



COMMUNITY BULLETIN

JANUARY 2021

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome to your January Community Bulletin. We are continuing to produce a monthly bulletin with our health and community partners to keep you updated about community activity across Rossendale. This will include information on community group activities, events, health information and community training opportunities. We hope you will find the bulletin useful.

Feel free to share the bulletin with friends, community groups and on community group social media. If you have some information that you would like to share in the next bulletin, or you would like to be added to the e-mail distribution list, please contact us at communitiesteam@rossendalebc.gov.uk

Advice and support for people impacted by Covid-19 is available from Rossendale Connected on 01706 252520 or at help@rossendaleconnected.org

LOCKDOWN 3 – DO'S AND DON'T

You will be aware that the Government has imposed a national lockdown until at least the middle of February. The current rules are available via the link below

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home#detailed-guidance-on-the-national-lockdown>



LANCASHIRE
VOLUNTEER
PARTNERSHIP

BE A PART OF GLOBAL HISTORY

NHS COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAMME

VOLUNTEER TODAY.
YOU'LL FEEL CHAMPION IN THIS ROLE.

Lancashire Volunteer Partnership (LVP) is working with the NHS to support their Covid-19 mass and local vaccination programme across Lancashire, starting in January 2021.

This is where we'd like your help!

We are currently recruiting volunteers as local NHS Marshalls who will volunteer for 4-hour time slots at various venues across Lancashire, 7 days a week.

Choose time slots around your work and home life.

BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING:

- ✔ Enables learning new skills
- ✔ Creates career opportunities
- ✔ Enhances your CV
- ✔ Opportunity to fill in employment gaps
- ✔ Allows work with people who are public facing
- ✔ Opportunity to be a part of a historic programme
- ✔ Keeps you mentally and physically active

If you or anyone else is interested in this opportunity please visit our website:

lancsvp.org.uk/opportunities

For more information contact us at:

