



September 2018

*Hello and welcome to the E-News Bulletin of Unity. These bulletins will be sent out regularly bringing you the latest on community news & events, information, services, training, funding and more....*

Unity Updates

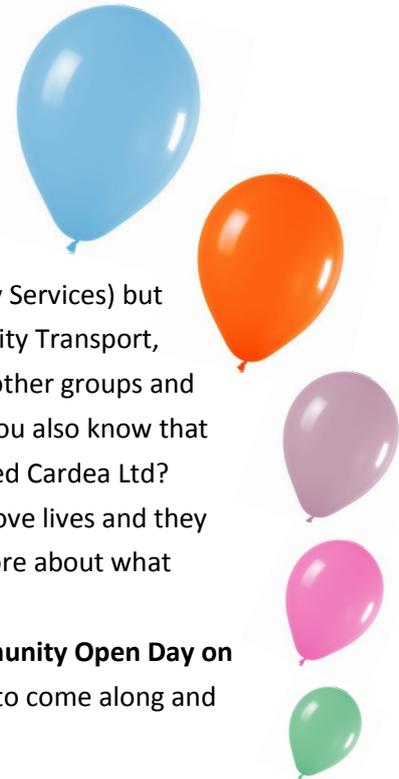
**AGM** 2018  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Unity's 2018 AGM, Conference & Volunteer Awards  
on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**  
at the **Grosvenor Hotel Stockbridge**  
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Unity (previously TVCS) provides services to support local charities & community groups. Please help us to ensure we are providing the best services possible by completing this quick survey>>



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### Unity – Bringing the Community Together

Most people locally have heard about Unity (previously called Test Valley Community Services) but did you know that they run various services throughout Test Valley such as Community Transport, Volunteering, Shopmobility? Were you also aware that they can signpost people to other groups and agencies and hold a database of over 800 organisations based in the Borough? Did you also know that they provide Payroll services and even run a not for profit Home Support service called Cardea Ltd? This charity is complex and works in the heart of the community to help people improve lives and they have decided to open their doors to enable the wider community to find out a bit more about what they do.

Unity whose Andover office is found at the Andover Bus Station, are hosting a **Community Open Day on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September from 10am – 2pm** and are inviting groups and local people to come along and introduce themselves. [Read more>>](#)

### New Unity Postal Address Service

This new service is now available to member groups & organisations.  
Is your charity/business run from home and you would prefer not to reveal your address? Using the Unity address is a simple and affordable way to keep your address private.

For more information email [info@unityonline.org.uk](mailto:info@unityonline.org.uk)



## Local News & Events

### Importance of Volunteers

James's Place is an independent day service established at Penton Park in Penton Mewsey just outside of Andover. James's Place provide a safe haven for adults with disabilities to attend an amazing setting in a family home environment, providing holistic approach encouraging social inclusion with education and personal development at the core of all activities.

They believe in "your voice, your choice" and the ability to achieve regardless of individual challenges.

As a small independent business James's Place could not survive without the amazing support of their staff and volunteers. Volunteers are an integral part of James's Place. [Read more>>](#)



### Concorde Quiz and Curry Night

Tuesday 25th September in aid of Jane Scarth House. For more [information>>](#)

### Charity Golf Day

The Mayor of Test Valley, Cllr Ian Carr MBE invites you to his Charity Golf Day on Friday 5th October at Hampshire Golf Course. The event is in aid of The Countess of Brecknock Hospice and Jane Scarth House (Romsey Cancer Support Centre). Closing date for entries is 21st September. [Read More>>](#)

### The Weyhill Electronic Organ Society presents Nicholas Martin - celebrating the Club's 200th Concert

An evening of melodic, easy listening electronic keyboard music at the Fairground Hall, Weyhill, Andover, SP11 0QN. Thursday 15 November 2018 at 7.30 p.m. (doors open 7.00 p.m.). Admission price £5 in advance - or £6 at the door. Tickets available from Just Teasin, 40 Bridge Street, Andover.

