



## Our Lancashire Update – Pendle, Ribble Valley & Blackburn – 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### Hello!

Welcome to my newsletter, which aims to keep you updated across a variety of community related opportunities and information.

### Keeping Our Community Safe

Our last Thursday afternoon Zoom of 2020; a year many will be glad to see the back of, but don't let it end any worse than it must. Make sure you're protecting yourselves and your family over the Christmas period.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/keeping-our-community-safe-at-christmas-tickets-128838725095>

### And join our Christmas (and beyond) quizzes

I'm not the only member of the Our Lancashire Team who's has a regular Zoom slot. Jonas, who looks after the lovely people of Blackpool, runs a weekly Zoom quiz and **everyone is welcome**. Currently they run on Fridays at 12pm, and they'll move to Wednesdays at 11am over the Christmas fortnight (23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> December). And in January they find a new home on Monday's at 11am. No need to book - Just join in with the below details.

<https://zoom.us/j/92545903949?pwd=RkViWUhRa0NCVmczZXRIZFp0SjBIQT09>

Meeting ID: 925 4590 3949

Passcode: JOnAs

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### Then celebrate with a song

From Our Lancashire favourites – **The Bluebirds** – as they sing us an online festive *'thank you'* featuring classics from the 40s, 50s & 60s to number ones with a modern twist.

[Register your place here](#) and join us on **Wednesday 16th December 2020, 7 - 8pm**

For more events and opportunities to get involved you can find these and other events running locally on the [Our Lancashire](#) website.

And this week we were proud to announce **Our Lancashire** have received a High Sheriffs Award in recognition of our service to the community.



*High Sheriff  
of  
Lancashire*

***Certificate of Recognition***

*during the Covid-19 pandemic  
presented to*

*Our Lancashire*

*in recognition of exceptional  
service to the community*

*Date 26<sup>th</sup> October*

*Catherine Penney*  
*High Sheriff*

# WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING ACROSS OUR AREA?

## Church on the Street

Just in case you missed it **CotS** featured on [BBC News this week](#) as they shone a light onto the often-unseen side of the pandemic, and how it's affected our poorest communities. For many of you in the VCF sector, this news report will sadly not be as shocking to you as it should be, but the Our Lancashire inbox received a flood of enquiries as to how the campaign could be supported; at the time of writing an amazing £55,000 has been donated to the [Go Fund Me](#) site, after the original church donation portal crashed under the demand!

And this week **CotS** also opened the doors to their first Charity Shop, in Barnoldswick. They don't require any more donations at this time, but you can find them on [Facebook](#) if you'd like to know more.

## HealthierLSC - Cards For Kindness Campaign

**Healthier Lancashire & South Cumbria** [have launched a new campaign](#) which asks generous-hearted people to send an extra Christmas card this year to let lonely people know that someone cares. Follow the link to find out which care homes you can support and access resources to help promote and deliver the scheme.

## Time To Read Virtual Events – Sarah Butler

**Time To Read** is a unique partnership of 22 North West Library Authorities, working together to promote reading.

Join North West author, **Sarah Butler**, author of **Jack and Bet**, to find out about her writing life and journey to publication. Whether you're a budding writer or someone who just can't get enough of new books, sign up for the first North West Novelists online event from Time to Read. **Free** tickets are available now at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/timetoread](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/timetoread).

## Our Lancashire

Our Lancashire is a Lancashire wide initiative to bring groups and communities together under the banner – "Let's Join Together" in order to make Lancashire a greater place to live, work and play. We are funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner and joining the Our Lancashire website [www.ourlancashire.org.uk](http://www.ourlancashire.org.uk) is a FREE Offer available to any not-for-profit social action group/CIC/Charity etc. running activities and events in their local community.

## Lancashire Recovery College – December Planner

Have you seen all the different activities available through **Lancashire Recovery College**? Open to anyone aged 18+, booking is easy and can be done via [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) using links in this **Planner for December 2020**. Here's just a taste of what's on offer this month;



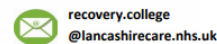
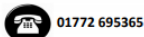
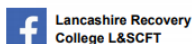
### Lancashire Recovery College Timetable



