



DECEMBER 2025

COMMUNITY BULLETIN



FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROSSENDALE...

- Community Activities and Information
- Health and Wellbeing
- Funding
- Training
- Volunteering

WELCOME TO YOUR DECEMBER COMMUNITY BULLETIN!

We produce a monthly bulletin with our health and community partners to keep you updated on the community support and activities happening across Rossendale. This includes information from our community groups, events, health information, grants and community training opportunities. We hope you will find the bulletin useful.

All published Community Bulletins are available on our website - [Community Bulletins](#)

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

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

MEETING THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY – ANNA CHAPLAINCY ROSSENDALE

The past two months have been a season of growth and gratitude for the Anna Chaplaincy Rossendale team. We've expanded our Holy Communion visits to three new care homes, where services filled with hymns and joyful singing – especially "All Things Bright and Beautiful" – continue to lift hearts and voices alike.

Our Memory Worship services, designed for those living with dementia and their carers, have been a source of joy and connection across the Valley. Creative retellings of Bible stories – from Jonah and the Whale to Joseph and His Coat of Many Colours – have brought faith to life through music, prayer, and reflection.

The ever-popular Pets as Therapy visits with dogs Pippa and Poppy continue to spark smiles and memories, often accompanied by hymns and prayers that touch everyone present.

This autumn, we celebrated Harvest Festival with vibrant displays of fruits and vegetables, giving thanks for God's generosity and the abundance of the season. We also marked the International Day of Older Persons, reflecting on Anna and Simeon's story and sharing Psalm 92:14:

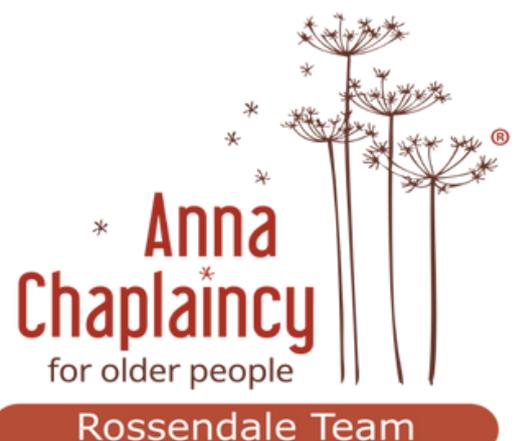
"They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green."

As we look ahead, November will bring Remembrance services, followed by a joyful season of Christmas carols throughout the Valley. Our regular Holy Communion and Hymns & Prayer sessions will continue as always – celebrating God's presence and love at every stage of life.

Tricia Calway, Anna Chaplain

☎ 07949 140 108

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FREE FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVENT
THE 10 GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS

Pick up your free festive bag, then visit participating shops to collect Christmas treats and gifts as you explore the town!

Come and join the community for a magical festive day!

Saturday 7th December

11AM – 2PM

Haslingden Market

VALLEY HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Carol Service

Warm up those vocal cords and get into the festive spirit as the community comes together to sing some of the most loved Christmas carols and hear the greatest story of all – the story of Christmas.

ABD Community Centre, Burnley Road, Bacup

Everyone is warmly welcomed to join this joyful seasonal celebration.

When? Sunday 7th December, 6:00pm

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS EVENT

THE ASHCROFT

10am – 12pm: Choose between Ukrainian egg decorating or Christmas cracker making (bring small gifts if you'd like to personalise your crackers!)

1pm – 3:30pm: Join our popular traditional wreath-making workshop, using beautiful natural materials – or bring your own decorations to match your colour scheme!

Enjoy festive tunes, mince pies, tea, coffee, juice – and even a little mulled wine or speciality coffee from the bar!

Spaces are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment!

When? Saturday 6th December

[Tickets](#)

HASLINGDEN HIGH SCHOOL PTFA

CHRISTMAS MARKET

When? Sunday 23rd November 11am – 3pm

JUNIOR PARK RUN

STUBBYLEE PARK | BACUP

FREE sessions , all abilities welcome | 2K Run

When? Every Sunday at 9am

Suitable for children aged 4-14 years



ENGLISH CLASSES

BURNLEY ROAD, BB4 8EW

Every Thursday at 10.30am starting 13th November 2025 Rawtenstall Family Hub and the Zone

To register your interest, please scan the QR code below:



BABY AND YOU GROUP (0–12 MONTHS)

St James the Less Church, Parish Centre, Rawtenstall

The Baby and You group welcomes parents and babies aged 0–12 months for a relaxed and friendly weekly session. Attendees can enjoy a hot drink, snacks, and the opportunity to chat with other mums in a supportive environment.

