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One West Lancs Forum Newsletter

March 2015

The One West Lancs Forum & West Lancashire Showcase

Wednesday 13 May 2015 11:30am to 3pm
At Edge Hill University, Faculty of Health

- **Showcase** your organisation through a static display, an open mic presentation or short DVD
- **Network** with West Lancashire voluntary, community and faith organisations
- **Discuss** with commissioners and public sector partners how best to work together to reduce inequalities
- **Nominate** your outstanding volunteer for a special award

For more information on this annual event, including how to nominate your outstanding volunteer and how to create a film of your work to show, go to: www.onewestlancs.org/forum.html

To book your place or find out more, phone Kirstie Dwan at West Lancs CVS on 01695-733737 or email kirstie@wlcvs.org

Brighter Future Workshop's good work recognised by national award

Brighter Future Workshop's pioneering work has now been recognised by the Prime Minister who recently awarded them a Big Society Award. Brighter Future Workshop specialises in recycling mobility equipment such as wheelchairs and mobility scooters. All this is achieved by young disabled people working alongside qualified technicians working in their disability friendly workshop. Since its modest beginnings in 2005, Brighter Future Workshop has recycled over 25,000 items of mobility equipment and provided over 5,500 day training places. It has also acquired a 10,000 sq ft warehouse and showroom and a mobility shop in Ormskirk .



Congratulations to Chairman Peter Cousins MBE who with Jackie Tittle attended a reception in January at 10 Downing Street to collect the award and met the Prime Minister.

One West Lancs is a partnership of the local voluntary, public and business sectors which aims to improve the quality of life for everyone in West Lancashire

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Divine Days scoops 1st prize



Divine Days dance group are celebrating winning first place in the Nelson Dance Festival Contemporary Group.

Katie Whitehead, Founder of Divine Days Community Arts CIC says: *'Our group was the only one competing with additional needs in the group and we came FIRST! We were delighted to be awarded a distinction by the adjudicator, who marked the performance as "excellent - both technically and artistically'.*



"It felt amazing" said Anne Scanlan one of the dancers competing "we have worked so hard and to win first place is great".



Katie said *'I have never been more proud as standing on stage along side all the other dance groups to hear our name called out. This is stuff that dreams are made of and we can't explain what it means to be recognised in this way! The support we have in the community is tremendous. We received our funding from Community Link to be able to take part and for our T-shirts and hoodies which we are so grateful for.*

'We are proud to be heading up this years Ormskirk Dance Fest in conjunction with West Lancashire Borough Council and West Lancashire Rangers Service in Coronation Park on July 4th and hope to see many local dance groups and projects wanting to get on board with our Award Winning Dance Company!'

Community learning HUB

West Lancs CVS has created a new learning space at Certacs House, Skelmersdale, as part of its development of a community learning hub to support its local members and as an accredited Royal Society for Public Health centre.

Activity at the hub is co-ordinated by Helen Jones and the space was launched with two days of health champion training at the end of March.

Future plans include the delivery of asset-based community development training for local community groups and organisations.

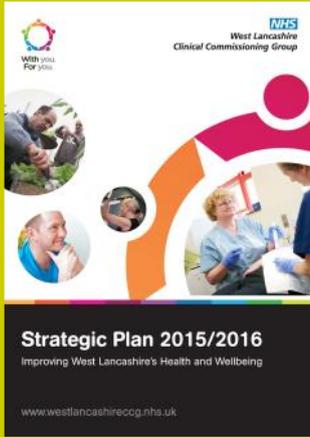


Ormskirk
Dance festival

Saturday 4th July
12 - 4pm
Coronation Park, Ormskirk

Divine Day Community Arts CIC are running this years Summer Dance Festival at Coronation Park. The day promises to be fun for all the family with our Funfair, Bouncy Castle, Face painting, Brass Band, with a variety of stalls from Craft and Community to food and drink, there will be Music and Entertainment from around our region celebrating our community and it's diversity. We have a wide variety of dance groups that meet across West Lancs see show cases from Morris Dancing to Street Dancing!

