



AUGUST 2026

COMMUNITY BULLETIN



FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROSSENDALE...

- Community Activities and Information
- Health and Wellbeing
- Funding
- Training
- Volunteering

WELCOME TO YOUR AUGUST COMMUNITY BULLETIN!

We produce a monthly bulletin with our health and community partners to keep you updated on the community support and activities happening across Rossendale. This includes information from our community groups, events, health information, grants and community training opportunities. We hope you will find the bulletin useful.

All published Community Bulletins are available on our website - [Community Bulletins](#)

Feel free to share the bulletin with friends, community groups and on your own social media. If you have any information that you would like to share in our next bulletin, or you would like to be added to the e-mail distribution list, email us at communitiesteam@rossendalebc.gov.uk



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

WELFARE AND BENEFITS OFFICER VACANCY

CLOSING DATE: 02/08/2026

We are looking to appoint a Welfare and Benefits Officer to support local people from Hyndburn with welfare and benefits support and services aimed at meeting their immediate need and addressing longer term financial stability.

Welfare and Benefits Officer - Hyndburn
£26,345.62 per annum pro-rata - Crisis and Resilience Funding
25 hours per week - worked over 5 days
Funded until 31st March 2027 however subject to further funding likely
Main base: Community Facility, Blackburn Road, Accrington.

The role will involve providing local people with information, guidance and support on their benefit rights and entitlements, alongside providing 1-2-1 support in assisting with completion of claim forms and any welfare related issues.

The role will involve outreach, awareness raising, 1-2-1 and group support addressing and overcoming identified need.

The successful candidate will likely be from a benefits and or community background, with extensive knowledge in these fields of work. They will be a good communicator with excellent listening skills whilst also being empathetic with a passion and enthusiasm for improving people lives immediately and longer term. Flexible working to possibly include some weekends.

For an application pack: Email info@carerslinklancashire.co.uk
or

Visit our website www.carerslinklancashire.co.uk

Closing date: Monday 3rd August 2026 - 12 noon
Interviews to be held: Thursday 6th August 2026

CLICK HERE 



ROSSENDALE NEW LOCAL PLAN

What is a Local Plan?

The Local Plan sets out the vision for how Rossendale will be developed over the next 15 years, in line with national policy and legislation. We must identify land to meet the housing, community, infrastructure and employment needs of the next 15 years. It will protect land for open space, biodiversity and sport.

The Local Plan will be examined by an independent Planning Inspector, and used to determine planning applications in Rossendale.

Why do we need a new Local Plan?

Every local authority must have an up-to-date Local Plan. The Rossendale Local Plan 2019 to 2036 was adopted in December 2021. It is nearly 5 years old so is due for review. The Government is changing national planning policy and how local plans are prepared.

Timetable

Local Plans are expected to be shorter, not repeat national policies to manage development, and to be prepared and adopted within 30 months.

Local Plan event	Date
Publish Notice of Intention to Commence	11 May 2026
Scoping Consultation start - end	15 June – 27 July 2026
Gateway 1 Self-Assessment	15 October 2026
Plan Content and Evidence Consultation start - end	15 May – 30 June 2027
Gateway 2 Advice sought	15 September 2027
Proposed Plan Consultation start - end	1 June – 30 July 2028
Gateway 3 – Stop/Go Advice sought	1 September 2028
Submission of the proposed Local Plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination	31 October 2028
Examination Recommendations published	March 2029
Adoption	30 April 2029

Scoping Consultation

The Council has published its intention to commence a new Local Plan and we will start a Scoping Consultation, lasting for 6 weeks from **15 June to 27 July 2026**.

This will ask for your views on:

- **How should we engage with you?**
- **What should be in the Local Plan?**

Call for Sites

In order to help understand the land supply, we will be issuing a Call for Sites, asking landowners, developers and residents to identify land for new housing, new employment and for other uses such as open space, biodiversity net gain.

Next Steps

- **Scoping consultation to start 15 June for 6 weeks**
- **Call for Sites consultation – expected to start in summer 2026**
- **Gateway 1 to be published 15 October – start of 30 month timetable**
- **Start working on vision, content and evidence base,**
- **2nd consultation due summer 2027**

What about Local Government Re-organisation?

The Local Plan Timetable extends beyond 1 April 2028, when the new unitary authorities covering Lancashire come into effect. This means that Rossendale Borough Council will start preparing the Local Plan but the later consultation and its adoption will be undertaken by the new unitary council covering the Rossendale area.

How do I get involved?



This QR code will take you to the Council's webpage where you can register online to receive updates.

The website will be kept up-to-date. For latest news and information about how you can respond to consultations please visit

www.rossendale.gov.uk/newlocalplan

Documents can also be viewed during opening hours at the Customer Service Hub, Futures Park in Bacup, OL13 0BB and all libraries in Rossendale.

Forward Planning Team: Anne Storah Nat Davies Louise Kirkup

Email: forwardplanning@rossendalebc.gov.uk

LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN (LTP) – IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

INVITE YOU TO TAKE PART IN THE CONSULTATION

This plan forms a key component of the wider Lancashire Local Transport Plan and sets out in detail how improvements to travel and transport will be delivered at a local level over the next four years.

Your views are vital in helping us to develop a transport system that supports a stronger, fairer and sustainable future for Lancashire.

Your organisation's input will help us to inform the final version of the Local Transport Implementation Plan, and ensure it reflects the priorities and aspirations of those who live, visit and work in Lancashire.

The consultation webpage (<https://lancashire-cca.gov.uk/have-your-say/local-transport-plan-ltp-implementation-plan-2026-2030>)

includes some materials to support your review, including:

- Lancashire Local Transport Implementation Plan
- Integrated Sustainability Appraisal (ISA)
- The Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA).

