

Welcome to your Community Connector team...

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I was working for The Shoebox as a Community Connector for Mancroft ward. I love the area, to me it's the heart of the City. There's always so much going on, so much creativity and energy. Now working with the Connectors, it's lovely to see the different discoveries they are making in their own areas of the city. When I'm not working I'm a yarn spinner and love making my own clothes slowly and sustainably from scratch



Heathgate, Mousehold and Cowgate Community Connectors



Chloe Laurie

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I live close to Heathgate and am a mother to two girls. I've attended many groups in the area in the past. I love soul music, art, upcycling and basically anything wacky! I'm chatty, open minded and love a good giggle with people. My passions are empowering people to overcome any struggle in their lives and spread positivity.

Saskia Townsend

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I'm fairly new to the city but have been a regular visitor all my life. With family who live in the Heathgate area, I'm struck by the vibrant activity in their community. I look forward to discovering how we feel connected to our surroundings and how we can engage in conversations about real and perceived communities.

In my spare time I love doing crafts and enjoy making stained glass windows.



Mile Cross Community Connectors

Kathryn Pearson

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I live on Drayton Road. I'm a mother and I enjoy living in the area, connecting with people and learning about their stories. I take my little boy regularly to the soft play centre on Aylsham Road and the Mile Cross Library. I used to be a carer and I love helping, so community work to me is very important. I enjoy creative writing and I am interested in how we communicate and how we can get the best out of each other as individuals and within the community.



Nadine Pardon

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I've lived in the Mile Cross area for most of my life. I love to get involved with the community as much as I can.

I like to do crafts in my spare time and I am passionate about elephants.

We're out and about
in Mile Cross.
So look out for us,
we'd love to have a chat!

West Pottergate & Russell Street Community Connectors

Zoe Mitchell

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I live near the West Pottergate area and am interested in how community green spaces are being used for growing plants and food. Connecting to and working in nature is very important to me.

I also run a small business making reusable hemp sanitary products. When I'm not working, I regularly attend open mic events in Norwich and sometimes perform if I'm feeling brave!



Lorna Smart

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I have lived in the Russell Street/West Pottergate area for over twenty years.

I love its quietness and its closeness to shops and other amenities. I enjoy arts and crafts, film and music. I am passionate about helping people and putting back into the community.



We're out and about
in the West Pottergate and
Russell Street areas.
Do stop and have a chat!

Lakenham Community Connectors



Abby Leaverland

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I have lived in the area for the past 4 years and now feel very at home within the community.

I love the Netherwood Woods and walking the grounds around County Hall. I am passionate about the outdoors, conservation and the environment. I am also a keen snowboarder, often found at the dry slope in Trowse.

Melanie Tilford

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I've lived in Lakenham for 17 years and love it's closeness to the city and the countryside.

I'm really looking forward to finding out what's happening in my neighbourhood and getting to know it a lot better.

I'm passionate in using creativity to improve wellbeing and see first hand how this really works. I'm part of The Common Lot, a community theatre group and The Common Plot, a community allotment, and the Norwich Carnival Collective.



We're out and about
in Lakenham.
Why not come have a chat!



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Non CRF Funded Mancroft Community Connectors

We're still part of the same team, doing the same fab job. But just funded from a different pot.

Abby Erwin

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I am a writer who loves gardening, cooking, and sustainable fashion. My favourite things to do in Mancroft are browsing the charity shops on Magdalen Street and trying new food stalls for lunch on Norwich Market.

I am passionate about social justice, and also work for a charity which supports people who are leaving prison.



Amanda Fox

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Having worked with native wildlife for the last fifteen years, I am super passionate about conservation and making certain that everyone has access to wild space.

I want to create a socially just society that is kinder, fairer and where everyone's gifts are valued. I campaign on these issues in my spare time.

I have lived in rural Norfolk all my life and moved to the King Street area just over a year ago. It's a wonderful friendly and welcoming this area is. I love the conversations I have out walking my dog Halo, so if you see us please stop and chat.

Non CRF Funded Mile Cross Community Connectors

Claire Davy

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I have lived in Mile Cross about a year and have already discovered lots of things to do locally! I love chatting with new people and making friends. I like to help out where I can.
I'm learning new skills all the time and I'm eager to learn more.



Rachel Wood

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I originate from Buxton, Derbyshire and have lived here for 10 years. I live on the outskirts of Mile Cross with my cat. I love learning more about Mile Cross and meeting local people.

In my spare time I love writing stories for children and have a story published by Norwich Writers circle. I also love weaving on a table loom and spending time in nature.



We're also out and about
in Mile Cross.
Do stop for a chat, we love to
hear what you have to say!