

## THE LINK NURSERY

We are a well-established nursery on Bury Road, Haslingden with large and spacious indoor and outdoor learning environments. We benefit from having a purpose built baby unit which contains underfloor heating, low level windows and a sensory area. The sunflower room (2-3 year olds) is a self-contained environment ensuring children can be independent under the close supervision of qualified practitioners. The pre-school room emphasises on preparing children for school and from September 2019 the children will benefit from learning phonics. Within the pre-school room the children engage in keyworker group time alongside free play and planned focused activities. Each room within the nursery has access to outdoor provision. The outdoor provision has been carefully designed to enable children to explore outdoors in all weather conditions. At The Link Nursery we have well qualified, committed and fun staff to ensure your little treasures enjoy their time with us.



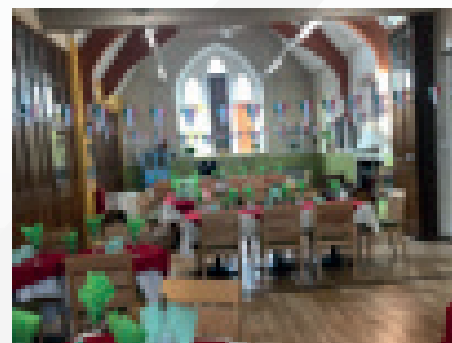
## HASLINGDEN COMMUNITY LINK

Since the last newsletter was circulated our Centre Manager, Jane Riley, has left Haslingden Community Link and Andrew Mullaney has now been appointed as Development and General Manager. Andrew is very familiar with the area having lived in Rossendale most of his life. He has strong links with Haslingden Community Link as his father and he and his four brothers went to the site when it was a primary school. In addition, both Andrew's children attended the nursery and child care at Haslingden Community Link. His employment has been varied. Initially he trained and worked as a chef then progressed to teaching in Further Education and on to a number of senior roles within several national training organisations, all of which means he brings a wide range of skills and knowledge to the centre and he is relishing the challenge of driving our community business forward "For the Common Good"

We shall be running a Dementia Friends hour long information session 11:00am – 12:00 noon on Wednesday 18th September 2019. If you would like to attend please give us a call on 01706 230116 Option 5 to book your place.

Haslingden Community Link is always looking for volunteers so if you feel you have a skill to share, please contact Sue Hadley either by phone 01706 230116 Option 5 or by calling into the centre.

This month will see the resumption of courses/classes e.g. English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Functional



Skills Maths, Functional Skills English, Talk English, Digital Skills, Easy Sequence Dancing, Child Drama, Adult Drama, Kid's Rock, Weight Watchers, Friends Reminisce, Made in Haslingden, Rossendale Death Café, Karma Minds, Flower Club and Beginner's Yoga.

Our popular weekly Crafternoons session, Community Lunch and Health Walk continue throughout the year.

Saturday 31st August saw the first of our themed dining events. This time the focus was Italian, our café looked lovely and we were sold out. Our next themed event will focus on French cuisine and will take place on Saturday 23rd November – keep an eye on our facebook page for further details and booking arrangements. Details will also be available from our centre. Why not call in for lunch?

If you already use our centre, thank you for your custom, if not please come along to see us – you will receive a very warm welcome.

Haslingden Community Link is a Registered Charity number 1075926. All profits are used to help us provide more services for our local community.



### CREATE TOGETHER WORKSHOP

For All Ages – Let your artistic side come alive!

When? – SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

Where? – Haslingden Methodist Church Café  
BB4 5SL

Time? – 10.30am to 12 noon  
Facebook Haslingden Methodist Church



### Haslingden Little Lambs Playgroup

At Haslingden Methodist Church  
Manchester Road, BB4 5SL

From Friday 9.30 - 11.00 (Term time only)

No charge, although contributions accepted  
Further details from Kath on 07592 707297.  
All Welcome - Hope you can join us?  
Starting September 13<sup>th</sup> 2019



### YOU ARE INVITED to the PLACE OF WELCOME

Every Thursday 10am – 12 noon

AT  
HASLINGDEN METHODIST CHURCH, BB4 5SL

- Friendship and Hospitality
- Regular opening - every Thursday morning
- Free refreshments
- Local knowledge about the neighbourhood

#### EXCITING NEWS

Starting in September ..... A programme of wellbeing, creative and life skills sessions.

**Do you want help with budgeting?**

**Do you want to learn and improve your IT skills?**

**Do you want to improve your cooking skills?**

**Do you want to explore wellbeing activities?**

**Do you want to explore your creative side?**

If your answer is YES to any of the above then please either ring Kath on 07592 707297 or call in on any Thursday morning at Haslingden Methodist Church.