We're asking if you could review the draft plan and share your feedback by completing our online survey.

When you are completing the survey, please select the option to indicate you are responding on behalf of an organisation.

Printed copies of the survey and key materials are available upon request.

The consultation will remain open until Tuesday 30 June at 11:59PM, and we look forward to gathering your feedback on our Local Transport Implementation Plan.



We want to hear from **ALL** young people across Lancashire. Including those with additional needs or disabilities.



Your answers are confidential. You don't need to put your name on this form.



You can answer in a way that works for you. Support can be provided if needed.

**THIS IS YOUR FUTURE
HELP SHAPE IT!**



**Scan the QR code
to complete the
survey online**

**NEED SUPPORT
TO TAKE PART?**

Let us know – we're here to help.

✉ youthvoice@lancashire.gov.uk

🌐 lancashire.gov.uk/youth-offer

THANK YOU! Your voice makes a real difference.



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Fire Safety



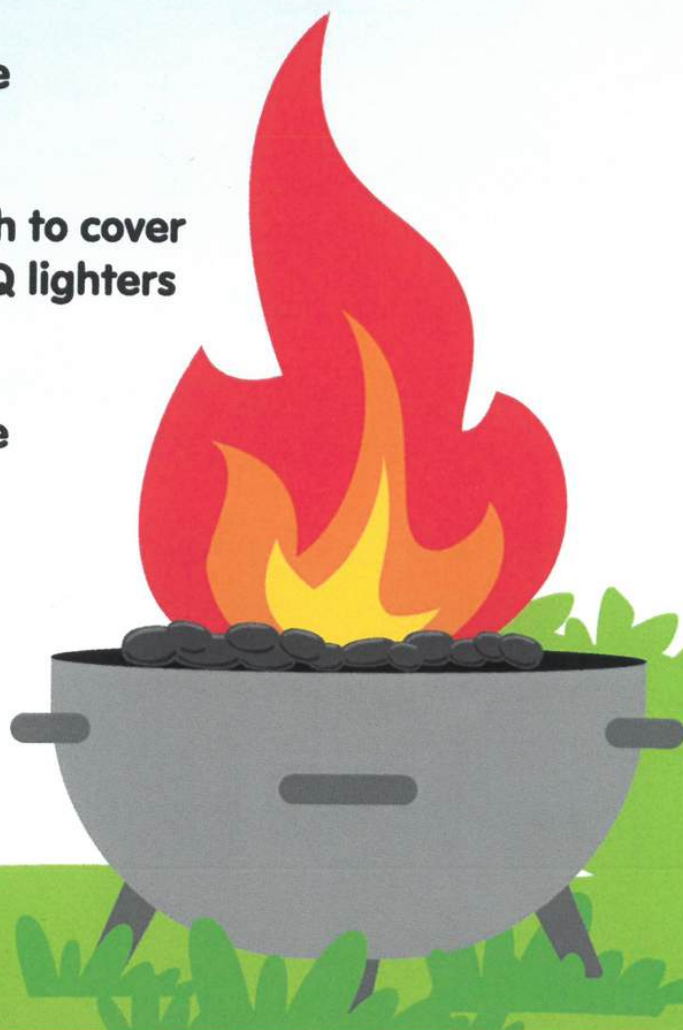
Lancashire Fire
and Rescue Service

Call **999**
if you discover a fire

Stay safe, tell Fire Control
the location, size
and any relevant
information.

Coal BBQ

- ✓ Keep well away from sheds, trees, fences and furniture & never use indoors.
- ✓ Always supervise your children and pets when they are around barbecues, please do not leave the barbecue unattended.
- ✓ Take extra care when cooking on the BBQ and drinking alcohol.
- ✓ Don't overload with coal (just enough to cover the base) and be careful if using BBQ lighters or starter fluids on open flames.
- ✓ Keep a bucket of water or sand close by just in case of an emergency.
- ✓ Disposal – Wait until all ash is completely cool before storing.



#LookAfterLancashire

making Lancashire safer

www.lancsfirerescue.org.uk



BBQ



Lancashire Fire
and Rescue Service

Fire Safety

Call **999**
if you discover a fire

Stay safe, tell Fire Control
the location, size
and any relevant
information.

Gas BBQ

- ✓ Make sure your barbecue sits flat and away from fences, trees, sheds and furniture.
- ✓ Remember to never use a BBQ indoors.
- ✓ Before using, make sure that all pipes are free from damage and attached correctly (following manufacturers instructions). If in doubt, don't use.
- ✓ Always supervise your children and pets when they are around barbecues, please do not leave the barbecue unattended.
- ✓ Take extra care when cooking on the BBQ and drinking alcohol.
- ✓ Once finished, leave in a well ventilated, outdoor space to cool and remove any Carbon Monoxide build up.

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SICK OF BEING
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WHITEWELL BOTTOM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CIO ARE RECRUITING FOR A PART-TIME COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGER

Location: Whitewell Bottom, Rossendale, BB49LB

Hours: Part-time (18.5 hours per week, including occasional evenings and weekends)

Salary: £12.75 per hour plus pension

We are seeking an enthusiastic, organised, and community-minded individual to join our team as a Part-Time Community Centre Manager. This is an exciting opportunity to play a key role in the day-to-day management of our community centre, ensuring it remains a welcoming, safe, and vibrant space for local residents, groups, and organisations.

Key Responsibilities

- Oversee the daily operation of the community centre.
- Manage bookings, room hire, and customer enquiries.
- Ensure the building is clean, safe, secure, and well maintained.
- Liaise with trustees, user groups, volunteers, contractors, and suppliers.
- Monitor budgets, process invoices, and maintain accurate records.
- Support the planning and delivery of community activities and events.
- Ensure compliance with health and safety regulations and safeguarding policies.
- Promote the centre through social media, newsletters, and community engagement.

