Welcome to the new edition of the CVS e-bulletin. We hope you find the information useful. Don’t forget for constantly updated news and vacancies go to our website. There’s lots going on in our Facebook page and Twitter feed too! See address at the foot of this page.

Brunswick Ward Community First Funding

Applications are now invited from voluntary groups working in Brunswick Ward for Community First funding. A total of £11,000 is available from the Community Development Foundation to be allocated before the end of December 2014. Groups can apply for a maximum of £2500 for work that addresses one of the Brunswick Ward priorities:
- Anti-social behaviour
- Green Spaces and environment
- Community Cohesion
- Activities for young people

For further details see the Brunswick panel website at brunswickwardcf.wordpress.com.

The deadline for the first panel is 4th July. For an application form and guidance notes please e-mail: brunswickcommunityfirst@gmail.com or visit the Gorton Street Children’s Centre and pick up a copy.

Wyre Together Drug Awareness Event

Wyre Together are working with a number of partners to hold a Drug Awareness Event on Monday 7th July, 7 - 9pm at Thornton Methodist Church. The event is aimed at adults and young people and will identify the types of drugs, potential impacts and the help and support available. The Amy Winehouse Foundation, Young Addiction, Lancashire Police and Life Skills will be providing talks at the event and there will also be the opportunity to chat to these groups to find out more. This is a free event open to groups and residents to attend. Please see attached poster for further details. We are also looking for volunteers to help promote the event. Could you spare a few hours? If so please contact Jane Williams on 01253 887437.

Did you know you can now view our website in over 70 different languages! Please check it out...

Sector Vacancies this week include…

Volunteer & Training Co-Ordinator at Lytham Hall
YMCA Family/Young People Scheme Manager
YMCA Family/Young People Worker
Help Direct Operations Manager
Blackpool Fulfilling Lives Navigator x 3

If you need help with websites or social media, we can help - just let us know what you need and we’ll send you a volunteer, and best of all it’s FREE!

For further information on any of the above, phone us on 01253 624505 or e-mail on angela.glass@cvsbwf.org.uk. To get the latest updates on what CVS is up to, visit our website or our new updated Facebook page.

We are also on Twitter @cvsbwf
The CVS is celebrating its 80th birthday this year and we are planning an afternoon celebration which will take place on Tuesday 16th September. As part of the event we are hoping to have a variety of musical items from the last 80 years performed by groups from the Fylde Coast. If you are a musical group (or a solo artist) and would like to perform a short item please contact Paul Greenwood on 01253 403044 or email paul.bayha@btconnect.com

The event will take place in the Salvation Army Citadel, Blackpool so there is plenty of room for both performers and audience alike. We would love you to be part of our very special celebration so don’t hide your lights under a bushel!

CYP&F Lead Professionals Awareness Event

Last Tuesday saw the Children Young People and Families Forum lead professionals event for 2014. It was held in St Annes and many local charities and community groups were there, including Home Start Fylde, N Compass, Lancashire Loves Libraries and the Play Inclusion Project

It was arranged in a speed dating format to get as many members of the public round the organisations as efficiently as possible. Here is some of the feedback from it.

How was the event?
23 – Good
1 – ok

“Very informative could have done with 6 minutes”

“Really good opportunity for making contacts and finding out what people do”

“Fab, really good to see and talk to the workers in more depth about their service

not to just children but young people and adults, thank you”

“Helpful to make links to other organisations”

“Fantastic, didn’t know these services existed!”

Really enjoyed it, extremely informative, feel that they should run more frequently

Much more support available than I had perceived

“Very good to get all the information of all the services under one roof”

“I think the event was really useful both for the people attending and going round the tables and the organisations represented. Great for partnership working, thank you”

Were you happy with the venue?
23 – Yes
1 – ok

Were you happy with the information available?
22 – Yes
1 – ok
Big Lottery Fund Responds to Government’s Review

The Big Lottery Fund has responded to this week’s publication of the Cabinet Office’s first Triennial Review of the funder.

The Triennial Review of the Big Lottery Fund (BLF) was conducted earlier this year as part of the requirement for all Government Departments to review their Non Departmental Public Bodies at least once every three years. The BLF is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Cabinet Office. The review also included a public consultation.

