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Advancing Local Voluntary Action

Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire promote, develop, and support organisations within the voluntary and community sector.

Whether you are an established organisation, you would like to set up your own voluntary group, or you are interested in volunteering, Voluntary Action can provide all the advice and support you require

www.vanl.org.uk

Hours of Business:

Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire will be closing at 12 noon on Wednesday 24th December and reopening on Monday 5th January 2015

The Board and Staff of Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire would like to wish all our members and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Please note that
 Community Accountancy
 work will still continue
 after Ursula has left**

Message from the Finance Manager:

Thanks and good bye from Ursula Vickerton, Finance Manager as she leaves us on 19 December 2014. She has enjoyed her time here getting to know the staff and projects, many of our member groups and helping with preparation of their annual accounts, financial advice and independent examinations for many. Gives her best wishes to all VANL Trustees, staff and member groups she has worked with since joining VANL in July 2013.

A new SORP, (Statement of Recommended Practice—Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2014) will come into effect for accounting periods which start on or after 1 Jan 2015. So this will have an impact on the format and disclosure requirements for year ending 31 December 2015 and later. So not an immediate problem, but in the course of 2015, VANL will provide more help and assistance with this and other matters re finance for charities. Information will also be available on the Charity Commission area of Gov.uk, and from a microsite www.charitycorp.org

With best wishes for 2015.....Ursula



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Congratulations to the Café Independent for their success in obtaining a Premises Licence just in time for the Christmas festivities. This will mean alcohol can be purchased there at future events.

They have worked closely with licensing and the police to develop the project and have taken their good advice on each occasions. North Lincolnshire Council and relevant agencies have dealt with them in a very fair and responsible manner, completely in line with their own policies. Despite this, there was one objection from a local bar owner and the process had to go to a licencing sub-committee appeal panel, the result being **Cafe INDIE awarded a licence! Great news for the town & the High Street!!**

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**Room to
 Rent at
 VANL in
 the New
 Year.
 For more
 details
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 VANL**

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**Merry Christmas to all
 our Members**

Why not check out Café

Indiependent—there is something for everyone under one roof.

Opening hours are:

Mon—open at 10 am close at 5 pm for Staff Training

Tues—Open at 10 am

Youth Club 7 pm to 9pm

Wed—Open at 10 am

Board Games Night 7 pm

Thurs—Open at 10 am

Film Night from 8 pm

Fri—Open 10am

Gig night

Sat—Open at 10 am

Gig night

Sun—Closed

There is a designated childrens' corner too.

Fantastic coffee, cake, food and more fabulous food

Gigs to Look Out For:

Tacheless promotions Presents:

JONNY BROWN

Twisted Wheel

Plus

Danny MahonThe North

Friday 5th December 2014

£7 doors open at 8pm

Murphys Law

Appearing at Café Indiependent

13th December 2014

SMB Management & Scunthorpe Nights present

Ameria,

with support from Iran Hands and Odd Rival

20th December 2014

at 7 pm

£3 on the Door

An Evening with Martin Stephenson of the Daintees

Saturday 31st January 2015

£10

Bikers set to bring festive cheer

Poorly children being cared for on Disney ward will have something to smile about next month when a group of bikers descend on Scunthorpe hospital.

Members of Scunny Bikers will be paying a whistle stop tour to the hospital on Saturday 20 December at 1 pm to deliver a bumper load of toys to the unit. They will be leaving the Old Farmhouse Pub , Doncaster Road, at 12.30 pm

The annual event is aimed at bringing a bid of festive cheer to poorly patients at Christmas time. The bikers also organise an annual Easter egg run every year as well.

Ward manager Sharon Vickers said: "We are always extremely grateful to Scunny Bikers for their kind donations. It helps to bring a smile to our young patients ' faces when we hand out the goodies."

If anyone, or any business would like to make a donation of a toy to the Scunny Bikers in aid of the Disney ward, then they should contact organiser Gavin Stubbs on (07840 047965) Or they can leave a donation with the Old Farmhouse Pub

Calling all Entertainers!

We have received a call for help from Nicki Mumby of Winterton Disabled Club . They have great Christmas parties, which are always fantastic fun, and they are looking for some entertainment for this year's bash. It's getting a bit close now.

"Our Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday 16th December at the Ingleby Arms in Amcotts," said Nicki. "Last year we had a magician to entertain us and of course we would like something different this year.

"We will start our meal at around 1.15pm so usually food and raffle are over by 3 pm. We are looking for an act who would be able to come and entertain us after the meal for approx. 45 minutes."

If you can help the funsters at Winterton Disabled Club, please contact Nicki Mumby direct on 01724 733441.



Christmas and Cold Weather Community Challenge

Are you looking forward to getting together with the family over Christmas: Will there be too much food, too many presents for the children and too much money spent? Sounds familiar?

Well the Volunteer Centre North Lincolnshire would like you to spare a thought for those who may not be looking forward to the festivities or to a long cold winter.

So we would like to challenge local businesses and members of the community to make a difference this year.

Did you know that £30 would purchase a high tog rated sleeping bag which could just save the life of a homeless person in North Lincolnshire, or that just £10 would buy a flask that could provide a homeless person with a hot drink or soup?

Perhaps your company could encourage employees to donate food items for a local food bank as stocks deplete quickly during the winter months.

No matter how large or small your donation YOU and your colleagues could make a real difference this winter.

If you are an organisation that needs extra help this year, please get in touch so we can include your challenge..

To find out how to get involved in the CHRISTMAS AND COLD WEATHER COMMUNITY CHALLENGE, contact either Jacky or Vickie at the Volunteer Centre, Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire on 01724 845155 or email volunteer@vanl.org.uk

An NHS Christmas

People are invited to a festive Christmas carol service organised by the chaplaincy department at Scunthorpe General Hospital.

