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# Tamworth CVS Network News

## Tamworth Centre for Voluntary Services

(Tamworth CVS) is the voluntary and community sector's local support agency.

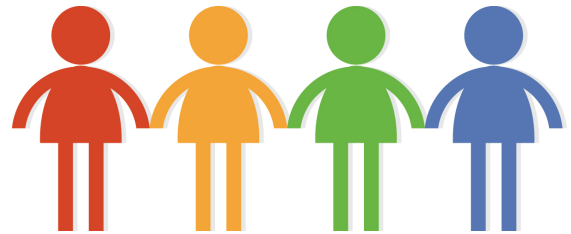
We provide specialist information, advice, guidance and development support for voluntary organisations, community groups, the community work of faith groups and social enterprises and community interest companies.

This new publication for our wider network of voluntary and community groups will let you know about the support and services which we can provide to groups, benefits of membership of Tamworth CVS, highlight some of the work that we've been involved in, and provide information about funding streams available to the voluntary and community sector.

**WHY NOT BECOME A MEMBER OF TAMWORTH CVS? Membership is open to local voluntary and community groups.**

### Benefits of Membership include:

- **Know how** - stay ahead with the latest information, advice and quality accredited support to help secure the future of your organisation.
- **Finding the right people** - we receive around 700 volunteer applications a year which we carefully filter and match to ensure that you get the right people with the right skills to help your organisation.



- **An influential network** – together, our combined voice has real strength. Tamworth Voluntary and Community Sector Forum and our links to Staffordshire Third Sector Network help provide access to local and countywide decision-makers.
- **Raising your profile** - get your message out there! We can help with publicity and document design, along with providing opportunities to place articles and adverts in our regular *Tamworth Connects* newsletter, and to have a stand at events.
- **Saving money** - keep your costs down. Members benefit from reduced rates (often free) for all our services.

**Contact us for details** – ring 01827 709657 or email: [enquiries@tamworth-cvs.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@tamworth-cvs.org.uk)

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## Case Study – MS Yoga Group

The co-ordinator of a yoga group for people with MS contacted the CVS to request help in finding funding to expand the group.

The group needed funding for a specialist instructor, specialist equipment and also wanted to promote the group to a wider audience.

An article promoting the group was published in our October newsletter and separately TCVS Development Officer worked with the group co-ordinator on



a constitution for the group, separate to the links they have with Tamworth and Lichfield MS Society.

We also supported them with an application to Staffordshire County Grass Roots Fund and the group was awarded £1,160 in November 2010.

The MS Yoga Group now has a block booking at Wilnecote Parish Hall ensuring that the activities take place every Tuesday and the class numbers have risen from on average 5-6 to 15.

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## Do you need volunteers to help deliver the aims & objectives of your organisation?

Then register with Volunteer Centre Tamworth. We will:

- carefully match prospective volunteers to your organisation and the opportunities you have available.
- help you to support, manage and retain your volunteers, with the best advice, information and support available in this region.
- support you in developing new volunteering roles to support your organisation.
- promote your volunteering opportunities to potential volunteers.

If your organisation relies on people to help, then Volunteer Centre Tamworth can help find you that extra pair of hands.

### For details contact Volunteer Centre

**Tamworth**, 8 Aldergate, Tamworth, B79 7DL on 01827 736090, or email:

[info@volunteercentre tamworth.org.uk](mailto:info@volunteercentre tamworth.org.uk)

## Opening of the new Tamworth John Lewis At Home Store

On Wednesday 12th October a ribbon cutting ceremony was held to officially



open the John Lewis At Home store in Tamworth.

It was performed by Michelle Meacham, Tamworth Volunteer Centre manager and representatives from Rosie's Helping Hands and Bancroft Community Association. All three will be recipients of a donation from the retailer's Community Matters scheme.

Nomination forms to become a future recipient of the retailer's Community Matters donation are available in store now!



## News

### Christmas Closures

The Tamworth CVS Office and Volunteer Centre Tamworth will close at 3.30pm on Thursday December 22nd and re-open at 9.30am on Tuesday January 3rd. *A very Happy Christmas and New Year from everyone at Tamworth CVS!*



### Date for your Diary - 2012 Funders Fair

Thursday 9th February 2012, 1pm-4pm at the Assembly Rooms, Corporation St, Tamworth. This FREE event is open to any organisation or group looking for funding, working in either the voluntary or community sector, or social or community enterprises. No need to book, just drop in any time between 1pm and 4pm. *This event is organised by Tamworth CVS in association with Artswitch, Tamworth's Arts Network.*

### My Community Starter

Zurich has launched a free Community Toolkit Pack for people who want to get involved in organising small, straightforward community activities, providing guidance on some legal, health and safety, insurance and planning issues. <http://www.communitytoolkit.co.uk/>

### Free advice on money matters

For details visit: [www.tamworth-cvs.org.uk/info/moneymatters](http://www.tamworth-cvs.org.uk/info/moneymatters)

### CTXchange - Get technology donations from Microsoft, Cisco and Symantec

Did you know that some of the world's leading technology companies will donate their products to eligible UK charities? For the full range of available products and how to apply for a donation, visit: [www.ctxchange.org/](http://www.ctxchange.org/)

### InKind Direct – Offering Donated Goods

Provide a single contact point for companies with goods to donate. They accept large quantities of goods and then store, sort and deliver them directly to charities' doors in response to their needs and demands. For details visit: [www.inkinddirect.org/about](http://www.inkinddirect.org/about)

## Funding

In these difficult times, we know how important it is to find funding opportunities which will help you to continue to deliver your valuable services to the local community.

