

WHALLEY RANGE COMMUNITY FORUM



September 2026 Updates

Trustee and Network Updates

Advert circulated to recruit new WRCF Trustees

Office Administrator vacancy documents approved by Trustees and circulated: closing date is 14th September 2026. Applications will be reviewed for shortlisting and Interview panel and interview dates decided at Trustees meeting

Chair and Vice-chair acting roles to be raised/formally nominated at the next Trustee meeting.

Compliance and due diligence:

Updated Policy & Procedure documents are in progress - to be completed and approved by trustees for submission of our OMVCS MCC core funding 6-month monitoring deadline in November.

Work to begin with Trustees to review and update the Forum's Constitution

Community information sharing and Outreach:

Whalley Range Community Forum updated and circulated our Membership Form

All local groups/representatives invited to join the membership to be eligible to vote at meetings and to have a presence on our website and a stall at Celebrate if relevant.

Community news and events feature on our website and Facebook page and are shared with local and wider Whalley Range WhatsApp/Mutual aid groups if relevant.

JNR8 Youth & Community Centre activities and support

We have restarted our term time sessions and have had a busy week.

Our Over 50's music group sessions at JNR8 have resumed and we are planning our Age-friendly health events - kindly funded by a donation from Rowlinson Construction (contractors for the Kindred House LGBTQ+ housing scheme)

We are applying for grants to continue to run our weekly our MLCO/NHS partnership group Leg Up Club, a vital lifeline for people with mobility and health conditions - offering health information and referrals, hot meals, digital IT confidence coaching, and social connection
See new course posters below.

Local Collaborations:

JNR8 will be hosting the GMP PACT meeting at 12-2pm on Saturday 19th September - bringing police and partner agencies together to meet with residents to address local priorities.

New group sessions and Events

Budget Cookery – meal planning and cooking affordable nutritious Turkish meals

Boost Resilience 5-week course - Lift your spirits, grow your confidence and meet new people. Attendees who finish the course are invited to a monthly Positive Living Group to stay connected.

Age-friendly celebration of International Older Peoples Day: local walk, performance by the Happy Tuesdays over 50's music group and a hot meal: Tuesday October 6th at 10:30 am.

Cost-of-Living Crisis Referrals: We continue to support people struggling to manage on benefits, low wages and no income with foodbank referrals, financial signposting and distribution of hygiene products, providing residents and families with essential items and holistic support.



Whalley Range Community Forum is working with Greens & Others to offer **FREE cookery classes at JNR8 in Whalley Range!**

Join us at our free 3-week 'cooking on a budget' sessions to learn new skills and recipes and boost confidence!

Monday 5th 12th and 19th October 2026 from 10am-12 noon



3 weeks, 3 different healthy delicious and nutritious menus!

No previous cooking skills necessary!

JNR8 Youth & Community Centre, (Back of Manley Park Church)
82 Cromwell Avenue, Whalley Range, M16 0BG

Comments from the previous group:

"Delicious, healthy Turkish food in a warm, friendly environment!"
"Fantastic course — Emel explains everything so clearly and makes it so easy!"
"It's not just about cooking, it's about having fun and bonding over a great meal."
"Loved every minute — I'd recommend this class to anyone!"

Places are limited - booking essential: call Chris on 01618813744
Or email us at: communityforumwhalleyrange@gmail.com

(if we are oversubscribed you will be put on the list for the next 3-week course ☺)

Come and join us: make new friends!

<https://www.whalleyrange.org> Charity number: 1171658



Boost Your Resilience Workshops

at JNR8 Youth & Community Centre
Come along for a much-needed BOOST!



Our friendly workshops will: -

Build Your Resilience! Boost your positivity!
Lift your spirits! Grow your confidence!

Learn common sense strategies to help you feel uplifted
& able to deal with life's challenges.

Our next course dates are at 1-2pm:

Fridays: 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th of October and the 6th of November
Don't worry if you've missed a session, just get in touch

To sign up, visit our centre or receive a call from Debra who runs the session.

Please contact Christine:

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(Back of Manley Park Methodist Church)

(Transport costs may be available for people with low mobility)



PARTNERS & COMMUNITIES TOGETHER MEETING

Meet your local officers alongside partner agencies and raise concerns about key issues within the community.

The next surgery will be held on:



Saturday 19th September

Located at:



JNR8 Community Centre
82 Cromwell Avenue, Whalley Range, M16 0BG

Time:



12-2pm

To help us identify the issues in your area please get in touch with your Neighbourhood Policing Team and tell us what matters to you.



Sign up to receive free community alerts
www.BeeintheLoop.co.uk

For non-emergency calls or to report a crime call: **101** or use Live Chat at gmp.police.uk
Use **999** only in emergencies where there is a threat to life or crime in progress



For more information visit:
gmp.police.uk

Date for your diary: Celebrate Festival provisional date 5/6/2027– celebrating 30 years!