



# Newsletter January 2018

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## RCVS News

### Hello and Goodbye

We're delighted to welcome our new Whatton Visitor Centre Deputy Coordinator, Margaret, to the team. Her role is to assist the Coordinator in developing and managing the visitor centre service, providing a welcoming and supportive environment for family and friends visiting prisoners held at HMP Whatton.

And after nearly 11 years at Rushcliffe CVS in various roles, Jess Molineaux is leaving for pastures new. Jess's dedication and commitment to the provision services to the sector and the wider community has been absolute, always delivered with huge heart and professionalism. Ever supportive to the team, she will indeed be greatly missed by us all at RCVS. Jess, we wish you well and good luck for the future!

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## Volunteer Opportunities

### Literacy Volunteers

Enjoy making a difference! Help improve a child's literacy and communication in a local primary school. Literacy Volunteers work with children 1-1 in schools to develop an interest

and love for reading, helping to break down barriers and open doors for life-long achievement.

Be part of a volunteering force that is transforming the lives of children across the city and county. Just half a day a week commitment from you can make all the difference in a child's life. It's fun for everyone.

If you are interested in making a difference, contact Literacy Volunteers on 0115 876 5474, or e-mail: [contact@literacyvolunteers.org.uk](mailto:contact@literacyvolunteers.org.uk)

[www.literacyvolunteers.org.uk](http://www.literacyvolunteers.org.uk)

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## Funding

### Local Improvement Scheme 2018-21 – new deadline!

The **revised** closing date for applications to be submitted to the Local Improvement Scheme is **Wednesday 31 January 2018**.

Parish Councils, local voluntary and community organisations in Nottinghamshire can apply for grants up to £50,000 as part of the new Local Improvement Scheme.

Careful consideration will be given by the County Council to applications for financial support for small scale Capital schemes including signs and noticeboards even if match funding is unavailable.

The new Local Improvement Scheme 2018-21 brings together the Council's discretionary revenue and capital funding. Successful applicants will be awarded a financial contribution to support the delivery of projects that contribute to making Nottinghamshire a great place to live, work, visit and relax – which is at the heart of the Council Plan 2017 - 21.

What funding is available?

- three year revenue awards from £1,000 to £30,000 per annum in financial support per year
- annual capital awards from £1,000 to £50,000 (capital funding needs to be spent within two years of being awarded).

Awards will be subject to an annual review as part of the Council's budget considerations and satisfactory monitoring outcomes.

For more information please visit the website:

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/finance-and-budget/local-improvement-scheme>

## **Alec Dickson Trust - awards to support young people in volunteering**

Deadline: Trustees meet quarterly - next meeting is Wednesday 31 January 2018.

Applications received less than three weeks before a meeting will roll over to the next one.

The Alec Dickson Trusts supports young people who, through volunteering or community service, aim to enhance the lives of others, particularly those most marginalised by society. Applications for grants, not normally in excess of £500, are invited from individuals aged 30 and under or from small groups of young people who believe their actions to be in pursuit of the aims of the Trust.

The Trust supports:

- Volunteering - we particularly like to fund projects that involve lots of volunteers, and/or encourage these young people to stay engaged as volunteers in the long term.
- Need - we support young people who run projects that benefit disadvantaged communities and individuals. We're looking for projects that identify a specific need, and propose to carry out activities that will clearly help to address this need.
- Innovation - ultimately we're looking for youth volunteering projects that help to improve communities, but we particularly like to fund volunteer initiatives that are innovative and try to do things a bit differently, such as using social media creatively or using existing resources in new ways.

All applications for support will be judged on their own merits and in relation to how they expect to achieve or further the aims of the Trust. In the spirit of Alec Dickson and of the Trust, all Trustees are young people aged under 30 with a commitment to volunteering or community service.

The Trust will expect recipients to report on how any support was used and how it helped to fulfil the aims of the project.

