

Community Notices

October 2026

Hello everyone, welcome to the October 2026 Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Governance Team's monthly community notices.

Katie MacDonald, Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Governance Team Support Officer, is your key contact for sending any notices through. Please email these to: fendalton.waimairi.harewood@ccc.govt.nz.

Disclaimer: Dates and times of events/activities have been provided by third parties and, to the best of our knowledge, were correct at the time of writing.

Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board Meetings 2026

The Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board remaining meeting dates for 2026 are listed below:

- Monday 19 October 2026
- Monday 16 November 2026
- Monday 7 December 2026

The meetings will take place in the Boardroom at the Fendalton Service Centre as well as being livestreamed on YouTube. The meeting's agenda, including the link to the livestream, can be found online at least two working days before the meeting. You can find copies of Council and Community Board meetings agendas and minutes [here](#).

Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board Webpage

The Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board have a Community Board Webpage. Here you will find information relating to the Community Board area; news, events and information on decisions made by the Board. Please visit the website and please feel free to share the link to your own networks: [Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board | Kōrero mai | Let's talk](#)

Celebrate Bishopdale and Bishopdale Skate Jam 2026 (new)

Celebrate Bishopdale is back for its 13th year and remains one of Bishopdale's most anticipated community events. With registrations nearly at capacity, this year's event promises to be another fantastic day for local residents.

Enjoy performances from four local schools, explore more than 40 food, activity, and information stalls, take part in a range of free children's activities, and sample delicious food available for purchase.

You can also head over to the skate bowl where George and the team from Skate Skool will be hosting the Skate Jam. Whether you're new to skating or looking to master some new tricks, there's something for everyone.

Celebrate Bishopdale and Bishopdale Skate Jam

Saturday 21 November 2026

Bishopdale Park, Harewood Rd

11.00am – 2.00pm

Rain date Sunday 22 November 2026

For more information visit our What's On pages:

[Celebrate Bishopdale : Christchurch City Council](#)

[Bishopdale Skate Jam : Christchurch City Council](#)

Youth Hui (new)

On 16 September, the second annual Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Youth Hui brought together 22 people from local schools, churches, community organisations, youth services and the Council.

Participants shared what they are seeing and hearing from young people, explored findings from the Burnside and Bryndwr Community Voices youth survey, and discussed opportunities to strengthen connections and collaboration across the local youth sector.

Read the full story and hui notes by clicking [here](#).

Events / Workshops / Courses - Did you know you can [list your event for free](#) on the What's on site.

Free sewing skills drop-in

Fendalton Library is piloting a new free weekly sewing skills drop-in, beginning Thursday 10 September. Drop into Auahatanga, Fendalton Library's creative space, anytime between 10.30 am and 2 pm to learn how to use a sewing machine, improve your skills or get help with a sewing project.

An experienced sewing mentor will be available to provide practical advice and guidance, and sewing machines will be provided. The sessions are open to everyone, regardless of experience. Bring your own materials or sewing project. The drop-in is a collaboration between Christchurch City Council and the local community. It will also help gauge interest in offering a free weekly learn-to-sew programme in the future.

Every Thursday from 10.30 am–2 pm

Auahatanga, Fendalton Library

Free—no bookings required

For more information, phone 03 941 7923 or email library@ccc.govt.nz.



Get Planting at Nepal Reserve

Looking for something fun to do with the whānau these school holidays?

Come along to Nepal Reserve on Thursday 1 October, from 10.00 am–1.00 pm and help us plant 1,800 native plants. You can also learn about fire-smart planting and enjoy a free sausage sizzle once the planting is finished.

No experience is needed, and tools and gloves will be provided. Come anytime and stay as long as you like – just bring a drink bottle, sturdy shoes and clothes suitable for the weather.

- Nepal Reserve – off Westpark Drive, Burnside
- Thursday 1 October
- 10.00 am–1.00 pm

For more information, contact Beulah at bpragg@gmail.com or visit the [Friends of Nepal Reserve Facebook page](#). Everyone is welcome – we'd love to see you there.

Neighbours Aotearoa – Participation Culture a Space to Connect (new)

Neighbours Aotearoa - Participation Culture: A Space to Connect.

This is an open space for community organisations, groups, services, volunteers and community-minded people to come together, meet new people, share what they do and discover opportunities to connect and support one another.

Sometimes, all it takes is coming together.

