



New Affordable 'A+ Rated' Homes in Heather

Named in honour of former MP David Taylor

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Councillor Nigel Smith, Chairman of the District Council, in the presence of Lady Gretton handing over a donation cheque to members of Loros.

CHAIRMAN'S CHARITY DONATION

The Chairman of North West Leicestershire District Council, Councillor Nigel Smith handed over a donation cheque of £10,346.30 to Loros this summer. The money was raised at various events throughout Councillor Smith's year of office. A fantastic achievement I'm sure you will all agree. Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Chairman's charity, should contact Judith Peace on 01530 454723.

Register Your Right to Vote

The Council is currently putting together the Register of Electors for 2012 and has sent out registration forms to every household in the District (if your household has not received one please contact us without delay – see details below).

If there are no changes to the details pre-printed on the form you may use telephone, internet or text message to tell us – the instructions are on the form. If there are changes you will need to return the completed form in the pre-paid envelope provided. If you haven't already done so please supply

the information requested straight away.

Unless your name is on the Register of Electors you will not be able to vote in any elections that may be held in 2012.

It is also the law that householders must give the information which is asked for. If you don't, you could face prosecution and a fine of up to £1,000.

For more information contact the Electoral Registration Department on 01530 454512 or email: electreg@nwleicestershire.gov.uk

Coalville Market

Come to Coalville Market for quality fresh produce, good value, friendly and knowledgeable market traders, variety, character and something just that little bit different.

You'll find a whole range of goods and services, from books, jewellery, cycles and cycle repair to a fabulous English breakfast and much, much more! Don't forget with Halloween on the horizon to pick up a pumpkin! So whatever you're looking for come to Coalville market and see what's on offer.

Coalville Market is open three days a week: Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 8am until 2pm on Tuesdays and 8am until 4pm on Fridays and Saturdays. Contact Emily Todd on 01530 454 678 or email: emily.todd@nwleicestershire.gov.uk



Welcome

This summer I was delighted to be invited to the opening of David Taylor Close. It is one of a number of new residential developments that has recently been completed in our District that not only provides new homes for local people but is very well designed. It is also a wonderful tribute to a very well liked former MP, David Taylor.



We have been working closely with developers and housing associations over the last three years to set a high standard of quality in new developments.

Continuing with the subject of development, High Speed Two Limited (HS2 Ltd) is the company set up by the Government to consider the case for new high speed rail services between London and Scotland. At the moment the link is not proposed to pass through our district, but I personally am not in favour of the rail link because the environmental impact has not been assessed, it is not green, and the money could be better spent on other things. I will be discussing this subject with the other Councillors in September.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the achievements of our local museums and heritage groups which consistently do the District proud and provide an interesting portfolio of activities for residents and visitors. This year they have scooped three Heritage Awards, including Museum of the Year!

And finally, this is the fifth year the Council has run the Respect Challenge and it is a wonderful opportunity for young people to make a positive contribution to their community and receive recognition for the effort they make. For more details please see page four.

Richard Blunt

Councillor Richard Blunt – Leader
North West Leicestershire District Council

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Acorn Action Group accepting their award from Superintendent Steph Pandit

Respect Challenge 2011/12 Launched

Schools, colleges and youth clubs in North West Leicestershire are being invited to apply for funding following the launch of the 2011/2012 Respect Challenge. The money must be used for community safety projects for young people.

North West Leicestershire Partnership in Safer Communities group are organising the challenge for the fifth year running. All the projects that receive funding through the Respect Challenge, and the Respect Champions, will be recognised at the annual Respect Challenge Award ceremony in March 2012.

Councillor Trevor Pendleton, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Engagement for North West Leicestershire District Council, said: "This initiative provides an opportunity to recognise outstanding young people who invest time and effort to make a positive contribution to their communities".

If you know a group who would like to be involved please direct them to the website: www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/respect_challenge_2011_12 or contact The Community Safety Team on 01530 454490.

Email: community.safety@nwleicestershire.gov.uk

Please note that the closing date for applications is 16 September 2011.



Re-launch of Alcohol Free Zone in Measham



Residents of Measham will be reassured to hear that the Alcohol Free Zone in the parish has been relaunched.

Sergeant Paul Harrison from North West Leicestershire local policing unit said: "These signs will remind residents about the alcohol free zone in Measham which was put in place to improve and maintain the quality of life for local people. This will serve to reinforce the work we are doing to tackle anti-social behaviour in Measham".

For more information about Community Safety please contact North West Leicestershire District Council on 01530 454545 or email to: customer.services@nwleicestershire.gov.uk.

Community News



District Museums Scoop Heritage Awards

The District enjoyed local success at the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Heritage Awards ceremony again this year, held at Snibston Discovery Museum in Coalville.

Sir John Moore Foundation in Appleby Magna took the main award of Museum of the Year with Ashby Museum winning the Best Exhibition award for A History of Ashby Through Cartoons by local Artist Di Lorriman.

Here is a run down of our successes within the District...

Museum of the Year - Winner - Sir John Moore Foundation, Appleby Magna

Best Exhibition - Winner - Ashby Museum - for the stunning History of Ashby through cartoons. Measham Museum and Castle Donington Museum were also shortlisted.

Children and Young People Category - Winner - Sir John Moore Foundation - for their diverse range of programming. Measham Museum was also shortlisted.

Best Event - Highly Commended - Kegworth - for their guided ghost walks.

Best Special Project - Highly Commended – Swannington Heritage Trust - for restoring the cap of Mill Wheel. Diseworth Heritage Centre, Ashby Museum, Kegworth Museum and Sir John Moore Foundation were also shortlisted.

