



# Voluntary News News Bite

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Welcome to South Lincolnshire Community and Voluntary Service's **Voluntary News - News Bite**.

Back on track this week with lots of information and news. Be sure to book your place on our series of 'Helping Volunteer Managers Manage' Training Workshops as places are going fast!

Many Thanks

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## Community News

### Civil servants encouraged to volunteer

#### Government hopes they will provide 30,000 volunteering days a year

All civil servants will be encouraged to do at least one day of volunteering a year under plans announced yesterday. The government hopes the move will result in the civil service providing 30,000 volunteering days a year. Charities will be able to request help from the civil service when they need it.

Senior civil servants will be expected to encourage their colleagues to volunteer and "encouraging volunteering" will feature in annual appraisals for senior managers.

Businesses Shell, BT and KPMG have decided to match the volunteering policy.

Nick Hurd, the Minister for Civil Society, said the scheme was "about setting a lead. It is in the interests of every organisation to develop the skills of their people."

Justin Davis Smith, Chief Executive of Volunteering England, welcomed the scheme and the involvement of major companies. "There is huge scope for collaboration across sectors in opening up volunteering opportunities, for sharing skills and enjoying different ways of working," he said.

A spokesman for the Cabinet Office said the new policy would begin in April.

Source: *Third Sector Online*, 17 February 2011

### Voluntary Sector Cuts Information Website

Voluntary Sector Cuts is a new website giving voluntary and community organisations the opportunity to share their concerns about funding cuts and how they will impact on their ability to deliver vital services. It is a joint project bringing together NAVCA, NCVO, ACEVO, Volunteering England and other leading voluntary and community sector bodies.

[www.voluntarysectorcuts.org.uk](http://www.voluntarysectorcuts.org.uk)

Source: *NAVCA LINX 168*

## Readable round-up of Vetting and Barring Scheme review

Bates Wells and Braithwaite solicitors have managed to produce a more readable version of the key recommendations from the government's review of the Vetting and Barring Scheme. This should give you a better feel for what the changes will be, starting sometime 2012.

<http://www.bwbllp.com/Updates/Reviews-of-Vetting-and-Barring-Scheme-and-Criminal-Records-Regime.html>

Source: Volresource 467

## Stamford's Riverside Festival Cancelled

Thousands of local people have been left disappointed by the news that the popular Riverside Festival has had to cancel plans for this year's events. However, the Trustees were left with no alternative but to take the reluctant decision to cancel following a series of decisions taken by Stamford Town Council which they could not legally comply with.

Naturally Riverside are challenging these decisions but unfortunately even if they can get them overturned it will be too late to save the festival for this year. This is particularly devastating as Riverside was set to provide the opportunity for thousands of people of all ages to take part in a whole raft of additional events this summer as part of the Igniting Ambitions Cultural Olympiad celebrations and these along with the traditional music and arts festival have all had to be cancelled.

This has sent shock waves through the community and is likely to have an effect at a national level with discussions taking place to make changes to national policy as a result of Riverside's experience.

If you would like to find out more or want to help support Riverside please contact Jenny Collins on:  
Tel: 01778 343337 or  
E-mail [jennycollins10@aol.com](mailto:jennycollins10@aol.com)

## Big Boston Clean Up 2011

Boston's Big Clean Up first started in 2008 and over the last three years a staggering **29 tonnes** of litter and fly tipping has been collected by **1,380 volunteers** armed with litter pickers and bin bags. It does make a significant difference to the town and proves that by working together we can make a positive impact.

There is a great atmosphere and it gives volunteers the opportunity to meet lots of new people. Everyone is welcome to join with us for a free lunch, kindly provided by the churches in and around Boston. The volunteers meet each day at the assembly rooms at 9:15am before heading out to the individual clean up zones.

High viz waistcoats, litter pickers, gloves and bags are provided, along with health and safety advice.

For more information or to find out how you can get involved

<http://www.boston.gov.uk/bigbostoncleanup>

## Sector red tape busters running late

The final report of the Big Society Deregulation Taskforce will be delayed (from April) because it has been inundated with examples of regulation that makes life difficult for charities, according to the Cabinet Office minister responsible. News item on Third Sector.

## Training and Events

**NEW Stamford date added , see below!**

### ***Helping Volunteer Managers Manage Workshops***

***Volunteers are your most valuable asset - Let us help you to keep them***

Volunteers are the lifeblood of community organisations and you'll know just how difficult it can be to find and keep volunteers who are passionate about what you do.

Through the ***Helping Volunteer Managers Manage*** training you'll Find out how you can attract volunteers to match the roles you need to fill, discuss the different methods of recruitment and learn how you can welcome volunteers confidently into your organisation.