About You - The successful candidate will have:

- Excellent organisational and administrative skills.
- Strong communication and interpersonal abilities.
- Experience in facilities, office, community, or venue management.
- The ability to work independently and prioritise competing demands.
- Good IT skills, including Microsoft Office and email.
- A friendly, flexible, and proactive approach to work.
- Experience working with community organisations and volunteers would be an advantage

We Offer

- A varied and rewarding role at the heart of the local community.
- Flexible working arrangements where possible.
- Ongoing training and development opportunities.
- A supportive and friendly working environment.

To Apply

Please send your CV and a covering letter explaining why you are suitable for the role to whitewellbottomca@googlemail.com by 1st August 2026. Interviews are expected to take place during August. We welcome applications from people of all backgrounds and are committed to creating an inclusive workplace.

GREAT BRITISH SUMMER SAVINGS SCHEME

Until 1 September, businesses can participate in the government's Great British Summer Savings scheme (GBSS) - a targeted and temporary measure to reduce the costs of children's meals in restaurants, children's tickets for theatres, concerts and cinemas, as well as tickets for everyone for attractions like soft play adventure centres, and theme parks. VAT will be slashed on eligible activities to reduce the cost of days out for families over the summer holidays.

As part of this campaign, an attraction finder website has been launched which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. You can find the attraction finder at Find your family's summer offer – Summer Savings <https://summersavings.gov.uk/>

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FROM **28TH JULY** TO
COLLECT FROM THE
ASHCROFT
TUESDAYS,
WEDNESDAYS &
THURSDAYS
9AM TIL 4PM
ALL SUMMER

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Join the Circus this Summer at The Whitaker

All sessions are FREE to attend!
Funded by the Rossendale Community Fund



FUN!

Mini Makers: Circus Crafts

1st August | 11am-12noon & 1pm-2pm

Family Workshop: Circus Fun with Felting

8th August | 11am-12.30pm

Circus Skills with Sarah

15th August | 12noon-3pm

29th August | 12noon-3pm

Family Workshop: Star Masks

22nd August | 11am-12.30pm





**Saturday 15th
August**

HASLINGDEN SUMMER CELEBRATION

Big Lamp Bash

- FACE PAINTING
- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES
- ARTS & CRAFTS
- MARKET & FOOD STALLS
- BOUNCY CASTLE

plus much more!

Haslingden Big Lamp Square • Haslingden Library • Haslingden Market
(from 11am – 7pm)



**Saturday 15th
August**

HASLINGDEN SUMMER CELEBRATION

Big Lamp Bash

Big Lamp Square

11:00am - 3:00pm

Enjoy a range of free family activities throughout the day:

- Face painting
- Sweet stall
- Stuart Bakes
- Ice cream van
- Rossendale Radio
- Short performances from Mollie May Dance Academy

***** Live Entertainment *****

Feel free to bring a picnic blanket or a chair

11:30am - 12:15pm

Raynard the Fox Theatre Show
(Performance 1)

12:30pm - 1:15pm

Michael Davitt Cranky Show

1:30pm - 2:15pm

Raynard the Fox Theatre Show
(Performance 2)

2:40pm

Dhol Drumming Performance

Haslingden Market

11:00am - 4:00pm

Arts & Crafts table

11:00am - 7:00pm

- Market Stalls open
- Bouncy castle
- Curry in a Hurry food van

***** Afternoon & Evening Entertainment *****

3:00pm - 3:20pm

Dhol Drumming Procession

From Big Lamp Square to Haslingden Market

3:20pm - 3:45pm

Haslingden Brass Band

4:00pm - 4:30pm

Rossendale Ukulele Club Band

4:45pm - 5:15pm

James Heaton - Live Set

5:30pm - 6:00pm

Family DJ

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Classic Bingo (Bring your dabbers)

Haslingden Library

11:00am - 3:00pm

Family Fun activities



For more info
scan me



where it's all happening

CAFÉ & CONNECT

Parents and carers are invited to drop in for a cuppa, a bite to eat, and a friendly chat with others in the community.

Throughout the sessions, a range of local professionals – including energy advisors, wellbeing practitioners, employment support staff, and more – will stop by for relaxed conversations and helpful advice.

Family Hubs Network

Enquiries: rossendalefamilyhub@lancashire.gov.uk

When & Where

Mondays

Maden Family Hub, Rochdale Road, Bacup, OL13 9NZ | Drop in between 9:30am – 11:30am

Fridays

Rawtenstall Family Hub & The Zone, Old Fire Station, Burnley Road, Rawtenstall, BB4 8EW | Drop in between 9:30am – 11:30am



**ROSSENDALE ARMED FORCES
BREAKFAST CLUB**

EVERY **SECOND SATURDAY**
OF THE MONTH

**VETERANS & FORCES
COMMUNITY**

WHEN:
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM*

WHERE:
CIRCLE CAFE

ADDRESS: Fern Street,
Bacup, OL13 8AZ*

Join us for great breakfast, chat, and comradeship!
All Veterans, Serving Personnel & Families are Welcome!

@BosserendaleAFBC

The poster features a central photograph of a group of people, including veterans and families, sitting at tables in a cafe. The background is decorated with Union Jack flags and the Royal Navy, Army, and Royal Air Force crests. The text is bold and clear, providing essential information about the club's schedule and location.



