

Events and activities, feedback and photos

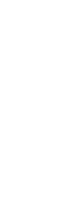
Age Without Limits

JNR8 Music Group tea break

Chair Exercise participants...



Celebrate festival 2025: pre-festival, festival day and post-festival activities...Cooperate!



September: Post Celebrate exhibition of work - including launch of the Nourish Zine: "A collection of Stories and Recipes from Whalley Range"



Whalley Range Community Forum and Whalley Range Youth Opportunity Association invite you to join them at

Celebrate Festival 2025

'Cooperate - Build a Better World'
Saturday 14th June 12 noon - 6pm
Manley Park, Clarendon Rd, Whalley Range, M16 6AN

2025 is UN Year of Cooperatives and our festival theme this year is 'Cooperate - Build a Better World'. We will be celebrating diversity, and building stronger and more resilient community connections. We look forward to seeing how our artists, performers and stall holders explore these ideas.

This is the 23rd Celebrate Festival and our principles remain the same. We bring together a wide range of community partners in Whalley Range to put on an exciting day of free activities celebrating the very best of our fantastic community, with a focus on fun, creativity and wellbeing, but also looking at serious issues. In the run up to the event we run workshops and pop up events in schools and a wide range of community settings.

The festival is run by volunteers from the community and staff from WRVCF and WRVYA, working with partners from other local groups, businesses, schools and statutory services. However we are grateful for the professional assistance of our project coordinators and artists. Our Festival Coordinators this year are Jess Coulson supported by Verity Gardner.

The festival is made possible by donations from individuals and local businesses, fundraising by volunteers and grants from funders including National Lottery Community Fund, Manchester City Council, Cycling UK, the Cooperative and MSV Kindness Fund.

The Aims of Celebrate:

- To celebrate the talent, diversity and resources of Whalley Range
- To promote positive image and improve quality of life in Whalley Range
- To encourage participation of different communities within the area and work from an anti-discriminatory framework

If you want to get involved with Celebrate,
email celebrate@whalleyrange@gmail.com
or call **Jess** on 07429 578193

WRVCF & WRVYA Present

Celebrate Festival

Whalley Range

Cooperate

Build a Better World

Saturday June 14th 2025, 12-6 pm
Manley Park, M16 6AN

Music, installations & Performances
Zalls, Food & Drink, Exhibitions
Arts & Crafts, Age-specific and Family Wellbeing activities
Big Bike Revival repair & ride area

<https://www.whalleyrange.org.uk/celebrate>
<https://www.facebook.com/whalleyrange>
<https://www.instagram.com/whalleyrange>

Please leave your pets and alcohol at home and your bike at the park gates

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Celebrate Festival

Whalley Range

Festival Exhibition

featuring art, photos and our cookery zine launch

with contributions from Time to Change, Whalley Range's Women's Group, St Margaret's School, Manley Park Primary School, Our Lady's Primary School, JNR8, St Margaret's Centre

Dates and times

Friday 14th September
12pm - 6pm (with refreshments from 12.30pm)

Saturday 23rd September
10am - 4pm

Location

JNR8,
St Margaret's Avenue
M16 6BQ
more info contact Jess
07429058193

MANLEY PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

Celebrate our Co-operative Community

We are inviting residents in Whalley Range to hold street celebrations on

SUNDAY 22ND JUNE

If you would like to get involved, or are not sure where to start Contact Erin celebratewhalleyrange@gmail.com

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Check your street, decorate, say hello
- Share food or plant cuttings
- Put out chairs and have a picnic
- Host a mini-performance or storytelling session, request a busker, join in
- Play co-operative games, swap things, share skills
- Take photos or create something new
- Make suggestions for future cooperations and how to achieve them

WHAT WE CAN OFFER

Free Party Starter Boxes
Printed invitation templates etc for you to personalise
Chairs, tables & creative prompts
Decoration ideas & templates
Co-operative games and information
Info about community actions and how to get involved eg the Job Cox Foundations & the Great Get Together

PLUS surprise pop-up visits from:

- Musicians
- Jugglers
- Storytellers
- Artists

WHY WE'RE DOING THIS

- To support well-being
- Reduce isolation
- Encourage real dialogue and connection
- Celebrate cooperation, creativity and sustainability

Especially when communities are becoming more divided, we believe joy and collaboration are powerful.