The review examined whether there is a continuing need for the functions performed by the Big Lottery Fund, and whether the organisation should continue to operate in its current form.

The funder said that it welcomes the publication of the review, "which concludes the fund is a highly respected and valued organisation with an important role to play with the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector".

The Fund’s Chief Executive Dawn Austwick said: “This review is timely and will help complement our work on our Strategic Framework for 2015 to 2021 and inform our future planning.”

But the Government review also had some suggestions for improvement: BLF must be more proactive in reducing its costs, should consider opening its board meetings to the public and examine its governance arrangements. It should “provide more information about the different aspects of its work - specifically the way it allocates dormant bank account funds, its non-lottery funds grant-making, and its international work”.

Commenting on the review, Peter Ainsworth, the Fund’s Chair said: “I am confident that we are making good progress towards growing and developing the Fund’s vision in accordance with many of the recommendations made in the review. I will now be discussing with the Board the areas of our work and operations that we can further enhance to ensure the best possible service for our customers and stakeholders.”

A copy of the Big Lottery Fund Triennial Review 2014 can be found on the GOV.UK website

Source: Big Lottery Fund, 12/06/2014

The Guardian Charity Awards 2014

The Guardian charity awards 2014 in association with Zurich, are open for small, social welfare charities that can demonstrate excellence and achievement. Entrants must have been registered in the UK for more than two years and have an annual income of between £5,000 and £1.5m. The awards are supported by the FSI, which provides free capacity building for small charities, IT company Jigsaw24, Media Trust and the National Council for Voluntary Organisations.

The judging panel chaired by the Guardian’s public services editor, David Brindle, includes Jane Asher, president, National Autistic Society and Sir Stuart Etherington, chief executive of the NCVO.

The five winners will receive an equal share of the £25,000 prize fund kindly donated by awards partner Zurich, plus a mini iPad courtesy of Jigsaw24, tailored packages of support from the FSI and Media Trust, and one year’s free NCVO membership.

The closing date for entries is 25 July. Winners will be presented with their awards at a ceremony in London.

Enter via the image below or visit the website for further information.
N-Vision have a new free service which is basically about promoting the person, their needs and focussing on what they want.

Traditionally, in the past, people receiving Social Care had very little choice and had to accept what was available and they were told what was in their best interests. Local Authorities would then buy services on their behalf. Today this has all changed, or to be more specific, there is another way.

Personalisation
This one word encompasses change for the better. Rather than have a budget that is managed by the Local Authority, Personalisation is about the Local Authority handing you your own personal individual budget, a Direct Payment. This Payment will be placed in your bank account and, with VIPS support, you can explore the options that are available, but in the end the choice is yours.

You take control of your own life and they help you to develop your Support Plan which identifies your needs, wishes and aspirations. A premise underpinning the service aims is that we all need three things in our lives to make us happy and fulfilled: money, friendship and meaning.

Everyone needs community, everyone needs to be heard and everyone needs to have fun. Basically the VIPS Brokerage Service is about co-ordinating supports, assisting with developing plans and budgets and then make the plan happen, but essentially ensuring that the plan connects to what that person wants and supports their efforts to successfully achieve what they need.

Their wish is that people are not isolated and with their own Individual Budget they can connect with their own community and be involved with what happens to them, in their community.

If you wish to explore this further then please contact any member of the VIPS Team at N-Vision on 01253 362699.

Visually Impaired Personalisation Support Brokerage

Whats on in July at Creative Support Cleveleys

Cleveleys Lighthouse
Mental Health Drop in
Open Access
Cyber Café

A Solutions Plus & Creative Support service.

Full timetable of events

Solutions Plus (Creative Support)
19 Crescent West, Cleveleys.
FY5 1AD
01253 859 463
solutions.plus@creativesupport.org.uk

E BULLETIN 2014
Furniture Matters is a Registered Charity and they have been operating since October 1999. They are now able to offer volunteering places and training opportunities at their ReNew Workshop in Blackpool.

The aims of the organisation are three-fold:

♦ To improve the quality and quantity of used and reconditioned furniture, electrical appliances, cycles, paint and other household goods available at low cost to local disadvantaged people;

♦ To provide quality volunteering and training opportunities to local people, aiming to increase employment prospects for some of those people;

♦ To reduce the amount of furniture, electrical appliances, cycles, paint and other household goods that needlessly end up in the waste stream. Their principle activity is the re-use of unwanted household goods – with the main objective being to make safe, low cost household items available to local disadvantaged people at low cost.

