#### **NEVILE WARD COUNCILLORS SPRING 2018 NEWS LETTER**



## £50,000 boost for tree planting in Rushcliffe

Through thorough scrutiny by my Community Development Group on the Borough we have allocated £50,000 investment in tree planting across Rushcliffe over the next three years. From April further grants will be made available for groups and individuals to apply for planting trees in prominent points on gateways to the Borough's town and villages and across their communities.

The initiative will also include a Biodiversity Management Grant to support tree planting of native trees in hedgerows or open spaces for nature conservation purposes.

Find out more at <a href="https://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/trees">www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/trees</a>

### **PLASTICS**

Their use and disposal is being scrutinised by the Community
Development Group which I chair and measures have been put in place to reduce the use of single use plastics on any of the Authorities sites and premises. At all Borough events Chinese Lanterns are not allowed, paper cups will be the norm, balloons and other plastics are being discouraged at children's parties. We shall be publicising the responsible use and disposal of plastic waste to residents, shop and venue owners.

We won't stop there - further research and scrutiny will continue.

Watch this space!

### **DNRC**

Defence and National Rehabilitation Centre is opening in Rushcliffe this year.

The rehabilitation centre, for retuning war veterans, is moving from Headley Court to Stanford Hall in Rushcliffe.

Part of the project is to establish a National facility so the general public can benefit from the enormous amount of research that will be taking place. There is a massive fund raising project two thirds of the way towards its £300 million target.

Every little helps.

This is truly a worthwhile project –
to learn more go to <a href="https://www.thednrc.org.uk">www.thednrc.org.uk</a>

Marking the centenary of the end of the First World War



A new national poetry competition is being launched to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

Inspired by the war's famous poets, the DNRC are seeking poetry that honours those affected by service and pays tribute to humankind's capacity to cope with adversity.

The best 5 entries will be chosen by a panel of judges, chaired by historian Dan Snow, then go to a public vote, covered by national media. HRH The Duke of Cambridge will read out the winning entry at a ceremony this summer to mark the gift of the Defence and National Rehabilitation Centre to the nation. The poem will be displayed prominently in perpetuity at the Centre.

The competition is open to everyone aged 17 and over. The overall winner will receive a £2,000 cash prize, with four runners-up receiving £500. Only one entry is permitted per person. Entries are acceptable from any location.

Poems must be no longer than 25 lines. Closing dates for entries is 23.59pm on April 9, 2018 Go to www.thednrc.org.uk

# Affordable housing

Cllr Robinson at Rushcliffe recently commented on the importance of the £9.9 million grant from Homes England towards the infrastructure costs of the Clifton Pastures site. This would probably increase the number of affordable homes from 10% to around 15%, on what is possibly the largest site in the county if not in England.

#### **HOT OF THE PRESS**

As published in the Municipal Journal this week, Rushcliffe is the 1<sup>st</sup> District in the East Midland and 11<sup>th</sup> in the Country for dynamism and growth based on based on a whole range of factors including skills, education, research and development, business growth etc.

DID YOU KNOW (interesting facts about Nottingham and Rushcliffe)

Shin pads were invented by Sam Well Wilddowson in 1874. He played both cricket for Nottinghamshire and football for Nottingham Forest.

Enjoy the Spring weather

Cllr. Tina Combellack

Don't forget you can contact me at Rushcliffe
If you have community issues of concern or planning matters

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