

BIG LOCAL WORKING FOR YOU

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SUMMER 2013

What is Big Local? The £1million question.

Big Local is an exciting opportunity for residents to use at least £1m to make a lasting and positive difference to their community. It's about bringing together all the local talent, ambitions, skills and energy from individuals, groups and organisations who want to make their area an even better place to live.

Big Local is being run by Local Trust, which is working with the Big Lottery Fund and a range of partners providing expert advice and support for residents.

Big Local funding comes from a £200m Endowment

from the Big Lottery Fund. Local Trust's mission is to enable people to make their

Consultations have been carried out at various events to gain information from residents in the area



communities better places to live. They do this by helping communities to develop and use their skills and confidence to identify what matters most to them, and to take action to change things for the better.

about how they would like change the places in which they live. One such event was a celebration of the wedding of Prince William and Katherine Middleton. Celebration events were held

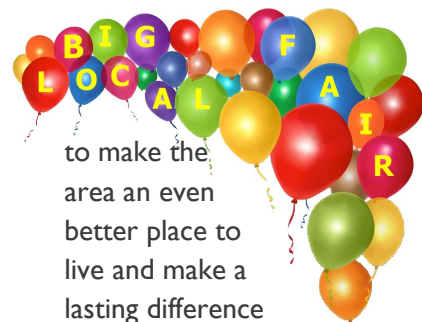
Big Local

The Big Local Million Share Fair

The Big Local Partnership is hosting a community fair on **14th September** which will take place on the playing fields on Newbury Lane. The event will take place between **12.00 noon till 4.00pm.**

Attractions may include

fair rides, bouncy castle, quad bikes, refreshments and performances by local groups. There will be a chance for you to give us your views on how you think the £1 million should be spent



to make the area an even better place to live and make a lasting difference in the area.

There will be a free mini bus service to transport people to and from the event.

Resident profile-Jenny Chidley



Jenny Chidley
Outreach worker
at Lion Farm

*The Lion Farm
Action Centre
provides support
for local people
either looking for
work or wanting
to gain more
skills.*

Hi, I'm Jenny Chidley and I work at Lion Farm Action Centre....and LOVE IT! I work with a very friendly team of people who all have a passion for supporting people and improving the area that we work and live in

My role is that of an outreach worker, which involves many diverse activities.

I work in the community as a stop smoking adviser supporting people who want to break the habit, with the of NRT products in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

I support learners

through 'learnmyway' Online courses for beginners to intermediate at Rounds Green Library, so if you have never used a computer, come along and find out how!

I am currently working as an outreach client adviser at Cradley Heath Library, helping unemployed people prepare to get back into work. Support includes CV building, setting up email accounts, online job search and registering with government websites

I am currently working on a project funded by The Allen Lane foundation supporting a craft group 'Snowbirds'

friendship group which is a social group for people over the age of 50 years. The group have bingo, raffle and a quiz, plus of cause tea/coffee and a biscuit. We reminisce about the old days too, so if you are over 50 and would like to meet new friends, please feel free to come along, we would love to see you!

If you would like to be featured as a resident profile in future additions please contact:

*Kate Cross
Lion Farm Action Centre,
Hartlebury Road,
Oldbury, B69 1EQ
0121 544 3094*

Simple Summer Sundae Breakfast

Eat as Snack, for breakfast or as a desert



Try this healthy eating sundae recipe...

What you will need:

2 tablespoons of fruit

You can use fresh, tinned or frozen that have been defrosted

Try a selection of apple, pear, peaches, banana and mango chopped into small chunks. Mix with whole raspberries, blackberries and

blueberries. You could mix in 1 tablespoon of dried fruit if desired.

110ml/4floz (small pot low fat natural yoghurt

1/2 teaspoon of crunchy oat cereal to top

What to do:

- Combine all of your chosen fruits together in a bowl
- Layer the fruit and yoghurt in a clear glass or serving bowl
- Top with seeds or crunchy cereal
- Serve immediately so that the cereal remains crunchy



What's On at Rounds Green Library

Saturday 13th 1.00-11.30 July

Polish Family Morning

Run by members of the Polish community. Activities for children and free refreshments

Monday 22nd July 3.45-5.00

Reading challenge and competition launch

Sign up to the Summer reading challenge which will run all through the holidays. There will also be details of the competition to be held at the library. Free refreshments available.