To register your dance group, book a stand/stall at the event or for more information please contact Jess the ranger on 0165570258 or Jessica.britch@westlancs.gov.uk



Clear direction for local NHS

The local healthcare commissioner, NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), has recently finalised its strategic plan for 2015/16, which is now available to read via the [CCG's website](#). Within this plan, the CCG builds on existing priorities and identifies key programmes of focus.

Its strategic priorities are as follows:

- Right care, right time, safely delivered
- Preventing people from dying prematurely
- Integrated working for better patient experience, safety, quality of life and reduced inequalities

Underpinning these priorities are four improvement interventions, which the CCG knows are crucial to making a difference locally. These are areas where the CCG needs to go further, faster:

- Cardiovascular diseases
- Cancer
- Respiratory
- Mental health and dementia

In addition, there are three more programmes of work:

- Children and young people's health and wellbeing
- End of life care
- Primary prevention (protecting good health and preventing ill health by addressing issues such as alcohol (harmful drinking), diet, physical activity, smoking and wellbeing)

The CCG aims for everyone to benefit from these priorities so the focus will be on reducing inequalities, regardless of where they live in West Lancashire or their background,

Vision for joined up care

The CCG has also launched a vision for joined up care, which will boost health services in the community, and improve experiences for patients. The vision (which the CCG calls Facing the Future Together) is available to read via its [website](#).

To support the development of this project, the local NHS has also launched a survey encouraging everyone to share their views and experiences about community health services, whether that is GPs, district nursing, podiatry etc. The survey is open for everyone but commissioners are particularly interested in hearing from those who are over 65 years old living with one or more long-term conditions such as diabetes or breathing/heart related conditions. The survey is available to complete on the CCG's [website](#). Printed copies are available on request by using the contact details below.

If you would like to get more involved in the CCG's activities, please sign up to its My View group via: <http://www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk/myview/>

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North & Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber has been focusing on 3 key sectors in West Lancashire: the Borough Council, Education and the local business community.

Meetings have been held with the Council to help bring about closer ties with the Chamber and the Council's Economic Development Department and to support the launch of the Council's Economic Development Committee.

The Chamber has developed strong bonds with both Edge Hill University (especially the Business School) and West Lancashire College - supporting Careers Days and delivering seminars on Overseas Businesses Development both within the EU and China. The former was supported by the European Commission's Lancashire European Information Centre hosted by the Chamber. Engagement with West Lancashire College has seen students taken through the process of setting up a business to making a profit on sales.

Key to their support for the Borough is acting as an interface between the education establishments and local businesses. The Chamber has been working with both the University and College to expand links with the strong and diverse industrial hinterland offered by Pimbo and other industrial areas. In addition it has supported Employability Engagement events at Edge Hill University

Specialising in business support and regional policy, the Chamber is well positioned to assist with economic surveys and welcomes dialogue with local businesses and discussing any concerns either locally or regionally.

Plans for the coming year include networking events between the educational and business sectors - to ensure the graduates of today have the correct skills to drive our local economy forward.

The Chamber values its involvement with the One West Lancs Partnership and looks forward to building on last year's achievements in 2015.

For more information, go to: www.lancschamber.co.uk

Transport Thematic group

The newly formed [West Lancs Transport Thematic Group](#) has now met on three occasions since being set up in the early autumn of 2014.

With 12 organisations with interests in transport in the Borough being represented on the group, along with the Borough and County Councils, the group possesses a wide range of skills and experience on all matters transport, especially public transport.

The group is looking at four specific themes:

- Rural Transport
- Transport to aid education and employment
- Rail Infrastructure
- Sustainable Transport

and are following closely the County Council's plans for development and improving transport in West Lancashire as laid out in the recently published West Lancashire highways and transport masterplan.

Thematic groups update

Community Safety Partnership

[West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership](#) (CSP) has had a very successful year in working to reduce crime and helping to make West Lancashire a safe place to live, work and visit. As of March 2015 all crime in West Lancashire was down by 7% against previous good performance in 2014 /15. This figure includes recorded reductions in burglary offences, ASB, violent crime and vehicle crime.

