

January - Council Tax Support Grant

The grant provided to town and parish councils for 2015/16 totalled £100,000 – despite reductions in grants received by the district council from central government, these have not been passed onto the parish and town councils of North West Leicestershire.



New Year – new ways

Community Focus Officers and other district council staff start working from parish and town council offices and community venues.



Joint Charter

Between North West Leicestershire District Council and the town and parish councils of North West Leicestershire

Joint Charter working group formed:

- Appleby Magna Parish Council
- Ashby de la Zouch Town Council
- Castle Donington Parish Council
- Ellistown and Battleflat Parish Council
- Long Whatton and Diseworth Parish Council
- Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council
- Whitwick Parish Council

February – What a load of rubbish!

Community litter picks – 38 booked for the year with every village across the district participating in the scheme.

Grass, grass a pain in the neck!

Local solution agreed with district and parishes but shelved at the 12th hour!



March – more tea vicar?

★ Celebration of volunteers event ★

Over 100 volunteers from across the district were thanked for their hard work and commitment to making the communities of North West Leicestershire a place that people are proud of.



April – £20,000 for Seven

The first £20,000 for Seven project was completed, the remaining 16 projects are progressing well with a number now completed also. The investment of £240,000 from the district council has supported projects worth over £1,000,000.



May – Elections 2015

- seven parishes held elections
- 16 parishes had councillors elected uncontested
- two parishes received no nominations, elections re-run in June
- Of the 195 parish seats, 158 councillors were elected in May and 10 elected in June
- 27 councillors were co-opted



Throughout May and June our compost and recycling roadshows visited: Ashby de la Zouch, Castle Donington, Coalville and Ibstock, engaging with over 600 residents.



June – Small grants scheme launch

With grants of up to £500 available to community groups across the district for new and innovative initiatives, to date over £4300 has been awarded to ten community projects.



July – out and about at community events

The district council trailer visited:

- Heart of the Forest Festival, Measham
- Picnic in the Park, Coalville
- Music in the Park, Castle Donington

Over 500 residents were engaged with at these events, with 213 people receiving a cholesterol and blood pressure test.



August – training workshop for councillors

To support new and existing parish, town and district councillors, a training package was produced for councillors:

- Licensing public access system pilot
- Code of Conduct
- Enviro Crimes
- Licensing
- Planning

210 councillors have engaged in the training this year.

93% of those who attended said that the training provided was rated as good or excellent



Community Services
Waste Services Team

John Bright
Waste Services
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Welcome To Your
Environmental Crime Training Workshop

By : Environmental Protection Team



September – Bulbalicious!

Everything came up smelling – not quite roses but definitely tulips, daffodils and narcissi. Our very popular ‘Green Shoots’ scheme saw us deliver 30,000 spring flowering bulbs to nine parish councils, schools and groups, ready for planting in October.



October – £20,000 for Seven 2015

The district council announces £210,000 is available for parish and town council and community groups for new and innovative initiatives.



November – Tremendous!

Over 18,000 trees were given away to residents across the district through the free tree and hedge fund scheme.

Collections were arranged from Ashby de la Zouch, Coalville and Castle Donington.



A record year!

The Urban Tree Planting project saw support from **seven parish and town councils** which will result in over 150 trees being planted across the district in January 2016.



November – road closed but open for discussion!

Advertising and road closures for community events working group

- Ashby de la Zouch Town Council
- Castle Donington Parish Council
- Heather Parish Council
- Kegworth Parish Council
- Measham Parish Council



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