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We hope you have a summer to remember

2012 is a momentous year for the UK with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics. At North West Leicestershire District Council we have been working hard to help you to join in the celebrations whether that's with a street party, attending an event or by deciding to take up a sport.



In this edition of Vision we're showcasing some of the many ways to celebrate in our district which we hope will make this a memorable summer for you, your family and your friends.

One recent celebration I was very proud and privileged to be part of, was the annual Green Footprints awards, which took place in April. It was great to recognise the achievements of local schools, businesses and community groups in being "green". I was especially pleased to present the award for urban design. The winners were the Radisson Blu hotel at Castle Donington, who demonstrated superbly how it is possible to use innovative technologies combined with great design to be energy efficient.

Protecting the environment is also a big part of our Core Strategy. This is the blueprint for creating

jobs, providing housing and opportunities for growth for this area over the next 30 years. The Core Strategy has been in development itself over the last seven years, but now is the time that we are finalising it. Consultation on our plans ends on 9 July. I do hope you will take the opportunity to give us your comments.

In the meantime, I hope you have an enjoyable and memorable summer.

Richard Blunt

Councillor Richard Blunt - Leader

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Getting to the **CORE** of jobs and growth for North West Leicestershire

Creating more jobs, affordable housing and planning for growth are things that are top of everyone's priorities at the moment. At North West Leicestershire District Council, meeting all of these challenges, as well as protecting our environment, is something that we are working on today. But we're also looking ahead to make sure there is continued growth for future generations. The way that we plan for the future is through our Core Strategy.

Supporting economic growth

The aim of the Core Strategy is to support economic growth in the district. The Strategy will ensure North West Leicestershire helps drive and support the development that the country as a whole needs by identifying the housing, business and other development to meet your needs.

The Council's Planning and Engagement Portfolio Holder,

Councillor Trevor Pendleton, explains,

“Underpinning this strategy are the needs of local people and local business. The Core Strategy has been developed over the last seven years, based on the facts and the evidence of what this district needs and how best North West Leicestershire can contribute to prosperity and growth for the people who live and work here.”

“This represents a huge step forward for North West Leicestershire in terms of putting in place a planning framework which will bring real benefits.

“We look forward to receiving the views and comments from you on the Core Strategy.”

New housing and conservation

The Core Strategy includes a number of key planning and development policies including at least 9,700 new dwellings, of

which about half will be in the Coalville area, and provision for around 120 hectares of employment land.

The Strategy also protects the environment and green infrastructure. This includes continuing to protect the 'Green Wedge' area in Coalville. Policies are also included to protect the River Mease Special Area of Conservation and to promote the National Forest.

It's time for you to have your say

The Core Strategy is open for consultation from **28 May until 9 July**. If you'd like to know more about it, or if you have comments to make on the Strategy, please visit the Council's website www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/core_strategy or contact us on 01530 454545.

AVAILABLE PROPERTY.COM



If you have an empty property to rent out or are looking to rent a home from a private landlord then North West Leicestershire District Council's "Available Property" website can help you!

Available Property advertises private homes to let in the area and is managed by the Council's Landlord Liaison Officer in our Housing Advice Team. Our Landlord Liaison Officer offers free, impartial advice to landlords and tenants on all aspects of renting.

Safe and well maintained homes benefit both landlords and tenants so before appearing on the website, all of the homes are inspected to ensure they meet the minimum legal standards.

WORKING WITH LANDLORDS

Our Landlord Liaison Officer also checks to make sure valid certificates are in place for gas, electricity and energy performance, improving the standard of homes to let.

The Landlord Liaison Officer helps to match prospective tenants with homes to let - reducing costs for tenants and landlords as well as the time spent visiting unsuitable properties.

The Landlord Liaison Officer also offers advice about applying for housing benefit, energy efficiency in the home, where to get the best deal for energy and issues regarding tenancy agreements. Advice is also available about the Council's rent deposit and bond guarantee scheme.

CONTACT US

If you think we may be able to help, please contact the Landlord Liaison Officer by email at housing.advice@nwleicestershire.gov.uk or by telephone on 01530 454569.

