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# Community Newsletter

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# Welcome

to the Winter 2022 edition of the University of Nottingham's Community Newsletter, our opportunity to share with you the many ways in which the university and our students are positively engaging with our neighbours and supporting communities across the city.

As we approach the end of the first term of this academic year we all face new challenges. After the disruption of Covid-19, the international condemnation of Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the recent political turmoil closer to home, our country is now facing the worry of recession and a bleak economic forecast.

The university has a package of measures in place to help our students with the cost of living crisis driven by rising energy prices and a high inflation rate but we appreciate that it is an incredibly worrying time for everyone.

It feels more important than ever for the university to support its local communities by harnessing the power of its research and economic impact for the benefit of all those living in the city, something that sits at the heart of our Universities for Nottingham project, in collaboration with our neighbours Nottingham Trent University.

In this edition, you can find out more about the new Co(l)laboratory initiative, aimed at bringing together university researchers, local organisations and citizens to tackle some of our communities' most pressing problems. And who better to highlight the most pressing areas of need and help to develop the solutions than those who are most directly and acutely affected by them? I'm excited to see the difference that this unique meeting of academia and local expertise will make for our city.

In an exciting development this term we have officially taken ownership of Castle Meadow Campus. The new city centre campus, which sits at the foot of the historic Nottingham castle, is intended to help the university realise our civic ambitions while also creating a professionally oriented nucleus for academic staff, students and business.

In other news, this year we are once again hosting a winter shelter on University Park campus in partnership with the charity Emmanuel House, offering those who are affected by homelessness a warm, safe space over the worst of the winter months.

And we are hugely proud of our student social enterprise Enactus team which has recently launched its RAZORATION scheme, offering the opportunity for those affected by homelessness to train to be barbers, not only giving them the chance of a professional qualification and practical employment skills, but also boosting their self-esteem and confidence in the process.

We were delighted to bring some sparkle to the celebrations for the annual Canning Circus Christmas lights switch on, part-funded by University of Nottingham Community Chest Fund, with a matching contribution from Nottingham Trent University

Which leads me nicely on to extend our best wishes for the festive season, however you may be choosing to mark it. All of us at the University of Nottingham hope you have a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2023.



**Dr Paul Greatrix**  
Registrar  
University of  
Nottingham

# New Community Engagement Ambassadors arrive in Lenton and Radford

**Lenton and Radford residents may have spotted the university's new team of Community Engagement Ambassadors who have been hitting the streets to help build positive relationships and encourage respectful behaviours between students and their neighbours.**

The Community Engagement Ambassador (CEA) scheme is an exciting new pilot project for this academic year, which has recruited 12 current students to support community cohesion initiatives in three specific zones across the two neighbourhoods where there is a large population of privately rented student properties.

The CEAs are employed and managed by the university, working up to 6 hours each per week – working out at more than 4,000 hours across the academic year.

The initiative will offer proactive advice on a whole host of issues, including contaminated recycling, bins left out on streets, tackling excess waste and parking, among others.

The ambassadors will aim to raise awareness of sustainability among students through better household recycling and litter picking in support of Nottingham's Carbon Neutral 2028 ambition and will work closely with partners such as Community Protection Officers (CPOs) and the police to improve neighbourhood safety through a variety of crime reduction initiatives and campaigns.

Jamie Dickinson, Community Engagement Manager, said: "Our Community Engagement Ambassadors are all current University of Nottingham students living in and around the areas they are tasked with patrolling and improving. We have recruited an enthusiastic, dedicated and sustainably minded team to undertake this exciting new project.

"We want all residents to benefit from this additional support as we aim to maintain Nottingham as a clean, green and great place to live, work and study. This project will evolve over time, and we welcome any feedback by contacting our department with your suggestions."

"Working closely with partners such as Nottingham City Council, Nottinghamshire Police, local resident groups and the Students' Union will ensure we have a service that can adapt and respond to the needs of our mixed and diverse community."

The ambassadors will also play a role in recording and escalating serious issues to the relevant authority, gathering feedback on the residential experience, and support community events and projects, encouraging student participation.

Pictured are some of the new Community Engagement Ambassadors meeting Lillian Greenwood, MP for Nottingham South, on a recent visit to the university.



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# You Tube hero professor recognised for contribution to local community

**University of Nottingham Professor and You Tube science hero, Sir Martyn Poliakoff, has been honoured for his contribution to his local community by being admitted as a new Freeman of the Borough of Broxtowe.**

Sir Martyn was honoured by Broxtowe Borough Council in recognition of his 40-year support in preserving the history and future development of Beeston and using his academic connections to bring people together to benefit the local community.

