

There's SO MUCH going on round here!

Spring is round the corner, why not start the new year by getting involved in some new activities? Revoelution and other community organisations in Revoe are sewing, meditating, gardening, singing, providing meals, playing bingo, doing arts and crafts, running activities for children and young people, writing, walking, playing music, helping with job searches and benefits, providing food parcels and more! Mostly free, all friendly and informal!

More details inside - see you in 2022!

Revoelution Christmas

We had a great time this festive season - despite Covid! Our young people handed out presents to older residents, Santa came to visit and we had a great time singing carols at the switch-on...



Partnership News

All decisions about Revoelution are made by the Partnership – a group of residents who meet once a month. Anyone can come along to meetings, and anyone who lives in the area can apply to be member.

There are three years left of Lottery funding for Revoelution so now is the time for the Partnership to do some long-term planning. We are currently aiming to register as an independent charity in around 12 months. We'll be holding discussions over the next few weeks about how to move forward and best achieve the aims set out in previous consultations – how do we most effectively improve health, environment, housing, crime and young people's life chances in Revoe.

We're also talking to the Council about improving Central Drive. There are large-scale projects planned for the Football Club and the Blackpool Central development – now we'd like to see improvements on the rest of Central Drive. Blackpool Coastal Housing – our host organisation – are helping us with these conversations. One of the things being discussed is a potential new or refurbished community building in the area. The basis for this discussion is the Revoe Masterplan – see our website, www.revoelution.org.uk for more details. Note that none of the proposals in the Masterplan are set in stone – they are simply ideas. We'll be holding public meetings about this in Spring.

If you'd like to be included in any of these conversations just get in touch. Contact details on the back page.

Note from Councillor Jim Hobson, Bloomfield Ward:



Fly-tipping is a real problem in the Revoe area – the dumping of furniture, electricals and excess waste is illegal and makes our streets and alleys look a real eye sore. Blackpool Council employs area-specific environmental officers who are employed to quickly remove these tips but we need your help to report them. Please report them from the link on the main page of the Blackpool Council website or call this number: 01253 477477.

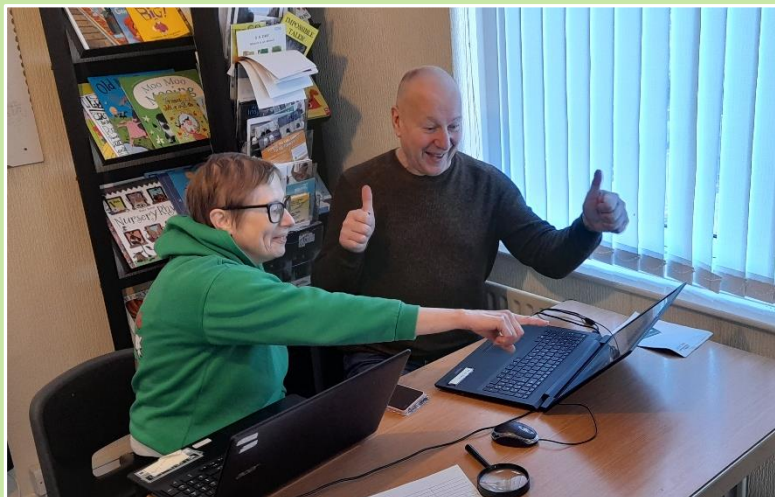
Now that (fingers crossed) Covid restrictions are being wound down, I will be looking at restarting Police and Community Together (PACT) meetings and ward surgeries in the very near future – follow my Facebook page for updates.

Cllr Jim Hobson



Work Club

Don't forget that the Revoelution Work Club is now up and running as normal. You can get help with CVs, job searches and applications, Universal Credit, benefits advice and assistance with any kind of form-filling... Plus tea, biscuits and general chat



Joyce and Leon having fun with Universal Credit

about pretty much anything! Our volunteers Joyce and Leon make something that could be boring into an enjoyable experience. Wednesday and Friday mornings 10am-midday here at the Revoelution Hub.