To participate. To kōrero. To connect. To share.

And maybe to find the connection you didn't know you needed. 🧡

There won't be any formal presentations or pressure to prepare anything. Instead, the idea is to create a relaxed space where we can meet, mingle, kōrero and build relationships.

You might come along to:

- 🌱 Meet others working and volunteering in our communities
- 🌱 Share what your organisation or group is doing
- 🌱 Find out what's happening in other parts of Ōtautahi
- 🌱 Discover opportunities to collaborate or support one another
- 🌱 Make new connections and simply have a kōrero

Bring what you do, share what you know, and see who you might meet.

📍 The Linwood Resource Centre

332 Linwood Ave, Linwood

📅 Friday 2nd October

🕒 10:30am–12:30pm

☕ Light refreshments provided

If this sounds like something you, your organisation, or someone in your network might be interested in, I'd love to see you there.

Please email me at Leeza@neighboursaotearoa.nz to register your interest, or feel free to share this invitation with others who you think might enjoy being part of it.

Durga Puja

We're delighted to share that Durga Puja at the Multicultural Recreation & Community Centre in Hagley Park is now officially part of the City Council's 'Christchurch Heritage Festival 2026'.

This recognition celebrates 11 years of dedication, community spirit and cultural pride with your event led by the Christchurch Bengali Community Inc. (NZBN:9429051785383) continuing its impact and exponential growth in popularity. Featuring a new idol in our celebration, distinctive decor and treasured culinary traditions, the festival reflects a cultural tradition recognised on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. This milestone badge is proudly provided by the Christchurch City Council.

What began as a small community celebration, has now grown into a vibrant and much-awaited free event for families in the heart of Christchurch, bringing people together from all backgrounds to celebrate, connect and learn.

As your Durga Puja continues to grow, this milestone reflects not only the event's success to date but also its bright future as an important part of Christchurch's cultural calendar. We look forward to seeing the celebration continue to inspire and unite communities with your support for years to come.

We deeply acknowledge your contribution in making this event such a meaningful part of Christchurch's cultural landscape. Here's to an even brighter future and many more years of celebrating together.

Please join us on Saturday 17 October 2026 at the Multicultural Recreation & Community Centre at 455 Hagley Avenue, Christchurch from 9am onwards.

You may register for this free family event by clicking [here](#).

Here's a snapshot of our event on Youtube. Enjoy: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/abVTZkKzQj0>

Burnside Park Tennis Club – Get Back into Tennis this October (new)

Whether you're completely new to tennis or simply feeling a little rusty, our friendly eight-week adult coaching courses will help you build skills, confidence, and connections in a relaxed environment. Our small-group sessions (starting from 13th October) combine expert coaching with plenty of fun and social interaction. Places are limited, so register now and get back into the swing of things!

Choose from:

- Daytime beginners and refresher course – ideal for parents or anyone available on a Tuesday morning. [Register here](#)
- Mixed Improver and Intermediate: Tuesdays at 6.30pm. [Register here](#)
- Beginner Level: Fridays at 6.00pm. [Register here](#)

Avonhead Community Trust – Active in Avonhead (new)

ACTIVE in Avonhead – Move, Connect & Enjoy! Over 55? Come and join us!

Due to increasing numbers, Avonhead Community Trust is excited to offer a second session of ACTIVE in Avonhead, our fun, friendly community exercise programme delivered in partnership with Sport Canterbury. Term 4 dates: 13 October 2026 till 8 December 2026.

- Tuesdays during school terms (*starts 13 October 2026*)
- Avonhead Baptist Church Hall, 102 Avonhead Road
- 9:30am – Class 1 (*currently full*)
- 10:45am – Class 2
- Morning tea: 10:15am–11:45am – a great opportunity for both groups to connect.
- \$5 per session – bring a friend for their first session free!
- 10-session concession card: \$40 when paid in advance.

Come along, get moving, build strength and balance, and enjoy the company of others in our welcoming community.

Ready to get active? Contact alister@actrust.org.nz to start your ACTIVE in Avonhead journey.

Burnside Rugby Football Club – Touch Module (new)

Fast paced. Social. Everyone can play.

Get your mates your mates together and join the Burnside Touch Module for a great way to stay active, have fun and be part of our club community.

Wed and/or Thursday evenings over the summer months starting October 14th. Click here for further [info](#).

