

the ECHO

The newsletter of The Volunteer Centre
Chesterfield and NE Derbyshire

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Volunteer Centre Christmas Opening Times:

Over the Christmas period, The Volunteer Centre will be closed on the following days-

December 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 30th, 31st and January 1st.

We will be back in the office, bright eyed and bushy tailed, on
Thursday 2nd January 2025!

Wishing you a Merry Christmas

&

A Happy New Year



*From Everyone at
The Volunteer Centre*

Support during the Christmas period

Support Over the Holiday Period

HELPLINES



☎ 111 Option 2
🕒 24/7 Helpline

SAMARITANS

☎ 116 123
🕒 24/7 Helpline
🌐 samaritans.org



📱 Text 'SHOUT' to 85258
🕒 24/7 Textline
🌐 giveusashout.org

The Silver Line

helpline for older people

☎ 0800 470 8090
🕒 24/7 Helpline
🌐 ageuk.org.uk



☎ 0800 0119 100
🕒 Helpline open 10am-10pm
🌐 switchboard.lgbt



☎ 0808 801 0677
🕒 Helpline open 3pm-8pm
✉ help@beateatingdisorders.org.uk
🌐 beateatingdisorders.org.uk



Derbyshire Domestic Abuse Helpline

☎ 08000 198 668
🕒 Helpline open 24/7
📞 07534 617 252
🌐 derbyshiredomesticabusehelpline.co.uk

Warm Welcome Spaces

Warm and welcoming spaces offer cost of living support, as well as advice on looking after your mental health and wellbeing. You can also sign up to the cost of living advice emails to get the latest support and information. Find your nearest warm space here: www.warmwelcome.uk/#map

FREE Events Happening Over Christmas

- ❄️ Asian Association Festive Meal - 18th December - 12pm-2.30pm - Book your place by calling: 01246 297452
- ❄️ Renew Cross Street Warm Space - 18th December - 10am-2pm
- ❄️ Salvation Army Free Lunch - Every Tuesday -12pm
- ❄️ Community Carol Service with a free meal - 20th December - 6pm - Holy Trinity Church, Newbold Rod
- ❄️ Mindscapes Photography Group - 24th and 26th December - 10am-1pm - Meet at The Hub @ Low Pavements
- ❄️ Free Christmas Dinner Lunch on Jesus - 25th December - 1pm-5.30pm - Confirm your attendance by calling 01246 948 401 - Whittington Moor Methodist Church (Transport available)
- ❄️ The Hub @ Low Pavements - Open New Years Eve - 10am-3pm

On behalf of the Chesterfield and NEDB Collaboratives, stay safe, stay connected and always reach out for help if you need it. Have a great Christmas and New Year to all who celebrate!

The Voluntary Sector Awards 2025



While you have a few minutes during the Christmas break, it might be worth thinking about the Staff and Volunteers that have made your organisation tick.

Perhaps they deserve a nomination to The Voluntary Sector Awards 2025! Full category list below - don't be shy.

- Young Volunteer of the year
- Volunteer of the year
- Long Service Volunteer
- Employee of the year
- Trustee of the year
- Team of the year
- Most Innovative Project
- Small/ Medium Organisation of the year
- Large Organisation of the year

Keep your eyes peeled on our newsletters for more information.

Please send any nomination forms to - info@chesterfieldvc.org.uk



All Words All Actions All Weathers

Conference and Exhibition



20th March
to the
21st March
2025

A Conference and Exhibition on Wellbeing, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention in the VCSE sector.

Register to reserve your free ticket!

Thursday 20th March 2025 10am to 4pm to Friday 21st March 2025 10am to 4pm

Place: Rosliston Forestry Centre, Burton Road, Rosliston, Swadlincote, DE12 8JX

Please join us for the FREE, Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector conference and exhibition focussing on Wellbeing, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention. The event will be held in the beautiful Rosliston Forestry Centre', the 10 acre home to kestrels, owls and kingfishers as well as bats and butterflies.

This year, the event will run over two days:

Day 1 Thursday 20th March 2025 10am to 4pm

This day will be a packed schedule of performances, workshops, demonstrations, whilst also providing opportunities to see an abundance of creative work. You will be able to meet the artists and people presenting the papers. There will also be a chance to learn more about the VCSE sector, speak to an array of organisations and have a chance to refresh the mind whilst exploring the environment of Rosliston Forestry.

Day 2 Friday 21st March 2025 10am to 4pm

This non-formal conference day will start off with refreshments and lively discussion with fellow attendees, followed by a programme of exciting and cutting edge, inspirational speakers. A small buffet lunch will be provided on this day, with an opportunity to explore the great Derbyshire grounds and see the creative work from the sector.

For any queries please contact Dr Melanie Hani

Email melanie.hani@derbyshire.gov.uk

To reserve your place click here or go to <https://awaaaw25.eventbrite.co.uk>



Volunteering for Cruse Bereavement Support Chesterfield

If you are looking for a new challenge next year, are a good listener and keen to learn, consider volunteering for Cruse Bereavement Support.

As a volunteer, you can make a huge difference to bereaved people

Learn new skills and make new friends

Full training is provided and you'll be given access to professional development

To find out more, come to our information event on Wednesday 8th January at 6pm

All the facts can be found here:
<https://www.cruse.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/>



Cruse Bereavement Support

Registered charity No 208078

You're not alone