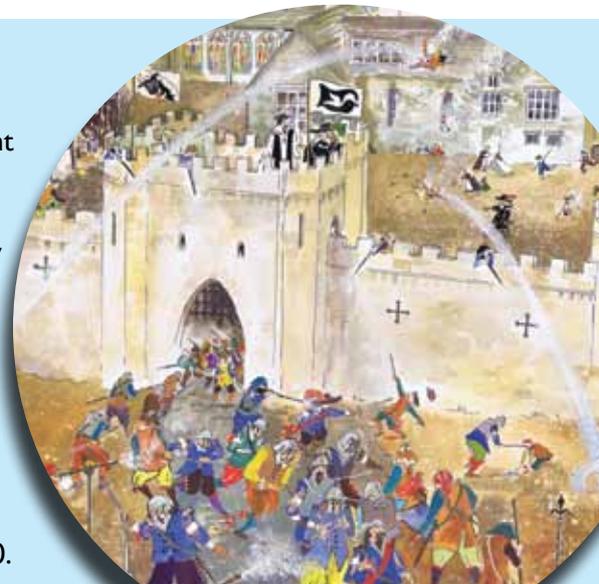
So once again we can all be proud of the achievements of our local Museums and Heritage Groups who consistently do the District proud and provide an interesting portfolio of activities for residents and visitors alike!

All About Ashby Museum

Ashby Museum is enjoying another successful season, as one of the excellent independent museums scattered around North West Leicestershire.

The Museum firmly believes in partnership and, thanks to the support of the District and Town Councils, was able to complete the funding necessary to produce all 26 colourful cartoons of Ashby's vibrant history, later winning an award as detailed above. Scenes such as The Ivanhoe Tournament, The Civil War and the Castle have all been brought to life thanks to the skills of artist Di Lorriman.

The Museum Film Unit has finished shooting their latest venture - 'Ashby, the Spa Town'. This hour long film will be showcased at the Museum in October and our annual series of winter evening talks will start again later this year, so make sure you come along and pay Ashby Museum a visit! For more information email: enquiries@hastyngs.plus.com or call 01530 560090.



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Your Health Matters!

Lorraine and Philip Alldread from Coalville both aged 61 attended the Well Families Clinic at St Johns Ambulance. Both took advantage of BP, cholesterol and BMI screening. Their blood pressure was extremely high and both were referred to their GP. They have now been prescribed drugs to keep this under control.

“If we had not gone to the Well Families Clinic we would not have known that we had high blood pressure because we don’t like going to the doctors.”

Lorraine has now had to rethink her diet completely as she also had high cholesterol.



Why not get your cholesterol, blood pressure and body mass index checked?

Anyone can drop in at any time!

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 6th September 2011 at St David’s Church, Broom Leys Road, Coalville - 2.30pm until 5.30pm

Tuesday 11th October 2011 St Lawrences Church, High Street, Measham - 2.30pm until 5.30pm

Further details are available in local venues in the Thringstone area or please contact Julie Summerton on **01530 454541** or email julie.summerton@nwleicestershire.gov.uk.



Leicestershire County and Rutland NHS Stop Smoking Service



Want to STOP Smoking?

Approach Autumn with Smokefree Lungs!

- Advice and support from NHS stop smoking specialists
- Carbon monoxide breath tests
- Information on all new treatments including Champix
- Complete range of nicotine replacement available on prescription FREE if exempt from NHS prescription charges

Free service for smokers!

Stop Smoking Sessions are held at GP Practices/ Pharmacists/Workplaces throughout North West Leicestershire

Can’t attend a clinic? Drop in sessions are held at: Marlene Reid Centre - Coalville, The Hub - Ashby Sat 9.30 - 11.30am, Thurs 9 - 10am Closed bank holiday weekends

Can’t attend a drop in? Pregnant and smoking?

Telephone 0845 045 2828

Community News

Greenhill tenants 'Silver Surf' at Castle Rock



Jhon Bateman from Castle Rock High School working with John Turner

Greenhill Tenants and Residents Association teamed up with Castle Rock High School to set up a 'Silver Surfing' group where the young adults introduced the older residents on the estate to the exciting world wide web.

Some tenants had never been on the internet before so being taught by the young adults really gave them a chance to showcase their skills and help alleviate fears surrounding new technology.

Councillor Roger Bayliss, Portfolio Holder for Housing and customer services said: *"To see the young teaching the old is truly inspirational. We hope to set up many more similar projects around the District. It is wonderful to see the generations working together in this way"*.

John Turner, a resident of Greenhill, said: *"I am highly impressed with the standard of the youngsters at Castle Rock High School. The confidence shown when they are teaching us and how they stand up to give such a wonderful presentation on internet safety is truly inspiring. The children have all been so patient with us when our clumsy fingers and thumbs can't hit the right keys! Thank you to all of them"*.

Julia Patrick, Head Teacher of Castle Rock High School said: *"It's always a pleasure to be involved with our local community. Our students have taken this initiative on with enthusiasm, professionalism and total commitment"*.

North West Leicestershire District Council's Resident Involvement Officers are always keen to find ways to engage and involve both the young and the old members of the local community.

This course is open for everyone and will be running again in September. Each course lasts for 8 weeks and places will need to be booked in advance.

For more information about this project or if you would like to take part in these sessions please call Jeanette Collins at Greenhill TARA or Beverley Curry, Resident Involvement Officer on 01530 454795.

Food and Drink Festival on Sat 1st Oct

Don't miss Coalville's Food and Drink Festival on Saturday 1st October at the Market Hall, next to the Belvoir Centre from 9.30am – 4pm. This is a FREE event for all the family and Farmer Phil will be there with his farm animals. The children will have plenty to do with apple bobbing and other games. Look out for special food festival offers and demonstrations from local food and drink suppliers.