RAD Bikes - Bike Bridge (new)

We're getting ready to start a new Bike Bridge season on 14 October, and we're looking forward to welcoming both returning riders and new participants to our free bike lessons for women. It's always exciting helping people get pedalling for the first time!

Addington School
(entrances off Somerset Crescent or from Simeon Street)

5–7pm Wednesdays
14 Oct – 16 Dec 2026, and 3 Feb – 7 Apr 2027

Taught by women, for women (female-only environment).
All abilities welcome — from complete beginners to those wanting to build confidence on the road.
Bikes and helmets provided.
Come when you can between 5–7pm; no worries if you arrive late or need to leave early. No booking needed.
Please wear closed footwear.

Check our Facebook page for updates (e.g. weather cancellations): Bike Bridge Christchurch
Follow us on Instagram: @bikebridgechch
More information: www.radbikes.co.nz/bikebridge

Looking ahead, we're also exploring the possibility of adding a new location as a pilot project starting early 2027 — we'll share the details and schedule as soon as they're confirmed.

Putahi Belfast School PTA – Night Market (new)

Date: Friday 16th October 2026.

Time: 5pm to 8pm.

Where: Putahi Belfast School, Junior Campus, 700 Main North Road, Belfast, Christchurch 8051.

A fun evening with markets (indoor and outdoor), home baked goods, performances and a gold coin donation appreciated.

Fendalton Bowling Club - Social Bowls (new)

Membership opportunities still available for this season.

Free membership for first year bowlers.

New players are still welcome, all ages and experience

Bowls provided by the Club.

Social bowls:

Friday 16 October 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Friday 23 October 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Free entry, no registration required, just turn up

Location – entry from 28B Makora St or from Fendalton Park

www.sporty.co.nz/fendaltonbowls Ph 03 351 9048

Cotswold Preschool & Nursery – Garage Sale and Gala Day (new)

Saturday 17th October 2026

8am to 1pm

Cotswold Preschool & nursery – 37 Colesbury Street

Come along and join us for a fun-filled family morning at Cotswold Preschool & Nursery!

There'll be lots of bargains, yummy treats and fun for the whole family!

White Elephant, Books, Sausage Sizzle, Homewares, Baking, Face painting, Clothing, Bouncy Castle, Toys and much more!

<https://www.facebook.com/cotswold.preschool/>

St Aidan's Annual Plant Sale

Cnr Brookside Tce & Aorangi Rd, Bryndwr

Saturday 17 October 2026, 9-11am

Hostas, house plants, vege & herb plants, flowering plants and lots more.

Come and get a bargain.

Cash accepted and online banking details available.

Bring a box or bag for your purchases.

The Vintage Car Club of New Zealand, Canterbury Branch – Old Cars, Bikes & Coffee (OCBC) (new)

Have you come out for coffee yet? Join us at Cutler Park Sunday, 18 October from 9am(ish)–12pm for coffee, a catch-up and a chance to meet other club members.

Bring along your club-eligible car or bike – and if there's enough interest, we might even head out for a run!

Partners and children are very welcome, but please no dogs.

Open to members and anyone interested in the club – just turn up and join us!

The Corner Merivale - Talk by David Millar on the work of the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust

Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū / Banks Peninsula is an extraordinary geological region and a biodiversity treasure for Christchurch and Canterbury. Formed as an offshore volcanic island and spanning around 100,000 hectares—the largest peninsula in Aotearoa—its unique origins have shaped an exceptional variety of life. This rich natural heritage has made Banks Peninsula a hotspot for local endemism, with species found nowhere else in Aotearoa or the world.

Talk by David Millar

Tuesday 20th October 2026

10.30 am - 12.00 pm Talk including Morning Tea

Donation / Koha Appreciated suggested \$5.00

What's On

We invite you and your whanau to join us for morning tea and to meet David Miller, a resident on the Peninsula and BPCT Trustee who will talk about the work the Trust does and its role as a trusted environmental organisation in Canterbury

The Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust (BPCT) was established in 2001 as a non-profit organisation dedicated to working with landowners, agencies, sponsors, and the wider community. Their mission is to conserve and enhance indigenous biodiversity while promoting sustainable land management across the peninsula. At BPCT, we believe conservation is fundamentally about people. We aim to inspire communities to connect with their environment, understand their relationship with it, and take meaningful action to protect and restore this remarkable landscape.

