

COMMUNITY GROUPS GRANTS



**NWLDC General Community Grant Impact
Report**

Small Grants

SMALL GRANTS UP TO £500

Suitable for:

- New projects
- New events
- Equipment
- Venue improvements and more.

Think about what could improve your service!

Bardon Hill Juniors FC - £500 awarded to support the Youth Coaching Development Programme.

- Grant funding directly supported four young coaches, while the club financed two more participants, giving six young people access to coaching qualifications in total.
- FA coaching, safeguarding and first aid qualifications were completed by participants, improving their skills and employment prospects.
- Alongside greater confidence, the young people developed leadership, communication and teamwork skills that helped them act as positive role models in the club and wider community.
- By assisting with junior football sessions, the coaches helped provide younger players with enjoyable, engaging and supportive environments.
- Twelve volunteers contributed to delivery, strengthening the club's overall volunteer workforce.
- A more sustainable coaching pathway has also been established, supporting the club's future over the longer term.
- Progression into leadership is already evident, with one participant now managing an adult team.
- Estimated social value from the project reached £14,191, equivalent to a return of £14.78 for each £1 invested.





Pride in Coalville - £500 awarded to fund the event's headline performer, supporting the delivery of the first Pride in Coalville 2025.

- Attendance exceeded 800 people, indicating broad community reach and a strong level of engagement.
- 12 volunteers were involved in delivery, providing opportunities for community involvement and participation in volunteering.
- A safe, inclusive environment was provided for LGBTQIA+ residents and allies in Coalville.
- Attendees described the event as the first occasion on which they felt genuinely recognised in Coalville, underlining the value of local visibility and inclusion.
- Local partnerships were reinforced through the project, while the volunteer team developed useful skills and closer working relationships.
- Within the local community, the event increased awareness and prompted discussion about diversity and inclusion.
- By challenging perceptions and recognising diversity, the project contributed to the organisation's objective of making Coalville more welcoming.
- Designed as a community festival, the event aimed to attract visitors to Coalville and benefit local businesses by increasing footfall. The application lists this among its main intended outcomes.

Charles Booth Centre - £312 support towards CBC Music Day

- 200 people attended Family Music Day, giving local families free access to music, arts and community activities.
- 20 volunteers helped deliver the event, allowing local people to contribute directly and strengthening community ownership.
- Families from Thringstone, Whitwick, and nearby villages came together to take part in shared activities.
- By creating opportunities to meet and build relationships, the event strengthened local connections and a sense of belonging.
- Free entry removed cost barriers and widened access to arts, culture and music for local families.
- Shared creative activities encouraged social interaction and supported positive wellbeing in a welcoming, family-friendly setting.
- The monitoring report confirms that the event was delivered as planned and judged successful by the organisers.
- Together, attendance, volunteering and community participation created an estimated £19,296 in wider social value—not direct income.
- Based on the investment figure used in the social value report, the estimated return was 53.2:1 social return on investment: £53.20 of social value for every £1 invested.

Family Music Day at Charles Booth Centre

LIVE PERFORMANCES by:

- The Cartwheel Pennies Alexander
- Roots Community Singers
- Calling Time
- Beata
- The Robbery
- Disco Karaoke with DJ Simon Adams – Sing your heart out!

FAMILY FUN ALL DAY!

- Bouncy Castles
- Fair Rides
- Garden Games
- Raffle with Great Prizes
- Stalls
- Food
- Drinks
- And so much more!

FREE ENTRY – All ages welcome!
Come along for a day of music, fun, and community joy!
Bring your friends, bring your family — make memories that last.