For further details or to request a copy of the Coalville Food and Drink Festival brochure with special offers and discount vouchers **contact your local Tourist Information Centre on 01530 411767.**

Housing News

September is older persons month...

So come along to talk about anything from leisure and sport to health and wellbeing. You will have the chance to talk about your experience with public services and any changes you believe would benefit the community.

Thursday 29th September 2011
10am - 4pm, Hood Park Leisure Centre

For further details please contact

Liz McGregor on 0116 233 4243

Organised by the North West Leicestershire Elderly Interest Group.



Gas Safety Week 12-18 Sept 2011

September 12th sees the launch of the first ever Gas Safety Week run by Gas Safe Register.

Gas Safety Week aims to raise awareness of gas safety and the importance of taking care of your gas appliances. Badly fitted and poorly serviced gas appliances can cause gas leaks, fires, explosions and carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide is a highly poisonous gas. You can't see it, taste it or smell it, but it can kill quickly with no warning.

Follow these top tips to help keep you and your family gas safe:

- **Make sure only a Gas Safe registered engineer works on your gas appliances.**
- **Make sure gas appliances have a regular service and an annual gas safety check. If you are a council tenant you will be notified in advance of the scheduled appointment.**
- **Always check the engineer's Gas Safe Register ID Card.**

As part of Gas Safety Week, extra information will be made available at the Council Offices.

If you are a council tenant and have any queries regarding gas safety in your home, please contact **Chris Clarke on 01530 454852 or email: chris.clarke@nwleicestershire.gov.uk**

Opportunity knocks for learners within the local community

The Housing Repairs and Investment Team are proud to continue their five year craft apprenticeship recruitment scheme with Stephenson's College.

The scheme has already welcomed two gas plumbing apprentices into the service who are both enjoying their work and progressing very well, and we hope to see a new apprentice electrician join our team next month.

As part of our forthcoming Decent Homes Project we are planning to provide another opportunity by way of a technical apprenticeship in Surveying.

We have also been supporting local students in other ways. This year has seen:

- **6 students from local schools undertake a work experience programme with us, giving them a taste of the types of work we do for our tenants.**
- **A school leaver who has been awarded a placement at the local college, undertook work experience with us.**
- **Provided access to work for a 2nd year plumbing apprentice from Stephenson's College. Juito Gomes said "I've really enjoyed it so far. It's been hard work but really good, I've helped replace a toilet and a boiler".**

As a Council, we already have a comprehensive package of work experience placements and aim to extend the work we already do with partners to target young people not in education, employment or training.

For more information contact Jon Coulton on 01530 454868 or email: jon.coulton@nwleicestershire.gov.uk



LEFT to RIGHT: Leader of the Council, Cllr Richard Blunt, Mr and Mrs Malyon

New affordable homes in Heather

On 9 June Councillor Richard Blunt, Leader of the Council and Design Ambassador joined Pamela Taylor, representatives from Nottingham Community Housing Association (NCHA) and representatives from William Davis Limited to officially cut the ribbon on a new housing development in Heather.

Named in honour of the Districts former MP, David Taylor Close cost £1.3million and comprises of 11 homes (nine for rent and two as rent under the Homebuy scheme). The development was part financed by a government grant from the Homes & Communities Agency.

Councillor Richard Blunt said, *“The Council’s vision is to create places that people are proud to call their home. David Taylor Close provides much needed affordable housing that is well designed and complements the characteristics of the village. The homes are also designed to higher standards and are therefore ‘greener’, complementing our Green Footprints Initiative. I’m proud of what we’ve achieved here with our partners – and I think David Taylor would also have been extremely proud of it too”.*

Since 2009, the Council has been issuing rating certificates for developments under its ourplace™ scheme based on the national Building for Life design standard. David Taylor Close is the first development in the District to achieve an ‘A+’ rating – the highest achievement under the scheme.

Residents of the scheme have given their stamp of approval to their new homes. Mrs Malyon and her family have recently moved into their new home in David Taylor Close. Mrs Malyon spoke to Councillor Blunt outside her new home and said, *“I love the village and wanted to stay here. We’re very proud to live on this scheme, it’s a gorgeous home.”*

For more information contact Ruth Robinson on 01530 454611 or email: ruth.robinson@nwleicestershire.gov.uk



Pamela Taylor cutting the ribbon to the new David Taylor Close

Invite to Tenants

Residents are being invited to give their views on Sheltered Housing Schemes for the over 60s. Consultation with local communities will take place during September. To take part, please contact Amanda Harper Housing Management Team Manager on 01530 454808 or email: amanda.harper@nwleicestershire.gov.uk

October Half Term the children in North

Hermitage Leisure Centre - 01530 811215

Pool Inflatable

Mon 17th, Wed 19th & Fri 21st Oct / 1.45-2.45pm & Sat 22nd Oct / 2.15-3pm / 8-14 years / £2.80 each. Can you meet the challenge of the pool inflatable?

Get Kinected

Fri 21st Oct / 9.30-3.30pm / 5-13 years / £12 each

Play interactive games on the Xbox Kinect console and get involved with the wet and wild pool session, sportshall inflatable chamber and multi sports sessions.

Inflatable Wipeout

Wed 19th Oct / 10.30-4pm / 8-14 years / £12 each

If you love crazy relay races and team games in our sportshall, and pool inflatables, then this is one not to be missed out on!