<http://www.alecdicksontrust.org.uk/>

## **BBC Children in Need Small Grants Programme 2018 Deadlines Announced**

There are four deadlines in 2018: 1 March 2018, 13 May 2018, 2 September 2018 and 2 December 2018.

Charities in the UK that are seeking funding for their work with disadvantaged children and young people aged 18 years and younger can start the application process for funding in 2018. The BBC Children in Need Small Grants programme will consider applications requesting grants of up to £10,000 to support projects for up to three years.

Registered charities and not-for-profit organisations in the UK can apply if they are supporting children and young people of 18 years and under who are experiencing disadvantage through:

- Illness, distress, abuse or neglect.
- Any kind of disability.
- Behavioural or psychological difficulties.
- Living in poverty or situations of deprivation.

Organisations must be working to combat this disadvantage and make a real difference to children and young people's lives.

Organisations that already hold a grant from Children in Need can apply for further funding providing the current grant is coming to an end within the next 12 months. Applicants will need to be able to provide convincing evidence of the differences the grant has made to the lives of the disadvantaged children and young people the organisation has worked with.

Click here for more information -

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/wWhd5lqf4RZ3xhL63G9Xmc/small-grants-what-you-need-to-know>

## **Greggs Foundation's Local Community Projects Fund 2018**

Next deadline: Friday 9 March 2018

The Greggs Foundation's Community Projects Fund is inviting applications for grants of up to £2,000 to not-for-profit organisations across Great Britain. Funding will support projects or equipment for those in need at the heart of local communities. Any not for profit organisation can apply, however, larger organisations with a turnover in excess of £300,000 are unlikely to be successful.

Organisations that are based near Greggs shops will be given priority. Projects can support a variety of people:

- Disabled or suffering chronic illness.
- Living in poverty.

- Voluntary carers.
- Homeless.
- Isolated older people.
- Other demonstrable significant need.

Click here for more information - <https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/grants/local-community-projects-fund>

## **Greggs Foundation's Environmental Grants Scheme 2018**

Next deadline: Friday 9 March 2018

Using money from the 5p levy on carrier bag sales in Gregg's shops, the Greggs Foundation's Environmental Grants scheme aims to improve people's lives in Great Britain.

The Gregg's Foundation's Environmental Grants programme is now inviting applications for grants of up to £2,000 for projects in England, Wales or Scotland that deliver a real benefit to the environment. Not-for-profit organisations with a turnover of £300,000 or less as well as schools in England, Scotland and Wales can apply. Organisations that are based near Gregg's shops will be given priority.

- Projects must address one or more of the following:
- Improving the local environment.
- Insuring involvement of local communities.
- Delivering a sustainable and measurable difference.
- Supporting people in need.

The funding can be used to cover the purchase of equipment, sessional salary costs, purchase of trees/plants, small capital projects and learning activities.

Click here for more information - <https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/environmental-grant>

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## **Health**

### **NHS Greater Nottingham Transformation: Public engagement event**

- Date: Thursday 1 February 2018

- Time: 6pm-8.30pm
- Location: The Grange Hall, Vicarage Ln, Radcliffe on Trent, Nottingham NG12 2FB
- Places must be booked – please go to <http://www.greaternottinghamtransformation.co.uk/news-and-events/>

People are invited to share their views and experiences of health and social care as part of plans to re-shape the NHS and council-led care in Nottingham.

Hosted by the Greater Nottingham Transformation Partnership, the public event is the chance to find out more about the work to deliver more joined up care for patients and citizens by all local NHS organisations, Nottingham University Hospitals, community providers and the City and County councils. This is part of the wider work of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP).

The event will be hosted by Paul Midgley, Chair of Rushcliffe CCG Patient Cabinet. It will include presentations from Paul McKay from Nottinghamshire County Council and Dr Nicole Atkinson and Dr Hugh Porter, who are both GPs in Greater Nottingham. Table and group discussion will also help to inform the different workstreams as they develop.

