



Big Local North Cleethorpes

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Welcome to 2023 and to the first Big Local North Cleethorpes newsletter of the year.

Believe it or not, Big Local North Cleethorpes has now been in operation for eight years. It's been quite a journey and we'd like to think we've helped make a difference for the residents and community of North Cleethorpes.

This newsletter looks back over the past year or so and shares some of the stories about what we've been up to.

We're also looking ahead now. The Big Local North Cleethorpes committee and team have been busy reviewing our progress to date and formally agreeing our plans for the final delivery period of Big Local with our funders, Local Trust. Our new plan kicks off in February 2023 and runs through until the whole Big Local programme draws to a close in 2025. We've got these last couple of years of our ten year programme to deliver now, and we aim to continue to make a difference to the North Cleethorpes community.

Have a look through this newsletter and keep visiting our website at www.biglocalnorthcleethorpes.org.uk. Get in touch with us or drop into our offices/community hub at 82 Grimsby Road to talk about anything you read about here or to get involved.

The last few years have been quite a rollercoaster with covid-19 and the 'cost of living crisis' that has certainly impacted our local community. We'll continue to help out and look for positive projects and ways forward over the next couple of years of our programme.

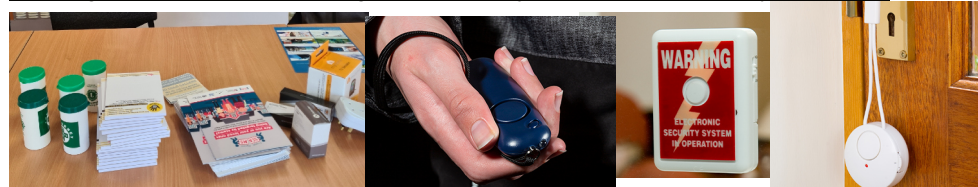
Finally, a big thank you to all the Big Local North Cleethorpes committee members. Some have been with us since even before the start. Many have been around for years, and we've got some welcome new blood on board too. We're grateful for the time and effort these volunteer residents put into supporting and driving the Big Local programme locally.

Darren Linford, Chair

The Community Safety Cache

Dozens of North Cleethorpes households have already received free items of personal or household safety equipment through Big Local. We've got a range of items that are free to residents to help make you feel a little more secure at home or when out and about. Personal alarms; timer switches; stick on window alarms and more. We'd like to make sure residents have greater peace of mind, so we're continuing to supply these items to residents in our catchment area. (If you are DN35 7.. or DN35 8.. postcodes then please get in touch). Thanks to local Ward Councillor funding we've got even more to give away this year, but stock will still be limited. First come, first served, so please get in touch. New catalogue and order form online on our website.

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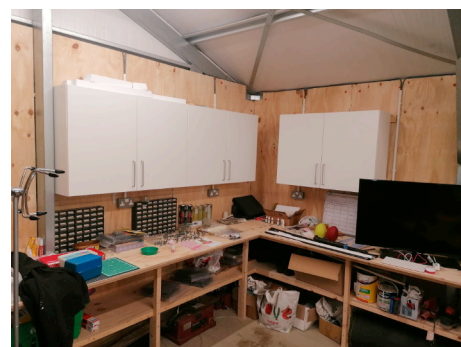
82 Grimsby Road

Our offices and Community Hub are open and welcoming these days and busier than ever. We're normally open Mon-Thur 9.30-4pm. If the shutters are up, we're in! Come and say hello, chat about local issues or find out more.

Our community shed at the rear (Brocklebank Hall) hosts many active clubs (crafts, model makers and more) and we're keen to get new groups started. The Hub hosts an Ancestry group; Young Reporters; community meetings; Police and Councillor drop-ins and much more.

We're also a **WarmSpace**. Come in whilst we're open to keep warm, have a drink, a biscuit and of course to chat and find out more about what we're up to.

See you soon



LOOKING BACK. WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?



Our “red shed” at the rear of 82 Grimsby Road has seen plenty of use this year. Now known as “Brocklebank Hall”, It’s been decorated; kitted out with more shelving and facilities and the courtyard garden has been developed. It’s now in regular use by resident groups. We have a craft group and textile group; a model making group and a new Warhammer group. The shed has hosted meetings, first aid training, and youth art sessions. We expect 2023 to be an even busier year in the shed.