The sessions include age-appropriate toys, simple crafts, music, and bubbles for the babies to enjoy.

When? Thursdays, 9:30–11:00am

Cost: £2 per week (cash only)

WARM MATTERS ROSSENDALE

Residents are invited to drop in for free support from the local council, charities, and community services, offering guidance to help everyone stay safe, warm and well this winter.

On the day:

- Free prize draw for all attendees, with a chance to win cosy household items
- Free hot drinks
- Access to a range of local services

Organisations attending include:

- Electricity North West
- Rossendale Valley Energy
- Euro Energy Group
- Citizens Advice East Lancs
- Lancashire Women
- Positive Action in the Community
- ...and more

When: Friday 5th December, 11:00am – 2:00pm

Where: Rawtenstall Unitarian, Bank Street, Rossendale, BB4 8DY

What: Wellness, Advice, Resource and Money Matters



Light up a Life

Thursday 11th December 2025

Remember someone special this Christmas

St Mary's Church, Rawtenstall

Arrival 6:30pm, Start 7pm

Make your Dedication

Visit: www.rossendalehospice.org/lightupalife

Call: 01706 393870 opt 3

In-Person: at Rossendale Hospice

Post: Complete a form and post it back to Rossendale Hospice

Deadline: Friday 5th December



Scan here to make your dedication online



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<https://carerslinklancashire.co.uk/so/41PZGuSuL?languageTag=en&cid=bb35a270-068f-4b07-bfb5-7d5fefe3d620>





Caring at Christmas

Can you help with donations this christmas?

This winter, Rossendale Youth Council is collecting community donations to create Christmas gift packages for elderly care-home residents. Help us give back this Christmas!

Deadline for donations: Thursday 18th December 2025

We're collecting:

- Warm items (hats, scarves, gloves)
- Hygiene products
- Small gifts & cuddly toys
 - Hot chocolate
- Sweet treats/ Mince Pies



Donate at
Rawtenstall Family
Hub & Zone
(Burnley Rd, BB4
8EW) or have them
collected from
your school.



**Rossendale
Youth
Council**





Let's Celebrate!
CHRISTMAS
fantasia

on
Saturday 6th December 2025
at 7:30pm

a Magical Christmas Concert for all the family

featuring

**The Rossendale Male Voice Choir and
The 2nd Rossendale Scout Group Band**



Venue - The Circle, Burnley Road, Bacup, OL13 8BD

Tickets - £12

Available from The Circle or Scout HQ Bacup
or by calling 01706 875819

The 2nd
Rossendale Scout
Group Band





Gentle Movement to Music

Move More – Feel Great – Share The Fun

A fun, friendly community class – gentle seated or standing movements to uplifting music with FREE refreshments.

We help you keep moving, boost your mood and enjoy the company of a friendly group. All ages and abilities welcome.

Why Join?

- Improve flexibility and balance
- Do as little or as much as you wish
- Reduce stiffness and joint pain
- Feel better and build confidence
- Carers welcome to join in free of charge

What participants say

Good atmosphere and enjoyable – Christine

Leotards and lycra not necessary! – Julie

Good exercise, not too energetic – Marian

🎄 **17th Dec – Festive Social**
 £2.50 for new guests – gentle taster session & food provided
 Call Rebecca to book

Wednesdays, 2:30 – 3:45pm

ABD Centre, Bacup OL13 8AB, Accessible Venue



£5 per session
1st session half price, bring a friend for free

Follow us on Facebook
 @inspiremotivatetransform

We provide bespoke sessions for community groups. Call Rebecca for more info – 07510 187211



CAFÉ & CONNECT

Parents and carers are invited to drop in for a cuppa, a bite to eat, and a friendly chat with others in the community.

Throughout the sessions, a range of local professionals – including energy advisors, wellbeing practitioners, employment support staff, and more – will stop by for relaxed conversations and helpful advice.