Monday 15th & Monday 29th July

Ancestry for beginners

A basic introduction to using the ancestry website to get you started on your search.

Friday 19th July & Friday 16th August

Jewelry making

Learn to make your own jewelry. Suitable for beginners and more experienced jewelry makers.

There is a £1 charge for this activity

Friday 2nd August 2.15-3.15

Afternoon Quiz

Test your knowledge against other teams in this family quiz. Fun for all. There is a charge of £1 for this activity.

Saturday 3rd August 10.30-12.30

Mini Fun Day

There will be a display of birds of prey by 'Hawks and More', refreshments and much more.

Friday 9th August

2.30-3.15

Bead Craft

For ages 6+. Come and make your own bead bracelet or key ring for yourself or someone special.

Saturday 10th August 10.00-11.00

Reading group for adults

Our reading group meets once a month to discuss the latest book over a cuppa. If you enjoy reading why not come along to this friendly group?

Monday 19th August 2.15-3.15

Frank and Stein's Monster Maker

For children aged 5-11 years. A spooky session with lots of participation! Creepy characters Frank and Stein need help to find body parts to make a library volunteer.

Every Wednesday from 31st July to 21st August, plus Friday 30th August 3.00-3.45

Creepy Crafts

Weekly craft sessions with a creepy theme to tie in with the reading challenge. Children under 8 years must be accompanied by an adult.



Regular features at Rounds Green Library

Every Wednesday 10.30-12.00

Knit & Natter

Every Friday 10.00-12.00

Coffee morning

Aimed at people who are retired. Drop in for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat with others

Every Friday

Computers for beginners

Computer sessions aimed at people with little or no computer experience. This online course will lead you through the basics of using a computer and the internet.

Local councilor surgeries

Local councilors hold a surgery every two weeks at the library for local residents. Up and coming dates are:

Saturday 6th July

10.00-11.00

Saturday 20th July

10.00-11.00

Saturday 3rd Aug 10.00-11.00

Saturday 17th Aug 10.00-11.00

Lion Farm Action Centre
Harry Price House
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*Lion Farm
Action Centre
Providing
training
opportunities
and support
with returning to
work*

Lion Farm Action Centre

Lion Farm Action Centre is situated in the ground floor of Harry Price House on the Lion Farm Estate. The Centre provides a range of courses and activities between the hours of 9.00-5.00 Monday to Friday.

Lion Farm Action Centre was founded in May 1993 when a group of local residents identified a need for a place that people could go for advice on training and employment opportunities. The Centre offers activities for all age groups, from pre-school playgroup to an over 50s friendship group that

attracts people up to the age of 90 years. Other activities include Art classes, ESOL classes, First Aid and Food Safety training, Craft groups, Online computer courses and job club.

The Centre prides itself on its friendly and welcoming approach, and will always try to help.

Lion Farm Action Centre also provides a Summer Playscheme for children aged 4 to 11 years. The Playscheme runs for 5 days a week for four weeks during the Summer School holiday. The Playscheme includes a varied range of activities including day trips and outings. It is hoped there will a family



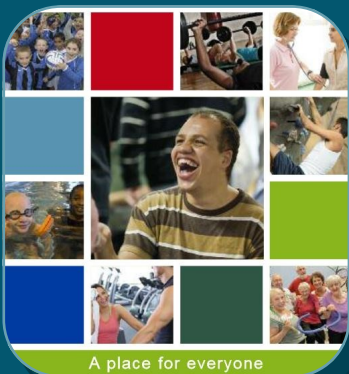
trip to Bewdley Safari Park to mark the end of the Playscheme.

Lion Farm Action Centre

Pre-School places available for children aged 2-3 years from September 2013. ELT and NEF where applicable.

Fun, friendly learning environment, qualified staff.

Play & Stay sessions at Lion Farm Action Centre, Wednesdays 9.30-11.00. £1 per session. Come and meet other parents and join in fun activities with your child.. Refreshments provided. Children from birth to 5 years.