Hood Park Leisure Centre - 01530 412181

Kids Club

Mon 17th to Fri 21st Oct / 9.30-11.30am / 5-8 years / £3.40 per session or £13 per week. A fun packed morning with arts and crafts, bouncy castle, team games and much much more.

Karts for Kidz

Wed 19th Oct / 1-2pm & 2.15-3.15pm / 4-9 years / £6 each

If you want to be the next Lewis Hamilton then this is the place to start with the fun and exciting indoor karting session.

Cheerleading

Thurs 20th Oct / 4-4.45pm / 8-14 years / £2.30 each

Come along and learn how to dance, cheer and chant like a cheer leader!

Measham Leisure Centre - 01530 274061

All Day Kids Club

Tue 18th & Fri 21st Oct / 9.30-3pm / 5-12years / £12 per day

Arts and crafts, Nintendo Wii, board games, bouncy castle and multi sports! Please bring a packed lunch.

Outdoor Tennis Coaching

Mon 17th Oct / 10.30-12.30pm / 6-12 years / £3 each

Will move indoors if weather is poor.

Zumbatomic Taster Session (Junior Zumba)

Thu 20th Oct / 2-3pm / 5-15 years / £2.50 each

- things to do with West Leicestershire

Moira Furnace Museum and Craft Village

Lots of things to do for all ages over the half term holiday...

Craft Village & Tea Room, Cycling & Walking, Woodland Plantation, Picnic Areas, Lime Kilns, Playground and Open Space, Country park and Canal

Museum - Adults £2.00, Children and Concessions £1.00 (guided tours £3.00 per person)
Boat Trips along the Ashby Canal in the Joseph Wilkes Barge* - Adults £3.50, Children £2.50, Family (2+2) £10.00

Museum Opening hours: Wednesday - Friday 12 noon - 2pm, Saturday & Sunday 12 noon - 3pm. Free parking.

For further information please contact Helen Shepherd on 07976 637858 or 01283 224667, email moirafurnace@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.moirafurnace.org.

*Subject to availability

Around the District

- Contact Ashby Tourist Information Centre for the latest information on local attractions and events on 01530 411767 or www.nwleics.gov.uk/whatson or www.somewherenicetogo.co.uk
- Download National Forest Attraction discount vouchers which include Conkers, Snibston & Ashby Castle at www.visitnationalforest.co.uk or pick up a copy at the Tourist Information Centre on North Street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch LE65 1HU.
- Hire a bike or bring your own at Hicks Lodge Cycle Centre at Willesley Woodside, Moira LE65 2UP. Off road trails for all abilities.
- Join in the half term activities at Donington-le-Heath Manor House & Garden – a mediaeval gem.

Alternatively, why not just turn up and have a game of badminton, mini tennis or table tennis at Hermitage or Hood Park Leisure Centres for just £2.30 per activity? Check out more online at www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/holidays. Leaflets available and bookings being taken from 26th September. Programme subject to change.

New hotel...

Councillor Blunt (second from left) joins Daniel Keane, General Manager of Radisson Blu East Midlands (left) and members of the project team at the recent 'topping out' ceremony on the roof of the new hotel. Photograph © and reproduced courtesy of Manchester Airports Group.



The UK's greenest hotel set to welcome its first guests

Construction works are nearing completion at the new Radisson Blu hotel at East Midlands Airport despite one of the toughest winters in recent years. The new £22m hotel comprises of 216 bedrooms and has been designed to the highest environmental credentials, complementing the Airport's aspiration for its ground operations to be carbon neutral by 2012. It is estimated to create 150 new jobs once complete and will be the country's greenest hotel when it opens later this year.

The design of the new hotel was developed in response to a design brief set by the Council. The brief asked for a design that reflected the theme of aviation, complemented the Council's Green Footprints Initiative and provided references to The National Forest. The theme of aviation is most obviously reflected in two, five storey striking aluminium clad 'wings'.

Hotel facts:

- Environmental credentials Pre-Assessment rating currently rates the hotel as 'Excellent'.
- Construction rating for Energy Performance Certificate rates the hotel as 'A+' powered and heated by a tri-generation combined heat and power plant (CHP) (powered by recycled oil previously used in the cooking of food) to provide both heating and cooling needs – with surplus power being exported to the grid.
- 88% reduction in carbon dioxide compared to a traditionally built hotel.
- Includes an innovative four pipe heating and cooling system, rainwater harvesting, motion sensitive lighting, and a 62,500 litre underground storage surface water tank (SUDS).

The 216 roomed hotel includes:

- 8 executive suites
- Full service restaurant and bar with wine cellar
- Conferencing facilities with function suite
- Full leisure and health facilities including swimming pool, sauna and steam rooms.

Christine Fisher, Chief Executive of North West Leicestershire District Council and one of its Design Ambassadors visited the hotel under construction in June with its General Manager Daniel Keane. Christine said, "The new Radisson Blu will become a landmark for not only our District but the East Midlands region. The Council's Green Footprints Challenge encourages residents and businesses to make greener choices, and I'm extremely impressed with the hotel's environmental credentials. To have the greenest hotel in the country here in North West Leicestershire is something we can all be proud of".

To find out more visit www.radissonblu.co.uk/hotel-eastmidlandsairport or call 01332 811 097.

Radisson Blu East Midlands opens 31 October 2011.



Spotlight on...



Lionel Vinyl getting groovy at Music in the Park

Castle Donington

The village of Castle Donington has a population of just under 6,500. The village is uniquely positioned with East Midlands Airport and the world famous Donington Park Race Track to the south. The village has a Charter that dates back to the 13th century, reported to be one of the oldest in existence. Castle Donington benefits from a well occupied and busy shopping area with many unique and specialist shops and a number of eating establishments.

