



Rugby Communities

E-Bulletin

March 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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Women's Institute Groups in Hillmorton, Rugby.

These are Hillmorton Paddock Wi whose next meeting is on Wednesday 19th March 2025 and meet in St George's church hall, St John's Avenue at 7.30p.m. Their next speaker is Angus Gordon whose topic is The history of Rugby school. We invite ladies to come and learn about this interest building and extend a very warm welcome. Further information from Jose on 01788 542378.

Hillmorton's second Wi is the Deering Regent Daytime Women Institute which meets at Rogers Hall, Deering Road on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Their next meeting is on the 25th March and commences at 1.30p.m. Its title being 'Hair, Makeup, Action' with Julie Ashcroft. All ladies are extended a warm welcome. Entrance cost £4 includes refreshments.



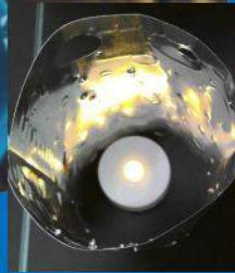
Don't wait till it's too late – Test your smoke alarms today!

Following a series of fires in recent weeks, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service is urging Warwickshire residents to make sure they have working smoke alarms fitted in their homes and to test them weekly.

[Don't wait till it's too late – Test your smoke alarms today! – Warwickshire County Council](#)

Coffee and Craft

FREE refreshments. All welcome!



Bring your own crafting or come and create a beautiful tin art tealight cover.

All materials free, no experience needed!

26th March 2025 10am-12pm

At Brownsover Community Centre, Bow Fell, CV21 1JF.
(next to the Doctor's surgery)

Coffee Morning Every Wednesday 10am – 12pm

For further info please contact Michelle Gravatt
Phone: 07775220821

Email: michellegravatt@warwickshire.gov.uk

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Little Squirrels

Special guests
and expert
advice!

Tuesdays
Term time
9:30 - 11:00
am

Christ Church, 2 Helvellyn
Way, Brownsover, Rugby
CV21 1QG



***For parents and carers of young
children with additional needs***

Support, help, advice, refreshments
and a chance to meet other
parents and carers

***"Refreshing
to feel safe
and
unjudged"***



***"Lovely to
chat and
share
experiences"***

Contact Selina on 07525 785594
selinaturner@entrustcarepartnership.org.uk

Growing Potatoes in Containers; Free workshop

Wednesday 9th April
BENN Partnership Centre
6-7:30pm (arrival from 5:45pm)



garden.
organic

Would you like to grow your own potatoes? Not sure where to start?

Come along to our FREE demonstration about growing potatoes in containers and take some potatoes home.

We'll talk about where to start and what you need.

Scan here to book your
space:



Growing potatoes in containers

📍 BENN Partnership Centre

🕒 Wednesday 9 April, 6-7:30pm

Would you like to grow your own potatoes? Not sure where to start? Come along to Garden Organic demonstration about growing potatoes in containers. We'll talk about where to start and what you need.

We will be at BENN Partnership on Wednesday 9 April, from 6-7:30pm.

Please register your interest here:

<http://eventbrite.co.uk/.../growing-potatoes-in...>



New Bilton Environmental Visual Audit (Ward Walk)
Wednesday 19 March 2025, 4pm – 6pm
Meet at Jubilee Recreation Ground, Bridle Road, CV21 2JJ

Dear Resident,

Rugby Borough Council has partnered with Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire Police and other local agencies to host a ward walk in New Bilton on **Wednesday, 19 March 2025**.

Ward walks give you the opportunity to speak with your elected councillors and officers from both councils and the Police.

During the walk, you can raise concerns, discuss ideas to improve your neighbourhood, and learn about the plans the Councils and Police have for New Bilton.

We will start the walk at Jubilee Park, where we will hand out maps showing the routes for the walk, and take a moment to have a look at the Community Orchards together. We will finish the walk at the Community Room, Dryden Place, where you are welcome to pop-in any time between 4pm and 6pm, with refreshments available.

We look forward to seeing you.

Rugby Borough Council, Town Hall, Evreux Way, Rugby CV21 2RR
Telephone: (01788) 533533 Email: contactcentre@rugby.gov.uk

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RUGBY'S INDEPENDENT CENTRE FOR ADULT EDUCATION AND THE ARTS
Registered Charity No. 528782



Come and learn for pleasure!

Term begins 6 January 2025

SPRING COURSES 2025

Languages
Words
History
Art
Crafts
Health
General Interest
Workshops

Fun, friendly, affordable
learning in our Rugby
centre and at West
Haddon Pavilion!



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01788 542467

contact@percival-guildhouse.co.uk
www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk

St Matthew's Street, Rugby CV21 3BY

Autumn

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CLASSES AND
CLUBS FOR
ADULTS

THE
PERCIVAL
GUILDHOUSE

NEW COURSES FOR SPRING 2025

Starting in January

Chair Yoga Monday 12:30 - 13:30

French Beginners Plus Monday 16:00 - 18:00

Tai Chi Monday 17:30 - 18:30

Shibori Resist Dyeing Tuesday 17:00 - 19:00

Modern Calligraphy for Beginners

Tuesday 19:00 - 21:00

Spanish Beginners Tuesday 19:00 - 21:00

& Wednesday 13:30 - 15:30

Italian Beginners Wednesday 9:30 - 11:30

Eat Well, Live Well Thursday 10:00 - 12:00

Clay Head Sculpture Friday 13:30 - 15:30

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Back & Forth Mens Mental Health

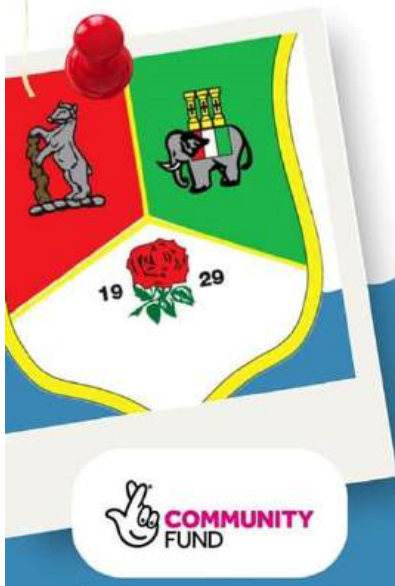


FUN DAY

Men's Mental Health Awareness Fun Day!