### The Coalfields Regeneration Trust - Coalfields Community Grants Level 1

The Trust's Level 1 grant Programme can award grants from £500 up to £5,000. It is targeted at community and voluntary organisations who can demonstrate that a grant will impact positively on people living in coalfield communities. Eligible coalfield wards in Tamworth are: Amington, Belgrave, Bolehall, Castle, Glascote, Mercian & Stonydelph. Applications can be submitted at any time.

### Participatory Budgeting – Amington Locality Area

Participatory Budgeting, a community focused funding opportunity, has opened for groups to deliver projects between £500 and £5,000 within the Amington Locality Area. Projects need to show that they will make a positive change in the community. If you are interested in bidding, you can contact Community Development Officer Yasser Din on 01827 709388 or by email to: [yasser-din@tamworth.gov.uk](mailto:yasser-din@tamworth.gov.uk) for more information or an application form. Applications will close at 12noon on January 5 2012.

### Funding for Financial Literacy Projects

The MSE Charity provides grants to both individuals and constituted community based groups (including schools) to help fight financial and consumer illiteracy and to educate and inform adults and children about consumer and debt issues. Grants of up to £5,000 are available for group projects such as self-help groups, workshops and other innovative schemes that seek to educate people about money, debt and consumer issues. The deadline for the next round of group applications is the 31st January 2012.



### **Percy Bilton Charity**

This charity give grants up to £2,000 towards capital expenditure and grants up to £500 towards furnishing and equipment to organisations working with disadvantaged/ underprivileged young people, people with disabilities (physical or learning disabilities or mental health problems) or older people.

### **Lloyds TSB Foundation**

This year, Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales celebrates its 25th anniversary, and has £25m to give to fund the core work of charities that help disadvantaged people to play a fuller role in the community.

### **Garfield Weston**

The Garfield Weston Foundation supports a wide range of organisations with grants of varying sizes. Recent funding has supported projects in the following categories: Arts, Community, Education, Welfare, Medical, Religion, Youth and Environment.

### **BBC Children in Need**

Grants are open to organisations working with disadvantaged children and young people who are 18 years old and under. Your organisation and project must be based in the UK and you need to be a registered charity or other not-for-profit organisation.

### **Comic Relief - Older People Programme**

This programme will open for applications on the 16th January 2012. The aim of the programme will be to support projects that help older people cope with the challenges of this particularly harsh financial climate and the resultant exclusion and hardship it is causing; supporting older people (65+) to build their knowledge and skills to manage their money more effectively, ensure access to good, independent financial advice, guard against financial scams and abuse and cope better with cold homes. The closing date for stage 1 is the 13th February 2012. Applications chosen for further consideration will then have until the end of March to apply.

### **The Archer Trust**

The Archer Trust prefers to support organisations working in areas of high unemployment and deprivation, and favour charities that make good use of volunteers.

You need to meet the following criteria:

- A small UK charity for whom a grant of between £250 and £3,000 will make a big difference
- You provide aid or support to a defined group of needy or deserving people e.g. people with physical or mental disabilities.

Trustees meet twice a year, normally in March and September.

### **Ideas Tap Ideas Fund Innovators Competition**

This fund is open to young people aged 16-25 who have an idea for a creative project. Ten awards of £1,000 are available; applications from all creative disciplines will be accepted. The closing date for applications is 23rd December 2011.

### **Volant Charitable Trust**

Registered charities whose purpose is to alleviate poverty and social deprivation with particular emphasis on children and women's issues can apply for funding through the Volant Charitable Trust. The next deadline for applications is Friday, 27th January 2012.

For details of all of these funding opportunities go to:

[www.tamworth-cvs.org.uk/info/funding](http://www.tamworth-cvs.org.uk/info/funding)

Or for more information on funding, and for support in completing funding applications please contact Wil Summers, Development Officer on 01827 709657 or email:

[enquiries@tamworth-cvs.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@tamworth-cvs.org.uk)

To get more funding opportunities sent direct to your inbox every week, why not become a member of Tamworth CVS? Our weekly e-bulletin is packed with news, information about training, jobs, volunteering and funding, and is FREE TO MEMBERS. Contact us for more details.

