



## *Issue 6 July 2024*

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS**

#### *An inspirational few months!*

Welcome to our 6th issue of Community Development News where we'll be letting you know about all the things our team has been involved in for the past few months, plus news from our partners and things to watch out for in the coming months! This issue is a little late in being delivered to your inboxes, but we wanted to be sure we packed it full with everything we've been up to and exciting activities coming up this summer!

One of the things the team really enjoyed back in May was some excellent Neurodiversity training with The Expert On Myself (TEOM). We were joined by colleagues from the community centres and together we spent the day increasing our awareness of how we can adapt the way we work to help people living with neurodiversity feel welcome and included. Trainers Molly and Darren enabled a brilliantly engaging space to make this happen and provided some really valuable examples from their own experiences in community spaces and places that we were able to learn from.



Some of the team also had the opportunity to attend the Stronger Things conference held by New Local, where they listened to talks and took part in workshops all centred around Community Power. It was a really inspiring day, exploring the role that we can play in strength based working in public services and supporting communities to lead the way in the decisions that affect them.

#### ***Get in touch!***

2024 is flying by, and we continue to listen to what's happening for residents in the city, what people tell us is important to them and what we hear there's a need for. We always love to hear from you! If you'd like to get in touch with us about anything in the newsletter, anything you'd like to collaborate on, or if you have an idea to kick start something new that brings your community together, and would like some support from the team... get in touch! You can email us at [communitydevelopment@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:communitydevelopment@cambridge.gov.uk) or alternatively you can follow us on Facebook by clicking [here](#) or by searching Cambridge Community Development and messaging us.

#### ***Meet the team...***

- Vicky Haywood - Community Development Manager
- Binnie Pickard - Tackling Poverty Lead
- Jo Hunt and Steph Snowdon - New Communities and Growth Leads
- Caroline Gill - Children, Young People and Families Lead
- Ariadne Henry - Equalities Lead
- Suzanne Goff - Preventative Health Programmes Officer
- Dora Suberlak - Project Support Officer
- Andrea Butler - Community Development Officer North
- Kelly Smith - Community Development Officer South
- Carl Higgs - Community Development Officer East / Armed Forces and Veterans Lead
- Suzanne Jackson - Community Development Officer West / New Communities
- Adie Hawkshaw - Children and Young People Engagement Lead
- Patrick Brown - Community Development Assistant
- Jolene Chisolm - Gypsy, Roma, Traveller Engagement Lead
- Luthfa Khatun - Community Cohesion Lead

## Community Led Events

June seems to be a great month for community activity and our team have been out and about supporting them in lots of different ways! Some events are long established whilst others are brand new – it's great to see such a variety of fun events in different neighbourhoods!



Highlights have included;

- Jo H and Carl popping along to the the Abbey Big Lunch with [Abbey People](#), alongside lots of other community organisations and council services.
- Caroline and Andrea teaming up with Ian from the County Council to attend the Chesterton Festival and share information about the Youth Survey and other activities
- Andrea helping out with stewarding at Arbury Carnival
- Kelly and Carl supporting the Queen Ediths community with an afternoon of activities for families and children at Nightingale Pavilion.



## Health Marquee at Midsummer Fair

Also in June, our Gypsy, Roma and Traveller officer Jo C, in collaboration with the Showmans Guild, arranged the hosting of a health and education mega drop-in marquee at Midsummer Fair.

Heaps of organisations set up stalls, with a focus on free health checks, maternity support, CPR training and education support, all under one roof! It was the first of it's kind in the Fair's history – over 800 years – and was gratefully received by all those that popped along.

## Holiday Lunches

Throughout May Half Term Holiday Lunches, led by [Cambridge Sustainable Food](#), were hosted in community settings. These events are aimed at those who might be struggling with finances over the holidays and are a great way of getting the family out of the house and enjoying some delicious food and fun activities together!

Partners supporting activities included the University of Cambridge Museums and The Museum of Cambridge, A big thank you also to staff and volunteers at all the spaces and places that host these holiday lunches and create such a warm welcome for everyone!

## Concert in Support of Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Ari and Dora had the pleasure of being involved in a concert at the Corn Exchange, where 190 Cambridgeshire school pupils joined author and poet Michael Rosen on stage to perform dance, theatre, poetry, music and song, with the pieces devised by the pupils during an education programme focused on refugees and asylum seekers. Money raised during the event will be going towards the work of [Cambridge Convoy Refugee Action Group](#) and [Cambridge Ethnic Community Forum](#)

## Windrush Celebration



The 22nd of June is designated Windrush Day and Ari and Binnie supported the [African Caribbean Research Group](#) to host an even at the Guildhall to mark the day this year.

Over 100 people attended the day which included afternoon tea, reflections, and entertainment to celebrate the lives of the Windrush generation and their families.