82 Grimsby Road itself continues to host meetings, events, training and drop-ins for local ward councillors and the Police. We host an ancestry group for residents; the young reporters sessions, and month by month we’re working to make this venue sustainable into the future for the benefit of local residents and the community.

Again the Big Local sponsored **palm trees** were brought out North Prom, and we sponsored the hanging basket displays on Jacobs Hill roundabout. We even installed a bench for dog walkers in Sussex Recreation ground.

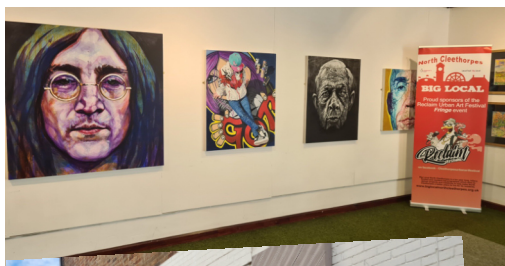


We supported two large Arts focused events.

We organised a **Cleethorpes Culture Festival** weekend at St Aidans which brought together musicians, artists and crafters and displayed artwork created by local artists. It even included a heritage focused historical re-enactment. A well supported showcase of local artistic talent.



In September we encouraged the annual **Reclaim Urban Arts Festival** to extend into North Cleethorpes by sponsoring a ‘fringe’ festival. Walls at the Library and at the Punchbowl pub now have permanent artworks painted during the festival to brighten up the area. The event itself also held an art exhibition at the Library and showcased lots of local musicians.



We’ve worked with **young people and their families** throughout the year. Early in the year we were supporting young people through training and towards jobs through the Youth Working Links project we part-funded. We’ve worked in **partnership with Reynolds Family Hub** to identify local families where we could provide more direct support. We’ve donated computers to families struggling without technology at home. We’ve provided hardship grants to families in particular need.

And we’ve sponsored young people to get out and get active through Parkour sessions, litter picks, funded places for sports activities and more.



The **Hangout youth club** had to close down as a result of covid, but the Hangout committee have worked alongside Big Local and partners to use the funds held by the Hangout to support local projects that benefit young North Cleethorpes residents. Ghetto Park has been sponsored to support young people to socialise and be active. **Green Influencer groups** have engaged young people with the environment. Youth football in Sidney Park has been supported as well as DJ sessions and more. A local Neighbourhood Watch Group was even supported to run Alley Day events in the summer for their younger residents.





Local residents have an ambition to develop the piece of scrubland at the back of North Beach which runs between Suggitts Lane and the rear of the football ground. Big Local have been supporting this resident led “**Pocket Park**” initiative as it moves from concept to planning to development stages. We host meetings and encourage the initiative and have sponsored the planning stage and hope to keep providing support and funding as this project starts to develop during 2023.

We’re supporting older local residents through sponsorship of our **KOPS programme (Keeping Older People Safe)**. Two newsletters have been produced. Scams talks have been given to many local groups. We’ve sponsored printing scams booklets. We donated a community shredder to Age UK in Cleethorpes to help combat identity fraud. We’ve spoken to hundreds of residents through the Older Peoples Advice day and at various social events. And we continue to work with local partners such as the Later Life

Partnership to ensure we’re getting support to older people where it helps.

We’ve provided free items of personal/household safety equipment to dozens of North Cleethorpes households. We’ve worked with partners including the Neighbourhood Policing Teams to ensure we’re helping local residents with peace of mind and to be slightly more secure in their homes and when out and about.

KOPS Newsletter December 2022 Project sponsored by Big Local North Cleethorpes and managed by Voluntary Action North East Lincolnshire

KEEPING OLDER PEOPLE SAFE in CLEETHORPES

Welcome to the second edition of our KOPS newsletter. We're still sharing ideas about how we can all keep safe and secure, but this time there's a focus on Winter with its dark and cold nights as well as keeping safe over Christmas.

Christmas Scams

Fraudsters are looking forward to Christmas too. It's a great time for them to find you busy and off guard. All the better for falling for their tricks and giving away your bank details or important information. Remember to TAKE



We’ve encouraged, supported and sponsored activity in **Sidney Park** by local residents. A Park Watch group has evolved into the resident led Sidney Park Partnership. Working with Cleethorpes in Bloom and the other groups in the park there has been plenty going on this year. Funding was obtained for a new jubilee garden; a young people’s Green Influencers group does litter picks and tidies the flower beds; family events have been run weekly and also over the Summer, at Jubilee, at Halloween and more. Big Local have helped bring partners together, get funding in place, provide direct sponsorship and more. But this has been a great example of the residents and community leading on enthusiastic development of their open space for the benefits of the community.

