

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Parish Liaison

We are looking forward to seeing many of you online next Wed 22 March for the next parish liaison meeting, which will be held online via Teams, beginning promptly at 5.00pm.

There are two main agenda items, which will be well worth attending for.

- Elections 2023
- UK Shared Prosperity Fund Community Grant

Please email Community Focus to book your place if you haven't yet done so.

Get Ready to Vote

Please help us to get these key messages out to local residents.

Register to Vote

You need to register before midnight on Monday 17 April 2023 to be able to vote in the May elections.

You can register to vote at gov.uk/register-to-vote

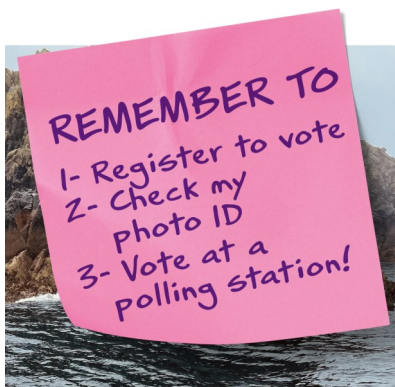
If you're unsure whether or not you're on the electoral register, please contact NWLDC on 01530 454512 or electreg@nwleicestershire.gov.uk

Get ready to vote

Some election key dates are:

- Register to vote by:
Midnight, Monday 17 April
- Apply to vote by post by:
5pm, Tuesday 18 April
- Apply to vote by proxy by:
5pm, Tuesday 25 April
- Apply for a Voter Authority Certificate by: 5pm, Tuesday 25 April

Voter ID



Voting in the district and parish council elections on Thursday 4 May is different this year with the introduction of photo I.D.

Anyone who wants to vote in the local elections will need to present an accepted form of photo I.D.

Every voter needs to show photo I.D. to be able to cast their vote in the local elections on Thursday 4 May.

Photo I.D. that is accepted includes:

- Passport
- Driving licence
- Blue badge
- Proof of age card with PASS mark
- Certain travel concessionary cards
- National identity card
- Biometric immigration document
- Defence identity card

For the full list of accepted photo I.D. please visit

electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID

More information

- Electoral Commission helpline:
0800 328 0280
- NWLDC Elections Team:
01530 454512
electreg@nwleicestershire.gov.uk

No photo ID?

Don't worry – you will still be able to vote. You'll need to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate.

You can apply online at voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk or you can complete a paper application form and send to NWLDC.

To apply for a Voter Authority Certificate, you will need to provide your:

Name | Address | Date of birth | National Insurance Number

You'll also need to submit a photograph with your application, with similar requirements as for a passport photo.

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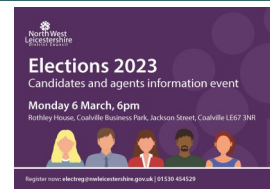
Election event

Thank you to everyone who attended Democratic Services' very useful

information event that was designed to support anyone thinking of standing for election, and their agents.

The feedback has been very positive but we are aware that there were some prospective candidates/agents who were unable to attend on the evening.

We are therefore attaching the information pack for the evening with this newsletter and we hope you find this information helpful.



Joint Charter



Can you remember when the last Joint Charter was signed? Answer at bottom right of this page.

There has been a recent refresh of the Joint Charter; thank you to everyone who has taken this to a meeting to sign up to once again. If your council/ meeting has not managed this yet, there is still time to do so ahead of the official signing at the parish liaison meeting on Wed 14 June.

Garden Waste

Residents can now sign up or renew a subscription to the 2023-24



[additional garden waste service](#). The first garden waste bin will continue to be emptied free of charge but you can pay for as many extra garden bins as you like.

The next subscription period runs from 1 June 2023 until 31 May 2024 and costs £45 per extra garden bin.

Residents and existing customers can [sign up or renew online](#) or by calling customer services on 01530 454545.

Neighbourhood Plans

Congratulations to [Swannington Parish Council](#) on its successful Neighbourhood Plan Referendum at the start of the month. Also to [Lockington cum Hemington Parish Council](#) for having come to the end of consultation on its draft plan.

If any other councils are interested in finding out what is involved, you can book on to the next [Neighbourhood Planning Network event](#) being run by Leicestershire County Council on Tues 28 March, which starts at 5.00pm.

Coronation Waiving



There are many opportunities for parish and town councils and communities to plan local events to mark this special Royal occasion.

Street Parties are encouraged

Leicestershire County Council is offering free road closure applications for street parties being held to mark the Coronation of His Majesty the King later this year.

The applications for temporary traffic orders, which involve road closures if events are being held on the highway, usually cost in the region of £400 - £650. The deadline for applications is Friday, 31 March 2023. For more information [click here](#).

Guidance for residents on how to organise a street party can be found [here](#).

Watching it on the big screen

The BBC has informed the [National Association of Local Councils](#) (NALC) that it will allow public events to show the King's Coronation without needing a TV licence.

The special dispensation will apply for the weekend of 6-7 May 2023, which will cover the Coronation Concert and the Coronation itself.

Coronation Funding

Parish councils, community groups and schools are among those who can apply for [North West Leicestershire District Council's \(NWLDC\) King's Coronation Grant](#).

Up to £250 is available to help groups organise Coronation related activities or events in their parish to commemorate the occasion on Saturday 6 May. The deadline for applications is 6 April 2023.

We have already received 20 applications from a range of parish councils, community groups, sports' clubs and social clubs.



Climate & Nature Pact

North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC) is one of the first 12 organisations to sign up to the [Leicestershire Climate and Nature Pact](#).

The Pact was officially launched and signed on Tuesday 28 February, attended by representatives from more than 40 organisations who gathered to share their ideas on how to work together towards common net zero carbon goals.



Cllr Andrew Woodman, Community Services Portfolio Holder for NWLDC, signed the pact on behalf of the council.

Spearheaded by Leicestershire County Council, working with partners and stakeholders from across the region, the pact sets out a commitment to tackle climate change, nature decline and carbon reduction.

Public Health Directory

The latest Public Health Directory of Services for Leicestershire has been published and is attached with this newsletter.

The directory provides extremely useful information and contacts for a wide range of public health services available within Leicestershire.



Civility & Respect



The [March edition](#) of the Civility and Respect newsletter is

out now. The project team has made some significant progress over the last few months and are sharing some of the resources that have been developed to address the issues of civility and respect across the sector. These include e-learning modules and model governance documents.

Ans: December 2015