MUSIC IN THE PARK 2011

A fantastic family day out for FREE would be one way to describe Castle Donington's Music in the Park, which was held this year on Sunday 3rd July at Spital Park. The sun was shining, Lionel Vinyl of Groovy Revolution was cutting some serious shapes and it is estimated that over 2,000 people attended the event which is organised by Castle Donington Parish Council, with financial support from Live Nation, East Midlands Airport, Rolls Royce, North West Leicestershire District Council and Veolia.

Plans are already well underway for the 2012 event, which is planned for Sunday 1st July 2012, let's hope that Lionel Vinyl is available! This event is one of many annual events that are organised by Castle Donington Parish Council, other events organised by the Parish Council include: The Mediaeval Market on May Day, The Wakes Fair and Christmas Lights Switch On.

AUTUMN EVENTS – dates for your diary

- Apple Day at Castle Donington Farmers' Market – Saturday 8th October, 9.00am to 12.30pm (part of a number of Apple Day Events being held throughout October, see page 14).
- Castle Donington Wakes – 27th, 28th and 29th October, Village Centre.
- Castle Donington Farmers' Market – Saturday 12th November, 9.00am to 12.30pm. Take this opportunity to order your Christmas Fayre and collect it in December.
- Free Tree Scheme 2011 – tree giveaway event in the Market Place, Sunday 20th November 2.30pm to 4pm (pre-ordering required, see the back page).
- Christmas Lights Switch On – Friday 2nd December, Market Place and Borough Street, 5pm onwards.
- Castle Donington Farmers' Market – Saturday 10th December, 9.00am to 12.30pm.

Contact: Wendy Jones, Community Focus Team Leader (Northern Parishes), North West Leicestershire District Council, 01530 454769. Email: wendy.jones@nwleicestershire.gov.uk

Fiona Palmer, Clerk to Castle Donington Parish Council, 01332 810432. Email: clerk@cdpc.org.uk

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Apple Day Events in the National Forest and beyond

An apple a day helps keep the doctor away! Why not put the old saying to the test and bring along apples from your garden or a neighbour's garden to Apple events being run in the National Forest and beyond (North West Leicestershire, South Derbyshire and East Staffordshire) throughout October.

Apple Day Events

- Coalville Food and Drink Festival at Coalville Market - Sat 1st October, from 9.30am onwards (featuring a local farmer and his farm animals)
- Castle Donington Farmers' Market at St Edwards School, Dovecote - Sat 8th October, 9am to 12.30pm
- Donisthorpe Apple Day Celebrations at Donisthorpe Community Orchard, Acresford Road, Donisthorpe (opposite The Engine Inn) - Sat 8th October, 11am to 4pm followed by a Barn Dance at Moira Miners' Welfare 7.30pm to 11.30pm, cost £10 per adult, £5 under 14 years (includes a fish and chip supper) for further information contact: Ted Tann-Watson, 01530 272835, ted@witchsgarden.co.uk
- Ashby Farmers' Market at Manor House School, South Street – Sat 15th October, from 9am to 2pm
- Branston Water Park Apple Day situated off the A38, Burton on Trent – Sun 16th October, 12 noon to 4pm. For further information, ring 01283 508657 or visit www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/services/greenspaces

- Swadlincote Apple Day at 'The Delph', West Street, Swadlincote – Fri 21st & Sat 22nd October, 10am to 4pm each day. For more information, telephone 01283 535039 or email rosliston@south-derbys.gov.uk

An apple press will be available so that you can create your own juice; one carrier bag full of apples makes about a pint of juice and you will need to bring a container with you to take it away.

There will also be a number of varieties of apples available for people to sample, including some rare and favourite varieties. There will also be a number of fun and interesting apple activities for young people to participate in.

The events are being run as part of the District-wide Green Footprints Challenge, with an emphasis on promoting local food and seasonal produce. The event is being supported by local Farmers' Markets, Parish Plan Group and The National Forest Company.

For further information visit www.footprints.nwleics.gov.uk or contact the Green Footprints Challenge on 01530 454769, email: wendy.jones@nwleicestershire.gov.uk

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LABC East Midlands Building Excellence Awards 2011

Packington based design practice David Granger Architectural Design Ltd and Ashby Developers Lychgate Homes Ltd have won Best Sustainable Development at the East Midlands Local Authority Building Control (LABC) awards. North West Leicestershire District Council supported the nomination made by David Granger Architectural Design Ltd.

The East Midlands LABC Excellence awards are held to recognise the best construction projects in the region.

The award winning scheme is a small social housing site in Dennis Street, Hugglescote for Waterloo Housing Association.

The LABC judging panel were impressed by the development team's ability to design and construct houses that were able to mix higher than normal energy efficiency and sustainability targets, utilising solar panels to provide hot water, and blend with the existing street scene.

As winners of the Best Sustainable Development Category, they will move on to the next stage of the competition where they will compete against other LABC regions. The national awards will be held in London this November.

North West Leicestershire District Council's Building Control Team ensure that work is

carried out to national building regulation standards including:

- The health, safety and welfare of people in and around buildings.
- The conservation of fuel and energy within buildings.
- Ease of access and facilities for disabled people in public and commercial buildings.
- Fire safety and means of escape from buildings.

The regulations don't only apply to new buildings, increasingly they relate to alteration work inside buildings such as the removal of load bearing walls, loft conversions, replacement windows, creation of ensembles, rendering, re-plastering, rewiring and more.