Where:

The Corner, 30 Church Lane, Merivale.

Good parking is available in the carpark or front of the building.

RSVP/Book Now

Call us: 021 222 7543 or email: thecorner@allsouls.org.nz <https://www.facebook.com/thecornerchch>

Belfast District Museum Open Day 2026

Date: Sunday 25 October 2026

Time: 12pm to 3pm

Location: 665 Main North Road

Belfast Museum is a small local museum in the Kapuatohe Reserve, Belfast.

The Museum was built in 1985 to preserve and celebrate Belfast's rich local history, the museum is packed with fascinating treasures — from a 1927 Ford Chevrolet, vintage record players and typewriters to rare artifacts from the historic Zealander Soap and Candle Factory.

Explore detailed models of Belfast's iconic buildings and discover the newly launched "Belfast – Walk Through Time" map.

A nostalgic journey through the stories, people and places that shaped our community.

Volunteers are available to answer any questions and chat about local history.

Citizens Advice Bureau - Your Money, Your Work, Your Rights – Ōtautahi Women's Toolkit (new)

CABCHA is running a four-session workshop for women at the Hornby Community Centre, from 10:00am–2:00pm on:

- 28 October
- 2 November
- 11 November
- 18 November

The workshops will provide practical tools and information to help women:

- get back into work or prepare for employment
- make their money and budget go further
- navigate changes in their financial circumstances
- understand their rights and access relevant support

If you or someone you know could benefit from this workshop, please contact Citizens Advice Bureau Christchurch Area for more information or to register.

Registration and enquiries:

manager.christchurch@cab.org.nz

The Village Bryndwr – Foot Clinic (new)

Need help with your feet? The next Village foot clinic is 29 & 30 October at the Village church & Community Centre, 365a Ilam Rd. Have a foot soak, get your nails trimmed and chat over a cuppa. Booking essential on 351-6664 or bryndwr@villagechurch.nz.

Waimairi School – Beats by Bingo (new)

Date: Friday 30th October 2026

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Location: Waimairi School Hall

Cost: \$22pp, tickets via bank transfer or at the school office. Bank details: Waimairi School Board, 12-3149-0098724-02.

Email: cw.finance@waimairi.school.nz to confirm your booking and inform us of any dietary requirements.

For up to date info on the fundraiser: <https://facebook.com/events/s/beats-by-bingo-fundraiser/2512661939243329/>

Waimairi Toy Library – Kids Toys Sale & Fill-A-Bag Fundraiser (new)

Waimairi Toy Library Kids Toy Sale & Fill-A-Bag Fundraiser! Please join us for our open day and annual fill-a-bag fundraiser.

Wairakei School Hall Saturday 31st October 9:30am-11:30am. We will have membership sign up discounts, bake sale, fill a bag kids clothing, toy & book sale, face painting, a bouncy castle and an obstacle course set up outside."

<https://www.facebook.com/share/19ugaaXM68/>

<https://www.facebook.com/waimairitoylibrary/>

Avonhead Baptist Church – End of October Event (new)

You are all invited to Avonhead Baptist Church, 102 Avonhead Road for a free event, 31st of October, 5 - 7pm. There will be a bouncy castle (safe for adults!), face painting, lawn games, sausage sizzle. The Fridge Radio will have a sound desk and with LIVE onsite broadcasting. Stickers and lollies included as prizes for the lawn games, all part of the FUN.

As this is a family friendly event, we ask that any gore, makeup or horror is to be added to outfits after our event, leaving enough time for other activities afterwards.

St Timothy's Church – Light Party – Halloween Alternative (new)

Saturday 31st October | 5-7pm | St Timothy's Church, 46 Kendal Ave, Burnside, Christchurch

Invite your friends and family and come along for some good natured fun. Dress up in your favourite (NON SCARY) costume.

Enjoy Hot Dogs, Silent Disco, Bouncy Castle and Games.

This is a halloween alternative **free event**. Kids must be accompanied by an adult.

[facebook](#)

Fundsorter - AI for Charities (new)

Free 8-week online course for the charities sector.

AI for Charities is an 8-week practical course designed specifically for people who work in the charity sector in Aotearoa New Zealand — no technical background required. You'll go from beginner to having real, working tools that save you time every week. Each session is two hours, online, and designed to gradually build your skills and confidence.

