

Ambition Lawrence Weston exists as a resident-driven organisation striving to make Lawrence Weston a good place to live and work

It has been an honour to be the chair of Directors for Ambition Lawrence Weston (ALW) for the last nine years, since my early days at Kings Weston House. The Big Local lottery grant is due to come to an end next year after 10 years of being a springboard for many and various projects in Lawrence Weston. These have included encouraging the Lidl supermarket to be built, investment and return from a solar farm, having houses built in the area for local people, getting a community hub agreed and funded soon, as well as getting the biggest wind turbine in the country built next year – which will benefit the area for years to come I really feel we can now be proud of Lawrence Weston as it has gained a great reputation across Bristol as well as nationally. If you haven't heard what has been going on, and would like to get involved, the team at the youth centre would love to hear from you. Contact details are on the bottom of the page.— Norman Routledge.



Ambition Community Energy Wind Turbine Success

We are pleased to announce that work will start on **your wind turbine** site 4th July 2022 with commercial operation achieved in May 2023. There won't be much to see at first as we build the access road and foundations for the turbine until the end of the year, installing the turbine in January 2023. Once built the turbine will comfortably operate for the next 25 years.

The turbine will be the tallest on-shore wind turbine in England (1 and a half Big Ben's and taller than London Eye!). It will be community owned, and all profits will go entirely to fund projects that residents decide upon via Ambition Lawrence Weston community plans which are regularly consulted with residents, even more reason to get involved as a member of Ambition Lawrence Weston to inform future community plans.

For more information about the Wind Turbine, you can contact the Project Manager: david.tudgey@ambitioncommunityenergy.org



Update on Astry Close Community Led Housing - What's happening and why is the site still empty?

We have to admit that progress has been slow and it's been very frustrating. Despite winning the unanimous support of BCC's Development Committee to build 36 affordable family homes, most of the last year has been swallowed up in getting the lawyers to agree the section 106 agreement (which secures the legal commitment to deliver affordable homes) and setting up a new company to manage the homes - Ambition Community Homes. However, both of these tasks have now been completed and we are hoping to see things happening a little faster now.

You may have seen new hoarding going up around the site. Unfortunately this doesn't mean construction is about to start, but it will allow our partners (Brighter Places Housing Association) to go onto site to carry out a number of surveys and ground investigations required before it starts. We have also had a real problem with fly-tipping on the site, which is a shame because it just makes building more affordable homes slower and more expensive - so we hope the new hoarding will help discourage that.

Over the summer, the architects and structural engineers will be working hard getting the detailed technical drawings complete, ready to invite construction companies to quote for the work in the autumn. The CLH project has always sought to bring maximum benefit to the community, so we will be asking them to commit to employing local tradespeople and creating apprenticeships.

We are always looking for more local residents to join the steering group, which meets several times a year to oversee the CLH project. If you are interested, please let someone in the ALW office know or email tom@ecomotive.org



Get involved



The Lawrence Weston Neighbourhood Planning Group meet the last Thursday of the month at Lawrence Weston Youth Centre, Long Cross, BS11 0RX at 7pm.

Come along to discuss different issues in Lawrence Weston and have a voice about how you would like the area to be developed, including community buildings, new homes, private developments, green spaces and verges and anything else to do with the built environment and public realm.

You can get in touch with the planning group by calling Mark on 0117 9235112 or come along to a meeting




Stall enquiries to projectcoordinator@jtehubshire.org Call/text: 07305 066478

Men in Sheds



Come along and learn some new skills, or share yours! you can also bring along items to be repaired and we will do our best! or order bespoke items to be handmade just for you!

Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am-2pm and Some Saturday mornings at Lawrence Weston Youth Centre Workshop



Regular activities at the youth centre

Monday: Adult Kickboxing 7-9pm

Tuesday: D-Wild Fitness 6-7pm

Wednesday: RSPCA 10-2pm

Children's Kickboxing 5-7pm

Adult Kickboxing 7-9pm

Thursday: Oasis Youth Club: 4-5:30pm

Saturday: Basketball 5-8pm

Community Litter Picks

Could you spare some time to come and help keep our community clean?

The Lawrence Weston litter picking group meets the 1st Tuesday of each month between 10:30-11:30am.

We meet at various locations across the community, the next one is: Tuesday 5th July—meet by Ridingleaze Park

We will provide everything you need, for more information (you can just turn up and we will be happy to see you):

Email: contact@ambitionlw.org or call 0117 9235112



Lawrence Weston has its very own Community Climate Action Plan.

We are very excited to announce, that after a busy year, we have now developed our brand new community plan Climate Action Plan for Lawrence Weston. While we have previously written Community plans, we are aware that for Bristol to achieve its ambitious zero carbon ambitions by 2030, the collective skills, knowledge and energy of the whole city will be needed. Communities and Community hub organisations have an important role in this. We are still focussing on improving health and well-being, but have now included our ambitions to become carbon neutral into this plan. You can read the plan here: <https://www.ambitionlw.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Amb-LW-community-and-Climate-Plan-22-30.pdf>

A New Cook, Eat and Grow Project will be launching on August 1st 2022..... Look out for further details of this exciting project coming soon!

COME ALONG AND BORROW A BOOK, READ THEN SWAP! AT LAWRENCE WESTON YOUTH CENTRE

Lawrence Weston Book Exchange

WIDE RANGE OF BOOKS TO CHOOSE FROM. DONATIONS ALWAYS WELCOME

IT'S PARTY TIME

Did you know you can hire the youth centre for your next party or event?

For prices and to book email contact@ambitionlw.org or call 0117 9235112.

To find out more about hiring with us please visit www.ambitionlw.org/available-spaces/room-hire/

Monday to Friday, 9am to 10pm for organisations
Saturday and Sunday, 9am to 10pm for parties
Not available on bank/public holidays

Are you thinking of setting up your own business? Do you have a business idea that you would like to explore?

The YTKO can provide you with tailored 1:1 support.

Contact sarah.ives@ytko.com for more information, or you can visit their website:

<https://westofengland.ytko.com/>



Our summer holiday programme for 2022

We are excited to announce that we will once again be running our ever popular summer holiday programme between Monday 25th July through to Friday 27th August.

There will be a mix of activities running including Arts and crafts, sports, cooking, gardening and day trips.

Information will be available from Monday 4th July, so keep an eye out on our social media and website. You can also call us in July on 0117 9235112 to find out more.



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GONE PHISHING

HOW TO IDENTIFY A SCAM

Monday 4th July 3-4pm

Lawrence Weston Youth Centre

Everybody Welcome - no need to book



A PRESENTATION FOR ALL AGES FROM TWO SIXTH FORM STUDENTS ABOUT VARIOUS ONLINE SCAMS WITH TIPS ON HOW TO DETECT AND AVOID THEM.

An interesting presentation showing you many common scams and how to spot and avoid them. If you have ever been caught out or worry about things like this come along. If together we can prevent one person from becoming a victim of these types of fraud its worthwhile.

See previous versions here: www.ambitionlw.org/whats-on/on-your-doorstep-magazine/

An Emergency fundraiser has been set up to help those most in need in our Bristol communities struggling to pay their energy bills during this current crisis. Bristol Energy Network in partnership with Ambition Lawrence Weston and communities throughout Bristol. Please give if you can. Scan the QR code or go to our JustGiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/BristolEmergencyCovidWinterFund>

