

# Arts Connection

In this issue of 'the NEWS' we take a look at the latest arts developments in North East Derbyshire

## Young film-makers unlock their community's past

**B**udding young Spielbergs are unlocking the hidden history of their community as part of an innovative film-making project.

Young people living in North Wingfield have spent the summer working alongside a film crew, poet, musicians and historians to script and shoot their own film about the village's history.

As part of the NEDDC - led project, the group joined Mitchell Ceney, rapper, MC and digital music expert to come up with their own theme tune and soundtrack.

And they're now counting down to the premier of their film for the local community at a celebration screening to be held at Deincourt School on 24th September - as well as entering it in film competitions across the country.

Clr Graham Baxter, Council Leader, said: "This is a really exciting and innovative project which is bringing lots



Youngsters work with rapper, Mitchell Ceney, on their soundtrack

of different groups together to explore the history of their community."

The project has been part-funded by housing and regeneration group, LHA-ASRA, which is working with the Council to build dozens of 'eco-homes' in North Wingfield.

Other partners include Rykneld Homes, NEDDC's South Eastern Community Partnership, Extended Schools Services, DCC, United Response and North Wingfield Parish Council.



Lorna Butt (front), Mathew Cook and Toni Lecuirot

## Creative business? Sign up!

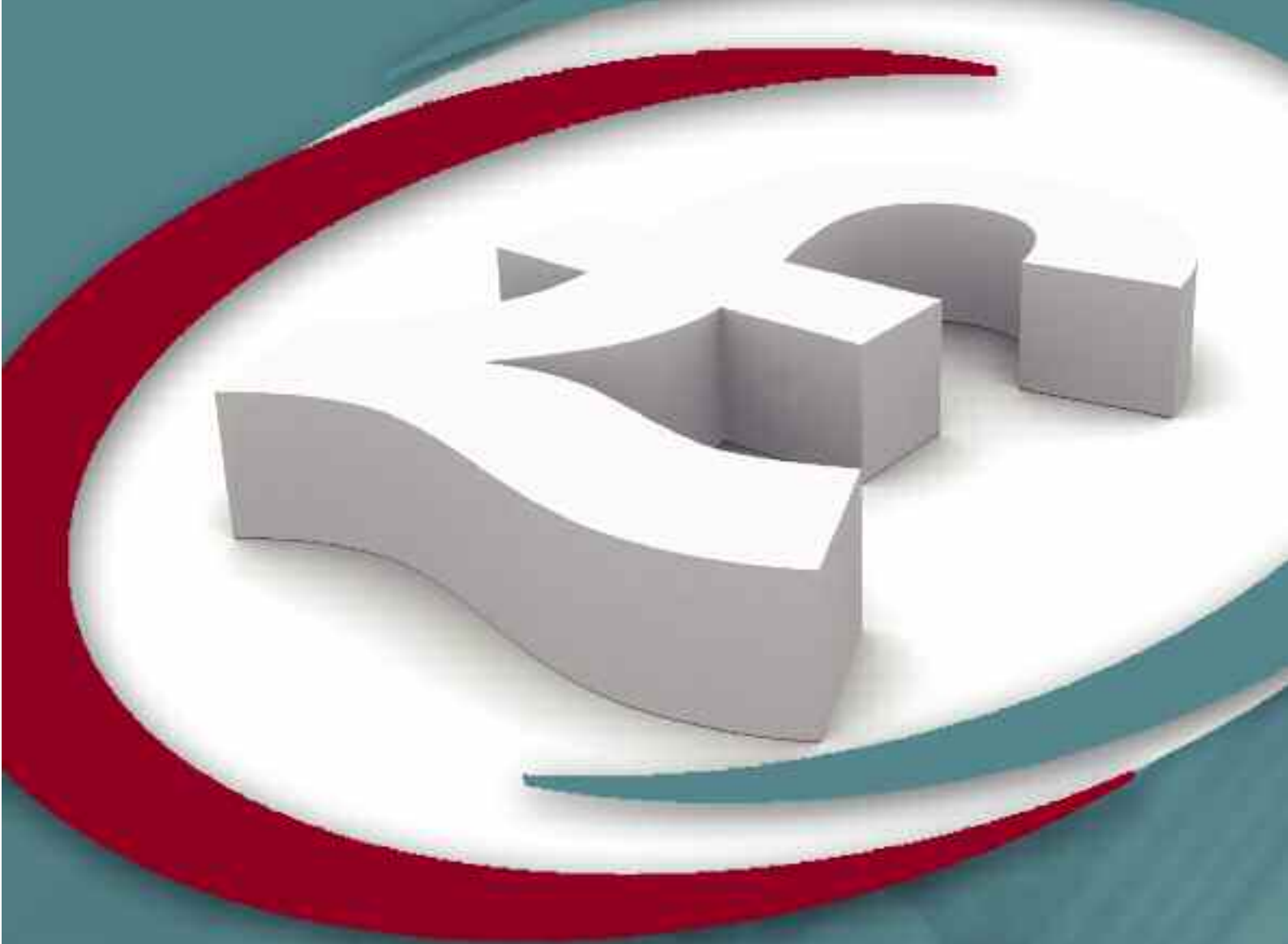
The Creative Greenhouse - an online network for creative industries, businesses and artists across North Derbyshire and North Nottinghamshire - has a newly-appointed co-ordinator, Paul Hough, to lead its work.

