



Rugby Communities

E-Bulletin

2nd Edition December 2025

Welcome to the latest edition of our E -Bulletin

*If you would like to promote an activity/event or information, please send it through to cdwrugby@warwickshire.gov.uk
Please let us know at any time if you no longer wish to receive these updates.*

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Need a hot meal?

Frevktchn provides hot food as well as support with benefits and housing applications. All who need food and support are welcome.



Please join us at The Eco Hub, 43 Clifton Rd, Rugby CV21 3QE (Top of Bath Street) Every Saturday 3pm - 5pm

Last Chance for Ambitious Charities to Win £22,000 in Support and Funding

Ambitious charities across the North of England, the Midlands, and Wales have just one month left to apply for the [2026 Weston Charity Awards](#), which offer transformational support packages worth over £22,000 each.

Up to 22 charities working in community, environment, welfare, or youth sectors will be selected for this substantial programme of support, designed to help organisations strengthen their leadership, plan for sustainable growth, and build long-term resilience.

Delivered through a partnership between the Garfield Weston Foundation and charity partner Pilotlight, each winner receives £6,500 in unrestricted funding, plus access to Pilotlight 360 – a year-long programme of strategic mentoring and leadership development valued at around £16,000.

Each front-line charity is allocated a team of senior business professionals, who provide tailored coaching on topics such as income diversification, business planning, long-term strategy, volunteer recruitment, and operational efficiency. This expert guidance helps small charities gain the skills and capacity to thrive in an increasingly challenging environment.

Eligible registered charities include those that have delivered a service for over two years, have at least one paid full-time member of staff in a leadership position, and have an income of less than £5 million per year.

Clare Gough, Director at the Garfield Weston Foundation, said:

“Charities are under more pressure than ever, with rising costs, funding competition, and growing need. The Weston Charity Awards use a unique combination of expert mentoring and funding to help build an achievable plan for sustainable growth that gets charities future-ready. Winners can then concentrate on what matters most, delivering impact within their community.”

Since launching in 2014, over 200 charities have received Weston Charity Awards. A recent independent evaluation report analysing the 10-year impact of the programme revealed that almost all leaders reported that their charity is more operationally fit after winning (96%), with four out of five stating that the improvements are still felt to this day (83%). Winners also reported having more effective senior leadership (98%) as well as a clearer organisational purpose (91%).

Pilotlight CEO, Lisa Pearce, added:

“The Weston Charity Awards are about unlocking potential not just through funding, but through the power of connection, leadership, and shared learning. Charities are doing extraordinary work under huge pressure, and this programme gives them the space, skills, and confidence to plan for the future. It’s a real privilege to see how collaboration between charity leaders and business experts helps to strengthen the sector from within.”

One of the 2024 Weston Charity Award winners was [Welsh Dee Trust](#), an environmental charity that works to ensure the River Dee is free from pollution and full of wildlife, delivering tangible conservation interventions on the ground. CEO Peter Powell said of winning a Weston Charity Award:

“It’s made a big impact to Welsh Dee Trust. Personally, I really enjoyed it. It’s been good for my own development. It made me a better leader and CEO and forced me to think more strategically. It has improved my skills immensely. I had to think more about long-term planning and how we get from where we are now to where we want to be.”

Other winners included [The Sanctuary Trust](#), which works across the North West of England and North Wales to relieve and prevent homelessness. CEO John Wigley said of the process: *“We needed guidance and that’s what you gave us. [... It] far exceeded my expectations. I’ve grown in confidence and realised I’m capable of doing this. You have been a shadow board that has challenged me – I needed that.”*

A previous winner, the [Carers Trust Heart of England](#), supports unpaid carers of all ages across Coventry and Warwickshire, providing care in the community for people with support needs. CEO Claire Dale said the awards, *“acted as a driver [...and] personally, it’s been really helpful. I’ve found the dialogue helpful, but it’s been critical when needed. It has provided objectivity around what’s going on.”*

The Weston Charity Awards application deadline is 5pm on Friday 9 January 2026.

Who can apply?

- Registered charities (charity number required)
- Income under £5m per year
- At least two years of service delivery
- At least one full-time paid leader
- Based in the North of England, the Midlands, or Wales
- Working in Community, Welfare, Youth or Environmental action

To find out more and apply, visit: www.pilotlight.org.uk/weston-charity-awards

Charities can also attend a free Zoom session on 16 December from 1-2pm where they can find out more about the benefits and get top tips on crafting a standout application. All sessions take place online and tickets are available through [Eventbrite](#).