Content on our YouTube channel - **Clee.TV** - grew during the year with lots of interesting local content including a number of heritage videos funded through a partner project. If you’ve not seen it yet, have a visit.

Working in partnership with the **Green Influencers** programme, Big Local has supported projects in the garden at Reynolds Family Hub; in Sidney Park (doing litter picks and planting up new areas) and at Beacon Academy where a plastics free campaign is being led by the young people.

The Big Local **holiday home** at Thorpe Park which we invested in several years ago, continues to cover its own costs through letting arrangements but allows us to offer occasional discounted breaks to local North Cleethorpes residents who might otherwise not be able to take holidays.

We have sponsored the **food larder** at Old Clee Church. This is open every week and provides vital food support to dozens of local families. Big Local are continuing to offer our support.

We’ve been committed to local **community safety work**. We work closely with the Neighbourhood Policing Team; have supported ASB prevention initiatives locally; support local Neighbourhood Watch Groups and the formation of new groups; distribute our KOPS newsletters and sponsored a Big Local special newsletter in July 2022 on community safety. Where we’ve worked with residents on projects such as those in Sidney Park, we’re helping tackle community safety issues by making places feel even more part of the community.



We had a very busy 2022. This is just a snapshot of what we’ve been up to and there is probably more. Many of these initiatives will continue into 2023. Take a look at our website or contact us if you’d like to learn more.

Looking Forward. What can you expect from Big Local North Cleethorpes in 2023?

As we deliver the final couple of years of the Big Local programme we'll continue to work against several areas of impact on the local community.

Young people and families

Older people

Arts, Culture, Leisure and Heritage

Environment

Partnership work

Some of these have some specific projects already planned and others will evolve over time.

Young people and families

We're starting 2023 with a series of Graffiti Art workshops.

We'll continue to work with Reynolds Family Hub and with other local youth support organisations such as Ghetto Park.

Hangout funding will continue to be focused towards activities that directly benefit young people in North Cleethorpes.

We're engaging local young people with Green Influencers projects.

Older people

Our Keeping Older People Safe (KOPS) programme will continue with newsletters, information sharing, scams talks and more. We'll work with local agencies such as the Later Life Partnership and will local Councillors and the Policing team to react to specific needs for older people in our area, such as the provision of community safety equipment.

Arts, Culture, Leisure and Heritage

We'll look to support arts events again this year, especially ones that provide a lasting benefit for North Cleethorpes.

Environment

We'll continue to support residents with the plans to develop the North Beach Pocket Park area and have committed to provide funding for part of this project as it progresses.

We'll work with groups such as Cleethorpes in Bloom and the Sidney Park Partnership to develop the community offering at Sidney Park.

But we'll look for other 'green' opportunities in North Cleethorpes when they arise, such as when we supported Daubney Street Neighbourhood Watch Group to replant their street planters.

We're looking to transition to more solar power at 82 Grimsby Road as we work towards sustainability for the community hub.

Partnership work

We'll keep our partnership going with all community groups, agencies and organisations who play an active part in supporting North Cleethorpes.

We're looking to bring more and more residents into 82 Grimsby Road and our red shed to participate in groups that they lead and are interested in.

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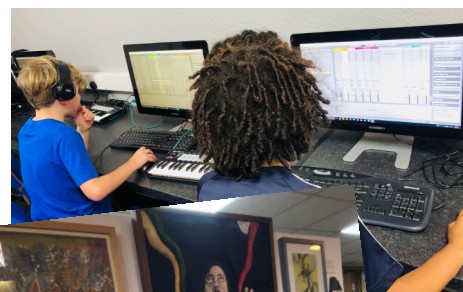
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Or email the Development Workers, John Mooney and Karl Elliott (john@vanel.org.uk / karl@vanel.org.uk).

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.



Need some room?

Our Community Hub at 82 Grimsby Road is available for use by the community. We have a large meeting room; a smaller upstairs meeting room; and the red shed. All can be booked for training, events, meetings, one-to-ones or more. We're especially keen to support projects that need spaces for community projects. Get in touch to discuss.

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

