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East Coseley Big Local Partnership

# Big Local Plan 2014 - 2017

investment and support for community-led activities developed by residents and volunteers















# Our vision is that East Coseley is a vibrant, welcoming community, proud of its heritage and taking responsibility for its economic and environmental future.

"95% of what we want to do we can do ourselves"

Brian Guest, Chair, East Coseley Big Local



#### Coseley Grapevine

Big Local

#### SPRING 2016—EDITION 18

#### Coseley Christmas Lights 2015



A huge "Well done" to all the people of Coseley who joined together to celebrate the Christmas Lights switch on in December 2015. Once again everyone proved what is great about Coseley—the people at the heart of this community! Special thanks to our councillors for organising such a successful event.

#### Coseley School Consultation

On January 18<sup>th</sup> the Cabinet Committee of the Local authority took the decision to open a Consultation on a phased closure of The Coseley School.

We urge residents to take this opportunity to have their views heard on the future of The Coseley School site, below is the link to the consultation

https://online.dudley.gov.uk/surveys/coseleyschool/2016/sncoseley\_school\_2016.htm

If you have any queries regarding this consultation you can contact the council by: email CoseleyConsultation@dudley.gov.uk or Telephone 01384 815130

#### **East Coseley Big Local needs YOU!**

Do you live in the Big Local area and want to help lead the Big Local programme in East Coseley?



If you get a copy of the Coseley Grapevine through your letterbox at home you most likely live in the Big Local area, as this is where we deliver to.

which is open until April 5th.

One of the things required for us to access our £1million funding is to have a group of at least 8 people who guide the overall direction of Big Local in East Coseley. Within that group a majority must be people who live in the Big Local area. We are fortunate in East Coseley that 15 residents, volunteers and local business people currently want to be part of this group - we call it the Core Group. So that we maintain a majority on the Core Group of people who live in East Coseley, we are looking for one or two more residents who care about this area to join us.

#### What's involved?

We have 4 Core Group meetings per year, they are held on Monday evenings between 7pm and 9pm. These meetings involve overseeing the delivery of our Big Local Plan, looking at evidence of how the plan is progressing, and reviewing the plan and our group to make sure things are working in the best way possible.

We also have 4 informal catch-ups arranged for Core Group members and people leading Big Local projects. Core Group members may also find it useful to come along to our open Forums, which take place 3 or 4 times a year (Next meeting is 23rd May). All of these are 2 hour evening sessions.

New Core Group members will be given a full induction, and ongoing support from Dudley CVS officers. If this sounds like something you might like to get involved in and you'd like to know more, please contact Lorna Prescott for an informal chat on 07501 722255 or <a href="mailto:lorna@dudleycvs.org.uk">lorna@dudleycvs.org.uk</a> We'd love to hear from you. NB—East Coseley is is the area on the Bilston side of the Birmingham New Road between Shaw Road and Sedgley Road East.

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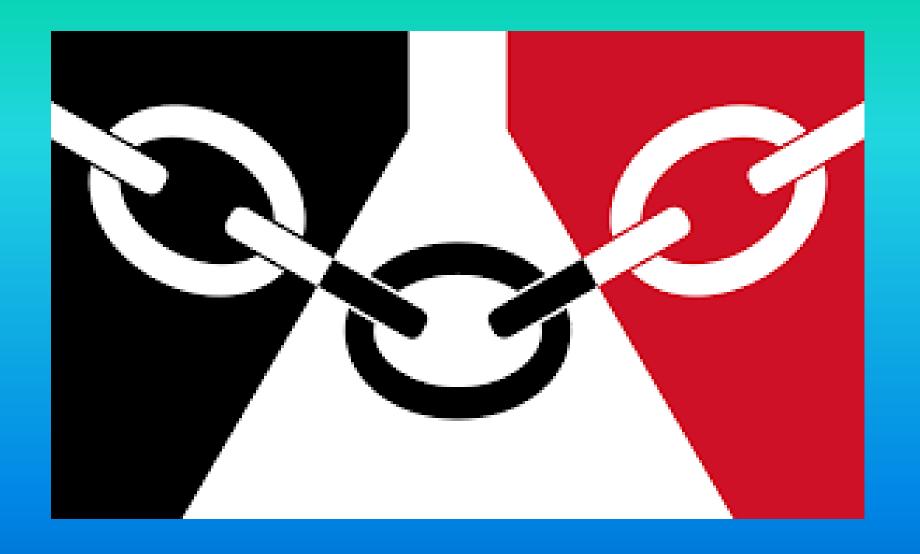
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#### Spotlight on East Coseley's BIG Event 2015





















The East Coseley Big Local Fun Day took place on Saturday, 6th June 2015, at Coseley Youth Centre and Clayton Park, Old Meeting. Road, Coseley. The weather was grand and stayed that way! The mayor and lady mayoress came along to lend their support, as did local MP lan Austin. Councillor Mottram and Councillor Clem Baugh and his lady were there, too.

This is a special event which we aim to stage annually, to promote what's on in and around East Coseley. It's an opportunity for local people to have their say on how they wanted the future to look in our area. And it's an occasion for the whole family to enjoy the fun.

The sun shone on the day, and everyone joined in the fun and games. There were competitions, a climbing wall, a bouncy castle, inflatable giant slide, face painting, nail bar and other attractions including circus skills and hook a duck. The hook a duck for one thing, turned out to be very popular. It looked easy.....till you tried it! And the young folk seemed dead keen to prove their mettle on the giant slide. Queuing up, they were!

There was music courtesy of Dave Brownhill and the Black Country Community radio, and of course the Coseley Comets Marching Band, who gave us a super display. The Black Country Boot Camp and Becky's Boot Camp showed off their energetic and entertaining fitness routines and welcomed new members.

The Penalty Shoot out caused great excitement and it seemed to onlookers that there could have been one or two Beckhams in the making showing off their skills in that arena.

There were stalls, with local community groups and services on hand to explain what's on offer and to answer any questions about what's going on in our area. For instance, the Waterways and Riverside Trust who have done so much work on the Coseley canal recently were there. The Fire Service turned up complete with ginormous fire engine, much to the kids' delight.

The Big Local Committee were on hand to explain more about what the Big Local initiative aims to achieve in East Coseley. With £1m at its disposal to spend in the area over the next ten years, the Committee wants to know what local people want the area to look like in ten years' time.

Refreshments such as squash, cakes, tea and coffee were plentiful, plus we had an ice cream van, hot dog stand and a barbecue for burgers, Contact us on facebook, by email, at Neil's drop in sessions at the library in Roseville or on the website. Contact details can be found at the bottom of the back page of every edition of Grapevine, and Neil's drop in sessions are listed in the pull out section. Do get in touch, we want to hear from you.

























# WOODLAND Trust









#### **Community Forum**

Monday 23 March, 7pm - 9pm Willowfields Extra Care Housing Scheme Whitehouse Street, Coseley, WV14 8HF

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