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There are 14 guides in the series, each covering a town or part of the county, including one about bus services to Glenfield Hospital, Leicester General Hospital and Leicester Royal Infirmary.

Guides are available for: Ashby de la Zouch, Blaby, Coalville, Fosse Park, Hinckley, Loughborough,

Lutterworth, Market Harborough, Measham, Melton Mowbray, Oadby, Syston, Wigston and hospitals in Leicester.

Also available to simplify journey planning is the Leicestershire Bus Map & Guide, Network Map, which features information on all county services.

The guides are also available online and are updated regularly so they contain the most up to date information. Residents and visitors can now visit www.leics.gov.uk/transport_downloads to sign up to a mailing list to receive notification of changes to bus services in their selected areas as part of the Leicestershire County Council's Choose How You Move initiative.

The guides are available at www.leics.gov.uk/transport_downloads, by calling 0116 305 0002 or by emailing stg@leics.gov.uk

Online versions of the guides are available at:

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Or to sign up for email notifications for changes in your local area use web address above.

Volunteering makes a difference in Coalville

Enjoy working with and helping local people? Free time on your hands? If the answer to both these questions is yes, then Marlene Reid Centre Community Action in Coalville needs you!

For more than thirty years the Marlene Reid Centre has provided valuable services to local communities in North West Leicestershire including: providing a community transport service for the over 60s for regular shopping trips to the supermarket, important health related appointments and social trips. Also, children and families services including soft play and party facilities, summer play schemes, a toy library and play bus plus a mobile crèche service. The centre offers a furniture warehouse, recycling second hand furniture and selling new furniture.

The centre also has rooms for hire whether it is for a party, event, meeting or training and many local dance, exercise and slimming groups hire the rooms for their weekly training and meetings.

“I go home thinking I did something good”

This work relies on the contributions from volunteers. Being a volunteer offers lots of flexibility – anyone can volunteer as much or as little time as they want, work on a regular basis or be as flexible as they need to be; any time on any day of the week.

A volunteer driver working with The Marlene Reid Centre explained,

“I love knowing I am helping someone and it makes me realise that I might need some help one day – each time I volunteer I go home thinking I did something good and that makes it really worthwhile. The people we help are so appreciative and would be lost without this service”.

Can you help?

If you would like to find out more about the volunteering opportunities available at The Marlene Reid Centre, call Dave Ahlquist on 01530 510515, alternatively email dave@mrc.uk.net or pop into reception.

For more information about MRC Community Action visit www.mrc.uk.net

HOMES UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Cllr Roger Bayliss Portfolio Holder for Housing and Customer Services on a new, improved roof

Since 2009, things have been changing for the better for tenants in North West Leicestershire.

During that time North West Leicestershire District Council has carried out over 3,000 housing upgrades and renewals, from roofs to doors.

IMPROVEMENTS IN NUMBERS

- Over £2 million invested in renewing 367 roofs
- £1.5 million on rewires or electrical upgrades in 748 homes
- £1.2 million invested to fit replacement windows at 760 homes
- £0.5 million to buy over 1,200 external doors
- Over £0.5 million invested in major repairs programmes for households in Oakthorpe and on the installation of new digital aerials to 1,130 council homes.

These improvements have made a difference to many tenants' lives and have been well received, with satisfaction rates of over 90%.

But we're not stopping there. Over the next three years we will be doing more work to improve homes, investing a total of over £21 million that we have secured in a grant from the Government. This money will fund improvements to over 3,700 homes to bring them up to the Government's Decent Homes Standard and bring much-needed investment into the district.

What *price* rural homes? you tell us



If you've been worried about the high cost and availability of suitable homes in small villages and the knock-on effect for shops and facilities because people can't afford to buy houses in these locations, then we'd like to hear from you.

During the next year, we're going to be writing to you if you live in a small village to ask you about what your community needs. We know that striking a balance between preserving the character and appeal of small villages whilst at the same time providing the types and sizes of properties that local people want is important to you.

We'll be asking you to fill in a survey, which we hope as many of you as possible will complete and return to us. This will help us to understand more about how you'd like to see your village develop in the future.

