

VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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Elections 2023



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.

For the full list of accepted photo I.D. please visit our [website](#).

Key dates

- Monday 17 April - Last day to apply to go on the register
- 5pm Tuesday, 18 April - Last day to apply for a postal vote
- 5pm Tuesday, 25 April - Last day to apply for a proxy vote or a voter authority certificate

I don't have photo I.D.

You'll need to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate.

The time to apply for a free voter ID ahead of the May elections is running out. **The deadline is 5pm on Tuesday 25 April.**

You can apply [online](#) 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.

For help applying for a Voter Authority Certificate, please contact NWLDC on 01530 454512 or [email](#) Electoral Commission helpline: 0800 328 0280.

Eco-park at Hermitage Recreation Ground

Plans to create an eco-park at Hermitage Recreation Ground are now available and residents are being invited to share their feedback.

The first phase of North West Leicestershire District Council's (NWLDC) plans to develop Hermitage Recreation Ground includes turning part of the grounds into an eco-park which could see more trees, footpaths and an outdoor adventure trail.

Local people are being asked what they think to the indicative plans and have until Sunday 14 May to share their feedback at www.nwleics.gov.uk/hermitage.



Great British Spring Clean Awards

Do you know a Litter Legend who should be formally recognised?



Keep Britain Tidy is introducing the Great British Spring Clean Awards to officially recognise and reward volunteers and partners.

They have six awards up for grabs, and you can either nominate on behalf of yourself/your group, or another #LitterHero who has inspired you. Tell Keep Britain Tidy about them today by using their dedicated nomination form.

Once nominated, a panel will shortlist nominees and voting will open to the community.

The six categories are:

- Leading #LitterHero | Shining Star | Outstanding Organiser | Best in the Business | Weirdest Waste | Super Students

Get nominating [HERE](#)

UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF Fund)

We would like to invite a representative of your group, to an online briefing about a **new NWLDC grant**. The first round of applications opened on 3 April and will close on 30 June 2023. Voluntary and community groups will be invited to apply for funding from the [UK Shared Prosperity Fund \(SPF Fund\)](#) to support work that improves and enhances their local area.

All areas across the district are allocated funding from the grant, with community groups, parish and town councils and voluntary organisations able to bid for some, or all, of the funding for a project. Funding pots will be available for 2022/23 and 2023/24, with £150,000 available for the district each year. Communities have been assigned funds of between £3,000 and £10,000 each, depending on population size.

Briefings are 14 April, 2:30 - 3:30 & 6:30 - 7:30pm, both on teams [BOOK HERE](#)

Events & Training

Tell us about your events

If you are putting on an event in North West Leicestershire we'd love to help you promote it.



Remember to include as much detail as possible about your event, including date, time, location and a description.

Please join us to bring together and support the local area at our

Coalville Community Fun Run 2023

The theme for this event is Pyjamas and Onesies so dig out your favourites and join us to have some fun

10.30 am Sunday 4th June
Snibston Colliery Park

Entry for either 2k or 5k course is £5 each for all age groups or £10 for family ticket (up to 4 people)
Everybody welcome including families with small children, prams, buggies and well behaved dogs

To receive an entry form, please email suerotary1@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/CoalvilleRotary

This year we will be supporting local charities and good causes as the main beneficiaries of the event.
Any remaining profits will go to other charities supported by Rotary.



Organised by Coalville Belvoir Rotary Club with support from Snibston Colliery Park



Training offered by VAL

Helping people change their lives for the better

Tuesday 18 April 10.30-12.30

[Introduction to Voluntary Sector Collaborations](#)

Wednesday 26 April 10.30-11.30

[How Nature-based Activities Can Support Health and Wellbeing](#)

Prince's Trust

Got a young person who is ready to take on the world!?



START SOMETHING

Well check out the programmes in the Prince's Trust newsletter to help them get started. (Click the links in the contents page to skip straight to programmes of interest)

[Leicestershire Newsletter Link](#)

Programmes of the month:

- Get Started with Horse Racing with the British Riding School
- Get Started with Multi-sports (Get Hired in Health and Social Care)
- Be Your Own Boss – Enterprise Programme

Got any questions? For extra information on each programme, be sure to check out the new [FAQs Guide here](#)

Neighbourhood Link Newsletter

The April edition of Neighbourhood Link, the newsletter for Neighbourhood Watch supporters across England and Wales, is now available.

[READ THE NEWSLETTER HERE](#)

Neighbourhood Link

Funding

NWL Community Grants

COMMUNITY GROUPS GRANTS

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



Round 1 of Leicestershire County Council's SHIRE Community Grants programme for 2023-24 is now open for applications.



VCSE sector organisations will be able to apply for a grant (maximum £5,000) to deliver community-based projects and activities.

The first round of funding for 2023-24 is prioritising funding focussed on the following themes/priorities:

- Supporting vulnerable people and communities to manage the impacts of the cost of living crisis
- Support for community-based projects and activities, which improve mental health and wellbeing, including projects which reduce loneliness and social isolation
- Projects for vulnerable and disadvantaged children and young people (and their families)
- Projects supporting people with disabilities and/or long-term health conditions

The deadline for applications for Round 1 is Wednesday 7 June 2023. Further information is available on the Leicestershire Communities [website](#).

Healthy Heart Grants



Grants of up to £15,000 are available for community projects aimed at supporting adults to reduce their risk of coronary heart disease, helping them to live healthier, happier and longer lives. The grants are available to charities in all four nations of the UK.

[East Midlands Airport](#) believe that supporting local and regional groups and charities is important to their long-term success.

Find out more about their grants and how to get involved with the airport.



We are testing Emergency Alerts on mobile phones across the UK 23 April

Our new way to warn you when lives are in danger

Find out more at gov.uk/alerts