Charles Booth Centre, Thringstone, The Green, LE67 8NR

Free entry

2nd of August 2025

12PM TILL LATE

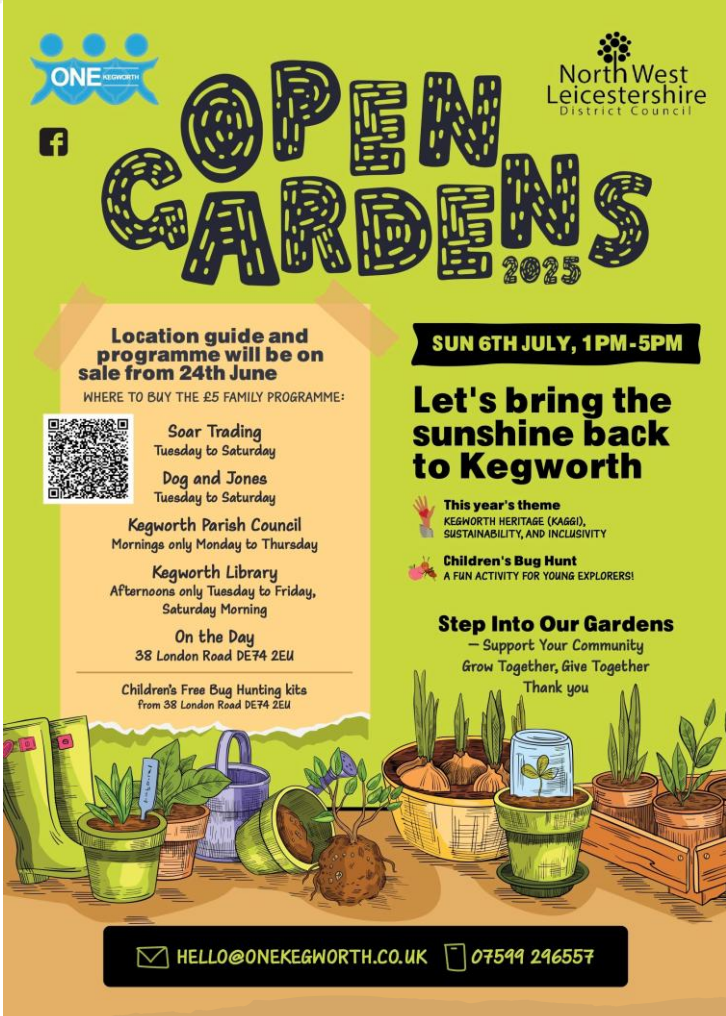


Realfest CIC – awarded £500 towards equipment to support a community event

- Festival attendance reached approximately 4,000 people across two days, reflecting a high level of community participation.
- Residents from Ashby and nearby villages were able to gather in a community setting that was both affordable and accessible.
- A team of 10 volunteers supported delivery of the event.
- Local food producers, drink suppliers and musicians gained opportunities to present their products and talents at the festival. Providing this exposure was a stated aim of the project.
- A popular community event was able to continue through the project, despite being at risk after the former organisers ceased running it.
- With admission set at £2 for adults and no charge for children, the festival remained affordable for families.
- According to the organisers, the event proceeded as planned and was regarded as a major success.
- The purchased equipment creates a lasting legacy benefit by supporting future festivals and lowering equipment hire costs. The application identified this as a sustainability objective.

One Kegworth - £466 awarded to a village wide community event

- Residents came together for a village-wide programme celebrating gardens, allotments, music, nature, local heritage and community spirit.
- Participation across generations was encouraged by local people serving as garden hosts, volunteers and performers, alongside community groups.
- Bug hunts, wildlife activities, composting demonstrations, pollinator-friendly gardens, bird and bat boxes, and bug hotels helped raise awareness of environmental issues and sustainability.
- Through heritage trails, village plaques and community stories, the event recognised local heritage and helped residents engage with Kegworth's past.
- The NWLDC Recycle More Team, Kegworth Wombles, local musicians and other volunteers all supported the day, helping reinforce partnerships across the community.
- Following requests from residents after the pre-Covid Open Gardens events, the project brought back a well-established community occasion.
- Resources purchased through the grant provide an ongoing benefit, as they can be used again for future community activities and Open Gardens events.