Sir Martyn has taught and researched chemistry at the university for 43 years. He is passionate about sharing scientific knowledge and is known worldwide as the lead presenter and cult hero of the You Tube hit science series Periodic Table of Videos, which documents every single one of the 118 chemical elements in a fun, lively and often unconventional way.

The videos have attracted an international audience of more than 1.5 million subscribers, and a total of more than 264 million views.

Alongside his university career and You Tube videos, Sir Martyn has been a member of Beeston District Civic Society for more than 40 years, where he has led community conversations about the future of Beeston and is also an active member in Greening Beeston, a group of local people working to help fight climate change.

One of his most ambitious projects has been involvement in #Beeston2020Vision, an independent group of people inspired by the past and passionate about the future of Beeston, where he helped organise and chair the public meeting in April 2022 to discuss the ideas submitted by the community, which then led the Beeston2020Vision meeting with Broxtowe Borough Council.

He is also Vice-President of the Nottingham Wildlife Trust, helping build on the opportunities offered by the Attenborough Nature Reserve.

Commenting on being awarded the Freeman honour, Sir Martyn said: "As a long-time resident of Broxtowe, I feel honoured and delighted to be recognized by my local community. I hope that this honour will help me to contribute towards making Beeston an even better place for everyone to live even in these challenging times."

In 2008, Martyn was awarded a CBE for his services to science, followed by a Knighthood for services to Chemistry in 2015, and in 2021, a Nottingham tram was named after him.

Mayor of Broxtowe, Councillor David Grindell said: "Broxtowe is very lucky to have such an individual as Sir Martyn living in our Borough and being so actively involved in securing its future. This honour is truly deserved."

**Pictured: Sir Martyn Poliakoff (back row, far left) with other Freeman recipients and Deputy Mayor Teresa Cullen.  
Pic credit: Broxtowe Borough Council**







## Merry and bright

The Radford, Lenton and Wollaton East and Castle ward residents enjoyed the annual Canning Circus Christmas lights switch-on that took place on the junction of Derby, Ilkeston and Alfreton roads on Tuesday 22 November.

The much-loved modern conical light tree is a popular feature of the area. Located close to the Sir John Borlase Warren pub there is plenty of foot and road traffic that pass by and enjoy the twinkling sight.

Like many previous years, the switch-on event was part funded by the University of Nottingham Community Chest Fund, along with a matching contribution from Nottingham Trent University.

Several local primary schools took to the stage to sing carols before a lucky few joined Councillors to sink the plunger and light up the famous tree.

Five University of Nottingham Community Engagement Ambassadors were on hand to support the City Council event and did an excellent job of stewarding the marquee and surrounding roads to keep all spectators safe. The university's student cake baking society CakeSoc provided some delicious festive cupcakes that were heartily enjoyed by many of the local schoolchildren, well deserved after their great singing.

If you have any ideas for a local event that may benefit from Community Chest Funding, please get in touch: [CommunityEngagement@Nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:CommunityEngagement@Nottingham.ac.uk)



## Winter shelter re-opens on University Park Campus

**The university has worked alongside homeless charity Emmanuel House to re-open its Winter Shelter on University Park campus, which will offer short-term emergency accommodation for up to 27 people per night until April 2023, providing 24-hour support and giving people shelter, warmth and three meals a day.**

Ashley Roberts, Head of Campus Services at the university, said: “It’s fantastic to be able to work with Emmanuel House again this year and put an otherwise empty property to good use.

“Last winter it was great to see the university community coming together to support the charity, with lots of donations and volunteers offering their time to help in the shelter. I’m sure our staff and students will get behind Emmanuel House once again this winter and make it a successful partnership.”

University of Nottingham Students’ Union Community Officer Daisy Forster said: “It’s amazing to see the university helping the community in such an active way, especially when it is such an important time to give back. Students are a remarkable asset to the city, and I really hope to get many of them involved with volunteering at the shelter.”

Last year’s Winter Shelter, which was open between November 2021 and March 2022, provided 2,067 nights’ protection for 72 people. 37 of these people were supported into longer-term secure accommodation.

Denis Tully, CEO at Emmanuel House said: “The Winter Shelter will provide what we anticipate as much-needed respite accommodation for people who would otherwise rough sleep during the coldest and wettest months of the year.

