

Newsletter March 2025

Communities Team News

Community VE Day Fund



The Communities Team on behalf of Newcastle City Council would like to draw your attention to a new grass roots funding opportunity we have just launched today.

The **Community VE Day Fund** has been created to support citywide community activities marking the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

The fund will provide **grants of up to £200** to any constituted community-minded organisation and can be used as a stand-alone grant or as match-funding towards larger fundraising efforts.

Grant guidance and more information about VE Day can be found here - [VE Day VJ Day 80 | Newcastle City Council](#)

You can apply online to the fund here - <https://forms.office.com/e/375ppTCu7D>

The deadline for applications is **Midnight, Wednesday 16th April 2025.**

Should you have further questions or require a copy of the application in Word format please contact communitiesteamemail@newcastle.gov.uk

Renew your postal vote

We are contacting residents in Newcastle to renew their postal vote opening. If you need to do this, you will receive a letter from us. Follow the instructions on your letter or you might receive an email from us. Follow the links it only takes a few minutes.

You need to renew your postal vote

If you are a postal voter you need to renew as soon as possible
Please do this now to avoid your postal vote being cancelled.

What do I need to do?

- Scan this QR code
Or
- Submit Online at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote>
Or
- Contact
elections@newcastle.gov.uk or call
01912115137



If you are unable to provide a signature, you can apply for a waiver using the same methods above.

For more information please go to the Electoral Commission website.



Email elections@newcastle.gov.uk
Phone 0191 2115137.

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Training

Safeguarding Newcastle Against Poverty

Name of training session	Date	Venue	Synopsis of training session
Introduction to Safeguarding Adults – Level 1 training	Friday 7 March 2025 10am-1.15pm	St. James Church, Benwell Lane, Benwell	An overview of the different categories of abuse An awareness of the signs of abuse An understanding of how to report a safeguarding concern
Safeguarding Adults - Level 2	Friday 21 March 2025 10am-1.15pm	St. James Church, Benwell Lane, Benwell	Aimed at people who have a responsibility for receiving concerns, decision making and informing statutory agencies. All attendees must complete Level 1 training first. This training will increase awareness of legislation, policies and procedures in this field, and reinforce the role we all play in recognising and responding to safeguarding concerns
Introduction to asylum, migration and refugee	Friday 28 March 2025 10am-12	St. James Church, Benwell	What is meant by asylum and refugee status Migration and Asylum in Newcastle What support is available for refugee and migrant households City of Sanctuary
Introduction to Housing and Homelessness, including information on how Council houses are allocated	Friday 11 April 2025 10am – 12	Newcastle City Library	What we mean by homelessness What support is available and how this is accessed Housing scarcity in Newcastle An opportunity to ask questions
Introduction to benefits training	Friday 25 April 2025 10am – 12	St. James Church, Benwell	A basic overview of the benefits system, the basic rules, who can claim what, payments and challenging decisions. Information about the benefit advice and support in Newcastle
Universal Credit Managed Migration and the online journal	Friday 9 May 2025 10am – 12	TBC	An opportunity to find out more about Universal Credit in Newcastle, the managed migration process and how to support residents with their online journal.
Loan shark awareness training	Friday 23 May 2025 10am-12	TBC	The training will provide an overview of the dangers of loan sharks and the support available for victims.
Introduction to debt and budgeting	Friday 6 June 2025 10am – 12	Newcastle City Library	Understanding and identifying problem debt, priority and non-priority debts, developing budgets, support available for people worried about debt, the standard financial statement and why it is used / how it can be useful.
How to make a good safeguarding referral	Friday 20 June 2025 10am – 12	TBC	Reminder of the criteria for making a safeguarding adults referral An overview of the referral form, key questions and why they are asked Involvement of the adult at risk, consent and information sharing considerations Other referral pathways and escalation of concerns Language What happens once a safeguarding adults referral has been submitted Signposting to guidance and resources that will assist referrers
Healthy Start Programme and Family Hubs	Friday 4 July 2025 10am – 12	St James Church	What is Healthy Start and how it can help low-income families, information about Family Hubs and the support they can offer

To book a space contact Lucy Kelly – lucy.kelly@newcastle.gov.uk

Pop Up Recycling Centres

Newcastle City Council are providing accessible free recycling services in your local area to help residents who don't have access to a car.

We invite you to bring your unwanted items for recycling and our staff will be on hand to advise you. We will only accept the items listed in green below. General waste or items listed in red will be turned away.

Proof of Newcastle address must be presented upon arrival.

