



COMMUNITY NEWS

Kate and Debbie make profits for playground

BARROWDEN: Kate Humphries and Debbie Reynolds organised a number of events last year to raise funds to upgrade the community playground.

Events included a disco in the village hall which raised £182. A cracker-eating contest at the Exeter Arms organised by Terry Humphries made £21; Peter and Liz Blencoe donated £45 from the annual Potty Sipping competition at the Exeter Arms, and the under-fives playground added £68.

The £317 fund has been given to the parish council to hold as funds for a new slide.

Anyone wanting to donate or to organise an event is asked to contact Kate on 01572 747631 or Debbie on 01572 747449.

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QUORN: Monday is deadline day for all copy for the Quorndon community newsletter. Copy can be left with Joan at Flowers by Sarah.

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COURSES: PEOPLE TAKING PART WILL BE TRAINED TO BECOME COACHES

A great sporting chance!



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SESSION: Coach Leona Shepherd at Crescent Junior School

BY PHILIP WHITESIDE

People from Leicester's estates could become sports coaches for free.

Leicester City Council is running a scheme to train more than 100 people from inner-city estates to become qualified trainers.

Courses are available for between £5 and £250, but some may be free to people living in North Braunstone, Wycliffe, Spinney Hill, Saffron, New Parks, West Humberstone, Charnwood, Mowmacre, Belgrave, Eyres Monsell, Coleman, Beaumont Leys, and Latimer.

The sports development unit is hoping to turn as many sports fans as possible into coaches, to encourage people to do more exercise and organise more sports events.

It follows a similar scheme last year, in which 156 people were trained to teach sports.

One of them was Leona Shep-

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Leona Shepherd

herd, 24, from Braunstone. She gained the Community Sports Leaders' Award last year and is now working as a children's coach at Crescent Junior School, in Wellinger Way.

She said: "I had always been interested in sport, so this was a great opportunity."

"I'm going to America soon to coach in the camps for six weeks."

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The programme is being organised by Leicester City Council in conjunction with Active Sport and Braunstone Lifelong Learning Centre, and wants to train at least 120 people from 13 inner-city wards.

It features 33 separate one-day courses aimed at improving coaching in general, a range of sports leaders' award courses and courses for people wanting to coach the disabled and on first-aid and specific sports.

Sally Davis, the unit's senior sports regeneration officer, said: "This ambitious package of sports coaching courses will enable people working in sport on a voluntary basis to improve their all-round skills and further raise the standard of sports coaching across Leicester."

Aslam Abubaker, the city council's disability sports officer, said: "These are exciting times for those involved with people with disabilities in sport."

"This will enable clubs to provide a more inclusive environment, which will provide both disabled and able-bodied people opportunities to play and train alongside each other."

A brochure on the courses on offer is now available from the sports development unit by calling 0116 252 7363.

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