“Staff along with volunteers have been working hard to get everything in place in the venue on the University of Nottingham campus.

“The Winter Shelter is not an end in itself, but a means of supporting people into more permanent accommodation solutions.”

The university is able to offer accommodation to Emmanuel House at a cost-neutral rate and will be working with the charity to support people in searching for jobs, finding permanent accommodation and accessing other services.

Emmanuel House is currently looking for volunteers and sessional staff to work at the Winter Shelter, with 66 people volunteering to help out last year.

Information on volunteering, job vacancies and fundraising can be found on the Emmanuel House website [emmanuelhouse.org.uk](https://www.emmanuelhouse.org.uk)



## Nottingham's universities launch ambitious researcher training project to solve local community challenges

**Nottingham Trent University and the University of Nottingham are joining together in an ambitious project bringing together researchers, community-focused organisations and citizens.**

Over the next eight years, the Co(l)laboratory programme will undertake research projects to improve the lives of communities across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

50 PhD students and 50 'Citizen Scientists' will be trained to participate in a unique programme of locally relevant, challenge-based research, supporting the development of the local economy, increasing productivity, driving growth and improving wellbeing.

The team is now inviting local, community-focused organisations to get in touch and help shape these research projects.

Professor Jeremy Gregory, University of Nottingham lead for Civic Engagement and Pro-Vice-Chancellor for the Faculty of Arts, said: "At the University of Nottingham, our doctoral researchers and academics are leading research projects addressing many of today's global problems. But as an institution with a history firmly rooted in the City of Nottingham, this ground-breaking initiative will involve collaborations with locally-based experts and organisations to help tackle some of most pressing problems identified by our local communities.

"Who could be better to help shape and contribute to the delivery of research projects, than the people who are dealing with these challenges on a daily basis? We look forward to working with these local experts to deliver real impact for our communities."

Once the first research priorities have been defined, project teams will be recruited based on experience in those areas, and research is expected to commence throughout the next year.

Community-focused organisations are invited to find out more about the project and to register their interest at [universitiesfornottingham.ac.uk/collaboratory](https://universitiesfornottingham.ac.uk/collaboratory)

Co(l)laboratory sits within the Universities for Nottingham Civic Agreement. A collaboration between our two world-class universities and eight key anchor institutions; the agreement sets out partners' commitment to working across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, for the benefit of our people and place.

The project is funded by Research England as well as the two universities.

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# Researchers travel to Parliament to highlight the mental health risks of the digital world for young people

Researchers from the University of Nottingham have travelled to Westminster to speak to politicians and policymakers about their research into the impact of the digital world on the mental health of young people.

Chris Hollis, Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in the university's School of Medicine and lead for the Mental Health and Technology theme of the NIHR Nottingham Biomedical Research Centre, and Professor Ellen Townsend, in the School of Psychology, are part of the Digital Youth research project which works with Sprouting Minds, a young persons advisory group, to investigate what causes online mental health harms, identify the biggest risks facing young people, find ways to build online resilience, and create effective online mental health support and interventions.

The research will inform how we design and regulate a safer online digital world for young people and how engaging digital interventions can increase effective youth mental health support.

Professor Hollis and representatives from Sprouting Minds spoke to MPs, including Nottingham South MP Lilian Greenwood, about the importance of the research at Evidence Week in Parliament in November, which brings together MPs, Peers, parliamentary services, researchers and people from different walks of life across the UK to talk about why evidence matters in policymaking.

Professor Townsend said: "Our research, which is co-created with young people, will provide vital information for policy makers with regard to what is helpful and harmful in the online world, and which young people are most at risk."

"We are also developing a suite of new digital tools to help support good mental health and wellbeing in young people. These are sorely needed to help plug the gap between demand for youth mental health support and what services can currently offer," added Professor Hollis.

Presenting this research was a great opportunity to educate policymakers on evidence into young people's mental health while the Online Safety Bill passes through Parliament, and more widely encouraging the embedding of good mental health practices into all legislation. This is of vital importance as online spaces and social media create both risks and opportunities for young people's mental health.

The Digital Youth research programme is led by Professors Chris Hollis and Ellen Townsend at the University of Nottingham in collaboration with the Universities of Oxford, King's College London, UCL, Bath, Glasgow, LSE, Auckland and the Open University. More information can be found on its website [digitalyouth.ac.uk](https://digitalyouth.ac.uk)







## Talking lamp posts, benches and bins come to Nottingham for new environmental project

**People in Nottingham could soon find themselves talking to lamp posts, benches and even bins, as part of a new project to gather views on what climate change means to the city.**

The University of Nottingham and Nottingham City Council have teamed up with creative research company, Hello Lamp Post, to introduce interactive, playful, talking street furniture that will explore attitudes to climate change and sustainability.