Join us for a day of games, food, stalls, and a live DJ—all in support of men's mental health. Let's break the stigma, have fun, and support each other! Everyone welcome!

26TH JULY 2025 / BROADSTREET RFC, CV3 2AY / £1 PER PERSON ENTRANCE FEE

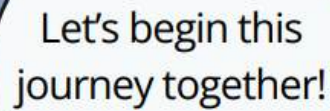


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Let's begin this
journey together!

Empowering Online Group Work

Empowering you to make any changes in your life!

Empowering groups are for survivors of rape and sexual abuse, family members and carers, we provide a safe space to enjoy gentle movement, and to join in at your own pace to have fun and learn new skills.

EVERY TUESDAY we will be holding workshops on movement, gentle exercise, craft and other workshops.

EVERY THURSDAY 2pm: we will be holding a beginners Yoga sessions lead by a qualified, trauma informed yoga teacher.

All you need is the internet and a device such as laptop, phone or tablet to join. With yoga and exercises you are welcome to keep cameras off and participate at your own pace.



Please email
helpline@thesurvivorstrust.org to
register your interest or find out
more.



Bookings are now open for the Easter Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

Please contact the HAF providers directly to book a place.

View frequently asked questions about the HAF programme including HAF codes, activity listings and booking queries [here](#).

[View the activity listings](#)

FREE Songwriting for Wellbeing course online and in-person Monthly, April – July 2025

And the beat goes on.....Arts Uplift is delighted to announce a new monthly evening course for adults living in Coventry and Warwickshire as part of Inside Stories, our long-running scheme promoting mental health through creativity.

Song Writing for Wellbeing combines nine on-line and three in-person sessions including the opportunity to take part in a sharing performance.

Expertly lead by professional songwriter and musician Martin Riley, participants will:

- learn how to use songwriting to improve wellbeing
- learn how to construct a good song using basic computer sequencing skills, layering tracks, and choosing suitable rhythms
- gain understanding of song construction as well as the practice of songwriting using lyrics and/or music
- learn how to perform and share songs

The course is also a chance to meet new people and gain peer-to-peer support.

Dates:

On-line via Zoom: Thursdays 7.00-8.30 pm, starting 10th April 2025

In-person: Thursdays 26th June and 3rd July, 7.00-8.30pm at the Benn Partnership Centre, Railway Terrace, Rugby CV21 3HR

Sharing Performance: Monday 7th July 7.00-9.00pm at the Life Church, Charlotte Street, Leamington Spa CV31 3EB

Jenny Davis Executive Director of Arts Uplift says: “We are thrilled to continue this popular programme – participants love the friendly and supportive environment, learning new skills, sharing ideas with other people and finding creative ways to express themselves.”

Funded by The National Lottery Community Fund, the Rugby Community Benevolent Fund and the Recovery and Wellbeing Academy

The course is for anyone looking to find creative coping strategies for improving mental wellbeing. Suitable for people with low mood and low to moderate mental health issues.

No song writing experience necessary. All music styles welcome. FREE of charge.

Booking is essential as places are limited. Please book via the Arts Uplift website at:

<https://www.artsuplift.co.uk/creative-wellbeing-courses/>

Further information

More information <https://www.artsuplift.co.uk/creative-wellbeing-courses/> or contact

Beth info@artsuplift.co.uk 01926 504212

Song Writing for wellbeing



Boost your mental health with our
FREE online song writing course

Thursdays 7-8.30pm
9 Monthly sessions
starting 10 April



Feeling low? Put a song in your heart. Better still write one!



Join experienced musician Martin Riley and learn creative ways to manage stress and improve your mental health, no experience needed. These fun sessions offer a supportive environment for adults seeking creative coping strategies, especially those experiencing low mood or mild mental health challenges.

What you'll learn ...

- How song writing can enhance Wellbeing
- How to contribute to songwriting through lyrics and music.
- Song structure and effective writing practices.
- Skills to write impactful, engaging songs.
- Basic computer sequencing, track layering, and rhythm selection.
- Ways to perform and share your songs.

9 monthly online sessions and 3 in person sessions at:

The Benn Partnership Centre,
Rugby, CV21 3HR

Thursday 26 June, 3 July 7-8.30pm

Life Church, Leamington, CV31 3EB,
(performance) 7 July 7-9pm



Book Now:
www.artsuplift.co.uk/creative-wellbeing-courses

For further information email Beth
info@artsuplift.co.uk
or call Beth on 01926 504212



Help improve the Criminal Justice System

Share your experience

Are you a female survivor of domestic abuse?
Has your case been through the justice system in the last five years?

The Survivors Trust invite you to join an **online Victim Reference Group** to help the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) improve how they communicate with victims and shape future staff training.

The aim is to improve the experience of victims in the justice system.



WHY TAKE PART

- Share your views in a **safe and supportive space**
- You can **help improve** how victims are treated in the justice system
- **Receive a voucher** for your participation

KEY INFORMATION

- 📅 Date and time TBC
- 💻 Online (secure, confidential)
- 🔴 Support and safeguarding provided by The Survivors Trust

For more information, please email:

forum@thesurvivorstrust.org

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EQUIP



AWARENESS DAY

Refugee Week 2025 - 16th to 22nd June 2025

Join us this Refugee Week to celebrate the strength of our communities

[Refugee Week 2025](#) is taking place between 16th and 22nd June. It is the world's largest arts & culture festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary. Established in 1998 in the UK, this annual global festival aligns with World Refugee Day, celebrated worldwide on June 20th.

