

Community Hub News

News from the Big Local North Cleethorpes Community Hub at 82 Grimsby Road, Cleethorpes

February 2026



Welcome to our new look newsletter from the Community Hub at 82 Grimsby Road, Cleethorpes. We want to share with you what we've been doing this past month and what you can look forward to in the month ahead. Our weekly groups are very varied and there are many other offers available. We hope you enjoy finding out about what we offer. Pop in when you can

What's on: February 2026

Our regular weekly groups are:

Mondays: Hobbies Group 10am-2pm

Ancestry research 12noon-4pm

Tuesdays: Craft group 12noon-3pm

Wednesday: Hobbies group 10am-2pm

Thursday: Hobbies group 10am-2pm

plus an informal, chair-based exercise session (youtube led) 1pm-2pm

Remember we are closed on Fridays.

Monthly groups for February:

Tue 3rd Feb, Community Safety drop-in 11am-12noon (supported by the Sidney Sussex Neighbourhood Policing Team). Our 'theme' for this month is Personal Safety.

Wed 11th Feb, Camerados group 10am-12noon

Wed 25th Feb is our **monthly Quiz session**. February is 'Outsmarted' 1pm-3pm

Every one of our weekly and monthly sessions are FREE to attend and no need to book and no need to stay for the whole session if you prefer just to pop in for a bit.

Monthly special event for FEBRUARY

This month our event is a simple, drop-in **Coffee Morning on Wed 25th February** (10.30am-12noon).

Drop in for a coffee/tea & biscuits. Have a chat. Find out what Big Local North Cleethorpes can offer you.

Wednesday 25th February 2026
10:30am-12:00

Big Local North Cleethorpes.
Community Hub
82 Grimsby Road Cleethorpes
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We invite you to call in at to Community Hub, have FREE Hot drink and biscuits and just have a chat with the team to find out about us. We are sure there will be something that is of interest to you and you will go away thinking "well I didn't know about that".

Group Focus

Each month we explain a bit more about one of our groups. This issue it's our **Hobbies Group**.

The Hobbies Group meets three times a week, on Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursday, generally between 10am- 2pm. They meet in "Brocklebank Hall", also lovingly referred to as the Red Shed. This is at the back of our lovely enclosed garden.

This group consists of a number of residents from Cleethorpes & Grimsby area, that come together

to work on their own hobbies that they bring along with them, but they work on their "interest" alongside other friendly likeminded folk. This means there is lots of friendly chat, banter & laughing. The kettle is never far off the boil, & biscuits are available, but you may have to be quick on the biscuit front.



The hobbies/interests we have seen been carried out over the last few months include, Painting & Drawing, Model Making, Jigsaws, Matchstick Modelling, Gem Art, D&D Gaming, & the list could go on.

To quote one of our newer members of the group "*I have only been coming a few weeks, but I have been made so welcome, I already feel part of the group.... and we laugh a lot*"

You do not have to stay at the group for the whole session, we are so relaxed & informal, join us for however long you want.



Last month

In January we held our **Reading event**. This seemed appropriate to kick off 2026 as the Year of Reading.

We had a lovely hour telling others about our favourite book. Lots of interesting chat from “War of the Worlds” to “All’s Quite on The Western Front”, all done over hot drinks & plate of biscuits.



It also gave us the opportunity to talk about our Little Library. We have a small selection of books including children’s that you are more than welcome to borrow.



Also in January was our monthly Quiz event. We are lucky that one of our members is very gifted and we appreciate that he organises these quizzes. January was our version of a “Crystal Maze”. The Red Shed was full and lots of fun was had by all, but we did have a few folk that got “locked” in! We might let them out for February’s “Out Smarted”

Looking back to 2025

We published a Review of our Community Hub throughout 2025. Take a look on the VANEL blog to have a read. <https://bit.ly/communityhub2025review>

The Big Local North Cleethorpes Community Hub @ 82 Grimsby Road

The Community Hub is owned and managed by VANEL (Voluntary Action North East Lincolnshire). The building was originally purchased and renovated to bring it back into community use through the Big Local North Cleethorpes programme (2013-2025) and has been open as a community focused space ever since.

Find out most by following us on Facebook [@BigLocalNorthCleethorpes](https://www.facebook.com/BigLocalNorthCleethorpes)
VANEL’s website is www.vanel.org.uk
Our phone number (leave a message) is 01472 231123
or email Liz via liz@vanel.org.uk to ask anything about the hub. (or pop in)

Find out more

You can follow events and notices from our Community Hub via our Facebook page ([@BigLocalNorthCleethorpes](https://www.facebook.com/BigLocalNorthCleethorpes)). The Hub is run by VANEL (Voluntary Action North East Lincolnshire) and we update our website too with latest upcoming events www.vanel.org.uk

You can pop in to visit any of the groups themselves, or pop in at any time to talk to the team and find out more.



Meet the team

This month’s ‘spotlight’ shines on Liz. Liz generally works Monday to Thursday at the Community Hub. Liz is happy to chat in general to any of our visitors, but her favourite subject is “Volunteering”.

Liz is in regular contact with local organisations that recruit volunteers to help them deliver their services. So, she will be able to chat with you about the opportunities out there, and then give you contact details of the relevant organisations.



Liz also supports all of the groups in the hub and helps to organise most of the events – have a chat to her about any of these. Liz also directly works on our Rural Neighbourhood Networking programme so if you’re visiting the Hub from further afield in North East Lincolnshire, have a chat with her.

Also in the Hub

Each month we’ll tell you more about something else that you can find at our Community Hub. But to start the year off we’ll just encourage you to **pop in** – perhaps to an event or a group, or simply to chat. Why not learn more about how the building came about during the Big Local North Cleethorpes project; check out our ‘hidden’ art pieces; find out about our shutter artwork if you’ve seen it when passing by; or learn more about VANEL ourselves and the varied projects our team is delivering,

And finally...

Just to finish this edition with a thought about Alan Johnson, local



Cleethorpes resident and tireless Big Local committee member and friend of VANEL who passed away December 2025. Alan was instrumental in redeveloping our community hub, so it’s ongoing use by members of our community is a testament to Alan’s commitment. (See *VANEL blog for more about Alan*).

Opening Hours

We are open every week Monday-Thursday (closed Fridays). Normally 9am-3pm at least, sometimes until 4pm. If our colourful shutters are up then we’re open – so pop in. Our team have a variety of projects to run so if you’re after a particular member of staff try and arrange a time to meet otherwise there will be no guarantee they are there when you call in!