25 DAYS OF WARWICKSHIRE



As 2025 draws to a close, Warwickshire County Council is reflecting on an extraordinary year, one defined by progress, resilience, and teamwork. At the heart of this success are the remarkable people who make Warwickshire what it is: our dedicated council teams, trusted partners, and the vibrant communities we serve.

Throughout December, we'll be sharing stories that showcase the vital work carried out across Warwickshire - work that often happens behind the scenes but makes a real difference every day. These stories will highlight the dedication of our council teams, the strength of our partnerships, and the incredible support from local communities. From maintaining essential services to driving innovation and supporting those who need it most, these efforts reflect the resilience and spirit that define Warwickshire. Together, they help make our county a great place to live, work, and visit, and we're proud to celebrate the people and collaborations that make it all possible.

Explore what's hidden behind each door

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/advent-calendar>

Harris CofE Academy Sports Centre

Multi Sport Holiday Clubs for 5-12 year olds



Holiday Club 9am – 3.45pm
Early drop off from 8.15am
Late Pick up until 4.30pm



To book your place or for more information;
Email: pdm@harris.covmat.org
Phone: 01788 818925
Or call in to Harris Sports Centre, Mellish Rd, Rugby, CV22 6BB

Please also ask about our **Bikeability**
courses that run during holidays.
Cycling Proficiency for the modern age!

All staff are fully qualified,
DBS checked and First Aid
trained

Holiday Club dates for 25/26



October Half Term

Monday 27th Oct to Thurs 30th October 2025 (4 day camp)

May Half Term

Tuesday 26th May to Thursday 28th May 2026 (3 day camp)

Christmas 2025/26

Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th Dec 2025 (2 day camp)



Summer 2025

Week 1 – 27th to 30th July (4 day camp)

Week 2 – 3rd to 6th August (4 day camp)

Week 3 – 10th to 13th August (4 day camp)

Week 4 – 17th to 20th August (4 day camp)

Week 5 – 24th to 27th August (4 day camp)



February Half Term

Monday 16th to Thursday 19th February 2026 (4 day camp)

Easter 2026

Wk 1 – Mon 30th March to Thurs 2nd April 2026 (4 day camp)

Wk 2 – Tue 7th to Thurs 9th April 2026 (3 day camp)



Price per child

£17.50 per standard day (9am to 3.45pm)

£2.50 per wrap around session or £21 for complete day

The **Indices of Deprivation 2025** (IoD25) were published by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) on 30 October 2025.

These statistics update the English Indices of Deprivation 2019. The IoD25 can be used to identify the most deprived neighbourhoods (LSOAs) across England.

Colleagues at Warwickshire County Council have pulled out and summarised the statistics for Warwickshire neighbourhoods and you can find the summaries via, <https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-808477336-777>

(DBS) Disclosure and Barring Service – WCAVA have let us know that Becky Haines, the new DBS Outreach Adviser for the West Midlands, is offering three **free online workshops in early 2026 to help voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations strengthen their understanding of DBS processes and safeguarding responsibilities**. Sessions will be delivered via MS Teams and cover eligibility for checks, barring and referral duties, and the DBS Update Service.

- [**DBS Checks – Understanding Eligibility: Tuesday, 20th January 2026, 10.00am–12.00pm**](#)
- [**DBS Barring & Legal Duty to Refer: Tuesday, 3rd February 2026, 10.00am–12.00pm**](#)
- [**DBS Update Service: 3rd March 2026, 10.00am–11.00am**](#)

If you have any DBS queries you can contact Becky via, rebecca.haines@dbs.gov.uk

& Mental Health & Menopause

**Are you living with menopause or perimenopause?
Are you feeling low or stressed because of it?**
Our 8-week Mental Health and Menopause group may be
helpful for you.



**Starting Monday 19 January 2026
5:30pm to 7:30pm**

**To join the group, self-refer to Talking Therapies by
calling 024 7667 1090 or by registering on our [website](#).**

Please note: An assessment with a clinician is required before a place can be offered.
Please contact ttgroups@covwarkpt.nhs.uk for more information.



