteer. Go to: [www.headstockfestival.com](http://www.headstockfestival.com) or visit <http://newsteadandannesleycountrypark.com/> or like them on Facebook [www.facebook.com/groups/headstockfestival/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/headstockfestival/)

# Events diary

January 2012		
Date and Time To Be Confirmed		<b>Launch of Gedling Work Club</b> A Work Club is a place where you can meet other people who are looking for work, build new contacts, share job hunting experiences and get advice and help to find that elusive job. Venue: Gedling Community Hub, 20 Main Road, Gedling. Further information tel. Melanie Russell-Smith 0115 987 1981.
Thursday 12th	10:30 am to 2.30 pm	<b>Gedling Caribbean Elders Group.</b> Social activity for Elders including hot lunch. Cost £3 per person. Contact Laurence on <b>0115 987 1981</b>
Friday 13th	9.30am	<b>Growing Our Strengths Nottingham - Help Sector Shape Improving Outcomes for Children, Families and Young People.</b> "Growing Our Strengths" is a new initiative funded by DFE to help ensure there is a vibrant market of effective service providers able to work skillfully with vulnerable families. Venue: Nottingham Playhouse Tel: James McCarthy on <b>01923 361 876</b>
Tuesday 17th	10 am	<b>Gedling Volunteering Forum.</b> Forum for groups working with volunteers in the Gedling area. Meeting will take place at the Brickyard. Contact GCVS on <b>0115 987 1981</b>
Tuesday 17th	2 pm	<b>Nottinghamshire Voluntary Sector Older Persons Network.</b> Network for groups and organisations working with older people in the County. Contact NAVO on <b>01623 651 170</b> or visit <a href="http://www.navo.org.uk">www.navo.org.uk</a> . Venue to be confirmed.
Saturday 21st	11.00 am - 17.00 pm	<b>Friends of the Earth East Midlands Regional Gathering</b> Part of this gathering will be focused on the new climate change campaign, Final Demand. However they will also be bringing delegates up to date on other upcoming campaigns, including Bees & Biodiversity and Greener Products, giving you the opportunity to discuss the issues that interest you most. Free. Venue: NCVS, 7 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3FB Email: <a href="mailto:sara.linton@foe.co.uk">sara.linton@foe.co.uk</a> , Friends of the Earth.
February 2012		
Thursday 9th	10:30 am to 2.30 pm	<b>Gedling Caribbean Elders Group.</b> Social activity for Elders including hot lunch. Cost £3 per person. Contact Laurence on <b>0115 987 1981</b>

## Money Saving Expert Charity

The MSE Charity supports groups with grants of up to £5,000 for projects that educate people about money, debt and consumer issues, such as a project to teach squaddies about money before they leave the army, or to set up a debt support group. Projects must assist people to improve their quality of life through knowledge and understanding of how to manage and take control of their own financial situation. Groups will need to demonstrate that they have researched and assessed the need for the project. Groups must demonstrate that the project will make a significant difference to the beneficiaries so the OUTPUTS must be achievable, measurable, deliverable within budget and within a time frame and be sustainable. For existing projects with a proven success record, consideration will only be given to those that can demonstrate that funding will be used to extend the project beyond its existing boundaries in terms of the scope of project, number of beneficiaries and/or time frame. The deadline for group applications is 31 January 2012. For more information, go to [www.msecharity.com](http://www.msecharity.com)

[Source: Linx 191]



## Field Studies Council (FSC) - Kids Fund

The Kids Fund aims to bring environmental understanding to disadvantaged young people by attending a course at an FSC centre and help disadvantaged young people to attend a course who may otherwise be excluded due to some form of disadvantage - health, mobility, deprivation or financial. Groups to be eligible need be working with disadvantaged young people aged 8-18 years. They can be voluntary youth groups (either run by voluntary leaders, managed by a voluntary organisation, a registered charity) or a school group may apply if they are aiming to provide benefits which are additional to the statutory school curriculum or clearly show added value, depth and breadth to the taught curriculum. It will fund FSC Environmental Learning and Environmental Activity Courses for disadvantaged young people. Funding will normally be up to 80% of the cost of your group's course to an FSC Field Centre to a maximum of £3000. This cost includes all accommodation, food, equipment, tuition and waterproof hire costs. Full details can be found at <http://digbig.com/5bfdsn> Applications are accepted at any time. Decisions are made by the panel in February, June and October.

[Source:Fit4Funding August 11]

## Nationwide Foundation - Small Grants

Grants are made to registered UK charities which offer financial and/or housing related support to: survivors of domestic abuse, older people. If you think your charity's work might fit the above criteria please see the funding criteria/guidelines for detailed information about the types of work that they will support.