The course kicks off Thursday October 29th from 12 noon-2pm. You can join the classes live, or watch the recordings and learn at your own pace. We also run technical drop in sections in case you get stuck, and online forums so you can share, chat with other participants, and ask questions.

For more information and to sign up, click [here](#).

Canterbury Potters Association 53rd Annual Exhibition (new)

Guest Exhibitor & selector - Kate Fitzharris

12-22 November 2026

Coca Gallery

66 Gloucester Street.

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DdGi31MicEk>

Hapori Aotearoa 2027: People, Place and Practice (new)

Registrations are open for Hapori Aotearoa 2027, a national gathering for people working in and alongside communities.

Held in Ōtautahi Christchurch on 10–11 March 2027, the conference will offer two days of connection, shared learning and practical ideas about community-led development.

Early-bird tickets are available in limited numbers until 1 December 2026, unless sold out earlier.

[Find out more and register for Hapori Aotearoa 2027](#)

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Inclusive Workplaces Campaign – Welcoming Week 2026 (new)

As part of Welcoming Week 2026, InCommon has launched an Inclusive Workplaces Campaign celebrating workplaces across Ōtautahi Christchurch that are helping create more diverse, inclusive and welcoming environments.

The campaign features four different workplaces and shares stories about how organisations are putting inclusion and belonging into practice.

Please help us promote the campaign through your teams, networks and communication channels where appropriate. You are also very welcome to share the Instagram post through your social media or with organisations you work with.

Instagram post:

https://www.instagram.com/p/DdGKXVRGpDq/?img_index=4&stkn=N2NucWd0amRrN2Nv

Welcoming Week is not only about welcoming people into our communities — workplaces also play an important role in helping newcomers and people from different backgrounds feel connected, valued and that they belong.

Thank you very much for helping us spread the word and celebrate the great work happening across Ōtautahi.

The Village Bryndwr – Preschool Music (new)

Preschool music at the Village - Bryndwr: Meets at 10am on Wednesdays during term time for music & morning tea at the Village Community Centre, 365a Ilam Rd., corner of Aorangi & Ilam.

Harewood Playcentre (new)

Harewood Playcentre is a welcoming space where tamariki aged 0–6 and their whānau can play, learn and socialise together. Parents join their tamariki, creating a supportive community where everyone can connect and grow. Come along and join us for a session on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, 9am–12pm. [Harewood | Playcentre](#)

Crockford Bridge Club Inc – Open Thursday sessions (new)

Location: 218 Riccarton Road.

All Bridge players/groups are welcome to attend Crockfords Bridge club's open Thursday sessions:

Thursday afternoon session: play starts at 1:00pm-4:00pm.

Our Thursday evening session aims at the Junior/Intermediate players, who want more time per board, starts at 7:00m-10:00pm.

For more information:

Website: <https://crockfordsbridgeclub.nz/>

Phone: 033487478

Email: secretary@crockfordsbridgeclub.nz

Office hours: Mon: 12:30pm-3:30pm | Wed: 12:30pm-3:30pm | Thurs: 8:30am-2:30pm

Bishopdale Menzshed – Wheelie Bins

Bishopdale Menzshed has up to eight 240 L wheelie bins, with bin liners, available for rubbish collection at your Group's outdoor events. The charge is \$20 for delivery and collection and \$20 per bin. We dispose of the rubbish bags. Email bishopdalemenzshed@gmail.com for further information.

Christchurch City Council Information

Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Liaison Meetings for 2026

Community Leaders in Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood! You're warmly invited to our bi-monthly Community Liaison Meetings tailored for community groups and organisations within the Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood board areas. It is a fantastic opportunity to catch up, share ideas, and connect with fellow community members.

2026 Remaining Date:

- Wednesday 14th October 2026.

Morning tea is provided at every meeting. For more information or to be added to the distribution list, please contact: fendalton.waimairi.harewood@ccc.govt.nz. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Graffiti Team - Keeping Christchurch clean and graffiti-free is the [Graffiti Project](#) – contact the Graffiti Team to chat about creating a mural, removing graffiti, project ideas or attending an event.

Christchurch City Libraries- Storytimes, cultural celebrations, tech classes, book groups, exhibitions, author talks, hobbies, crafts, and more - discover programmes and events at libraries around the city. Check the libraries event calendar out [here](#).

