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January 2018

Hello and welcome to the E-News Bulletin of Test Valley Community Services. These bulletins will be sent out regularly bringing you the latest on community news & events, information, services, training, funding and more....

Putting Unity in the Community

The Trustees are pleased to announce that following a period of change for the organisation and several months of consultation, Test Valley Community Services (TVCS) has undergone a rebranding exercise and will be known as 'Unity' with the strapline, Putting Unity in the Community.

The organisation, established in 1982 is recognised as a caring, community based service provider and believes that this rebrand not only reflects its development and vision for the future but that the logo represents a continued commitment to building successful relationships and the delivery of quality services in an ever changing environment. This is an exciting time for the organisation and we look forward to working with you all in the future.



Our Record breaking Year for Volunteer Recruitment

Volunteering is a rewarding exercise and our volunteer service is showing record breaking numbers of people helping local organisations. Test Valley Community Services Volunteer Centre recruited 445 volunteers last year, all of whom provide skills and time to support local organisations.

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Test Valley Community Services will be running the Rotations Charity Shop, Whitchurch



from Friday 13th April – Thursday 26th April 2018.

We are running the charity shop to raise funds for community based projects, helping isolated people remain independent in their own homes.

Donations of good quality, clean saleable goods are very welcome,

please deliver to TVCS at Andover Bus Station SP10 1QP - during opening hours (9am-4pm, Mon-Sat).

We are happy to accept clean adult/children's clothes; bric a brac; books; toys, games & puzzles (in good condition & with all parts/pieces), stationary items; jewellery; kitchenalia. We cannot accept electrical items for sale.

For more information please contact Dawn Elson on 0330 400 4116 or dawn.elson@tvcs.org.uk

Test Valley Community Services latest Training Programme



Did you know you can follow TVCS on Twitter twitter.com/tv_cs?

Your organisation could get free advertising on Andover's new local radio station, "Andover Radio".

The broadcaster which will operate from newly agreed, accessible studios on the upper High Street is giving bona fide not-for-profit groups and organisations the chance to record their own advertisement to promote their services.

Register your interest [here>>](#)

Advertisements may be for general awareness, to recruit new volunteers and promote events or fundraising efforts. Your information may also be shared across their growing Love Andover network which attracts tens of thousands of readers each week.

TVCS members are asked to follow their Facebook page [@LoveAndover](#) to keep up to date with the station's official launch plans.

Frontline Debt Advice—Information Morning

The Andover branch of Frontline Debt Advice cordially invite you to join them for a cup of tea/coffee and homemade cake to meet the team and find out more about what they do to help people with debt and benefit difficulties in your area. Date: 27th January 2018 Time: 10.30 to 12.30 Venue: The Bridge Café, Bridge Street, Andover

<http://frontlinedebtadvice.org.uk> or contact us by email andover@frontlinedebtadvice.org.uk

Andover and District Older People's Forum

Come and join Andover & District Older People's Forum for their next meeting. Enjoy light refreshments and the opportunity to hear from Julie Gallagher from Hampshire Trading Standards about how to prevent or deal with frauds, scams, rogue traders and cyber security. The meeting will take place on Thursday 25th January from 2.15pm – 4.15pm, at Andover Guild Hall .

YMCA—Community Art Project, 27th January for Adults and Families

YMCA need you! Would you like to represent your community, get involved in their Community Art Project and help create a 3Dcollage? YMCA have teamed up with local art teacher Miranda Bryan who will be on hand to guide and support you. The resulting artistic creation will be permanently displayed in our reception. All ages welcome. [Read more>>](#)

Open Sight and deafPLUS—Free Confidential Service Across Hampshire

Open Sight and deafPLUS provides a free and confidential service across Hampshire to all those who are deaf, hard of hearing, partially sighted or visually impaired, including equipment demonstration, information on services that can support those with a sensory loss, information on deaf or sight loss clubs and much more! [Read more>>](#)

Naomi House are Looking for Volunteers

Naomi House are desperately trying to recruit for Maintenance Volunteers at Naomi House, amongst other roles. They are also looking for a Finance volunteer, Housekeeping volunteers, volunteer receptionists and volunteers in our various shops across the region. [Read more>>](#)

**Upcoming
Training Courses**

**Upcoming
Events**

Do you care for a family member or friend?

If so, Hampshire County Council want your feedback on Hampshire's draft Joint Carers Strategy.

The Draft Hampshire Joint Carers Strategy 2018-2023 sets out a new vision for supporting carers in Hampshire. It is a joint plan which has been developed in partnership with carers, health and social care professionals and the voluntary sector. You can read the strategy and give your views by visiting www.hants.gov.uk/consultations and following the link to the 'Hampshire Joint Carers Strategy'. Instructions are provided online should you require a paper copy.

The consultation will close at midnight on 28 February 2018.