There's more information on our website http://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/affordable_rural_housing or contact the Council's Housing Enabler on 01530 454611.

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We won the Green Footprints Challenge

The Green Footprints Challenge Awards celebrate the people, organisations and businesses who have made a commitment to a greener, more sustainable way to live, work and learn. It's our way of recognising the real achievements in North West Leicestershire.

This year's awards were held in April – and our congratulations to all of the winners. Here's what some of them had to say about Green Footprints:

“ We're absolutely delighted – even to be shortlisted is great. We love the work we do and we get so much satisfaction. So this is the icing on the cake ”

DAVID LUTHER, LCC RANGER

“ It's great to have the recognition for what we have achieved. We've been doing our bit for the last 4-5 years and this year we've put it all together and become carbon neutral. This award will encourage us to set new objectives and continue our work ”

DEBRA WOODYATT, DIRECTOR, FC CARTONS

“ We have put a lot of effort into developing our green agenda and we've made it a lot of fun, getting the children involved in every aspect. They will be thrilled to know that they've won. This award recognises the whole community, the parents and our partner school ”

SUE WARD, NEWTON BURGOLAND SCHOOL



WINNERS

Businesses award sponsored by Prescient Power

FC Cartons Ltd for the integration of recycling and environmentally working practices into their business

Children and young people award sponsored by Stephenson College

VIP Snibston Young Rangers, for their commitment to raising awareness of conservation and young people's involvement

Partnerships and community groups award sponsored by the Radisson Blu Airport Hotel

North West Leicestershire Volunteer Rangers, for their work with schools, community and unemployed groups to promote conservation

Schools award sponsored by the National Forest Company

Newton Burgoland Primary School, for their energy efficiency campaign that reduced carbon and costs, reducing its carbon footprint by 25%

Sustainable Urban Design award sponsored by North West Leicestershire District Council's award-winning Ourplace initiative

Manchester Airports Group (owners of East Midlands Airport) for the design and build of the Radisson Blu hotel, "the greenest hotel in Europe".

For details of next year's awards visit us online at <http://footprints.nwleics.gov.uk/>



Here come

Here's a round-up of our recommendations for the best activities for fun-filled school holidays – there's no excuse for anyone to be “bored”.

Summer holiday information is available online or pick up a copy of all of the activities from your local leisure centre.

Active8

The lowdown

Even before you get to the holidays, there's plenty of things to do after school. Club Activ8 runs after school activities and school holiday programmes.

The extensive Club Activ8 After school activity programmes offer plenty to get involved with for all ages including Junior Zumba, mini kickers football coaching, futsal coaching and cheerleading.

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Summer

Make a splash

The lowdown

If the sun is shining there's no better way to enjoy it than splashing about in the Hood Park outdoor pool.

It's open every day throughout June half term from 9am until 6pm. Then it will be open every weekend until 14 July, when it will be open every day of the week for the rest of the summer season.

What it costs

An adult swim will cost £3.40 and a junior swim £2.30.

If you are a member of Club Activ8 then don't forget that you can use your Club Activ8 points.

Marketing is fun

The lowdown

The Specialists with Lisa and Greg McCarthy are returning to Coalville Market to run six themed events between June and August just for the kids. Children can get involved in playing with toys and games, dancing, handling historical artifacts and craft activities. Each session runs from 10am until 2pm and they take place on:

- Sat 9th June - King Henry VIII
- Sat 23rd June - Toys from the past.
- Sat 7th July - Pirates get soaked!
- Saturday 28th July - Vikings
- Saturday 11th Aug - Cleopatra and the Egyptians

What it costs

It's free!



THE ART OF REMINISCING

We're all hoping that 2012 is truly a year to remember. In North West Leicestershire there have been many other years when something important, significant or just enjoyable happened. Now there's a way to capture all of those memories and save them for future generations.

The North West Leicestershire Older Person Service is launching a project called 'The Art of Reminiscing' which will capture your memories in a unique way – through the creation of two giant wall hangings designed around the themes of reminiscing and celebrating the rich history of the district.

