

Community Hub News

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

September 2026

Welcome to September

Whatever the weather you'll find our Red Shed and the community hub busy with visitors in various groups. Have a read about what's been happening and look ahead to September at the Hub.

See you soon?

What's on: September 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 September:

Camerados is Wed 9th September. Our **Community Safety drop-in** was on 1st September and the next will be on Tue 13th October.

Camerados

Whether or not you attend our formal Camerados session, you'll find that any time you pop in is a good time to chat!



Camerados is an international movement and VANEL managed to get a mention in the very latest edition of the Camerados magazine!



We have received confirmation of our donation, that we raised from our event held in June.

"On behalf of The Jo Cox Foundation, I would like to express our gratitude for your generous donation of £52.50. ♥"

Your donation allows us to continue building stronger communities, respectful politics, and a fairer world. Thanks to your support, we can ensure that Jo's energy, compassion, and values live on to make a difference on these vital issues."

Thank you to everyone that supported us by donating for refreshments or buying Raffle Tickets, you helped make a difference.



Meet the team

If you go back through all our past Hub newsletters you'll notice we've now introduced each of our team members. We're a small but perfectly formed group.

As a reminder:

- Paula Grant is our Chief Officer
- Karl Elliott deals with rural neighbourhoods work, neighbourhood watch and community safety
- Richard Wendel-Jones sorts out finance, contracts, HR and payroll (and runs our Ancestry Group)
- Liz Dugard is our admin support, leads on all things volunteering and works with all the weekly groups
- Peter Hewson does all things building and H&S and actively supports all of the weekly groups
- Sam Smith leads our Green Influencers programme and groups as well as Our Future Starts Here.
- Sam is supported by Rob Patchett and Sophie Roberts for all the Green Influencers work as well as quite a lot on the allotment.

Contact any of us via the hub or 01472 231123

Digital Support

Thanks to a bit of funding from North East Lincolnshire Council and the Crisis Resilience Fund, VANEL are working with local residents to try and **support with digital/technical/IT queries**. We're currently supporting all our regular Hub users, but if anyone from the North Cleethorpes area has a concern about doing technical or digital things you can contact us and make an appointment to talk to Karl (our own Tech Support!).

Contact Karl or Liz





One of our crafting ladies in the shed has been very busy with her gem art and the result is this colourful display on the shed wall!

A word from our Crafters

One lady that attends our weekly Craft group wanted to share the following:

"I have enjoyed coming to Tuesday craft group for several years...

I bring my own projects or sometimes a group project we want to learn...

There is always someone who will share a new skill along with a cuppa and a chat.. & sometimes a cake that one of us has baked.

We also support each other and encourage members to come regularly if they are able to.

We meet up for lunch once a month and continue the discussions in a different venue each time !!

Almost as good as the friendships is the fact it is free to come... and we have a good selection of craft materials that people can use too"

A Neighbourhood Watch Event on 9th September

On **Wed 9th September** we are hosting a **"Chat and Cuppa"** event aimed at talking about Neighbourhood Watch in the North Cleethorpes area.

The event is for those already involved with Neighbourhood Watch and others who might be interested in setting groups up locally. The meeting intends to set the context for local Neighbourhood Watch and explain about resources and support available for current groups and for

possible new groups.

Running 12-1.30pm it's very informal but please let Karl or Liz know if you are interested in attending.

Remember that our Hub is officially the North Cleethorpes Neighbourhood Watch Group anyway. So, we're always here if you need advice on how to get support around community safety. If you can get online check out our resources at www.nelwatch.org.uk/communitysafety or pop in to collect more information.

National Year of Reading



Our Hub and our team are all encouraging reading these days as part of the **2026 National Year of Reading**. We've hosted a number of reading focused events (both adults and children); we have our "Little Library" of books to borrow/swap (again, both adults and children); Karl is now a National Year of Reading Champion and is encouraging reading related initiatives across the area including establishing new book clubs and little book libraries; and our Green Influencers programme, led by Sam, organised a very successful Book Trail event across

Cleethorpes during the Summer.

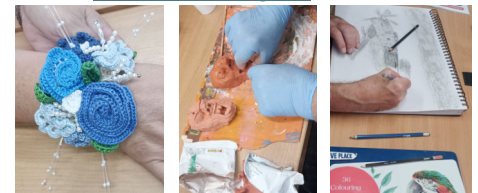
We're working with local organisations like Hammond House and have more plans underway for new reading focused activities.

Interested in reading? Pop in to the Hub for a chat.

Did you know? Sept 11th is Book Club Day! Talk to us about seeing up a new group.



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)

