



RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL'S

# TOWN AND PARISH

UPDATE

**Tuesday October 22, 2019**

## **Town and Parish Conference continues community connections**



We hosted a successful Town and Parish Conference at Rushcliffe Arena on October 11 to continue our connections with community representatives across the Borough.

Our Leader Cllr Simon Robinson presented on the Community Infrastructure Levy, Local Plan Part 2, the Development Corporation and our latest environmental projects.

Community Development Manager Craig Taylor then gave an update on our Climate Change and Carbon Reduction programme and guest Mary Clear of Incredible Edible inspired delegates to

reduce waste ahead of a dedicated workshop on carbon reduction.

There were also updates on our encampments ban information from our Executive Manager Dave Banks and news on the Armed Forces Covenant from officer Zoe Richardson, with members of Cotgrave Town Council signing the covenant on the day.

Thank you if you attended, the carbon reduction presentation is available to view [here](#).

## **Toot Hill students learn more about democracy**



Over 30 Year 10 Students from Toot Hill School in Bingham visited the Arena on Tuesday October 15 as part of National Democracy Week.

They joined our Deputy Leader Cllr Debbie Mason and members of our Elections, Media and Democratic Services teams to learn more about the voting procedure, including how to register, vote and make sure their voices are heard.

During the exercise, students volunteered themselves as candidates for four political parties, each with differing manifestos.

Candidates had to then convince their classmates they had the best policies and that their vote should go to them!

Sophie from 'The Grey Party' was the winner by one vote.

BBC Radio Nottingham and Notts TV also came along to the session and the Notts TV piece can be viewed [here](#) at 28 minutes and 26 seconds.

## Cotgrave Green Play Park is now open!



Hundreds of excited children accompanied their parents and guardians to for the official opening of the Cotgrave Green Play Park on October 12.

Officially opened by our Mayor and Cotgrave Town Councillor, Cllr Mrs Christine Jeffreys, it offers a vast range of all-inclusive play equipment allowing all children, regardless of their limitations, to participate and join in the fun at the facility, adjacent to the new precinct in the town.

Amongst the features are a wheelchair- and pushchair-friendly trampoline and an interactive Sona arch. Bench seating is also available for parents and carers to enjoy.

We contributed £15,000 and the external park fencing and turf towards the project together with FCC Communities Foundation funding of £48,000 and £15,000 from Nottinghamshire County Council's Local Improvement Scheme, with the remainder funded by Cotgrave Town Council.

Our Borough ward councillors Cllr Leo Healy and Cllr Richard Butler and our Chief Executive Kath Marriott joined the Mayor at the launch.

Cllr Healy said: "When we started this project almost 18 months ago, our vision was to create a playpark for the future, with equipment that would be usable by all children, especially our less able-bodied ones. I am sure you will agree, we have surpassed ourselves. Our suppliers are HAGS who installed most of the equipment, and JUPITER who installed the interactive Sona arch."

## Cotgrave's Fireworks and Bonfire Event on November 3



Cotgrave's annual Fireworks and Bonfire event takes place on Sunday November 3 at Cotgrave Welfare Club, with gates opening at 6pm and the firework display taking place at 6.30pm.

There will also be a family disco in the main hall of the Welfare Club from 4pm to 6pm.

## Christmas event details confirmed



Details for festive lights switch-ons and events across the Borough have now been confirmed. If you wish to publicise your event please email [media@rushcliffe.gov.uk](mailto:media@rushcliffe.gov.uk)

### West Bridgford

Our Mayor Cllr Christine Jeffreys will launch the annual festive lights followed by a spectacular fireworks show to complete the big switch-on at 5pm on Saturday November 23 on Central Avenue.

From 10am crowds can expect seasonal entertainment in the lead up to the Lights Switch-On, including street theatre performances and local singers. A Christmas Market on the croquet lawn will offer a host of festive gifts, crafts, novelties and food.

Then on Gordon Road and Gordon Square - Trent Bridge Community Trust's YouNG Market will welcome event goers from 12pm, with stalls exclusively hosted by local young entrepreneurs.

There will also be the opportunity to meet Santa Claus as he stops off at his Gordon Road grotto from 1pm to 2pm and 3pm to 4pm, visit a Frozen themed snowflake trail and at 4pm, view a nativity hosted by Stage Coach.