The poster is for 'Open Gardens 2025' in Kegworth. It features a green background with a torn-paper edge at the top. At the top left is the 'ONE KEGWORTH' logo with a Facebook icon. At the top right is the 'North West Leicestershire District Council' logo. The title 'OPEN GARDENS 2025' is in large, stylized, hand-drawn letters. Below the title, a yellow banner reads 'Location guide and programme will be on sale from 24th June'. To the right, a black banner says 'SUN 6TH JULY, 1PM-5PM'. Below the location guide, a QR code is shown next to the text 'WHERE TO BUY THE £5 FAMILY PROGRAMME:'. The locations listed are 'Soar Trading' (Tuesday to Saturday), 'Dog and Jones' (Tuesday to Saturday), 'Kegworth Parish Council' (Mornings only Monday to Thursday), and 'Kegworth Library' (Afternoons only Tuesday to Friday, Saturday Morning). Below these, it says 'On the Day' at '38 London Road DE74 2EU'. At the bottom of the location guide, it mentions 'Children's Free Bug Hunting kits From 38 London Road DE74 2EU'. To the right of the location guide, the text 'Let's bring the sunshine back to Kegworth' is followed by 'This year's theme: KEGWORTH HERITAGE (KAGG), SUSTAINABILITY, AND INCLUSIVITY' and 'Children's Bug Hunt: A FUN ACTIVITY FOR YOUNG EXPLORERS!'. Below this, it says 'Step Into Our Gardens - Support Your Community, Grow Together, Give Together, Thank you'. At the bottom of the poster, there is an illustration of various potted plants, a watering can, and a bug. At the very bottom, a black banner contains the contact information: 'HELLO@ONEKEGWORTH.CO.UK' and '07599 296557'.

ONE KEGWORTH

North West Leicestershire District Council

OPEN GARDENS 2025

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Whitwick Scouts - £500 awarded for VE80 Parade of Light & Beacon

- 1,200 people benefited from the event.
- 25 volunteers were engaged in planning and delivering the event.
- 180 volunteer hours were contributed to support the event.
- 100 young people from Scouts took part in the parade, creating a lasting educational and community legacy.
- The event marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day, bringing together residents, veterans, families, community groups and partner organisations.
- The event attracted media coverage, including local press and images featured on East Midlands Today.
- Positive feedback was received from veterans, residents, Scouts, Whitwick Parish Council and local businesses.
- The £500 grant helped towards the total event cost of £1,503.74. This equates to around 42p per person, based on 1,200 attendees.

Ibstock Palace - £500 awarded for VE Day 80 Commemorations

- 250 people participated in the programme of events.
- 22 volunteers were engaged in delivering the activities.
- 89 volunteer hours were contributed to support the events.
- Four events were delivered over a nine-day period, including film nights, a local history event and a wartime-themed family show.
- The free Local History Day provided education about the local and national impact of World War II, helping residents connect with local heritage
- The project generated strong community engagement, with an estimated 120-150 attendees at the free history event and 92 attendees at the evening wartime show.
- Positive feedback was received from attendees, who reported enjoying both the Local History Day and the wartime show.
- The project strengthened partnership working through collaboration with the Ibstock Historical Society, helping to increase awareness and attendance.
- The events also supported fundraising for the Royal British Legion through donations collected during the commemorations.