Bulky Matters Blackpool

They first started working in Blackpool in November 2009 when in partnership with Blackpool Council, they rolled out a bulky household waste collection project in Blackpool. The council have just renewed their OJEU tender which means they will be operating the Bulky Matters contract for a further five years.

Fylde Coast ReNew WEEE Workshop

This is an exciting new project with funding support from Blackpool and Lancashire County Councils through Global Renewable Lancashire for three years. They have both a purpose built White Goods and PC Build workshop within their Bulky Matters Blackpool warehouse with three paid staff delivering a mix of training and production. The accredited training will benefit people of all ages throughout the Fylde Coast and items produced will benefit local people via Blackpool Social Fund, Lancashire County Council CAUNSS and sold via Blackpool Coastal Housing and Blackpool HWRC shop.

For more information, please contact enquiries@furniturematters.org.uk

Tenancy Deposit Scheme Charitable Foundation Launched (UK)

The Tenancy Deposit Scheme (TDS) has launched a new charity (TDS Charitable Foundation) for the private rented sector with a mission to improve private rented housing standards. Organisations in the UK are invited to apply for grants of up to £20,000 to advance education about housing rights and obligations.

Activities must meet one of the following themes for funding:

- Theme 1 - promoting knowledge of private landlord's obligations when renting homes. Under this theme, the Foundation invites proposals that will help to educate landlords who are inexperienced and do not fully understand the obligations that they have to meet as a landlord.

- Theme 2 - promoting knowledge of tenants' rights and responsibilities. Under this theme, the Foundation invites proposals which will help educate tenants about their rights and responsibilities. A particular focus of this will be the student market. A total of £105,000 will be allocated in three funding rounds.

This year's deadlines for applications are 30 June 2014, 31 October 2014 and 30 January 2015.

http://tdsfoundation.org.uk/
Upcoming Events

Home Start Blackpool & Fylde
Come and join us for a beautiful Strawberry Afternoon Tea

Thursday 24th July 2014
2.00pm - 4.00pm

Trolley Dash
IN SUPPORT OF
Day of Sunshine
LYTHAM ST. ANNE’S
(ASHTON GARDENS)
BLACKPOOL TOWER
AND BACK

Tickets: £5 Adults, £3 Children
Tickets and More Information Available from
Home-Start Fylde office or tel: 01253 728615

Lytham St. Anne’s Bank Holiday Monday 25th August 2014
12 - noon Start
Come on and Join the Fun
OPEN TO ALL AGES

Home-Start Fylde
Support and Friendship for Families

Home-Start Fylde cordially invite you
To a Special Event

On Wednesday 16th July 2014
10.00-12.00pm
At St. Thomas’ Church
Community Centre

To keep you up to date on our developments and give you the opportunity to share your views

We welcome your input in the development of our scheme and look forward to seeing you

RSVP by 11th July 2014
Home-Start Fylde
St Thomas’ Church Community Centre
St Thomas’ Road
Lytham St. Annes
FY8 1JL

Tel: 01253 728615
Email: enquiries@homestartfylde.org.uk
Website: www.homestart.stthomas.uk.net
A tasty line up for the Fylde Coast Food and Drink Festival

Plans for the Fylde Coast Food and Drink Festival at Marine Hall this summer are hotting up as exhibitors from across the region are signing up to be a part of the day.

On Sunday 17 August Marine Hall, Fleetwood is set to be transformed into a food lovers’ paradise as talented local chefs and producers are coming together to celebrate the region’s thriving food and drink scene.

As well as many familiar faces from last year’s event there are lots of new exhibitors on board. From pies to paella, chutneys to cheeses and cakes to chocolate there will be lots of tasty treats to try and buy.

Once again the team from Twelve Restaurant and Lounge Bar will be showing off their skills with three cooking demonstrations on the main stage. Each will showcase a different course from a scrumptious starter to an appetising main course to a yummy pudding.

