



May 2026 Edition

Building Connection, Community & Opportunity Together

Welcome to the first LESLA LOOP

Welcome to the first edition of The LESLA Loop, created to keep local people, supporters, volunteers and partners informed about what LESLA is building within Long Eaton.

After more than 3 years of work, LESLA is now officially a registered charity created to support connection, community wellbeing, young people, volunteering and community participation within Long Eaton.

We believe strong communities are built when people feel connected, supported and involved, and when local people, organisations and communities work together to create positive and lasting impact.

The LESLA Loop will provide regular updates on:

- Community activity and events
- Volunteering and opportunities to get involved
- Partnerships and community collaboration
- Fundraising and community support
- Future plans, stories and community highlights

As LESLA begins its first phase of community activation, we are excited to start building something positive for the long-term benefit of the Long Eaton community.

What's Coming Up

Community Garden Party

- Wilsthorpe Tavern, Wilsthorpe Road, Long Eaton
- Saturday 6 September 2026 times TBC

A free, relaxed community event bringing people together through food, music, connection and community spirit.

Celebrating the Windrush Legacy Gala

- The Village Hotel, Chilwell
- Saturday 17 October 2026

A ticketed event, an evening of celebration of culture, community, legacy and togetherness while helping raise funds to support future LESLA community activity.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are at the heart of what LESLA hopes to build.

We believe stronger communities are created when local people support, encourage and look out for one another, and we want LESLA to be community-led and community-supported.

We are looking for people who would like to get involved in any capacity, including:

- Volunteers
- Trustees and community supporters
- Qualified carers, wellbeing support and community volunteers
- People willing to share skills, experiences and community knowledge
- Event, fundraising and activity support
- People who simply want to help build something positive for Long Eaton

Like many local people, we have seen the impact the closure of care homes and local day/respite services has had on older adults, carers and families within the community.

Over time, we hope to help create welcoming community spaces and activities that support connection, wellbeing and community participation.

No matter your background, experience or availability, there may be a way to get involved and support the community.

Community Notices

Over the coming months, LESLA will begin exploring opportunities for:

- people to come together, connect and access community support around shared experiences, wellbeing, information and companionship
- young people to build confidence, explore future skills, participate in community activity and connect with positive experiences and opportunities
- creating welcoming spaces that encourage connection, reduce isolation and support community wellbeing and participation
- building relationships and working alongside local organisations, community groups and partners to strengthen support and opportunities within the community

Partnership & Community Updates

LESLA is beginning conversations and building relationships with:

- Local community organisations
- Volunteer group
- Wellbeing and support organisations
- Schools and youth organisations
- Local authority and community partners

We believe stronger communities are built through collaboration and shared effort.

Fundraising Updates

As a new charity, fundraising and sponsorship support will help us begin building sustainable community activity across Long Eaton.

Starting now, we will be exploring:

- Grants and funding opportunities
- Local sponsorship support
- Fundraising events and activities

Every penny raised will go back into supporting community activity.

Stories & Community Moments

As community activity begins to grow, this is where we will share:

- Community stories
- Event photos
- Volunteer highlights
- Partnership activity
- Community impact and milestones

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