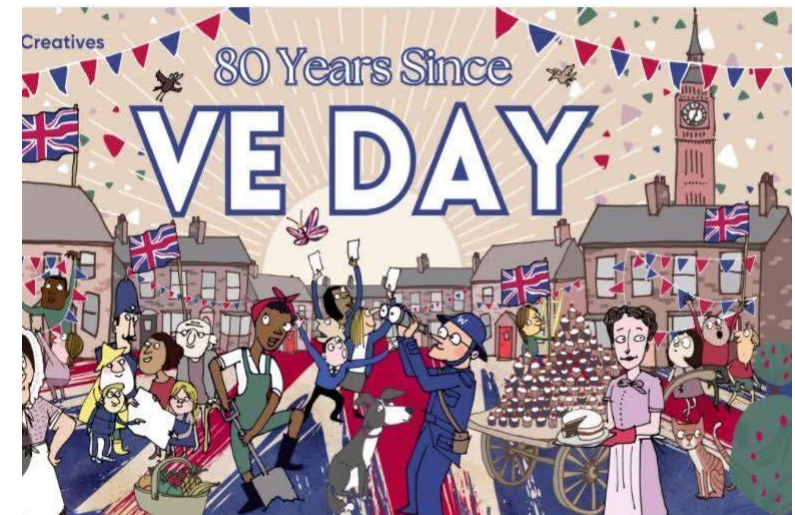
ODA Memorial Garden - £500 awarded for a range of environmental, educational activities



- 500 people benefited from the project's activities and events.
- 10 volunteers were involved in delivering the project.
- The project increased community engagement and attracted new volunteers, helping to raise the profile of the group and the Memorial Gardens.
- Wildlife-themed activities, including the creation of bird boxes and bug houses, educated residents about biodiversity and encouraged people to create habitats in their own gardens.
- Outreach events held at community venues, including the Community Market and Apple Day, helped residents learn about local wildlife and environmental sustainability.
- The 'Always' Christmas Remembrance Baubles project created opportunities for remembrance and reflection, attracting participants from outside the local area too.
- The grant funded resources and equipment that will support future outreach and heritage activities, providing a lasting legacy beyond the life of the project
- Pride, heritage awareness, environmental education and social inclusion through activities designed for people of all ages.

Ibstock Town Cricket Club - £500 awarded towards VE80 Street Party

- 290 people attended and benefited from the event.
- 5 volunteers supported the delivery of the celebrations.
- 5 volunteer hours were contributed to help organise and run the event.
- The event provided a free community celebration accessible to residents of all ages.
- The project strengthened community cohesion and intergenerational engagement, bringing families and residents together to remember those who served in WWII.
- The event promoted community spirit and social connection, with positive feedback from attendees and across social media channels
- The grant funded entertainment, equipment, seating and sustainable event materials, helping to create a high-quality community event



Coalville Squadron Air Cadets - £500 awarded flight simulator equipment

- 50 young people benefited from the upgraded flight simulator equipment
- 10 volunteers supported the delivery and implementation of the project.
- The new equipment allows flying preparation activities to be completed on Squadron premises, improving accessibility to training.
- The project enhanced opportunities for cadets to develop aviation, technology and practical skills through hands-on learning.
- The upgraded simulator supports different learning styles and helps develop dexterity, problem-solving and lateral thinking skills.
- The equipment provides a long-term training resource that will continue benefiting current and future cadets.
- The project helps keep young people engaged in positive activities and supports personal development through structured learning opportunities



Kegworth Plan Group - £500 awarded to kick start their youth litter picking and community film screenings

- 100 people benefited from the project.
- 12 volunteers were involved in delivering activities.
- Local school pupils have continued to undertake regular litter picks using the equipment purchased through the grant.
- The litter-picking activities have created opportunities for young people to become involved in environmental action and community pride initiatives.
- The enhanced promotion funded through the project helped the midweek matinee film programme grow in popularity, with audiences increasing to over 60 attendees.
- The project helped tackle social isolation, particularly amongst older residents, through accessible community film events.
- The initiative strengthened community connections by bringing together residents of different ages through shared activities and village improvement projects.
- The reusable equipment and promotional materials provide a lasting resource that will support future community events and environmental projects.