The theme of Refugee Week 2025 is 'Community as a Superpower', and we want to celebrate the power of communities coming together in solidarity to support those people who have been displaced. It is about honouring everyday heroes who have offered their home, their time, or their expertise to support those who arrived in Warwickshire to rebuild their lives.

We want to raise awareness of people's journeys and recognise their contributions within their local community. Whether this is through arts, learning a new language together or sharing food, we want the week to be a celebration of resilience, strength and fostering a county that welcomes all.

Join us in organising and planning a diverse week of activities offering creative, engaging, and fun activities. However small or big, we want you to get involved in sharing time together to be part of a movement to create a significant change.

If volunteering isn't your thing, you can still take part in [Simple Acts](#) by organising a fundraiser in your community for a small local group supporting refugees and asylum seekers in Warwickshire. Dress up as superheroes and host an afternoon tea, watch a film, or share the message. It is through relatively small interactions that we can all help create positive change and reshape the narrative surrounding displacement and make a more welcoming, safe, and sustainable home for all.

We have a number of exciting projects planned and it would be fantastic to get talented and

creative people on board! If you would like to take part, please

email: claire@equipequality.org.uk.

Child Exploitation Awareness campaign 2025

Help us spread the word: Training opportunities available

Will you help us join other agencies in Warwickshire in the national fight against child exploitation?

Tuesday 18 March 2025 is national **Child Exploitation Awareness Day** and throughout the week commencing 17 March, agencies in Warwickshire will be highlighting the issue.

Child exploitation is happening in Warwickshire and hundreds of children are victims each year. Please help us to raise awareness so we can protect more children and young people.

A **Child Exploitation Awareness Communications Toolkit** is available to download here: <https://we.tl/t-ibv6wOZzHJ>

This contains a slide pack full of information on this year's themes; digital resources including flyers, posters, and banners; social media graphics and suggested posts; suggested articles for internal and external newsletters; links to further resources and more.

There is also a **Schools Toolkit** that contains additional information and resources for schools: <https://we.tl/t-Kqb2R3eydU>

There will be a week of **free training sessions** for professionals working with children, young people and adults (where there are children in the home), which we encourage you to attend and to promote internally. For further information on what the sessions offer and to book your place on one or more of these sessions, click on the link and register your interest.

To find out more about the activities and themes for the week, [click this link](#) to read our news release.

Child Exploitation a form of abuse that involves the manipulation and/or coercion of young people under the age of 18 and is a crime that can happen to any child, anytime, regardless of their social or ethnic background.

It can manifest itself in different ways and this year's awareness campaign in Warwickshire will focus on the way technology is negatively impacting on children and young people.

By working together, we can make an impact and improve the lives of children and young people affected by exploitation. Please help us to share these important messages.



TWAM

Tools with a Mission

*Come and see
what we have
to offer - all
are welcome!*

Tool Sale!

to raise funds for our mission

**Saturday
29th March
9am-3pm**

**Gardening,
Power Tools,
Haberdashery**

**6 Paynes
Lane,
Rugby
CV21 2UH**

Giving communities in need tools to build a future for themselves

Community Food Projects

Thirteen residents, all passionate about helping others, have completed a series of training sessions with Warwickshire County Council ready to help deliver food projects across the county.

Discover more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6034/community-food-projects-gain-more-support-as-latest-warwickshire-food-champions-complete-training>





WALK AND TALK

20th March 2025

Leaving from Brownsover Community Centre,
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Meeting at 10:15am- Start time 10:30am

*Fancy some fresh air and some gentle exercise?
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We will be starting at and returning to the Community Centre (next to the Medical Centre) and be walking for about one hour. There will be refreshments afterwards.



Please feel free to join at any point along the walk.
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Come and join us for a walk, a chat, and refreshments!

For further information and walk updates please contact:

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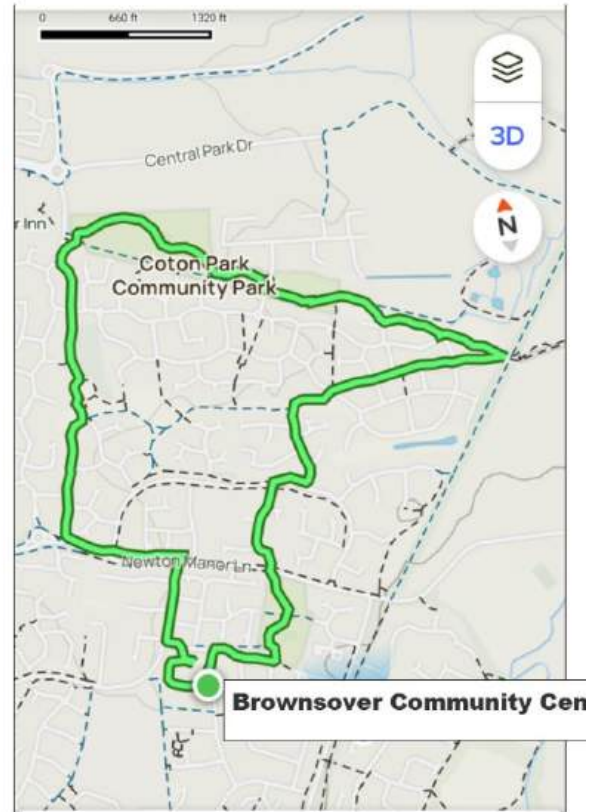
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WALK LEADER

Michelle Gravatt

(Community Development Worker, Warwickshire County Council)



Ride, Walk, Wheel Week 2025 (X and Facebook)

Love to Ride's celebration of all things active travel – Ride, Walk, Wheel Week – is back for 2025 between 24 and 30 March.

Find out more and get involved:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6022/ride-walk-wheel-week-is-back-later-this-month>



Do you have local memories of VE Day? If so, Warwickshire Libraries need your help!

As part of the 80th anniversary of VE Day, Warwickshire Libraries will be collecting local stories and memories to celebrate this important moment in history - and they would love to hear your stories.

