



Big Local North Cleethorpes

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It's been a very long time since we produced a printed newsletter to tell you what we've been doing. But Big Local North Cleethorpes and our partners have been busy all the time delivering projects and programmes to help residents in the North Cleethorpes area. Hopefully this short news-sheet gives you an idea of what we've been doing and the impact we've been making. Of course our website continues to be updated with more regular news and project information, so please keep visiting www.biglocalnorthcleethorpes.org.uk

If you want any further information about anything you read about here, then please contact John or Karl (see contact details on reverse) or speak to a committee member.

Thank you. I hope you enjoy reading this early summer update.

Darren,
 Chair, Big Local North Cleethorpes

Supporting Young Families

This past year we've provided a number of local, North Cleethorpes families with computers and chromebooks to help their children with their homework and studies. Not every family is fortunate enough to have access to home computers, and with our partners we've had families referred where perhaps several, young school-age children, need to attempt to do homework and studies on a shared tablet or phone. At least ten local families now have proper computers that enable better studies for their children.



A Safer Community

Late 2020 during lockdown, a "Stay Safe" booklet was printed in partnership with Big Local and distributed to older people across Cleethorpes. We're proud that 1000s of these booklets have now been provided across Cleethorpes with useful information to help advise older people on ways to keep safe - from crime; scams; covid; in their homes and more.

As part of the **Keeping Older People Safe (KOPS)** initiative and local Neighbourhood Networking programmes, we have also:

- delivered many scams talks and workshops across Cleethorpes, training dozens of new "Friends Against Scams" in the process
- provided "No Cold Caller" window stickers to residents
- added Police supported videos with community safety advice to www.clee.tv;
- helped support initiatives from local Neighbourhood Watch Groups that engage their community
- and helped new Neighbourhood Watch Groups; Park Watch and Allotment Watch groups to start up
- provided a community shredder to AGE UK Cleethorpes to tackle identity theft
- helped distribute "Message in a Bottle" containers
- helped share important community safety campaigns from Humberside Police or Humberside Fire and Rescue Services
- encouraged residents to sign up to MyCommunityAlert and to connect to their local Neighbourhood Policing Team;
- jointly supported local Police drop-in events and provide space at our community building for the



Police to use
 - and, most recently, we have started providing small items of personal or household safety equipment (such as stick on window alarms, plug timers or personal alarms) to local older or vulnerable residents.

We continue to play a part in helping older residents stay and feel a little safer and more secure in their own homes.

Big Local works closely with partners like VANEL and the Neighbourhood Policing Teams to ensure we're all connected with our support for local residents. Police referrals have resulted in Big Local providing support and equipment to residents. And likewise, residents talking to Big Local have been referred for Police support.

Talk to us if you would like materials such as the Stay Safe booklets; cold caller window stickers; scam booklets or to ask about security equipment, neighbourhood watch or more.



Cleethorpes Culture Festival and the Rona Arts Exhibition

In Mid May, Big Local North Cleethorpes and partners took over St Aidans Church and Community Centre for a weekend to hold our very first **Cleethorpes Culture Festival**. The weekend was full of live performance of music and poetry including a brass band; arts and craft workshops people could get involved with; crafts stalls and artists; and even a costumed up re-enactment of the historic issuing of the Cleethorpes Charter! The **Rona Arts Exhibition** also was displaying local art created during lockdown alongside all the interactive sessions and performances.

The weekend was a great success and was well attended by local residents. Big Local North Cleethorpes funded the weekend which was managed and delivered by Hammond House Productions and supported by numerous other groups, organisations and individuals. More pictures and information will be on our website in due course or check out the Clee.TV Facebook page.



Watch out for the Big Local Palm trees returning to North Promenade very soon.



Green Projects

Recent projects have combined two key Big Local themes - young people and the environment. Working alongside the Green Influencers project, Big Local is supporting the young people at **Reynolds Family Hub** to improve their garden space; plant new beds and wildflowers and to get a new sandpit in place. In another project, residents around **Sidney Park** have formed an effective partnership which, along with Green Influencers again, delivered a whole week of busy activities largely aimed at younger people in the Park in the run up to Jubilee. We've provided support and funding for these various activities and supported residents to get a jubilee grant to start up a new micro-garden in Sidney Park.

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Or email the Development Workers, John Mooney and Karl Elliott (john@vanel.org.uk / karl@vanel.org.uk).

Call **01472 897 337** (answer service if no-one is available)

Our community hub and office is at **82 Grimsby Road, Cleethorpes, DN35 7DP** (opposite Tesco Express). The office is usually open Mon -Thur but not always. So please make an appointment if possible before visiting.

If the shutters are up, then you should find someone in. Come and say hello.

The Reclaim Urban Arts Festival 2022 & North Cleethorpes Fringe

The successful Urban Arts Festival will be returning to Cleethorpes for 2022 (13th/14th August), but this year Big Local North Cleethorpes will be supporting a North Cleethorpes 'Fringe' event as part of the Festival. This will be centered around Cleethorpes Library and along North Promenade, featuring artwork; live demonstrations; music; join-in activities and more. Put the dates in your diary and keep an eye on our website and the Festival Facebook page for updates www.facebook.com/Cleethorpesurbanartfestival

See you there.

This is just a small selection of news from Big Local. Make sure you visit the website for more.