Sunday 2nd August



11am Duck Race

Meet at the butterfly garden behind the Rose and Bowl

11.30 Family Walk over the hills

+ Pram and Wheelchair accessible walk through the tunnels to The Yard at Waterfoot and back

2pm Soup and refreshments
at All on Board Stacksteads

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CRAFT AFTERNOONS

£1 per class
Everyone Welcome
Refreshments Available

01706218613
Whitewellbottomca@googlemail.com

WHEN & WHERE

Every Tuesday 12pm to 2pm

Whitewell Bottom Community Centre
Burnley Road East
BB49LB

1826 Weavers Uprising 200th Anniversary
Haslingden Heritage Walk Sat 15th August
Calf Hey Accessible Walk - Sun 16th August

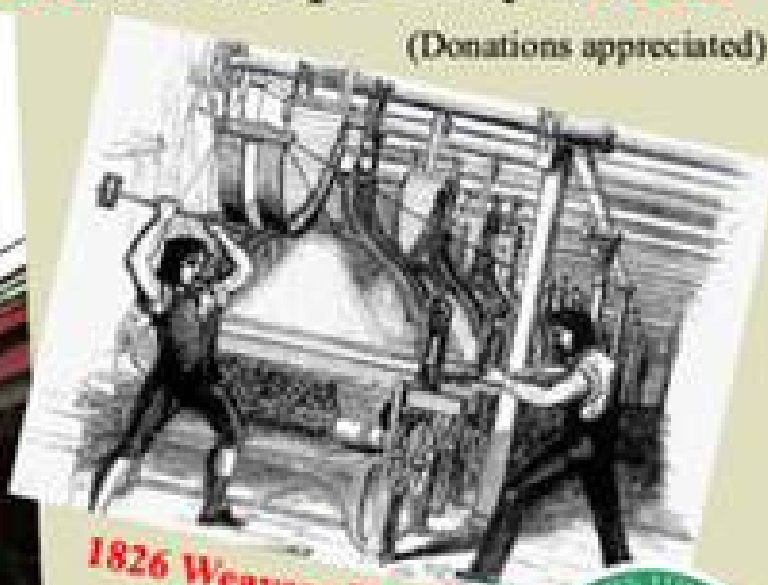
FREE - Book with Coordinator Nick Burton by email at wubc2026walks@gmail.com or phone 07864 627134

GRANE MILL will be **OPEN** 11am to 4 pm Entry is **FREE**

(Donations appreciated)



See the mighty
mill engine



1826 Weavers Uprising
200th Anniversary
Commemoration



The Site of Calf Hey Mill at Grane



Activities

- **SATURDAY**
Haslingden Town
Heritage Walk and visit
to Grane Mill
- **SUNDAY**
Calf Hey Accessible
walk round the reservoir
meet at the car park
GRANE MILL OPEN
BOTH DAYS
- Mill Engine, Boilers,
Looms, Vehicles,
Children's Activities and
Refreshments



Grane Mill,
Laneside Road,
Haslingden,
Lancashire, BB4 5PP

Grane Engineering Museum

What's on at our centres?

**Summer
2026**



Monday

Pram & Push- Parent Wellbeing Walks, 9:30-12pm, 20.07.26-24.08.26, Meet at Rawtenstall Family Hub and The Zone. Followed by a walk and then back to the Hub for refreshments.

Children's Holiday Club, 2-4pm, 20.07.26-24.08.26, Haslingden Family Hub.

Tuesday

Development Matters, 21.07.26-25.08.26, 9:30-11am, Haslingden Family Hub.

HAF Circus Skills Family Fun Day, 04.08.26, 12:30-3pm, Maden Family Hub.

HAF Healthy Heads Cooking, 11.08.26, 12:30-3pm, Maden Family Hub.

HAF Valley Hoopers Family Fun, 18.08.26, 12:30-3pm, Maden Family Hub.

HAF Theatre Workshop Family Fun, 25.08.26, 12:30-3pm, Rawtenstall Family Hub and The Zone.

THURSDAY

Meet & Mingle: New School Stay & Play, 9:30-11:30am, 16.07.26, Maden Family Hub.

Colourful Footsteps, 2-4pm, 23.07.26-27.08.26, Maden Family Hub.

HAF Party in the Parks, 1-4pm

Edgeside Park, Waterfoot (23.07.26)

Stubby Lee Park, Bacup (30.07.26)

Whittaker Park, Rawtenstall (06.08.26)

Victoria Park, Haslingden (13.08.26)

HAF Emma's Crazy Creatures, 20.08.26, 12:30-3pm, Rawtenstall Family Hub & The Zone.

HAF Valley Hoopers Family Fun, 27.08.26, 10-12:30pm, Maden Family Hub.

Wednesday



Development Matters, 10-12pm, 22.07.26-26.08.26, Whitworth Library.

Meet & Mingle: New School Stay & Play, 9:30-11:30am, 08.07.26, Rawtenstall Family Hub and The Zone.

Rossendale Family Hub Open Day, 9:30-12:30pm, 22.07.26 at Rawtenstall Family Hub and The Zone & 05.08.26 at Maden Family Hub.

SALT Walk-In, 9:30-11:30am, 29.07.26 & 26.08.26, Rawtenstall Family Hub and The Zone.

Friday

Childminder's Drop-In, 24.07.26-28.08.26, 9:30-11:30am, Maden Family Hub.

Baby Sensory, 24.07.26-28.08.26, 9:30-11am, Maden Family Hub.

Mini Colourful Footsteps, 24.07.26-28.08.26, 1-2:30pm, Maden Family Hub.

Our Sensory room at Maden Family Hub, Bacup is also bookable for free: 4 slots a day during Summer! Ring the Hub to book: 01772 536 873!