A place for everyone

Portway Lifestyle Centre



Portway Lifestyle Centre is an exciting new leisure facility for Sandwell bringing together sport, physical activity and health.

Facilities include a sports hall, a hydrotherapy pool, a gym and weight area, a dance studio, a climbing wall, outdoor 3G football pitch, life-trail outdoor exercise area, multi-purpose activity room, meeting rooms, sensory room, cafeteria as well as a purpose-built GP surgery, Portway Family Practice. It will be open to everyone and will be a centre of excellence for people with disabilities. The

project is a joint scheme between Sandwell Council, Sandwell Leisure Trust, Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG and NHS England, Portway Family Practice and Sandwell Liftco.

The centre is currently due for completion in late Autumn 2013.



Big Local Themes



Our consultation has identified five themes that will combine to fulfil our dream and deliver our overall vision.

The themes are:

Community
Environment
Learning
Health & Wellbeing
Investment

The theme of family was also initially identified, but it was decided that the family interest would run naturally through each individual

theme. It is proposed by residents that the £million will be split into three areas:

social investment £420,000
project spending £380,000
capacity support £200,000

The capacity support will be required to bring in an additional £200,000 of project spending.

At the Big local Vision Plan Event residents identified the following tasks as being easy to do and have a high impact.

These include: Community gatherings & events, Promote & support activity already happening, Signposting service for local advice, Clubs to get people together (lunch, indoor games & activities), Community clean up days, Plant more flowers in the area to beautify 'eye sores', Smart water marking on equipment and properties. Debt and Benefits advice surgeries, Money management guidance, Computer classes Run Job Fairs, Develop the chance for people to volunteer.

These and other activities will be our key focus for Big Local in our area for the next two years.

Wallace Road Youth Club

Wallace Youth Project is a voluntary run organization for young people age 8-16 years old.

The Youth Club holds an annual off site outing at least once a year. Places visited include Drayton manor, Safari Park, Ice Skating, NIA Disney on Ice and many more.

This year the youth group had the opportunity to visit an Ice Hockey match to see the league players Coventry Blaze in action.

Activities in the Youth Club include Table tennis, Snooker, Darts. We also have a Nintendo Wii with Wii fit board, Xbox 360 Elite with connect. A music stereo where young people bring iPods and

play their own music, and chill out in the snug area.

Outdoor activities include a complete set of cricket equipment, and fun games like Bulldog and Tracker.

The youth club has a tuck-shop, where it sells a range of crisps, chocolate, drinks and sweets, as well as chips and toasties all at a low price.

Why not come and join us:

Every Tuesday 5:30-7:30pm

Cost 30p per session
Darley House Community Room, ground floor,
Wallace Close, Oldbury,
B69 1HT