Overlade Gardening Club

**Wednesdays 10:30am
Term time
Free tea and coffee**

**Contact Anna for more details
ocamanager@hotmail.co.uk**

Overlade Community Centre
68 Buchanan Road
Rugby
CV22 6AZ

Overslade Warm Hub

Every other Wednesday
during term time
starting 12th November
at Overslade Community Centre
11:00 - 15:00

ALL WELCOME!

Free hot and cold drinks
Affordable lunch available
Free WiFi

For more information come along or contact
Tanith at
Oversladecommunity@hotmail.com

Overslade Community Centre
68 Buchanan Road
Rugby
CV22 6AZ
overslade.org



Yuletide Festival

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DECEMBER
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10:00 - 16:00
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Overlade Community Centre
68 Buchanan Road, CV22 YAZ
overladecommunity@hotmail.com

£10 suggested donation

[View this email in your browser](#)



A – Z of Recycling at Christmas



Christmas is a time for giving—but it often leads to extra waste. This A–Z guide offers quick, practical tips to help you recycle more and waste less during the festive season. From cards to crackers, wrapping to wreaths, discover how to celebrate sustainably, one letter at a time.

Batteries

[Batteries](#) can be recycled at the Recycle Centre or anywhere that sells them.

Cans

[Food and drinks cans](#) are accepted at the kerbside recycling and Recycling Centres across Warwickshire.

Cardboard

[Cardboard](#) is accepted at the kerbside recycling and Recycling Centres across Warwickshire.

Christmas crackers

Separate out the cardboard and paper parts and recycle. Reuse any embellishments such as ribbons. No glitter in the recycling.

Christmas decorations

Decorations in good condition can be taken to our Reuse Shops. Broken decorations should be placed in the general waste bin.

Christmas trees

Take your real [Christmas tree](#) to your nearest [Recycling Centre](#) or they may be collected alongside your [green wheeled bin](#), please check with your local council or [Coventry and Warwickshire Charity Xmas Tree-cycling](#).

Fairy lights

Small electrical items such as fairy or [Christmas tree lights](#) can be taken to your local Recycling Centre.

Food waste

[Food waste](#) recycling is available in some areas of Warwickshire at the kerbside. Please check with your [local council](#) or [compost](#) at home.

Foil

[Foil](#) is accepted for recycling at the kerbside and Recycling Centres across Warwickshire.

Glass

[Glass bottles and jars](#) are accepted for recycling at the kerbside and Recycling Centres across Warwickshire.

Greetings cards

[Plain cards](#) can be recycled at the kerbside and Recycling Centres. Please remove any embellishments. No glitter.

Plastic packaging

[Plastic bottles, pots, tubs, and trays](#) can be recycled at the kerbside and Recycling Centres across Warwickshire.

Regifting

It is acceptable to regift a present. Just be careful who you send it to. Alternatively, take to a Reuse Shop.

Tins of sweets or chocolates

[Empty tins](#) can be recycled at the kerbside or Recycling Centres.

Wrapping paper

Plain [wrapping paper](#) can be recycled at the kerbside and Recycling Centres. Please remove any embellishments. No glitter.

All recycling should be empty, rinsed, and whole.

If we have missed an item, visit recyclenow.com and search on the [Recycling Locator](#).



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Warwickshire Adult & Community Learning

Courses at Hill Street, Rugby

Sewing Mixed Ability

Whatever level you are at with your sewing, this class would be suitable.



Art & Craft

Various art and craft techniques using materials like textiles, ceramics, paper, paint, and mixed media.

Course	Day	Time	Start	End	Wks
Sewing Mixed Ability	Tue	10.00 - 12.00	13/01/2026	24/03/2026	10
Art & Craft	Tue	13.00 - 15.00	13/01/2026	24/03/2026	10
Pilates	Tue	11.00 - 12.00	13/01/2026	24/03/2026	10
Yoga	Tue	12.30 - 13.30	13/01/2026	24/03/2026	10
Chair Yoga	Tue	14.00 - 15.00	13/01/2026	24/03/2026	10

Yoga, Pilates, Chair Yoga

Feel stronger, calmer, and more energised whatever your fitness level!



Web: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/acl

Call: 01926 736392 **Email:** acl@warwickshire.gov.uk



Warwickshire
Adult & Community Learning

Preparing to Work Course



**Online Course : Tuesdays at 6.30pm-8.00pm
Starts 6th January for 10 weeks**

This course will help you understand the skills to gain employment and understand earning a living wage. You will learn how to develop your career goals and focus on your qualities and skills you can offer an employer. Each week we will cover different skills that will help you understand how to apply for a job that applies to your current skills and experience.

