**Nottinghamshire County Council: The Communities Team**

[The Local Communities Fund (LCF) | Nottinghamshire County Council](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/business-community/community-and-voluntary-sector/the-local-communities-fund-lcf) (Dec 2022)

A new discretionary grant funding scheme, The Local Communities Fund, is the successor to the Local Improvement Scheme.  The Local Communities Fund consists of a:

* Cost-of-Living Community Grants
* Homes for Ukraine Programme
* Talented Athletes Programme
* Revenue Programme (currently closed to new applications)
* Capital Programme (currently closed to new applications)

[Armed Forces Hub | Nottinghamshire County Council](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-structure/armed-forces-hub)

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[Nottinghamshire Coronavirus Community Support Hub | Nottinghamshire County Council](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/coronavirus/nottinghamshire-coronavirus-community-support-hub)

* Supporting communities
* Volunteering
* Information and signposting
* Linking in with early intervention

[Support for Ukraine | Nottinghamshire County Council](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/business-community/support-for-ukraine)

* Supporting families displaced by the conflict
* Housing
* Bus passes
* Safeguarding
* Further support to guests
* Grant support
* Helping to support their future in the UK

[Local Area Coordination (lacnetwork.org)](https://lacnetwork.org/local-area-coordination/)

Each Local Area Coordinator (LAC) works with a defined neighbourhood of 8000-10,000.  Nottinghamshire currently has 5 LAC’s. They approach, or are introduced to people, who may be isolated, causing concern or are at risk of needing formal services.  Coordinators support people to build their own their vision for a good life, finding pragmatic solutions to any problems, and drawing on family and community resources, before considering commissioned or statutory services.  This means that instead of assessing or signposting people into services, they can:

* Invest enough time in understanding what a good life looks like to the individual or family, and how they could get there.
* Help people to build their own capacity and connections, so that they can stay strong and independent.
* Build new community connections or capacity where they don’t exist.

This isn’t just a useful addition to existing preventative support, it gradually reforms the ‘front door’ of the local public service system, transferring resources away from interventions which don’t work, into an approach which builds independence, capacity and resilience. By working with communities to recruit and appoint Coordinators across a locality, councils, health and other statutory services can:

* Reduce resources wasted in unnecessary zero-outcome eligibility assessments.
* Replace signposting services which either send people in circles or create dependency.
* Map and invest in local community assets where they are most needed, putting co-production into action.

Local Area Coordination can be accessed and is effective for people of all ages including some labelled as having complex needs, who can be helped to reduce the frequency of crises. It avoids set eligibility criteria and formal assessment processes, in order to get straight to planning and practical action.

Community Friendly Nottinghamshire understands that power resides within the community. Listening and empowering residents to help build local relationships and ignite a passion to address concerns and support Nottinghamshire communities to flourish by facilitating action, providing up-to-date community news, co designing events, delivering training, highlighting funding opportunities and much more.

[The Nottinghamshire Household Support Fund (HSF) Phase 3 | Nottinghamshire County Council](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/business-community/cost-of-living-support/household-support-fund-phase-3)

The Government has extended the Household Support Fund (HSF) and provided a further £5.6 million between October 2022 to March 2023 to the County Council to support residents who are struggling to make ends meet due to the current rise in living costs.

For this phase, a one-off Winter Support payment worth on average around £100 for each eligible household to use towards energy and food bills.

The final amount per household will be proportionately adjusted based on the number of eligible people in the household to help with extra food costs.

[Support for carers | Nottinghamshire County Council](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/adult-social-care/carers/support-for-carers?utm_campaign=&utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)

There is a variety of support available to help carers including:

* [Nottinghamshire Carers Hub](https://www.tuvida.org/nottinghamshirehub) provides a range of support and services for carers. If you contact the helpdesk on 0115 824 8824 you can speak to an experienced support worker who will provide a personalised service that meets your individual need. You can also email nottinghamshirehub@tuvida.org.
* [Nottinghamshire Help Yourself](http://www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk/kb5/nottinghamshire/directory/landing.page?directorychannel=1) - you can find out about support available in your community by using Nottinghamshire Help Yourself, which gives information about local organisations that provide a range of services.
* [Dementia UK](https://www.dementiauk.org/get-support/looking-after-yourself-as-a-carer/) - if you are looking for advice, support or information about caring for someone with dementia.
* [Carers UK](https://www.carersuk.org/help-and-advice/health/looking-after-your-health/stress-and-depression) - find out more about self-help and tips for reducing stress:
* Read the Mind booklet ['How to cope as a carer' [PDF].](https://www.bwwmind.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/How-to-Cope-as-a-Carer.pdf)