

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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NEW recycling trolley trial!

We've been busy preparing for a NEW recycling trolley trial!

From **Friday 30 July 2021**, we'll be asking residents to register their interest in the trial via this [sign up form](#) which will be posted to social media and [our website](#).

The form will be live until 11.59pm on Sunday 15 August 2021. We will then randomly select a number of residents to take part in the trial – there are just 250 places in total. Those selected to take part will receive instructions on how to use the trolley via email and in the post when the trollies are delivered.

The [current recycling trolley trial](#) (with three boxes stacked on a wheeled frame) will continue to run until further notice. We'll also contact those trialling the current trolley to see if they would like to trial the new trolley.

At the end of both trials, we will evaluate feedback from volunteers and our collection crews to decide whether one of the trollies could be offered as an alternative to the current box/bag system.

Recycling trolley features:

- Similar size to a 240 litre wheelie bin
- Option to choose how many drawers to use for each type of recycling (stickers will be provided)

Extra red boxes, yellow bags & blue bags can be used alongside it if needed.

Residents are encouraged to spread the word about the trial with family and friends to help give everyone a chance to trial the new trolley. The form can also be filled out on behalf of those who are not online.

(Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2021

North West Leicestershire District Council has made an Order under its powers contained in sections 32 and 35 (1) and (3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all Regulations and Orders conferred by the aforementioned Acts and all enabling powers.

The Order may be examined at the Council Offices, Whitwick Road, Coalville, Leicestershire between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Full details of the Order can also be viewed on the Council's website at www.nwleics.gov.uk.

This order will come into effect on 9 August 2021.

Get Vaxed

'Get vaxed – enjoy being back' is the new local campaign created to encourage young people to get both their Covid-19 vaccinations. Developed for younger people, with younger people (aged 18-29) to help them feel safe and confident as they begin to enjoy activities following restrictions lifting.

Anyone in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland aged 18+ who has not yet been vaccinated against Covid-19, or who hasn't had their second dose, can find out how to get their jab by visiting <https://bit.ly/GetVaxedLLR> or by searching for #GetVaxedLLR.

Further info at the links below:

[Get vaxed - press release](#)

[Get vaxed - poster](#)

HS2 Update

As you have previously been aware, a decision was made to postpone the 'HS2 Through Leicestershire' parish workshops, due to the national lockdown and government guidance during COVID 19.

The Government's Integrated Rail Plan (IRP) is now awaited. In anticipation of the IRP detailing the timelines for the hybrid Bill process, we will look to refresh the programme, timetabling events and restarting the parish workshops.

In the meantime, to ensure parishes can continue engagement with County Council officers, virtual drop-in sessions will be maintained. These are currently every 1 Tuesday of the month. If you wish to join one of the drop in sessions please email Hs2@leics.gov.uk and an MS Teams invite will be sent to the parish to join the virtual meeting.

Furthermore, interactive plans for the completed topic 1 & 2 (Public Rights of Way & Traffic Management) parish workshops have been uploaded to the 'Confers' website, where parishes can continue to input their thoughts and ideas. Parish council representatives have already been given access to this system.

Parish councils are encouraged to contact LCC's HS2 team at Hs2@leics.gov.uk with any queries.

The team is in the process of refreshing the LCC HS2 website <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/high-speed-two-hs2> - this will be updated with news as it emerges.

Green Shoots Grant

Help your community blossom with a Green Shoots grant – deadline is 27 August 2021

Community groups and parish councils can bring colour and life to North West Leicestershire by applying for council grants to fill their streets with flowers.

North West Leicestershire District Council's (NWLDC's) Green Shoots scheme is re-opened on 2 August 2021 for groups to apply for match funding to be spent on the bulbs of a variety of flowers.

A range of bulbs is available: Narcissi, daffodils, crocus, and tulips. Groups match fund the amount granted to them by the council and then rally their volunteers to plant the bulbs.