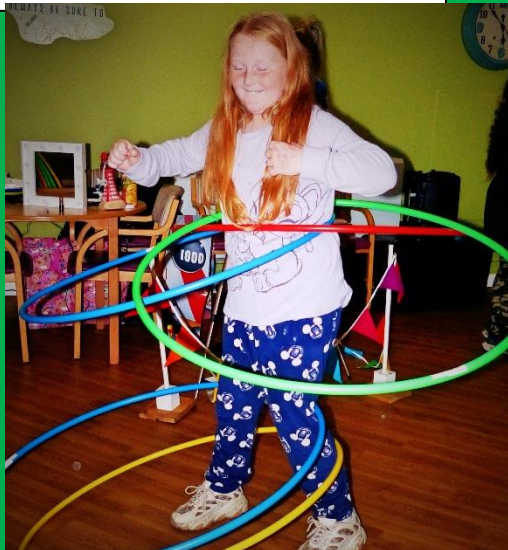
Family Support at His Provision

His Provision, at 272-274 Central Drive next to Revoe Park, offer a range of support for families. They provide food parcels, a community pantry, family meals, breakfasts Tuesdays and Thursdays 8am-12pm and Baby Rover - super-cheap clothes for babies and children. They're looking for volunteers on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays 9am- 1pm. Pop in and see Mandy, Liz and the gang, check out Facebook: His Community Food Pantry or call 07704 031100



REVOELUTION YOUTH

Seniors are completing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award and will be attending an official ceremony at The Winter Gardens in March. They've hiked around Marton Mere and Nicky Nook, started activities such as drumming, Judo, cooking and photography and made a positive difference to Revoe through volunteering. Also general social groups and afternoon drop-ins. Open to young people aged 13+



Revoelution Juniors have enjoyed: building teddies with Yvonne from "Kids Bee Happy"; celebrating Winnie the Pooh Day with free books from The National Literacy Trust; learning circus skills with Showtown; delivering surprise Christmas gifts to Revoe residents at Christmas, and have just started a creative writing project with the aim of publishing their own comic book! Sounds like fun, right? Get in touch if you fancy coming along - ages 9-12.

Revoe Minis on Friday evenings - painting and drawing, making stuff and sharing food. They have also built their own teddy bears with Yvonne, celebrated Winnie the Pooh Day, and created handmade Christmas decorations. Ages 5-8. If you're interested email Vicky at Revoe4minis@gmail.com.



Groups at Ibbison Court

Great groups meeting at Ibbison Court Community Centre, open to all:

Yoga: 10am Monday mornings - easy low-impact stretching

Penny's Bingo: 1pm Monday

Memory Lane Café: 11.30 Tuesday lunchtime

Women's Group - advice and support, 10am Wednesday morning

Penny's Bingo 1pm Wednesday

Augusta's lunch and bingo, 12 noon Thursday

Revoelution Juniors, 9-11yrs, Thurs 5pm

Community Choir, 2pm Fridays

Revoelution Minis, 5-8yrs, 4pm Friday

Meditation, Friday 6pm

Revoelution Door-to-Door Support

Our amazing duo Emma and Barry are still out and about, chatting on people's doorsteps and offering advice and support. They've spoken to over 1,000 people in the area and have provided washing machines, furniture, fridges, beds, clothes, help with utility bills, food parcels, mental health referrals, taken people to activities and support groups and listened to your ideas for new activities - they'll be knocking on your door soon!



COME HANG OUT AT BEACON CHURCH

MID-WEEK

TUESDAYS YOUTH CLUB

5:30pm - 6:30pm | School Yrs 6 - 8
Have fun, explore faith

WEDNESDAY COMMUNION

11am | Wednesdays
A relaxed communion service with a warm welcome & a brew

STAY & PLAY

9am - 11am | Thursdays
Got babies, tots or pre-school children? Stay & Play is for you. We've got loads of toys, activities, crafts, snacks, cake & proper coffee! £1 per household | term time only

THE WEEKEND

PARK RUN

Saturday Mornings
Join us for a 5k run or walk around Stanley Park. Meet us at 8:35am at the top of Ashton Rd (near Park Rd) or 8:50am at the Clocktower in Stanley Park

ELEVEN

11am | Sundays
Informal gathering with dynamic worship, engaging talks and prayer with children's groups for primary aged children

FAMILIES AT FOUR

4pm - 5:30pm | Sundays
Fun, high energy gathering for the whole family with songs, crafts, activities, short talk prayer and free meal

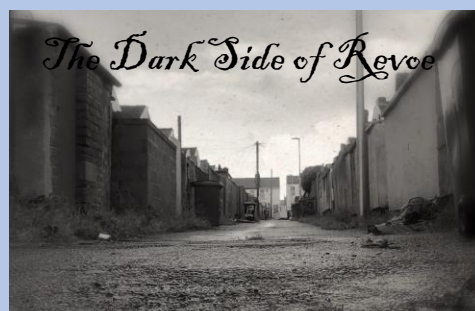
Sewing Group

Come along to our friendly welcoming sewing group - no experience necessary, Susan and co will have you making clothes and cushions in no time! Saturday mornings 10am, Free, material provided.