See:[www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk](http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk) Tel: 01793 655113

[Source:Fit4Funding August 11]



# Funding

## Cash4Clubs

Cash 4 Clubs offers all sports clubs in the UK the chance to win grants ranging from £250 to £1000. It is a simple scheme aimed at giving community clubs a helping hand and provide the opportunity to raise the money they need to invest in their club. See: [www.cash-4-clubs.com/](http://www.cash-4-clubs.com/)  
Email [cash4clubs@betfair.com](mailto:cash4clubs@betfair.com) for more details.

[Source: NAVCA Linx 198]



## The Village Core Programme



The Village Core Programme is a dedicated support programme for communities looking to set up and run a community-owned rural shop. It provides advisory support along with a £40,000 funding package comprised of a £20,000 grant matched with a £20,000 loan which is also matched by the equivalent community contributions. For more information, go to [www.plunkett.co.uk/whatwedo/core/Core.cfm](http://www.plunkett.co.uk/whatwedo/core/Core.cfm) or telephone **01993 810730**.

[Source: Fit4Funding Oct 11]

## Maurice Wohl Charitable Foundation

The aims for the Maurice Wohl Charitable Foundation are broad, although particular emphasis is placed on causes that support the following areas: the care, welfare and support of children (including education) the promotion of health, welfare and the advancement of medical services; the relief of poverty, indigence and distress; the care, welfare and support of the aged, infirm, handicapped and disabled; and the support of the arts. For further information telephone **020 7383 5111**.

[Source: Fit4Funding Oct 11]

## Woodward Charitable Trust

The Woodward Charitable Trust makes grants for small-scale, locally based Playschemes and general initiatives. for more information go to [www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk](http://www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk) or Tel. **020 7410 0330**.

[Source: Navca Linx 191]



## Need help with funding?

Not sure how to answer the questions? Do you want someone to read through the application before sending it off? Did you know that Gedling CVS can **help** you with your funding applications? We can advise and support you through the whole process, from looking for sources of funds to helping with more detailed work to complete the application form. For more details contact us on **0115 987 1981**





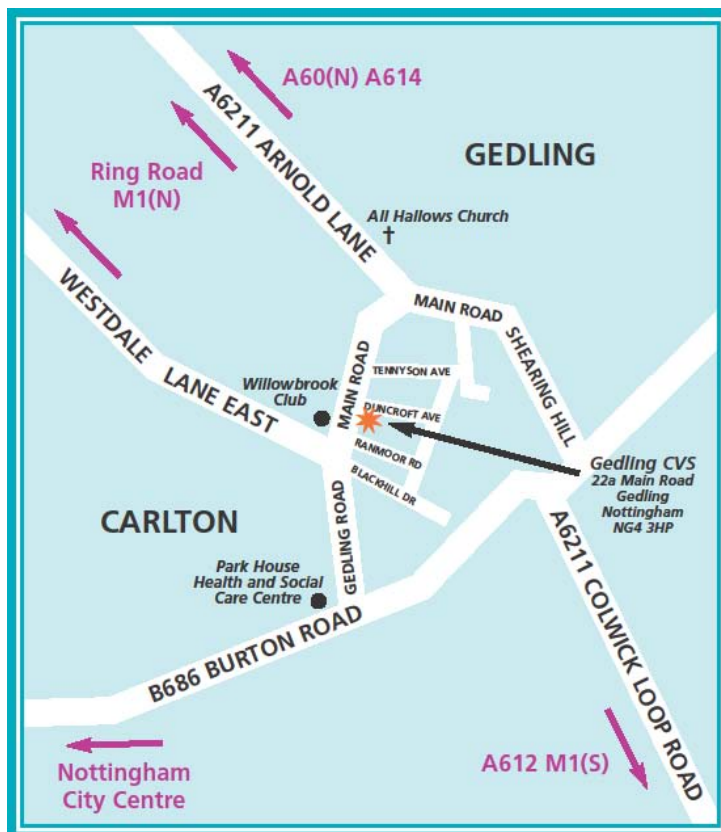
# Our organisation

Gedling Community and Voluntary Services is a non-profit making organisation, set up to assist in the promotion and development of voluntary and community activity in the district of Gedling.

If you wish to know more about any of the articles in this issue, or wish to place an article in future issues please contact Gedling CVS.

If you would like a copy of documents mentioned as available to download from the internet but you do not have internet access, please contact Gedling CVS and a paper copy can be sent to you.

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