Community groups, organisations and parish councils need to order a minimum of 2,000 bulbs, which can be a combination of different types of flower (minimum 1000 of each). This number of bulbs would cost approximately £120, with a further £120 of match funding provided by NWLDC.

Applications must be made by **Friday 27 August** and forms can be found at [Green shoots grants - North West Leicestershire District Council](#) (nwleics.gov.uk)

New funding alert

OPEN until 30 September 2021

The **William Colton Sports Fund** is to support sports' clubs, societies or groups that deliver sporting activities that benefit the physical and mental health of young people between the ages of 5 and 21.

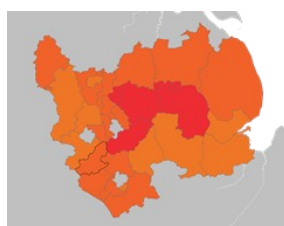
Please note: This fund does not currently support football, darts, equestrian or dance-based projects.

Size of Grants: Grants are available across Leicestershire and Rutland from **£1,000 up to £3,000** and must be spent within a year of receiving the grant.

Applications are now open; before applying please read the Fund fact sheet by visiting the Community Foundation website <https://www.llrcommunityfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-funds/>.

Covid case decline

In the past seven days, North West Leicestershire had 285 new cases, a rate of 271.9 cases per 100,000 people. This is less than the 337.8 cases per 100,000 people recorded this time last week. This rate is less than seen regionally (East Midlands rate is 281.4 per 100,000 people) but greater than the national rate (England rate is 253.8 per 100,000 people). In the last seven days there has been zero deaths reported unchanged from zero in the previous week. [Link](#)



Keep Safe Place



With lockdown restrictions eased and more people getting out and about, shoppers are reminded that 'Keep Safe Places'

are available.

Residents are reminded that a number of venues are available in busy retail areas across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland for anyone who feels overwhelmed, vulnerable or distressed.

Stickers can be seen at the front of 'Keep Safe Places', which include libraries and shops that have signed up to the scheme. Handy videos which outline how to use them are available on [You Tube](#).

Keep Safe Places is a local partnership scheme led by Leicestershire County Council alongside Leicestershire Police, Leicester City Council, Rutland County Council and Leicestershire's district / borough councils, as well as the local community partnerships and Age UK Leicestershire & Rutland.

Council offices, police stations and libraries also provide Keep Safe cards which show the details of who to contact in an emergency, or medical assistance that may be needed.

NWLDC to move home

NWLDC is set to move to a new, smaller office space and create a customer contact centre in Coalville town centre.

A proposal to change the authority's accommodation to suit its new ways of working was approved by the Cabinet on Tuesday 27 July 2021.

Subject to Full Council approval in September, NWLDC will refurbish the top floor of the existing Whitwick Business Centre to create a place where staff can work together, whilst most staff will continue to work from home. A new Customer Service Centre will be created in the heart of Coalville town centre, probably using one of the units in the Belvoir Shopping Centre.

The new building will provide a more central location and customers will have the option to choose how they access services whether it's in person, over the phone or in a virtual capacity.

The aged Council Offices would be demolished, retaining the historic Stenson House (formerly the Urban District Council building), which will still host registration services.

The current Council Offices, which is an extension to Stenson House built in the 1970s, has been deemed unfit for modern working and would cost millions to make it fit for purpose.

It would cost:

- £4 million in backlogged maintenance to bring it up to safe standards
- £7.3 million to refurbish for modern ways of working
- £7.8 million to build a replacement

Instead, the council plans to invest £1.5 million to create its new office space at Whitwick Business Centre and create the proposed customer centre in Coalville town centre.

Full Council will consider the proposal on Tuesday 7 September 2021. Subject to approval, work on the Customer Centre will begin immediately, with a possible opening in winter 2021/22. The move from the Council Offices to Whitwick Business Centre is likely to take place in spring 2022.