

# Councillors' Connection

**Monday, October 26**

## Move confirmed move to Tier 3 restrictions



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Our Leader of Rushcliffe Borough Council Cllr Simon Robinson said: "We know we are asking residents and businesses to make ever more sacrifices, but they are necessary to ensure we can restrict transmission of COVID-19 and protect lives.

"The full measures will be outlined as soon as possible. Please play your part to stop the spread of the virus."

Any questions? Please email [media@rushcliffe.gov.uk](mailto:media@rushcliffe.gov.uk) and a member of the team will be in touch as soon as possible.

Any further announcements will be emailed to you directly.

## Lots of our services available online with MyAccount



A reminder that residents can now access lots of our services online by using MyAccount, a helpful one-stop shop for information, advice and resources.

Accessed via our website, residents can use the platform to check their bin calendar, report issues to the council, pay for services or apply for additional support all from the same site.

Households can also manage their garden waste collections with MyAccount, meaning they can sign up for the popular service, pay for additional green bins for their property and check when their next green bin collection is due, all in the same place.

Residents can register for the new online service by visiting [the MyAccount homepage](#) and creating an account linked to their home address.

## Celebrate Halloween and Bonfire Night safely



We're encouraging residents to celebrate the spooky season safely and ensure they're following local COVID restrictions as they enjoy Halloween this year.

It's important that everyone continues to follow the rule of six outdoors and remember Hands, Face, Space.

[Our website](#) is staying up to date with all the latest guidance and activities ahead of the big day, including a great recycling-themed word search from Veolia and plenty of pumpkin-based recipes!

We're also working to promote local, COVID-secure activities in your wards, like in Abbey Park and the surrounding areas where residents are being encouraged to [Decorate your](#)

[Doorstep, Pump up your Pumpkins and Glam your Ghosts](#) with decorations that can be seen from the street for Halloween.

Local ward councillors will be on hand on October 31 from 3.30pm to judge displays, with prizes available!

Please send any similar ideas and activities for our website to [media@rushcliffe.gov.uk](mailto:media@rushcliffe.gov.uk)

Additionally, if holding a household firework display, we're asking residents to please consider using noise reduction fireworks.

Other alternatives also include light and drone displays, or silent fireworks, all of which can help ensure the welfare of local wildlife, pets, the elderly and those with disabilities who might find fireworks concerning.

## **J9 network seeking to find more safe spaces for domestic abuse victims**



We have pledged our support for J9, a project seeking to protect and support domestic abuse victims.

Janine Mundy, a mother of two, was killed by her estranged husband whilst he was on police bail and used to sign off her text messages 'J9'.

In her memory the initiative was created to open doors to support and to create a network of safe places for survivors to speak out and get help.

Across the country many areas have a network of J9 signs identifying safe spaces where survivors seek help and we wish to make sure that these exist across the Borough too.

Therefore, the initiative is offering free training to organisations across all sectors in the coming weeks so they can confidently offer support to victims by providing information about professional support or even the use of a quiet space to make a phone call.

Our Leader Cllr Simon Robinson said: "Domestic abuse is not just physical violence, it can be psychological, financial, emotional and controlling or coercive behaviour. We're committed to supporting J9 and this initiative to help people find safe spaces where they can seek vital support if they are suffering.

"COVID-19 has seen the demand for domestic abuse helplines and charities surge by a third in some cases and it's a crucial time to support this work."

Please signpost this training to organisations in your ward and ask them to get in touch with MP Ruth Edwards to express their interest in attending - [ruth.edwards.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:ruth.edwards.mp@parliament.uk)

## **Volunteers needed to sustain vital community support**



Nottinghamshire.

Rushcliffe Community and Voluntary Service (RCVS) is stepping up its urgent appeal for more volunteers, to counter the impact of COVID-19 in

Almost 800 vulnerable people have been supported by RCVS since the coronavirus lockdown started in March.

Services include helping with shopping or collecting prescriptions, transport for those who would otherwise be stuck at home, housekeeping, and telephone befriending to counter social isolation.

Almost 5,900 individual pieces of support have been provided in the Borough, Gedling and Broxtowe.

However, around 100 more volunteers are needed to meet ongoing demand. This is because two thirds of the 145 successfully recruited by RCVS earlier in the pandemic are no longer available.

As a result, the charity's voluntary transport scheme is providing essential journeys only, and there's a waiting list for the telephone befriending service.

Anyone interested in volunteering should call RCVS on 0115 969 9060 or email [volunteer@rushcliffecvs.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@rushcliffecvs.org.uk).

## **Final week to have your say on future electric car charging points in Rushcliffe**



It's the final week for residents to have their say on the facilities for electric vehicles in Rushcliffe, including factors which would encourage them to own, charge and maintain a battery or plug-in hybrid vehicle.

The survey closes next week on Monday, November 2 and takes just five minutes to complete [via SurveyMonkey](#).

All views collected will help inform where the installation of charge points may be possible and help shape planning for potential facilities in line with local current or future capacity.

## Compliments

**Our Home Alarms Team received the below compliment after arranging an extra pendant to be delivered to a resident.**

He said: "Brilliant – thanks for such a prompt and efficient service. Very impressed 😊"

**A resident emailed our Customer Services team to thank our Waste Team for the delivery of his new bin.**

He said: "Just a thank you for your excellent service today. I ordered a new bin to replace a split one on Monday October 19 and a new one was delivered today, October 22, by a very pleasant and helpful man."

**All the latest information for residents is available on the [Coronavirus webpages](#) or over the phone on 0115 981 99 11.**

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Thank you for contacting Rushcliffe Borough Council.