Warwickshire Libraries created a simple Microsoft Form to gather personal accounts, stories, and reflections from our communities, which you can complete by visiting:

<https://forms.office.com/e/ys322X2Wmn> They also have paper copies at local libraries if you would prefer to complete the form that way - simply ask a member of staff.

They will be gathering all stories with a view to creating something special like a video series or audio recordings, depending on the types and number of memories that they collect.

New Art West Midlands (NAWM) Website Artwork Open Call

Deadline: Thursday, 6th March, 11.00pm

NAWM is seeking existing artworks to feature on their newly designed website. They are looking for still or moving-image artworks from artists living or working in the West Midlands region (Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, West Midlands, Worcestershire). Six artworks will be chosen to reflect the creativity of the area's six counties. Artists selected for this opportunity will receive a fee of £800 to have existing artwork included on the NAWM website. [Find out more.](#)

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You are Invited to.....



Foodbank Friends



**Come and join us each
Wednesday morning throughout April 2025
10am - 11.30**

**At Rugby Foodbank
Next to the Benn Hall.**

A welcoming space where we come together to share experiences, find support and be part of a community that aims to take action to ensure that everyone can afford the essentials.



**Email
cstephens@hope4.org.uk**



Warwickshire County Council

Help to name our new Bikeability fleet cycles

Our Road Safety Education Team are running a competition to name their new county fleet cycles. Fleet cycles are available for children to use to access Bikeability cycle training delivered by our cycle training providers.

By providing fleet cycles they are aiming to remove barriers to children gaining the skills they need to become the safe cyclists of the future. By naming the cycles they hope to make them engaging for the users and make it easy for children and their team to identify the different cycles.

- The competition is open to everyone so please share the details with friends, family, and neighbours!
- Closing date for entries is **31 March 2025**.
- You can suggest a name for **one cycle** per entry.
- All names will be considered by the Road Safety Officers and cycle instructors.

The new names for the 20 cycles will be announced after the closing date and winners will be notified that their name has been chosen and will receive a small, age-appropriate prize. Winners who are under 18 will be contacted via their school or college. Winners over 18 will be contacted via email.

All entries to be submitted via [the online entry form](#).

Help to pay your energy bills

Are you, or is anyone you know struggling to pay energy bills?

If you, or someone you know, is unable to afford to pay energy bills, please call the Local Welfare Scheme on **0800 4081448**
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme



This support is provided by Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme and funded by the Department for Work and Pensions' Household Support Fund.

I am pleased to let you know that we have re-opened the Household Support Fund energy voucher campaign today. This offers short-term financial assistance in the form of a one-off voucher payment to help those who are struggling with their energy bills.

As you will be aware, we launched this campaign in December and following unprecedented levels of demand, took the decision to pause the scheme to enable the team to work through the 3,000+ submitted applications and assess the remaining levels of funding.

Funding for this campaign remains limited, and the scheme will close on 28 March 2025 or sooner if all the funding is allocated before this date.

Applications can be made online or by phone only.

Families and households in Warwickshire can apply whether they use pre-payment meters, pay by direct debit or on receipt of a bill. Anyone entitled to benefits eligible free school meals will already have received this support as part of their cost-of-living payment in November/December.

Vulnerable residents in Warwickshire who are struggling financially can apply for this support online on

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme> or by contacting the Local Welfare Scheme directly on 0800 4081448 or 01926 359182. For further information, including eligibility criteria, please visit

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme.



Please note this is a week earlier than usual.

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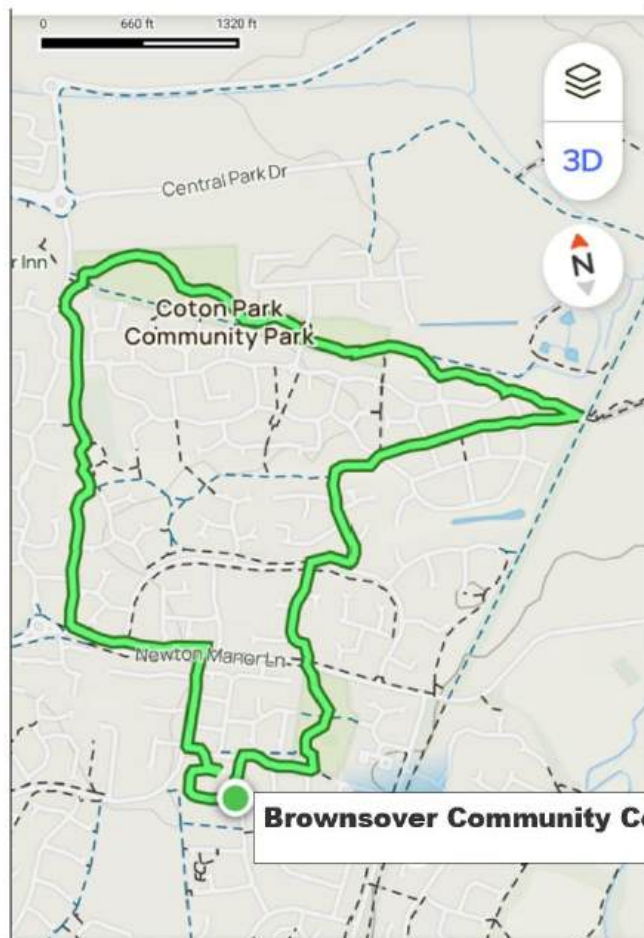
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Brownsover Community Centre

Community Foundation:

Nomination for the 13th Community Inspiration Awards 2025 is now open!

Deadline for applications: Monday, 31st March 2025

The awards ceremony will take place in Birmingham on Friday, 26th September 2025 where a panel of esteemed judges will announce the finalists and winners. Like previous years, awards will be presented by various dignitaries, including Chief Officers from public sector organisations, council leaders and Members of Parliament.

The annual [Community Inspiration Awards](#) is organised by the [Community Foundation](#), to recognise outstanding contributions made by staff from public sector organisations, charities, businesses and members of the community, whose efforts have made a positive difference in the community.