Moira Village Hall - £500 awarded

- 150 people benefited from the improved facilities.
- 4 additional folding tables were purchased, increasing seating and event capacity within the hall.
- The project improved the hall's ability to host weddings, birthday parties, meetings, church events and craft fairs.
- The additional furniture has enhanced the functionality of the Maple Hall, allowing better layouts for seating, catering and buffet provision.
- The project supports a growing number of bookings, with future events already secured, including New Year's Eve celebrations and church events.
- The investment benefits a wide range of community groups and residents who regularly use the hall for social, recreational and community activities.
- The tables provide a long-term community asset that will continue to support hall users for many years.

Ashby Cornhole Baggers - £500 awarded to purchase additional competition grade Cornhole boards

- 30 people benefited directly from the project.
- 5 volunteers were involved in delivering the project.
- The grant funded additional boards that enabled the club to expand activity beyond its existing sessions.
- The new equipment is being used to support sessions at Coalville Everyone Active and future outdoor sessions, increasing opportunities for participation.
- The project provides a free activity for existing members and residents who wish to try Cornhole for the first time.
- The funding has helped the club encourage more people to become active through participation in an accessible, low-barrier sport.
- The project has supported the promotion of Cornhole across North West Leicestershire, with further publicity opportunities including radio interviews.
- The additional equipment provides a sustainable community asset that will support future sessions and club growth.





Leicester Transport Heritage Trust - £500 awarded to community event

- 1000 adult and 250 children visitors.
- All visitors enjoyed a free trip on a vintage bus.
- Owners from all over Leicestershire brought their buses to display.
- This Community event also included North West Leicestershire police who praised the event and the 'close knit community coming together.'
- Roots Community Singers wrote and performed an original song for the Centenary. 'Midland Red Bus Song'. The Midland Red Bus Song
- Amanda Hack mentioned the event in parliament during 'Business of the House'. She said "Will the Leader of the House join me in thanking Leicester Transport Heritage Trust, the vehicle owners, Snibston Heritage Trust and the district and local councils for their hard work in showcasing their buses and putting on this amazing event? Will he also recognise the work of local volunteers and their contributions to our local communities?"



St John Ambulance - £400 to teach first aid in the community

- Two community first aid awareness sessions were delivered across North West Leicestershire.
- 100 people benefited from the training programme.
- 6 volunteers supported the delivery of the sessions.
- Volunteers contributed more than 30 hours of their time to deliver first aid training in the community.
- Participants learned the basics of first aid, CPR and emergency response, helping to build confidence to act in a health emergency.
- The project increased awareness of the importance of first aid skills and helped create more resilient communities.
- Training was provided free of charge, making life-saving knowledge accessible to local residents and community groups.



Norris Hill Community Group - £114.85 awarded for a community rose garden



- 15 new rose bushes were purchased and planted to restore the original planting scheme.
- 6 volunteers were involved in delivering the project.
- The project transformed a previously neglected area that had been overgrown with conifers and weeds into an attractive community feature.
- Existing roses were pruned, beds were cleared and replanted, and additional spring bulbs were introduced to improve seasonal displays.
- The project significantly improved the visual appearance of the entrance to the Norris Hill Estate, creating a more welcoming environment.
- Residents provided positive feedback and commented on the transformation of the site.
- The project complements the existing community orchard and has enhanced enjoyment of the wider green space for local residents.
- The restored rose beds have improved views across the surrounding fields and woodlands, contributing to local pride and environmental quality

Grant information still to come

- Ashby de la Zouch Bowling Club - £500 awarded urgent repairs to green
- Castle Donington Netball Club - £482 awarded for coaching and equipment
- Community Safety Education - £500 awarded for antibullying programme Broom Leys school

Zero Carbon Grant

ENVIRONMENT AND ZERO CARBON GRANTS UP TO £1,000*

Suitable for environmental improvement projects such as:

- Energy efficiency
- Community planting
- Litter picking
- Recycling
- Cycling / walking projects and more.

Think Green!

