



## Community News

The **Community Hotline** continues via Northfield Community Partnership ...

**0121 411 2157** (9am-5pm Monday to Thursday, 9am-4pm Friday)

for help including shopping and picking up medication as well as benefits and other advice or if you'd just like a friendly phone-call.

**Larry's**, our Thursday young people's group, has now become so successful that we are unfortunately having to **turn down new members**. It's wonderful that those attending enjoy it so much they want to bring their friends, but we kindly ask that no further invitations are offered for the time being. Thank you. Please contact Revd Theresa for more information: 07557 472096 or [theresa.curate@gmail.com](mailto:theresa.curate@gmail.com)

**Raising Black Voices** is a collective of young Black artists from, or living in, the Northfield area, set up to find ways to support each other and work creatively together. A current plan is to gather people's stories and showcase their experiences through dance, video, art, and other mediums, allowing young people to express themselves in a positive and powerful way. Email [raisingblackvoices@gmail.com](mailto:raisingblackvoices@gmail.com) for information.

Don't forget it's Rowheath Pavilion's **Christmas Craft and Food Market** on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 10am-3pm, with local crafters, small businesses, bar, café and street food. Please wear a face covering.

**NewStarts** is an exciting Christian community re-use social enterprise, with bases at Arden Road Frankley and Bromsgrove. By providing free furniture, emergency food and household supplies to anyone on low incomes or in financial crisis they are both an environmental charity as well as poverty and homelessness prevention. Since April they have saved 19 tonnes of furniture, household items, clothes and computers from going to landfill! For anyone who needs assistance, or to offer donations or volunteer support, call 0121 679 2072 or 01527 882410, visit <https://newstarts.org.uk> or see their Facebook page.

Plans are being made by the Digbeth Dining Club team to open **Herbert's Yard**, a newly built events venue in Longbridge Town Centre, which will host a café, markets, street food, community events and more. But if you can't wait until then, a pop-up event is being held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November for a first look. Details to be announced in coming days on the new Herbert's Yard Facebook page and Instagram.

You may remember the **Growing Up Green** activities which took place in the Northfield area in September, including at Masefield Community Garden, The Eco Centre and in our very own churchyard. A video has been produced that gives children a voice to the COP26 leaders. Watch it here: <https://vimeo.com/643621975?fbclid=IwAR2W2rW0kQ-7rQrVv3K46YcvBEGKC92cMB55b916wHbU-osxLuW17ZyDIEI>

**Eco Tip:** Last week's Notices offered this link <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/> to work out your own personal carbon footprint and think about changes you could make to reduce this. But what if we don't make changes? If world leaders, and us as individuals, don't stick to our pledges to take action to control climate change, it's not just people on the other side of the world who will be affected. The UK is already experiencing increased rainfall and higher temperatures, and these extreme weather events are likely to become even more frequent. To find out how climate change may affect your local area, put your postcode into this tool, developed by the BBC and Met Office. You may be very surprised by the results! <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/resources/idt-d6338d9f-8789-4bc2-b6d7-3691c0e7d138>

## Covid



This week's message from **Birmingham City Council Public Health Team**:

Reported positive cases are dropping across Birmingham, however this corresponds with a decrease in testing: an increased proportion of tests are coming back positive (about 1 in 7), so it is suspected that the number of positive cases is actually higher than the figures indicate.

Europe (including the UK) is again seen by WHO as the world epicentre of the virus. We need to take personal responsibility now, or there is a higher risk that restrictions will once again be imposed as we head towards Christmas. So...

### **Be safe, be smart, be kind**

Saturday 13th November, is World Kindness Day . With that in mind, we can all think about some of the ways in which we are being kind to one another during COVID-19.

### **Here are a few tips for how each of us shows kindness:**

- **By being safe:** make a choice to do and encourage safe COVID-19 behaviours (For example: hands-face-space and use the NHS Test and Trace App)
- **By being smart:** know the facts (For example: find out how and where to get the vaccine or booster at <https://www.birminghamandsolihullcovidvaccine.nhs.uk/>, and see the Government's Covid guidance at <https://www.gov.uk>)
- **By being generous:** share the facts and support others

### **Acts of kindness help our communities stay safe during the winter months.**

Remember to continue to show solidarity with affected people and check in with loved ones regularly. All of our friends, family and communities want to keep life moving during COVID-19 and to do this each one of us needs to play an active role in taking on COVID-19 safe behaviours. We can think of COVID-19 safe behaviours as some easy and effective acts of kindness.

Birmingham Festive Markets have now opened, and shopping season plus winter celebrations will soon pick up. In these uncertain times, the power of kindness can do more than ever; one small act of kindness can make a huge difference and help safeguard our communities from the virus as we enjoy the festive season.

**Remember:** Being safe, being smart, being generous means **being kind**.

**Let's all do our bit to keep each other safe**