

COMMUNITY INFORMATION UPDATE (CIU) - No. 74: mid-June to end of July '19

Welcome to another Community Information Update (CIU), especially if you are a new reader. CIUs can be downloaded at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/rugbyareainformation. Please let us know at any time if you no longer wish to receive these Updates. The next CIU will cover **August to mid-September**. Please do send short paragraphs of 6-8 lines (plain text if possible) **on or before Sunday 28 July** to cdwrugby@warwickshire.gov.uk. This is a great way to get information out to 800 community leaders and frontline workers across Rugby so please do continue to send information through.

The next email bulletins to be sent out will be **Welfare Reform** and **Family Support**. The next leaflet to be updated will be **Job Clubs**. If you have any information relevant which you would like including please email it to us.

Section One: Community Development Work in Priority Neighbourhoods in Rugby **(Brownsover, Newbold, Rugby Town Centre, Cattlemarket, Overslade)**

The next **networking lunch** will be covering the Town Centre on Wednesday 10 July at the John Lees Hall in Rugby from 11.30am to 2pm. It is a chance for local groups to share what they do and meet each other. For more information or to book on, please e-mail cdwrugby@warwickshire.gov.uk on or before 4 July with any dietary requirements. Places are limited.

The Rugby Team are compiling a **summer holiday activities leaflet** for the Rugby area with a focus on free or low-cost activities in the priority neighbourhoods. Please e-mail anything you would like including to cdwrugby@warwickshire.gov.uk before Friday 21 June.

Newbold Community Fun Day has been set for Saturday 6 July at Centenary Park, Newbold, Rugby from 2pm to 4pm, organised by Newbold Community Partnership. Among other things, there will be a scarecrow-making competition, live music and a bouncy castle.

Brownsover Community Centre is officially opening on Friday 12 July from 4pm to 5.30pm for local residents to come and see the centre and discuss how they can do more together in the area. Brownsover Community Association is managing the centre.

Another **"Meet 'n' Eat"** get-together took place at **Christ Church Brownsover** over half-term, doing activities and lunch with local families. Six more will happen over the summer holidays, starting with Wednesday 24th July (and every Wednesday thereafter).

The Rugby Team organised a **workshop for older people's groups**, in partnership with EQuIP and WCAVA on the 23rd May at Rugby Baptist Church. The workshop focussed on supporting groups with funding, recruiting volunteers and members, group/infrastructure support, and supporting any members experiencing loneliness and social isolation.

For more information about any of the above, please email cdwrugby@warwickshire.gov.uk

If you're a community group or organisation from or working in one of our priority neighbourhoods and you have any information about activities, events, news etc. you would like sharing with other groups and organisations across Rugby, please do send it through to cdwrugby@warwickshire.gov.uk and we'll happily include it. Thank you!

Section Two: News & Events: Local Community Organisations and Neighbourhoods

Benn Partnership Centre has been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK. More information is on its new-look website: <https://www.bennpartnership.org.uk/>

Rugby Library has several upcoming events below.

1. **Hungrytown**, an American folk duo, will be playing at Rugby Library on Thurs 4 July as part of the Rugby Festival of. Doors open at 6.30pm and the performance starts at 7pm. Tickets are £6 via Eventbrite or through the library. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hungrytown-at-rugby-library-tickets-60514427281>
2. **Guide Dogs Volunteering talk** – Weds 24 July 2pm to 3pm. Guide Dog volunteers can transform the lives of people living with sight loss. Find out about the great volunteering opportunities to get involved in.

Employees from **local businesses are looking for volunteering days** to carry out projects in Rugby e.g. painting or decorating or outside work. Please contact Carol at WCAVA on 01788 539578 / 574258 or email ckavanagh@wcava.org.uk for more info.