lvp@lancashire.gov.uk or call us on 01772 416 417

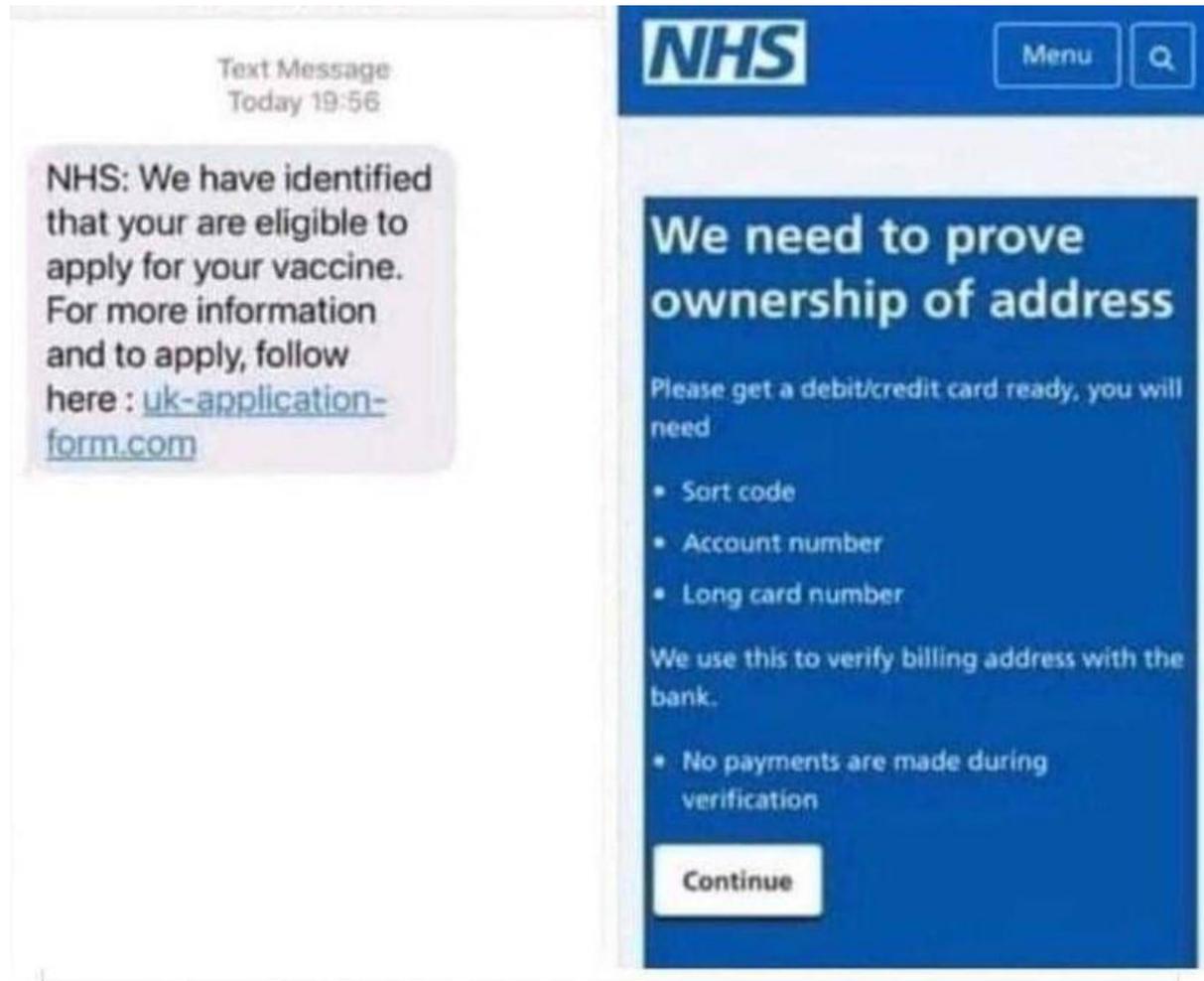
Rossendale COVID vaccination scam

A patient living in Rossendale and registered at one of the Rossendale GP Practices has been contacted by a scam organisation saying that they were eligible for the COVID vaccine, but had to provide their bank details.

Others have received a text with an NHS heading.

When you are called for your vaccine, it will be by your GP or via an NHS letter, and the vaccine is free to everyone. **Never provide your bank details.**

Example of a scam text:



Suspected coronavirus (COVID-19):
**Important information
to keep you safe while
isolating at home**

This leaflet is for
patients with
suspected coronavirus
who have not been
admitted to hospital
and will be isolating at home.



FUNDING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Local Connections Fund

Funded by the Government and the National Lottery Community Fund, the new £4 million Local Connections Fund is intended for small constituted voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations with an annual income of £50,000 or less.

There will be two funding rounds, with a total of £2 million available for each round

Grants of between £300 and £2,500 are to be used to:

- Build relationships in and across communities to help reduce loneliness and build connections between people and communities
- Bring together organisations who are working on social connections to celebrate their work, share learning and best practice, and form/bring together peer networks.

This is to help make:

- People and communities feel more connected.
- Individuals feel supported and less lonely or isolated.
- People more aware of services available that help them to connect with others and get involved.
- Organisations learn from each other.

The grants can be used for a number of different things including staff salaries, volunteer expenses, management costs, overheads, small-scale equipment and small-scale venue improvements.

Applications will be accepted from constituted VCSE organisations that serve communities within England.

There will be two funding rounds, one in January 2021 and one in summer 2021.

More information on how to apply at:

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/local-connections-fund>

Tree Council Branching Out fund

The [Tree Council Branching Out Fund](#) is open at the moment and they have a fund for community or schools in the UK to apply to plant trees.



Get into Volunteering

Are you interested in volunteering but don't where to start or are you an experienced volunteer looking to expand your CV with some accredited qualifications?

Why not come along to one of our virtual introduction to volunteering sessions for a chance to find out about all the exciting courses Lancashire Adult Learning has to offer you in your local area.