With 15 award categories to choose from, you can nominate somebody who you think deserves an award. Individuals can also submit a self-nomination, with the support of an independent verifier. Individuals can be nominated for more than one award category where applicable.

You can complete the [nomination form online](#) or [download a hardcopy](#) to [email](#) back to them.

Combined Community Choirs of Rugby: A Season to Sing

On the evening of Saturday, 12th July 2025, there will be a performance of a brand-new work celebrating the 300th anniversary of Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons". The composer, Joanna Forbes-Lestrangle has written a version for choirs of whatever kind or standard. "A Season to Sing" will be performed in St Andrew's Church, Rugby, by Combined Community Choirs of Rugby, and individual singers (or other local choirs) are invited to take part. Those who do will be able to access the practice sessions of St Andrew's Community Singers (Monday evenings), Hillmorton Community Choir (Wednesday evenings) or Long Lawford Community Choir (Saturday tea-times), as well as online practice tracks. If you're interested in participating, please contact Amie Boyd, the musical director for the project, via email:

amiemusic01@gmail.com.

ACL and University of Warwick Partnership Information

Warwickshire Adult and Community Learning and the University of Warwick are delighted to announce a brand new collaboration between them—this reflects their joined-up commitment to areas of national, regional and local priority in relation to adult education, family learning and supporting babies, children and families.

From Spring 2025, learners who complete Level 1 and Level 2* Family Learning provision will be offered a **guaranteed interview** for a **Degree at the University of Warwick**** from the below:

- BA (Hons) Early Childhood or
- BA (Hons) Child and Family: Mental Health

***University terms and conditions apply to accessing the degree courses, please see their website for further information:*

Child & Family: Mental Health



<https://tinyurl.com/2p8k2vbm>

Early Childhood



<https://tinyurl.com/yby5h4jc>

Warwickshire Adult & Community Learning Family Learning: 'Moving On' Certificate



NEW Family Learning Qualification for 2024-25!

Our unique programme is designed specifically for parents and carers to gain a Level 1 and 2 qualification* in a family-friendly, flexible way.

Why do this course?

- You can help your children
- Brush up your own skills and get back into learning
- Progression route into employment or further education

FREE!

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- BA (Hons) Early Childhood or
- BA (Hons) Child and Family: Mental Health

***please see separate information sheet*

Applications taken throughout the academic year.

Find out more: FamilyLearningACL@warwickshire.gov.uk

Visit our website: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/acl



Booking a place:

- Please apply for a place by choosing one of the below steps:
 - Using the QR code
 - Emailing FamilyLearningACL@warwickshire.gov.uk
 - Using the enquire button on the website
 - We will contact you to arrange an enrolment session. In this session you will:
 - Complete the enrolment and eligibility form and the initial assessment
 - Chat about learning on the course and your commitment
- You will need to bring Photo ID with you and details about qualifications you currently hold.
- Following your induction, you can start at the next available start date (September, January, or April).

Book an enrolment session here:

This link will take you to a Microsoft form where you can request an enrolment session. Alternatively, you can email us.



This FREE course offers:

- Flexible access with online and in person opportunities, to allow you to fit learning around your family life
- Support and guidance from experienced and qualified teachers
- Modules that are meaningful to family life



Example modules:

- Family Cooking Skills
- Supporting Children's Literacy and Numeracy Development
- Family Relationships
- Using Craft Activities with Children and Young People
- Understanding the Importance of Play
- Story Sacks

Opportunity to learn in your own time with some self-access modules

Please speak to a member of the Family Learning team for more information.

** Level 1 is running 2024-25, and Level 2 is running 2025-26.*



Overslade Community Centre
Focusing on our community

Board Game Night!

Grab your favourite game and
pop in for a fun-filled evening of
gaming!

21st March '25

18:00 – 22:00

Overslade Community Centre, Buchanan Road, Rugby,
CV22 6AY - 01788 573640



Coffee Morning

FREE refreshments. All welcome!



Please look on the back of this flyer for other events that are running alongside the regular coffee mornings.

At Brownsover Community Centre, Bow Fell, CV21 1JF.
(next to the Doctor's surgery)

Every Wednesday 10am – 12pm

For further info please contact Michelle Gravatt
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Email: michellegravatt@warwickshire.gov.uk

F: <https://www.facebook.com/RugbyCommunities>

025- Better Days Orbit Housing

Come and meet with your local Community Connectors to chat about our free Better Days support programme, available exclusively to you as our customer. You can find out about our offers, expert advice, and practical information across a wide range of support services from wellbeing, money or debt advice to employment and digital skills. Just come along on the day to say hello, we'd love to see you.

19th February 2025 Half Term Free Craft Sessions-come and make an origami seed pot and plant some seeds! All welcome.



5th March 2025 -Hope4/ Trussell Trust Come and meet our community organiser to find out more about the support that Hope4 and the Trussell Trust offer.

12th March 2025

Better Days Orbit Housing

Family Information Service- The Family Information Service provides information, advice and guidance for parents, carers, practitioners, children, and young people on a wide range of services and activities/events available in Rugby.

26th March 2025 Free Craft Session-TBC



2nd April 2025 -Hope4/ Trussell Trust Come and meet our community organiser to find out more about the support that Hope4 and the Trussell Trust offer.

OUR TOWN YOUR COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY VENUE POP UP



Come and find out
about the many
things that are
going on in Rugby

28th March 2025

10am-2pm in

Rugby shopping
centre

COMMUNITY VENUE SHOWCASE

COME AND SEE WHAT IS
HAPPENING NEAR YOU!

Is there anything you
would like to do, get
involved, set up or
need help with?

Such as:

Volunteering

Social groups

Lunch clubs

Exercise groups

Computers

Job clubs

English lessons

Cookery lessons

Sports

Learning a new skill

Plus many more.....

This event is to showcase just
some of the wonderful community
venues that exist in Rugby and all
the great things they have to offer
our town.