The final wall hangings will be unveiled to all the people involved at a grand opening at Snibston Discovery Centre at the end of the year. The artworks and further displays, including handmade Christmas Cards also made by the participants, will be open to the public for everyone to enjoy throughout the month of December at Snibston Museum.

Can you help with our patchwork?

One of the wall hangings will be a patchwork quilt called 'Patchwork Memories'.

We'll be working with older people in our residential homes and across the district to tell us their stories and help create the

patchwork quilt of memories. Together the participants will transfer images onto material sections, which will then be interwoven and stitched into the quilt along with other pieces of material to tell the story.

The way we were

The second wall hanging is called 'The Way We Were' which will use images and photographs that we hope will be donated by you. The images will be transferred onto sections of cloth, which will then be sewn together to make one large wall hanging.

To help make the project a success we are asking you to donate pictures that represent an event in your life, your family, your business or your community that makes up the history of where you live. We're looking for photos that capture how life has changed over the years. By donating your hidden treasures, we can piece together a pictorial record of what has shaped our social history.

Crash, bang what a picture

So do you have photos which show the way local people have celebrated, worked and gone to school in the past to show how things have changed over the years? It could be a photo of something which happened last year or years ago. The photos could show a community or sporting event, people at work or school or even scenes from everyday life. They could show how a place, building, area or road once looked or be of a vehicle, toy or other historical item of interest.

The most important thing is that the photos provide a snapshot of local history that will show future generations what life was like for their parents, grandparents and even great-grandparents.

Flower power and tie-dye

We are also looking for donations of material for the patchwork quilt. We welcome any material, but are especially interested in material that represents a particular period in history like the 1990s, 70s 60, 50s or any other era. If you've got old polka dots, floral, psychedelic, paisley, checked prints or tie-dye, these will also add to the history of the quilt.

Where to take your photos and material

You can donate your photos at a range of locations including your local libraries, Hermitage Leisure Centre in Coalville, Hood Park Leisure Centre in Ashby de la Zouch, Measham Leisure Centre, Castle Donington Community College and Ibstock Leisure Complex. You can also bring them to the North West Leicestershire District Council offices in Coalville.

We recognise how precious your photos are, so we will be scanning, labelling and returning them to their owners. To enable us to do this please make sure you put your name, address and contact details on the back of every photo so we know who to return the photos to.

Donate your photos by 29 June

To ensure your photos and material can be used in the Art of Reminiscing project please ensure you drop them of no later than the **29 June 2012**.





Say goodbye to household pests



Pest Control Service – annual cover now available for just £75

It's not something we like to think about, but if you want to insure against the problems of rats, mice or other pests, then there's a new lost cost solution at hand.

North West Leicestershire District Council is introducing domestic annual pest control cover. The annual cover costs £75 and covers one domestic property for unlimited pest control visits, treatment and advice for rats, mice (internal), wasps and cluster flies for 12 months*.

Over the last 12 months the Council has helped almost 1,000 customers, with all customers surveyed saying that they were satisfied with the service they received and that they would call us again if they had a pest problem in the future.

*terms and conditions apply.

A tale with a sting in it

Andy Pole, Senior Public Health Technician offers the following advice for wasps, a common pest during the summer months.

“Wasps are a widespread pest during the summer. As many as 30,000 wasps can populate a nest and therefore protective clothing is extremely important.