Tividale Children's Centre

Tuesday 30th July

Stay & Play Summer Fun @ Oakham site 1.00-3.00

Each Thursday 30th July-22nd August

Clinic & Bumps & Babies @ Oakham site 9.30-11.30

Tuesday 6th August

Stay & Play Teddy Bears Picnic @ Sandwell valley
11.30-2.30

Tuesday 13th August

Stay & Play Sports in the park @ Tividale Hall Park 11.30-2.30

Tuesday 20th August

Stay & Play Pirate's Adventure @ Oakham site

Fancy Dress-Build a Pirate Ship 1.00-3.00

Car Boot Sale 17th August @ Oakham site 1.00-2.00

Cookwell/Fabtots Starting 24th July @ Oakham site 9.30-11.30

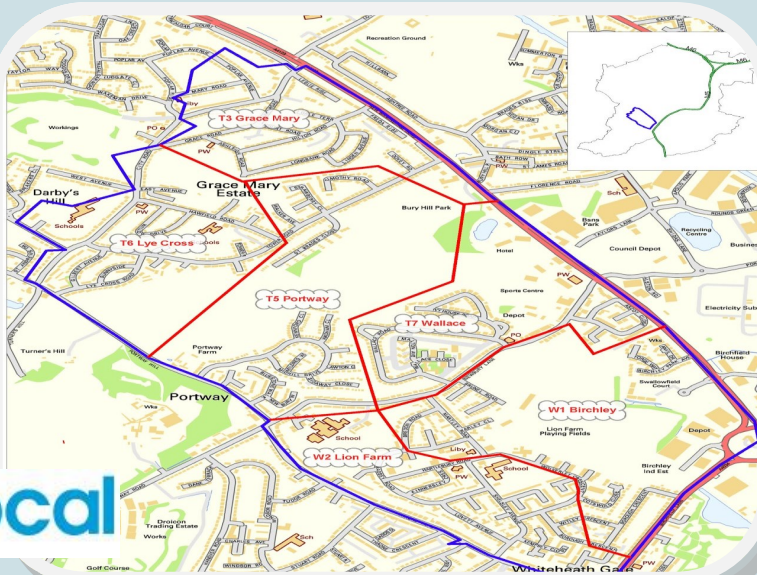
UKYoung Parent Programme Starting 22nd @ Oakham site

Summer Trip to Weston-Super-Mare 9.00-6.00

Call for details 01384 245910/01384 235006

Your Big Local Area

The Big local area extends from Birchley Lane up Portway Hill to City Road.



Big Local

Holy Cross Church

This Summer Holy Cross Church are running a games and activities event for 5-14 year olds.

Every Monday to Fridays 12:30– 5:00pm throughout the summer holidays.

Come along and join the fun

Holy Cross Church and Centre
Ashleigh Road
Tividale
B691LL



BIG Local Quick Wins

Some activities that Big Local has already provided in the area through a Quick Wins programme

Over the last year the Grace Mary to Lion Farm has been offering up to **£500 Quick Win Grants** to local groups and organisations.

The Quick Win grants are to help promote the Grace Mary to Lion Farm Big Local project. Explore what the people who live and /or work in this area think about it, and what facilities they value and use. Find out what people would like to see developed in the area with the £1 million.

So far the quick win grants have supported:

A lunch box project on the Grace Mary Estate.

A trip to the theatre for elderly residents that meet at the over 60's club that meets at Lion farm Action Center.

Providing fun activities at Oakham Primary School Christmas fair

Holy Cross Church delivered a healthy eating project giving out fruit bowls

Provided money to fund activities at Grace Mary Primary School Summer Fair.

St James School worked with the local police to design an

anti knife crime poster campaign with a trip to Alton Towers as a reward.

A youth project at Rounds green library.

Supporting Lion farm Action centers Summer play scheme to go on a trip to the safari park.

And providing a grant for Oakham Church Christmas pantomime.

If you have an idea that would cost up to £500 and want to apply for a quick wins grant email **gm2lf.office@gmail.com**

Rowley Hills

The
Rowley
Hills
Our Local
Nature
reserve



Did you know! The Rowley Hills, are part of the Rowley Hill nature reserve and consists of a few acres of grassland high on the Hills looking out over Sandwell,

area of open land between Portway and Rounds Green, on the south-eastern slopes of the Rowley Hills. You can access it from two footpaths; one which leaves the New Birmingham Road near the KFC, and goes up the hill to the reserve, which is the area

Birmingham and parts of Dudley, but home to an astounding wealth of grassland wildflowers and butterflies. Rowley Hills nature reserve is part of a larger

between the paths at the base of the rock exposures. Alternatively access is available from an open area off St. Brades Close to the northwest and via a path which skirts the western end of Bury Hill Park and then around to the south to the former quarry face.



St James RE:Act Youth Club

RE:Act Youth Club meets on Thursdays. It provides a range of activities for young people from 11-18 years.

The Youth club is supported by Krunch who provide trained youth workers and volunteers.

The youth club activities include: pool, table tennis, 2 Xboxes with connect, Music production activities and the opportunity to chill to music of their choice. The youth club also

provide free internet access.

Other activities include art and craft activities.

Free toast, biscuits and drinks.

Young people play an active role in helping at youth club by deciding what activities are provided and applying for funding to do additional activities.