For further information please contact:

Michelle Gravatt

Community Development Worker

Community Partnership team WCC

Mobile: 07775220821

Email:

michellegravatt@warwickshire.gov.uk

www.facebook.com/RugbyCommunities

HILL STREET YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Spring
FAIR '25**

11AM - 3PM

SATURDAY MARCH 29TH 2025

ARTS, CRAFTS, COSMETIC, GARDEN & VINTAGE STALLS

COME AND BUY YOUR MOTHERS DAY GIFTS

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

KIDS FUN ACTIVITIES & GAMES

EXTRA SPECIAL RAFFLE

COFFEE LOUNGE REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE ALL DAY

FULL DISABLED ACCESS THROUGHOUT

PARKING ON SITE

TABLE TOPS £10 PER TABLE

CALL THE CENTRE ON 01788 576041

TO BOOK YOUR SPACE BY 14 MARCH 2025

**CARD PAYMENTS ACCEPTED BUT ADVISABLE TO
BRING CASH FOR SMALL TRANSACTIONS**

ALL PROCEEDS TO THE HILL STREET CENTRE CHARITY NO 1156128

**HILL STREET YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE
HILL STREET, RUGBY, WARCS, CV21 2NB**



COMMISSIONING OPPORTUNITY

Commission Deliver Yoga for Wellbeing Programs with Warwickshire

Libraries - Warwickshire Libraries is seeking proposals from experienced yoga instructors/organizations to develop and deliver our new Yoga for Wellbeing series across libraries in 2025/26.

Program Details:

- Chair Yoga for Adults (daytime): 6 sessions in Spring/Summer 2025
- Adult Yoga (evening): 2 courses of 4 sessions each in Autumn 2025
- Baby Yoga: 6 sessions in Spring 2026

All courses will focus on Nuneaton, Bedworth, and North Warwickshire areas with free equipment provided to participants.

Fee: £3,000 maximum (inclusive of travel, materials, equipment & delivery)

Key Requirements:

- Create accessible yoga experiences for diverse participants
- Provide all necessary equipment at no cost to participants
- Support community health and wellbeing
- Help attract new audiences to libraries and yoga practice

As an Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation, we're committed to innovative programming that benefits our communities.

Application Deadline: Friday, March 28, 2025 (12:00 midday)

For full details and application instructions follow this link:

<https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-2082369270-250>

For more information contact Dr Anjna Chouhan: anjnachouhan@warwickshire.gov.uk



YOGA FOR WELLBEING

Join us in bringing the benefits of yoga to
our communities in the north of
Warwickshire

Warwickshire Libraries is commissioning a
creative practitioner/ organisation to
deliver free, accessible yoga classes for
adults and babies in our libraries in the
north of the county.

Fee: £3,000 (inclusive of all costs)

Deadline: 28th March 2025, midday

For more information contact:
anjnachouhan@warwickshire.gov.uk



Rugby Borough Council

Rugby Borough Council is thrilled to announce a commission for a new outdoor interactive sculpture to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Rugby Art Gallery and Museum.

We are looking for an innovative and engaging sculpture that will captivate young people, families, and early years groups. This installation aims to increase town centre engagement and create memorable experiences for families throughout this celebratory year.

Commission Details:

Deadline: Thursday, 27 March

Fee: £18,000 (inclusive of artist fee, materials, fabrication, and installation)

If you're an artist with a flair for creativity and community engagement, we want to hear from you.

See details on how to apply <https://www.ragm.co.uk/art-commission>



Current opportunities to share your views.

We are inviting feedback on a number of engagement activities.

If you have had any experience of **Warwickshire care homes for adults with disabilities and/or mental health conditions**, we would love to hear your views to help understand how to improve services in the future. *Please note this survey **only** relates to care homes for people with disabilities / mental health conditions.*

[Click here to complete this survey](#) (Closes 6 April).

We are also inviting adults to take part in a survey to inform and shape the local **Domestic Abuse Specialist Counselling and Therapy Service**.

[Click here to complete this survey](#) (Closes 3 April).

If you would like to help us to improve the **Dementia Information and Advice Service** this survey is still open.

[Click here to complete this survey](#) (Closes 23 March).

Following publication of this year's **Director of Public Health's Annual Report** which focused on health and wellbeing and the power of communities we're inviting you to tell us about the things happening in your community and what you would like to see in the future.

[Click here to view the video and discussion.](#)

WCC - New Domestic Abuse Specialist Counselling and Therapy Service Survey

Warwickshire County Council (WCC) is inviting individuals and professionals to take part in a survey to help inform and shape the future Domestic Abuse Specialist Counselling and Therapy Service.

They would be grateful if you could please spare 10 minutes to complete this survey, as well as sending it out to the service users that you support: The survey can be found at the link below:

<https://www.talk2someone.org.uk/>

Volunteering

Volunteers' Week returns!

Volunteers' Week has always been about celebrating the amazing people who support charities and organisations across the UK. In 2024, 14.2 million volunteers gave their time, contributing £4.6 billion to the economy.

This year marks the 41st celebration of Volunteers' Week, taking place from 2nd-8th June 2025, continuing the tradition of recognising the invaluable impact volunteers make.

Learn more about Volunteers' Week and how you can get involved [here](#).



Think Active: Empowering Young Leaders

Think Active have an exciting new leadership and volunteering offer for all young people aged between 14-25 who belong to a local voluntary organisation, sports club or community group. There will be a grant of £200 per young person who signs up for this offer. Think Active are particularly looking to work with these groups of young people:

- People who face the biggest inequalities
- People with complex lives
- SEND young people
- Girls.

Think Active are running a pilot scheme utilising the e-learning website Skills 360, which offers small 20-minute courses for young people aiming to develop key employability skills such as communication, being a leader and being adaptable. Each community group who applies for this offer will need to register their young people onto the Skills 360 platform.