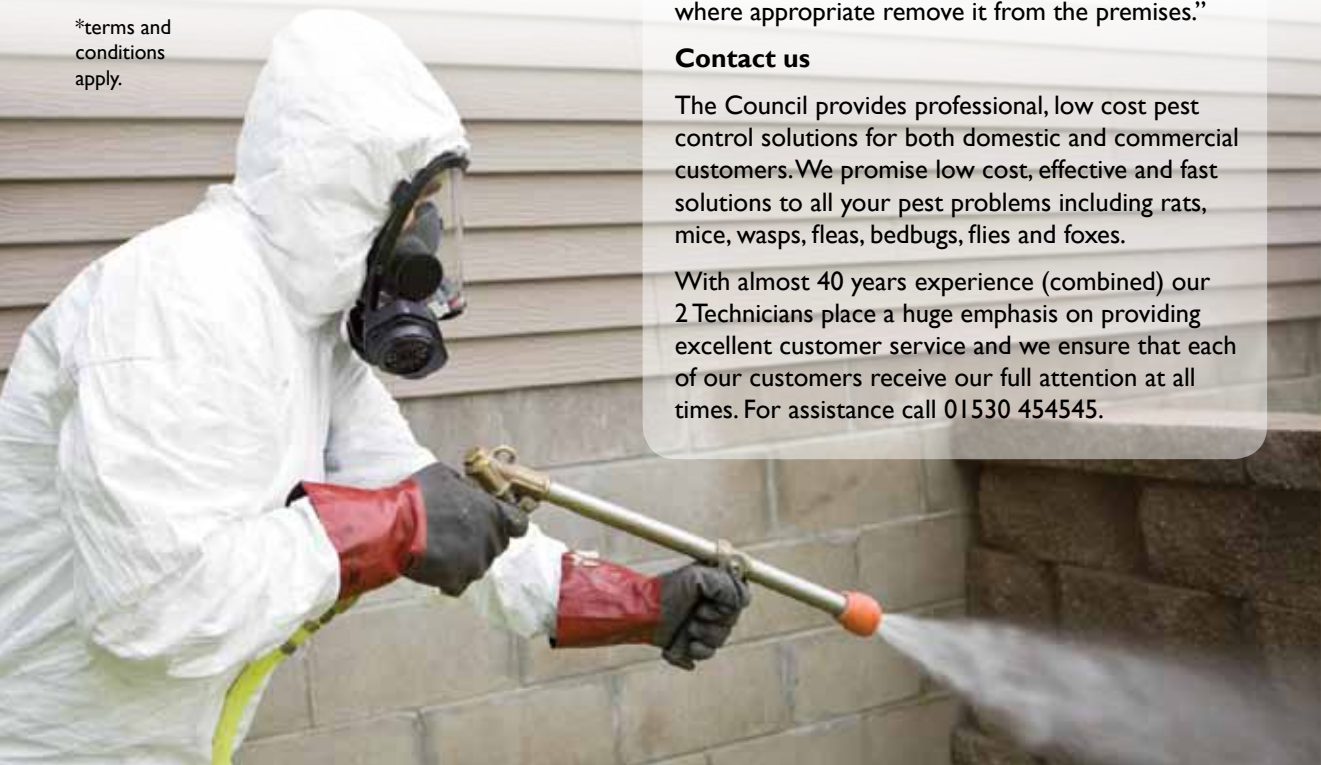
“Do not attempt DIY treatment if you suspect you are sensitive to wasp stings, if the nest is indoors or the nest is inaccessible. Wasp nests are dangerous - if in doubt, seek professional help. It is better to catch a problem nest as soon as you can before it becomes out of hand.

“We offer a call-out service to destroy wasp nests or any other pest problems in the home. The service is fast, effective and affordable. We have all the equipment required to safely treat a nest and where appropriate remove it from the premises.”

Contact us

The Council provides professional, low cost pest control solutions for both domestic and commercial customers. We promise low cost, effective and fast solutions to all your pest problems including rats, mice, wasps, fleas, bedbugs, flies and foxes.

With almost 40 years experience (combined) our 2 Technicians place a huge emphasis on providing excellent customer service and we ensure that each of our customers receive our full attention at all times. For assistance call 01530 454545.





“Ob-LITTER-ate”

the mess in Castle Donington

Nearly 50 volunteers braved the April showers in Castle Donington to pick over 80 bags of litter from the village and surrounding area.

The litter pick was organised by Castle Donington parish council and supported by North West Leicestershire District Council's Street Action Team's Ruth Mulvany and Community Focus Team's Wendy May.

So many volunteers turning up meant teams of people could be sent to identified problem spots. These included Bosworth Road playing fields, High Street and Diseworth Lane, The Spital playing fields, Back Lane and both sides of the dual carriageway.

North West Leicestershire Environment Portfolio Holder Councillor Alison Smith said, “I am delighted so many people turned out and worked so hard to pick so much litter”.

