

**the ECHO**

The newsletter of The Volunteer Centre  
Chesterfield and NE Derbyshire

## **The Volunteer Centre Chesterfield and NE Derbyshire**

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### **The Voluntary Sector Awards 2025**

**We've got a date!**

- Get your glad rags out
- Get your nominations in
- And give your staff and volunteers a night to remember

# Voluntary Sector Awards

**We finally secured a date!**

**The Voluntary Sector Awards 2025  
will take place on Wed 10th September  
at The Winding Wheel Theatre ★**

**Deadline for nominations is : 5PM on the  
28th July 2025 [dave@chesterfieldvc.org.uk](mailto:dave@chesterfieldvc.org.uk)  
[info@chesterfieldvc.org.uk](mailto:info@chesterfieldvc.org.uk)**

**Get your nominations in Now!**

- ★ At the moment we have booked The Ballroom for The Awards but if ticket sales exceed expectations we will move downstairs into The Auditorian



## Changes to The Volunteer Centre - opening times

Owing to cut backs from DCC the Volunteer Centre has been forced to cut back our hours of operation.

We will be now open Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but as I'm sure you will understand this is completely out of our control.

**SoBS**  
invites you to

# SpeakOUT

A safe space to talk about **LGBTQ+** suicide loss

SpeakOUT is a free & confidential online peer-support group for anyone who identifies as LGBTQ+ who has lost a loved one to suicide. We also support the loved ones of an LGBTQ+ person who has died by suicide.

Meeting (virtually)  
The last Monday of the month  
7pm - 9pm


If you need to speak to someone urgently  
please call:

Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide support line  
Open 9am - 7pm every day.  
0300 111 5065

Switchboard - the national LGBTQIA+ support line  
Open 10am - 10pm every day.  
0800 0119 100



## For more information:

 [speakout@uksobs.org](mailto:speakout@uksobs.org)

 [www.uksobs.com](http://www.uksobs.com)

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# **FIX IT...FOR FREE**

Bring your

- ☐ Portable household items,
- ☐ Electronics,
- ☐ Laptops
- ☐ Hoovers,
- ☐ Food processors
- ☐ Stereo
- ☐ Toys
- ☐ Kitchen knives and garden tools that need sharpening
- ☐ As well as textiles or clothing that needs adjusting.

**TIMES ARE HARD...** We believe in helping each other by listening, sharing, repairing and recycling. We have volunteer engineers, seamstresses and fixers who work with you to **FIX IT... FOR FREE**

Save your money...come for the company, be a fixer, or a customer- have a chat and some cake.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61561453101035>

**EVERY FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH 11-1PM  
SWANWICK MEMORIAL HALL, OLD WHITTINGTON,  
CHESTERFIELD S41 9JZ**





## Thursday, 10 April 2025

FREE support, advice and information on services, charities, groups and activities for adults, children and young people.

Lots of family fun + free prize draw 🌀



**Sports Centre**  
10am-2pm 🌀

Lots of adult health, wellbeing & advice stalls inc. sight, hearing, dementia, mental health, mobility, victim support, environment and more.  
Have fun Kurling with Rykneld Homes.



**Civic Hall**  
10am-2pm 🌀

Miniver Academy musical theatre show (11am)  
Children's Easter hat competition (1pm)  
Children & youth groups and services stalls  
CRY charity refreshments.



**Market**  
8am-3pm

Lots of stalls at the weekly Dronfield Community Market in the car park by the Sports Centre.



**Library**  
9.30-1pm

Craft activities for children.



**Baptist Church**  
10.30-12.30pm

Coffee Pot - Fairtrade drinks, home baking, friendly chat and light lunches served 11:30am - 12:30pm.



**Peel Centre**  
10.30-2.30pm

Join local charity Crafting2gether for friendship, learning and crafting - help make something amazing today!



**The Barn**  
10am-1pm

Craft workshop and a garden trail.



**Life Dronfield**  
10am-1pm

Children's badge making, play space open for 0-5s, refreshments and find out more about Life Dronfield.



**Parish Church**  
10.30-1pm

Find faces in the stone and animals around the church and info on the medieval stained glass restoration.

Any queries? Contact Shelley on 07890 843 166 or [coordinator@dronfield2gether.org.uk](mailto:coordinator@dronfield2gether.org.uk)

# **Chesterfield TUC MAY DAY 2025**



**This year's May Day event will take place on  
Monday 5th May if you would like a stall please**

**contact us on**

**01246 231441**

**or email**

**[info@duwc.org.uk](mailto:info@duwc.org.uk)**

**£20 per stall**



*"Let's talk about it"*

We would like to invite you to our Dying Matters Event on **Monday 12th May 10-1pm** in the Chesterfield Macmillan Information And Support Centre.

## Dying Matters

Together lets break down the stigma and taboo around death and dying.

### Professionals Attending

- ✓ PALLIATIVE CARE TEAM
- ✓ BRM Solicitors
- ✓ LILLEKERS FUNERAL DIRECTORS
- ✓ ARTCORE ART THERAPIST

**Everyone  
Welcome  
Refreshments  
available**

For more information please contact 01246 516406 or  
crhft.macmillaninfo@nhs.net  
NGS Macmillan Unit  
Chesterfield Royal Hospital  
Calow  
S44 5BL

## CHESTERFIELD FAMILY GROUP

WE'RE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO  
HELP FAMILIES WORKER SONJA RUN  
AN LGBT+ FAMILY GROUP AT OUR  
CHESTERFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, EMAIL  
SONJAT@DERBYSHIRELGBT.ORG.UK



# Out and About in Clay Cross...

## Community Litter Pick



**Join our Clay Cross  
community litter  
picking event.**

*Everyone welcome!*

*Bring your friends and family!*

*All equipment and light refreshments provided.*

**Meet at Clay Cross Social Centre  
Wednesday 9th April 2025  
10am 'til 12.30pm**

**For more information, contact:**

Walking Into Communities Development Officer

Tel: **01246 231111**

Email: [walking@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:walking@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk)



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Derbyshire  
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