Rugby is aiming to become an officially recognised **Dementia Friendly Community**. An event was held at Rugby Town Hall during national Dementia Action Week to launch the bid, with local businesses invited to come along and hear about small changes they can make to improve their environments for people living with dementia. This work will be expanded to other sectors of the community, with everyone encouraged to think about becoming a Dementia Friend and think about what they can do to help. More details are available on the Facebook page www.facebook.com/Rugby-Dementia-Friendly-Community-2178089528945977/ or at @RugbyTownDFC on Twitter.

Fareham Youth Partnership are holding their annual **community fun day** at the GEC Recreation Ground in Hillmorton on Saturday 29th June from 11am to 3pm. The event is being themed Year of Wellbeing and will also be an opportunity for the partnership to identify gaps in youth provision in east Rugby. If any community groups or organisations would like space for a stall at the event, please email farehamyp@gmail.com.

Rugby Fibromyalgia Support Group are a friendly group of sufferers with their associated partners, friends and carers who can help you with advice and support. Meeting times:

- Second Wednesday of each month (excluding January) from 7.00pm to 8.30pm at The Methodist Church Centre, Russelsheim Way, Rugby CV22 7TD
- Third Wednesday of each month (excluding January) from 12.00 Midday to 1.30pm at the Rugby Workers Club (RWC), 32 Oliver Street, Rugby CV21 2ET

For further details, please visit the website here <https://fibromyalgiarugby.wordpress.com/>

'A Plastic Ocean' film screening at John Lees Hall, Rugby will be on Wednesday, 26th June 2019, 7.00pm arrival (next to Rugby Baptist Church). **Rugby Baptist Church and Rugby Friends of the Earth** are pleased to announce that they are hosting a screening of the award-winning documentary. For more information and to book visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/film-night-a-plastic-ocean-tickets-61220253426>.

Friends of Long Lawford School Happy's Circus! School Fundraiser will be on Wednesday, 10th July 2019, 4.30pm - 8.00pm, Long Lawford School, Holbrook Road, Rugby CV23 9AL. It will be a summer evening of family fun, food and entertainment! Food and drink available from 4.30pm. Circus performance starts at 6.00pm. Tickets are £10.00 each (under 2's on laps are free) and are now available. Please message them via Facebook or email: longlawfordpta@gmail.com to request tickets.

Rugby Repair Café is a new group to the town and will be holding their first repair event at St Andrews Church on Saturday, 20th July 2019, between 12.30pm - 2.30pm. Please bring along items that need mending and volunteers will try to show you how to fix them - electricals, toys, ornaments, bikes, sewing. They request you only bring 1 item. Services are free but they do ask for a minimum donation of £2.00 to allow them to grow. For more information, please contact Tim Essex on 07765 007666 or email: Rugby.repair.group@gmail.com.

Does your group or organisation currently **collect surplus food from local supermarkets** which is left over at the end of the day? Or would you like to have access to such food in the future to support your activities? If this is of interest, could you please complete this short survey at <https://forms.gle/MAUVqqW7IqfGgQ2j7> so we can work out whether there is a need for a central hub for surplus food in Rugby.

Section Three: Other Events, Activities & Training in Rugby and beyond

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Third and Public Sector Partnership (TAPSPAG) are hosting another event: **Speedmatching 2 - This Time It's Personal** on Tuesday, 25th June 2019 from 5.00pm - 7.00m at The Benn Hall, Newbold Road, Rugby

CV21 2LN. It is an event to build relationships between Warwickshire's third sector and public sector commissioners. For more information and to book on, visit here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tapspag-speedmatching-event-25th-june-2019-registration-60746060101>

July 23rd is national **Historic County Flags day**. To celebrate this event and to show the world how proud we are of Warwickshire and all the county has to offer in terms of history, heritage and economic vibrancy, the County Council is holding a **photocall** on Monday 15 July at 11am at The Old Shire Hall, Warwick. If any members of Rugby's community and voluntary sector would like to be part of the photocall, alongside Cllr Izzi Seccombe, Leader of Warwickshire County Council, and other members of the community, please email jennifermccabe@warwickshire.gov.uk. The image will then be sent out to the local media in celebration of the event on July 23rd. We would also like to briefly interview one or two participants about what they love about Warwickshire. This would appear in a video we would share on social media. If you would be prepared to say a few words on video about what living in Warwickshire means to you, please also let me know. Thank you!