Contact:

**Rossendalefamilyhub
@lancashire.gov.uk**

Children and Family
**Wellbeing
Service**

LANCASHIRE
**FAMILY
HUBS
NETWORK**

Lancashire
County Council



FAMILY HUBS

Find out more about the activities, events and support available for children, young people and their families in Rossendale. There is a lot happening!

The summer newsletter is available at:

Welcome to Rossendale's CFW SWAY Summer Edition



Supporting children, young
people and families to
succeed in Lancashire



ROSSENDALE JUNIOR BADMINTON

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT THE ADRENALINE, HASLINGDEN

Rackets and shuttles are provided by the Rossendale Badminton League, and sessions are supported by Badminton England Level 1 assistant coaches.

Session Times

- 9.00 – 10.00 am | Primary age group
- 10.00 – 11.30 am | Secondary age group

First session FREE

Prices

- Primary age group: £2 per session
- Secondary age group: £3 per session

Contact Nigel Holt via the Rossendale Badminton League website:

<http://rossendalebadmintonleague.co.uk/contact-us>

Sat 29th August
6.30pm

Opera in the Park

Whitaker Park
Rawtenstall

Featuring the valley's own tenor, Sean Ruane
and the St. Anne's Community Choir

FREE ENTRY

A perfect event for families and music lovers of all kinds!



**CANCER
RESEARCH
UK**

**Together we are
beating cancer**



Bacup local committee

Quiz night

Monday 21 September 2026, 7.30pm start

Rose 'N' Bowl, Stacksteads, OL13 0UG

Tickets £8 per person and include potato pie supper

For tickets, call Lesley on 07708213324

Cancer Research UK is a registered charity in England and Wales (1089464), Scotland (SC041666), the Isle of Man (1103) and Jersey (247).
Registered address: 2 Redman Place, London, E20 1JQ.



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DRAMA SCHOOL SUMMER 2026

Age 6 - 13? Join us for 5 mornings of dramatic fun and coaching
from professional, industry-working actors !

MON

Introductory Games • Creating Character
• Improvisation

TUES

Physical Theatre • Expression • Story Creation
• Working as an Ensemble

WED

Working with Script • Developing Stage
Presence • Composition and Direction

THURS

Acting for Film and TV • Self-Tape Workshop
• We help you film your own scene

FRI

Devising Performance • Showcase to Parents
Certificates • NextSTAGE Party!

**Whitewell Bottom Community
Centre, BB4 9LB**

JULY 27th - 31st
10:00 - 13:00 Each day.

Designed to build confidence, inspire teamwork, encourage self-belief
and allow creativity through stagecraft! Whether they're ready to take
centre stage or just want to join in the fun without performing, we pride
ourselves on creating a safe, encouraging space to be yourself!

FUNDRAISER COLOUR RUN 2026

Whitewell Bottom Community Centre
Saturday 15th August
FROM 12PM

**£2 PER
PERSON +
SPONSOR
SHEET**

**TICKETED EVENT
YOU MUST
BOOK ON!**



**Contact us for more info or pop in and see us -
Monday to Friday 10am-1pm
Email - whitewellbottomca@googlemail.com**

COME AND TRY FREE TENNIS SESSIONS

These sessions are funded by the LTA to give any Adult a chance to have a go at Tennis. We will loan the racquets and balls for the session.

Parkwood Tennis Club is a local community tennis club with 3 all weather floodlit courts located next to The Adrenaline Centre in Haslingden. You can find out about membership from our website and we offer group coaching sessions on a pay and play basis.

DATES & TIMES

Friday 7th August - 6:30pm

Sunday 9th August - 2:00pm

Participants can book onto the sessions by emailing
valbertenshaw@btinternet.com



JUNIOR PARK RUN

STUBBYLEE PARK | BACUP

FREE sessions , all abilities welcome | 2K Run
When? Every Sunday at 9am
Suitable for children aged 4-14 years



HISTORY ON YOUR DOORSTEP

200 years ago, what happened in Rossendale changed the world!

Find out more at:

THE WEAVERS' COTTAGE
Opposite the Cricket Field, Bacup Road, Rawtenstall

Open Saturday and Sunday August 8th and 9th 1.00pm -
4.00pm Admission Free

Or email **rossendalecivictrust@googlemail.com** for a group visit at other times.

ROSSENDALE MEN'S SHED

HASLINGDEN | COMMUNITY LINK

Rossendale Men's Shed provides a friendly, informal space where men can come together for a brew, a chat, and the chance to get involved in practical projects. We know how important connection and purpose are for wellbeing, particularly for men who may be retired, living alone, or experiencing loneliness or mental health challenges.

Whether someone wants to work on a project, learn new skills, or simply enjoy good company and conversation, they are very welcome. No previous experience is needed – just an interest in meeting others.

As Kris Corps, Men's Shed Project Co-ordinator at Haslingden Community Link, explains:

"We're really pleased to have the Shed open again. It's not just about making things – it's about friendship, having a place to go, and knowing you're not on your own. Whether someone wants to work on a project or just have a brew and a chat, they'll be made very welcome."

Men's Sheds have been shown nationally to support mental health, reduce isolation, and help people build friendships and confidence, and we are proud to offer that opportunity locally here in Rossendale.

