

Community Hub News

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

August 2026

Welcome to our August edition

School holidays have started, but there's no holiday for us at the community hub. We've still got all our groups running - so do pop in and say hello.

What's on: August 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 August:

During August we've not got a social event planned. We will be back to our open to all events in September.

We've also not got a Community Safety/Police drop-in this month. The next one will be on Tuesday 1st September (11am-12noon).

Camerados is on Wed 12th August





Our July Social Event

We held a Read-Aloud Session on Monday 13th July.

The session was led by Hammond House Project Manager Jessie; we shared poetry by Wendy Cope (The Orange), Edward Lear (Quangle Wangle Queen) and 'Blackberry Picking' by Seamus Heaney along with excerpts from 'The Old Ways' by Robert Macfarlane and a bittersweet short story by Isabelle Broom. Several of the group read aloud as part of the session and the group then chatted about each passage of poetry/prose.

We all thoroughly enjoyed the session and we hope to hold another one in the Autumn.

The session was held to continue support for the National Year of Reading. And a big thank you to Jessie for leading the session for us.



Remember that we have our book swap scheme at 82 Grimsby Road. Pop in and browse the shelves.

Meet the team

Rob is part of our amazing Green Influencers team. Rob delivers weekly sessions at both Littlecoates and Reynolds Academy where he works with children in years 3 and 6. During the sessions children learn about growing vegetables & flowers from seeds, and then looking after the produce. The produce is then donated to local foodbanks. The children also join in with a nature craft project using recycled materials. One day a week you will find Rob on the VANEL Community Allotment on the West Marsh.



Community Safety Postcards



VANEL have just produced a new Community Safety information postcard. It has ideas about you and community safety and links to lots more resources. All the information is online at www.nelwatch.org.uk/communitysafety but you can now pop into the Hub to pick up a physical postcard. Remember we have many other materials too such as our Stay Safe guides and 'No Cold Caller' window stickers.

Don't forget we have a garden



Our Community Hub has a lovely little enclosed garden. It consists of raised beds, benches and a picnic table. We cannot compete with some of the other local amazing gardens, but if you live nearby you are more than welcome to come and sit in our garden, have a cuppa, read a book or your newspaper. If you wanted to help tend the raised beds you would be more than welcome! Pop in & have a look & a chat with the team.

Connecting with residents

We have a local resident that visited the Community Hub to collect some information from us. While he was here, he was given a tour of the hub (as all our visitors get).

He didn't realise just what a variety of activities are available on a weekly basis for residents to participate in and enjoy.

He immediately went home and brought his wife and son back to have a look around.

They were all very enthusiastic and impressed about what they saw, and commented on how welcoming and friendly everyone was.

Since then, the whole family has joined in various sessions at the Community Hub.

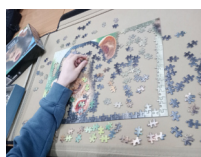
The two younger adults, attend the Hobbies group several times a week, doing jigsaws, playing Dungeons & Dragons, and many other games. This week one of them has started painting figures, which is new to him.

Mum also attends the Hobbies group once a week and says that is her time to relax and unwind and she really looks forward to it.

The whole family have attended our Games and Quiz events and we noticed they are very involved and enthusiastic!

The parents feel reassured now in letting their adult son who had confidence issues to attend on his own, as he has settled in so well in an environment that was unknown to him, that he has found it to be safe and accepting.

We feel that is what our small Community Hub aims to be – welcoming, accepting and a safe space for members of our community to visit and connect with others.



Volunteering news

Liz works from the Community Hub Monday to Thursday during our normal opening hours. If you would like to find out more about volunteering locally then contact Liz to arrange a chat. We can meet face to face at the hub, or we can chat over the telephone. Contact me on 07562 206376 or email liz@vanel.org.uk



More information

If you want to receive this newsletter (as a .pdf) via email then you can join our mailing list via the QR code below or www.vanel.org.uk/vanel/community-hub-newsletter/#subscribe

Finally...

More information always at www.vanel.org.uk or check out the Big Local North Cleethorpes Facebook page (@BigLocalNorthCleethorpes).

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.

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)

