

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Voter ID



North West Leicestershire is taking part in a Voter I.D. pilot to help Government learn which are the best methods of preventing election fraud in the UK.

When eligible North West Leicestershire residents register to vote they will be sent a poll card. Poll cards will be delivered between 22 and 29 March 2019.

Please publicise and ask people to keep their poll card and take it with them to vote - they will not be able to vote without it.*

If someone has registered to vote and has not received their poll card by Tuesday 2 April or has lost it, please advise them to contact the elections team on 01530 454512 or email electreg@nwleicestershire.gov.uk

* Some other forms of identification will be accepted at the polling station. Please visit https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/voter_id_pilot_local_elections_2019



Tree Wardens

Tree wardens are volunteers appointed by their parish council to:

- be a contact and support for all things tree related in their local area;
- protect trees by reporting on early signs of pests, disease and vandalism;
- gather information, survey and record information about trees important for wildlife or heritage in their parish;
- look out for opportunities to plant more trees in the local community, enhancing the environment for parish-ioners;
- help find the money to fund local tree planting projects, e.g. the Tree Council have grants only available to tree wardens .

For more information about how it could benefit your parish/town council: Contact Leicestershire County Council.

Fighting Fly Tipping



As part of the ongoing battle against environmental crime, the Council's Environmental Liaison Group, an environmental delivery group, proposes to spearhead a Council-wide fly tipping campaign by bringing together various teams during the Spring of 2019.

Each team will have a specific role to play in the fight against this environmental nuisance, creating a united front and sending a zero tolerance message to these criminals.

Plans are still in the making, but for further information please look out for the Council delivery Plan 2019/20.

Picture shows our worst fly tip hot spot at Netherfield Lane, Sawley.

Key dates

- LCC Quarterly Clerks' Meeting - Wednesday 6 February 2019 at 10am at the Framland Committee Room, County Hall, Glenfield, Leicestershire.
- Trial 'Highways Surgery' immediately after the Parish & Town Council Clerks' Operational meeting on Wednesday 6 February, between 12.00pm – 13.30pm in the members' lounge at County Hall.
- Parish Liaison - 27 February 2019 at 5pm, Moira Village Hall, Ashby Road, Moira DE12 6DP
- Keep Britain Tidy Spring Clean - 22 March - 23 April 2019.
- Hello Heritage date for 2019 - 7 - 22 September 2019.

Resilience



Do you have a Community Response Plan for your parish?

The LLR are encouraging all communities to develop a Community Response Plan.

When a wide scale major incident occurs, such as flooding or heavy snow, the Emergency Services have to focus their resources on helping the most vulnerable and those most badly affected, particularly when lives are at risk. It is therefore possible that your community might be affected but not receive immediate assistance because others are in greater need. It is for this reason we want to encourage all communities to be in a position to help themselves in those exceptional circumstances.

Communities can do a great deal to help themselves, to support each other and to safeguard their most vulnerable members. A Community Response Plan will help you to identify the skills, knowledge and resources that can be used to help those within the community who have been affected.



For support in developing your Resilience Plan contact john.brown@nwleicestershire.gov.uk

Green Flag



The Green Flag Award® scheme recognises and rewards well managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of recreational outdoor spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world.

Purpose & aims

- To ensure that everybody has access to quality green and other open spaces, irrespective of where they live.
- To ensure that these spaces are appropriately managed and meet the needs of the communities that they serve.
- To establish standards of good management.
- To promote and share good practice amongst the green space sector.
- To recognise and reward the hard work of managers, staff and volunteers.

Do you have a park, woodland, cemetery or open space that deserves recognition?

The application closing date is 31 January every year, so there is time to start the ball rolling for accreditation in 2020.

Contact:

Rosie.Biggs@nwleicestershire.gov.uk for an informal chat about the process as we are currently applying for Green Flag status at Coalville Park.

Funding Available

Featured Funding

Funding is available for heritage projects which involve young people, across Leicester and Leicestershire

[The Y](#) in Leicester has been awarded £707,500 through the Heritage Lottery Fund's pioneering "Kick the Dust" funding programme.

The [Y Heritage](#) Project will offer grants of between £3,000 and £30,000 to eligible organisations in Leicester or Leicestershire who are able to help deliver local heritage projects, whilst hosting meaningful work opportunities for vulnerable young people, helping to develop and utilise the skills of these young people (who are residents at the Y's homeless shelter).

LCC Monthly Funding Information Bulletins

Monthly Funding & Grants Information bulletins are now being compiled by Leicestershire County Council, using information from a range of sources.

Bulletins are produced each month, and the funding opportunities will generally be for community groups, organisations and charities. However, some of the information will also be relevant for parish and town councils. This document can also be accessed via the Leicestershire Communities [website](#).

The [East Midlands Funding Forum \(EMFF\)](#) provides a monthly e-bulletin on sources of funding and other useful information for the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector (VCSE).



Small Grant Scheme (deadline February 2019)

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