Information: 01264 323213. [Website>>](#)

### Andover & District Older People's Forum—Update

At the last meeting of Andover & District Older People's Forum the main event was about Housing. After an introduction setting out the general situation nationally, Keith Sutcliffe from Test Valley Borough Council gave an excellent presentation on what was happening in Test Valley. It was most informative and led to many questions and a full and thorough debate. As a result it was decided that the Forum should send a letter to our MP Kit Malthouse who is also Minister of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, setting out our concerns. That letter has been sent and we are looking forward to his response. [Read more>>](#)

### Andover Job Centre—Job Fair

Wednesday 7th November, 10am-2pm. [Read more>>](#)

### Are You a Member of a Community Group within Andover?

If so the 215 project would like to hear from you. With reference to the 215 names on the War Memorial in Andover, a collection of 215 life-size figures will be created. Each of these figures are to be 'adopted', and suitably decorated by a school class, community group or organisation in the Andover area. [Read more>>](#)



### The Big 50 Event

50 of the best tips, ideas and strategies to help and support the charity and not-for-profit sector. [Read more>>](#)



### The Word—Love Andover Radio

The Word is looking to host people from all different charities and community groups in Andover to come on and discuss the work they do and the issues they and their service-users face. We want those who give to the community to come and talk about why they do it and tell their story. This is a great way of showcasing your group or organisation. Come and join our live broadcast from 8-10pm on Monday nights. If you are interested, contact Mo Sweeney by email - [mo@loveandover.com](mailto:mo@loveandover.com)



### Fundraising Dinner for your Charity

This Fundraising event will take place **on the 26<sup>th</sup> October at the Masonic Hall, Andover.**

Tickets are £40per head. Tables are of 10 people for each charity and the good news is that you get £100 back for your charity. If you would like a table for 10 (or even two or three tables) or would like more information please contact Chris Lynn on 01264 396511 or email [Christopher.lynn@talktalk.net](mailto:Christopher.lynn@talktalk.net)

### Activities for Individuals with Dementia

If you are supporting individuals living with Dementia then come along to the event on Thursday 11th October in Winchester. Network with others across the county, share your experiences and gain some ideas.

[For more information or to book your place>>](#)

### Matt Hancock: new technology is key to making NHS the worlds best

Health and Social Care Secretary Matt Hancock will set out plans at the NHS Expo in Manchester today to make the NHS an ecosystem for the best technology available. These will build on the £20 billion long-term plan to transform health and social care so it can improve treatment and deliver better care for patients. [Read more>>](#)

### Start a Business in Andover

Do you have an idea or passion you want to turn into a business? Are you currently running a business and in need of support? Radian EST have secured European funding to offer FREE self employment courses and additional support to people over the next 3 years. [Read more>>](#)

### Newsletters & Updates from other Organisations

[Policy & Information Services Update from Action Hampshire>>](#)

[Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board—Board Newsletter>>](#)

[Special Edition from Action Hampshire—Community Focus>>](#)



### Small Grants Programme from the Justice and Equality Fund

Now's the Time small grants programme from the Justice and Equality Fund launches with grants of up to £25,000 available. [Read more>>](#)

### Sporting Capital: a New Social Investment Fund

This fund focuses on supporting the sustainable development of community sports organisations. [Read more>>](#)

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## Jobs, Training & Workshops

### Basic IT Courses

Starting 21st September for four weeks. Running from 9.30am—2.30pm at the Longmeadow Centre in Andover. To book or for more information call 01264 359223 or [visit>>](#)

### Love Andover Training

Love Andover are delivering training packages for charities, businesses and groups. For more [information>>](#)  
Love Andover is also offering **free** CPR and Defibrillator training workshops on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September [Read more>>](#)

### Heavily-subsidised Small Charity Training in Southampton from £7.50

With support from Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), the FSI is delivering a heavily-subsidised training event in Southampton on 16th October offering small and local charities and community groups four courses on key fundraising and governance topics.

Training courses on offer include Demonstrating Your Impact, An Introduction to Online Fundraising & Crowdfunding, Creating and Delivering a Successful Crowdfunding Campaign and Managing Your Small Charity Finances. **Places fill up fast - to access this fantastic training opportunity, book your place [today>>](#)**



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