

VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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LANDOWNERS AND FARMERS, WE NEED YOU

Join the fight against rural dog fouling in North West Leicestershire

We're raising awareness of the danger that the Neospora parasite found in dog mess poses to livestock and wildlife.

Help us encourage dog owners to bag and bin their waste to keep animals safe and avoid a fine.

North West Leicestershire District Council

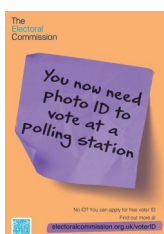
For more information and to get involved email us at environmental.protection@nwleicestershire.gov.uk

Voter ID

The UK Government has introduced a requirement for voters to show photo identification when voting at a polling station at some elections. This new requirement will apply for the first time in England at the local elections on **Thursday 4 May 2023**.

Which forms of I.D. can I use to vote?

You can use any of the following:
Passport | Driving licence (including provisional license) | Blue badge | Certain concessionary travel cards | Identity card with PASS mark (Proof of Age Standards Scheme) | Biometric Immigration document | Defence identity card | Certain national identity cards. Visit the [Electoral Commission website](https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterid) for more information or to apply for a [Voter Authority certificate](https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterid), or call their helpline on 0800 328 0280.



Events near you!

[Zumba](#) at the Charles Booth Centre every Monday and Thursday, 6.00pm - 6.45pm, no booking necessary, just turn up. Cost £5.



[An Evening With Ruth Schwiening](#)

Wednesday 15 February 2023
6pm - 8pm, FREE

Ruth arrived in England on the Kindertransport at the age of three, while her father was imprisoned in Dachau and her mother was left to desperately find a way out for the rest of the family. Hear the story of her life as a Jewish refugee in the UK, and how she ignited her own artistic talent that she uses to share her story and support others. Part of the creative sessions at Coalville CAN.

Become a Councillor

If you're the type of person who cares about your community, has a good rapport with your neighbours and a desire to improve your area then becoming a parish, town or district councillor may be the perfect choice for you. As a councillor, you will take on what's known as 'case work'. Your job is to listen to members of the public - also known as your constituents - and act on any concerns they may have. You can work with council officers to resolve any queries or concerns and report back to the person. You will also be expected to play a part in decisions about council services.

Speak to your local parish or town council or contact electreg@nwleicestershire.gov.uk

Rural Cost of Living Household Survey

The Rural Services Network in partnership



with the Citizens Advice is running a Rural Cost of Living Household Survey. They are thrilled with the 3,000 responses but are hoping you can help to get more!

HELP NEEDED IN TARGETING HARD TO REACH RESIDENTS

They would like to target hard to reach rural residents, i.e. those without access to the internet or the capacity to engage with services online.

We are hoping you can help residents complete the survey. To assist with this they have produced a [poster](#), which could be printed off and displayed at local food banks, village halls, community shops, etc. They have also ensured the survey can be completed multiple times on the same device, so you can help lots of people complete.

Results from the survey will build on the Rural Cost of Living research commissioned last year and help to lobby Government Departments, MPs and other policy makers for a fairer deal for rural communities.

The survey will run until 31 March 2023.

NWLDC What's on?

Did you know you can advertise your event on the NWLDC "What's On" page, this service is FREE.

Add your events [here](#).

Events & Training

Voluntary Action Leicestershire has training opportunities available



Writing reports

22 March, 10.30am - 1.00pm at Glenfield Sports Pavilion, LE7 7AG

They now have 3 places back available. Don't miss out!

This 2½ hour workshop will help delegates understand the essential elements of writing a report that conveys their message clearly, concisely and effectively. [Book a place](#)

Accounting for small charities and CICs Webinar

8 March, 10.00am - 10.45am

This is a free 45 minute webinar explaining accounting for small charities and CICs. The session will cover your legal obligations, basic entering of data and reconciling, how to track different funds and reporting. [Book a place](#)

VAL Community Ambassador Volunteer (North West Leicestershire)



VAL is looking to establish and maintain strong connections with the diverse communities of place and of interest across Leicestershire and so they are looking for a local volunteer to act as eyes and ears for VAL at a grassroots community level. [Apply here.](#)

Neighbourhood Watch Free Crime Prevention Webinars - [Book Here](#)

PREVENTING BURGLARY WITH WIDEN
14 February, 1.00 - 2.00 pm and 22 February, 6.00 - 7.00pm. Please attend one session only.

UNDERSTANDING THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SCAMS

15 February, 3.30 - 4.30pm and 28 February, 5.30 - 6.30pm. Please attend one session only.

EXPLOITATION, GANGS AND KNIFE CRIME AWARENESS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Tues 21 February, 7-9pm and Tues 28 February, 7-9pm (Both sessions should be attended)



Love Volunteering?

Leicestershire County Council are holding a virtual 'Love Volunteering' Community Network Event on Tuesday 14 February, 12.00pm – 1.20pm, on Zoom.

Here you will get a complete overview of all the volunteering opportunities on offer at Leicestershire County Council and the chance to talk directly to volunteer managers running the projects.

This is not one to miss! You can book your place now via the [booking form](#).

International Football Academy

The International Football Academy based at Grace Dieu Manor Park have some events coming up.



[2023/24 Student Open Day Saturday 11 February 2023](#)

[Student Taster Day Tuesday 21 February 2023](#)

Lets Get Moving



Lets Get Moving Exhibit

Come down to Coalville CAN HQ to view our Lets Get Moving Exhibit. A gallery to promote movement and awareness of what's available across the district.

Opening: Wednesday 8th February
Location: CAN HQ, Memorial Square, Coalville, Leicestershire, LE67 3TU



Funding

[NWL Community Grants](#)



Visit our [grants' page](#) to find out about the funding and support available for your group/organisation.

Warm Spaces Grant - time running out to apply

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. Please [email Jess Lloyd-Davies](#) for further information.

[King's Coronation Grant](#)

The Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Saturday 6 May 2023, with an additional bank holiday on Monday 8 May 2023. We are keen to hear from groups / organisations in communities across North West Leicestershire that are looking to celebrate the Coronation. The district council is making funding available of up to £250 to support groups that want to celebrate the occasion.

The grant could fund things such as a tea party, social event, exhibition or anything that has a coronation celebratory theme and involves the community. The grant will be open to parish councils, constituted community groups and schools. Applications are now open and will close on Thursday 6 April 2023.

[Apply here](#)

[Smart Energy GB in Communities Fund](#)

Grant funding available to support smart meter projects in 2023.

Closing date: 12 noon, Friday 10 February 2023

- Grants of up to £25,000 are available for organisations that can deliver support to people in fuel poverty
- Grants of up to £15,000 are available for organisations that can deliver support to people lacking basic digital skills
- Grants of up to £10,000 are available for organisations supporting carers