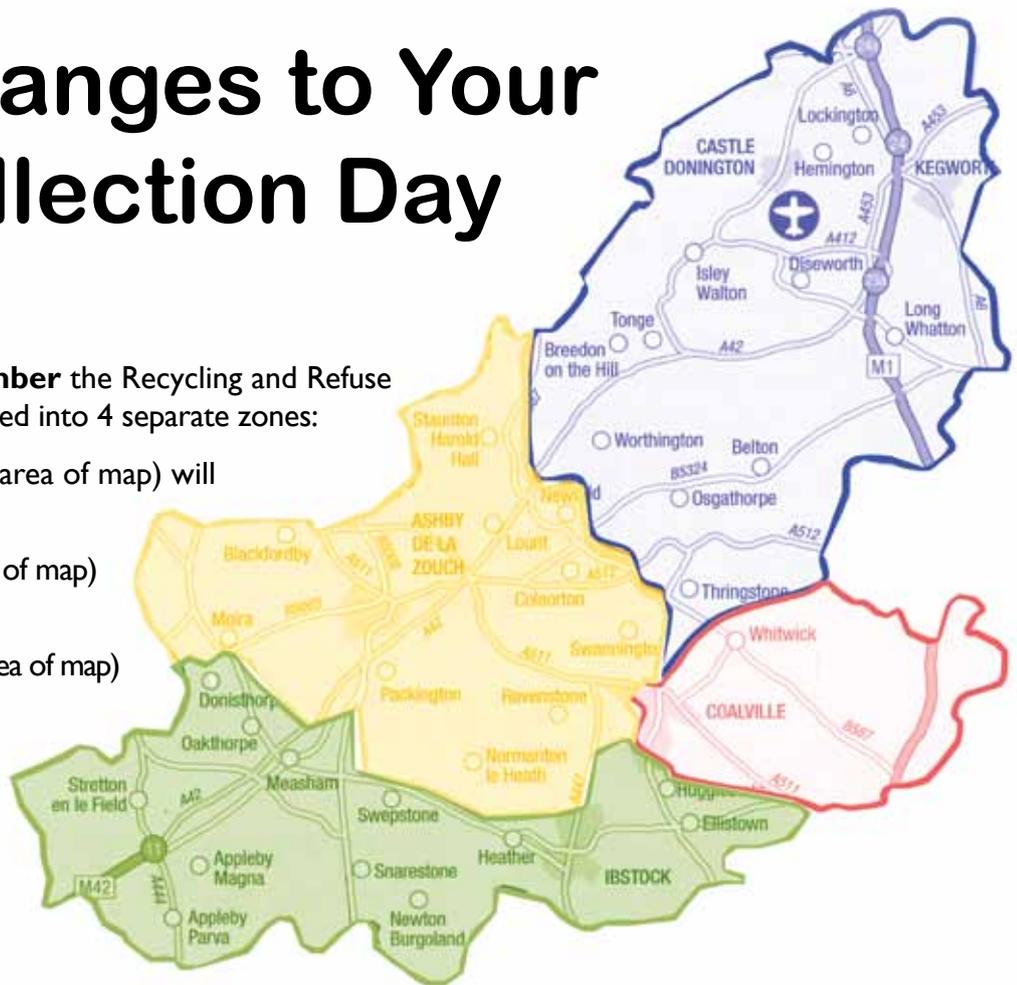
For more information on Building Regulations please visit our website www.nwleics.gov.uk/buildingcontrol or contact us on 01530 454692 or 01530 454693.

Recycling Update in N

NEW – Changes to Your Waste Collection Day

What do I need to know?

- From **Tuesday 1st of November** the Recycling and Refuse Collection Rounds will be divided into 4 separate zones:
- **The Northern Zone** (see blue area of map) will be collected on a Tuesday
- **The Eastern Zone** (see red area of map) will be collected on a Wednesday
- **The Southern Zone** (see green area of map) will be collected on Thursday
- **The Western Zone** (see yellow area of map) will be collected on Friday



When will this start? Your new collection rounds will start in the first week in November.

Who will be changing? About 8 out of every 10 households collection day will be changing. Every household will receive a new calendar in October providing information on which containers to present and on what day.

Why are the changes necessary? The new collection zones will ensure the service is operated in the most efficient way possible by reducing mileage to save on fuel bills. We'll also be able to provide interesting information on how much is recycled where you live.

NEW Calendars 2012

What you need to know

Remember remember the 1st of November.

NEW Calendars will be delivered to your door throughout October.

This will explain clearly what your new day will

be and which containers you need to present for collection.

It's very important that you read and keep your calendar as it will also have information on waste collections over Christmas and New Year.



North West Leicestershire

NEW - Textiles Collection Coming Soon

Starting on **Tuesday 1st November** all residents in the District will be able to recycle their unwanted clothes and shoes for reuse and recycling.

How will they be collected?

- Your clothes and shoes will be collected on the same day as your recycling by the crew that collect your red box and blue bag
- Please put any unwanted clothes and shoes in any ordinary plastic carrier bag and leave it next to, or on top of, your red box
- Our collection crew will put the bag in the vehicle for recycling

Then what happens to the textiles?

- The clothes you present for collection will be sold by the Council to a textiles recycling company. They will clean and sort the material to either be reused or recycled.
- Anything that is not such good quality will be cleaned and shredded to be reused as a filler in sofas and armchairs.

We can accept any clothes, shoes, or household textiles in any condition. So jumpers, jeans, curtains and trainers are all accepted.

If you would prefer to donate your clothes to a charity or use a charity bag scheme please make sure the charity is licensed to operate door to door collections. You can check this out by calling the Council's Licensing Team on 01530 454545 or online: www.nwleics.gov.uk.