Anyone in the city will be able to interact with the objects by scanning a QR code or texting the number shown. This will allow them to engage in a friendly two-way conversation via text, Whatsapp or Facebook Messenger. They'll be able to share their views, get information about what Nottingham is doing to tackle climate change and find out how to get involved.

Financed by Digital Nottingham, a university initiative that uses data science, technology and innovation to solve local challenges and promote growth in the city, the scheme will play a crucial role in helping Nottingham to achieve carbon neutral status by 2028 and will increase public awareness of the issues and help local decision-makers to understand public behaviours, values and attitudes to climate change.

Helen Kennedy, Professor of Cultural and Creative Industries at the University of Nottingham says: "This playful and collaboratively designed furniture provides an unrivalled mechanism to have a sustained conversation with the city about current behaviours and attitudes towards climate change. The launch of this local conversation is particularly timed to coincide with COP27 so that it can benefit from, and contribute to, wider national and international discussions about climate action.

"The insights gathered from this project will be significant in shaping future research priorities and wider public engagement practices."

Councillor Sally Longford, Portfolio Holder for Energy, Environment and Waste Services at Nottingham City Council, said: "A big part of our mission to become a carbon neutral city by 2028 involves getting everyone involved to reduce their carbon footprints where they can. I'm delighted that, through a collaboration with the University of Nottingham, we're using Hello Lamp Post to have conversations with people in Nottingham about why tackling the climate crisis is critical to our future.

"Our target covers the emissions produced by the whole city, so we want to find out what matters to people and find ways we can support them to make changes. I hope that you'll stop to say "Ey-up" if you see one of the signs when you're out and about!"





## Local bakery's tasty rum cake is the Next Big Thing

A local bakery supported by the university's Food Innovation Centre team has seen one of its signature bakes hit supermarket shelves after taking part in a prime-time television series.

Judges on Channel 4's *Aldi's Next Big Thing* said they were 'blown away' by the Jamaican rum cake pitched by Nottingham-based Harrison & Griffiths. Paulette Griffiths and Colin Harrison, who run the Caribbean-inspired bakery, were up against producers from around the country for the chance to win the contract with supermarket giant Aldi.

Richard Worrall, who heads the Food Innovation Centre, said: "We're absolutely thrilled with the news that Harrison & Griffiths won the bakery episode of *Aldi's Next Big Thing* and that their rum cakes are now being stocked by Aldi. Their success is fully deserved. The rum cakes – and all their products – are absolutely delicious.

"Our role is to support the growth and development of food and drink SMEs in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, and this step marks a huge opportunity for Harrison & Griffiths. It's a real success story for the food and drink sector in the area, and we congratulate Paulette and Colin on their win. We're proud to have been able to support them earlier on in their journey and before they decided to pitch for this opportunity."

Launched in 2015 when Paulette and Colin joined forces to create the business, Harrison & Griffiths sells online via the company website and at food and drink fairs and events.

Having previously made everything in-house (literally), the couple worked with an Aldi supplier to scale up production from around 250 cakes a week to fulfil the lifechanging order of 30,000 cakes.

In the past, the Food Innovation Centre has supported Harrison & Griffiths with recipe analysis and formulation changes to extend shelf-life, as part of the services it offers to small and medium-sized food and drink enterprises in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. Senior Food Innovation Advisor Alice Jones is currently working with the company once again on an exciting project that Harrison & Griffiths hopes to launch in the future.



## go! Recycle Right

Because we know sustainable choices matter, during the last academic year the Community Engagement team worked closely with Nottingham City Council to better support residents across Lenton, Radford and Dunkirk to “go! Recycle Right”. This activity made more than 3,900 house visits and had an average positive engagement rate of 41 per cent where information, advice and guidance were given to residents.

Recycling wheelie bin stickers were placed on lids to act as a visual reminder about what can and cannot be recycled.

To effectively measure impact the number of contaminated recycling bins were recorded before and after the campaign. Results showed that there was a modest 7 per cent improvement in reducing contaminated and rejected recycling wheelie bins.

Through a detailed audit of waste facilities at student shared houses (HMOs) it became apparent that a significant number of properties did not have the correct type or number of wheelie bins. These examples were reported to Nottingham City Council to ensure landlords were providing adequate facilities.

