

# COMMUNITY HUBS NEWSLETTER



North Solihull Schools Collaborative

Autumn Term 2019

## How Foster Carers Get Support They Need



The Team of Foster Carers at Bishop Wilson Community Hub, Craig Croft

Solihull Council's Training Team use the community hubs to deliver support to local foster carers. The hubs provide a safe and comfortable space for carers to relax, network and learn more about the job they do. The team help train carers in the skill of supporting children with emotional difficulties following their separation from their families. The foster carers are able to learn how to give better support to these children by having more understanding of their difficulties and needs. This helps foster carers improve on what they do and also provides them with a support network of their own.

An extra advantage of users accessing the hubs is the exposure to more information and connections of other activities and services on offer. Such as computing and literacy courses available for them to improve their CV. Yvonne Saidi, one of the trainers says: "We love using the hubs and very much value the amazing support of Sue Watson, the community development manager. Without the hubs, we would struggle to deliver this valuable support."

### Employed for Success

For Solihull residents who are unemployed

The Team's Employment Officers can help you find work, training or education.

Drop into the job shop at:

Elmwood Place, Burtons  
Way, Smith's Wood,  
B36 0UG

2nd and 4th Friday in the  
month 1-3pm



### FREE Community Art Group

Each Monday 9.30-12 noon

All Welcome!

Community Hub, Coleshill  
Heath School, B37 7PY

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## Community Events

### Bishop Wilson Hub

#### **Mondays**

Solihull College Improving maths & English

#### **Tuesday**

Foster Carers Support

#### **Thursday**

Gro Organic

#### **Friday**

Baby and Toddler Group  
Occupational Therapy Drop In

### Coleshill Heath Hub

#### **Mondays**

Community Art Class  
Solihull College English Workshops

#### **Tuesdays**

Diabetes Support

#### **Wednesdays**

Community Music Group  
Solihull College Sewing Classes

#### **Fridays**

First Steps Mental Health Support

### Elmwood Hub

#### **Monday**

IT for Beginners  
Barnardo's 16-19 Programme

#### **Tuesday**

Barnardo's 16-19 Programme

#### **Wednesday**

Barnardo's 16-19 Programme

#### **Thursday**

Barnardo's 16-19 Programme

#### **Friday**

Dean Recruitment  
Job Shop  
2nd & 4th Friday of each month

### Fordbridge Hub

#### **Monday**

Community Patchwork & Quilting  
Breastfeeding Café

#### **Tuesday**

Solihull College Improving English

#### **Friday**

Solihull College Vintage Crafts  
Solihull College Improving Maths

### Yorkswood Hub

#### **Monday**

Yoga

#### **Tuesday**

Baby Clinic  
SEN Support Group for parents

#### **Wednesday**

Community swap Shop  
Maths Skills

#### **Thursday**

Parenting support UYCB

#### **Friday**

Play and Stay

For details contact Sue at:  
swatson@unitytrustsolihull.org.uk

Local musicians, who practice each week in the Community Hub at Coleshill Heath School, kindly gave up their time to entertain families at the school's Christmas Fayre. They played carols and Bavarian tunes as well as popular classical pieces like Ava Maria. Amongst other highlights was an appearance from Santa! Money raised for the school totalled approximately £1800 which will be used for the benefit of the children.

## A Musical Christmas Fayre



Community Music Group Entertain at Coleshill Heath School

## Gro Organic Support for Those With Disabilities



Gro Organic working and supporting vulnerable adults in the Bishop Wilson Hub

Each week at Bishop Wilson Community Hub, Craig Croft, a group of people with special needs meet for creative and practical support. The support is provided by local people at Gro Organic who have been able to give this valuable support at the hub now for a few years.



**Solihull College  
& University Centre**

**FREE English and maths courses at a centre  
near you in September!**

**Bishop Wilson School, Community Hub**  
English workshops: Monday 9.15-11.15am  
Maths Workshops: Monday 1-3pm

**Coleshill Heath School, Community Hub**  
English workshops: Monday 1-3pm

**Fordbridge School, Community Hub**  
English workshops: Tuesdays 9.30-11.30  
Maths workshops: Fridays 12.30-2.30pm



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**Bishop Wilson Community Hub,  
Craig Croft, B37 7TR**

**Baby and Toddler  
Group**

**Every Friday**

**12-2pm term time**

**Call Terri:**

**07871955533**

**Marvellous**

**Makers C.I.C**

