

# Community Hub News

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

April 2026



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

You're always welcome to drop in Mon-Thur to see what we're up to and to have a chat. But have a read through here to see what we've got going on.

## What's on: April 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. There will also be no group on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April (Easter Monday).

## Monthly groups for April:

**Tue 7<sup>th</sup> April is our Community Safety drop-in** 11am-12noon (supported by the Sidney Sussex Neighbourhood Policing Team). Our 'theme' for this month is Hate Crime - understanding it and reporting it.

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup> April, Camerados group** 10am-12noon

**Wed 29<sup>th</sup> April is our monthly Quiz session.** April is 'Crystal Maze' month! 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 event for APRIL

Our April and Easter event is aimed at under 5's during the Easter Holidays. Come and hear a story and join in an activity themed on that book. Places are limited so please book in advance. Children must be accompanied throughout by an adult. **Storytime is Wed 8<sup>th</sup> April, 10am-11am.**



Our fantastic Quiz Master Paul is already busily planning our April "Quiz" session. We will all be heading "Toooo The Crystal Dooommmeeee!" For Paul's unique version of The Crystal Maze. It will be held **on Wed 29<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm.** Please come & join us, it will be great to welcome some new faces.

## Community Safety

The Hub is also an information point for Neighbourhood Watch and Community Safety. You don't have to wait until our monthly community safety drop-ins - just pop in anytime to pick up information leaflets on keeping safe. And at VANEL we've launched a new online resource:

[www.nelwatch.org.uk/communitysafety](http://www.nelwatch.org.uk/communitysafety)

## Last month (March)

We held an Easter Card making session on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. It was a lovely couple of hours getting creative.



March's Quiz was based on Catchphrase & Treasure Hunt! It was a tense session, lots of "say what you see". The Winners of Catchphrase were the Blue Team! made up of Pete, Craig and Derek. Just a little bit of gloating!



## Meet the team



**Richard** usually works Monday to Thursday, remotely most of the time, but can always be found at the Community Hub on Mondays. Richard supports behind the scenes running of VANEL, with a focus on financial management,

contract management, payroll and HR processes. Externally he also provides a payroll service for some of our member groups.

Richard also supports one of the groups held at the Community Hub. As an enthusiastic amateur genealogist, on Monday afternoons (noon-4pm) he leads and supports the members of our Ancestry Group (also known as The Biscuit Club) in their family research. New members always welcome.



**Liz** can usually be found working at the Community Hub Monday to Thursday during our normal opening hours. Liz is

available to talk to anyone interested in Volunteering. The Volunteer Centre works with a number of organisations and we promote volunteer opportunities on their behalf. Volunteering is a great way of giving back to the community, or doing something to enhance your CV, or just to fill your spare time. If you would like to have a chat with Liz to find out more, give her a ring on 07562206376 or email [liz@vanel.org.uk](mailto:liz@vanel.org.uk).

### Also in the Hub



On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month we open up our **Camerados Public Living Room**. It is held the same time every month 10am-12noon. Our next one is **8<sup>th</sup> April** in our Red Shed. Pop in for a cuppa, a biscuit & a chat. There's no 'topic' or anyone leading the group - it's simply a chance to socialise and chat about anything

More at [www.camerados.org](http://www.camerados.org).

### Our groups at the Hub

Every one of our weekly and monthly sessions are FREE to attend and there is no need to book and no need to stay for the whole session. Some people prefer to just to pop in for a bit 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, and biscuits are always available, but you may have to be quick on the biscuit front. 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.

A gallery of activities taking place at our weekly groups...



Many more photos and updates on the Facebook page: ([@BigLocalNorthCleethorpes](https://www.facebook.com/BigLocalNorthCleethorpes)).

### What some of our group members have to say:

One of our ancestry group members told us his cousin had looked into his mother's side of the family and had looked into the social history of the family. That made him more curious, then losing his parents in 1997 & 2001, it made him realise what you don't know about your family. He said "By me coming to this group and talking to others, that gives me other people's perspective, as sometimes you get too focused on one thing. Richard is very knowledgeable & helpful as well."

### Finally...

More information always at [www.vanel.org.uk](http://www.vanel.org.uk) or check out the Big Local North Cleethorpes Facebook page.

We're open Mon-Thur 9am-2pm and often until 4pm.

## 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.

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