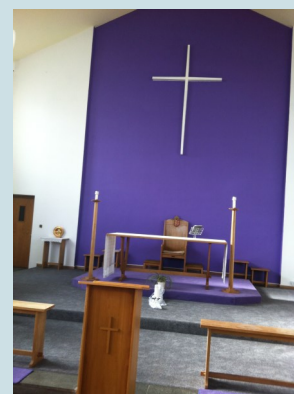
The Youth club also provides advice and guidance on a range of issues for our young people.

The youth club is open to all young people from the Lion Farm Estate and surrounding area.

The Youth Club is held at St James Church, Shelsley Avenue, Lion Farm Estate.

Thursdays 7-9pm

St James
Church



St James CofE Church

St James church serves the community by providing weekly Sunday Services and kids club. We are there if you are facing a crisis or just need someone to chat too. The Church has just been recently redecorated and is a great place to celebrate Baptisms, Christenings, Weddings, but is also a reflective place for funerals and prayer

If you haven't been to St James then you are warmly welcomed to all our services and events.

Sunday 10- 11am Service with Sunday School

Monday 7-8 pm Prayer

Thursday 7-9pm RE:Act Youth Club

Friday 12-3pm Community Group with Bingo

Oakham Church

Oakham Church is a place with a tremendous family atmosphere. The church offers a wide programme of activities each week that aims to provide something for everyone

As a church we also have a genuine commitment to our community, and do what we can to help and support our neighbours. The Church is an important resource for the area; we have served Tividale since 1872.

Above everything we want to Love God, and Love people as Jesus did. Jesus Christ is our hope, and we believe that only He is able to bring us to God, and give us everlasting joy through His death on the cross, and His resurrection three days later.

That is the message of hope we want to bring to our community and the Big Local Area.

Activities Throughout the week include:

Sunday

- 9am Prayer Meeting (Monthly) Last Sunday of the month
- 10am Communion Service
- 11:30am Family Service (Monthly) 1st Sunday of the month
- 6:15pm Evening Worship Modern worship and relevant teaching

Monday

- 3pm - 7pm NRG: Youth Club Drop-in, ages 7 - 19 years
- 7:30pm Ladies Meeting (Monthly) 1st Monday of each month.

Tuesday

- 9:15am - 11:15am Carer & Toddlers Play group for children 0-3 years
- 10:30am - 11:30am Emmaus Bible School (Fortnightly)
- 3pm - 7pm NRG: Youth Club Drop-in, ages 7 - 19 years
- 7pm - 8:30pm Tuesday Crew Kids Club, ages 7 - 10 years

Wednesday

- 3pm - 7pm NRG: Youth Club Drop-in, ages 7 - 19 years

Thursday

- 10:30am - 2:30pm TLC Lunch club for the retired
- 3pm - 7pm NRG: Youth Club Drop-in, ages 7 - 19 years
- 7:30pm - 9:30pm Bible Class Bible teaching for today
- 7:30pm - 9:30pm [MEST] Youth Bible Class

Friday

- 3pm - 7pm NRG: Youth Club Drop-in, ages 7 - 19 years
- 7pm - 9:30pm Youth Club Ages 10+



The Million Share Prize Quiz— Win £100 shopping voucher

All answers are contained in this newsletter:

Q1 What is the name of the Big Local area?

Q2 What date is the Big Local Million Share Fair?

Q3 What time does the Big Local Million Share Fair start

Q4 A celebration was held at Holy Cross and St James Church in April 2011. What was the event?

Q5 How much can you apply for from the GM2LF Quick Wins?

Q6 Oakham Church has served Tividale since which year?

Q7 What are the 5 GM2LF Big Local Themes?

To enter, complete the entry form and return to Lion Farm Action Centre, Harry Price House, Hartlebury Road, Oldbury, B69 1EQ

Closing date for entries:

30th September 2013

Competition Entry Form

Q1

Q2.....

Q3.....

Q4.....

Q5.....

Q6.....

Q7.....

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Tie break Question:

Please complete the quote below with your idea to use £1m to make the Big Local area an even better place to live

I would like the £1m To be used to.....

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.....

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Email.....

Getting Involved

Big Local is about **local people** getting **involved in changing** their **community**. If you would like to become part of a **theme group**, help in **planning** and **organising** events or get involved with one of the groups featured in this newsletter, then please contact us.

Email: gm2lf.office@gmail.com

