Community Hub News

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

November 2026

Welcome

This is our monthly roundup of what we're up to at our Cleethorpes Community Hub. We have some new subscribers to this newsletter, so this month here's a roundup of everything we offer from the Hub - and there is plenty!

Share the newsletter around (remind people to subscribe) and feel free to pop in or join in!

What's on Offer at the Hub?

We're a welcoming space

Just pop in to find out more, speak to the team, ask for advice, see what we do and more. We are open Mon-Thur, 9am-3pm normally. (Always closed Fridays). If you want a chat about something specific or to talk to a certain member of our team then it's best to make an appointment (contact Liz: liz@vanel.org.uk or 01472 231123).

Our Groups

Join in with one of our many existing groups...

The Hobbies Group

Mondays 10am-2pm
Wednesdays 10am-2pm
Thursdays 10am-2pm

The Craft Group

Meets Tuesdays 12noon-3pm

Ancestry Group

Meets Mondays 12noon - 4pm

Some of the members of these groups also come together for a weekly **Chair-based exercise (Youtube led) session** Thursday 1-2pm.

Monthly Groups

Camerados

2nd Wed monthly (10am-12noon). Part of the international Camerados network we have a space for people to just meet and chat. Next is Wed 11th Nov.

"Curious" non-fiction club

3rd Wed monthly (11am-12noon) but also online. Supported by the Literary Trust we meet to talk about non-fiction reading and ideas. Next is Wed 18th Nov.

GO ALL IN. Curious

We're a Digital Hub

Ask about your tech or online issues or worries. Our next **"Digital Day"** is Wed 25th Nov 11am-2pm. You can drop-in or make an appointment.

Community Safety and Police drop-ins

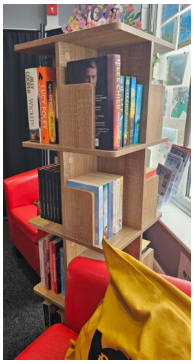
Monthly. Next is on 24th Nov 11am-12noon

Community Safety

We're a hub for community safety information. We're the home of the **North Cleethorpes Neighbourhood Watch Network**. Karl leads on Neighbourhood Watch so for any questions about Neighbourhood Watch or community safety contact Karl.

We're running **Quarterly Scams and Fraud Awareness workshops** - the next is Wed 2nd Dec, 1-3pm.

Little Library



As well as our "Curious" book group and our occasional reading events, we also have our Little Library for book swaps. There's fiction, non-fiction and a special childrens section.

An so much more…

Talk to Liz about volunteer opportunities. We're a Warmspace during the winter. We're even a Poo Bag Partner for the council! And VANEL runs all our projects from the hub so you can visit and find out about Green Influencers, Our Future Starts Here, Neighbours Together and much more. **Just pop in for a visit.**

More at www.vanel.org.uk/82grimsbyroad

Other support for hub users

Our shed is not just about hobbies, games and crafts, but we also try to support our folk in all kinds of ways

Recently **Jenny from Grimsby Community Energy** visited our shed folk to have a chat with the group about making their homes warmer, and how to reduce costs of energy for heating, cooking and washing, which was very well received. People are feeling the pinch at the moment, and with Winter racing towards us at an alarming rate, with its cold weather, this was welcome. Jenny gave some good advice on using appliances such as fridges more efficiently, insulating windows and doors, making your own draught excluders (the Craft Ladies may have a contract coming here!) and we had some interesting individual conversations about how our folk could save money. Jenny also gave out some free items such as heat conserving cups, and information and contacts for help, grant advice, and visits from the Green Doctor. We are a warm space for our visitors and this helped them make their own space at home warmer too.

Supporting others

Our lovely ladies from our Tuesday Craft Group recently visited Cleethorpes Wildlife Rescue to present a donation of £225.70 to the charity. The money was raised by selling craft items that had been donated to the craft group. The charity was a favourite of a much-loved member of the group who is sadly no longer with us.

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Meet Gabi

This month we've spoken to Gabi, who is one of the younger members of our shed based Craft Group.

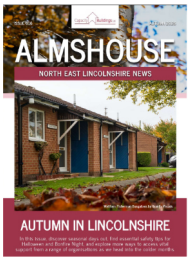
She has been coming now for six months and while here she paints in oils and acrylics, completes pictures in Diamond Art, and enjoys doing puzzles, including those which are 3D. She says she gets engrossed in puzzles and often won't stop until she has completed one. Gabi has always enjoyed crafting and creating with the satisfaction, pride and achievement that goes with completing something.

It is her first time carrying out her hobby within a group setting; she was a little shy at first but felt it draws you out of yourself, allowing you to mix and engage with others, building connections in a comfortable environment where now she has established her own presence there.

We would like to say Gabi has fitted into the group so well, she is so friendly & warm, and we have noticed how she will regularly step up to help others, and always has a smile on her face.

Did you know?

We also support Almshouses across North East Lincolnshire? And recently our Community Hub was the venue for the very first meeting of **North East Lincolnshire area Almhouse Charity Trustee Meeting**. Our partner organisation, Capacity Buildings Ltd has received funding from the NELC Household Support Grant to reach residents of Almshouses across the North East Lincolnshire region. As part of that project, since August 2025 we have produced a regular Newsletter that is hand delivered to all residents living in a local Almshouse property. You might find the content of interest whether or not you live in an Almshouse! Copies are online here: www.capacitybuildings.org.uk/projects/almshouses/ or you can pick up copies from our hub.



We're a Digital Hub

With some funding from North East Lincolnshire Council's Crisis Resilience Fund, we are able to provide some support to local residents with digital or technology related questions or issues. If you need to know how to do something online, on your phone or computer, or have problems, concerns or questions around anything tech related, then maybe we can help. We have a specific **"Digital Day" event coming up on Wed 25th Nov (11am-2pm)** – feel free to pop in, but if you drop into the Hub at any other time you might be able to get some digital support or arrange a 1:1 appointment.

In the meantime, LearnMyWay is a recommended website with free guides to doing lots of tech tasks: www.learnmyway.com

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Check out the Big Local North Cleethorpes Facebook page (@BigLocalNorthCleethorpes) or there's more information always at www.vanel.org.uk/82grimsbyroad

We're open

Mon-Thur 9am-3pm and often until 4pm. Closed Fridays.

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
VANEL's website is www.vanel.org.uk.
Our phone number (leave a message) is 01472 231123
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