Yes, please ✓	No, thanks ✗
Clothes	Duvets
Shoes	Pillows
Handbags	Other household items
Coats	
Scarves & gloves	
Sheets & linen	



Leisure News



Ashby Badminton Club



Ashby Hockey Club



Coalville Swimming Club



Coalville Town Hockey Club

Clubs in the District Meet the Grade

Four clubs in North West Leicestershire have managed to obtain a national quality accreditation which shows they operate to a set of consistent, accepted and adopted operating standards including duty of care, safeguarding and protecting children. Gail Rushton, Sports Development Officer for North West Leicestershire District Council commented *"I am delighted that the District has four further Club Mark clubs. North West Leicestershire now has 23 clubs with the quality mark status. Club members, coaches and committee members all put in an incredible amount of time to ensure that the club is well run, and is a safe fun place for young people to attend. Congratulations to all four clubs"*. Please visit the Council website for contact details or information of how to join the clubs or contact Gail Rushton, Sports Development Officer on 01530 454735.

Ashby Badminton Club

Ashby Badminton Club meets on Tuesdays at Ashby School in the Sports Hall. The season runs from September to May followed by a Summer Club. New members are welcome whether beginners or experienced players. Juniors are welcome at our Junior Club. www.ashbybadmintonclub.co.uk

Ashby Hockey Club

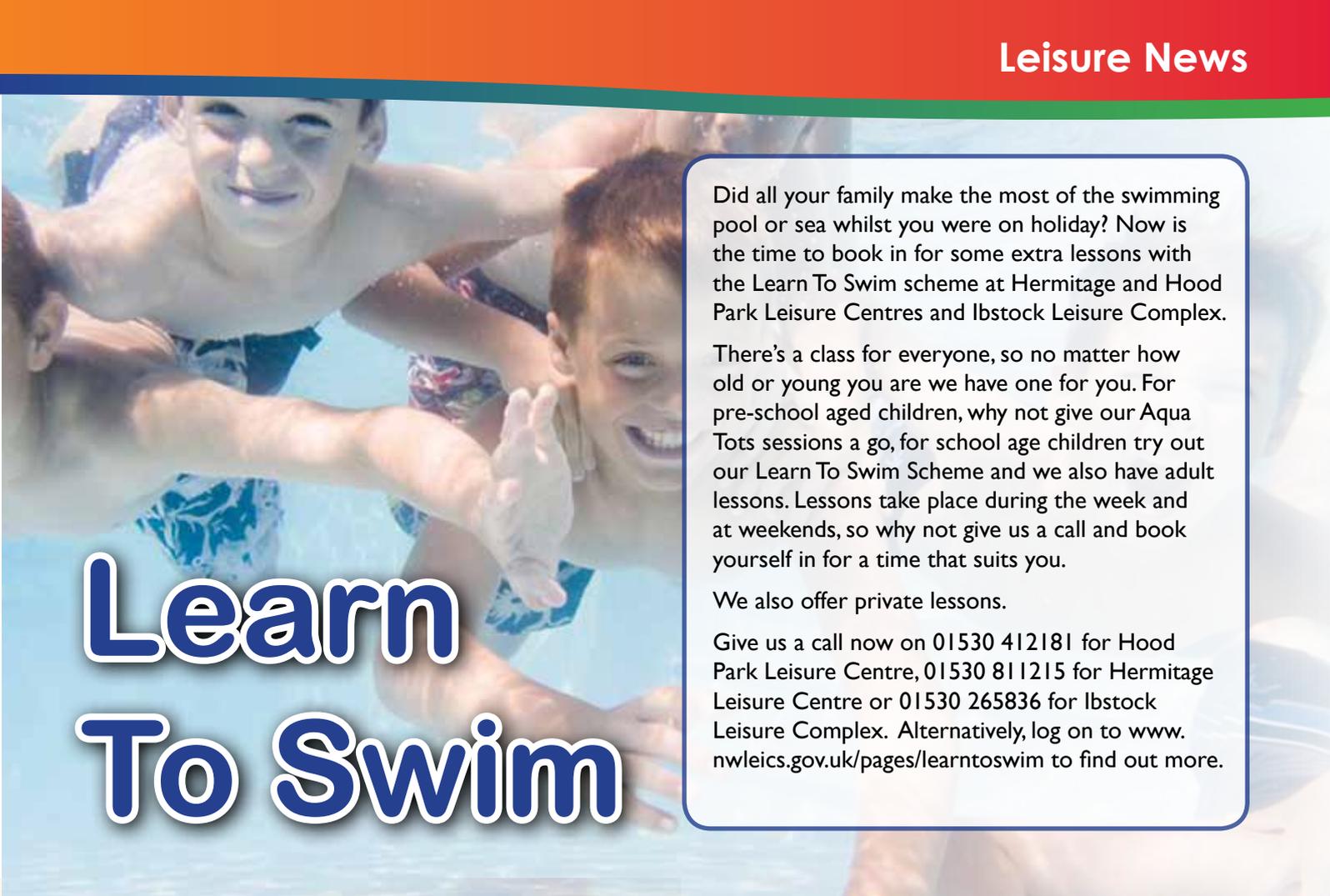
Ashby Hockey Club runs a very successful mixed junior training session on a Sunday morning and have young people from the age of 5-14 years. Four men's teams also play on Saturdays and include a combined Badgers junior/senior team. All home games and training sessions take place at Ivanhoe College on astro turf. www.ashbyhockeyclub.hitsports.com

Coalville Swimming Club

Coalville Swimming Club successfully re-accredited in January 2011. They currently train at four district pools (Ibstock, Hermitage, Hood Park and King Edward VII). The Club currently has 100+ swimmers registered. This includes swimmers of all abilities, from young swimmers keen to take the sport up to Midland, National and International Swimmers. Swimmers 8 years or over that are reasonably able to perform three different strokes are encouraged to join. www.coalvillesc.org.uk

Coalville Town Hockey Club

The Club currently plays all home games and train on Tuesdays at King Edward VII. They run five successful men's teams of all abilities and a junior section for younger players. www.coalvilletownhc.co.uk



Learn To Swim

Did all your family make the most of the swimming pool or sea whilst you were on holiday? Now is the time to book in for some extra lessons with the Learn To Swim scheme at Hermitage and Hood Park Leisure Centres and Ibstock Leisure Complex.