### **Have Your Say – consultation on prescribing**

Consultation on conditions for which over the counter items should not routinely be prescribed in primary care

NHS England has partnered with NHS Clinical Commissioners (NHSCC) to support CCGs in ensuring they can use their prescribing resources effectively and deliver best patient outcomes from the medicines that their local population uses. A national public consultation has been launched on draft commissioning guidance for conditions for which over the counter items should not routinely be prescribed in primary care. This closes on 14 March 2018.

To get involved go the website: <https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/consultation/over-the-counter-items-not-routinely-prescribed/>

### **Introducing ‘opt-out’ consent for organ and tissue donation in England**

The Department of Health has launched a consultation about organ and tissue donation. The government wants views from as many people as possible on plans to make it easier for people to give consent to be an organ donor. The proposed change is that people are considered willing to be an organ donor after their death, unless they have ‘opted out’.

The consultation closes at midnight on Tuesday 6 March 2018. To find out more or take part visit the website: <https://engage.dh.gov.uk/organdonation/>

## **Information Programmes for Carers of People with Dementia**

Radford Care Group are pleased to announce dates for 2018/9 as follows:

- Saturday 13th January 2018 – Saturday 24th February 2018
- Wednesday 11th April 2018 – Wednesday 23rd May 2018
- Tuesday 10th July 2018 – Tuesday 21st August 2018
- Thursday 18th October 2018 – Thursday 29th November 2018
- Saturday 19th January 2019 – Saturday 2nd March 2019

The free programme consists of seven, two hour weekly sessions, covering a different aspect of dementia at each session. The groups are facilitated by specialists in dementia group work and will consist of about 12 carers. Help with respite services and transport may be available. The carers are asked to contribute £2.50 per session towards refreshments. We are happy to take referrals from both Nottingham City and County.

The Information Programme has been very successful and proved to be of considerable value to carers who are often coping alone and in difficult circumstances.

To book a place, refer a carer or for further information about the Information Programme, please call Radford Care Group on 0115 9786133. Or visit [www.radfordcaregroup.org.uk](http://www.radfordcaregroup.org.uk)

## **FREE Health and Wellbeing Workshops and Moving and Handling Workshops for Carers**

Notts County Council and NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups in Nottinghamshire (in collaboration with Carers Trust East Midlands), are working in partnership with Inspire Learning to provide 4 additional FREE Health and Wellbeing Workshops, and also 2 FREE 'Moving and Handling People' workshops especially for unpaid carers!

Moving and Handling – 2 workshop sessions to be held at Kings Mill Hospital in Kings Mill Conference Centre

- Session 1: 9:30am to 12:30pm
- Session 2: 1pm to 4pm



Health and Wellbeing workshops – 4 workshop sessions to be held in different library locations across the county. These sessions are all planned to take place on a Saturday to enable working carers to attend:

- Beeston Library - Saturday 27th January 2018
- Worksop Library - Saturday 10th February 2018
- Mansfield Library - Saturday 10th March 2018
- West Bridgford Library - Saturday 17th March 2018

Further information and details of how to book please contact the Nottinghamshire Carers Hub on 0115 824 8824 (lines are open Monday to Friday, 9am until 5pm) or email: [hub@carerstrustem.org](mailto:hub@carerstrustem.org)

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## News & Events

### Active Notts 'Getting Active Together' Strategy consultation

Deadline for responses: Friday 26 January 2018

'Getting Active Together', Nottingham and Nottinghamshire's physical activity and sport strategy 2017-2021, is now available in draft form, ready for further input from partners and colleagues across the County and beyond.

Please visit this website to download the draft strategy and access the consultation:

<https://www.activenotts.org.uk/forms/view/activenottsstrategy>

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## Training and Resources

### Free Webinars from Community Accounting Plus

CA Plus are holding a free webinar training session on 31 January. Please sign up to register or contact Anna Horsley, Customer Services Coordinator on 0115 947 8949.