### Cotgrave

The festivities take place on Friday November 29 at Cotgrave Shopping Centre, Candleby Lane from 3pm to 5.30pm. Entertainments will include a Santa's Grotto, hot food and drinks, craft and tombola stalls, choirs from local schools, entertainers and fair rides and a competition and prize giving.

### Bingham

A display of 80 Christmas trees will lighten up the parish church of St Mary and All Saints, from Thursday 5 December until Sunday 8 December.

The Vale Voices Community Choir will be present on Saturday December 7 to further entertain those visiting the church. There will also be a raffle with over thirty prizes drawn at 4.30pm on the Sunday before a Carol Service takes place at 6.30pm.

## Fly-tipper fined and vehicle destroyed



An unregistered waste carrier has been fined for dumping items he had been paid to take away outside West Bridgford's Recycling Centre after it had closed.

We prosecuted Peter Robinson, 51, from Clifton, for leaving a mattress and a bag of general waste outside the Rugby Road facility at 6pm on January 14 this year after accepting cash to dispose of the household items.

He pleaded guilty to a single count of contravening the Environmental Protection Act 1990 at Nottingham Magistrates' Court on October 4.

A Ford Transit van linked with the incident was located, seized and destroyed by the authority prior to the prosecution, in line with its powers.

He was spotted by vigilant members of the public dumping the items who contacted the site's waste operator Veolia.

Our Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment and Safety Cllr Rob Inglis said: "The message is clear, we will, wherever possible, prosecute those who flout the rules and don't take responsibility to dispose of waste legally.

"This was reckless by Mr Robinson, leaving items outside the gates of the facility, thinking this was not a problem and when it was clearly signed that recycling centres do not accept commercial waste.

"Always check anyone you pay to take items away from your home is a registered waste carrier by requesting to view the appropriate Environment Agency licence."

Robinson was left with a bill of £540 to pay at the court, including a £400 fine, £100 costs and a £40 surcharge with magistrates taking into account his guilty plea and income support status.

## Local Plan Part 2 adopted



We adopted Local Plan Part 2 at Full Council on Tuesday October 8. The Plan outlines key housing allocations over the next decade.

Central government requires 13,150 new homes to be built in the Borough by 2028 and non-strategic housing designations to assist this have now been passed.

It includes policies and proposals for housing, Green Belt, employment, retail, open spaces and nature conservation.

The sites could deliver 3,200 of the new homes in Bunny, Cotgrave, Cropwell Bishop, East Bridgford, Gotham, Keyworth, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Ruddington and

Sutton Bonington.

Our Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Housing, Cllr Roger Upton said: "The adopted plan provides new housing, employment and other development opportunities across the Borough.

"The Inspector determined the plan is sound and legally compliant and I am pleased after such a lengthy process it is now adopted.

"We can now look to meet the government's demands as we are among the local authority areas in the region to build a significantly higher volume of homes. It will also mean we can further improve our five-year housing supply.

"The plan addresses the importance of trees in the Borough, with policies in place to protect against the loss of mature trees and woodland from development.

"There are other policies within the plan that relate to the natural and built environments. In particular it seeks to ensure that new development contributes to the enhancement of the green infrastructure and biodiversity network across Rushcliffe."

## Take five to stop fraud



**TO STOP FRAUD™**

We're asking people across the Borough and wider Nottinghamshire to take five to stop fraud and ensure they do not fall victim to a fraudulent attack by phone, text, email or online.

Everyone should always take five minutes to reflect and step back from the situation if a phone call, message or online exchange requests personal or financial information.

Even if an individual says they are the bank or other trusted organisation, you still need to take the time to stop and think about what's really going on.

That's the message we're sharing with Nottinghamshire Police, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue and Nottinghamshire local councils, all represented on The Safer Nottinghamshire Board.