The CSP has also delivered a number of successful projects during 2014 / 15 including five Community Action and Engagement Events in Skelmersdale and Ormskirk. These events have had a number of key outcomes including the prevention of criminal damage, ASB fires and the development of long term positive working relationships between community groups, the voluntary sector and key statutory agencies.

A key seasonal threat to performance and people's safety is the mischief night and the bonfire period. In response to this the CSP coordinated the planning of Bright Sparx which is delivered over the Mischief Night and the Bonfire Period. The Action Plan was the most ambitious to date and was led by the Council's Community Safety Team, supported by the Police, Lancashire Fire and Rescue, the Community Payback Team, Young Peoples Services, the Council's Street Scene Team and Housing Team and local community leaders.

In the lead up to the bonfire period six Community Action Days were delivered in Tanhouse, Digmaor and Little Digmaor and over 150 tons of rubbish and combustible material was removed from the estates. On mischief night, diversionary activities were delivered at Birch Green Artz Centre, Tanhouse Community Centre and the Evermoor Hub with approximately 200 local children in attendance. The CSP received excellent support from local community leaders in helping to organise and deliver the community based events.

The Go4It Event which was funded by the Borough Council was delivered at the Evermoor Hub in early November with over 500 young people in attendance over the 3 days. A range of further complimentary positive activities were also delivered by Young Peoples Services.

The Community Safety Partnership will soon begin the planning for 2015 / 16 and this will again include the delivery of five Community Action and Engagement Events, the multi-agency Fresher's Event and Bright Sparx.

Tackling organised crime is a key priority for West Lancashire CSP. Organised crime particularly in Skelmersdale has featured as a significant priority for both the Constabulary and key CSP partners. With over 200 warrants issued within the last 18 months linked to Operation Nemesis, this is a significant resource intensive issue for police and partner agencies.

The CSP is working in partnership with The Artz Centre in Skelmersdale to develop a short film on highlighting the dangers to young people from becoming involved in organised crime. This will include delivery of the film to local schools to promote the key messages.

Skelmersdale 'Kicks' Scheme Scores Well So Far

'Kicks' is the 'Latics in the Community' led football coaching scheme which fire crews from Skelmersdale fire station and staff from the Evermoor Hub in Digmoor have been hosting in a bid to engage local youngsters and drive down anti-social behaviour.

The football coaching scheme is free to attend and is aimed at youngsters (both male and female) aged between 8 and 17 in the Tanhouse and Digmoor areas of Skelmersdale. The sessions run twice a week from 6pm to 8pm, with the fire station hosting the event on Thursdays and the Evermoor Hub in Digmoor on Fridays and so far the scheme is proving to be a big success.

Station Manager for Skelmersdale, Frank Robinson says: "Youth intervention activities like this provide a really fantastic opportunity for young people to get together in a safe and secure environment where they can play sports and receive coaching from FA accredited staff. As a Fire and Rescue Service, we have the opportunity to build on our community relations away from our normal day to day work and hopefully have a positive impact on these young people's lives. The fact that there has been such a positive response from young people in the area who come along and join in each week is fantastic."

The events have been running for just over four weeks now and most recently the Skelmersdale 'Kicks' team played against another 'Kicks' team from Everton. This match proved a real highlight of the project so far with players selected for the match based on their attendance each week and on their behaviour.

Wesley Partington from Wigan Athletic Community Trust said: "Everyone really enjoyed it and now that others have seen what they can achieve, it will hopefully motivate them to keep coming".

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One West Lancs Thematic Groups

To date One West Lancs Thematic Groups have been set up looking at issues in the following areas:

- [Skills, Training and Employment Partnership \(STEP\)](#)
- [Community Safety Partnership](#)
- [Health and Wellbeing Partnership](#)
- [Children and Young People's Board](#)
- [People and Communities](#)
- [Ageing Well Partnership](#)
- [Transport](#)

These links will take you to pages on the One West Lancs website where information on the thematic groups and copies of their action plans, minutes and agendas can be found. Work is underway to set up the Environment thematic group.

www.onewestlancs.org