Topics include:

- Create a outstanding C.V
- Learn how to apply for the right job
- Prepare for an Interview
- Links to Careers and much more

Courses are Free to anyone on UC and other means tested benefits.

Please enquire and reserve a space!

Website: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/acl

Call: 01926 736392 **Email:** acl@warwickshire.gov.uk



Creative Writing for Wellbeing

Discover the power of writing to improve your wellbeing

Course tutor: Tristan Jackson-Pate

Join our FREE online adult creative writing workshops led by Tristan Jackson-Pate. Discover your voice, craft compelling stories, and connect with others in a supportive community. Open to Coventry and Warwickshire residents who are looking to find coping strategies and improve mental well-being.

COURSE DETAILS

Online via Zoom

Wednesdays 7–8.30pm

21 January, 25 February, 18 March & 15 April

This creative writing group, led by writer and theatre maker Tristan Jackson-Pate alongside an Arts Uplift volunteer will focus on the ways we craft stories, in a relaxed online group setting. Participants can access the exercises in a variety of ways and enjoy the support of the group as they develop their ideas. Though sessions will primarily look at dramatic writing for theatre or film, the exercises and discussions had will be relevant to all forms of storytelling, whether you want to write a novel, or a poetry collection. We will cover:

Where stories come from, Story structure, Character creation, Finding the meaning, Exploring form, Plotting
Redrafting

And of course, how not to become blocked in your creativity! The aim is to provide chances to learn, create, and collaborate, in an inclusive, no pressure environment.

What you can expect to learn:

A better understanding about how creative writing can benefit your well-being.

More confidence about creative writing and different techniques that can be used to improve your well-being.

Meet new people and have peer to peer support

For further information email info@artsuplift.co.uk or call on 01926 504 212

BOOK NOW

Song Writing for Wellbeing

Feeling heavy? Lighten it with a lyric. Write your own! Discover the power of song writing to enhance your wellbeing. Join experienced musician Martin Riley for these FREE songwriting workshops designed to help adults.

Course Tutor Martin Riley Arts Uplift Volunteer. Find creative ways of managing stress and improving mental wellbeing.

Starts January — Every Thursday! A 10-session course running weekly at The Benn Partnership, Railway Terrace, Rugby CV21 3HR.

7.15pm-8.45pm 15, 22, 29 January 5, 12, 19, 26 February 5, 12, 19 March 2026

Bookings are now open through the Recovery and Wellbeing Academy but you can book with us info@artsuplift.co.uk we are still taking participants.

Further information Please visit: www.artsuplift.co.uk/ageing-well

Consultations and Survey

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Join our Voice of Warwickshire residents' panel!

Find out more and sign up now at
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/voice



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I want my voice
to help shape
Warwickshire's
future



Application deadline: Sunday 8 February 2026.

Training

NEW Training Offer for Local Voluntary, Community, Faith, and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) Organisations

A new partnership bringing affordable accredited training to local organisations.

Are you a volunteer, charity, social enterprise or not-for-profit delivering in the Warwickshire or Solihull area? We have partnered with [flick learning Ltd](#) to give you a great deal on all your online training needs.



Gain 12 months' access to over 150 fully-accredited courses, from health & safety, to safeguarding and soft skills. Flick is the perfect solution to your training needs - all at an exceptionally low price of just £10.00 (excl. VAT) per person!

For more information and to take advantage of this offer, get in touch with sales@flicklearning.com with the name of your charity and the number of people you wish to train.

FREE DBS Workshops for the West Midlands VCSE Sector

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- [DBS Update Service: 3rd March 2026, 10.00am–11.00am](#)

For DBS-related enquiries or accessibility requests, please contact: rebecca.haines@dbs.gov.uk

Action Tutoring: FREE 30-Minute Info Sessions – Become a Volunteer Tutor

Tuesday, 13th January 2026, 4.30pm–5.30pm, online

Interested in volunteering as a maths or English tutor? Action Tutoring is hosting a free 30-minute online information session to give you a taste of what it's like to volunteer before applying.

Hear from a staff member, ask questions, and learn how you can make a real difference for children facing disadvantage. No prior tutoring or teaching experience is needed - Action Tutoring provide training, resources, and support.

