

Distington Big Local

August 2014

Distington Big Local has now been based in the office at the Community Centre for nearly two months. The office will normally be open Monday to Wednesday 9.00am to 4.30pm. The settling in period is just about coming to an end, though there are still some teething problems with various operating systems we have on the computers.

Lauren, our administrative apprentice, is working part of the time on the Big Local programme and part time with the Club for Young People, though during the school holidays she'll be spending most of her time helping out at the club as it's their busy time of year.

The Big Local Plan is now just about complete with only the information on the Board members to be added once they've been elected at the AGM. If you would like to have a look at the draft version then please get in touch on: 01946 834297 or

davedistingtonbiglocal@gmail.com

There have been meetings recently with representatives from Job Centre Plus looking at the possibility of setting up a Job Club in the Community Centre and with an officer from the Post Office looking for premises for a new service in the village. As well as the Community Centre she also had a look at the old Methodist chapel which a group of volunteers hope to re-open shortly.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you'll find information about Big Local AGM in August. Please come along to find out more about the Plan, the Board and when we expect the £1m to become available for spending.

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We now have a Facebook page and a Twitter account so please follow us and keep up to date with what's going on at Distington Big Local:



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www.distingtonbiglocal.org



Star People



Do you have a good idea for setting up your own business?

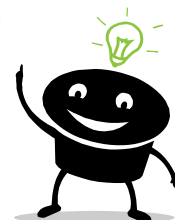
Does your idea help the community in any way?

If so then please come and talk to us at Distington Community Centre.

You might be able to get up to £15,000 from UnLtd to help with your idea!!

Phone Lauren or Dave on 01946 834297 for more details!

Or visit the UnLtd website: www.unltd.or.uk/starpeople



Saving & Loans

Where does the time go? School holidays are upon us and Christmas will be here before we know it. So, perhaps now is a good time to remind you all that we now have a regular Credit Union collection service at the Community Centre every Tuesday morning from 9.00am until 11.00am.

Loans for school uniforms are available now, just call in and ask about them, and if you want to start saving up for Christmas, using the Credit Union in Distington is a really convenient way to do so. Our local volunteer collectors are friendly and knowledgeable, so come along and find out more.

Free membership is still available to all Distington residents so why not join those who have already set up a Credit Union account with us.

For more information on your local Credit Union visit:

www.wedcu.co.uk

The Distington Big Local AGM

Distington Big Local will be holding its first AGM (Annual General Meeting) on Tuesday the 26th August at 6.30 pm in the main hall at Distington Community Centre. **Everyone is welcome to attend!!**

The main topic of discussion will be the election of the members of the Distington Big Local Board. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Distington Big Local Board, please complete the nomination form on the back of this newsletter and return to the Community Centre or email it to laurendistingtonbiglocal@gmail.com There are also links to the form on our facebook, twitter and on our website. If you do complete one of these forms please make sure it is with us no later than Tuesday 19th August.

Remember, this is your Big Local so please come along and find out what's going on. This is also a good opportunity to share your ideas and opinions (and there'll be tea, cake and biscuits!). It is really important that we get as many people as possible along to this meeting. It won't last more than an hour so come along and bring the kids as well if you want.

**Distington Big Local
First Annual General Meeting
Distington Community Centre
Tuesday August 26th at 6.30pm**



Distington Community Centre, Church, Distington

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Board Membership: Nomination Form

(Please drop off at the Big Local Office in the Community Centre or email to laurendistingtonbiglocal@gmail.com before **4.30 on Tuesday 19th August**)

Name: _____

Address: _____ Post code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Tell us why you want to become a member of the Distington Big Local Board for the coming two years:

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Big Local

Distington Big Local Community Chest

There is currently £2,500 in the DBL Community Chest available for local groups, or groups working in Distington, to apply to for up to £500.

If your group wants to buy or do something during the coming weeks and need some additional funding then come and see us at the Community Centre and we'll give you an application form. Alternatively, ring 01946 834297 and we'll send one out to you in the post or visit the website, www.distingtonbiglocal.org and download one.

**Get you application now, this money is for Community Groups
in Distington**