

Issue 3 of our Parish and Communities update can be found below.

Please continue to let us know what you think, your feedback is important to us and will allow us to improve our services to you.

NEWS

Public Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure in Leicestershire

The County Council are committed to the roll out of public EV chargepoints, which will:

- support residents, businesses, and visitors in the switch to electric vehicles
- help the authority decarbonise transport and meet our net zero ambitions.

This is a new and very challenging area for local authorities, with very little consensus nationally on how to:

- provide the necessary EV charging infrastructure in a coordinated way
- deal with growing EV demand, particularly for those without access to off-street parking.

Last year saw the County Council successfully bid for government funding to deliver an initial 100 public chargepoints across all seven districts through the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) pilot. The Council is also working proactively with Midlands Connect and a number of other local authorities to bid for further LEVI funding which would bring additional public EV chargepoints to Leicestershire, to help meet the needs of the growing EV market. The locations of these chargepoints have not yet been identified and the council will now look to gather information about charging requirements in the county and develop a suitable delivery plan.

EV Countywide survey and Interactive Chargepoint Map

To this end, the county council are pleased to announce the launch of an EV consultation survey and Interactive Chargepoint Map: <u>leicestershire.gov.uk/electric-vehicle-chargepoints</u> The consultation will run until 30th November 2023 and will provide an opportunity for current and future EV owners to tell us about their charging habits or potential charging concerns and help us shape where public EV chargepoints are located in Leicestershire.

Feedback from the survey and interactive map will provide the authority with a better understanding of the demand for on-street chargepoints and charging requirements and help us to plan a network of chargepoints that works for our communities. We encourage all parish councils to complete the survey and suggest potential locations on the interactive map where you would like to see a chargepoint.

In addition, it would be helpful if you could let your community know about the survey and encourage them to complete it. For further information or clarification, please contact the County Council's Transport Strategy and Policy team at <u>TSaP@leics.gov.uk</u>

CONSULTATIONS

- Don't forget to have your say on the <u>Local Cycling and Walking</u> <u>Infrastructure Plan for the Market Harborough</u> area (LCWIP), the deadline is 24 October.
- Don't forget to complete <u>The National and Highways Transport</u> (<u>NHT</u>) <u>public satisfaction survey</u> for Parishes, the survey is now due to close at the later date of 30th November 2023

REMINDERS

- All Recycling and Household Waste Sites (tips) have moved to winter opening hours from 1st October 2023 to 31 March 2024 (09.00 to 16.00 hrs), Visitors are encouraged to arrive at least 10 minutes prior to closing with the last admittance at 15.55 hrs.
- If you are thinking about hanging seasonal decorations on street lighting columns, please don't forget you will need to apply for a S178 licence and applications <u>must</u> be received 8 weeks before the installation date. Guidance can be found on our <u>website.</u>
- Details of weekly planned roadworks throughout Leicestershire can be found <u>here</u>. This is updated every Monday and shows the following 10 days, please note this is only up to date at the time of creation and will not contain information on emergency works, however this can be found on the <u>one.network</u> site.

Information on local services, latest news and events can also be found on our <u>Information for parishes and communities webpage</u> and <u>LCC website</u>.

Contact the Special Projects Team, Environment and Transport Department on 0116 305 5186 or at etdspecialprojects@leics.gov.uk

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