Family Hubs Network

Enquiries: rossendalefamilyhub@lancashire.gov.uk

When & Where

Mondays

Maden Family Hub, Rochdale Road, Bacup, OL13 9NZ

Drop in between 9:30am – 11:30am

Fridays

Rawtenstall Family Hub & The Zone, Old Fire Station, Burnley Road, Rawtenstall, BB4 8EW

Drop in between 9:30am – 11:30am

These sessions run every Monday and Friday morning from 3rd November until 22nd December.



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ACADEMY Of Performing Arts

Dansworks offer classes in acting, singing, dancing and music to people of all ages, including people who have additional needs. Whether you're aiming for a career in performing arts, or just to have fun!

WE RUN CLASSES FOR:

- Parent and Toddlers
- Children's Classes from age 2 ½
- Classes for Adults
- Classes for children with special educational or physical needs (SEND)
- Classes for adults with special educational or physical needs (SEND)

OUR CLASSES:

Ballet	Acting
Tap	Piano
Street Dance	Violin
Pre-Pointe & Pointe	Guitar
Jazz	Woodwind
Contemporary	Brass
Acrobatic Dance	Singing
Musical Theatre	Vocal Coaching

GROUP & ONE-TO-ONE classes available.



Like what you see?

We offer 1 Month of classes FREE so you can try before you commit.

Scan me to enter your details!

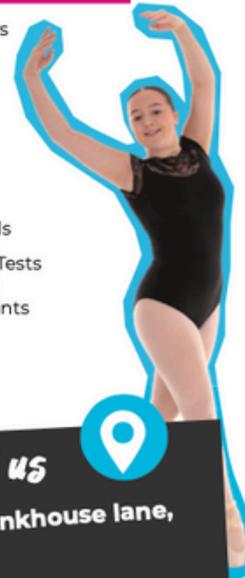


Some of our

EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES!

- Perform in annual Shows
- Public performance opportunities
- Take part in bi-annual trips to Malta
- Perform in Panto
- Perform at local Carnivals
- Fun Rosette and Medal Tests up to Ofqual recognised qualification & UCAS points

& so much more...



Where to find us

Trinity Baptist, Bankhouse lane,
Bacup, OL13 0AL



07795 165082



info@dansworks.co.uk

www.dansworks.co.uk



Monday	12pm-6pm
Tuesday	9am-5pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	9am-5pm
Friday	9am-5pm
Saturday	9am-1pm
Sunday	Closed

Whitworth Library, right at the heart of the community, where you'll always get a warm Whitworth welcome. Check out these fabulous activities at the library for everyone to enjoy this Autumn/Winter. All are FREE unless stated.

Mondays

- 10:00 – 10:45 **Fitsteps** exercise class followed by Pilates (£8.00) 07939 087122 (Jan) for info
 14:00 – 16:00 **Knit and Natter** - all welcome!

Tuesdays

- 10:00 – 12.30 **Scrabble Club** Great company and good fun – why not join us?
 14:00 – 14:30 **Storytime and Crafts!** Stories and themed activities (18 months - 5 years)
 15.00 – 17.00 **U3A Wellbeing** 1st Tuesday of month - 07762 757925 (Sheila) for info

Wednesdays

- 10:00 – 11:30 **Rossendale Children and Family Wellbeing Session** for children aged 0-5 yrs
 18:00 – 20:30 **Yoga, Pilates and Relaxation** Contact Sheila Daly for details (07762 757925) (£5.00 donation)

Thursdays

- 09:30 – 10.30 **Learn My Way** Computer class for beginners
 10:00 – 11.30 **Shared Reading Group** All welcome!
 10:00 – 12:00 **U3A Family History** on last Thursday of month. T. 07790 192120 (Jean) for info
 14.00 – 15.00 **U3A Creative Writing** 1st Thursday of month. T. 07903 570008 (Kay) for info

Fridays

- 10:15 – 11:00 **Baby Bounce and Rhyme** (birth to 3 yrs)
 14:00 – 15:30 **U3A Card Games** on 2nd Friday of month. T. 07860 314968 (Helen) for info.
 15:30 – 16:30 **Teen Book Club** on last Friday of month. Come along to join!

