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ATTFE College - Stakeholder Newsletter

Issue 11: Friday, 21st November 2025

Welcome to the ATTFE College Stakeholder Newsletter. Keeping you up-to-date with updates and news about ATTFE College activities, events, opportunities, and community initiatives

Our Stakeholder newsletters aim to share information about activities and opportunities relevant to local residents and organisations around ATTFE College campuses.

In this November edition, you will find information about:

- Events & Activities Recap
- Stakeholder Spotlight
- Funding Opportunities
- Community Bulletin Board
- Upcoming Courses
- Wellbeing Materials
- Food Pantry Information

ATTFE College Activities



International Men's Day Celebration at the ATTFE College Community Hub

ATTFE College held a men's emotional health themed coffee morning to celebrate International Men's Day at their Community Hub in the Idlewells Shopping Centre on 18th November.

The event was hailed a huge success by all attending on the eve of the internationally recognised celebration. The purpose of the event was to **encourage meaningful conversations around mental health and wellbeing** through using **"Say More Than OK"** and **"Never Say Never"** to get an essential message across, that it's good to talk.

Staff, learners, volunteers and members of the community attended to participate and show support.

It saw males from all backgrounds recognise the achievements, challenges, and humanity of men in our society, through talking about things they had found difficult, or had even never spoken about before.

Chris Binch, an ex-paratrooper and firefighter, now a well-known podcast host supporting mental health, shared powerful and meaningful stories of his time in service.

It was followed by a member of college staff sharing for the first time how he felt after experiencing a heart attack and two cardiac arrests. An emotional story unfolded of the fears and anxiety that followed these life-changing events. A volunteer spoke about his battle with cancer and how he beaten it.

Such amazing but relevant stories encouraged others in the audience to take part and share their own challenges and achieved what the morning was all about – getting people to show empathy, to listen and be open through talking.

It created an inclusive and supportive environment where men felt heard and valued.

Simon Martin MBE, Executive Leader at ATTFE College commented,

"ATTFE College is committed to fostering a culture that supports positive mental wellbeing for all. We define mental wellbeing as the ability to realise one's potential, manage everyday pressures, and thrive both personally and professionally.

We aim to empower staff and learners to be creative, productive, and fully engaged in their work and studies. By prioritising wellbeing, we strengthen our community and contribute to the college's continued success."

Amazing and unique International Men's Day cupcakes were given out, made by ATTFE College's **Butterfly Bakery Enterprise**.

Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire Visits ATTFE College's Construction Team

On 14th November, **His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, Professor Veronica Pickering MBS HAC**, attended ATTFE College.

During her visit, the Lord-Lieutenant toured the **College's Construction Department** to meet and personally thank both the staff and learners for their exceptional dedication and effort in respect of their contribution to the recent Remembrance events. This included the **creation of over 400 "Tommy" figures**, which have gained recognition across the whole of Nottinghamshire.

These visual reminders of the importance of remembrance have been exceptionally well received and have attracted significant praise.

The Lord-Lieutenant was shown how the incredible Tommie's are made and heard remarkable stories about each and every Tommy that left the College, destined for a location of significance, at War Memorials, parks, street corners and various businesses and organisations.

In addition, ATTFE College staff, learners, volunteers, and veterans have taken time to create local remembrance installations featuring **knitted poppies, poems, and artwork**, which were then installed within our communities.

His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant thanked everyone who has actively supported ATTFE College in helping our communities and Nottinghamshire to mark the Act of Remembrance.

Liz Barrett OBE DL, Principal at ATTFE College said "Our learners, volunteers and staff have once again been at the heart of their communities, honouring our past whilst showing commitment to our shared futures, and I am so very grateful. Naturally, we will "go again" for 2026, developing and deepening this work further."



Stakeholder Spotlight



Nottinghamshire Freemasons

ATTFE College is delighted to shine this issue's *Stakeholder Spotlight* on the Nottinghamshire Freemasons!

Over the past few months, they have been nothing short of incredible partners.

In early October, they generously donated

Teddies for Loving Care (TLC) for our Programme of Study learners, and the smiles said it all. The room was full of cuddles, comfort and pure joy.

TLC provides much-needed reassurance to young people during difficult moments, and since 2001, an amazing **4 million teddies** have been distributed across hospitals in England and Wales. Learn more about this wonderful initiative here: <https://teddiesforlovingcare.org.uk/>.

Their support didn't stop there. The Nottinghamshire Freemasons also funded this year's **Ashfield Festival of Remembrance**, giving local residents a chance to come together and honour those who served.