We are currently open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9:00am – 5:00pm

T: 07517 118526
Haslingden Community Link
Haslingden, United Kingdom
BB4 5PG



BACUP MUSEUM SUMMER CRAFT Club



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TUESDAY'S & THURSDAY'S

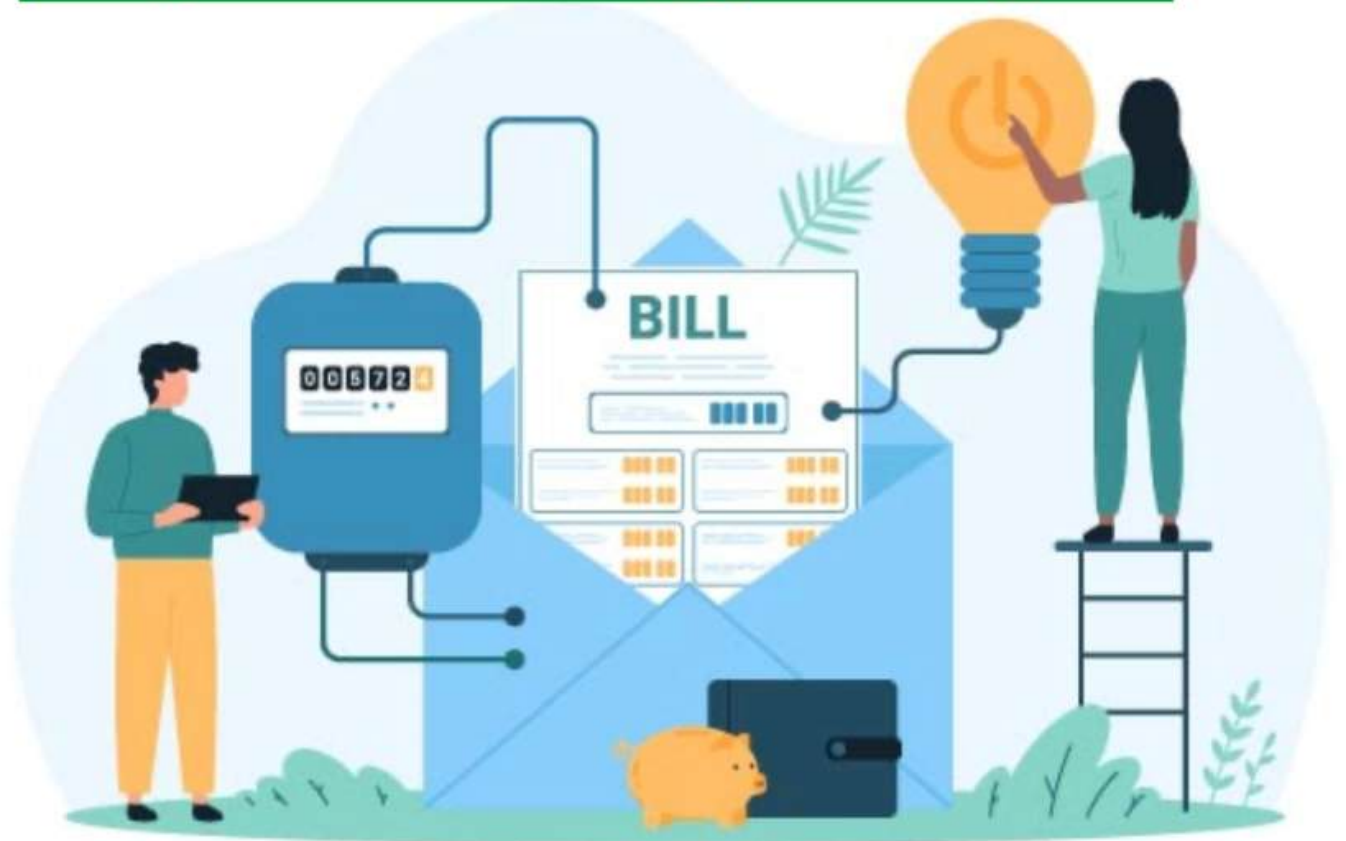
21ST JULY - 27TH AUGUST

2:00 - 4:00



ENERGY

Need help taking control of your energy usage?



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housing

**Take control of your energy costs with Newground Together.
We can support Rossendale residents to reduce their energy costs and make their homes more energy efficient.**

Their friendly energy advisors will offer advice on how to reduce the costs of running your home, provide energy saving tools and show you how small changes can make a BIG difference in your home.

Call or email Newground Together to find out how you can make savings or to book your home assessment at no cost.

CONSUMER ALERT

Warmth in UK | Warmth in UK Ltd



Warmth in UK Limited have been operating across Lancashire offering free quotes on loft insulation and other insulation measures. They have been cold calling door to door and pressure selling, especially to older residents.

Concerns raised include:

- Pressure to have insulation installed quickly
- Upfront deposit
- Quote of £4000 for works on many quotes regardless of the work undertaken
- Offers reflective foil insulation between rafters, often when adequate insulation is already in place
- Foil insulation is disproportionately expensive relative to the likely energy savings and may create ventilation or condensation risks if incorrectly specified.

What you can do:

- Do not agree to work from cold callers
- Contact Greener Homes Lancashire if you have a quote for a sense check on 0330 606 1488 (Option 3)
- Get advice before paying a deposit

CLICK HERE

Website: warmthinuk.com

COSY HOMES

DON'T WAIT FOR WINTER – CHAT TO US THIS SUMMER



Upgrade your home for free with funding direct from your local council
SCHEME OPEN TO ROSSENDALE RESIDENTS

How to qualify:

Your property must have an EPC rating of D, E, F or G (Don't know your EPC? We can help with this. Or if you live in an eligible postcode area (see website). Or if your annual household income is less than £36,000 gross OR · Someone at home receives a means tested benefit

Are you a homeowner, private tenant, or private landlord?
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Saving Energy

NOW WITH LONGER, LIGHTER DAYS NOW HERE , IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW HOW WE MANAGE BUILDING ENERGY PERFORMANCE DURING PERIODS OF REDUCED OCCUPANCY. SPRING BRINGS WARMER TEMPERATURES AND BRIGHTER EVENINGS, CREATING PERFECT CONDITIONS TO CUT UNNECESSARY ENERGY USE AND ASSOCIATED COSTS.