Yes Please

- **Wood: Wooden Furniture, Fencing and Timber**
- **Small Electricals: Toasters, Hair Dryers, Cameras, Vapes etc.**
- **Large Electrical Items: Washing machines, TV's, Fridges etc.**
- **Sofas and Soft Furnishings**
- **Hard plastics: Toys, Slides, Garden Furniture etc.**
- **Cardboard and Glass Bottles & Jars**

No Thanks

- **No General Waste**
- **No Black Bagged Waste**
- **No Garden Waste**
- **No Mattresses / Divan Beds**
- **No Rubble**
- **No Textiles**

Ward	Location	Day and Date	Time
Byker	Scarborough Road Byker NE6 2RU	Wednesday 23 rd April	7am-1pm
Walkergate	Tumulus Avenue Walkergate NE6 4XA	Thursday 24 th April	7am-1pm
Monument	Kyle Close Monument Ward NE4 7DQ	Thursday 29 th April	7am-1pm
Kenton	Wycliffe Avenue Kenton NE3 4QU	Thursday 1 st May	7am-1pm
Kingston Park South and Newbiggin Hall	Rhuddlan Court Off Etal Way NE5 4TG	Wednesday 7 th May 2025	7am-1pm
West Fenham	Haydon Place West Fenham NE5 2UU	Tuesday 13 th May	7am-1pm
South Jesmond	Kelvin Grove South Jesmond NE2 1RL	Thursday 20 th May	7am-1pm
North Jesmond	Queens Terrace Jesmond NE2 2PJ	Thursday 22 nd May	7am-1pm
Lemington	Letch Way Lemington NE15 8BW	Wednesday 18 th June	7am-1pm
Throckley	Mayfield Avenue Throckley NE15 9BD	Tuesday 24 th June	7am-1pm
Denton and Westerhope	Eshott Close West Denton NE5 2RR	Thursday 26 th June	7am-1pm

Community Information

Ouseburn Farm

Portrait Party & Art Show Open Night - 'People and Animals at the Farm'

We're excited to invite all Ouseburn Farm Volunteers, Staff, and Placements to a special Portrait Party and Open Night for our upcoming art show "People and Animals at the Farm".

[You are invited - Ouseburn Farm](#)

Date: Wednesday 9th April 2025

Time: 5-7pm

Location: Ouseburn Farm

Alongside the art show, there will be a make your own portrait pizza station (£6 a pizza) and the opportunity to have a go at drawing your own portrait. Our photography group will also have an exhibition on show.

We'd love for you to join us! Models include Farm Placements, Staff, Volunteers, Animals, and the Café Beam team.

[Summer Programme](#)

Hi everyone, there are some nice training sessions coming up if anyone is interested with Newcastle's Nature Networks (NNN), delivered by NHSN - some of which are being held at Ouseburn Farm.

The programme covers March-July and includes sessions on bees, butterflies, trees, grasses, wildflowers and more. A second programme will be shared in June covering the late-summer and autumn period and will include further sessions on fungi, winter trees, dragonflies and lots more.

[Susan Dungworth, Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner](#)

[March 2025 Newsletter](#)



[More data](#)

[Free Community Cookery Courses from Nourish Food School](#)

[More information](#)




FREE Community Cookery Courses

Our community cookery classes are typically free and funded through partners and grants to ensure everyone has access to food education and a chance to see food as a positive part of their lives.

Our next courses are open and available for people to sign up to (or for people to be referred into).

LIST BELOW FOR UPCOMING COURSES IN NEWCASTLE FOR BOTH ADULTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

NEWCASTLE: For adults

 WESTERHOPE Jamie Oliver Ministry of Food Course <i>@ Wicker Chair Cafe</i> A free 8-week cookery course focussing on low cost cooking <small>Funded by Westerhope Ward Council at Newcastle City Council</small> Tuesdays 10:00 - 11:30 starting 1st April <div style="background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">WAITING LIST ONLY AVAILABLE</div>	 LEMINGTON Jamie Oliver Ministry of Food Course <i>@ Parish Church of Holy Saviour</i> A free 8-week cookery course focussing on low cost cooking <small>Funded by the Local Community Partnership Fund at Newcastle City Council</small> Thursdays 11:00 - 12:30 starting 3rd April <div style="background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">WAITING LIST ONLY AVAILABLE</div>	 WEST DENTON Jamie Oliver Ministry of Food Course <i>@ Holy Spirit Church</i> A free 8-week cookery course focussing on low cost cooking <small>Funded by West Denton Ward Council at Newcastle City Council</small> Wednesdays 10:00 - 11:30 starting 2nd April <div style="background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">WAITING LIST ONLY AVAILABLE</div>	 HEATON Cook Together Club Classes <i>@ Life Centre, Heaton Baptist Church</i> Free weekly cookery classes - attend one or many! <small>Provided in partnership with Heaton Baptist Church</small> Wednesdays 4pm - 5:30pm starting 30th April <div style="background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">SIGN UP HERE</div>
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FENHAM
FENHAM Monthly Cookery Classes
@ Fenham Library
 Free monthly cookery classes that look at making cooking enjoyable and using low cost ingredients
Funded by National Lottery Community Fund
 Last Tuesday of every month
 14:00 - 15:30

SIGN UP HERE

Give us a shout if you need to ask any questions and find out more!

Know someone who would love to join one of our courses? Spread the word and invite them to get in touch with us

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