



# Leicestershire Communities

## Communities Clips

### Desford Good Neighbour Scheme

A way of helping out someone in your local community, including taking them to the shops, GP's, local library or just having a chat. It has many benefits including for the volunteers who become the 'Good Neighbours' who find it a way of making new friends and keeping involved in the community. The volunteers featured were new to the village and didn't know many people and through the scheme feel more connected. For the lady receiving the support she feels 'it's just like one big happy family....I don't know what I would do without it....'

### Ratby Community Managed Library

The Ratby Community Managed Library started out as the Ratby Library Group in September 2014 taking on the Library in autumn 2015. Since then it has gone from strength to strength and has opened up a new café and provides lots of activities for children with their parents and a space for young people after school. It has lots of volunteers and has become a real community hub.

### Digital Carers Group

Leicestershire County Council understands how important it is to support carers and how lonely and isolating the role can sometimes be. Through a SHIRE Grant LCC have funded VASL (Voluntary Action South Leicestershire) to help carers to be digitally included and therefore help to reduce isolation. Carers found it very easy to ask about the scheme and since joining they have 'never looked back' with many finding connections through social media and able to talk with friends and family using facetime and other media platforms.

### Birstall Youth Café

The Youth Café has been around since November 2008 and is funded by the Parish Council. It is open on Monday and Wednesday evening 5.30-8pm for all 8-11 year olds and has the aim of helping young people to learn right from wrong and become responsible citizens. It offers a wide range of activities including health and beauty, cooking and sports.

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