# HASLINGDEN COMMUNITY

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## LET'S KEEP THE NEWSLETTER GOING!



This newsletter has been produced to strengthen the community. It's been a collaboration by the CLAHRC project with support from Lancashire County Council, Rossendale Borough Council, REAL and Haslingden Community Link.

Funding has come to an end, but we'd like to see it continue. For this we need two things:

If we can harness support from those who live and work here, we will work with you to pursue funding to enable it

to continue. If anyone in the community has an interest in being part of a newsletter team then we'd love to hear from you.

We've heard lots of compliments from residents. If we are going to get funding to keep it going, we will need some positive stories to share with funders. We'd really like to hear your thoughts. Do you have a story about how it's helped you? or would you like to share some ideas or compliments? Then please get in touch!

We need help from people or groups young or old with interest or talent in writing articles, collating the newsletter, being an editor or taking photographs. Please contact Sue Hadley at Haslingden Community Link on 01706 230116 or mail her on shadley@hcl.org.uk

## HASLINGDEN - OUR TRANSPORT CHALLENGES

Last year the CLARHC project researched and made a booklet called 'What's your story?' We distributed them around Haslingden - in the library, Haslingden Community Link, First Choice Credit Union, doctors surgeries etc, we posted the online version in local facebook groups. We asked people what they thought of the booklet, if they agreed or disagreed with what the booklet said. The feedback from the replies we received said that transport was a problem - going for a night out or going to a class at the gym or the local college they couldn't get a bus back as the buses stop running or it cost too much or didn't run at all. So our next project was to find out about public transport in Haslingden. We talked to local community groups, friends and family. We interviewed

people who were interested in the project and with our own personal experiences with public transport, the results were made into an animation. We invited representatives from local transport companies, Rossendale Borough Council, Lancashire County Council, local community groups, the NHS, local media and invited the people we had interviewed to the Launch and Workshop of the animation which was at the end of June. The launch was well attended - over 25 representatives were there. The resident advisors told the guests the story of how the animation came about and how we did the research. The animation was well received. It shows the problems we have with public transport and it also shows some ideas of possible solutions. We then asked the guests

if they had any ideas for possible solutions to the problems that were highlighted in the animation and what maybe they could do to help. The discussions were quite lively at times. Patient transport and community transport was mentioned as possible solutions and for better advertising of these services for both customers of the service and also for recruiting volunteer drivers for the services.

The animation can be watched on youtube.com, <https://youtu.be/uDX5YtTM-sE>

Watch it and tell us what you think. Do you agree or disagree with the problems? What could be done? What could the community do? What you think you could do to help? Contact Sue Hadley at Haslingden Community Link shadley@hcl.org.uk

This newsletter has been produced in conjunction with:

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Lancashire  
County Council





# SHED GROUP



Our Men's Shed is a group which makes small items from wood and other materials. We paint, drill, stick, saw and get together over a cuppa and a piece of cake, to put the world to rights! We run at the same time as the Craft Groups, but in a separate area. This enables couples or friends to follow their own interests, but to not be far from each other. As with our Craft Group, we appreciate a donation of £2 to help us to maintain the group. Groups run on Fridays at Haslingden Link. See insert for times.

## HASLINGDEN SUNFLOWER GROWING COMPETITION WINNERS



**Most unusual place:** St Thomas's Musbury  
**Best Display:** Susan Langridge  
**Tallest:** Jo Taylor  
**Widest:** Granville Shirt.

Highly commended awards to Kathy Allcock, Emily Coffey and Chloe Collings.

Presentations of certificates and prizes will be made at the Haslingden street fair in the morning. Thanks and congratulations to all who took part in this years sunflower competitions. Watch out for details of the 2020 sunflower competitions to be launched at the end of this year.

### Dr Mackenzie & Partners

If You are over 65 we will be holding our flu clinics on:



Thursday 26th & Friday 27th September,

Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd October,

Please book an appointment with reception

**\*\*Childrens and under 65 available soon\*\***

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## Volunteer Drivers Urgently Needed

Give the gift of a lift & turn miles into smiles

Be a star in a Communicar

**01282 412096**



## HASLINGDEN, HELMSHORE & EDENFIELD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP



The next local community partnership meeting will take place at 6.30pm on Tuesday 15th October at Haslingden Community Link. The meetings are open to all and are attended by local councillors, the Police, representatives for voluntary, community and faith groups and local residents. There will be a police update on local issues, and the chance to find out more about what is happening in the area, and raise any issues you may have. If you would like to raise a specific issue contact Jackie Flynn at [jackieflynn@rossendalebc.gov.uk](mailto:jackieflynn@rossendalebc.gov.uk) or just come along on the day

# HASLINGDEN 2040



A "bold and exciting" new vision and plan for Haslingden Town Centre, shaped by residents and businesses, has been published.

