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Christmas Parish Liaison



We are looking forward to some festive cheer at next week's Christmas Parish Liaison meeting.

We look forward to seeing all of you next Tuesday 6 December at Diseworth Village Hall for some mulled wine and mince pies. There will be an opportunity to network and socialise at 5pm. We are then delighted to be welcoming



Allison Thomas, Chief Executive of NWLDC, and Inspector Wayne Nimblette of Leicestershire Police.

Please email [Community Focus](#) to book your place if you haven't yet done so.

Warm Spaces

We now have 14 confirmed warm spaces in North West Leicestershire. These are organisations who have registered by completing a Warm Spaces survey. See the attachment for further information.

Warm spaces have also been invited to add their details to the national [Warm Welcome Space website](#).

NWLDC is offering grants of up to £250 to support venues that are providing 'warm spaces' for residents during the cost of living crisis. The grant fund will be open for applications until Friday 31 March 2023 or until the grant budget has been allocated. For further information email [Grants](#).



Free Trees

It's been a bumper year for the Free Tree Scheme, with a total of 32,574 trees given



away in Coalville, Ashby and Castle Donington. We would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who took part and helped promote the scheme.

HS2 Christmas Works

There will be a temporary full closure of both the M42 southbound and northbound, between junctions 9 and 10, over the Christmas period. This is to allow HS2 to move the Marston Box bridge into position. See attachment.

- Southbound closure - 9pm Fri 23 December to 5am Tues 3 January
- Northbound closure - 5pm Sat 24 December to 5am Tues 3 January

The upcoming closure is a continuation of the work carried out [last year](#).

Civility & Respect



IN COLLABORATION WITH SLCC, NALC, OVV, COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS

Over 500 councils have now signed up to the civility pledge as part of the [Civility and Respect project](#) organised by [NALC](#) (National Association of Local Councils) and [SLCC](#) (Society of Local Council Clerks). Two new [HR podcasts](#) about employer responsibility have been released as part of the campaign.

Get Weather Ready

The Met Office has produced some [WeatherReady materials](#) to encourage local communities to get prepared for adverse weather conditions.



There are posters to print off, email signatures to use and graphics to share on your social media. There is also useful advice for [driving in severe weather](#).



Cyber Christmas

[Have yourself a Safe Cyber Christmas!](#)

New data from the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) shows shoppers lost over £15 million to cyber criminals during the festive period last year, with an average loss of £1,000 per person.

Take these steps to ensure you are more protected during the Christmas shopping period.

- [Protect your accounts](#): set up 2-step verification and use three random words passwords
- Check before you buy
- Pay securely: Use a credit card when shopping online, if you have one.



White Ribbon Day



[White Ribbon Day](#) was held on Friday 25 November and fell on the same week as the start of the FIFA Men's World Cup.

This year's campaign is titled #TheGoal and raises awareness about the challenges, and dangers, that women and girls face in traditionally male-dominated contexts like the football pitch, but also public transportation.

Did you know that domestic violence and the World Cup are closely linked? As reported by the [National Centre for Domestic Violence](#), reported incidents of domestic violence increase:

- By 26% if England play
- By 38% if England lose
- By 11% the next day, win or lose

Check out [NWLDC's Domestic Abuse](#) webpage for information and signposting for anyone in North West Leicestershire who requires support.

SENDIASS Website



The new [SENDIASS Leicestershire website](#) has just launched so that 0-25 year olds and their families

can find out more about education, health and social care, all in one place.

Working alongside Leicestershire County Council, which has designed and developed the new website, Leicestershire's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) has brought together information and resources to expand the reach of the service.

[SENDIASS Leicestershire](#) aims to empower parents, carers and young people to independently voice their

thoughts and requests around the support needed for them to achieve their full potential.



Winter Fuel Payments

Last week the Government [announced](#) that over 11.6 million pensioners will start to receive up to £600 to help with their energy bills this winter.

[Winter Fuel Payments](#) of £324 for lower income households have been boosted this year by an additional £300 per household Pensioner Cost of Living payment, which will land in bank accounts over the next two months.

People are also reminded to check if they qualify for [Pension Credits](#), which can be worth over £3,500 a year. Pension Credit claims can be backdated by up to three months and pensioners are being urged to claim as soon as possible, and by no later than 18 December 2022.



Call for Tree Wardens

Do you know anyone who would like to help protect and maintain trees and wildlife in your community? [Tree wardens](#) help by reporting pests, disease and vandalism and help look out for opportunities to plant more trees in the local community, as well as raising awareness about the importance of trees and woodland.

Mike McIntyre is the tree warden for Lockington and Hemington, a role he took up earlier this year. Mike has been working closely with Lockington cum Hemington Parish Council.

Mike said, "We always need more tree wardens, and I would encourage anyone with the slightest interest in trees to give it a look.

Being a tree warden can involve as much or little commitment as you want to put into it, and there are no qualifications needed, just an interest in trees."

Search [You Tube](#) using 'Mike McIntyre Volunteer Tree Warden' to watch a lovely eight minute video of Mike explaining his volunteer role.



Boundary Review

There's still time to respond to the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) on their [final consultation](#) on proposals for new parliamentary constituencies. Deadline for responses is 5 December.



The commission is required by Parliament to undertake an independent and impartial review of all constituencies in England, to rebalance the number of electors in each constituency. The 2023 Boundary Review also requires that the number of constituencies in England increases from 533 to 543.

The commission has listened to the feedback sent in from the public so far and has changed nearly half of the initial proposals published last year. The new revised proposals are now available to view via an interactive map on the [consultation website](#).

Feedback can be given on anything from where the proposed electoral boundaries are to the suggestions for new constituency names.

Customer Centre Opens

NWLDC's [new customer centre](#)

situated at the Belvoir

Shopping Centre opened on Tuesday. All customer appointments will now take place here including housing, benefits, council tax and environmental health.



A police enquiry desk will open at the centre in early 2023. Police enquiries will continue to be taken at the council offices until then.

The new opening hours for the customer centre are 9am to 5pm every week day except Thursdays when the centre is open from 9am to 4pm.

Please note that there is a new PO Box address for all correspondence:
NWLDC, PO Box 11051,
Coalville, LE67 0FW.