### Cambridge Military Fair

The first ever Cambridge Military Fair happened on Parkers Piece on a beautifully sunny day in June! Carl worked alongside local armed forces and veterans communities including the Cambridge Armed Forces and Veterans Breakfast Club and the Cambridge Veterans Club to bring the event to life with an array of displays, stalls and marketplaces showcasing the variety of what this community is involved in and what it has to offer.

A huge thank you and well done to everyone involved, particularly the cadets and volunteers that gave their valuable time putting so much hard work into planning and delivering the event. It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves, learning about local active service and veteran communities, and joining in all the fun!



### Shaping Abbey

People living, working or who have an interest in the Abbey ward were given an opportunity to be part of the conversation about everything that’s happening in the area at a whole day event. This was the second event under the ‘Shaping Abbey’ umbrella, working alongside other local authority, City Council, health and voluntary sector partners, supporting a joined up approach to ongoing engagement and communication.

We were joined during the day by interested residents who were able to learn about six community led projects focusing on young people, families, employment and food, at the Collaboration Café. Later a drop in opportunity was available for information sharing about key services and developments including housing investment, regeneration and community safety. Finally in the evening, a space for further conversations and contributions was available for everyone interested in the future of Abbey. For further information about this work email [shapingabbey@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:shapingabbey@cambridge.gov.uk)



### Engage!

Suzanne G and others in the team were joined by lots of organisations at the Engage! event at Meadows Community Centre. It was a busy day with sharing ideas and learning about co production, engagement and collaboration in the work that happens across the city. It was great to see so many people there getting inspired and sharing what they know, and enjoying a delicious lunch from The EDGE Café





### Active Families

Our friends over in the sports team have some great events planned for summer – all FREE and a great opportunity to try out sports and activities you might not have done before! You can pop along to any or all of the Active Family days between 10am and 2pm

- Tuesday 23 July Coldhams Common
- Tuesday 30 July Trumpington Recreation Ground
- Tuesday 6 August Cherry Hinton Recreation Ground
- Tuesday 13 August Nuns Way Recreation Ground
- Tuesday 20 August Nightingale Recreation Ground
- Tuesday 27 August Chesterton Recreation Ground (Pyes Rec)

### Music in the Parks



Back by popular demand, the FREE Music in the Park series is back for Summer 2024! Join Cambridge City Events and celebrate summertime in Cambridge as Music in the Parks, supported by Cambridge BID, makes a welcome return!

The program of free Sunday afternoon concerts is open to all and takes place on beautiful green open spaces throughout the whole city including Cherry Hinton Hall, Chesterton Rec, Jesus Green, Nuns Way Rec and Dudley Road Rec.

Find out more about each of the events here [Cambridge City Music in the Parks](#)

### Lego clubs



Did you know that some of the City Council's community centres offer an opportunity to pop in and get creative with Lego?

Free and open to all ages 3 and up, they're a fun way of catching up with friends and enjoying your local community space. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times, no booking required, just turn up! Do check with the centres directly though as some only operate during school term time.

- [Storey's Field Centre](#) Tuesdays 4 to 5pm
- [Campkin Road Community Centre](#) Thursdays 3.30 to 4.30pm
- [Clay Farm Centre](#) Thursdays 4 to 6pm
- [Brown's Field Community Centre](#) Fridays 3.45 to 4.45pm
- [Darwin Green Community Rooms](#) and [Meadows Community Centre](#) will have their own Lego clubs soon too! Keep an eye on their Facebook pages to see when they launch

## Hello Summer!



With the summer holidays just around the corner people might be wondering how they'll keep the kids busy, which is where the Hello Summer! brochure will come in very handy. Adie has worked alongside partners and pulled together the brochure which is packed full of FREE activities for children and families across the city!

Copies are available at lots of community spaces and places around the city including the City Council community centres. A PDF of the brochure can also be viewed and downloaded here [Cambridge City Summer](#), alongside a calendar of activities and information about other exciting things that are happening in the City this summer!

## Summer at the Museums

Organised by the University of Cambridge Museums, Summer at the Museums is a jam-packed programme of free or low-cost activities for the whole family across museums in Cambridgeshire. Visit from 23 July to 2 September to take part in hands-on activities and creative workshops, meet real scientists and lots more!

The full programme has launched on the University of Cambridge Museums website here [Summer at the Museums](#)



## Youth Survey

The Cambridge City Youth Survey is still live! Open to anyone in the city aged 11 to 19, this is an opportunity to let us and other organisations in the city know what services and issues matter. Responses will help shape future funding bids and activities.

The Survey can be accessed here [City Youth Survey](#) and will be 'live' until 9 August. Results will be published in September.

Look out for other events and activities in neighbourhoods over the coming months on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/cambcommdev](http://www.facebook.com/cambcommdev)