Parish Councillor Shaun Ambrose-Jones and his wife Vicky picked litter all day. Shaun, said “It was hard work but very rewarding I just wish that people would keep it clean in future.”

New Chairman takes office

Councillor Michael Specht is the new Chairman of North West Leicestershire District Council after being elected at the Annual Council Meeting on Tuesday 15 May.

Councillor Michael Specht has lived in North West Leicestershire for 60 years. He has been a District Councillor for one year. Councillor Specht has one son and granddaughter and worked as miner for 20 years at Ellistown Colliery.

Following his election, the new Chairman said: "It is a great honour and privilege to be appointed Chairman of North West Leicestershire District Council and I will endeavour to serve the people of the district to the very best of my abilities during my time in office."

The Chairman also announced that during his year of office, he will be raising money for the charity,

Loros and the Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance charity.

The new deputy Chairman of the Council is Councillor Geraint Jones from Ashby Ivanhoe who will assist Councillor Specht during his year in office.

If you would like the Chairman to attend an event you are organising, or visit a group or organisation you are part of, please get in touch. The Chairman is keen to meet as many community groups from around the area as possible. To contact the Chairman's office, please call Judith Peace, on 01530 454723 or email judith.peace@nwleicestershire.gov.uk.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Cllr Specht and former Chairman, Cllr Nigel Smith





NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE

All set for Armed Forces Day 2012

There's an opportunity for you to recognise the work of our Armed Forces - past, present and future - as part of Britain's Armed Forces Day on Saturday 30 June 2012.

The Armed Forces Day flag will be raised at the Council Offices in Coalville at 10.30am on Monday 25 June and will be flown until Monday 2 July, as part of a national display of flags across the country.

The Chairman of North West Leicestershire District Council, Councillor Michael Specht, said "We are proud to be part of Armed Forces Day and hope everyone will join us in recognising the work of the Armed Forces, both in the past and in the present day".

For more information on the celebrations taking place, and on how you can take part, visit www.armedforcesday.org.uk.

"Craft-Fayre Friday" AT COALVILLE MARKET

As part of National Market Day, Coalville Market will be hosting a "Craft Fayre" within its Friday market for 6 weeks, starting from the 15 June. The local craft sellers produce and sell a large range of imaginative and unique handmade gifts, bags, handcrafted jewellery, cards, cup cakes, paintings and textiles to name a few. Shoppers will be able to find unusual gifts for friends and family from traditional and contemporary crafts not usually found on the high street.

Be Part of National Market Day 2012

National Market Day has been organised following a recommendation by high street guru, Mary Portas, to give budding entrepreneurs a chance to try out their business ideas and encourage more people to visit their local market.

Coalville Market is open every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday and sells a wide range of affordable goods. If you are interested in becoming a market trader, or require further information about the market, please contact the Market Officer on 01530 837785.

See it, stop it, report it



Eating on the go has now become an established way of life, but are busy lifestyles contributing to this country's litter problem?

2 million pieces of litter are dropped each day in England, costing a staggering £900 million to clean up. An increasing amount is thrown from car windows as people eat on the run and snack whilst driving.

Fast food wrappers, drinks cartons and other litter is an increasing problem in rural settings and in particular on grass verges, making areas appear unkempt, unsightly and unloved.

North West Leicestershire District Council's dedicated team recently collected several tonnes of litter from the A42. So to help us to keep the district tidy for everyone, you can act as our additional eyes and ears. Did you know we can issue a fine using vehicle registration details and a description of a litter offender?

In the past 12 months 104 fines have been issued of which 86 were for littering. So if you see someone throwing rubbish from a car or dumping it at the roadside, then please let us know.

See it, stop it, report it and contact us on:

01530 454545

www.nwleics.gov.uk

A summer of fun?

Whether you enjoy having a barbeque, kicking a football in the park or relaxing to music in your garden, we all enjoy being out and about over the summer. However such harmless fun can turn into something unwanted or unpleasant for others in your community.

What is anti social behaviour?

Anti social behaviour covers a broad range of activities which the Home Office summarises as “behaviour which causes, or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not in the same household”. For action to be taken against anti social behaviour it is essential to prove a clear pattern of activity. It is necessary to show that it is so serious and persistent that protection is needed for the victim or community.