Below are some easy-to-action measures and helpful resources.

Update heating timers for spring

As the clocks have recently changed, make sure your heating system timers have been updated. If not, your building may be heated unnecessarily for an extra hour each day.

Review heating systems settings

As warmer weather approaches, this is the perfect time to fine-tune system settings so you're not using more heat than needed. Even small adjustments have noticeable savings. Drop thermostats by a degree or two now that outdoor temperatures are rising, you are unlikely to notice, but your energy bills will.

Maximise natural daylight

With lighter nights, staff should need fewer artificial lights. Encourage teams to switch off lights in unoccupied areas such as meeting rooms, corridors, toilets and storage spaces. Lighting can account for up to 50% of electricity use, so this is a big win!

Label light switches

Unlabelled switches often mean whole areas are left illuminated unnecessarily. Label switches so staff know exactly which ones to use when locking up for the day.

Use daylight instead of lights

Take advantage of brighter days by keeping blinds open and workstations close to windows where possible. Making use of natural light is one of the simplest ways to reduce lighting demand.

Run a 'Switch - Off' awareness campaign

A Switch-Off Campaign is a simple internal initiative that reminds staff to power down lights, equipment, and heating in rooms that aren't being used. This can include putting up eye-catching posters, adding stickers near light switches, sharing quick tips in staff bulletins, and encouraging teams to do an end-of-day "switch-off sweep." The aim is to build everyday habits that reduce wasted energy

Additional Resources

Full article from Business Energy Scotland: Eight easy ways to save energy now the light nights are here · Business Energy Scotland (for posters, templates, and daylight-saving inspiration).

- Better business guide to energy saving | The Carbon Trust
- For additional support, Net Zero Go offers a free, UK-wide platform providing resources, tools and case studies to help local authorities develop and deliver effective net zero projects. Home - Net Zero Go

If you have any questions or would like support in managing your building's energy performance over Easter or beyond, please get in touch with the hub.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

HEALTH PROTECTION BULLETIN

Please see the link below for the latest Heads up Health Protection bulletin. Please could you share this with all your contacts who may find this information useful:

Our team is committed to raising awareness and providing valuable information to help you stay healthy and safe. We work to ensure that you have access to the resources and knowledge to help you make informed choices in order to protect yourself and your loved ones.

[CLICK HERE](#)

The infographic features a central blue background with a white cloud-like shape containing the text "IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THESE PELVIC FLOOR SYMPTOMS". Surrounding this central text are six smaller, colorful cloud-like shapes, each containing a symptom: "Vaginal changes or pain" (yellow), "Heaviness in the vagina" (green), "Constant urge to go for a wee" (pink), "Pain having sex" (yellow), "Not able to control wind/pooing yourself" (light blue), and "Leaking wee when you cough, jump, run or laugh" (purple). Lines connect these symptom clouds to the central text. Below the central text, it says "WE CAN GET YOU THE HELP AND SUPPORT YOU NEED". In the top left corner is the Lancashire and South Cumbria Provider Collaborative logo. In the top right corner is the NHS East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust logo, with the text "A University Teaching Trust" below it. In the bottom left corner, text states: "Hospitals in Lancashire and South Cumbria are providing help and support for anyone with pelvic floor problems or concerns during pregnancy and for 12 months afterwards." In the bottom right corner, text says: "For more information on how to refer yourself, speak to your midwife or go to <https://elht.nhs.uk/services/maternity-and-newborn-services/perinatal-pelvic-health-physiotherapy-service-pphs>". A QR code is located next to this text.

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CHILDREN UP
WITH THE BEST
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VACCINATIONS**

Are your child's vaccines
up to date?
Check their red book or
speak to their GP practice.

**STAY STRONG.
GET VACCINATED.**



HEART TO HEART SUPPORT

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Have you seen, or supported, someone who has experienced a **cardiac arrest**?

You might have many questions about what has happened, and in your own time, might feel you need to talk about this (whatever the outcome).

A free support session is available to you on the last Sunday of every month (excluding December) at St Veronica's Church Hall, 503 Helmshore Road, Rossendale, BB4 4JR, 2.30-4pm.

Here, you can learn more about what cardiac arrest is, talk to trained peer supporters about your experience, and access training in basic life support if you would like.

This support is for anyone within East Lancs, Bury, Rochdale or further afield, who might need someone to talk to. For more information, contact Emma on 07425865504 or just drop in on the day.



Resuscitation
Council UK



See our Facebook Page at
Heart to Heart Support



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Lancashire **SEND** Roadshow

2026/2027

The roadshows are for families and practitioners to find out more about support and services available for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers.

These Roadshows are happening across Lancashire bringing the SEND Local Offer to your area.

The SEND Local Offer brings together all services in Lancashire for children and young people aged 0-25 with SEND, and their families.



