

Community Hub News

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

March 2026

Welcome to our March edition of the newsletter for our Community Hub at 82 Grimsby Road, Cleethorpes.

The easiest way to find out what we are up to is to pop in. But have a read here about what's coming up during March and also learn about some more of what we're up to in the building.

What's on: March 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 March:

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

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

Wed 25th Mar is our **monthly Quiz session**. March is 'Catchphrase' and 'Treasure Hunt' 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. The kettle is always on.

Monthly special event for MARCH

For March our social event is an **Easter Card Making session** on **Wednesday 18th March (10am-12noon)**.



In addition, our fantastic Quiz Master Paul is busy planning our **March "Quiz" session**. It will be held on **Wednesday 25th at 1:00pm** and is going to be based on **Catchphrase & Treasure Hunt**. We cannot wait. Sorry but Anneka will not be in attendance. It would be lovely to see a few new faces join us.

Group Focus

Each month we explain a bit more about one of our groups. This issue it's our Monday **Ancestry Group** led by Richard.

The 'Ancestry Group' at our Community Hub brings a group of people together on a weekly basis to research their own family history.



The group meets most Mondays (apart from Bank Holidays) from noon-4.00pm & has done so since 2022. Richard at VANEL has a keen interest in ancestry and genealogy research and set up the group with just a few people in 2022 and continues to run each session (now with between 6 and 10 people each time).

While at the session you have the use of laptops and access to various sites through our licenses, including: Ancestry, Find My Past; & British Newspaper Archives.

These tools provide the resources to allow members to research their family trees and family histories in depth.

We also provide FREE Hot drinks & biscuits, although some members also kindly bring along a packet of biscuits.



Last month (February)

We held our **Drop in Coffee Morning on the 25th Feb**. Karl, Peter and Liz were available to chat with our visitors, tell them all about our weekly groups and other services we offer. We had a tour of the building, which was timed well as our "Red Shed" was very busy, there was painting, matchstick model making and War Gaming

going on. Hopefully some of our visitors will return to join a weekly session.

On the afternoon of the 25th in our "Red Shed" we were "OutSmarted" We had 3 teams battling to be "Outsmarted." There was a lot huff, puff and sighing, chomping of biscuits & heads being banged, in despair, but the winning team were Team Excelsior (Dave & his sidekick Craig). Well done to you both.



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

Peter - you will find him at our hub, Monday to Thursday, officially between the hours of 9-2. Don't be surprised though if you meet him after those hours. He is such a sociable talkative member of the team it is



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)

sometimes difficult for him to leave us. Pete looks after the building and makes sure that we never run out of our office essentials, including paper, milk & biscuits. He is a whizz with the hoover and a feather duster. On a more serious note, Pete also manages all things Health & Safety and loves to organise Fire Drills. He keeps in contact with local businesses and oversees lots of the activities in our Red Shed.

Also in the Hub

Big Local North Cleethorpes are part of the NELC "Poo Bag Partner" Scheme. This is part of the Councils Responsible Dog Ownership Initiative and we're pleased to be able to help. So, if you are out & about walking your four-legged friend along Grimsby Road and they get taken short, please feel free to knock on the door & collect a replacement Poo Bag.



Here at the Community Hub we also offer a "Little Library" service. You are welcome to borrow any of the books and return them when you have enjoyed reading them. You could even bring in a pre-loved book & do a swap with us. That will help keep our selection fresh & varied. All we ask is that they are clean and in good condition.

What some of our group members have to say:

"It's about sharing & learning... and the friendship"
"I like the time away from all the

serious stuff"
"We always have a good laugh & a joke"
"Gives me a chance to express myself & be creative"
We are able to tick so many boxes, & we are all different and we each take something different away from the groups. It makes the team here at the Big Local North Cleethorpes Community Hub realise what a difference our weekly groups can make to our members. So if you attend once a week or every day, you are more than welcome, and as we always say "It is your hub, you are our community, tell us what you would like to see go on here." and within reason, if we can, we will deliver.

And finally...

The community Hub is run by VANEL. Don't forget to visit our website where our blog will tell you much more about what we're doing as an organisation. Head to www.vanel.org.uk. And our community safety focused work can be found at www.nelwatch.org.uk.

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!

