

Fusion Credit Union Collection Points

Chasetown/Burntwood

The Old Mining College
Chasetown, WS7 4QH
Fridays: 10.00am - 12.00 noon

North Lichfield

Jigsaw, Dimbles Lane
Lichfield,
Wednesdays: 10.00am - 12.00 noon
Saturdays: 10.00am - 12.00 noon

Lichfield City

CAB, Levetts Fields
Lichfield, WS13 6HY
Fridays: 1.30pm - 3.30pm

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The Fusion Credit Union Newsletter

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Now Open

Another School Savings
Scheme

Annual General Meeting Saturday 27th February 2010

This year's AGM will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, 27th February in **North Lichfield**. This is a new day, new time, **new venue** and all members are invited. The venue for the AGM is: **Edgeworth House, Oakenfield, Lichfield, WS13 7JB**. This is your opportunity to vote for a dividend and to meet the Board of Directors, some of the volunteers and, of course, other members. So please come along and make your vote count. After all, it is your Credit Union.

I should also like to thank you all for your continued support of Fusion Credit Union. Without our members' support through savings, loans and volunteering, we could not thrive and prosper. We owe our continued success to you and your fellow members.

Our membership has increased by 50% this past year and we continue to grant loans to qualifying members with an interest rate of only 1% per month.

We continue to have the support of Lichfield District Council, Burntwood Town Council and Lichfield City Council for which we are indebted.

Looking ahead, we have some great ideas for the future with more collection points, different opening hours and other exciting initiatives, all of which will make us more accessible. We'll keep you posted.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Peter Selwyn, President

Another School Savings Scheme Opens

Highfields Primary has become the second school in Burntwood to start a Savings Scheme with Fusion. A similar scheme has run at Boney Hay Primary since April last year.

Fusion Treasurer, Janet Bamber commented, "We are committed to extending our services within the community. School Savings Schemes are just one of the initiatives through which we meet this commitment."

Head Teacher Helen Poole says "Having heard of the Scheme, I was keen that our children should also have the opportunity to see the benefits of saving, even small amounts. Members of staff and parents run the scheme on each Tuesday morning in term time, with the help of the volunteers from Fusion".

This new savings club is being set up with the financial support of Burntwood Community and Learning Partnership.



Carole Portlock (right) signs up sisters Megan and Bethany Squires to the Highfields Primary Savings Scheme with Mum, Shelley's help

Congratulations to Newly Married Fusion Members

Congratulations to Fusion members Rob and Trish Stevenson, who were married at Lichfield Register Office on Saturday 5th December 2009.

Rob and Trish joined Fusion in October 2009, after a friend of a neighbour recommended that they call in at the Friday collection point at the Old Mining College Centre.

They have been saving for the big day through their Fusion savings accounts and were granted a small Fusion loan to help with the cost of their special day. As Trish says, "The loan meant that we could afford the wedding we really wanted."

We wish them a long and happy life together.

.....and Another Collection Point Opens

Fusion has joined forces with Lichfield Citizen's Advice Bureau to open a new Collection Point at CAB's offices in Levett's Fields. The Collection Point is open from 1:30pm to 3:30pm on Friday afternoons.

This is part of Fusion's ongoing expansion and provides a collection point conveniently located in the city centre.

Sandra Cooper, Manager of South East Staffordshire CAB and a Fusion Board Member, supports the new opening; "Many of the CAB's clients come to us because they have financial problems caused by high levels of debt. We believe that the service provided by Fusion is essential for the community and deserves our support."



Volunteering for Fusion

Could you help us for about 2 hours, once or twice a week at our Collection Point at The Old Mining College Centre?

If you'd like to know more about what's involved, just give us a ring.



We know of two other members who are saving through their Fusion accounts for their wedding in the summer, but that is for another Newsletter.

Do you know anyone who is saving for a wedding? Or any other interesting reason? If they were a Fusion member they might get their photo in one of our Newsletters!