Saturdays

- 10:30 – 12.30 **Lego Club** (ages 3+)
 10:30 – 11.30 **Arts and Crafts** (children, all ages)

And of course, the library has books, lots of books, including audio and large print. You can brush up your digital skills on the public computers, with free Wi-Fi and print and photocopy too.

If you, a relative, or someone you care for, can't get to the library, the team can bring the library home to you, via the Home Library Service. Get in touch by calling 0300 123 6703 and ask to be put through to Whitworth Library, or email: whitworth.library@lancashire.gov.uk

Follow the library or the Friends of Whitworth Library Group Facebook page, for news about events. You can also contact friendsofwhitworthlibrarygroup@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list.

FREE PARK TENNIS

STUBBYLEE PARK, BACUP

No kit needed, everything is provided | Fun skills & drills

When? Every Saturday morning | 10 am

[Book Here](#)



EAST LANCASHIRE YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH

Concerned about your mental health? Are you aged younger than 18 or concerned about someone younger than 18?

Attend advice session online - enter 'ELCAS' as the first name and 'drop-in' as the second name followed by your date of birth.

When?

Wednesday 3rd December 25

Wednesday 10th December 25

Wednesday 17th December 25



<https://england.nhs.attendanywhere.com/ce/?apikey=02b1f66a-b55b-4a5f-8e7a-a9515bb007f4&nid=jlfFsopvl>

NEURO-MOVES

Specialist dance classes for people living with neurological conditions and their friends and family. When?

Fridays from 1:30pm - 2:45pm at Haslingden Community Link

Thursdays from 12:15pm - 1:15pm online.

For more information:

www.lpmdance.com/neuro-moves

COMMUNITY DROP-IN

Rachel and Tasha will be at The Station, 5 Union Street, Bacup, OL13 0AA, on the first Friday of every month, from 9:00am – 3:00pm.

Upcoming Dates

- Friday 5th December
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What's Available

- Support and advice
- Signposting and referrals to other agencies
- Help with completing forms
- Assistance with reporting issues or crimes
- Plus a warm welcome, a brew, and a friendly chat

Everyone is invited to drop in and make use of the support on offer.



A promotional poster for 'BARMY BINGO' with a dark green background. At the top, five spotlights shine down. The title 'BARMY BINGO' is in large, white, bold letters with a red outline. Below it, 'Big Christmas special!' is written in a red cursive font. The text 'DOORS 7PM | FIRST GAME OF BINGO 8PM' is in white, flanked by white starburst icons. A vintage microphone is on the left, and 'Live music from SAM BIGGS' is written in white cursive with 'SAM BIGGS' in red. At the bottom, it says 'Christmas jumpers or festive fancy dress encouraged' and 'The Ashcroft, Whitworth' with a location pin icon.

BARMY BINGO

Big Christmas special!

DOORS 7PM | FIRST GAME OF BINGO 8PM

Live music from
SAM BIGGS

Christmas jumpers or festive fancy dress encouraged

The Ashcroft, Whitworth

<https://the-ashcroft.co.uk/upcoming-events/>

FUNDING

Cosy Homes in Lancashire – Your Local Council Affordable Warmth Scheme

The Little Van of Warm, handy person service offers face-to-face practical help, and the installation of simple energy-saving measures, all from the comfort of your home.

The service is available to anyone who , is aged 70+ years OR Has a household income of less than £36,000 per year OR, Is in receipt of a means tested benefit.

What could you receive?

- Draught-proofing
- Radiator reflector panels
- Hot water tank jackets
- LED light-bulbs
- Draught excluders
- Letter box brushes and more!

To book a free visit call 03306 061 488 or, visit www.chil.uk.com

BRANCHING OUT FUND – TREE PLANTING

The Tree Council has reopened its Branching Out small grants fund to support a new season of community tree planting. Applicants can apply for between £250 and £2,500.

<https://treecouncil.org.uk>

A photograph showing a woman in a dark jacket and a young child in a blue patterned sweater walking through a grassy field. The woman is pushing a wheelbarrow filled with what appears to be tree saplings. The background shows rolling green hills under a clear sky.

