

The newsletter of The Volunteer Centre Chesterfield and NE Derbyshire

Showcase your organisation

This year at The Voluntary Sector Awards, we are making space at the back of the auditorium for groups and organisations to bring along a display should they wish. Gives you a great chance to put up a display, hand out some promotional leaflets or just chat to interested members of the public. Then, when the awards are underway you can sit down and watch them!

If you want to make the most of this great opportunity then please get in touch. dave@chesterfieldvc.org.uk



The Voluntary Sector Awards 2025

Tickets are just £9, including £2 booking fee and available from Chesterfield Borough Council. As usual all shortlisted organisations will get 2 free tickets.

It doesn't cost a penny to nominate someone to The Voluntary Sector Awards, but being nominated is worth a fortune to those who work and volunteer with you.

We don't expect you to write pages – just a maximum of 250 words – if you nominated someone for every category that would be 2,500 words, you've had funding bids rejected that have taken longer! However, for a quick 250 words you could make someone's day. Put a smile on a face that will last longer than a day – a smile that will last a lifetime.

CLICK HERE Get you nominations in! CLICK HERE

Who do I nominate?



Remember that project you thought about for ages? That one you thought would never get off the ground and then everyone loved it? Everyone said how groundbreaking it was and how they wish it had been around before? Well that sounds like the perfect candidate for **Most Innovative Project** to me



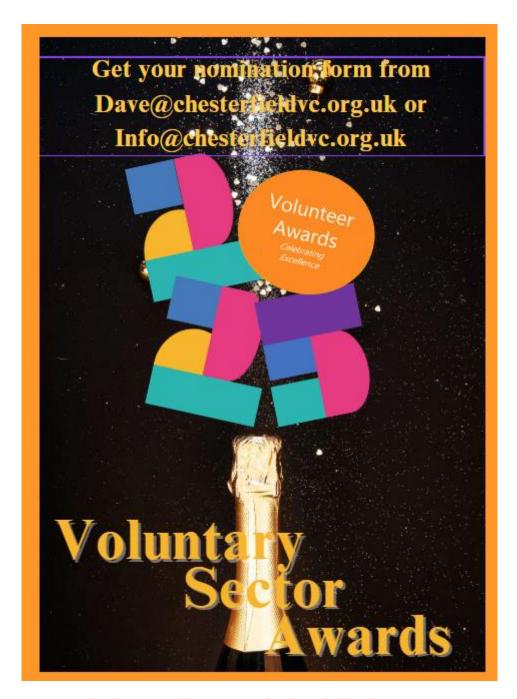
And then there's you – you as an organisation. Look at the difference you make to your communities! Isn't it time you patted yourself on the back? Gave everyone involved with you a shot in the arm. **Organisation of the Year** – definitely.



Ahhh Trudy, where would you be without young Trudy. A ray of sunshine every day.

Always the first volunteer to volunteer. If she isn't worthy of **Young Volunteer of the Year** then I don't know who is. Why not nominate her and see.

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As the weather warms up be prepared!



Heat-Health Alert summary action card for the voluntary and community sector

This is a summary of the suggested actions for each Heat-Health Alert level. Check the Heat-Health Alert action card for the voluntary and community sector for more detail, including the required actions for summer preparedness, and adapt actions to your service as appropriate.

as appropriate. Summary actions for Yellow Alert	
	Use the Heat-Health Alert impact matrix to inform the local risk assessment for, and response to, hot weather
	Share and emphasise the importance of Beat the Heat messages to clients and staff
	Raise awareness of heat illnesses and their prevention among clients and carers
	Support the provision of information about health risks from reliable sources – especially to vulnerable groups and underserved populations
	Operationalise cool rooms or areas (able to be maintained below 26°C)
	Monitor temperatures inside buildings, especially where people spend most time and aim to keep as cool as possible (for example by closing windows during the day and opening windows when it is cooler outside, such as at night)
	Review, prioritise and monitor individuals most vulnerable to heat-related illnesses
	Ensure sufficient cold water and ice are available to minimise risks from dehydration
	Summary actions for Amber Alert
	Continue Yellow Alert actions
	Invoke local business continuity and/or hot weather plans
	Ensure individuals most vulnerable to heat-related illnesses have appropriate arrangements in place for monitoring
	Summary actions for Red Alert
	Follow all local emergency response plans
	Monitor the current situation by checking the weather alerts or local news
	Continue Amber Alert actions



Beat the heat

Plan ahead



Check the weather forecast and the news



Plan ahead to avoid the heat



Schedule activities to cooler times of the day

Keep yourself cool



Drink plenty of fluids and avoid excess alcohol



Wear sunscreen, a hat, and sunglasses



Cool your skin with water and slow down

Find somewhere cool



Close blinds and curtains during the day



Go indoors or outdoors, whichever feels cooler



Avoid closed spaces like stationary cars

Be safe



Be on the lookout for signs of heat related illness



Look after yourself and check in with others



Stay safe when swimming



Get help. Call NHS 111 or in an emergency 999

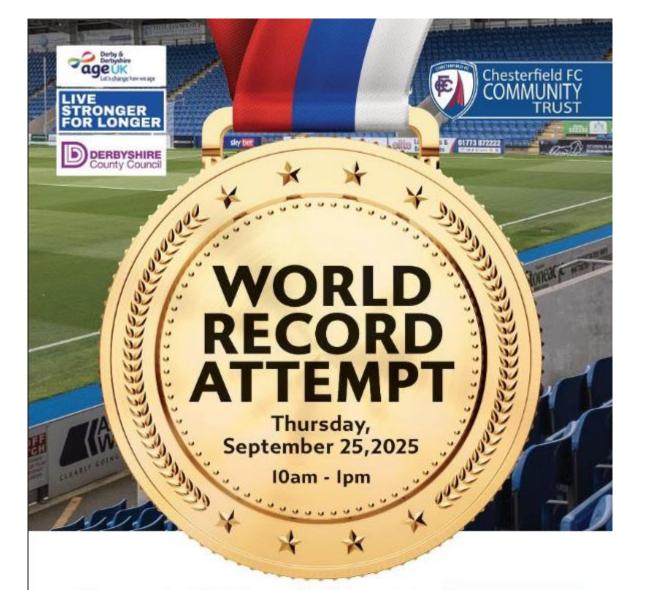
For more information go to: gov.uk/ukhsa/beat-the-heat

Come and join us for the best night of the year!
Entertainment, Fun, Frivolity!
You won't get that on a
Wednesday evening at home!

September 10th, 2025 - Chesterfield Winding Wheel

And don't forget - Get your nominations in!

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Join us at the SMH Group Stadium to help us with our record attempt for the amount of people taking part in chair-based exercise.

Local organisation market stalls, food & drink available to purchase and a donation for parking on the day.

> ADULTS £5 | UI6 £2 Please book by September 8, 2025



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