And finally, they're playing a key role in strengthening community resilience by hosting multiple **#InThisTogether – Stop the Bleed** training sessions in Masonic Halls across the county.

For all of this and more, they truly deserve the spotlight.

A heartfelt thank you to the Nottinghamshire Freemasons for their ongoing generosity, partnership, and community spirit!

To learn more about the Nottinghamshire Freemasons, visit their website at www.nottinghamshiremasons.co.uk.



Funding Opportunities



Funding to Support Education in Disadvantaged Areas

UK registered charities operating both in the UK and those operating overseas can apply for funding to support educational projects in the UK and abroad.

The Foundation, a UK-registered charity, distributes around £700,000 annually through this fund. Grants are open to UK-registered charities with annual incomes between £25,000 and £2.5 million.

Funding is targeted at two areas:

- International projects may apply for between £30,000 and £60,000, with a maximum of £30,000 per year for multi-year initiatives.
- UK-based projects supporting care-experienced young people under 25 can secure between £30,000 and £90,000, again limited to £30,000 annually.

Grants can run for one to three years, with the Foundation covering between 25% and 100% of total project costs. However, annual grant payments cannot exceed 50% of an applicant's three-year average income, and overheads are restricted to 20% of the award. Preference is given to projects that secure matched funding.

Eligible organisations must demonstrate financial stability, submit at least three years of accounts, and have safeguarding procedures in place. A commitment to environmental sustainability is also expected.

There is a two-stage application process: The stage 1 application deadlines are as follows: International Grants is 13 May 2026 and UK Grants is 13 January 2026. Applications shortlisted at this stage will be invited to submit a Stage 2 proposal.

[Learn More](#)

Grants for Urgent Structural Repairs to Churches (UK)

Listed and unlisted Christian places of worship requiring major or urgent structural repairs can apply for grants of up to £50,000.

The funding, made available through the National Churches Trust's Large Grants Programme, will cover up to 50% of larger, more complex projects costing over £80,000, including VAT. Funding is also available for projects costing more than £30,000, including VAT, which improve facilities such as kitchens and accessible toilets, etc., to enable increased community use.

Priority will be given to architecturally and historically significant buildings.

There is a two-stage application process. The deadline for stage one applications is midnight on 3 March 2026. Applicants will be informed of the stage 2 deadline if they are successful at stage 1.

[Learn More](#)

Grants to Support Projects in Horticulture, Plant Sciences, Fine Art &

Art History (UK)

UK charities and charitable organisations, including schools and colleges, are eligible to apply for grants to support projects in the areas of:

- Horticulture (Gardening) and Plant Sciences
- Fine Art and Art History

The Foundation is especially interested in supporting horticultural training through bursaries and apprenticeships.

The sponsoring institution should submit applications; individuals may not apply directly.

The Foundation will consider applications for one-off grants of up to £10,000; however, due to high demand, most grants are currently £5,000 or less. Exceptionally, grants of up to £60,000 are made when funds permit, payable over several years.

The next closing date for applications is 4pm on 11 December 2025.

[Learn More](#)

Bulletin Board

#InThisTogether2025

Stop the Bleed Training

#InThisTogether2025 is a community-led campaign designed to empower individuals across Nottinghamshire with life-saving knowledge and practical skills to respond confidently in emergency situations.

The campaign is centred on two critical emergency response frameworks: **CitizenAID** and **Stop the Bleed**. These resources equip individuals with essential knowledge and techniques to manage life-threatening situations before professional help arrives.

Please fill in the online form below to express your interest for your organisation or community group to receive this **FREE** training:

[Register Here](#)



Join our #INTHISTOGETHER2025 Campaign

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Online Form:



<https://forms.office.com/e/7X70n0r63P>

Let's strengthen our local communities
by raising awareness and fostering a
culture of preparedness!



For enquiries, please email:
Max.Green-Wright@attrust.org.uk



Websites:
www.attfe.org.uk
www.citizenaid.org
www.cpted-uk.eu



The Nottinghamshire Freemasons are also hosting multiple Stop the Bleed sessions in their Masonic Halls across Nottinghamshire. Please see the details below:

Mansfield Masonic Hall

📅 Monday 24th November 2025

🕒 9.30am – 11.30am

📍 155 Nottingham Rd, Mansfield, NG18 4AE

👉 RSVP: <https://forms.office.com/e/cUyqHC8Eu2>

Worksop Masonic Hall

📅 Monday 24th November 2025

🕒 1.30pm – 3.30pm

📍 33 Potter St, Worksop, S80 2AE

👉 RSVP: <https://forms.office.com/e/2A2PGdvskr>

Chilwell Masonic Hall

📅 Tuesday 25th November 2025

🕒 10am – 12pm

📍 High Rd, Chilwell, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 4AT

👉 RSVP: <https://forms.office.com/e/ebhgFXiZ1Z>

Newark Masonic Hall

📅 Tuesday 25th November 2025

🕒 1pm – 3pm

📍 The Avenue, Newark-on-Trent, Newark, NG24 1ST

👉 RSVP: <https://forms.office.com/e/N9eed9pfjk>

Retford Masonic Hall

📅 Wednesday 26th November 2025

🕒 6pm – 8pm

📍 Carolgate, Retford, DN22 6AR

👉 RSVP: <https://forms.office.com/e/hpsnn1BkzT>

West Bridgford Masonic Hall

📅 Saturday 29th November 2025

🕒 10am – 12pm

📍 Welbeck Rd, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QW

👉 RSVP: <https://forms.office.com/e/F03LQRkrin>

If you have any enquiries, please email Lee.Brazier@attrust.org.uk. Feel free to share this with colleagues, friends and families. We are in this together in building stronger, safer communities for all!

Upcoming Shows at Cornerstone Theatre!

We have multiple exciting shows lined up at the Cornerstone Theatre, and we can't wait for you to join the fun!

You can check out our live and upcoming shows on **TicketSource** by clicking the button, below:

TicketSource

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COMEDY CLUB

13 FEB
2026
8PM

Cornerstone Theatre at
Sutton Community Academy
Sutton-in-Ashfield
NG17 1BW



Get your tickets on TicketSource:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-qjrlqld



Dave Twentyman
Headline Act



Tai Davies
Opening Act



Jules O'Brian
Middle Act



Chris Brooker
Comper

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21 FEB
2026
7:30PM

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Sutton-in-Ashfield
NG17 1BW



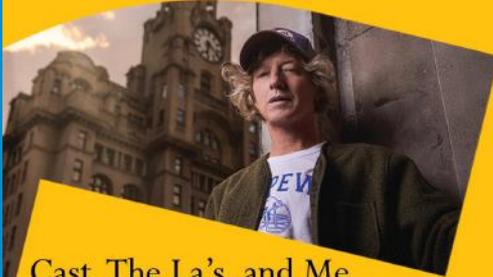
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JOHN POWER



Cast, The La's, and Me
An Intimate Evening With Singer/Songwriter
John Power

14 MAR
2026
7:30PM

Cornerstone Theatre at
Sutton Community Academy
Sutton-in-Ashfield, NG17 1BW

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Where is Mrs. Christie?

The Mystery of Agatha Christie's Eleven Lost Days
Starring Liz Grand

7 FEB
2026
2:30PM

Cornerstone Theatre at
Sutton Community Academy
Sutton-in-Ashfield
NG17 1BW



Get your tickets on TicketSource:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-ojnenro



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Upcoming Courses

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Cooking & Catering Skills

The perfect course for anyone who would like to learn more catering skills, techniques and recipes that can be used in a personal and professional setting. Each week you will engage in practical cooking activities as well as completing a LI Certificate in Catering and Hospitality guided by an expert tutor in this field.

Course Code: 25ASF083

Wednesdays, 9am - 3pm
Starting 3rd December 2025 - 25th March 2026

Venue:
Shine Café, King Street,
Sutton-in-Ashfield, NG17 1AT

Available for learners aged 19+ years. *Please contact us for eligibility criteria. Places will be limited and must be booked in advance. For further details or to book please call 01623 441310 or email college.info@atrust.org.uk

Website: www.attfe.org.uk #inThisTogether

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Support with Everyday Digital Skills

Our tutor will support you with developing your digital skills, whether that be support with your mobile phone, setting up an email address, completing forms online or using a laptop or tablet device. Activities delivered will be based on the support you need to help you with day to day digital skills.

Course Code: 25TL095

Fridays, 9am - 12pm
Starting 7th - 28th November 2025

Venue:
Adult Learning, Sutton Community Academy,
Sutton-in-Ashfield, NG17 1BW

Available for learners aged 19+ years. *Please contact us for eligibility criteria. Places will be limited and must be booked in advance. For further details or to book please call 01623 441310 or email college.info@atrust.org.uk

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An Introduction to Using Microsoft Word

Microsoft Word is a popular processing program used to create, edit and format documents such as letters, posters and CV's. During this short course you will be guided through the basics of using Word by our friendly and supportive tutor, working at your own pace to develop your skills and confidence.