BE PART OF THE CELEBRATE EXHIBITION

We're collecting your photos, drawings, stories, reflections and poems for a Celebrate Exhibition later in the year (date TBC). Share your moment of connection with the wider community!

READY TO JOIN IN?

Get in touch to, start talking to your neighbours
Ask questions
Share your plans and ideas
Contact Erin (in the subject line)
celebratewhalleyrange@gmail.com

The BIG BIKE we are cycling

UK

Encouraging adults to cycle through fixing bikes, teaching skills and leading bike rides

Next event:

JNR8, Cromwell Ave, M16 0BG
Friday 23rd May 4-7 & Friday 6th June 4-7
Saturday 14th June Celebrate Festival 12-6pm
Manley Park Playground, York Avenue
Contact 0778885544/Find us on Facebook:
Big Bike Revival (BBR) Whalley Range

Delivered locally by:

BigBikeRevival.org.uk
#BigBikeRevival

Funded by UK Government

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In September the Whalley Range Community Forum meeting focused on celebrating 30 years since the Forum began – bringing people who have been involved over the years together to reflect, celebrate and discuss what priorities the Forum will work towards...



WHALLEY RANGE COMMUNITY FORUM

...Celebrate 30 Years of Whalley Range Community Forum with us...

Thursday 11th September 2025 6.30 for 7pm - 9pm

Venue: British Muslim Heritage Centre, College Road



...Just a minute...We are inviting our partners to briefly share their experience of working with the Forum. We would like you to say something about: yourself; your organisation; your past relationship with the Forum; what you are working on now; your hopes for possible joint future work



Feedback from some of our service users:

“The JNR8 Community Hub is a must for all age groups, Chris & Kate are there to give advice or point people in the right direction. They have helped me out on numerous occasions; they are an asset to the community.”

Leg Up club is a place-based, community centred approach to health and wellness with an emphasis on social interaction, participation, empathy, peer support, health promotion and education as well as helping to reintegrate isolated individuals into their community.

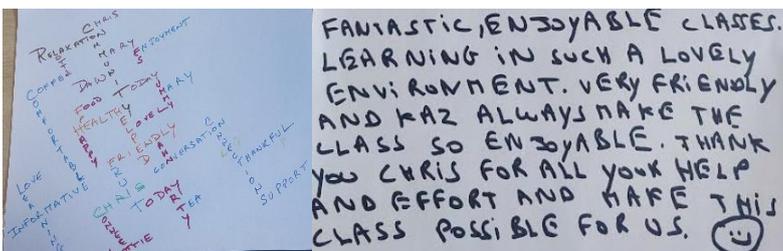
“I LOVE the JNR8 Club because it motivates me to get out of my house, regardless of the weather and not worry about taxi fare. (Leg Up club attendee)”

About JNR8:

“It's a lovely friendly space with kind supportive staff. It's lovely to connect with like-minded people and chat, share our issues and improve my low moods.

Chatting with the other people who attend makes me realise I can cope with my health issues because there are others suffering far more.

I love being given the opportunity to speak about my life experiences and share my poems which help others. Speaking sheds light on my path and makes others smile and share too.”



I love these classes. Better than any I have been to. Chris, who runs the centre, is so friendly and helpful. Look forward to Thursdays!

Chris is fantastic very caring and looks after us all. I don't know what we would do without our spanish classes.

The Spanish class is simply fantastic - relaxed friendly - Kaz puts some much effort into the lessons. Look forward to coming every week like Chris is simply amazing - nothing is too much trouble.