A set of reports on the **health and wellbeing needs** of people living in different areas throughout Warwickshire has been published online following extensive engagement with local residents, organisations and community groups. These profiles were created as part of the **Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)**. The first wave in Rugby concentrated on Brownsover, Newbold and Benn areas (Rugby Town North) and the results can be viewed at <https://news.warwickshire.gov.uk/blog/2019/04/12/results-of-jsna-survey-highlight-nuneaton-centrals-health-priorities/>. The second phase of the JSNA in Rugby is now underway, covering **Hillmorton, New Bilton, Overslade, Bilton, Cawston and the area south of Rugby town centre**. If you are a resident in any of these areas, please fill in the survey at <http://bit.ly/JSNAResidents> to let us know what you think the health and wellbeing needs are in your area. If you are a professional working with people in these areas, please fill in the survey at <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/warwickshire-joint-strategic-needs-assessment-prof/> to share your thoughts.

TRAINING

Section Four: Useful Organisations, Resources, Funding, Consultations

USEFUL ORGANISATIONS

Arts Uplift CIC has published its latest Spring Update here: <https://mailchi.mp/09e9d8c4a95a/arts-uplift-cic-spring-update?e=b8107a2916>

Rugby Borough Council is providing a **new community outreach service** which is now available within the borough. This service has been set up to support residents in Rugby with all types of **money matters** such as:

- Budgeting and money management
- Managing any council debts
- Identify any additional benefits
- Identify additional money/grants, health and wellbeing support and energy efficiency

Customers wishing to make an appointment should contact the Community Financial Inclusion Officer Lisa Bindley via her email lisa.bindley@rugby.gov.uk or mobile 07384 901 176. Some actions, identified by the customer, could mean referrals to employment opportunities, training, volunteering and wider support organisations.

Rugby Art Gallery and Museum's June schedule can be found here <https://mailchi.mp/156966c12bf2/whats-on-in-june-at-ragm-2268081?e=5681f32c02>

Sustainable Food Cities newsletters: May 2019 <https://mailchi.mp/ac64c142b3b0/sustainable-food-cities-newsletter-may-2358797?e=310a9b5740>

Cyber Safe Warwickshire has published its latest May Cyber Scam Update here: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWARWICKSHIRE/bulletins/2436012> and June's Update here: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWARWICKSHIRE/bulletins/248d7e9>

Warwickshire's Hate Crime Partnership is looking for volunteers to join their Hate Incident Partnership Panels (HIPPs); meaning that you can help make a difference to the lives of those affected by hate crime in our county. They need your valuable input and solutions to help ourselves and partners problem solve issues relating to local trends and themes around hate crime. Your insight will also be invaluable to us, as a crucial means of gauging what communities are experiencing in relation to hate crime in Warwickshire. For more information visit here: <https://safeinwarwickshire.com/2019/05/16/get-involved-our-warwickshire-hate-incident-panels-need-you/>

Warwickshire Recycles has published its May/June newsletter here: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWARWICKSHIRE/bulletins/2439ee5>

Warwickshire Libraries has published its latest June newsletter here: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWARWICKSHIRE/bulletins/24a5036>

RESOURCES

Warwickshire Insights is an updated version of the **Warwickshire County Council's local information system**, providing statistical information about local areas in Warwickshire, along with interactive mapping and reporting tools to inform decision making. The tool provides intelligence from across the Business Intelligence service and replaces a number of tools, including the old Warwickshire Observatory website. It allows anyone interested in local data to access information on the population of Warwickshire, and at various geographical levels within Warwickshire including district and borough, ward, electoral division and lower super output area (LSOA). In addition the tool has been developed with the place-based Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) in mind allowing users to access data for the 22 JSNA areas via the JSNA tab. Users can find data on demographics, deprivation, health, social care, education and economic indicators. The content of Warwickshire Insights will continue to be developed, including adding new datasets as they become available. For further information and to provide feedback contact insight@warwickshire.gov.uk. They would now like to hear how the tool is being used, along with suggestions for additional data that would be useful to include. This could be a useful resource for groups doing funding applications to obtain area-specific data. To access the system go to <https://data.warwickshire.gov.uk/>

