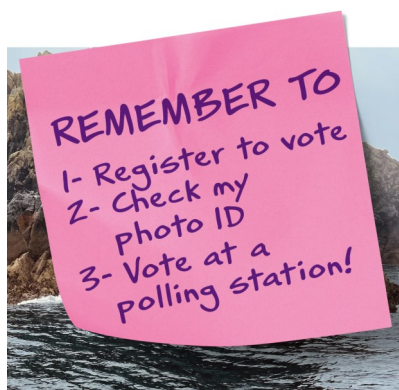


PARISH NEWSLETTER



19 April 2023 | Issue 4

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

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.

For help applying for a Voter Authority Certificate, please contact NWLDC on 01530 454512 or email:

electreg@nwleicestershire.gov.uk

Code of Conduct



Member Standards and Code of Conduct training will be taking place:

- Wednesday, 17 May at 11am at The Spital Pavilion, Castle Donington
- Wednesday, 17 May at 3pm and 6pm – Hybrid (In person at Stenson House, London Road, Coalville)
- Wednesday, 7 June at 10am – Virtual Session

NWLDC Elections Team: 01530 454512
electreg@nwleicestershire.gov.uk

Training



New Briefing For Clerks – Inducting Your New Councillors: The why, the how, the when, the what

Tuesday 2nd May at 6pm via Zoom, will last approximately 90 minutes

This is aimed at clerks (both new and long-serving) and councils of every size. A comprehensive induction helps new councillors to settle in, to understand their role and expectations, to forge strong relationships with clerks and other officers, and to build competence and confidence in serving their community. However, in the parish sector a formal induction for new councillors is still relatively rare.

This session will help you plan and deliver a formal induction program for your new councillors, using existing and new resources produced by LRALC, NALC, and others. It will explain the many benefits of the initial investment of your time in offering such support to new councillors. It will also look at ongoing support for councillors following their initial induction, ensuring there is a culture of continuous learning and development.

Cost per delegate: £30
Booking via [link](#)

Inquire councils

LRALC are receiving lots of queries from councils which will be inquire after the election. They have arranged a free Zoom [meeting](#) for Wednesday 19th April, 1:30pm - 3pm to bring clerks together and go through as many questions as they can.

Ask Me Programme

Community scheme launches to stamp out domestic abuse



A [new scheme](#) that aims to bring communities together to end domestic abuse has launched in North West Leicestershire.

The Safer North West Leicestershire Partnership and Measham Parish Council have been working with Women's Aid to help people in the community give the right support to domestic abuse survivors.

Ten Community Ambassadors in Measham have received training from [The Change That Lasts Ask Me](#) programme to change the way people think about domestic abuse and give survivors the help they need.

Over the coming months the team of Community Ambassadors will be raising awareness and breaking the silence around domestic abuse within their own networks. Their role will be to provide the right response to anyone who would like to access support and signpost them to specialist services available. This will be within well-known places in the local community, such as the GP surgery and library where survivors feel they can ask for help and speak out.

Joint Charter



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. Email [Community Focus](#).

The Kings Coronation



To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, There will be a number of events across the district. To find out what's on visit our [website](#).

Emergency Alerts



[Emergency Alerts](#) is a UK government service that will warn you if there's a danger to life nearby.

In an emergency, your mobile phone or tablet will receive an alert with advice about how to stay safe. Your mobile phone or tablet may make a loud siren-like sound, even if it's set on silent, vibrate, read out the alert. The sound and vibration will last for about 10 seconds.

An alert will include a phone number or a link to the GOV.UK website for more information. You'll get alerts based on your current location.

EMA Funding

EMA Community Fund - Low Carbon Energy Fund



The EMA Community Fund has ring-fenced £150,000 of funding to provide a 'Low Carbon Energy Fund' for local community and public buildings such as schools and village halls. You can find further information [here](#).

Local community groups, parish councils, schools, etc can apply for up to £10,000 towards LED installations, electric charging points, air and ground source heating and similar proven technologies for 'green energy'.

The Low Carbon Energy Fund is now open for applications from organisations within parishes most local to the airport and identified as being most affected by the airports' operation. There is a maximum cap of £10,000 per bid and organisations that are successful in securing a grant will have 12 months to complete their project.

Eligible bids should be for community facilities such as schools, sports' facilities and community buildings. Local charities, not-for-profit community groups, parish councils and other statutory bodies within the eligible area can apply using the normal Community Fund Application Form, available [here](#).

EMA School Eco-Garden Fund

Following on from the very successful East Midlands Airport Eco-Garden Competition, the airport's Community Fund has created a special 'School Eco-Garden' Fund.

Schools can bid for up to £10,000 to turn their Eco-Garden dream into a reality. For details about the fund and how to apply visit the EMA [website](#).