Paul Moss Chef Patron at Twelve Restaurant and Lounge Bar comments: “We are delighted to be returning to Marine Hall for this year’s Food Festival and will once again be demonstrating the best of local Lancashire produce. This year we will be up on the main stage and there will be one chef demonstrating and one compering so there will be plenty of opportunity for the audience to get involved with questions and answers.”

There’ll be stalls selling hot food to enjoy on the day as well as lots of producers selling food and drinks to enjoy at home. This year there will be lots for the kids to do too with arts and crafts activities, cupcake decorating and rides to enjoy.

The event takes place from 10am – 4pm and will take place across the whole venue including the impressive main ballroom and outside along the colonnade. With so many great exhibitors, free entry and free parking the festival has got all the ingredients for a great day out.

For a full list of exhibitors or if you’d like to book a stall at the event visit [www.marinehall.co.uk/foodfestival](http://www.marinehall.co.uk/foodfestival) or call 01253 887693.
CQC Listening Event last chance to comment!

CALL FOR EVIDENCE: Care Quality Commission inspection of GP Practices in the Greater Preston Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) area.

The Care Quality Commission will be inspecting GP practices from early July 2014, inspecting a random sample of the GP practices in the CCG area.

The inspection team is keen to hear evidence from local voluntary and community groups about the quality and safety of GP services in the area. There are five main questions that inspectors will always ask:

- Is it safe?
- Is it effective?
- Is it caring?
- Is it responsive to people’s needs?
- Is it well-led?

Inspectors are keen to encourage community groups and voluntary organisations to support members and service users to evidence and provide evidence on their behalf.

Please send reports, stories of care or other evidence your group holds about people’s care to enquiries@cqc.org.uk or ring 03000 616161 to speak to someone at CQC by June 30th 2014. Please put the name of the practice that you are sending information about in the title of the email to help us pass it to the right inspection team. You can send evidence of high-quality care as well as any concerns you have identified. They will use your information to help the inspection team plan the inspection and what to look for on the inspection.

You can find out more about the work of the Care Quality Commission and read more about how they carry out their inspections at www.cqc.org.uk

Cherwell Centre raises money for Macmillan

It was great to see the community come together to help raise money to help a local charity. Raffles, tombola’s, a bouncy castle, barbeque and Zumba are a few things that helped us raise this money.

“A big thank you to everyone for your kind donations, to all the people who came along and also to Councillor Gillian Campbell who also supported the day. We have a marvellous team of volunteers at the Cherwell Centre and organise numerous events to encourage the local community to join in, everything we do is down to fantastic team work.”

Opened in 2003, the Macmillan Windmill Unit ensures that people affected by cancer have access to good quality, comprehensive and appropriate information and support.

Kathy Ancell, Head of the Trust’s Blue Skies Hospitals Fund, said: “Thank you to everyone involved for this kind donation. It will contribute towards enhancing patient care on the unit. “Charitable donations allow us to provide the added extras to help the patients and visitors to the unit feel more relaxed and comfortable. It is vitally important to the care we offer to our patients so any donation to help continue this work is gratefully received.”
The Cabinet Office has opened a consultation on its proposed new £40m sustainability fund. The fund aims to support charities and social enterprises, which are working with vulnerable and disadvantaged groups and are in danger of closure.

The fund will prioritise medium-sized organisations, defined as those with turnovers of between £50,000 and £1.5m. It will support struggling charities and social enterprises delivering services to vulnerable and disadvantage groups. The consultation will last 12 weeks, and asks questions such as whether front-line organisations must partner with a third party intermediary to apply for funding and if it should set an upper and lower limit on the size of organisation that can apply. An average grant size of £30,000 has been suggested which would benefit approximately 1,300 organisations.

The deadline for responses to the consultation is 24 July. The Office for Civil Society anticipates launching the fund for applications by the end of the year and to start awarding funding in April 2015. [https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/new-fund-to-help-vcse-organisations-become-more-sustainable](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/new-fund-to-help-vcse-organisations-become-more-sustainable)
Wyre is the healthiest local authority in Lancashire

Wyre Council’s employee sickness levels are the lowest of any local authority in Lancashire and the best in the council’s history.

Last year an average of 5.46 days per person were taken, a reduction of almost half since 2006, surpassing the council’s ambitious target of 6 days and well below the national averages for both local government and the private sector.