Wed 31st Jan 2018 - 10 -10.45am

Understanding Financial Accounts – For Charities and Small Organisations - [Click here to register](#)

This webinar will look at trying to answer some of the many questions we all have such as:

What on earth is a balance sheet?

Understanding fund accounting?

What is a SOFA? And what on earth is the SORP all about?

Web : [www.caplus.org.uk](http://www.caplus.org.uk)

## Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) publishes GDPR guide for charities

The GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) is a new set of data protection rules which come into force on 25 May 2018.

The ICO has now published 12 “frequently asked questions” for charities, which draws on wider guidance to GDPR and directs users to other resources, such as the ICO’s self-assessment tool and its dedicated advice line for small organisations.

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/charity/charities-faqs/>

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## Vacancies

### Newark and Sherwood CVS – Partnership & Engagement Officer

Hours: 21 hours per week

Salary: £20,511 pro rata

Closing date: Friday 26 January 2018

The CVS supports Newark & Sherwood Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to deliver meaningful engagement with patients, carers, and their communities and support the delivery of a responsive commissioning process through effective patient and public engagement. This includes working with and developing for example patient groups.

The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate:

- Degree or equivalent in Community Development/work or similar
- Experience in a similar role within the voluntary sector
- Knowledge and understanding of national policy as it relates to Health

- Knowledge of policy relating to health & social care
- Experience of working with community groups, issues and initiatives e.g. PPGs
- Experience of planning public events e.g. Annual Public Meetings, Public Consultation Meetings etc.
- Ability to build strong and effective working relationships with partners, customers and other stakeholders
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to communicate effectively with members of the public, Health & Local Authority colleagues, Councillors and others.

For more information please see the website <http://www.nandscvs.org/vacancies/>

## Regular Information

### How Rushcliffe CVS can support your group

**As well as providing you with regular news, we offer the following services to voluntary and community groups:**

**Group Support:** Advice, guidance and support, setting up a group

**Volunteers:** Supporting volunteers, good practice in volunteer management, recruitment

#### **Funding Advice, Training, Networking events, Information**

**Admin Services** including photocopying, laminating, targeted email shots to organisations on our community database and Equipment Hire

**Meeting Room in West Bridgford** – accommodates up to 15 for £8/hour or £25/half day.

For more details of our services, visit our website page [here](#). Alternatively, call **0115 969 9060** or email [admin@rushcliffecvs.org.uk](mailto:admin@rushcliffecvs.org.uk)

### How Rushcliffe CVS can support individuals

[Voluntary Transport Schemes](#) – helping people get out and about

[Rushcliffe Befriends](#) – reducing loneliness and isolation of older people

[Health Development Work](#) – helping people have their say on health services

[Whatton Visitor Centre](#) – improving the experience of visitors to Whatton prison

For more details, click on the individual project links or visit our website [www.rushcliffecvs.org.uk](http://www.rushcliffecvs.org.uk) or telephone 0115 969 9060.

## Rushcliffe Volunteer Centre & Drop-in Sessions in West Bridgford

### Are you an organisation looking for volunteers?

We can help you find volunteers by including your opportunity on our database which is linked to the national volunteering website Do-it. We can highlight your opportunity in our newsletter, on our notice board in West Bridgford and on our website on the [volunteering webpage](#). Click on [Find Volunteers](#).

### For potential volunteers

On the first Tuesday afternoon of each month, Rushcliffe Volunteer Centre holds a drop in session from 1 - 4pm at West Bridgford Library. Come along and have an informal chat and find out about local volunteering opportunities.

The Volunteer Centre holds a database of diverse volunteering opportunities – there's something for everyone. Find out more by visiting the [Be a Volunteer](#) page on our website. For any queries, please contact Helen Stanbridge, the Volunteer Development Co-ordinator on 0115 969 9060 Ext 122 or [hstanbridge@rushcliffecvs.org.uk](mailto:hstanbridge@rushcliffecvs.org.uk)

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