Branching Out Fund

FUNDING

WINTER IN LANCASHIRE

The Winter in Lancashire pages are up on our website. Filled with useful info and advice for this time of year. Please share this info with your contacts and your communities [Winter in Lancashire - Lancashire County Council](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/winter/)

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/winter/>



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£25,000
Match all 6 numbers
to win

How To Play

Simply visit our lottery website, create an account and you're good to go. Tickets are only available online. Once set up, click 'Play' and then select the good cause you wish to support and purchase your ticket(s).



Other Prizes

£2,000 - Match 5 numbers
£250 - Match 4 numbers
£25 - Match 3 numbers
3 Extra Tickets - Match 2 numbers



£1 **How Much
Does It Cost?**
It's only £1 per ticket!



How Do I Know If I've Won?

Lucky winners get notified by email. The email has a link to click to take you to your account to claim your winnings.

60p Of Every Ticket Supports Causes

50p goes to the good cause you've chosen to support, and a further 10p goes to other good causes in Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale.



Win Other Prizes Too!

Every month we also run a super draw too where you have the chance of winning some fantastic prizes.



What Happens To The Rest?

The remaining 40p goes to towards the prizes, running costs and VAT.



How Many Causes Can I Support?

As many as you like! For example, you could support 1 cause with £10's worth of tickets (the cause would get £5), or 10 causes with £1's worth of tickets (each cause would get 50p).

When Is The Draw?

Our lottery draws are weekly on Saturday evenings at 8pm.



Regular Support

You can support every month via Direct Debit. We also offer one-off debit card payment options of either 1, 3, 6 or 12 months.



www.helpinghandslottery.co.uk

Tickets will be available from 18th November 2025. The first draw takes place on 6th December 2025. Visit the website or scan the QR code to play Helping Hands Lottery.



VOLUNTEERING

Lancashire-12 Volunteer Managers Forum

Join the team on TEAMS for the next Volunteer Managers Forum
Thursday 15th January at 1:00pm

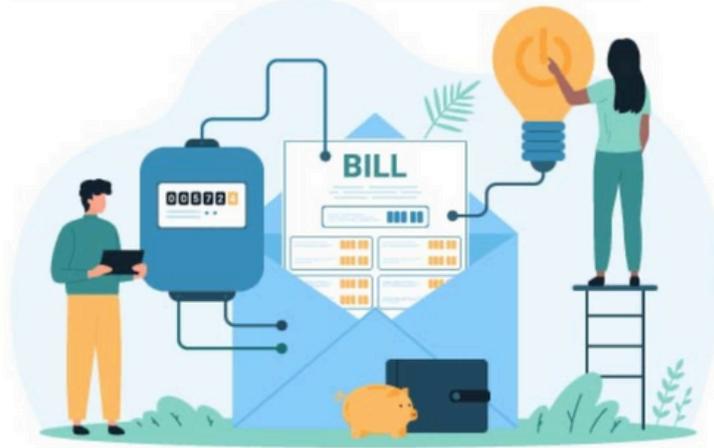
This forum is open to all—including volunteer-involving groups and organisations across Lancashire.

Be part of the ongoing conversation about volunteering in the county.
To register:

lisa.ross@bprcvs.co.uk

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FFIF>

Need help taking control of your energy usage?



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housing

**Take control of your energy costs with Newground Together.
We can support Rossendale residents to reduce their energy costs and make their homes more energy efficient.**

Their friendly energy advisors will offer advice on how to reduce the costs of running your home, provide energy saving tools and show you how small changes can make a BIG difference in your home.

Call or email Newground Together to find out how you can make savings or to book your home assessment at no cost.

Tel. 0300 330 5535 Email hello@newground.co.uk

Lancashire 12 Vision for Volunteering



**We need your help to input into
Lancashire's Vision for Volunteering**

**Do you work with volunteers or for a
volunteer including organisation?**

**We need your opinions for the Lancashire
Vision for Volunteering**

You can help now by completing our survey:

**survey live until 31.12.25,
simply click on QR code:**



For more information: lisa.ross@bprcvvs.co.uk

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DECEMBER 2025

THANK YOU FOR READING

PLEASE SHARE

If you have any information you would like to include our January Communities Bulletin please email us by Tuesday 18th December.

communitiesteam@rossendalebc.gov.uk

