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*The newsletter of The Volunteer Centre
Chesterfield and NE Derbyshire*

The Volunteer Centre

Coming Soon To A Theatre Near You!

The Voluntary Sector Awards



Our Voluntary Sector Awards are coming up this October, please send your nomination through using the link on our website (below).

[Nominations – Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire Volunteer Centre \(chesterfieldvc.online\)](http://chesterfieldvc.online)

Get your nominations in now.

Full Length and Fabulous

The VSA 2024 brings a night of Glamour



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<https://chesterfieldvc.online/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/The-Voluntary-Sector-Awards-2024.docx> or email info@chesterfieldvc.org.uk – recognising the hard work of volunteers and employees



The Volunteer Centre Chesterfield & NE Derbyshire

Groups



Join us for Cosy Crafts!

Cosy Crafts is back, providing a relaxing space to connect, enjoy a drink and meet new people in Chesterfield!

Come along and join in the free craft sessions, a new activity each week.

- **FREE refreshments & crafts**
- **The last Wednesday of every month (26th June, 31st July, 28th August, 25th September and the 30th October)**
- **West Studios Sheffield Road, Chesterfield, S41 7LL**
- **Please book your space: email jane@junctionarts.org or call 01246 209 219**

**ALL AGES
WELCOME**

2PM - 4PM

**WEST STUDIOS
S41 7LL**

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Job adverts



Digital Support Derbyshire Network Purpose, Aims and Membership

1. Purpose and Aims

The Digital Support Derbyshire Network is facilitated by Rural Action Derbyshire. The purpose and aims of the Digital Support Derbyshire Network is to:

- Enable all those who are interested in tackling digital exclusion within Derbyshire to connect, collaborate and support each other's digital inclusion work in order to promote best practice and reduce the county's digital divide*
- Campaign to raise awareness of the impact of digital exclusion, and to promote the benefits of 'getting online' to residents, other support agencies, stakeholders, potential partners, local and central government.
- Support the recruitment, training and support of Digital Champions and Ambassador's to Derbyshire Digital Inclusion Projects
- Seek opportunities to work collaboratively with communities and partners to pilot new digital inclusion projects
- Strengthen the digital resilience of the Derbyshire Voluntary, Community and Social enterprise Sector

* To reduce the county's Digital Divide, all Derbyshire Residents should have the opportunity to:

- Connect safely with family, friends, and their communities with the aim of reducing social isolation and loneliness
- Access community learning, work, and training opportunities
- Access wellbeing activities and information that can improve their health and quality of life
- Access online shopping, utility services, and digital payment options that save money and reduce the cost of living
- Access digital platforms safely and securely: to protect themselves against viruses, spam and online fraud and to respond skilfully to online crime in any form.

2. Term

The Digital Support Derbyshire Network will be effective from October 1st 2022, and will continue until the funding for the Digital Support Derbyshire project comes to an end (31st March 2026).

3. Membership

The Digital Support Derbyshire Network will comprise of:

- Individuals, groups and organisations who have an interest in supporting the reduction of digital exclusion in the county.
- Digital Inclusion Projects and Champions in Derbyshire
- Affiliated services and organisations e.g. Citizen's Advice, Derbyshire Welfare Rights, CVS, Derbyshire Carers, Age UK Derby and Derbyshire, Derbyshire Food Projects
- Citizens Online
- Joined Up Care Derbyshire

- Derbyshire County Council
- Housing Associations
- District & Borough Councils
- Village Halls and Community Buildings

4. Responsibilities

Network Members are required to uphold and deliver the purpose and aims of the Digital Support Derbyshire network by:

- ✓ Supporting Rural Action Derbyshire and other network members to reduce the Digital Divide in Derbyshire
- ✓ Fostering collaboration with other network members, support agencies, partners and stakeholders
- ✓ Working to remove obstacles to the network's successful delivery, adoption and use.
- ✓ Providing data and qualitative reports/case studies to enable the monitoring of digital exclusion across the county, the impact of digital inclusion interventions, to support network campaigns and to promote the work of Digital Support Derbyshire.
- ✓ Participate in ongoing 'health checks' to verify the overall status and 'health' of the Digital Support Derbyshire Network.

Rural Action Derbyshire will:

- ✓ Provide network members with regular and meaningful information in a timely manner, including Network Newsletters, updates on funding opportunities, new members, opportunities for collaboration, campaigns and calls for action.
- ✓ Provide network members with opportunities to communicate and meet with one another via online chat groups, workshops, forums and training events.
- ✓ Alert network members to potential risks and issues that could impact the network.
- ✓ Support open and honest discussions within the network, without resort to any misleading assertions

5. Events/Meetings

All meetings will be facilitated/chaired by Rural Action Derbyshire.

6. Amendment, Modification or Variation

This Purpose and Membership Document may be amended, varied or modified in writing after consultation and agreement with network members.

7. Option to unsubscribe

Members can opt out from the Network and the mailing list by contacting s.tock@ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk



Derbyshire Voluntary action



A message from our Derbyshire Voluntary Action CEO Jacqui Willis.

Chesterfield has been selected by the Government as one of 55 towns to receive almost £20 million worth of funding (2024 to 2034) to invest in local people's priorities.

This is an opportunity for you to influence how that money is spent!

Hi

I am delighted to let you know that I have been invited to sit on the Chesterfield Town Board and am looking forward to ensuring the needs and interests of our vibrant and resourceful voluntary and community sector are well represented.

As you may be aware, the Board will have responsibility for the allocation of significant funds for our town over the next few years and this is your chance to provide your own views about the priorities for the Board's work. I do urge you to complete the survey – the more of you who do the better the picture we get to steer our decisions. Here is a link to the survey for your convenience.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Chesterfieldonlinesurvey>

Thank you, in advance, for your contribution to this exciting new opportunity.

Jacqui