

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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NWL News

North West
Leicestershire
District
Council
secures
Investors in
People silver



Investors in People (IIP) has this week awarded North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC) with the **We invest in people, silver accreditation**.

Silver is a fantastic achievement and something only 15% of the organisations IIP assess achieve.

Funding secured
to tackle air
polluting
particles



A successful joint
-bid for funding will help two Councils
raise awareness and tackle air pollution
in Leicestershire.

Harborough District Council and North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC) will use the funding, totalling just over £27,000, to improve knowledge of 'particulate matter' – the term for solid particles and liquid droplets found in the air – and raise awareness of its potential impact on health.

The funding, from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs' Air Quality Grant Programme, will cover the cost of purchasing monitoring equipment to help understand local levels of particles in the air released through the burning of solid fuel or wood stoves, etc, which is more common in rural areas.

Pick Your Own Street

North West
Leicestershire
litter pickers
clean up district's
streets



Volunteers in North West Leicestershire have rallied together to combat litter in the district as part of this year's Great British Spring Clean.

North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC) invited local residents to take part in its 'Pick Your Own Street' campaign in an effort to join in with Keep Britain Tidy's national initiative.

More than 100 people took part to clean up their local areas, joining forces with neighbours, friends, and family to collect an impressive 73 bags of rubbish using equipment provided by the council.

Once they were finished litter picking, residents left the bags at collection points for the council's waste team to dispose of at the depot off Linden Way in Coalville.

The campaign forms part of the council's Zero Litter campaign which aims to tackle the district's litter problems.



Volunteer litter pickers can register to sign up for free equipment all year round at www.nwleics.gov.uk/litterpick

Training/Information



As you may be aware, Leicestershire County Council run an annual parish liaison event jointly with LRALC, which is usually very well received by attendees. This is separate from the LRALC AGM. Last year's event was postponed then cancelled as it was a virtual event which wasn't as popular in terms of bookings, but this year the event will again be face to face, with a marketplace, briefings/workshops, guest speakers, refreshments, and (yes) even a buffet! **Please save the date of Monday 4th July (5pm start, tbc).**

Bookings will open soon, but in the interim, we would like to hear from councillors and clerks (who are all invited to the event) about what topics they would like to see sessions on at the event. We have set up a straw-poll which will take you literally a minute to complete, and we would encourage as many of you as possible to provide your feedback on this (please circulate amongst your councillors).

The straw poll can be found here: [LCC Annual Conference - Event themes straw poll | Leicestershire & Rutland Association of Local Councils \(leicestershireandrutlandalc.gov.uk\)](https://www.leicestershireandrutlandalc.gov.uk/leicestershire-rutland-annual-conference-event-themes-straw-poll)

To view other training sessions that are available visit the LRALC [Website](https://www.leicestershireandrutlandalc.gov.uk/) for more information.

Training/Information

Is your community prepared for Flooding?



Do you have a Community Flood Warden? It is recommended that every parish should have at least 2-3 wardens, not just those who have a large river, brook or watercourse running through their area. To find out what areas are at risk within your parish we recommend you visit the Environment Agency Flood maps for surface water and river flooding. See link below <https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/long-term-flood-risk/map>

Training sessions for anyone wishing to learn more about becoming a Community Flood Warden are available. See further details below
18:00—20:00, 4th May, Harborough
18:00—20:00, 10th May, Blaby
18:00—20:00, 26 May 2022, North West Leicestershire

To reserve your space please contact emergency.management@leics.gov.uk or telephone 0116 3056101.

It's not too late to book on to the Microsoft Teams information session on:



Street Cleansing & Public Space Protection Orders information

Wednesday 27 April at 5.30pm.

We will be dedicating 30 minutes to our Waste Services Team Manager Mick Hughes, who will be delivering information on street cleaning. Mick will also be able to answer any questions that couldn't be covered by Ian and Mark in the last session.

The PSPO training will be provided by Ian Webster and Mark Tooley, our Senior Enforcement Officers within the Environmental Protection team.

To confirm your attendance, please email community.focus@nwleicestershire.gov.uk.

Grants

Business Growth Grant



Do you need funding to grow or develop your business? The Business Growth Grant is open for applications. This grant, from the [Business Gateway Growth Hub](#), is available to existing small and medium-sized businesses based in Leicester and Leicestershire. Grants from £2,000 to £25,000* are available providing 35% towards project costs. Grants can be used to help your business grow or diversify e.g. innovative technology products, capital equipment, premises refurbishment, marketing/promotional activity, or other revenue costs. (The maximum revenue grant is £7,500). A Business Gateway Adviser will support you throughout the process.

This grant is part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and run by Leicester City Council in partnership with East Midlands Chamber (Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire), Leicestershire County Council and the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership Ltd (LLEP).

Please use the link provided above as we do not administer this grant fund, for full information about the fund and the criteria for application please call 0116 3668487 or this link to their website: [Business Growth Grant from the Growth Hub \(bizgateway.org.uk\)](#)

Neighbourhood Planning Support Programme – Year 5 2022/2023 opening



We are pleased to announce that applications for support are now open for this financial year! The 2018-2022 programme was extended by DLUHC for a fifth year into 2022/23.

As of today this is officially open to applications for grant and Technical Support. Please visit our [website](#) for more details about the programme and how to apply.

Information

OUR NEWS Neighbourhood Watch newsletter – April edition

Welcome to the April edition of OUR NEWS (attached). Whilst crime prevention is a key driver for Neighbourhood Watch, we have been uniquely embedded in communities for 40 strong years, perfectly positioning us as a gateway between individuals and the support they need to enable them and their communities to thrive.

As we draw nearer to Neighbourhood Watch Week (30th May - 5th June), the Month of Community (June), and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (also in June), this edition focuses on ways we can improve our community's health and wellbeing. It also features articles on:

- free training for Neighbourhood Watch volunteers
- the era of the swindler
- making a community
- engaging young people

and much more. So take some time out, put that kettle on and enjoy.

[April 2022 OUR NEWS.pdf](#)

RCC Impact Magazine – April 2022

RCC are delighted to be getting in touch with the latest edition of the RCC Impact e-Magazine which provides an overview of the latest activities and the impact that the charity has had over rural Leicestershire and Rutland over recent months. Read for free online here – [READ IMPACT](#).



You can also view and download a copy via the [website](#)

The e-magazine is published on a quarterly basis and sent out to contacts on the ground within rural villages and market towns across the whole of Leicestershire and Rutland. RCC would be incredibly grateful if you could please share the magazine as widely as you can.