If you are interested in this opportunity or would like more information, please contact Bradley Jacques from Think Active via email: bradley.jacques@thinkactive.org

WRCC (Warwickshire Rural Community Council): Volunteer drivers wanted to join 'lifeline' rural bus service

Back & 4th Community Transport, with bases in Wellesbourne & Rugby, are recruiting more volunteer minibus drivers.

Back & 4th Community Transport provide a minibus and friendly volunteer driver for community or voluntary groups across South Warwickshire and Rugby to go to meetings, events or interesting places. For many people it's their only chance to get out and about.

Why? Their friendly volunteers say: *“You meet interesting people and go to interesting places”* and also *“It feels good to give something back!”*

How? WRCC will give you full in-house MiDAS training and carry out a DBS check – you'll need a D1 driving licence entitlement.

When? They're flexible – ideally if you can drive 1-2 trips on average a month that's great.

For more information, click [here](#), alternatively you can email: janeg@wrccrural.org.uk



Barnardo's Warwickshire Children and Family Centres

A coordination of services for families with
children and young people aged 0-19 and up to
age 25 with SEND

TODDLER TIME VOLUNTEER POSITION AVAILABLE

Rugby Borough Children & Family Centre are recruiting a volunteer to support Toddler Time within Hillmorton from 9:30am - 11:30am. You would be working alongside an amazing team of Early Years Practitioners, creating fun and educational activities for children between 0-5 years old. This is a great opportunity if you're interested in developing Early Years or Social Care experience or have experience working within children and would like to fill your free time.



What's in it for you?

- Full induction and training provided
- Access to Barnardo's in-house job vacancies
- Regular supervisions and support
- Great chance to expand your CV with a volunteering role
- Develop experience working with young children and families
- A chance to contribute to your local community and a leading children's charity

Please contact Serena at serena.langan@barnardos.org or on 07548846982 if you would like to find out more.

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SATURDADS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED CLAREMONT CHILDREN & FAMILY CENTRE

Rugby Borough Children & Family Centre are recruiting a volunteer to support Saturdays, a group for dads, grandads and male carers and their children, held once a month, from 9:30am - 12pm. You would be working alongside an amazing team of Early Years Practitioners, creating fun and educational activities for children between 0-5 years old. This is a great opportunity if you're interested in gaining work experience, are retired or are somebody who would like to give back to the community.



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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.

Job Vacancies

Warwickshire Wildlife Trust: Action for Nature Community Organiser

Closing date: Friday, 14th March 2025

Are you great with people and can connect with communities, understand their needs, and break down barriers to help more people join nature's side and get involved in nature recovery? Then this role sounds perfect for you!

As part of the role, you'll be supporting individuals and groups to take action in ways that matter to them, empowering them to become leaders and ambassadors for nature. Passionate about both wildlife and people, you will bring a strong commitment to community organising, equality, diversity, and inclusion, relationship building and inspiring and enabling others to make a real difference.

If you think this is the role for you, then Warwickshire Wildlife Trust would love to hear from you.

You can find out more about the role and how to apply [here](#).

Heritage & Culture Warwickshire (HCW): Exhibitions and Engagement Officer

Closing date: Monday, 24th March 2025

The Exhibitions and Engagement Officer role is responsible for leading the development and delivery of the exhibition programme at the Market Hall Museum, working in partnership with the Museum Collections Team and project groups that are developing exhibitions at the museum. [Find out more](#).

FUNDING

Security Industry Authority: Grants for good causes

Application deadline: Friday, 21st February 2025

The Security Industry Authority is offering confiscated cash to charities and community interest companies that have projects aimed at improving public safety and supporting private security. The money comes from criminals through proceeds of crime confiscation orders. In previous years, the programme has funded projects including human trafficking awareness workshops, employment and training opportunities for disadvantaged groups and training for volunteers in emergency first response care. [Read more](#).

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner: My Community Fund

Application deadline: 11.59pm on Friday, 14th March 2025

The West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner has once again made £330,000 available to community groups who want to make a real difference where they live and to improve people's lives.

The money for the Fund comes from cash that police have seized from criminals under the Proceeds of Crime Act, and it will be prioritised for locality-based projects, which aim to make a positive difference to deal with crime prevention and reduction and show a clear link to the Police and Crime Plan. [Find out more](#).



Serious Violence Prevention – Social Prescribing Fund

Application deadline: Monday, 24th March 2025

This fund of approximately £14,000 is available to 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.

Please ensure that [applications](#) are submitted to communitysafety@warwickshire.gov.uk with the subject line 'Serious violence social prescribing application'

[Church of England: Conservation Grants Scheme](#)

Application deadlines: 31st March 7th April; 2nd June; 9th June; 19th June and 11th August 2025

The Church of England has opened applications for the first stage of its enlarged conservation grants scheme, which aims to support the work of parishes in conserving their historical and cultural buildings. Several grants to be administered over five years as part of the £4.68m scheme. All grants, except those for church plate, offer up to £10,000. [Find out more.](#)

[The Woodland Trust: Free Trees for Schools & Community Groups](#)

Application deadline: Applications are expected to close in August 2025

The Woodland Trust are giving away hundreds of thousands of trees to help the UK reach its 2050 carbon net-zero target. Schools, nurseries, colleges, universities, outdoor learning centres, and other groups such as resident associations, sports clubs, parish councils, scouts and guides from across the UK are among the organisations eligible to apply for up to 420 saplings to improve their local environment.

Applications can be made for up to four separate tree packs as long as the total does not exceed 420 trees. The Woodland Trust are currently taking applications for tree packs to be delivered in November 2025.

[Find out more.](#)

[The National Lottery](#)

The National Lottery are changing their grant funding.

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/>

Look out for an online webinar coming in April 2025 with grants officers about the changes.

[Sports England - Movement Fund](#)

Sport England: Funding available for facilities damaged by extreme weather

Application deadline: Open to applications

Sport England's Movement Fund is supporting community organisations that have been affected by the impact of Storms Bert, Conall, Darragh, Eowyn and Herminia.