Joining is free - just visit the website at [www.creativegreenhouse.org.uk](http://www.creativegreenhouse.org.uk) for access free resources, help and advice. **For more information, email co-ordinator Paul Hough at [paul.hough@creativegreenhouse.org.uk](mailto:paul.hough@creativegreenhouse.org.uk) or call (01623) 821332.**

## Local arts - get involved

Get involved in the local arts scene by joining North East Derbyshire and Chesterfield Arts Forum. Email [pamela.butler@chesterfield.gov.uk](mailto:pamela.butler@chesterfield.gov.uk) for more details.

Meanwhile, new members are always welcome to join the Arts & Disability Forum - a North East Derbyshire District Council-led group which helps co-ordinate arts activities and consults with disabled people in the district. Email [kay.ogilvie@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:kay.ogilvie@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk) or call (01246) 217510 for more details.



# Beat the credit crunch

A guide for North East Derbyshire  
residents and businesses

Beat the credit crunch:

# Information *for residents*

Benefit claims, debt management, redundancy, finding work ... the recession has thrown up a lot of issues that many of us may have never faced before.

But whatever your worry, remember: don't bury your head in the sand! In North East Derbyshire, there's a wealth of information and support on your doorstep - which means you don't have to go it alone.

Some of the key issues, and organisations that can help, are outlined below. More information is also available online at [www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/credit-crunch](http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/credit-crunch)

## Benefits and welfare rights advice

You may be entitled to benefits you're not claiming, especially if your circumstances have changed. Find out more - and do some quick sums using our online Benefits Calculator - at: [www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits](http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits). Advice is also available from the Derbyshire Unemployed Workers' Centre on (01246) 231441 or email at [info@duwc.org.uk](mailto:info@duwc.org.uk)

## Council Tax

If you're struggling to pay your Council Tax bill, contact us immediately on (01246) 217600 as we may be able to help you spread your payments, or you may be entitled to a discount you're not claiming.

## Credit unions

These are financial co-operatives owned and controlled by their members. They offer savings and great value loans plus they are local, ethical and know what their members want. Find a credit union near you at [www.abcul.org](http://www.abcul.org)

## Debt management

Missed debt payments can stack up quickly, as well as associated charges, so get help to set up a debt management plan as soon as possible. North Derbyshire Citizens' Advice Bureau can help you do this. Contact NEDCAB on 0844 848 9800 or visit the website at [www.ned-cab.org.uk](http://www.ned-cab.org.uk)

## Direct Debits

Setting up monthly Direct Debits helps spread your bill payments more evenly, and many companies offer discounts to customers who pay this way - contact your suppliers for more information. To set up a Direct Debit for your Council Tax bill, call (01246) 217600.

## Energy and water efficiency

Making sure your home is energy efficient is an easy way to lower monthly bills. Contact the Council's Energy Advice Centre on (01246) 217263 or visit [www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/energy](http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/energy) for information.

## Legal advice

Chesterfield Law Centre offers free, confidential help, advice and representation to individuals and groups in North East Derbyshire - covering a wide range of issues. For more information call (01246) 550674 or email [clc@chesterfieldlawcentre.org.uk](mailto:clc@chesterfieldlawcentre.org.uk)



## Loan sharks

Unlicensed lenders target people during difficult financial times, and often charge extortionate interest rates of up to 200 % per year. For help to deal with a high-interest loan you have already taken out, or to report an unlicensed lender, contact Derby Loan Sharks Initiative on (01332) 644000.

## Mortgage / rent payments

If you're struggling to meet your mortgage or rent payments, there are a variety of options available to help ease the burden. Contact the Council's Housing Options Team on (01246) 23111 or the Citizen's Advice Bureau to discuss your options as soon as possible.

## Useful numbers

North East Derbyshire Citizen's Advice Bureau: 0844 848 9800 / [www.ned-cab.org.uk](http://www.ned-cab.org.uk)

Chesterfield Law Centre:  
(01246) 550674

Derbyshire Unemployed Workers' Centre: (01246) 231441

NEDDC Housing Options Team  
(01246) 231111

NEDDC Energy Advice Centre on  
(01246) 217263