Let us help you manage this important role even better than you already do by enrolling on this free workshop. Get the best from your volunteers and let them get the best experience from volunteering with you.

**Workshops 9.30am –1pm followed by lunch and networking**

#### **EAST LINDSEY**

**Date: Thursday 3rd March 2011**

**Venue: Lincolnshire Regional College, Heath Road, Skegness**

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#### **BOSTON BOROUGH**

**Date: Friday 25th March 2011**

**Venue: Kirton Town Hall, Station Road, Kirton, Boston**

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#### **STAMFORD**

**Date: Wednesday 23rd March 2011**

**Venue: Christchurch Church Hall, Green Lane, Stamford, PE9 1HE**

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**Download a booking form:**

[http://www.southlincscvs.org.uk/standard\\_page.asp?id=training](http://www.southlincscvs.org.uk/standard_page.asp?id=training)

**Return to Heather Bagley at: [heather.b@southlincscvs.org.uk](mailto:heather.b@southlincscvs.org.uk)**

**Please note you can not attend only the lunch and networking**

### **South Kesteven Migrant Worker Supporters Network**

**Date: Wednesday 16th March**

**Time: 1pm - 3pm**

**Venue: Bourne Children's Centre, Bourne**



South Lincolnshire Community and Voluntary Service has recently received funding from South Kesteven Local Strategic Partnership to run a year-long scheme in the area which aims to bring together people who provide services or support for Migrant Workers, either directly or indirectly, to paint a picture of what services are currently available and highlight the gaps which need to be filled.

If you are interested in getting involved please contact Ruth Baldry:

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## **Stamford Feast 2011 - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2011 - Trading hours 10am – 9pm**

Ali Hawley-Smith said: "I am very excited to tell you that as a result of the huge success of Stamford Christmas Festival 2009 & 2010, Stamford Town Partnership has offered me the opportunity of creating a high quality, fun filled and educational event, bringing all nationalities and cultural groups together, demonstrating food from local, national and worldwide providers".

Stamford Town Partnership CIC is offering the following enticing line-up:

- Mouth watering Food Halls showcasing: Chilli Lovers / Chocolate / Pudding & Deserts / A Taste of Honey / Cheese Board / Coffee Café / Breads & Pastries / Sausages / Pork Pies / Pumpkins / Olives / Marinades / Preserves / Herbs, Flowers & Spices
- Local food produce from farmers, allotments, farm shops
- Love Food-Hate Waste Recycle and Reuse advice
- Favourite recipe competitions for children through local schools
- Live Food Stage and International Chef Cooking Demonstrations
- Healthy living advice and Health checks from Local Government and the Health Service
- Fun and inspirational exercise ideas from local gyms and dance groups
- World Food Trail
- Used Cook Book Bring & Buy sale
- World music including Jazz and Salsa Bands with Zumba dancing
- Evening Bar-B-Que and picnic

For more information email: [alihs@stamfordtownpartnership.co.uk](mailto:alihs@stamfordtownpartnership.co.uk)

### **Calling all over 50's in Skegness!! Looking for a new lease of life? Freedom of Dance could be for you!**

A nationally respected dance initiative is giving over 50's based in Skegness the opportunity to have weekly dance sessions and socialise with others in the community! 'Freedom in Dance' is a creative and invigorating class is being run by Lincolnshire Dance – a dance development agency which operates throughout the county.



Classes in Skegness take place on a Friday morning from 10.30 – 11.30 at St Clements Community Hall, Church Road North PE25 2DN. The course costs £3.50 per session and tea and coffee is included after the class.

For more information, please contact Lisa at Lincolnshire Dance:

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Tel: (01522) 811811

## Business and Social Enterprise

### The practice of community asset transfer

A Guardian 'Social Enterprise Network' article looks at the practical experience in Yorkshire of the transfer of public sector assets, such as community centres and derelict land, to community organisations and social enterprises.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/social-enterprise-network/2011/feb/18/community-assets-taking-over>

## Funding

### Church and Community Fund

The Church and Community Fund helps imaginative and innovative projects of all kinds that bring the community into the church and the church into the community.

The maximum grant is £10,000. Deadline: 30 March.

<http://www.churchandcommunityfund.org.uk/>

### Heritage Lottery Fund consults on spending increased funding

The Heritage Lottery Fund has launched a consultation on how it should spend its increased annual award budget of about £300m between 2013 and 2019.

Deadline: 26 April.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/>

### LankellyChase Foundation

Each year the trustees of the LankellyChase Foundation set aside funds for a summer small grants programme. This year the foundation has decided to concentrate these funds on summer activities for children and young people who are living in refuges for families escaping domestic violence or who are young carers. Deadline: 13 May.

<http://www.lankellychase.org.uk/>

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