Grants of up to £15,000 are available for community organisations to cover costs such as: skip hire to remove sediment and rubbish, minor electrical works to restore power, decontamination works or clearing of blocked drains, cleaning work to get showers and changing rooms back up and running and securing buildings.

Grants are available to not-for-profit organisations, including sports clubs, charities, schools and local authorities. [Read more.](#)

[Heart of England Community Foundation](#)

<https://www.heartofenglandcf.co.uk/available-grants/>

BBC Children in Need – Project Cost and Core Cost Grants

The funding is intended for not-for-profit organisations that work with disadvantaged children and young people, under the age of 18, living in the UK.

Before applying to BBC Children in Need, we recommend you read about their processes and minimum standards for grant making. This will help you understand what they look for in a grant application.

BBC Children in Need often have several funding programmes open at any one time. before you apply, it is important that you choose the one which is right for you and your organisation. Click on of the links below to find out more about the funding programmes which are currently open.

- [Project Grants Funding Stream](#)
- [Core Grants Funding Stream](#)
- [Pudsey Next Steps Funding Stream](#)
- [Emergency Essentials](#)

Organisations can only apply for and hold one grant at any time.

Lloyds Bank Foundation – Local Collaborations Programme

Application deadline: Initial Expression of Interest is 5.00pm, 30th April 2025

This programme will support collaborations led by small charities seeking to influence and achieve local or regional change around improving the social security system, improving access to suitable accommodation, and support for asylum seekers and refugees. Collaborations can apply for grants of £100,000 over two years. [Read more.](#)

Skipton Building Society Charitable Foundation

Application deadline: Thursday, 1st May 2025

[The Skipton Building Society Foundation](#) has announced it is reopening its grants programme with two new focus areas through which it aims to drive social impact.

The focus going forward will be to help people experiencing hardship and/or underserved groups within the UK to:

- Access a place to call home
- Improve financial wellbeing.

For both focus areas, priority will be given to charities supporting people in the [top 50% of the UK Index of Multiple Deprivation.](#)

Boost Charitable Trust

Small grants (up to £750) are available to charities and not-for-profit organisations with a focus on helping disabled and disadvantaged individuals in the UK to participate in sport. This is a rolling programme, and applications may be submitted at any time by email or by post. [Learn more.](#)

The Screwfix Foundation

The Screwfix Foundation is awarding grants of up to £5,000 to non-profit organisations in the UK. Eligible organisations must support people in need, such as those experiencing financial hardship, sickness, or other disadvantages. Funding must be used towards projects that relate to the repair, maintenance, improvement or construction of homes and community buildings.

All applications are reviewed individually by our team on a quarterly basis, the review dates are in February, May, August and November. [Read more.](#)

Tesco Stronger Starts Grant Programme

Rolling Applications: No deadline - selection typically takes 6-12 months

The scheme is open to all schools, registered charities, and not-for-profit organisations, with priority given to projects that provide food and support to young people. Examples of eligible applications with a focus on food security, children and young people could be:

- A school providing pupils with food for breakfast clubs or snacks throughout the day
- A school wanting to buy equipment for outdoor or indoor activities
- A school wanting to develop a food growing area
- A school supporting an after-school club
- A voluntary organisation working with families to run a food bank
- An organisation addressing holiday hunger
- A healthy eating project that supports families to cook healthy meals on a budget
- A Brownie or Scout group needing funding for new play equipment or activities.

Grants of up to £1,500 are currently available.

Every three months, three local good causes are selected to be in the blue token customer vote in Tesco stores throughout the UK.

For more information and to apply, visit the [Tesco Stronger Starts](#) website.
<https://tescostrongerstarts.org.uk/>

Natural England West Midlands have produced their list of funders, which can be downloaded via, [Jan 2025 Funding Opportunities in the West Midlands.pdf](#). This is a very useful listing with a bias for projects and organisations looking to work in / with the natural environment.

The Stobart Sustainability Fund - [Funding for community-led sustainability projects \(UK-wide\)](#) The Stobart Sustainability Fund is providing funding to support the transformation of local communities through projects that tackle climate change, reduce emissions or protect and enhance the environment. Applications are welcomed from non-profit organizations, community groups, small businesses, and educational facilities. **No application deadline is provided.**

The Energy Resilience Fund (ERF) - [Grants and loans for charities and social enterprises to improve energy efficiency \(England\)](#) The Energy Resilience Fund (ERF) is providing a blended funding package of loan (60%) and grant (40%) to improve the energy resilience of eligible charities and social enterprises in England. Incorporated voluntary, community or social enterprise organisations that are looking to install energy saving measures or generation technology to buildings/ land, and/ or to purchase energy efficient or environmentally friendly vehicles or equipment are invited to apply for the fund. If required, the fund will arrange an energy audit before continuing with the application process. Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they are unable to access mainstream bank lending for the work. **There is no deadline for applications**

The John Ellerman Foundation - [Funding to build healthier ecosystems in urban and rural environment \(UK Wide\)](#) The John Ellerman Foundation is offering grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 per year for up to 3 years to UK-registered charities with an income of between £100,000 and £10m. The fund will prioritise projects that can make a national impact or local initiatives that have the potential to be upscaled to a country level. Eligible organisations should take an evidence-based approach to improve the natural environment and understand the significance of habitats on both human wellbeing and the impact that people have on nature. **There is no deadline for applications to this fund.**

British Ecological Society Grants - [Grants for Ecological Outreach Projects \(UK\)](#) - Individuals and organisations such as schools, museums, libraries and community groups can apply to the British Ecological Society for grants of up to £2,000 to promote ecological science to a wide audience. The Outreach and Engagement Grants programme funds activities that engage public audiences in innovative and creative ways and enhances the skills of others in communicating ecology to public audiences. Applications from museums and schools are welcome but projects must involve significant outreach beyond schools. Projects aimed solely at delivering curriculum to school children will not be considered. The grant may be used as part-funding for larger projects.

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

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