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Community Buildings e-news

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Welcome to our monthly e-newsletter specifically aimed at Community Buildings across Warwickshire and Solihull.

Fundraising ideas

Staging a fundraising event for your community building

Tysoe Village Hall staged an event that helped to raise funds for an ongoing programme of building improvements. What makes an event worth the effort; how can event organisers avoid the last-minute stress of covering costs; and what are the benefits of a ticketed event as part of the fundraising mix?

[Read more](#)

Tourism funding available to support festivals and events in Warwickshire

Warwickshire County Council has underlined its commitment to supporting tourism and culture by making a £75,000 grant fund available to organisations planning to hold events or festivals throughout the county.

The Tourism Event Funding Scheme has been devised as part of a new three-year work programme to support tourism and cultural activity. The first deadline for applications is Friday 18 September 2015.

[Read more](#)

Voluntary Sector Fundraising

Course date: Thursday, 17th September 2015, 10.00am - 12.00pm noon, The SYDNI Centre, Cottage Square, Leamington Spa CV31 1PT

Cost: WCAVA members FREE; Non-members £25.00 per person, per session - [book here](#).

This course is suitable for new and existing trustees and committee members who are responsible for fundraising within an organisation. Fundraisers who are tasked with developing funding strategies and generating income

Funding News

Community Energy Warwickshire Fund

Value: up to £1,000

Deadline: Applications can be submitted at any time

The Heart of England Community Foundation is working with Community Energy Warwickshire to provide funding for energy efficiency projects in Warwickshire, Solihull and Coventry.

Funding is available for insulation and other energy efficiency improvements to community buildings. Organisations must have a written constitution and be connected with and/or meeting the needs of the local community. Application forms are available to complete online at the [Foundation's website](#).

Landfill operators' funding

There are four landfill funding schemes operating in the Coventry, Warwickshire and Solihull area. For the latest updates see the funding page on our [website](#)

Warwick Town Community Forum Grant Fund

Value: usually no more than £1,000

Deadline: 8 September 2015

The fund provides grants for small-scale ideas that meet local needs and, ideally, contribute towards the achievement of priorities identified by Warwick Town Community Forum. See the Community Forum [website](#) for details.

Royal Leamington Spa - Community Grant Fund

Max. Value: £ 2,000

Deadline: 14 Sep 2015

Funding is intended to support community and voluntary organisations with projects that are of benefit to the wider community of Royal Leamington Spa. See the Town Council [website](#) for more details.

Warwick Rural East Community Forum Grant Fund

Value: usually no more than £2,000

Deadline: 18 September 2015

The community forum grant fund operates on a 'when it's gone it's gone' basis. See the community forum [website](#) for details.

Charity Commission updates

Governing Documents

A village hall trustee has approached us to help locate a copy of the hall's governing document. Your organisation may refer to this as the constitution, memorandum and articles, trust deed, articles of association or similar name. It sets out what the organisation will do, who will run it, what happens in the event of changes or if the organisation chooses to close down. It probably needs to be read more than once to be understood – and it must be understood by the trustees, not just those who wrote it. Indeed, they may not be around, so it is even more important to take a fresh look.

Do you know where your governing document is stored; has a copy been given to every trustee; and is it referred to when relevant issues are raised at meetings? See information about good governance on our [website](#).

Your requests

Tap Dancing in community buildings

A village hall has been approached by a tap dance group that wishes to become a regular user. The hall trustees are concerned about the flooring. They ask if we know anyone who has a tap dancing group and is there is a possibility of damage. Please [let us know](#) and we will pass on your information.

Shopping tokens

If you are shopping in Waitrose in Stratford this month, please consider placing your tokens in the boxes for Tysoe and Pebworth village halls. Every month each Waitrose branch donates £1,000 (£500 in convenience shops) between 3 local good causes.

Every month! Why not apply on behalf of your community building?

Your news

Wellesbourne Village Hall celebrates golden jubilee

The golden jubilee of Wellesbourne Village Hall was recently celebrated with displays from the Wellesbourne Flower Club, Horticultural Society, Photography Group, Dene Valley U3A Bread Making Group, and the Women's Institute. The Wellesbourne Local History Group also created a time line of the building's history, from its humble beginnings as a school house in 1865 until the present day.

In 2012, Walton Estates who owned the hall, wanted to increase the annual rent from £100 to £8,000, putting the future of the hall in jeopardy. But the parish council bought the hall to secure its future use by the community. A wide range of groups, from zumba and tai chi classes to photography and flower groups, regularly use the hall, which is also hired out for private parties.

In recent months the hall has undergone vital repairs which have been made possible by a donation of £60,000 left in the will of an anonymous benefactor. Repairs to the roof and guttering, replacement of the windows and doors and new flooring in the main hall were all possible because of the donation.

Chris Cole, chairman of the management committee, said "We've now spent £61,500 on improvements in the hall, going into our own funds. We now need to raise funds so we can update the kitchen and re-do the toilets in the building. Hopefully the hall will be here for another 50 years."

Have you won funding for your community building?

If so, please pass on the good news as this will encourage others to apply.

Email communitybuildings@wrccrural.org.uk

for more funding news and information visit
www.ruralwarwickshire.org.uk/funding

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