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Your monthly guide to what's going on in Thurrock.....

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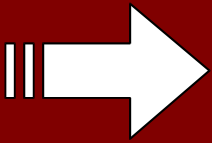
Introduction

This is the second issue of our e-bulletin with all the latest news we have on events, funding and opportunities in Thurrock. We mentioned in our first e-bulletin that our new website was also due to be launched at the same time. Unfortunately our web designers are a little behind and the new website will now be launched late December or early January. However the major differences are in appearance and the way you can find your way round the site, all the information is current and may be of help to you. So why not visit

www.tcen.org.uk

Our objective is to enable Thurrock's residents and communities to be aware of, inform and influence local policy and the provision of services. This bulletin promotes this objective by providing information on upcoming events and consultations as well as news and updates that may affect you or your organisation group or club.

The information in this bulletin can be found in more depth on our website www.tcen.org.uk this e-bulletin is designed to act as a signposting tool only.



[Click for community events calendar](#)

Funding and Grant information

For information on how to access the GRANTfinder website where you can input your own criteria for you project and it will search approximately 4,000 Funders to find ones that are suitable.

Information on 4 new Grants has been added this month

Other grants available can also be found on [this link](#), two local grants from TTGDC Thurrock Thames Gateway Development Corporation can also be accessed via the link along with other longstanding funding opportunities. If you become aware of any funding opportunities please inform TCEN at info@tcen.org.uk so that we may feature them on the link.



Shaping Thurrock Information

[Shaping Thurrock](#) is the Local Strategic Partnership for Thurrock.

Their aim

is to bring together the leaders of strategic organisations and representative networks of the Voluntary Community and Faith (VCF) sectors in the planning of service provision and local development. Please follow the link to the programme board of interest.

[Sustainable Communities Programme Board- \(SCPB\)](#) of the Shaping Thurrock partnership covers a broad and diverse range of topics including Thurrock's economic development, culture, the environment and infrastructure.

[Healthier Communities Programme Board \(HCPB\)](#)

The Healthier Communities Executive has been established as a programme board of Shaping Thurrock since September 2005. The overarching aim of the board is to develop and drive the strategic direction of health and wellbeing of the population of Thurrock.

[Thurrock Community Safety Partnership \(TCSP\)](#)

Corringham Community Safety Centre, within the fire station at Corringham, is available for hire by community and voluntary groups at no charge. The use of the venue must have the specific aims of reducing crime disorder, promoting community safety and well being.

For further information [corringham centre](mailto:corringham_centre@essex.gov.uk) corringham_centre@essex.gov.uk
01375 376628

[Thurrock Children's Trust \(TCTB\)](#)

Children's Trusts are local partnerships which bring together the organisations responsible for services for children, young people and

Consultations

There are 2 current consultation.

A consultation on the [Local Transport](#) Plan runs from 2nd November and finish on 15th January 2009.

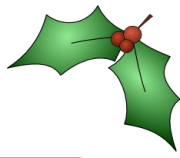
[Minerals & Waste issues & options](#) runs from 10th December 2009 until 18th February 2010

For more information and to take part in the above consultations click on links above.

Feature Organisation

This issue looks at the work of [Parents 1ST](#) a new organization in Thurrock. Our passion is building the strengths and skills of parents living in less advantaged communities. We promote sustainable and effective peer support programmes. Organisations we work with typically deliver children's centre, extended schools, or child health promotion services.

If your organization would like to take advantage of advertising your group on this page please contact Terry.Piccolo@tcen.org.uk



Opportunities & Training

[Link to Opportunities](#) & Training Take Part Pathfinder

This page gives information on over 35 ways local people can become more active citizens. Whilst we realise you may already be heavily involved yourself, please pass this information on to members of your group. If you have any opportunities within your organisation where local people can become involved or you would like someone to give a short presentation on the many varied opportunities and training available in Thurrock, please let us know by contacting Terry Piccolo at Terry.Piccolo@tcen.org.uk

Success Stories

This page is designed to highlight any ways that local people or groups have had an impact on their neighbourhood or area of interest. Bringing this type of success story to people's attention will help motivate them into becoming more active citizens and reduce the sense of things being "a done deal". A prime example of local people mobilizing to change a policy that would have an adverse effect on their neighbourhood was when the residents and shopkeepers of Stanford le Hope & Corringham organised themselves to fight the proposed changes to the parking conditions in their town centres proposed as part of Thurrock Council's 2009/2010 Budget. The outcome was that Thurrock Council removed the proposal from the final budget put before Cabinet.

Whilst this was a major success covered in the local press we are keen to inform local people of other less high profile success stories. **If you have an examples of where you have influenced a decision, no matter how small it may seem to you, we would like to know about it. If you are not sure if your success warrants a mention or you have a story for us, please contact Terry.Piccolo@tcen.org.uk**

Links & Forms

[Links Page:-](#)

This page gives you a list of very useful links to many organizations and information websites we are always interested in adding links so if you have information on a website that will benefit our members please let us know by contacting info@tcen.org.uk

[On line forms:-](#)

Links to useful forms including, membership forms for Thurrock CVS, ngage, TCEN. Consultation update requests etc.

Ngage Update

Please follow this link to the ngage regular update page, their updates include the latest neighbourhood watch figures, information on any scams & con tricks operating in the area, training, and much more, it is well worth the visit.

[Ngage update](#)



Merry Christmas

Best wishes

Andrew, Terry and Julie

*Thurrock Community Empowerment
Network Team*



This e-bulletin is intended to assist our members in accessing information relevant to their needs and keeping them informed of current developments. It is also intended to increase the opportunities to Take Part and influence local policy and decisions. We are here to empower you not overpower you so please let us know of any other topics you would like included in this bulletin, and also whether you find it useful.