

UNITY NEWS



North Solihull Schools Collaborative

Autumn Term 2018

Unity Rescues Baby Clinic



The Kingshurst baby clinic had to close earlier this year due to the redevelopment of the town centre and there was no option of alternative premises. As a result mums in Kingshurst would no longer have access to a clinic where they could see health visitors for advice and check on their baby's progress. Unity came to the rescue and offered the newly appointed Community Hub at Capitol House, Yorkswood School Campus, Kingshurst Way, as their new home. This is now running successfully for the community each Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. It is the intention that mums will have an opportunity to access other services of support from the hub too.

School Buildings

Corner - Kingshurst School was extended providing two extra classrooms and an ancillary space. This enables the school to take an additional form of entry on alternate years. Recently we saw the re-modelling of Windy Arbor School including an additional Resource Centre to cater for pupils with Autism. It is part of an evolving borough wide initiative to create special locations within mainstream schools the ability to support pupils with these particular needs.

Working Together to Help Local People

Unity have joined forces to help local people into work. Funded by the European Social Fund and led by Solihull Council, Unity are working in collaboration with Solo and Colebridge Trust to help people into work or training. In particular, additional support is being provided for those over the aged of 50; lone parents; carers; those with disabilities or anyone with mental health issues. Intervention support workers are helping with general employability skills as well as issues to do with health and wellbeing. Most of the team are local residents themselves, who have a good understanding of the local barriers to employment. There are opportunities for work experience, short courses and employment opportunities. As a result of this programme five people are now in work having been long term unemployed. Referrals can be made via jobs@colebridge.org or by calling 0121 448 0720.

Knitting Club at the Community Hub, Coleshill Heath School

Every Wednesday morning a group of mums have been meeting over a cup of coffee and offer each other support. Some of the mums take the opportunity to learn a new skill and try their hand at knitting.



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Community Events

Bishop Wilson Hub

Mondays

Solihull College Improving maths & English

Tuesday

Foster Carers Support

Wednesday

Barnardos 2nd Chance Programme

Friday

Wizzle world support for parents

Coleshill Heath Hub

Tuesdays

Parent Support

Wednesdays

Knit & Knatter

Solihull College Sewing Classes

Thursdays

NHS Diabetes Support

Elmwood Hub

Monday

Community Art Group

Tuesday

Dean Recruitment

Wednesday

Dean Recruitment

Thursday

St Basil's Parent Support

Friday

Community Craft Group
2nd & 4th Friday of each month
Job Shop

Fordbridge Hub

Monday

Community Patchwork & Quilting
Parents Group

Tuesday

Careers Support for over 50s

Friday

Solihull College Vintage Crafts
Solihull College Maths Skills
Workshops

Yorkswood Hub

Monday

Baby Clinic

Tuesday

Baby Clinic

Thursday

Understand Your Child's
Behaviour

Friday

Parent Support Group

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The Young at Heart Group working out at Elmwood Place

Improving Job Prospects

The main purpose of the hubs is to help improve economic well being within North Solihull. New projects are being introduced to help support this and Unity are working in partnership with Solihull Council and other agencies to achieve the objective. Unity has been building links with the Co Op which has a store in Craig Croft opposite the Bishop Wilson Hub and School. They are hoping to offer parents the chance to improve their job prospects by offering workshops at the Hub and then work experience in their store.

Elmwood Place Community Hub

The Elmwood Community Hub is situated within the council building at Burton's Way, Smith's Wood. It offers public access to computers and a small library area in reception. It is on the first floor where the Hub can be found consisting of an IT suite and a large meeting space. Various activities are on offer to the community here including art and craft groups, IT classes, Job Shop, Keep Fit for the elderly and parent support for those with teenagers. We are hoping to support Barnardo's who want to deliver their study programme for ages 16-19 year olds who are not at college or work.

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



Art Group at Elmwood Community Hub