Course Code: 25TL102

Tuesdays, 9am - 11.30am
Starting 2nd - 16th December 2025

Venue:
Ashfield District Council Offices, Urban Road,
Kirkby in Ashfield, NG17 8DA

Available for learners aged 19+ years. *Please contact us for eligibility criteria. Places will be limited and must be booked in advance. For further details or to book please call 01623 441310 or email college.info@atrust.org.uk

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FREE*

An Introduction to Using Microsoft Excel Spreadsheets

Microsoft Excel is a spreadsheet programme designed to help you organise data and information. During this short course you will be guided through the basics of using Excel by our friendly and supportive tutor, working at your own pace to develop your skills and confidence.

Course Code: 25TL103

Tuesdays, 12.30pm - 3pm
Starting 2nd - 16th December 2025

Venue:
Ashfield District Council Offices, Urban Road,
Kirkby in Ashfield, NG17 8DA

Available for learners aged 19+ years. *Please contact us for eligibility criteria. Places will be limited and must be booked in advance. For further details or to book please call 01623 441310 or email college.info@atrust.org.uk

Here are a few of our upcoming courses at ATTFE College! Please keep an eye on our social media pages for the latest updates and information.

Alternatively, you can view a list of our upcoming courses on our website:

Upcoming Courses



If you're looking for something more flexible, we also offer a number of ONLINE courses such as mental health, counselling, retail, coding, and many more.

Our online courses provide the same high-quality education as our in-person courses with the added convenience of being able to learn from anywhere.

Scan the QR Code to go your **Online Courses**

webpage!

For more details or to sign up, please contact 01623 441310 or email college.info@atrust.org.uk. Please don't forget to mention the course name and course codes when signing up.

Alternatively, you can fill out our Course Enquiry Form, below:

Enquiry Form

Let's All Eat Food Pantry

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There is no need to book and no referral needed.

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For **£3.50 payments each week** you will receive between £12 - £15 worth of good quality food. A **£1 joining fee** applies to all to ensure a lifetime of membership to the 'Let's All Eat Pantry'. This is payable on your first visit along with the £3.50 for that week's food.

Please bring your own bag to carry your food items home.



Huthwaite Methodist Church

- Every Wednesday, 1.30pm - 3.30pm
- Location: Sherwood Street, Huthwaite, Sutton-in-Ashfield, NG17 2LX
- Contact information: 07867451424

St. John's Methodist Church

- Every Monday, 1.00pm - 3.00pm
- Location: Titchfield Avenue, Sutton-in-Ashfield, NG17 1EU
- Contact information: 07867451424

Lifespring Church and Oasis Cafe

- Every Thursday, 1.30pm - 3.30pm
- Location: Sherwood Drive, New Ollerton, Newark, NG22 9PP
- Contact information: 07867451424

On a Tuesday evening 4-7pm, we offer good quality high value food at the Lifespring Church through the 'Stay and Eat Social Hub'.

LET'S ALL EAT FOOD PANTRY
SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD

Let's help reduce food waste!
We use surplus food from supermarkets to supporting the reduction of food waste and ensuring food sustainability. Through our food pantries, people are able to access affordable healthy food which reduces landfill whilst enabling money to stretch further.

Every Monday from 1pm until 2:30pm
St John's Methodist Church,
Titchfield Avenue,
Sutton-in-Ashfield, NG17 1EU

£1 lifetime membership fee
£3.50 each week for your food box
Each food box contains an equivalent of £12 - £5 worth of food.

No referrals needed, no appointment required
as everyone is welcomed and everyone is glad
to access the support you need in a welcoming space.

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LET'S ALL EAT FOOD PANTRY
OLLERTON

Let's help reduce food waste!
We use surplus food from supermarkets to supporting the reduction of food waste and ensuring food sustainability. Through our food pantries, people are able to access affordable healthy food which reduces landfill whilst enabling money to stretch further.

Every Thursday from 1pm until 2:30pm
Lifespring Centre & Oasis Cafe
Sherwood Drive
New Ollerton, NG22 9PP

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#WellbeingWednesday

Resources on our Website

We compiled a bunch of wellbeing resources on our ATTFE College website. From exercise videos, wellbeing materials, and information regarding our Mental Health First Aiders, you can find them there!

To go to our Wellbeing Page you can click, here: [Wellbeing - ATTFE College Webpage](#)

Resources on our YouTube Channel

On our YouTube channel, we host multiple wellbeing resources such as Tai Chi, beginners exercise, yoga videos and many more!

You can go to our YouTube channel, here: [ATTFE College - YouTube Channel](#)

Make sure to subscribe so you don't miss anything, and feel free to share with your friends and family!

*You are capable of overcoming any
challenge that comes your way*

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