

Community Hub News

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

May 2026

Welcome to our May / Spring 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: May 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.

And we're also closed on the two bank holidays - Mon 4th and Mon 25th.

And Monday Ancestry groups are on a bit of a break due to the two bank holidays and a staff holiday. So, no Ancestry on 11th either. Monday 18th the for only Ancestry session in May!

Monthly groups for May:

Tue 19th May is our monthly Community Safety drop-in 11am-12noon (supported by the Sidney Sussex Neighbourhood Policing Team). Our 'theme' for this month is seaside safety, safety around Cleethorpes and the nighttime economy. But of course come along with any of your questions related to community safety.

Wed 13th May is our monthly **Camerados group** 10am-12noon

Wed 20th May is our monthly **Quiz session** with a sports day theme this month!

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

For May, we don't have a special event planned. Our next social will be later in June (a Jo Cox connected '**Great Get Together**' on **Monday 22nd June**. More details next month).

The first week in June will also be **National Volunteers' Week** as well as **National Neighbourhood Watch Week**. We'll be participating in both, so watch out for next months newsletter but also watch our website (www.vanel.org.uk) as well as the Facebook page which will be kept up to date: [@BigLocalNorthCleethorpes](https://www.facebook.com/BigLocalNorthCleethorpes)

Last month (April)

We held our own Storytime session during the Easter Break on Wednesday 8th April. The story we read was "The Perfect Hug" and the children then made an Easter collage using their hand as template to make a Bunny, giving hugs of course. It was a lovely session.



April's Quiz was held on 29th April and was themed on The Crystal Maze. Just to hear all the laughing & friendly banter was fantastic. Do come and join us in May (20th May).

Once again, many thanks to our Quiz Master Paul who organised it and kept the fun rolling all afternoon.



Meet the team



Karl is Development Manager for VANEL. He manages a number of our projects but also helps keep our systems (such as our IT and all our websites) ticking along. He supports our member groups with issues as diverse as tech or funding bids. Currently Karl is leading our Rural Neighbourhood Networking programme supported by Liz, so you'll find him in Immingham or

Waltham as much as in the office in Cleethorpes. Karl works from home or wherever needed but you'll usually find him around the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Karl is the lead for Neighbourhood Watch for North East Lincolnshire and also leads on Community Safety issues for the community helping deliver initiatives under our NELwatch brand. If you need to contact Karl just drop him an email at karl@vanel.org.uk

Volunteering Advice



Liz works from the Community Hub Monday to Thursday during our normal opening hours. One of her roles is to promote volunteering opportunities on behalf of other local groups/charities. 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. Liz is a big believer in "volunteering benefits everyone, the volunteer, the organisation and the member/service user of the charity" If you would like to have a chat with Liz to find out more, give her a ring on 07562 206376 or email liz@vanel.org.uk

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"



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)

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.

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

What some of our group members have to say:

We asked some of our weekly members - apart from the biscuits and getting to see Peter, what else did they enjoy about the group they attended each week?

One of the ladies that attends our chair-based exercise session on a Thursday said "Every week I go away intending to exercise at home and never do, because I just get too busy. But coming here every week makes me do it. It helps that we laugh a lot as well."

When asking the Wednesday group what made them attend, one person said, "I look forward to it, I do what I enjoy doing, but coming here gives me some company as well, better than being at home on my own. We chat about all sorts and the kettle is never off."

Finally...

More information always at 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.



One more thing...

VANEL is part of a partnership leading on a Lottery funded, Climate Action focused programme known as Our Future Starts Here which will run for five years. We've been very proud to be involved with and help launch the programme at the Helios art installation at the Minster. Our Green Influencers team was very involved through the Our Caring Sun exhibition and much more. So please visit the VANEL website www.vanel.org.uk where you can find out much more through our blogs and photos. And while there is still a chance until 10th May, visit the Minster to visit Helios. www.ourfuturestartshere.co.uk



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

We have a new supply of **No Cold Caller window stickers** at the office. Please pop in to collect these or other materials if you need them.

There's also an active survey we're supporting from our office - the **JSIA crime and community safety survey** from the Safer NEL team within the Council. Online link is on the communitysafety page above or you can come to the office to fill in the forms or chat to Liz about the survey.