NHS Choices has published a series of exercises for older people (see the ones entitled Balance, Sitting, Flexibility and Strength): <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/exercise/free-fitness-ideas/>

FUNDING

Community Energy Warwickshire is a new approach to local energy – a community benefit society whose aim is to invest in renewable energy projects and to help local people to reduce their use of energy and save money. For more information: <http://www.cew.coop/>

The Transform Foundation is currently welcoming applications for its '**Small Charities Funded Website programme**'. This programme, which runs in conjunction with the Website Grant programme for larger charities funds charities and other non-profits with incomes below £350k to get a new, best practice website optimised for increasing donations, sign-ups and increased traffic. You can find out more details on this programme and how you can apply by visiting: <https://www.transformfoundation.org.uk/>

Stop Loan Sharks Community Funding: The England Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) has funding (up to £5,000) available for groups that want to raise awareness of the issues of illegal money lending. The money available has come from the proceeds of crime taken from convicted illegal money lenders. To find out more, visit: www.stoploansharks.co.uk. Application deadline is Sunday 30 June 2019.

Building Better Opportunities: 'Progress': Programme (End-to-End) Partner tender opportunity
Groundwork UK is looking for an 'End-to-End Partner' to deliver BBO Progress to young people identified as being NEET or unemployed across the Rugby, Stratford and Warwick districts of Warwickshire. For more information, visit: <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/>. It is also inviting organisations in Coventry & Warwickshire to apply for grants of up to £20,000 to fund projects that will help local unemployed people towards a more positive future. **ESF Community Grants**, funded by the European Social Fund, is a brand new programme that aims to support small and voluntary organisations with grants of £5,000 - £20,000 for local initiatives that

will move unemployed people towards employment, training or back into education. Projects that are eligible for funding include activities that improve confidence and promote social integration -such as sports and gardening clubs -, the development of local support groups and networks, such as 'Job Clubs' and initiatives that to help personal development, such as assertiveness and motivational training. A grants panels comprised of representatives from key local stakeholders will help to ensure that the funding reaches those projects who can make a real difference, to those who need it the most. To find out more, or to apply please visit: www.groundwork.org.uk or call 0121 236 8565. You can sign up to their newsletter at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ECGNewsletter.

The first round of the **Warwickshire County Council Councillors' Grant fund** is now closed and applications are being assessed. Each of the 10 county councillors in Rugby have £6,000 to support community projects in their division. If any money is not allocated in this round, the fund will re-open in September, and more details will be published in due course at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/cllrgrants.

CONSULTATIONS

Warwickshire County Council, together with its partners NHS South Warwickshire CCG and NHS Warwickshire North CCG, is reviewing the **Accommodation with Support Services** that it commissions. To take part in the survey, go to <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk> before the deadline of 26 June 2019.

The **Direct Payment support services** commissioned by Warwickshire County Council (WCC) are being reviewed as part of a wider strategic review of Direct Payments across adults and children's services. The results of the review will help WCC to evaluate what is working well, where there are areas for development, and what changes may need to be recommended for future commissioning. For more information, including details on two engagement sessions being held to discuss this consultation, visit here <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdjl3-f9S0XievRXchU-p-4ISmxOJM6kQHjEWJkZfzQ2hgMw/viewform>. Closing date is 3 July 2019.

To see how we use your personal data and what your information rights are, please read our overall customer privacy notice at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/privacy which includes the contact details if you have a complaint about your information rights. For general enquiries, contact Warwickshire County Council customer services on 01926 410410

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