As a result of consultation with students, the next phase of go! Recycle Right will focus on indoor bin facilities which are often the original source of contamination. The Community Engagement Team has worked with a local landlord to offer 20 student houses on the same road a brand-new set of specially designed internal kitchen bins that are specifically aimed at improving recycling.

General residual waste goes into the green kitchen bin and then into the green wheelie bin. Clean, dry and loose recycling goes into the grey kitchen bin and then into the grey lidded wheelie bin. By clearly matching up the internal bins to the external bins, it is hoped that there will be an improvement in recycling rates and a reduction in recycle bin contamination.

The progress and impact of this pilot project will be closely monitored. If this proves to be a success it could lead the way for improving internal waste facilities at student HMOs. If you're a landlord and would like to find out more, please e-mail [CommunityEngagement@Nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:CommunityEngagement@Nottingham.ac.uk)





# Love Your Stuff

**Students in Lenton and Radford are being encouraged to be more security conscious, after the start of the academic year saw an unwelcome rise in burglaries at student properties in the two areas.**

The university's Community Engagement team joined forces with Nottinghamshire Police for a Love Your Stuff campaign to raise awareness and help reduce further issues by encouraging residents to keep their valuables safe.

Love Your Stuff encourages residents to take simple measures to protect their home. Unfortunately, the majority of recent thefts arise from access into a house by an unlocked door or open and insecure window.

Community Engagement Ambassadors teamed up with Nottinghamshire Police and hit the streets to engage with residents encouraging them to be extra vigilant with household security. Using novel tools such as life-like hand shaped flyers and fuzzy sticky bugs, ambassadors were able to demonstrate the importance of keeping windows closed, locked and secure.

Any resident that had concerns about their household facilities were supported to discuss improvements to household fixtures and fittings with Nottingham City Council and Notts Police Burglary Reduction Officer.

Notts Police City Central Neighbourhood Inspector, Ben Lawrence, said "Burglary can have a devastating effect on victims, and it is a priority for me and my team to catch those responsible. However, I believe a significant amount of these burglaries could have been prevented through simply closing and locking windows and doors. We will continue to work closely with the university on campaigns such as Love Your Stuff and other important initiatives along with other local partners to help keep students and the wider community safe."

The initial Love Your Stuff campaign visited a total of 540 properties with a positive doorstep engagement at over 60%. Even homes that were not directly spoken with received information and guidance through the letterbox. Student residents have been further communicated with via email and social media.







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Love your stuff



“51% of all burglaries in areas where students choose to live are through unlocked doors or open and insecure windows”

Nottinghamshire Police 2019

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Music and lyrics by Lawrence O'Keefe and Neil Benjamin

Book by Heather Hacht

Based on the novel by Amanda Brown and the Metro-Goldwyn Mayer motion picture

## Nottingham students take to the stage for Legally Blonde production

Members of the university's musical theatre society Musicality are currently in rehearsals for the group's next big show, Legally Blonde.

Based on the classic 2003 of the same name, this fun and fiery student-produced adaptation of the musical is sure to chase away the winter blues when the curtain goes up on the production at Nottingham Arts Theatre in February.

With First year Liv Reid starring as our favourite blonde and a company of talented students of all ages and degrees, you'll love seeing University of Nottingham's finest performers take the stage by storm.

The show runs from Thursday 9 February until Saturday 11 February at 7.30pm with an additional matinee performance on Saturday 11 February. More information is available online at [nottingham-theatre.co.uk](http://nottingham-theatre.co.uk)

# Nottingham researchers call out for people to join inaugural citizen science and mental health study

**An innovative study aiming to change the landscape of mental health research is enlisting participants to take part in the next stage of the project.**

The Citizen Science to Achieve Coproduction at Scale (C-STACS) study is bringing together expertise from citizen science, patient and public involvement and human-computer interaction research for the first time.

Located in the Institute of Mental Health on the University of Nottingham's Jubilee Campus, the team are looking to speak to people that fall into two separate groups:

- 1. People with experience of mental health illnesses: such as those living with mental health illnesses, carers, or mental health workers.**
- 2. People with experience of citizen science: such as academic experts who've led a citizen science project or people who have contributed to a citizen science project.**

Mike Slade, Professor of Mental Health Recovery and Social Inclusion in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, who is leading the project, said: "The main thing we're seeking to uncover is people's views about citizen science in mental health, particularly with regards to any ethical, legal, or societal issues that might be raised. This input will then aid in the development of a platform and framework for citizen science in mental health.