Test Valley—Have your say on what our Community Policing Priorities should be in your area

Your local Neighbourhood Policing Team needs your help in setting our Local Community Policing priorities for your area for the next 3 months. In order to ensure that they are working effectively in the community they need you to tell them what issues are affecting you the most. The aim is to reduce anti-social behaviour and crime as well as to make your neighbourhood's safer places to live and work. All they ask is that you spare 5 minutes to complete this survey to give them a clear understanding of the issues that matter to you. [Take the survey>>](#)

Concessionary Travel—Important Information for Passes Ending 31st March 2018

Hampshire County Council new concessionary bus passes will be issued prior to expiry on March 2018. [Read more>>](#)

Hampshire Tobacco Control Strategy 2018-21

Would you like your organisation to be involved in helping to shape activity around tobacco across Hampshire? If you would like to have say and contribute to the plans, please come along to one of the three workshops taking place across Hampshire. [Read more>>](#)

General Data Protection Regulation Course

The General Data Protection Regulation comes into effect on 25 May 2018 to protect personal and business information from being abused, misused or mismanaged. TVCS are facilitating a GDPR Awareness session on 28th February where potential issues discussed during this informal workshop will be tailored to the requirements of the learners. [Read more>>](#)

Family Links Nurture 0-5 Early Years Workshops

Being a parent of a 0-5 year old is rewarding, stimulating and fun but can be stressful and challenging. The Family Links Nurture Programme helps deal with those challenges so you can have a calmer, happier family life. [Read more>>](#)

Andover Job Fair

Looking for a job? Come along to Andover Job Centre on Tuesday 6th Feb with your CV. [Read more>>](#)

Want to know more about being a Councillor?

If you care about your community and want to make a difference, then why not come along to an informal event and find out how you can get more involved. [Read more>>](#)

HSCB - Learning Lessons Workshops from Serious Case Reviews for 2018

The workshops are two hour sessions at various locations around the county including two twilight sessions and are free to attend. The workshops highlight the learning from serious case reviews that are conducted when a child dies, or is seriously injured, and abuse or neglect are suspected. The workshops pull together key risk factors and practice recommendations to help practitioners understand and act upon the learning from serious case reviews. [To book a place>>](#)

HiWCF—Grants

The funds below are **now open**, please take a look at <http://www.hiwcf.com/grants/> to see if your charity, community group or voluntary organisation is eligible to apply for a grant:

The **Red Funnel Travel Voucher Scheme** supports groups based on the Isle of Wight and in Hampshire contributing towards travelling across the Solent on Red Funnel vehicle ferries and Red Jet services. Schools that support children, youth, seniors and people with disabilities can also apply for grants of between £25-300.

The **Youth Mental Health Fund** supports proven programs of delivery offering advice and help on youth mental wellbeing problems, including depression, anxiety and stress, as well as projects that support the development of emotional resilience in children and youth. Grants of between £3,000-£6,000 are available.

The **Youth Social Action Fund** aims to raise the level and quality of youth social action involving activities such as campaigning, fundraising and volunteering, all of which enable participants to make a positive difference to their communities. Grants of £1,000-£5,000 are available.

The **Small Grants Small Items Fund** provides grants of £250-£500 for small essential items such as new chairs or a cooker for a luncheon club, also covering volunteer expenses, hall hire for group meetings and events that bring the community together.

The **Comic Relief - Core Strength – Local Communities Fund** provides funding of between £1,000-£10,000 for groups’ core costs – meaning expenditure that is not connected to delivering projects but focusing on investing in the organisation as a whole, including basic running costs to enable groups to carry out their much needed work in local communities.

The **Wellbeing and Health Fund** focuses on local community projects that address the challenges of obesity, emotional wellbeing, mental health, isolation and loneliness, offering grants of £1,000-£5,000.

The **Dayas Music Scholarship Fund** aims to support adults undertaking musical tuition with grants of £50-£600. Grants may cover tuition costs for an individual allowing them to progress their own music abilities, particularly if the tuition will also benefit a wider group, e.g. those performing in hospitals, schools or for other community events. Scholarships can cover tuition for playing an instrument, singing, conducting or composition. Please note that the closing date is 31st January 2018 for this fund.

The **Michael Austin Harlick Sports Awards** provide assistance to sport organisations towards the cost of awards that recognise the sporting achievements of young people in Hampshire, and are available to help with the purchase of challenge cups, individual medals, team award and colours, with grants ranging from £200-£1,000.

For more information and to apply, please go to: <http://www.hiwcf.com/grants/>

Newsletters & Updates from other Organisations

- Rum’s Eg—January Update>>
- Action Hampshire—News Update>>
- Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board—Newsletter>>



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If you would like TVCS to include in the next e-news bulletin; information about an event, what is going on locally with your group/organisation or news that will interest your community please email us. If you would like to sign up to receive the enews click **sign up**. If you would like to unsubscribe please click **unsubscribe**



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