Book your place via Eventbrite: [Action Tutoring Events](#)

Jobs and Volunteering

We're looking for you!

CAFE VOLUNTEER



We are looking for someone with a Level 2 Food Hygiene certificate or the willingness to complete one.

The volunteer will help serve drinks, food and take payments from our in-house kitchen.

If you would like to enquire about this volunteer position please contact kirsty.denyer@rugbyecohub.org

[HTTPS://RUGBYECOHUB.ORG/](https://rugbyecohub.org/)

APPLY NOW!



WARWICKSHIRE & SOLIHULL

CAVA



COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY ACTION

Hill Street Youth and Community Centre, Hill St, Rugby, CV21 2NB

01788 574258

If you'd like any further support with funding or group development, please contact CAVA's Funding & Group Development Officer for

Rugby Borough, Lou Beddoe at lou.beddoe@wcava.org.uk.

If you'd like any support recruiting volunteers, please contact CAVA's Volunteer Coordinator for Rugby Borough, Amy Muzyka at amy.muzyka@wcava.org.uk.

**THIS IS THE
DIFFERENCE
YOU MAKE**



Do you want to make a difference to people's lives in 2026? Become a Reablement Assistant with Warwickshire County Council

Our Social Care and Support service is offering an exciting opportunity to join the team as a Reablement Assistant. This role is perfect for individuals who enjoy working within local communities, meeting new people, and want to make a positive difference to people's lives.

Reablement is a service offered to adults aged 18+ years across Warwickshire who need support with regaining their independence after illness, injury, or a period of frailty. The role of a Reablement Assistant is to support people with practical and motivational guidance to live as independently as possible in their own homes for a period of up to six weeks.

[Learn more and apply](#)

[Job search](#)

https://ce0242li.webitrent.com/ce0242li_webrecruitment/wrd/run/etrec179gf.open?WVID=821994yYtv&LANG=USA

Warwickshire
Adult & Community Learning

Volunteer with ACL!

Are you interested in volunteering with Warwickshire Adult & Community Learning?

Have you spare time to help our learners reach their potential?

Or you want to gain experience of assisting and supporting learners in our classes for adults?



We have courses in Nuneaton, Rugby and Leamington Spa.
You choose how much time you can commit!

Come along to our Volunteer Coffee Morning:
Thursday 18th December 2025 10am-12 at Hill St
Youth & Community Centre, Rugby, CV21 2NB
Enquire, apply and sign up!
For further information email:
volunteeracl@warwickshire.gov.uk

**Please note a DBS and relevant checks are completed for successful applicants*

Visit our website: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/acl
Call: 01926 736392 Email: volunteeracl@warwickshire.co.uk



RUGBY VISION SUPPORT CENTRE: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We're looking for friendly volunteers at our sessions each Wednesday morning (9.30am - 11:30am) at Rugby Baptist Church. You don't need to be available every week as we run a rota system to ensure we have cover.

There are a variety of tasks you can help with, including setting up the room at 9am, welcoming attendees, providing some service users with mobility support, serving refreshments, and helping ensure we leave the venue tidy afterwards.

It's a friendly and inclusive space where you can sit, chat with people, listen to guest speakers, and join in the activities.

You really could make a huge difference to people living with sight loss in Rugby.

If you are interested, please feel free to visit us and see what is expected before making any commitment or you can call Alison or Rebecca on 01926 411331. We can't wait to hear from you!

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enquiries@warwickshire.vision

Funding

CityFibre, our build partners for the UK government's Project Gigabit broadband deployment programme in Warwickshire have a Community Fund, which in 2026 will include a Large Grant fund. This is for one grant up to £50k (or it may be split into 2 grants) for which you may be interested in applying. I have summarised details of this below:

- The Large Grant will support more substantial, long-term projects that address deeper digital challenges and help organisations grow their capacity. Grants range from £20,000 to £50,000 for projects that deliver innovative approaches to **digital inclusion** and will really help those organisations to grow their reach and operations.
- Projects must be delivered by small to medium-sized charities / organisations operating within the Lot 11 region (Lot 11 encompasses Leicestershire and Warwickshire). Funding supports 12 months of delivery, with organisations required to show alignment with local priorities identified during the bidding process.
- Large Grants may support projects that improve health and wellbeing, strengthen digital inclusivity and tackle inequalities – including disability-related barriers.