December Week 2

Sunday 6th	Monday 7th	Tuesday 8th	Wednesday 9th	Thursday 10th	Friday 11th	Saturday 12th
	BWD (online) Dementia Friendly Reminiscence 10am	Divine Days Man-archy Support Group 9:30am	N-Compass Connect 5 Session 1 9:30am	N-Compass Connect 5 Session 2 - 9:30am Session 3 - 1:30pm	BWD (Audley) MHFA 9:30am-2:30pm (2/3)	
	5 Ways to Improve Your Mental Wellbeing 10am	PNECET Sporting Memories Online 11am	Lancs Mind Suicide First Aid 9:30am - 12:30pm	BWD (Audley) MHFA: 9:30am-2:30pm (1/3)	Intro to Change Talks with Sam Tyrer 11am	Menhear Face to Face Peer Session 2pm
	PNECET Supporters Social 11am	Divine Days Man-archy Gardening Club 11am	Divine Days Man-archy 1 to 1 Befriending 10am	Finding Positives in Challenging Times 10am	PERMA - Introduction 10am	
	Coffee Pods 12:30pm	Menhear Gardening Project 1pm	BWD (Audley) Dementia Awareness 10am	PNECET: Socially Distanced Walks * 11am	TFI Fridays 12:30pm	
	BWD (online) Anxiety, Stress & Feeling Overwhelmed 1pm	Self-Compassion (1/2) 1:30pm	PNECET Nutrition and Exercise 11am	Myplace: N2N online 11am-12:30pm	5 Ways to Improve Your Mental Wellbeing 1pm	
	Menhear Gardening Project 1pm	Menhear Zoom Peer Session 2pm	Xmas Quiz 2pm	N-Compass MECC, Self-Care & Resilience 1:30pm	BWD Healthy Italian Cooking Online 2pm	
	Intro to Chair Based Exercise 1:30pm			Counting Sheep (2/2) 2pm		
	Divine Days Man-archy Support Group 7:30pm			PNECET: Forces Social Hour 5pm		

Suicide first aid, Dementia awareness and gardening projects are just a few of our partner offerings this week!



# CIRCLES CONNECTED

WONDERFUL WAYS TO SPEND YOUR WEEK...

WEEK STARTING: 30.11.2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
9.00am Weekly Photography Challenge	9.00am Kindness Calendar	9.00am Poetry Share	10.00am Christmas Countdown - Movie Trivia!	9.00am Poetry Share	10.00am Mindfulness Moment	10.00am Gentle Yoga
9.15am Megans Morning Poetry Share	10.00am Christmas Countdown - Movie Trivia!	10.00am Christmas Countdown - Movie Trivia!	12.00pm Let's debate: Christmas Decorations	10.00am Christmas Countdown - Movie Trivia!	10.15am Christmas Countdown - Movie Trivia!	10.15am Christmas Countdown - Movie Trivia!
10.00am Learn to sketch with Sharon LIVE!	11.00am Cuppa and catch up!	12.00pm Fit & Funky - getting fit from home!	2.00pm repair, Refurbish & Renovate	10.00am Feel Good Music Request show	3.00pm Cath's Conversation Starters	3.00pm Soul Sunday
11.00am Learn to sketch video version	12.00pm Favourite Christmas Tunes!	1.00pm Virtual Tour: Glasgow	4.00pm Pyrography with Cath		5.00pm Saturday Story	5.00pm Self Mastery Cards
1.30pm Reader Group on Zoom!	3.00pm Connected Moments	5.00pm Wellbeing Wednesday		1.00pm Pilates at home!		
5.00pm Action for Happiness Update		7.00pm Guitar Lesson With Gary on zoom!		2.00pm Dad Jokes!		
7.00pm HMR Circle Quiz Night!		8.30pm Guided Meditation		6.00pm The Big Christmas Book Swap!		

## Community Circles

Have you seen Community Circles? They have a pretty active Facebook page here [Circles Connected | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/CirclesConnected) which links to lots of online activities across the week. This was last weeks schedule, and many of the events run weekly.



# TRAINING & EVENTS

## Citizens Online – Running Tablet Loan Schemes 101

Are you concerned about the people in your community who can't afford digital devices or data?  
Are you thinking of running a tablet loan scheme to help tackle digital poverty in your area?  
Already running a tablet loan scheme and have hit a few snags?

Do you have good or bad experiences with device loan schemes of your own to share?

Please join us for a free 45-minute video call at **2pm on Thursday December 10th 2020**.

We'll share our learnings on:

- Planning & set up – what you need to consider
- Referrals
- Distribution
- Administration
- Engaging learners
- Helping learners get the most from their device

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/running-tablet-loan-schemes-101-registration-131544317595>

## MoVE Project

Our Lancashire was recently involved in the [MoVE Project](#), which focusses on how volunteers have been mobilised in response to the coronavirus, and what the pandemic can teach us about enabling social action, who have **two** exciting updates to share.

**Firstly**, they have just published a **second report** from the first phase of research, *Models and Frameworks for Coordinating Community Responses During COVID-19* which can be downloaded [here](#). There's an accompanying blog post too: "[Lessons from lockdown #3: waiting for the great leap forwards](#)".

**Secondly**, join their **second webinar** as part of the *MoVE* webinar series, co-hosted with our web partners Do It Life, *The voluntary sector and COVID: valuing its role and ensuring its survival* - on **Tuesday 15th December at 2pm - 3.15pm**.

A key theme from the [first set of findings](#) is the crucial role that the voluntary and community sector (VCS) played in responding to the crisis. Yet, we have also heard how the sector is running on significantly reduced resources and suffering from volunteer fatigue. Increased demand on services, coupled with significantly reduced resources has led to claims that the sector faces an unprecedented financial crisis which a number of organisations may not survive.