Haslingden 2040 has been used as a basis of a bid for National Lottery Heritage Funding, which the Council has submitted a bid for.

It includes plans to create new event spaces, shared green areas for people to meet and better pedestrian links.

More than 1,000 residents and business people helped shape the draft vision and plan.

The proposals have been backed by local MP Graham Jones and local business people.

The plans are not set in stone and the Council, working with the Haslingden Strategic Board, will continue to work with local businesses and residents to develop the proposals.

The vision underpinning the plan states:

"In 2040, Haslingden Town Centre will unlock its potential to be known as a "hidden gem" for nature and countryside explorers. The town centre will be a hub of community activity and heritage renaissance which captures the fusion of cultural and historical experiences it has to offer. With a refreshing stream of investment, Haslingden will be a town for everyone."

Deputy Council leader Councillor Jackie Oakes said: "We all have heard the stories of how difficult and tough it is for the high street at the moment. But I believe with a bit of imagination, a clear vision and everyone working together, town centres can buck that trend

"The town has so much potential so our job is to make sure we bring in the funding to unlock that potential.

"We have worked hard to gather views on what Haslingden town centre should look like in the future.

"It is not just physical improvements though. We want the vision to act as a call to action that brings people, public services, businesses and community organisations together and really get behind the town and create a positive vibe.

"The vision and masterplan will continue to evolve and further discussion is needed with the community before any plans are implemented.

"I hope everyone gets behind the bid and I am delighted businesses and Graham say they are backing it."

Ideas to improve the town centre include:

- Extended paving and pedestrianisation of Upper Deardengate
- Creation of new event spaces for community activities such as artisan's markets
- New nature pocket park with seating areas centred around a statue of William Cockerill
- Enhanced public realm on Pleasant Street and around the graveyard
- Refurbishment of the existing Big Lamp and a creation of a new Big Lamp
- Grants to shopkeepers for property refurbishments
- Market improvements
- Architectural lighting to key features and alleyway improvements



• Forging stronger working arrangements between public services such as health, police and local transport operators, business, community, voluntary and faith sector such as youth groups and residents

• Community micro-grants scheme to support and develop community groups to make the town a better place

Mr Jones, whose constituency covers Haslingden, said: "I have always believed town centres should be at the heart of our community but sadly they are facing tough times at the moment as people's shopping habits change.

"This new vision addresses those challenges and hopefully will be a blueprint for how we can reinvigorate the town centre.

"I am very pleased local people and businesses have been involved in shaping the plans.

I fully support the new plan and hope the fresh bid for funding will reap the rewards so we can develop a town centre that is fit for the future - one that residents and businesses of Haslingden deserve."

Local business leader Leigh Andrews, who is organising a street fair for the town, said: "This is exactly what Haslingden needs, a clear plan to improve the town so it becomes one residents can be proud of and one which attracts visitors and shoppers from afar to sample its unique offer."

Made in Haslingden presents **BRONTË**  
 An entertaining story of The Bronte Sisters, their family & characters from their novels  
 Performed by The Summerseat Players  
 MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2019, 7.30PM  
 at The Theatre Royal, Smithy Street, Ramsbottom, BL0 9AT  
 TICKETS £10  
 Available from Rachel  
 Tel: 0770 4859056  
 Email: [rachel@madeinhaslingden.org](mailto:rachel@madeinhaslingden.org)  
 Raising funds for our Dementia Friendly Men's Shed  
 Refreshments available

MADE IN HASLINGDEN  
 Dementia Carers Cafe  
 A new group for family carers supporting people living with dementia. Connect with other carers, learn more about dementia and new ways to cope & live well.  
 HASLINGDEN COMMUNITY LINK BURY ROAD BB4 5PG  
 1.45- 3PM  
 Friday 18th October 2019 .....Dementia & the Brain  
 Friday 15th November 2019.....Tips for communication  
 Friday 13th December 2019.....Xmas Rescue Plan  
 Friday 17th January 2020.....Stress and Emotions  
 Friday 21st February 2020... Legal & Financial  
 Friday 20th March 2020..... Mindfulness & Fun  
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 CONNECT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY  
 TO IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH & WELLBEING  
 GET ACTIVE & IMPROVE HEALTH  
 IMPROVE WELLBEING & REDUCE GP APPOINTMENTS  
 FIND FRIENDS & IMPROVE SOCIAL LIFE  
 GET OUTDOORS FOR FRESH AIR  
 JOIN IN WITH FUN ACTIVITIES & GROUPS  
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 A Community Connector can support you to improved health & wellbeing through social inclusion & community activities  
 Get support from a member of your local community  
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