

VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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News



Interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Welcome to Joanna Davidson, who has recently

joined North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC) as interim CEO.

Joanna's professional background is in housing and regeneration, and she was Director of Housing at the Royal Borough of Greenwich before becoming Chief Executive of the London Borough of Sutton. From there she moved to Oxfordshire County Council where she was Chief Executive for ten years.

The appointment of the permanent CEO will be ratified at next Wednesday's Full Council meeting, with further information to be announced then.

Solar Together Scheme - goes live Mon

NWLDC has teamed up with other district councils and Leicestershire County Council (LCC) to take part in a Solar Together group buying scheme to help people looking to make an investment in solar panels on their house and battery storage systems. The scheme opens for registration on Mon 9 May and closes on Tues 14 June. Whilst targeted at residents, it is open to small and medium sized businesses too.

Queen's Jubilee 'Art Around Town'

Do you know a budding artist who would love to take part in a project to create 70 pieces of art for display in Coalville shop windows? People of all ages are being encouraged to produce Jubilee-themed art using paint, collage or 3D techniques. Sign up [here](#).

Covid-19

The main points from the Government's weekly [national influenza and COVID-19 surveillance report](#) are:

- Surveillance indicators suggest that at a national level, COVID-19 activity (including case rates and hospital admissions) has decreased in week 17 (week commencing 24 April)
- The number of acute respiratory infection incidents (suspected outbreaks) in England was 229 in week 17, compared to 440 in the previous week
- The highest hospital admission rates continue to be those aged 85 and over
- Hospital admission rates were highest in the North East



Walking Festival

The National Forest Walking Festival will run from Saturday 14 - Thursday 26 May 2022. With over 80 guided walks available across the week there are walks for all ages and abilities; [download the brochure](#) to see the full list. This colourful brochure is beautifully illustrated and has lots of suggestions for walks for all the family.



NWLDC Grants

COMMUNITY GROUPS GRANTS



Are you a community organisation, voluntary group or charity in North West Leicestershire?

Do you have a project, event or initiative that needs funding?

North West Leicestershire District Council has grant funds available!

Small Grants*

Up to £500 for new projects or for one-offs (like equipment or other items) to help you to improve a service or just to try something different.

Zero Carbon Grant**

Between £50 and £500 for environmental improvements - climate change projects, litter picking equipment, composting, energy efficiency, transport issues, cycling and walking projects, wildflower meadows, community orchards, hedge planting, recycling... think green!

Coalville Special Expenses Community Chest Grant

£250 to support and encourage a range of community activities, initiatives and events for people in Coalville, Bardon, Snibston, Thringstone and Greenhill wards.

For more information on these grants and to apply, visit www.nwleics.gov.uk/grants or contact grants@nwleicestershire.gov.uk

Are you aware of our funding?

Has your group taken full advantage of the funding on offer? We have three main grants available:

- **Small grant:** up to £500 for new projects or for one-offs to help you improve a service or just to try something different
- **Zero Carbon Grant:** Between £50 and £500 for environmental improvements—climate change projects, litter picking equipment, composting, energy efficiency, etc
- **Coalville Special Expenses Community Chest Grant:** £250 to support and encourage community projects in unparished areas

Events

[Emergency Services Day, Coalville](#)

Sat 14 May, Broad Street

This is always a hugely popular event run by Leicestershire Fire Service, with support from partners including Community Focus. A great day out for the family with lots of free activities to get involved with.

Knit and Natter

Second and fourth Thursday of every month, Newmarket, Marlborough Square, Coalville. Meet new friends if you enjoy knitting or would like to learn. Cost is £2.50 per session including refreshments. See leaflet for more info.

Ibstock Historical Society - Community Morning

Sat 14 May, 10am - 12pm

David Taylor Memorial Hall, Heather
A chance to look at photos and artefacts, peruse community stalls and enjoy tea, coffee and cakes. See poster for further info.

Free May Guided Bike Ride

Sat 14 May, 10am

A chance to explore Ashby Wolds Heritage Trail by bike. Please [email Amy Pownall](#) to book your place. See poster.

[CycleFit Club](#)

Wednesdays 4-5pm at Snibston Colliery Park. [B-Buddies CIC](#) are offering cycle training and bicycle maintenance. See poster for further information and prices.

Dementia Support Group

Mon 30 May

Royal Voluntary Service (RVS) is organising this group that brings together people living with dementia, their carers, families and friends to provide support in a relaxed and friendly environment. Email [RVS](#) or telephone 07815515227/ 07815462007 for further information. See leaflet.

[Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration](#)

Sat 4 (6.30pm - 9.30pm) and Sun 5 June, (12.00pm - 5.30pm) at Coalville Park
Two days of free celebration events for all the family. See leaflet for information on all the entertainment and activities.

Training

There is a huge range of courses on offer through



[Go Learn!](#). Did you know that you can sign up for British Sign Language, ballet, Wellbeing and confidence courses to name just a few?

[Work & Skills Leicestershire](#)

This is a completely free service available to anyone living in Leicestershire who needs help finding work, training or volunteering. You will receive one to one support with CV writing, job searches, interview techniques and more. For further information check out the [website](#) or call on freephone 0800 9880308.

Prince's Trust May Newsletter

Check out the Prince's Trust May newsletter that details all the training opportunities for young people aged 16-20 not currently in full-time work, training or education. See attachment.



George Smith Hub

Falcon Support Services and Enrych have celebrated the successful launch of the [George Smith Hub](#) in Coalville. The hub, based at 24-28 Hotel Street, helps to prevent homelessness and tackle community isolation. They are also operating a community café with [activities](#) organised throughout the week, so please come and support this new community venture.

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Monday 10AM - 4PM Advice, Support & Guidance from Falcon Support Services	Tuesday 10am - 2pm Enrych Feel Good Café 10am - 4pm Digital Empowerment
Wednesday 10am - 4pm Enrych Arts & Crafts Sessions, Digital Empowerment Classes	Thursday 10AM - 12PM Parent and Child Group
Friday 10AM - 4PM Advice, Support & Guidance from Falcon Support Services	Evenings & Weekends Space available for private hire for children's party's and other events
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Funding

[Mercia Park Community Fund](#)

The final round of this fund managed by Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation is now open. The fund offers grants of up to £5,000 for projects that:

- help strengthen local communities (particularly their quality of life and life chances)
 - improve the natural environment
- Projects must be based within a five mile radius of the Mercia Park Development.

Deadline for applications is 22 July.



[Everyday Heritage Grants](#)

Historic England grants are available to community and heritage organisations in England for projects that improve understanding and awareness of overlooked historic places and celebrate working class histories. Grants available to a maximum of £25,000. Deadline for applications is Mon 23 May.

For a comprehensive list of funding check out [LCC's monthly funding bulletin](#).



Local Policing



Leicestershire Police

Protecting our communities

Leicestershire Police is inviting residents' views on policing in general and to learn about people's experiences to help improve services.

The [short survey](#) has five questions and should take no longer than five minutes to complete.

Garden Waste Collection

Keep an eye out for this postcard from NWLDC's Waste Services team, which will be arriving at every household from Mon 9 May. It contains important information on [changes to the garden waste collection service](#).