At this stage, CityFibre are just looking for recommendations / suggestions of local digital inclusion charities / organisations operating within Warwickshire who could benefit from this.

It would, however, be helpful if those who would like to be considered for this could provide a very brief description (literally a couple of paragraphs) of the work their organisation has already undertaken to tackle digital exclusion and also explain how you could utilise the Large Grant funding to further your digital inclusion work within Warwickshire as this will help CityFibre to draw up a shortlist of potential candidates.

If you would like to be considered for this funding or you know of a charity / organisation that would, please email cswbroadband@warwickshire.gov.uk with the information as requested above by midnight January 6th 2026.

CityFibre will then begin work on due diligence in January. Consultations and assessments will take place from January to March, with judging panels will be held in late March to early April and awards announced at the end of April.

Arnold Clark Community Fund – Cost-of-Living Support

The Arnold Clark Community Fund is offering financial support to UK-based charities and community groups addressing the rising cost-of-living crisis. Funding is available to organisations within 50 miles of an Arnold Clark branch that work directly with those most affected, including foodbanks, accommodation providers, and poverty relief groups. Applications are welcomed from registered charities, community groups, social enterprises, and CICs, with priority for smaller local organisations supporting vulnerable people. Funding cannot be used for private gain, religious or political activities, wages, debt, or loan repayments.

Interested groups can apply online, submitting one application per organisation every six months.

Full eligibility criteria and application details are available via the [Arnold Clark Community Fund website](#).

7stars Foundation - Funding for Vulnerable Young People

Application deadline: Sunday, 1st February 2026 (March 2026 review)

The 7stars Foundation provides grants to support young people (under 18) in the UK facing abuse, addiction, homelessness, or caring responsibilities. Funding streams include Project Grants (up to £5,000), Shine Bright and Child Poverty Grants (up to £30,000 per year for two years), Social Impact Grants, and Individual Grants (up to £500).

Eligible organisations must work with young people and, for most funding streams, have a turnover under £1.5 million. Funding can support innovative projects, long-term initiatives, or provide direct assistance to young people through safeguarding professionals.

Full guidance and applications are available on the [7stars Foundation website](#).

Garfield Weston Foundation & Pilotlight: Weston Charity Awards

Application deadline: Deadline to apply: Friday, 9th January 2026 at 5.00pm

Applications for the Weston Charity Awards are officially open!

Garfield Weston Foundation, in partnership with Pilotlight, is offering registered charities across Wales and the North and Midlands of England working in the fields of youth, welfare, environment, and community, funding and support worth over £22,000 as part of the Weston Charity Awards.

The Awards offer a package of support intended to deliver long-term benefit to the charity, including a fully funded year of support from Pilotlight and an unrestricted cash contribution of £6,500. [Read more](#).

UK Fundraising: Grant for Good to support ambitious

fundraising challenges

Application deadline: Saturday, 31st January 2026

Fundraising platform "Give as you Live" has launched a new round of small grants to support "ambitious fundraising challenges".

The scheme will distribute a total of £2,500 to individuals and teams who are undertaking ambitious fundraising challenges.

Grant for Good is open not to charities but exclusively to individual fundraisers and fundraising teams "looking to go the extra mile for their chosen charity". Successful applicants will receive funding to help cover the costs of taking on bold, creative, or physically demanding fundraising activities. [Find out more](#).

St Martin-in-the-Fields Charity Homelessness Support: Funding Available for rent in advance, deposits, ID, and removal cost

Application deadline: Open to applications

The St Martin-in-the-Fields Charity works to end homelessness by providing funding, supporting frontline workers, and advocating for change. As part of this, they offer the Vicar's Relief Fund (VRF), which awards fast emergency grants of up to £500 to help people who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless. These crisis grants can be used to remove immediate barriers such as rent in advance, deposits, ID, and removal costs. If all the required information is provided, they aim to process and pay grants within 5 working days.

Heart of England Community Foundation (HoECF) - Available Grants

To view the full range of funding programmes that are currently available from the HoECF, visit: www.heartofenglandcf.co.uk

British Gas Energy Trust Accepting Applications to Help Customers Clear Energy Debt

The British Gas Energy Trust, an independent charity funded by British Gas, was set up to support individuals and families who are struggling to pay their bills, regardless of energy provider. The Trust currently offers two funds to British Gas customers living in England, Scotland, or Wales:

Individuals and Families Fund

British Gas Energy Support Fund

Both are intended to tackle fuel poverty by clearing the energy debts of struggling households and respond to the ongoing cost-of-living crisis.