The latest Council proposals in consultation: [Home](#) | [Kōrero mai](#) | [Let's talk](#)

Find out what's happening in Christchurch first on [Newsline](#)

[Smartview](#) - Displays real-time information about Christchurch City

The map to find out about roadworks in Christchurch has been updated with more information available, to explore the new map please visit: <https://manage.myworksites.co.nz/impacts?jurisdiction=CHC> .

Understanding Council and influencing local decisions **(new)**

Community leaders, volunteers and trusted community connectors are invited to an interactive train-the-trainer workshop exploring how Christchurch City Council works and how communities can influence local decision-making.

Monday, 12 October 2026

5.30–7.30 pm

Multicultural Recreation and Community Centre, 455 Hagley Avenue

Participants will gain practical knowledge and resources they can share with their own communities. Participants will receive a certificate of completion. [Register for the workshop.](#)



Upcoming Workshops and Support for Community Groups and Organisations

[Community Capacity Accounting](#) is a very special accounting firm: we specialise in not-for-profit organisations.

[Community Law Canterbury \(CLC\)](#) - Community Law Canterbury provides free and accessible legal advice, information, education and specialist support to people in Canterbury and the West Coast who face barriers to accessing justice.

[Community Networks Aotearoa \(CNA\)](#) - ☒ Tick for Governance Course

A fun, easy, and engaging online course designed to help community organisations build and be recognised for strong governance skills and practices.

- Just \$100 per person (with bulk discounts available)
- [Read more / Enrol here](#)

[Equipment Resource Directory](#) - Check out this [online directory](#). It lists recreation and event equipment available to community organisations at an affordable hire rate. Some equipment is free to hire.

[Excult](#) is one of New Zealand's leading training providers for the community sector

Upcoming workshops:

- *Growing Great Volunteer Teams* – 13 & 20 October (9.30 am–12.30 pm) Online. Register [here](#).
- *Making Donations a Key Income Stream* – 28 October (9.30 am–12.30 pm) Online. Register [here](#).
- *Sustainable Funding* – 3 & 10 November (9.30 am-12.30 pm) Online. Register [here](#). **(new)**

[Free Netsafe Training & Support](#)

Netsafe continues to provide free advice and support to anyone experiencing online harm, including image-based abuse, cyberbullying and online harassment. They are also offering a free self-paced **Responding to Online Harm** online training course **for parents, caregivers, teachers, youth workers and anyone supporting young people**. The course takes less than an hour to complete and provides practical guidance on recognising online harm, responding effectively, and knowing where to access further support.

For more information, access support, or register for the free training, visit the [Netsafe website](#) or contact outreach@netsafe.org.nz.

[Parry Field Lawyers](#) **(new)**

Parry Field Lawyers is launching a quarterly online forum for charity CEOs and board chairs. The forum will offer an opportunity to hear about developments affecting the charitable sector, learn from others, build connections, and discuss issues or policy ideas to raise with local and central government. The first forum will feature charity-sector leaders sharing their experiences and perspectives. [Find out more and register](#)

- 12–1 pm, Friday, 23 October 2026 (Online)

[Policy Support for Community Groups](#)

If your organisation is looking to review or strengthen its policies, one local group has recently explored The [Policy Place](#) as an option. They offer support to review existing policies, set up a policy management system, and provide ongoing legal updates as requirements change. Indicative costs shared include approximately \$1,200 for initial setup, with an annual subscription of around \$2,000 for ongoing support and updates. This could be a

useful option for groups wanting to ensure their policies are up to date and aligned with current requirements. Funding support may be worth exploring for this type of capacity-building work.

[Rerenga Awa | Canterbury Youth Workers Collective](#)

We support the youth sector through:

- **Networks & Hui** – including All Youth Organisations, Pasifika, Māori, Youth Voice, and Rainbow Youth Workers. Check out their calendar of events [here](#).
- **Weekly Newsletter** – packed with news, opportunities, and resources for the youth sector. Sign up for the newsletter [here](#).

Check out our website [here](#), or reach out to admin@cywc.org.nz

[Sport Canterbury Resources](#)

Looking for practical resources to support your club or community organisation? Sport Canterbury's website has a range of free resources, including its **Volunteer Toolkit** and **Funding Guide**, to help organisations recruit and support volunteers, strengthen governance, and explore funding opportunities. Check out the resources on the [Sport Canterbury website](#).