These sessions are a great opportunity to meet the tutors and ask any questions you may have about the volunteering courses available and your next steps. Courses available include:

- Volunteer Training Programme
- Award in Volunteering
- Mentoring
- Developing a Community Project
- Volunteer Coordinator Training
- Peer Support Training

[Click here to book!](#)

Date: 11th January | **Time:** 10am - 11.30am
Where: Live online classroom

[Click here to book!](#)

Date: 12th January | **Time:** 10am - 11.30am
Where: Live online classroom

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Date: 12th January | **Time:** 1pm - 2.30pm
Where: Live online classroom

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Date: 14th January | **Time:** 1pm - 2.30pm
Where: Live online classroom

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Date: 18th January | **Time:** 10am - 11.30am
Where: Live online classroom

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Date: 19th January | **Time:** 10am - 11.30am
Where: Live online classroom

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Date: 21st January | **Time:** 9.30am - 11am
Where: Live online classroom

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Census 2021 will provide a snapshot of modern society

Households across Rossendale will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021.

The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.

“A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed,” Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said.

“This could mean things like doctors’ surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That’s why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them.”

Census day will be on March 21, but households across the country will receive letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March.

The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.

For more information, visit census.gov.uk.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION



We work with young people aged 11 – 18 years. Our youth centre, The Boilerhouse in Waterfoot, is currently closed whilst infection rates are high – we offer a weekly programme of workshops and activities on Zoom, as below Message us or ring 221889 for a link. We also offer telephone support and have a Project Counsellor available for telephone appointments. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

ZOOM SCHEDULE:

MONDAY:
Music Lessons- 5:15-6:15pm

TUESDAY:
Music Lessons- 3:30pm
Reckless- 7pm

WEDNESDAY:
Art Workshop- 5:30pm

FRIDAY:
Quiz Night- 7pm



ST ANNE'S ONLINE COFFEE MORNING

DROP IN FOR A CHAT

THURSDAY'S • 10AM-12NOON

Come along to our coffee morning! Have a chat, talk about the weather, laugh, meet people, but most of all come and enjoy some company!

COFFEE MORNING WILL BE DONE VIA ZOOM
THE LINK WILL BE POSTED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE EVERY
THURSDAY AT 9 AM.

We hope to see you there!

Need some help during lockdown?

Crawshawbooth, Loveclough, Goodshaw, Reeds holme and Constablee area:

The Village People Crawshawbooth

[Tel:- 01706 507167](tel:01706507167)

07840 490119

email:- thevillagepeoplecrawshawbooth@gmail.com

Available for shopping, prescriptions and befriending.

Rossendale Influencers Group

The Influencers Group are part of Rossendale Crisis Support Project managed by Citizen's Advice. They have brought together local people who were interested in making positive change in the community, by influencing those who make decisions that affect everyone. The group is currently seeking to influence mental health provision in the area. If you are interested in the project, would like to get involved or would like some more information, email tony.sheppard@carh.org.uk

Rossendale residents urged to beware of loan sharks on social media

The England Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) has launched a new campaign aimed at tackling illegal money lending on the internet and warning of the dangers of online loan sharks.

The #SharkFreeSurfing campaign comes amid concerns more people are falling prey to unscrupulous lenders online. Statistics show one in five victims met their lender on social media in the first half of 2020.

Loan sharks are increasingly using social media platforms, such as Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat, to advertise their illegal loans and target potential victims.

These criminals will lure people in with seemingly attractive loan offers but will quickly resort to intimidation, threats and violence to enforce repayment and trap borrowers in a spiral of debt.

A loan shark is someone who lends money without the correct authorisation from the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA).

It is important to remember that the loan shark is committing a crime and you are not in trouble if you have borrowed from an illegal money lender.

Tony Quigley, Head of the England Illegal Money Lending Team, said: "We are aware that loan sharks are becoming more active on social media, particularly in community groups and on local selling pages.