It should be noted that the Trust does not award cash payments, rather it will credit the householder's energy account:

Individual and Families Fund will cover arrears of between:

Pre-payment customers must owe between £50 - £1,700 in energy debt.

Credit account customers must owe between £250 - £1,700 outstanding in debt.

British Gas Energy Support Fund will cover arrears of between £250 and £2,000.

Pre-payment customers must owe between £50 and £2,000 in energy debt.

Credit account customers must owe between £250 and £2,000 outstanding in debt.

Applicants must have received money advice/guidance within the last six months.

British Gas Energy Trust is interested in funding applications where the applicant can show a sustainable position moving forward.

Please note the Trust may close the application portal with little or no notice once the funds have been expended.

Applications are currently taking four to six weeks to be processed.

<https://britishgasenergytrust.org.uk/grants-available/>

Serious Violence Prevention Social Prescribing Fund - The Safer

Warwickshire Partnership has allocated funds to support those at risk of involvement in serious violence. Applications are invited from agencies supporting relevant individuals and will be considered by a panel of professionals. **The panel will aim to inform you of a decision within 3 weeks of submission of an application. Please submit applications before the deadline of Friday 27th February 2026.** The panel is keen to assess each application on its merits and

therefore has not applied a strict funding threshold per funding application, however, it is expected that most applications would be for sums in the hundreds, not thousands of pounds.

The purpose of this fund is:

- Supporting people impacted by serious violence, to divert them away from involvement or minimise the risks and harms associated.
- This could include people within the criminal justice system who are at risk as victims, perpetrators or both, or individuals linked with other services and are on the periphery of criminal justice system involvement.
- The fund is intended to offer a flexible approach to remove barriers that otherwise may prevent them from desisting from serious violence or being safe from harm.
- For example, this might include facilitating travel to job interviews or support services, or the pro-social use of time.
- Priority will be given to support that is not provided or is not easily provided by statutory services.
- Applications are welcome from agencies supporting individuals.

Examples of successful applications have included:

- The purchase of a pushbike so a young person supported by Youth Justice can get to and from work.
- The purchase of some carpet so a man on probation could make his flat feel more homely, meaning he spends more time there.
- Paying for someone on probation to undertake a HVG course and driving test, improving his employment prospects.
- Providing mentoring opportunities.
- Providing memberships at sports clubs for young people.

The application form can be downloaded via, [SVP Social Prescribing Application Form 25-26 MASTER \(1\).docx](#)

https://warwickshire.gov.uk-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/chrisflorance_warwickshire_gov_uk/ETkTvy2gOmpPhvjl-Dw1Et4BD77UPS1QmEUd-0N_taUS_g?rttime=l4F027r23Ug

Useful Contacts

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Useful Contact Information

CHILDREN & FAMILY CENTRE

Family Information Service
Providing information, advice and one-to-one support for families with children & young people aged 0-25.
New Free Tel: 0800 408 1558
Tel: 01926 742274
Email: fis@warwickshire.gov.uk
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis

Children and Families Front Door
For concerns about a child's wellbeing
Tel: 01926 414144

Family Support Help Line
Monday to Friday:
9.00am to 4.00pm
Tel: 01926 412412
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies

Breastfeeding Support Drop-in Group for Babies and Toddlers
Wednesdays: 10:00am to 11:30am
Claremont Children & Family Centre
swg-tr.breastfeedingnorth@nhs.net
Tel: 01926 626529

Midwives
Maternity advice, The Owen Building, St. Cross Hospital
Tel: 01788 663184

Warwickshire Health Visiting Drop in Clinic
Tuesdays: 1:30pm to 3:00pm
Claremont Children & Family Centre

Adult and Community Learning
<https://warwickshire.gov.uk/acl>
Tel: 01926 736392

Speech and Language Therapy Preschool Team
Tel: 01788 555107

Phone number and TEXT Chat Service
Advice & support for parents of pre-school children of Warwickshire
Text: 07520 615293
OR Tel: 01788 551212

Citizens Advice Bureau
Tel: 0808 250 5715

Interested in volunteering?
please contact
serena.langan@barnardos.org.uk

Barnardo's Volunteering Team

Hill Street Youth and Community Centre, Hill St, Rugby, CV21 2NB

If you'd like any further support with funding or group development, please contact CAVA's Funding & Group Development Officer for Rugby Borough, Lou Beddoe at lou.beddoe@wcava.org.uk.

