

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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NWL News

Prominent building to be restored thanks to council purchase



The row of terraced properties on the corner of Marlborough Square and Belvoir Road will receive a full renovation, creating 10 new first floor apartments and improving the business units on the ground floor.

The council is investing £4.5 million to bring the building up to date, complementing work to Marlborough Square.

North West Leicestershire volunteers first in the UK to trial customisable recycling trolley

Pioneering residents in North West Leicestershire are the first in the country to trial a new recycling trolley.



As part of its Recycle More... campaign, North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC) has provided 250 volunteers with a customisable trolley for separated recycling to be taken to the kerbside. More than 4,500 residents applied for the trial, with 250 selected to put the trolleys through their paces.

REMINDER:

NWL PARISH LIAISON MEETING

Wednesday 2 March 2022, 5-7pm

[Microsoft Teams](#)

Topics include:

- New member code of conduct
- Road closure Process
- NWL training for parish & town councils
- NWL policing inspector

COVID

Register as a [Covid Health Champion](#):



Great British Spring Clean



Back for its seventh year, the 2022 Great British Spring Clean takes place **25 March – 10 April**.

You can pledge to pick up one bag – or more – and join the #BigBagChallenge. Because one bag makes a big difference.

They have got loads of [advice to help you get started](#) cleaning up safely. So whether you're a litter-picking pro, or this is your first time, join the Great British Spring Clean and pledge to pick up a bag - or more.

Schools can join our Great Big School Clean.

[PLEDGE TO PICK](#)

Training/Information



Leicestershire County Council recently held a workshop on Public Engagement for parishes. They have now uploaded the slides and video from that session onto the Connecting Communities



[webpage](#). There is also a Public Engagement Toolkit available to parishes.



Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils (LRALC) are looking to recruit new Directors to the board. They have 3 vacancies:

1 x vacancy for a current parish councillor from Leicestershire or Rutland.

2 x vacancies for anyone with appropriate skills.

Director posts are unpaid, though travel will be covered. The Board currently meets 4 times a year, and Directors are asked to attend all such meetings wherever possible (dates are set a year in advance).

They will require a single side A4 typed resume detailing relevant experience and skills. Interviews will be held from 10am on 7 March in person.

Email: admin@leicestershireandrutlandalc.gov.uk

Training/Information



FREE Biodiversity training

Biodiversity Training for Parish Councils is delivered over three, 1 hour sessions covering, which will cover:-

What Biodiversity is;

- the crisis we face to biodiversity and the consequences;
- the legal and voluntary role of parish councils in helping to avoid a global catastrophe;
- action that can be taken locally to make a difference;
- support available from LCC to do this.

There are two events available:-

Thursdays 3 & 10 March, 7:30pm until 8.30pm on MSTeams

Tuesdays 15, 22 & 29 March, 7:30pm until 8.30pm on MSTeams

To book a place please email EnvironmentTeam@leics.gov.uk



Community Engagement Summit 6 April 2022 10am—4pm [BOOK NOW](#)

Learn how to identify, involve and engage your community with practical advice delivered by sector experts in this one-day, virtual Summit.

- 7 steps to creating and designing successful and memorable events
- Free resources to connect your community for The Big Jubilee Lunch
- Facebook groups and how to use them to build a positive community
- The story of the first C2 community-led, place-based partnership and how it united the council and community
- How a community came together to help the desperate needs of residents during the pandemic
- Microsoft 365 council apps and how they can be used to tackle common service problems

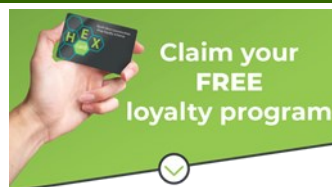
Grants



Community and Sports Club COVID Recovery Grant -

Now open to uniformed groups and parish councils. The grant name has been changed from "COVID Support Grant" to "COVID Recovery Grant" in light of the relaxation of restrictions and the aim to start to live with the virus. We would also like to encourage applications for a broader set of reasons other than purely for running costs or equipment as was the emphasis previously. Applications are invited to cover any expenses that are linked to the COVID-19 pandemic. [Apply here](#)

Hex Loyalty Card



The Hex Card is a loyalty scheme and marketing platform that allows businesses to reward their customers for shopping locally.

Saving on your shopping and supporting your local high street is crucial for everyone now, and that makes the Hex Card the perfect addition to your wallet.

Businesses in Ashby-De-La-Zouch, Coalville, Castle Donington, Ibstock, Kegworth and Measham can use the Hex Card to reward people for supporting local, independent shops.

There are two ways that you can take part in the Hex scheme: simply by picking up a physical card in a participating shop, or by downloading the app to use a digital rewards card. If you download the app and decide to use a physical card later down the line, you can easily link both cards to your account. [Download the app](#)

For businesses to find out more please contact Tom Stanyard tom.stanyard@nwleicestershire.gov.uk

Local Policing



Leicestershire Police

Protecting our communities

Leicestershire Police often receive communication from those in rural communities asking them to join various WhatsApp groups.

Their rural team is responsible for the entire of Leicestershire and Rutland which makes it incredibly difficult for them to be part of all of the various groups across such a huge area. In order to try and improve their communication with those who live and work in the rural areas of Leicestershire and Rutland, they have set up Operation Silence.

The idea is to have one or 2 people from the various WhatsApp groups to act as a point of contact with the Police. They would be responsible for encouraging group members to report things to police as appropriate (999/101 or online) as well as regularly speaking to the Rural Policing Team face to face and on the phone / Skype etc and passing messages back to the community.

The focus is on improving confidence and communication to as many people as they can in the rural and farming community. They welcome contact from NFU groups, Young Farmers, current local and village groups or equestrian WhatsApp groups. Anything at all to benefit with more eyes and ears in rural communities.

If you are part of a communication group and want to learn more – please email and title your email Operation Silence:

Leicruralcrime@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

PC Rob Cross Leicestershire Rural Policing Team