**To register for this webinar, please click this link:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_4eIJ1gCSSHSlvT-jQHhVfw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4eIJ1gCSSHSlvT-jQHhVfw)

## DBS Changes

Changes to managing DBS apply from 28<sup>th</sup> November. These changes mean;

- warnings, reprimands and youth cautions will no longer be automatically disclosed on a DBS certificate
- the multiple conviction rule has been removed, meaning that if an individual has more than one conviction, regardless of offence type or time passed, each conviction will be considered against the remaining rules individually, rather than all being automatically disclosed

## Safeguarding Training

We have recently created two new training packages with our partners across Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool and Lancashire. These sessions are being delivered by a pool of practitioners who work with Children and families affected by domestic abuse. These training sessions are aimed at practitioners who work as part of universal service or provide an early help service across the whole of Lancashire who are specifically working with Children / Adults who are affected by domestic abuse.

We have produced two separate courses that look at experiences from both a Child and Adult perspective. These courses are aimed at anyone working with Children and families. Please see below the training links to read the aims and objectives for each course and also the dates we have available, please fill out the application form as normal.

**Adults affected by domestic abuse** - <https://www.blackpoolsafeguarding.org.uk/training-events/multi-agency-approach-adults-affected-by-domestic-abuse>

**Children affected by domestic abuse** - <https://www.blackpoolsafeguarding.org.uk/training-events/multi-agency-approach-children-affected-by-domestic-abuse>

## Media Trust - Digital Mentoring Programme for Charities

20 charities across the UK will be selected to take part in the mentoring programme which will run from January to July 2021.

Based on your charity's specific challenge, you will be matched with an industry expert, who will volunteer between 2-6 hours per month for a 3-6-month period, to help you develop your charity's digital communications and achieve your objectives.

The opportunity is open to small and medium charities across the UK who work in one or both of these areas:

### Work & Learning

If your work:

- Supports young people or adults into training, education or employment
- Provides support for people and families at risk of or experiencing poverty caused by unemployment
- Campaigns for and supports people on low wages and insecure work and contracts

### Online Safety

If your organisation provides information or training on staying safe online to children, schools or parents. This work could include promoting the safe and responsible use of technology, as well as issues including online gambling, pornography, privacy, data and mental health.

*Applications are prioritised from charities who work in areas of the UK that face high levels of unemployment.*

If you are interested in joining this programme and have a specific digital communications challenge you would like support with, then please complete the [application form](#) no later than 23 December 2020.

# FUNDING

## LCC - Community Food Grant Scheme

The scheme is aimed at local organisations within the voluntary, community and faith sector that deliver projects to tackle food insecurity. Groups can apply for up to £1,000 to support projects that provide emergency food and / or tackle food insecurity, focusing on supporting those most in need.

Funding can be used on; Equipment; Venue hire; Training; Volunteer expenses

The closing date for applications is **18th December**. More information and copies of the application form and guidance notes are available at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/council/grants/community-project-support/lancashire-community-food-grant-scheme/>

## Angling Trust – Get Fishing Fund

In the wake of the England's first coronavirus lockdown, an increase in the popularity of fishing was observed, with nearly a million people buying or renewing a fishing licence since the spring. As a means of encouraging the wellbeing benefits the sport can offer, the Get Fishing Fund has been created to encourage more people in England to take up fishing or get involved for the first time.

From an overall £100,000 budget, grants of up to £500 for small-scale projects and up to £5,000 for larger projects will be available.

The funding is expected to help the delivery of future angling participation events, including any additional equipment needed to ensure fisheries are following COVID-19 safety guidelines, PPE and signage. It can also cover the costs of fishing equipment, tackle and bait, as well as event resources including promotional material, gazebos and basic storage facilities.

Applications are accepted from angling clubs, fisheries, charities, schools and local authorities in England that want to increase the number of people being introduced to angling. Activities undertaken as a result of receiving funding must be delivered on freshwater fisheries where angling requires a fishing licence.

**The deadline for applications is 12 March 2021.**

[Online Application Forms | Angling Trust](#)

## National Lottery Community Fund

After being paused due to the coronavirus crisis, the National Lottery Awards for All, Reaching Communities, and Partnerships funding programmes are open for applications again.

For the past months, the National Lottery Community Fund has been focussing on providing emergency funding for VCSE organisations in response to the coronavirus crisis.

The Community Fund has now announced that the short-term emergency phase of funding is coming to an end and the following regular funding programmes for England have re-opened for applications:

- National Lottery Awards for All
- Reaching Communities
- Partnerships

The aim of the programmes is to support communities to thrive by funding activities that:

- Build strong relationships in and across communities.
- Improve the places and spaces that matter to communities.
- Help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage.

Organisations can apply for funding to:

- Continue to deliver activity - whether the community needs crisis response, recovery or business as usual activity.
- Change and adapt, becoming more resilient to respond to new and future challenges.

The Community Fund emphasised that it will continue to support people and communities that are most adversely impacted by the crisis and will be flexible and responsive to the needs of communities and the organisations supporting them.

**Applications for all three programmes are accepted on an ongoing basis**

[Home | The National Lottery Community Fund \(tnlcommunityfund.org.uk\)](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)

### **And finally...**

If you have any questions, would like support with anything, or would like something sharing in my next newsletter, please contact me, Gail Barton - Our Lancashire Community Engagement Officer for Pendle, Ribble Valley and (temporarily) Blackburn with Darwen.

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