“People throughout our communities are struggling financially due to the pandemic, and the increased pressures to not only meet monthly bills, but also the added expense of Christmas, may make them more at risk of being targeted by illegal money lenders. If you spot a suspicious loan advert online, report it to us so we can help.”

How to protect yourself from loan sharks online:

- **Know who you're dealing with.** If you've only ever met someone online or are unsure of the legitimacy of a lender, take some time to do a bit more research. Check the lender is authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). If not, don't borrow from them - report to the Stop Loan Sharks team.
- **Beware of loan adverts with no credit checks.** Loan sharks have been known to advertise in community groups and on local selling pages. They may seem friendly and accommodating, but their behaviour can quickly change, and you might be harassed or threatened if you get behind with your repayments. Lenders must carry out credit checks to make sure borrowers can afford to pay back their loans. You should never hand over your bank details to strangers, even if they lure you with attractive offers. Remember, if it looks too good to be true, it probably is.
- **Beware of any requests for your details or money.** Loan sharks may ask for copies of your passport or pictures of your house, the street and your house number. Never send money or give card details, online account details or copies of personal documents to anyone you don't know or trust.

The Stop Loan Sharks Helpline 0300 555 2222 will remain open 24 hours a day over the festive period.

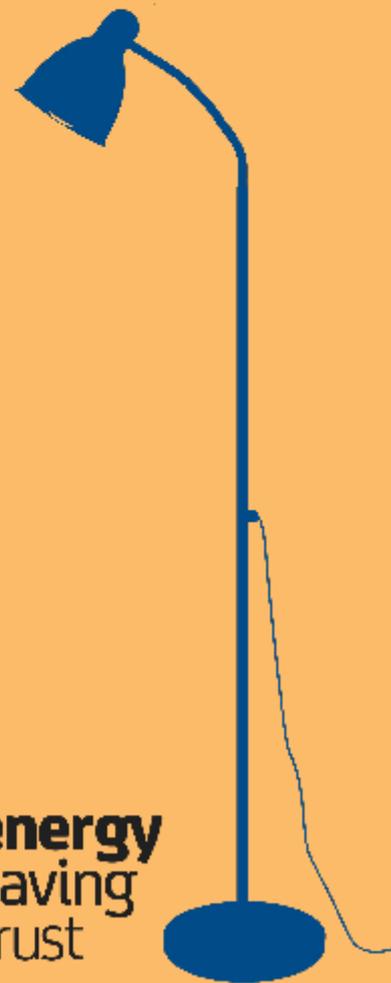
Anyone with concerns about loan sharks can access support via live chat between 9am and 5pm on weekdays (excluding bank holidays) at www.stoploansharks.co.uk.

Before you borrow, check your lender is authorised by the FCA at <https://register.fca.org.uk/s/>

The Stop Loan Sharks App is free to download on both iOS and Android devices from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

The Healthier Energy Project

- Free and impartial energy advice for people living in Rossendale, Hyndburn and the Ribble Valley
- Find out how to reduce your energy bills, and make your home warmer
- Get help with checking your energy use, switching supplier or accessing home improvement grants
- Learn how Homewise can help make improvements to your home to keep you cosy
- Call or text our energy advisor on 07508 915883 or email energyproject@carh.org.uk
- This project is delivered by Citizens Advice Rossendale & Hyndburn and Homewise, funded by the Energy Redress Scheme



Rossendale
& Hyndburn

HOME WISE



energy
saving
trust

Your essential services are still available

During lockdown we are still here for you and your family

We can:

- Do your cleaning, laundry and food shopping
- Help you after a hospital visit or illness
- Offer Day Clubs and a chance to socialise
- Provide support for people with dementia and carers
- Give you telephone-based advice and support
- Support Veterans and their families

Call: 0300 303 1234

Email: advice@ageuklancs.org.uk

Visit: www.ageuklancs.org.uk

All of our services operate in a Covid secure way

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