What can you do?

The earlier anti social behaviour is tackled the more likely it is to be resolved. To assess the level of nuisance you are experiencing we may ask you to keep a diary to record incidents of anti social behaviour. The content of the diary will enable the case officer to decide what to do.

What can we do?

The Safer North West Partnership is made up of a number of agencies and works to tackle anti social behaviour, crime and disorder. The Partnership includes the Police, District Council, Youth Offending Team, Youth Service, Registered Social Landlords, Probation and other organisations interested in working to reduce crime and disorder.

If you experience anti social behaviour, you can report the complaint directly to us using these contact numbers:

Anti social behaviour of a criminal or serious nature.

Dial 999 or 101 to contact the Police.

Community Safety Team, (North West Leicestershire District Council) - 01530 454831

email: community.safety@nwleicestershire.gov.uk

Complaints relating to individuals living in Council property

Housing (North West Leicestershire District Council) - 01530 454545



STEP RIGHT OUT

Step Right Out is the smoke free homes scheme created by Leicester City NHS and now being rolled out across the county as part of the work of the Tobacco-free Leicestershire and Rutland alliance. Launched in April the scheme is designed to protect children and young people from the harm caused by second hand smoke if there are smokers in the household.

Breathing in other people's tobacco smoke, is known to cause a range of disorders from minor eye and throat irritation to heart disease and lung cancer. Children are particularly vulnerable to the effects of second hand smoke, which can increase the risk of cot death, glue ear, asthma and other respiratory disorders.

For further information pick up a leaflet from the Council Offices or your local library and make the promise to Step Right Out and keep it smoke free.

If you want help to stop smoking call 0845 045 2828 for free confidential advice.



Shape up this summer for just £30

This fantastic fitness offer costs just £1 a day. For just £30 you will get 30 days unlimited use of fitness classes, swimming, health suite and evolution fitness suites*. What's more if you then decide to sign up to any one of our six month fitness membership packages, your joining fee will be FREE. This offer starts on 1 July at Hermitage, Hood Park and Measham leisure centres and runs until 31 August.

*terms and conditions apply – contact your local leisure centre for more information.



Special offers for Summer

SAVE 25% on fitness memberships packages NOW!

With summer only just around the corner and everyone looking to get into shape to fit into that swimming costume, why not save yourself some money and get fit too? Discounts of 25% are available on certain fitness membership packages at Hermitage and Hood Park leisure centres for employees of corporate membership companies.

To find out if your employer is a corporate member, log on to www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/corporatemembership. Don't worry if your company is not listed, if you can find four employees where you work who want to join, then give us a call and we will set you up. At present, there are 40 companies registered with over 355 employees taking advantage of these reduced rates. For more information on the corporate membership scheme, call Mark Bates on 01530 811215 or email emma.knight@nwleicestershire.gov.uk



Enriching life in North West Leicestershire



If you live in Coalville then there's a new Healthy Living Project to support you.

ENRYCH aims to give adults with a physical disability, who have a need, the opportunity to add quality to life through leisure and learning.

ENRYCH looks beyond a person's disability, to focus on what can be achieved, rather than what can't. If there's a leisure or learning activity you've always dreamt of doing, our job is to make it your reality.

With support from ENRYCH, we create opportunities for individuals to rebuild self-confidence, improve physical and emotional health, develop independence and meet other people with the same interests and experiences.



If you have a disability and you're over 16, please come along and try it. Your friends and family are welcome too. The first taster session is free. Find us at the Marlene Reid Centre, 85 Belvoir Road, Coalville.

Time for the Kegworth Museum

If you have an interest in local history and heritage, then perhaps you'd like to help one of the district's independent museums by volunteering.

The Kegworth Village Association set up the Kegworth Museum 20 years ago, in 1992. It relies on volunteers to manage the building and the artefacts, which range from the history of local businesses – such as Barton's Buses – to the area's proud sporting prowess. If you'd like to

volunteer, would be interested in joining the Association or would just like to visit the museum, then for more information contact:

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