Dates across Lancashire are:



23rd Sept 2026 9:30 – 1pm	Burnley Family Hub and The Zone, Burnley
23rd Oct 2026 1:30 – 4:30pm	Skelmersdale Family Hub and the Zone, Skelmersdale
13th Nov 2026 9:30 – 1pm	Nelson Family Hub and The Zone, Pendle
17th Nov 2026 9:30 – 1pm	Kirkham Family Hub and The Zone, Kirkham
9th Dec 2026 9:30 – 1pm	West Paddock Family Hub and The Zone, South Ribble
27th Jan 2027 9:30 – 1 pm	The Park Family Hub, Accrington
11th February 2027 9:30 – 1pm	Inspire Youth Zone, Chorley
25th Mar 2027 1:30 – 4:30 pm	Clitheroe Family Hub and The Zone, Clitheroe
21st April 2027 9:30 – 1pm	Lune Park Family Hub, Lancaster
12th May 2027 9:30 – 1pm	Rawtenstall Family Hub and The Zone, Rawtenstall
8th June 2027 9:30 – 1pm	Fleetwood Library and Family Hub, Fleetwood
7th July 2027 1:30 – 4:30 pm	Moor Nook Family Hub and The Zone, Preston

Please scan the following QR codes
for more information:



Local Offer



Family Hubs



East Lancashire Young People's Mental Health

**Concerned about your Mental Health?
Are you under 18 or concerned about
someone under 18?**

**Advice sessions are available on-line via
'Attend Anywhere'**

Delivered by CYPMH East

tinyurl.com/ELCAS-LSCFT



**Enter the word "CYPMH East" as the first name and "drop in" as the
second name followed by your date of birth.**

You will then enter our virtual waiting area where we will collect you.

Wednesday 5th August 2026

1pm – 3pm

Wednesday 12th August 2026

3pm – 5pm

Wednesday 19th August 2026

5pm – 7pm

Wednesday 26th August 2026

1pm – 3pm

THE 2nd BEACON DEMENTIA HUB



**Our hub is a one stop shop for information,
support and signposting services.
No need to book - just drop in!**



**Starting 7 July 2026, 10:00–12:30,
then on the second Tuesday of each
month.**



**Stubblee Community Greenhouses,
Stubblee Lane, Bacup
OL13 0DD**



**Contact Lisa
07867 018450**



www.beaconrossendale.org.uk





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The Filo Project is really blazing a trail in elderly social care. They demonstrate that through developing close, caring and creative relationships, it is possible to bring the lost and lonely back to life. It is this kind of demonstration that helps build the more caring society so many of us crave.

- Kate S, daughter of Mildred

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Becoming a host has been one of the most rewarding jobs I have ever done. My guests say that their Filo Day is the highlight of their week and it makes me feel that what I'm doing really matters and makes a big difference in their lives.

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JOIN US AS A HOST

BE PART OF THE REVOLUTION

in dementia care in your community

The Filo Project is an award winning not for profit organisation providing enriching small group care days for people with early to moderate dementia and other challenges of older age. We delight in providing a warm and welcoming space where friendships are fostered and social isolation diminished.

Filo care days take place in the intimate setting of our Host's own homes. Hosts provide a home cooked lunch and a socially stimulating environment.



Hosts enjoy excellent rates of pay and ongoing training and support. This is an exciting time to be joining The Filo Project as we move into new areas, extending our vital support and helping more people to live well with dementia.

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Rossendale Dementia Information & Wellbeing Event

If you are living with dementia, support someone who is, or want to know more - come and join us for a brew and to find out about services, activities and products for people living with dementia, and their Carers.

**Free
event**
All welcome!

Entertainment

**Rossendale
Radio**

**Information
stalls**

**Goofus
Theatre**

**Knitz At
Fitz
Wellbeing
Group**

Refreshments

Raffle

**Friday
25th September 2026
10.30am - 3.30pm**



**The Ashcroft, Market St, Whitworth
OL12 8DP**

For more information, contact us: lisa@beaconrossendale.org.uk



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We're Looking for
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Make a difference in just 1 hour a week

Can you...

- Listen with patience?
- Offer warmth, honesty and kindness?
- Bring a caring, understanding presence?

We're looking for friendly people to chat and connect with those who are elderly, lonely, or isolated. Just a small amount of your time can give someone a reason to smile, feel valued, and know they're not alone.

 **01706 230116**

to find out more and request your
Volunteer Application Pack

What You'll Do

- Spend time talking, listening, and sharing stories
- Build connections and brighten someone's day
- Help create a stronger, more caring community

No experience needed — full training and support provided.

We welcome volunteers from all walks of life. If you can spare a few hours a month, you can make a real difference.

Haslingden Community Link
Bury Road, Haslingden, Rossendale, Lancashire BB4 5PG
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GET VOLUNTEERING: A DEDICATED WEBSITE MAKING VOLUNTEERING EASIER FOR EVERYONE

Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale Council for Voluntary Service (BPRCVS) has launched a brand-new volunteering website, Get Volunteering, making it easier for local people to find opportunities and for groups and organisations to recruit volunteers.

The platform brings volunteering in Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale together in one place. Local people can quickly search for roles that match their interests, availability and location, while organisations can create and manage opportunities with ease.

Each listing includes detailed information such as role descriptions, hours required, training provided, DBS requirements and safety policies, so volunteers know exactly what to expect. BPRCVS reviews enquiries and supports the process, helping match the right volunteers to the right roles.

For organisations, the system is efficient and flexible – opportunities can be updated, renewed or closed at any time, and automated notifications help you stay informed. The more detail you provide, the easier it is to attract suitable volunteers.

The BPRCVS Volunteer Team remains available to offer advice and support to both volunteers and organisations.

How to Get Started

To find a volunteer role:

Visit: <https://bprcvsgetvolunteering.co.uk/>

Search using your postcode, keywords, interests or activity type. Create an account and apply online in just a few minutes.

For groups and organisations:

Register using the same link to create an account and start publishing opportunities straight away.

For support,  **thehub@bprcvsgetvolunteering.co.uk** or  **01282 433740.**



We Need Your Help!

Rossendale Rubicon
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we open Wednesday
and Thursday 9am till

3pm both Days

At Acre Mill church

Hammond Avenue

Stacksteads OL13 8LN

Contact Gwen on

mobile

07939035982

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THANK YOU FOR READING

PLEASE SHARE

If you have any information you would like to include our September Communities Bulletin please email us by Thursday 27th August

communitiesteam@rossendalebc.gov.uk