"One in four adults and one in 10 children experience mental illness during their lifetime, according to NHS England. We hope that, through this study and thanks to the contributions of citizen scientists, we'll be able to make a real difference to people living with mental health issues."



The study is co-led with the Centre for Mental Health, ImROC, KCL Service User Research Enterprise (SURE), McPin Foundation, Mental Elf, National Survivor User Network (NSUN), NHS Confederation, Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, Taraki, First Class Nation and Social Spider community interest company.

Interviews will take place virtually and last approximately one hour. To find out more about the consultation and how to get involved, please visit [researchintorecovery.com/research/c-stacs/c-stacs-expert-consultation](https://researchintorecovery.com/research/c-stacs/c-stacs-expert-consultation) or contact Olamide Todowede at [Olamide.Todowede@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:Olamide.Todowede@nottingham.ac.uk)

# Student enterprise to teach barbering to those affected by homelessness is a cut above

**A new student-run enterprise is raising funds to help people impacted by homelessness to reintegrate back into society and reach their potential – by offering them the chance to train to become a barber.**

Homelessness is a key issue in Nottingham, and in local communities surrounding the university, with the number of rough sleepers doubling since 2019. Working with local barbers and charities, the Razoration initiative aims to fund the enrolment of homeless individuals onto a barbering course to equip them with a nationally recognised barbering qualification, employable skills, and significantly improve their standard of living. It's an easy to access employment opportunity that is flexible, practical and can be transformational in reinstating pride. The initiative is one of the projects devised by Enactus Nottingham, a not-for-profit organisation that empowers students to use innovation and business principles to tackle social and environmental needs through entrepreneurial leadership.

The Enactus programme runs within thousands of universities across 33 countries. Student teams use their entrepreneurial prowess to compete against one another and Nottingham were crowned the UK's National Champions in April. The national title meant they had the privilege of representing the UK at the 2022 Enactus World Cup in Puerto Rico, and made it to the top four, out of more 2500 teams worldwide.

The Razoration team is currently raising funds by developing its own range of sustainable, plastic free shampoo bars which are sold in local zero waste stores. It's also in the process of developing a sustainable bamboo razor in collaboration with BIC UK which are branded to raise awareness of three key groups affected by homelessness: LGBTQ+, ex-armed forces and single mothers. The packaging design will amplify the voices of the beneficiaries and include a link to donate. They have also won multiple funding grants through competitions they have entered, including Enactus.

The Razoration team hope to fund an initial group of 10 people to take up a barbering course, which would include the course fee, providing each person with barbering equipment and travel allowance. They estimate this will cost around £500 per person.

For those sleeping on the streets, this year they have curated 100 personalised care packages in collaboration with five local homeless shelters in Nottinghamshire which include warm clothing, toiletries and non-perishable food items, and crucially support to restore pride and self-confidence.

Not only has this project made a key difference in the local community, it has also had a significant positive impact on the students, teaching them valuable lessons about teamwork, communication and organisation and how to implement business skills learnt at university to make a real positive impact in the local Nottingham community.





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## Dates for the diary:

Winter graduation – w/c Monday 11 December

End of term – Friday 16 December

### THE SINGING MERMAID – CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR FAMILIES



This Christmas at Lakeside Arts, join the Singing Mermaid, the perfect Christmas treat for all the family. With three skilled performers, beautiful puppetry and music and songs by Barb Jungr (We're Going on a Bear Hunt), Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks' hugely popular story comes to the stage.

The show runs until Saturday 31 December, with no performances on 12, 19, 25 & 26 December.

£12.50-£14


Suitable for ages 3+

For more information and booking visit [lakesidearts.org.uk](https://lakesidearts.org.uk)

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### SOPHIE RYDER: SCULPTURE, DRAWINGS, PRINTS



A solo exhibition for renowned British artist Sophie Ryder, best known for her large-scale open-air sculptures of animals and mystical hybrid creatures including the Ladyhare and the Minotaur, runs at Lakeside Art's Djanogly Gallery until Sunday 12 March. It offers a more intimate glimpse into Ryder's studio practice including a selection of smaller-scale sculptures and maquettes, alongside drawings and prints of her favoured subjects. The installation Temple to the 200 Rabbits commands a gallery of its own.

The exhibition is open Tuesday-Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 12noon-4pm, closed Mondays.

Admission is free and families can pick up an Arts Investigator pack from the Gallery Desk to learn more about the exhibition.

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