The event will be held on Monday 8th December at 4.30 pm at Scunthorpe's St. Lawrence's Church, Church Lane, Scunthorpe. The festive event, which will include an assortment of well-known carols, is open to hospital staff and members of the public to attend. The service is being held by lead hospital chaplain, the Revd Charles Thody and hospital chaplain the Revd Harry Smart.

The Revd Smart said : "We would like to extend a warm invitation to staff and members of the public to pop along and join us in this festive celebration. People can be guaranteed of a warm, family traditional atmosphere with a selection of favourite carols. "Everyone is welcome to pop along and join us as we start to get in the Christmas spirit," added the Revd Smart



Charity Commission consults on "The Essential Trustee"

The Charity Commission, the independent regulator of charities in England and Wales, is today launching a consultation on an updated draft of its guide to trustees' duties, 'The essential trustee (CC3)'.

The new draft follows recent commission guidance on decision making and conflicts of interest. The consultation is running until February, and the responses will shape the final version of the guidance.

The most significant change is a new explanation of what the commission expects of trustees. Commission guidance currently distinguishes between legal requirements (what trustees 'must' do) and minimum good practice standards that are not legal requirements (what trustees 'should' do).

The regulator wants to make it clearer that it expects trustees to comply with specified good practice unless they can justify not doing so (for example by complying in a different way). Whilst the commission will still recognise where trustees have made an honest mistake, trustees who fail to follow the specified good practice are at risk of breaching their legal duties.

If trustees do not follow the specified good practice:

- the commission may ask trustees to explain and justify their decision
- trustees may struggle to comply with their legal responsibilities
- if something goes wrong as a result, trustees may be in breach of their legal duties and held responsible for any loss the charity incurs
- the commission may treat this as

evidence of misconduct or mismanagement

Other changes to 'The essential trustee (CC3)' include:

- links to other guidance to avoid repetition
- reflecting the commission's current position and priorities as charity regulator
- highlighting what can go wrong and how to avoid it
- emphasising that the guidance is for all charity trustees, not just trustees of registered charities

Details on how to send comments are within the consultation.

Jane Hobson, Head of Policy at the Charity Commission, said:

The changes to our 'Essential trustee' guidance aim to make things clearer for trustees, and help them govern their charities better. It's vital that trustees understand what we expect of them, and the revised guidance provides a clear, succinct and up to date picture. Trustees' basic legal responsibilities have not changed, nor has our role as regulator. The changes around 'must' and 'should' shouldn't affect most charity trustees, who already take their role seriously. It's a case of trustees understanding that 'should' means 'really should' - not 'maybe, if you feel like it'.

The commission is holding discussions with stakeholders about these changes and is keen to hear views from anyone with an interest in the governance of charities, as well as trustees and charities.

The closing date for responses to this consultation is 17 February 2015.

Join the DWP's new State Pension campaign

The Department for Work and Pensions has launched a major campaign to raise awareness about changes to the State Pension.

Minister for Pensions, Steve Webb MP, announced the campaign at a press launch on Tuesday 18 November. The campaign features advertising in newspapers, online and radio, as well as a brand new video channel, [PensionTube](#), which is becoming the go-to place for bite-size pensions information.

"The State Pension system is changing in April 2016 and we are trying to inform people about how they are affected. People receiving the State Pension before April 2016 won't be affected and will stay on the current system. People who retire in the first five years from April 2016 can use our new State Pension statement service to find out what they will get and when. Everyone should visit [GOV.UK](#) for more information.

So far the campaign has been a huge success thanks to the help of partners like Money Advice Service, Citizens Advice Bureau and many others. But we need your help to spread the word to as many people as possible, so please take a look at 'how you can help' below and get involved."

How you can help

Include State Pension information in your websites, newsletters, social media channels, events or any other channels you use to talk to the public - follow the links in this article and use this '[State Pension explained](#)' document as a guide

Direct your customers to [GOV.UK](#) for more information or to the GOV.UK [State Pension calculator](#) to find out how they are affected

- Encourage your customers to watch the short and simple State Pension videos on our new YouTube channel, Pension Tube, at <https://www.youtube.com/user/PensionTube>
- Promote the new State Pension information, calculators and videos through your social media channels (on Twitter we are @dwpgovuk and we're using the hashtag

Another opportunity to say what you think!

NAVCA (VANL's umbrella organisation) and the health strategic partners are running the biggest charity survey of the year to support the case for greater involvement of the voluntary sector in local decision making, particularly health.

To date they have 300 responses, but they need a lot more to be able to speak with an authoritative voice about the views of those working in the voluntary sector.

The survey is for all charities and voluntary organisations and we would urge you to join in and add your opinion to the others. You can access the survey and it would really help if you tell others and ask them to complete it as well. If you are on Twitter, use the hashtag #biggestcharitysurvey.

Offer of RENT & RATES FREE SHOPS for Charities in SCUNTHORPE

An amazing opportunity for charities looking for retail space to use on a RENT & BUSINESS RATES FREE basis. There are 2 retail units available in the centre of town, one on High Street and one in Southgate Mall.

The High Street shop offers 930 sq ft ground floor retail space with additional 958 sq ft on the first floor for storage and WCs.

The Southgate Mall shop offers 1591 sq ft ground floor retail space with additional 320 sq ft on the first floor for storage, an office and WCs. Both shops available immediately.

If any Charity is looking for either of these retail units to use they offer up to a 36 month lease with a 28 day rolling break clause.

For further information and address to arrange viewing please email victoriainmorgan@avire.co.uk This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. or telephone 01295 256 338.