*requires match funding

4th Ashby Scouts - £273 awarded for a solar powered generator

- 53 young people will benefit from the project through scouting activities and events this year.
- 8 volunteers supported delivery of activities using the new equipment.
- Replacement of a petrol generator with a solar-powered generator, reducing emissions and noise pollution.
- Enhanced activity provision, enabling powered activities such as pyrography and additional lighting during scout sessions.
- Improved reliability and usability with a cleaner, easier-to-use power source compared to the previous petrol generator.
- Educational benefit through helping young people learn about solar energy and renewable technologies.
- Longterm community asset with equipment designed for a long lifespan and replaceable components, supporting future scouting activities.



Ashby de la Zouch Town Council - £1,000 awarded for a sensory garden

- 20 people directly benefitted or took part in the project.
- 12 volunteers were involved in delivering the project.
- Community members outside of the organisation benefitted from the project.
- £1,000 grant contribution helped fund the manufacture and installation of an accessible raised sensory garden bed and topsoil as part of a larger £3,140 project.
- Improved access for people with mobility challenges through the installation of a raised planting bed.
- Enhanced local green space through planting designed to stimulate the senses of sight, smell and touch.
- Positive community feedback, with visitors commenting on how attractive the area has become.
- Encourages residents and visitors to interact with the environment and spend time outdoors.



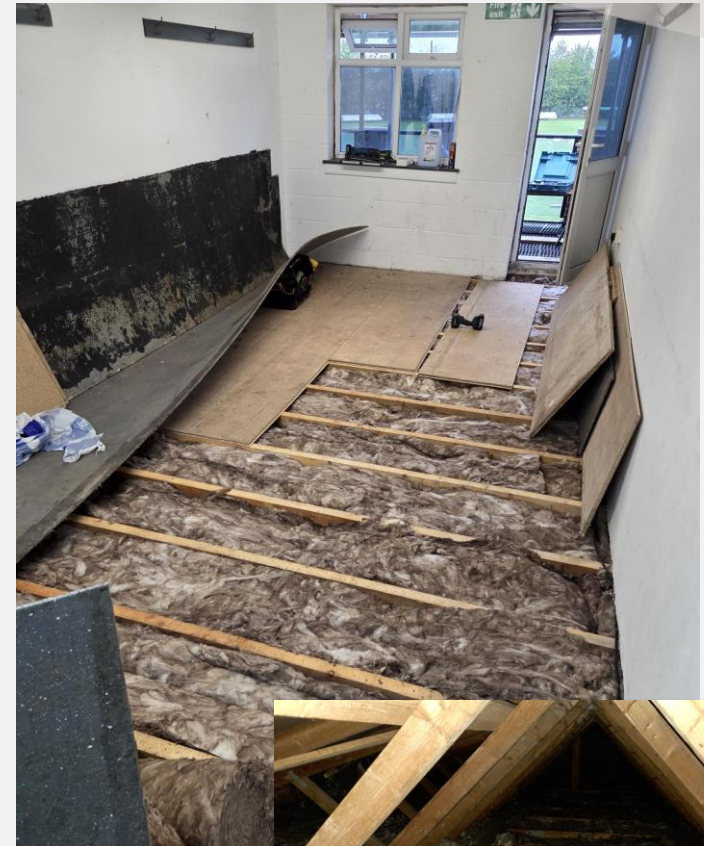
Desford Brass Band Club - £1,000 awarded towards ceiling insulation



- 400 people will benefit from the project through use of the band club and associated activities.
- 10 volunteers were involved in delivering the project.
- Reduced gas and electricity costs following the installation of new insulation tiles, with a full year comparison to be provided once data is available.
- Environmental benefits from lower energy consumption and a reduced carbon footprint.
- Support for cultural, recreational and wellbeing activities by providing a more comfortable venue for rehearsals, performances, exercise classes and community events.