A proactive and robust approach towards health and welfare within the organisation combined with employees keeping themselves fit and healthy has resulted in this significant achievement.

Councillor Alan Vincent, Cabinet member with responsibility for human resources at Wyre Council, said: "The benefits of having a healthy workforce are invaluable in terms of maintaining the high levels of service and value for money the council delivers.

"Providing employees with support from the first sign of concern over their health along with tactics such as phased returns to work, working from home and adapting roles, mean that people are able return to work as soon as possible after illness.

"We’re also proactive in encouraging good health with initiatives such as health checks through our occupational health provider and active travel which promotes walking and cycling to work.

"While unfortunately people are occasionally prevented from attending work due to ill health, sometimes for long periods, our low levels of sickness absence mean that we’re able to continue providing high quality services for our residents."

Wyre council cycling activities

**Shape Up**

Kick start a healthier lifestyle with our park based motivational group exercise programme

**Venue**
Memorial Park next to Cenotaph

**Dates & Times**
Wednesday
7.30pm - 8.30pm
June - 4, 11, 18, 25
July - 2, 9, 16
Saturday
9.30am – 10:30am
June - 7, 14, 21, 28
July - 5, 12, 19

**Details**
Age 18+
Price - Free

Contact details - 01253 887209 or wyre.gov.uk/shapeup

No booking needed
Just turn up

**Cycle Wyre**

Interested in getting back on a bike? Want to improve your health and fitness? Would like to meet new people?...

Try it all FOR FREE at our recreational cycling programme for people aged 50+

**Venue**
Starting at Thornton Bay Horse car park, the ride will continue to Wyre Estuary Country Park, along the estuary path, around the park and finish back at the Bay Horse Car Park

**Dates & Times**
Mondays 10:30am - 11:30am
June 9, 16, 23, 30
July 7, 14, 21, 28
Age 50+

Safety helmets will be available to use

For more information contact 01253 887209 or wyre.gov.uk/cyclewyre

No booking needed
Just turn up

All cycling sessions are FREE
Thanks go to Gordon Marsden MP for opening the event

**Civic Day Celebrations**

Civic Day, a celebration of civic pride, was held around the country and in Blackpool on a beautiful sunny day Saturday, 21st June. Blackpool Civic Trust celebrated in style with entertainment, stalls and the presentation of prizes in St John’s Church.

Joan Humble, Chairman of Blackpool Civic Trust, said: “My thanks go to Gordon Marsden MP for opening the event, to the Mayor of Blackpool, Councillor Val Haynes, for presenting prizes to the winners of our scarecrow competition and also the 'Best Kept Street' winner and finally to all those who came and supported us”.

The CVS had a stand at the event along with Healthwatch, Age UK, Winter Gardens Heritage Trust and many others and it was a hugely enjoyable day.

It was wonderful to see so many members of the public coming in to say hello and find out more about the charities and groups in Blackpool.

**Totally Transport Event**

This year’s Totally Transport event on the 23rd of June was hugely successful, with a large number of visitors enjoying the exhibition of classic vehicles and operational vintage trams in glorious Blackpool sunshine.

The event organised by Lancashire Transport Trust, Blackpool Borough Council and Blackpool Civic Trust was opened by the Mayor of Blackpool, Councillor Val Haynes and Town Cryer, Barry McQueen.
The Royal Bank of Scotland has announced that the next funding round of its Inspiring Youth Enterprise programme will re-open for applications on the 30th June 2014.

Through its Youth Enterprise programme, the Royal Bank of Scotland is looking to support organisations that help young people (aged 13 to 30 years) start their own business. Funding will be available to constituted groups in the UK including voluntary and community groups, charities and social enterprises. The maximum grant that can be applied for is £50,000. The total amount of funding available every year is £500,000 and Inspiring Youth Enterprise will open for applications twice a year.

Previous projects supported include:
The MEBOSS project’s in Ilford, which aims to build the capacity and entrepreneurial flair of at least 15 long-term unemployed young participants to establish their own sustainable enterprise and move off Job Seekers Allowance.
Bootstrap Enterprises which aims to provide young, creative entrepreneurs with the skills and support needed to develop their own businesses.

The closing date for applications will be the 11th July 2014. http://www.inspiringenterprise.rbs.com/inspiring-youth