

the ECHO

*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

Volunteer Awards

*Celebrating
Excellence*

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 your 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.

[CLICK HERE](#) Get your nominations in! [CLICK HERE](#)

Get your nomination form from
Dave@chesterfieldvc.org.uk or
Info@chesterfieldvc.org.uk



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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.

Summary actions for Yellow Alert

- ☐ Confirm that staff are aware of contingency plans and received the Heat-Health 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 | U16 £2
Please book by September 8, 2025

Scan here to book



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