[TechSoup](#) - Free & discounted Microsoft training for not-for-profits

Learn Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook & Teams with simple tutorials that save time and boost impact. Eligible groups can also access donated & discounted Microsoft products via TechSoup New Zealand. For further info, [click here](#).

[Volunteer Canterbury](#)

They support community groups with volunteer recruitment, police checks, training, resources, and networking opportunities. Member organisations can list volunteer roles, access best-practice guidelines, and get help if volunteer issues arise. Membership is very affordable, and if cost is a barrier or you'd like to trial their services, contact **Volunteering Canterbury** or Karen Boag / Natalie Dally at the Council. Find out more at volcan.org.nz.

Upcoming Workshops: [find out more about the workshops here:](#)

- **Coffee & Chats for Volunteer Managers – Christchurch – Thursday, 8 October 2026, 9.00–10.00 am.** A monthly peer-support session for people who manage or coordinate volunteer teams. Connect with others from local not-for-profit organisations, share ideas and discuss all things volunteering. [Register here](#). (new)
- **Tautoko Workshop: Innovative Recruitment and Onboarding – Wednesday, 14 October 2026, 1.00–2.00 pm.** Explore practical approaches to recruiting and welcoming volunteers so they feel engaged, confident and supported from the beginning. [Register here](#). (new)
- **Tautoko Network Waimakariri: Managing Difficult Conversations – Wednesday, 14 October 2026, 9.15 am–12.30 pm.** Gain practical tools and confidence to navigate challenging conversations when leading volunteers. This workshop is currently full, but a waitlist is available. [Join the waitlist](#). (new)
- **Governance Bites: Not-for-Profits Getting Real About Strategy – Wednesday, 21 October 2026, 5.00–7.00 pm.** A practical workshop exploring what it means to be genuinely strategic and how not-for-profit boards can turn strategy into meaningful action. [Register here](#). (new)
- **Thriving, Not Surviving: Sustainable Leadership for Volunteer Managers in 2027 – Thursday, 5 November 2026, 1.00–3.30 pm.** Mark International Volunteer Managers' Day by reflecting on 2026, reconnecting with what matters, strengthening healthy boundaries and developing a practical action plan for the year ahead. [Register here](#). (new)

Christchurch City Council Community Funding and fundraising opportunities

Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board Funding

SmartyGrants System - We have changed to a new system for our funding. You will need to set up a one-time SmartyGrants login, which will allow you to view and apply for any open Council funding. Please note that you will now need to select whether to apply for funding from your local Community Board or the city-wide fund. This is an important new step.

If you require assistance, please contact communitygrants@ccc.govt.nz or one of the Advisors from the Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Governance Team listed below.

Strengthening Communities Fund (SCF)

The Strengthening Communities Fund closed on Friday, 29 May 2026. Applicants to this fund will be notified in late August as to the outcome of their application.

Youth Development Fund (YDF) - This fund is currently on hold.

Discretionary Response Fund (DRF) - The purpose of the DRF is to assist community groups where the project and funding request falls outside other Council funding criteria and/or closing dates. This fund is also for emergency funding for unforeseen situations. The 2026/27 fund is open for applications; for more information, please click [here](#).

Check out Christchurch City Council's other Community Funding Opportunities [here](#).



Other grant funding

Below are some upcoming and ongoing funding opportunities that may be useful for local community organisations.

Before applying, we recommend checking the funder's website and, where possible, contacting them to discuss your project and confirm that it meets their funding criteria.

The Department of Internal Affairs also administers a range of community grants. Visit the Community Matters [website](#) to explore current funding opportunities.

Lottery funding eligibility update (new)

DIA has acknowledged that some organisations were incorrectly assessed as ineligible during the first round of the revised Lottery Fund. Organisations that were previously eligible remain eligible under the updated guidance. If your organisation was affected or you are unsure about your eligibility, contact a DIA Community Advisor on **0800 824 824** or email community.matters@dia.govt.nz.