Tell us a story!

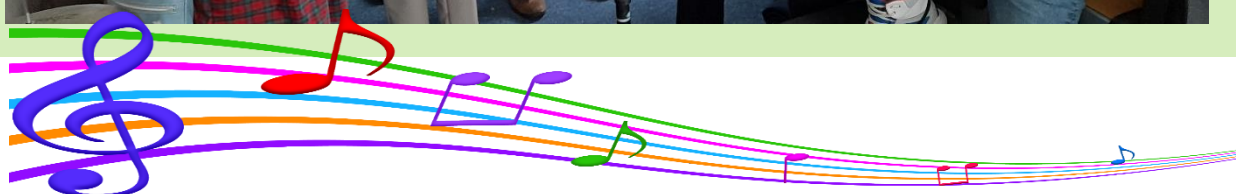
Creative writers in Revoe produced a fantastic Halloween collection of spooky tales called 'The Dark Side of Revoe' - copies available in Revoe library.



We'll be collecting stories and poems for another edition in Spring - more cheerful this time! If you've written anything or fancy trying to write, get in touch - Ring 01253 423430 and ask for Barry.

Let's make beautiful music!

On Thursday afternoons 1pm at the Revoelution Hub we have an informal music group run by our tutor John - free, any instruments or abilities welcome. It's mostly guitars and ukuleles at the moment (plus Hebe on drums) but we've also got keyboards and a cornet if you want to try them!



Art in Revoe

Our Tuesday evening 5-7pm arts and crafts group is busy and friendly - it's free, all welcome, just turn up. It's getting popular so we might move soon to a bigger space... We've done mosaics, furniture decorating, painting and more - whatever you want to do! See our Art Gallery on Central Drive for some of the things we've produced!



Revoe Artist in Solaris exhibition

Artist Kathy Rowan contributed a picture to the Revoe Art Gallery window. She's now got her own exhibition at Blackpool's Solaris Centre. Congratulations to Kathy and hopefully we will be seeing more of her work on display in the future.



Revoe Resident in Queen's New Year's Honours list!

Dorothy Charnley, 89, has run the RNLI shop on the prom for more than 20 years - she's been awarded the British Empire Medal for her hard work.

Congratulations, Dorothy!





Winter Fair
Ibbison Community Centre

Saturday 12th February
12-3pm

**.TOMBOLA.RAFFLE.
 .CAKE STALL.NAME THE BEAR.HOME
 MADE CARDS AND CRAFTS.WAX
 MELTS.BODY SHOP.BABY ROVER.FACE
 PAINTING & GLITTER TATTOOS.**

Come enjoy with us!

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Revoelution Community Choir



*If you'd like more details about joining phone Emma
 (Musical Director) on 07917650631*

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Upcoming activities:

Now Spring is here (well, almost) we've got some new and re-starting activities coming up.

Walking Group - fancy striding along the promenade, sun on your face, wind in your hair? Or a trip out to the countryside? Then join our Walking Group - details soon, just let us know if you're interested.

Gardening - gone quiet over the Winter but starting again soon - come and show us how green your fingers are! Everyone welcome!

Painting - an offshoot from our arts and crafts group - we're thinking of setting up a painting group if enough people are interested - get in touch!

Tai Chi - fancy carrying the tiger over the mountain? Tai Chi is a bit like yoga, calming and stretching, generally good for body and mind. We've met someone who wants to run sessions, we just need enough people - get in touch!

Yoga and Meditation

Come and get calm, tranquil and de-stressed! Leon's meditation sessions 6pm Friday evenings, Ibbison Court. Free, open to all adults. Guaranteed to improve your wellbeing!

Yoga on the beach planned for later this year!