If you'd like any support recruiting volunteers, please contact CAVA's Volunteer Coordinator for Rugby Borough, Amy Muzyka at amy.muzyka@wcava.org.uk.

Phone: 01788 574258



DO YOU NEED HELP?

CITIZENS ADVICE gives free, independent, and confidential advice with issues about benefits, employment, money, debt, divorce/separation, housing, consumer problems and much more...

COME ALONG TO ONE OF OUR DROP-IN SESSIONS:

Mondays, 9:00 – 13:00

Wednesdays, 9:30 – 12:30

**Boughton Leigh Children and
Family Centre
Wetherell Way
CV21 1LT
Rugby**

**Brownsover Community Centre
Bow Fell
Brownsover
CV21 1JF
Rugby**



**citizens
advice**

**Bedworth, Rugby
& Nuneaton**

Warwickshire Pride



<https://warwickshirepride.co.uk/>

Email: info@warwickshirepride.co.uk

Phone: [07580 532 659](tel:07580532659)

80 Spinney Hill. Warwick, Warwickshire. CV34 5SP

Dementia Connect

dementiaconnect@alzheimers.org.uk

Call: [0333 150 3456](tel:03331503456) If you are affected by dementia, worried about a diagnosis or a carer, trained staff are ready to give you the support you need.

Opening hours: Mon to Weds: 9am – 8pm, Thurs and Fri: 9am – 5pm, Sat and Sun: 10am – 4pm

Rugby Wellbeing Hub - Coventry &

Warwickshire Mind – Service Information:

Providing low level one to one support and signposting for people struggling with mental health

and emotional wellbeing, face to face one to one/small group options available late in 2020.

Contact us on 02477 712288 or wbw@cwmind.or.uk

Warwickshire Safe Haven - Coventry and Warwickshire Mind

Providing out of hours mental health support 6-11pm every evening by phone/text/email in first instance although face to face support is now available by appointment.

Contact us on 02477 714554 or 07970 042270 or safehaven@cwmind.org.uk

Community Adult Autism Support Service - Coventry and Warwickshire Mind

Providing peer support, one to one sessions and group training sessions for adults and their carers living with autism. Contact us on 02477 714545 or caass@cwmind.org.uk

EQulP, Equality and Inclusion Partnership

EQulP provides support, advice, and training. EQulP's aim is to eliminate discrimination in all its forms. Address: Room 127, Morgan Conference Suite, Warwickshire College, Technology Dr, Rugby CV21 1AR

Website: <https://www.equipequality.org.uk/>

Main Number: Please ring 0330 135 6606 and wait to be connected to the EQulP office

Enquiries Number: 07377 431997

Community Engagement: 07799 947860 and 07879 497516 advice@equipequality.org.uk

Children and Family Support -The Family Information Service - Contact Warwickshire's Family Information Service for advice and guidance on a wide range of subjects.

Phone: 01926 742274 Email: fis@warwickshire.gov.uk

Available Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

Family Support - Contact a Family Support Worker for advice and guidance on parenting and all aspects of family life.

Support can be offered through telephone calls, video calls, text messages or email to suit your needs.

Phone: 01926 412412 - Available Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm. All enquiries will be responded to during this time.

To contact your local district or borough family support team via email please visit:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/familysupport - for more information.

For more information and advice for families including parenting courses, workshops and other support services go to: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies

Act On Energy

AOE encourages energy conservation by providing and impartial advice to householders and small businesses in Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Birmingham, Coventry, Solihull and surrounding local areas.



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For additional information, visit [HERE](#)

Or call the Free Advice Line on 0800 988 2881



RoSA - Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Services

We provide support for children and adult survivors of rape, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, and sexual violence across Warwickshire, with a base in Rugby.

To find out more or make a referral for yourself or someone else, please click on the link to our website <https://rosasupport.org/>

or write to: ROSA, PO Box 151, Rugby, CV21 3WR.

call: 01788 551150.

or email: support@rosasupport.org for free and confidential support

To see how we use your personal data and what your information rights are, please read our overall [customer privacy notice at](#) which includes the contact details if you have a complaint about your information rights.

For general enquiries, contact Warwickshire County Council customer services on 01926 410410.

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