Ibstock Town Cricket Club - £956.76 awarded loft insulation for the Club House

- 250 people will benefit from the project through use of the clubhouse.
- 4 volunteers were involved in delivering the project.
- Improved warmth and comfort within the clubhouse following the installation of loft, ceiling, wall and floor insulation.
- Improved soundproofing of the building, creating a better environment for users.
- Increased energy efficiency through enhanced insulation measures throughout the building.
- Expected reduction in electricity costs for heating, helping to improve the club's long-term financial sustainability. A full year comparison to be provided once data is available.
- Reduced carbon emissions through lower energy consumption.
- Supports year round community use of the clubhouse, including sports, social activities and community groups.



Thringstone Miner's Social Centre - £1,000 LED lighting



- 100 people will benefit from the project through use of the social centre.
- 2 volunteers were involved in delivering the project.
- Reduced electricity bills through the replacement of inefficient lighting with LED lighting. A full year comparison to be provided once data is available.
- Improved accessibility and user experience through better-lit facilities.
- Reduced carbon footprint by lowering energy consumption and improving energy efficiency.

Grant information still to come

- Bondgate Community Garden - £1,000 award to create a disused open space into a community garden.

Love Your Neighbourhood Grant

**LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOURHOOD**

WEEK OF ACTION
MONDAY 30 JUNE - SUNDAY 6 JULY

Communities are invited to come together to Love Your Neighbourhood

Get involved! You can:

- ♥ Organise a litter picking event
- ♥ Plant in shared spaces
- ♥ Prepare for wildflowers
- ♥ Promote recycling
- ♥ Install communal composting bins
- ♥ Help neighbours with their gardens
- ♥ Hold recycling events
- ♥ Install hanging baskets to community buildings.

Community groups, residents, businesses, tenants associations, parish and town councils, uniformed groups, PTAs plus many more can get involved by organising a community event in your neighbourhood.

Grants available of £100 and £500 | Litter picking equipment available

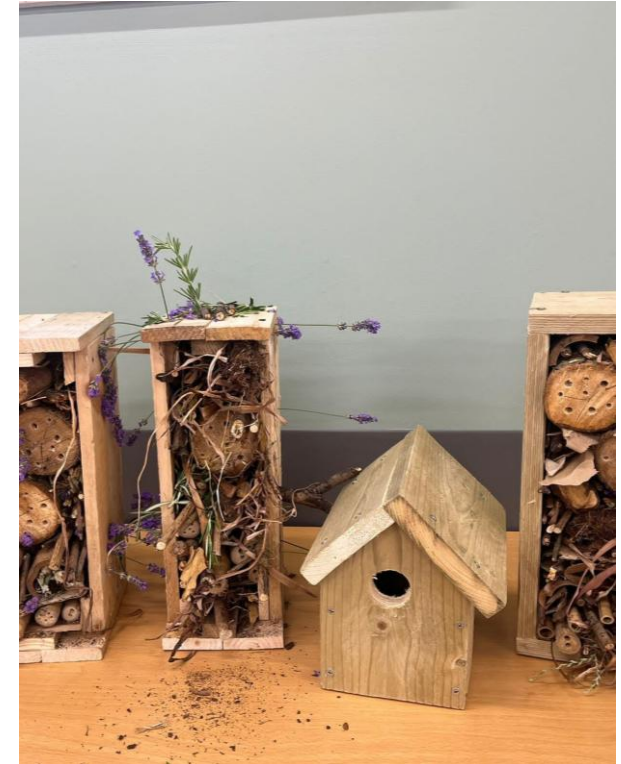


Find out more and register your event at
www.nwleics.gov.uk/LYN



**Charles Booth
Centre - £500 for
planting and
hedge cutting**

**One Kegworth- £500 for litter picking,
planting, clearing, baskets, bug
houses, bird boxes**





**1st Appleby and Measham Scouts
Group - £100 awarded towards
community litter pick and planting
Newbridge School - £100 awarded
towards litter picking, planting and
hanging baskets**