[Read the updated Lottery Fund guidance and view the eligibility flowchart](#)

Funder	Funding area	Upcoming closing date(s)
Air Rescue	General Community	1 October & 1 November
The Trusts Community Foundation	Community, arts, heritage, education, environment, sport & recreation	1 October & 1 November
Pub Charity	General community, including sport, community and cultural purposes	5 October & 9 November

Pelorus Trust	General community, charitable, cultural & sport	2, 16 & 30 October, 13 November
Mainland Foundation	General community, sport, education & charitable purposes	11 & 25 October, 8 November
One Foundation	General Community	15 October
Bobby Foundation	Sport & recreation	16 October
Four Winds Foundation	Community, charities, cultural, welfare, education & amateur sport	25 October & 25 November
Youth Town	Youth Projects	30 October & 30 November
Grassroots Trust	General community & sport	31 October & 20 November
Transpower – CommunityCare Fund (new)	Community-based projects near the National Grid	31 October
Hardcourts Foundation	General Community	9 November (Round 71)
Christchurch Airport Community Fund	Community projects and organisations	31 March 2027

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Funder	Funding area
Rātā Foundation	Community organisations and initiatives across Canterbury and other South Island regions
Ethnic Communities Development Fund	Projects supporting ethnic communities, inclusion, participation, connection and economic outcomes
Kiwi Gaming Foundation	Community, sport, education, arts & culture – including Canterbury
iSport Foundation	Sports and Youth
New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT)	Community, sport and other authorised purposes – subject to local funding availability
Lion Foundation	Community, sport, arts & culture, health and education – subject to local funding availability
Aotearoa Gaming Trust	General community – subject to local funding availability
One Foundation	Community
Tindall Foundation	Families, Environment, Community

Alcohol Licences

Information about Applications for Alcohol Licenses

The Alcohol and Licensing Team is keen to ensure people are aware of applications in their areas. We have highlighted Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood applications so you can keep an eye on ones that come up for your area. For information about how to make an objection, click [here](#).

Separate from objecting to a licence application there are other ways in which members of the community can contact the Council at any time to raise any concerns or problems you may have with existing licenced premises, such as noise, nuisance, vandalism or specific promotions. For further information read the brochure: [Alcohol Licensing in the Community](#).

Current applications:

Type	Trading Name	Address	Requested hours of operation	Closing date
OFF-LICENCE RENEWAL	SUPER LIQUOR ELMWOOD	1 NORMANS ROAD PAPANUI	MONDAY TO SUNDAY 8.00 AM TO 9.00 PM	Oct 14, 2026
OFF-LICENCE RENEWAL	BELFAST LIQUOR CENTRE	752 MAIN NORTH ROAD BELFAST	MONDAY TO SUNDAY 9.00 AM TO 9.00 PM	Oct 21, 2026
OFF-LICENCE RENEWAL	BRIGITTES MERIVALE	209 PAPANUI ROAD MERIVALE	MONDAY TO SATURDAY 8.00 AM TO 1.00 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY SUNDAY 8.00 AM TO 11.00 PM	Oct 21, 2026

Meet the Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Team

Support Officer – Katie MacDonald	Katie supports the team with all Board and non-Board related matters. She will be your key contact regarding future Community Notices and room bookings for the Fendalton Service Centre. You can contact Katie on 03 941 5325 or at katie.macdonald@ccc.govt.nz
Community Development Adviser - Karen Boag (Waimairi ward & Bryndwr)	Karen is one of our Community Development Adviser's (CDA) and works with community groups within the Waimairi ward and deals with funding requests relating to community development. You can contact Karen on 03 941 5273 or at karen.boag@ccc.govt.nz
Community Development Adviser – Natalie Dally (Fendalton and Harewood wards)	Natalie is our other Community Development Adviser (CDA) and works with community groups within the Fendalton and Harewood wards and deals with funding requests relating to community development. You can contact Natalie on 03 941 5326 or at natalie.dally@ccc.govt.nz
Community Recreation Adviser - Lisa Gregory	Lisa is our Community Recreation Adviser (CRA) and works with anything relating to sport and recreation within our ward areas and deals with funding requests relating to sport and recreation. You can contact Lisa on 03 941 6729 or at lisa.gregory@ccc.govt.nz
Community Board Adviser - Aidan Kimberley	Aidan is our Community Board Adviser (CBA) and is the first contact person in anything relating to the Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board. You can contact Aidan on 03 941 6566 or at aidan.kimberley@ccc.govt.nz
Community Governance Manager - Maryanne Lomax	Maryanne is the Manager of the Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood team. She has overall responsibility for the Team and the strategic direction of the Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Board. You can contact Maryanne at maryanne.lomax@ccc.govt.nz .