Always take a step back to take the five minutes and follow these key steps to avoid falling victim to fraud:

- A genuine bank or organisation will never contact you out of the blue to ask for your PIN, full password or to move money to another account. Only give out your personal or financial details to use a service that you have given your consent to, that you trust and that you are expecting to be contacted by.
- Never automatically click on a link in an unexpected email or text.
- If you're approached with a request for personal information, don't provide it. Instead, contact the company directly using a known email or phone number.
- Don't assume an email or phone call is authentic. Just because someone knows your basic details such as your name and address or even your mother's maiden name, it doesn't mean they are genuine.
- Be mindful of who you trust – criminals may try and trick you into their confidence by telling you that you've been a victim of fraud. They can also make any telephone number appear on your phone handset so even if you recognise it or it seems authentic, do not use it as verification they are genuine.
- Don't be rushed or pressured into making a decision. Under no circumstances would a genuine bank or some other trusted organisation force you to make a financial transaction on the spot. They would never ask you to transfer money into another account for fraud reasons.
- Listen to your instincts. If something feels wrong then it is usually right to question it.
- Stay in control. Have the confidence to refuse unusual requests for personal or financial information. It's easy to feel embarrassed when faced with unexpected or complex conversations. But it's okay to stop the discussion if you do not feel in control of it.

Remember to #Tell2 and simply tell two friends or family members to be mindful of scams too, especially those who may be vulnerable or elderly.

## Come and 'Love Cotgrave' this Thursday!



A dedicated autumn clear-up will 'Love Cotgrave' this Thursday, October 24, committed to further sprucing parts of the town up and we and fellow partners are appealing for local residents' help.

Volunteers are being sought to join the effort to make the streets sparkle in Ringleas, Rivermead and Lawrence Close in the town during local schools' half-term on Thursday October 24 from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

All will receive a free one-session swimming pass from Lex Leisure at Cotgrave Leisure Centre as a thank you for their efforts.

Anyone who wishes to get involved can email [clerk@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk) or call 0115 989 3876 to get involved, or meet on the day at the town's leisure centre on Woodview at 9am.

A community event will also take place at the Leisure Centre from 10am to 12.30pm on the same day when the Town Council and our Community Safety and Recycling2Go teams will be on hand to give tips and advice and answer any questions.

Our Neighbourhoods team, VIA East Midlands, Streetwise, Cotgrave Town Council and Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing will also be replacing street fittings and furniture, litter picking, sweeping up, de-weeding, re-planting and ensuring gardens, verges, street signs and bus stops are up to scratch.

## Have your say on future use of Lutterell Hall



Community groups and residents are being invited to give their views on the future use of Lutterell Hall.

We are encouraging all to complete a consultation on the West Bridgford facility at <https://bit.ly/2OefiM0> or in person at Rushcliffe Community Contact Centre, Rushcliffe Arena or at Lutterell Hall when using the hall by Friday November 29 before options are assessed next year.

The facility has been operated as a community hall by us for the last 40 years and underwent extensive

refurbishment in 2010 at a cost of £177,000.

Usage has fallen over recent years with the Main Hall booked just 33% of the available time from 9am to 10pm each day between April 2018 and March 2019. A number of regular groups have left the facility because it is not fit for their purpose and the building also falls below energy efficiency standards.

The building is also in need of further repairs expecting to cost around £275,000 such as new heating, toilets and roofing.

Earlier this year, Nottinghamshire Police announced their intention to sell the Police Station next to Lutterell Hall. This, combined, with the other issues, prompted the Council to consider whether to explore options for the site or to keep the building for future community use.

We now wish to hear views through the consultation if the Hall should be kept and increase Council Tax to assist its renovation, transfer it to a third party such as a community group or sell the hall and reinvest the income raised in the community.

The consultation process has been independently checked and verified by The Campaign Company, an official partner of the Consultation Institute.

Our Leader Cllr Simon Robinson said: "We welcome views from all stakeholders across the community on the Hall.

"We know groups and individuals feel strongly on its future use. The Council has a responsibility to ensure it delivers the best use for the community, is a facility fit for purpose and best value for the taxpayer.

"This consultation is part of that check and your responses to the survey will help inform any future decision.

"It's important everyone has their say so next year we can at the same time assess this in line with any group who has voiced interest in its management or long-term lease."

## Premise licence applications



The following application for a premise licence has been received in the last fortnight.

Details	Address
Monday 8am to 6pm and Sunday 10am to 4pm. Sale of alcohol in florist gift shop to be consumed off the premises.	Grove Farm Shop Hickling Lane Kinoulton

Wish to include an item in this update? Email [media@rushcliffe.gov.uk](mailto:media@rushcliffe.gov.uk)

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