There's a class for everyone, so no matter how old or young you are we have one for you. For pre-school aged children, why not give our Aqua Tots sessions a go, for school age children try out our Learn To Swim Scheme and we also have adult lessons. Lessons take place during the week and at weekends, so why not give us a call and book yourself in for a time that suits you.

We also offer private lessons.

Give us a call now on 01530 412181 for Hood Park Leisure Centre, 01530 811215 for Hermitage Leisure Centre or 01530 265836 for Ibstock Leisure Complex. Alternatively, log on to www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/learntoswim to find out more.



Get active after school this September & October

Now that the children are back to school, it is time to plan their after school activities!

There's plenty to get involved with for all ages. At Hermitage Leisure Centre, activities on offer include the highly successful Derby County Football Coaching course, Coalville Cougars basketball coaching, volleyball coaching and streetdance.

At Hood Park Leisure Centre, exciting activities on offer include badminton, trampolining, streetdance and cheerleading. Contact us now to book your place. Don't forget that if you attend a Club Activ8 school look out for the  logo where you can use your points. Prices start from £2.30.

For further information on all activities, log onto www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/afterschool.



Forro Porro performing at Sir John Moore Foundation, Appleby Magna – Feb 2011

What is Centre Stage?

Centre Stage is a scheme that helps members of the local community to stage professional performances in village and community venues. These shows are performed by theatre companies and artistes with national and international profiles and they specialise in working in small spaces. The shows cover a wide range of high quality, diverse work including theatre, music, opera, dance, storytelling, children's and puppet theatre, comedy and cabaret.

Centre Stage is the subsidised rural touring scheme for Leicestershire and Rutland supported by Arts Council England East Midlands and the local authorities at County and District level, including North West Leicestershire.

A warm welcome awaits you at all our local venues: The Palace, Ibstock; Belton Village Hall; Century Theatre, Coalville; Venture Theatre, Ashby; Sir John Moore Foundation, Appleby Magna; Thringstone House; Packington Memorial Hall; Kegworth Primary School; Long Whatton Community Centre. For more information visit www.centre-stage.org.uk

The Free Tree Scheme turns Five

Green
footprints
challenge



The overwhelmingly popular Free Tree Scheme is back and you can help celebrate its fifth birthday by planting a tree in your garden. The scheme has already seen thousands of trees planted across North West Leicestershire and the District Council is once again teaming up with the National Forest Company to make our District even greener. The offer is available to each household within the District and there are four trees to choose from: alder buckthorn, bird cherry, common spindle and hazel.

If we all planted only one tree this year, just imagine the benefits to your neighbourhood – a profusion of beautiful spring flowers, fabulous autumn colour and beautiful bark and berries/nuts.

What's on offer?

Alder Buckthorn (*Rhamnus alnifolia*) is a deciduous shrub, growing to 3–6 m. The flowers are small, 3–5 mm diameter, star-shaped with five greenish-white acute triangular petals, hermaphroditic, and insect pollinated, flowering in May to June in clusters of two to ten in the leaf axils. The fruit is a small black berry 6–10 mm diameter, ripening from green through red in late summer to dark purple or black in early autumn, containing two or three pale brown 5 mm seeds.

Bird Cherry (*Prunus padus*) is a species of cherry, native to northern Europe and northern Asia. It is a deciduous small tree or large shrub 8–16 m tall. The English name refers to the berries, which are astringent and bitter-sweet, seldom used in Western Europe (but commonly eaten in Russia and elsewhere), readily eaten by birds, who do not taste astringency as unpleasant.

Common Spindle (*Euonymus europaeus*) grows to 3 to 6 m tall, with a stem up to 20 cm diameter. In autumn the leaves often show a beautiful bright red colour. The flowers are produced in late spring and are insect-pollinated; they are small, yellowish green and grow in cymes of 3-8 together. The fruit ripens in autumn, and is red to purple or pink in colour and approximately 1 to 1.5 cm wide. When ripe, the four lobes split open to reveal the orange seeds. But watch out - the fruit is poisonous, containing amongst other substances, the alkaloids theobromine and caffeine, as well as an extremely bitter terpene.

Hazel (*Corylus avellana*) A small, fast growing, native, deciduous tree, that will grow to around 6m tall. It has edible nuts in autumn and bright yellow lambs tail catkins in February which provide essential early pollen for bees. A useful hedge plant itself, a hazel tree can also be coppiced to produce straight stakes for hedge laying, runner bean poles etc, while its twiggy branches make the best pea sticks around.

To place an order for your free trees, please complete the application form online by following this address: <http://footprints.nwleics.gov.uk/free-tree-scheme-2011.html>. Alternatively, you can contact Customer Services on 01530 454545. The closing date for orders is Monday 31st October. You will receive by post a confirmation letter and a planting guidance sheet and your trees will be available for collection from various locations across the district on Sunday 20th November; the exact location will be confirmed in your confirmation letter.

For further information please contact Wendy Jones, 01530 454769, wendy.jones@nwleicestershire.gov.uk

