

# Councillors' Connection

**Monday, August 10**

## **Swimming pools reopen from September 1**



Parkwood have announced that Keyworth Leisure Centre and the pools at Rushcliffe Arena, Bingham and Cotgrave will reopen on September 1.

In order to keep all swimmers safe they're asking lane swimmers to book their session in advance online or via the app.

Those going for a swim need to arrive changed and ready to go, and also need to

make sure that they shower before entering the pool.

Parkwood are also asking that swimmers ensure they have read the updated swim etiquette advice before entering the pool and also take note of the directional signage for lane swimming.

More information is available [here](#).

## **Email, planning and online form payments unavailable this Saturday from 9am to 5pm**



Our ICT team have a major project to replace the Council's main storage devices which will affect access to council email, planning, online form payments and other web-based services this Saturday, August 15 from 9am to 5pm.

These storage devices hold 98% of all the Council's systems and data stored in the Data Centre.

Some preliminary work is required to update the network infrastructure before this work can begin and this means shutting down these services temporarily.

Payments made via the website for invoices and council tax however will be unaffected.

If you have any concerns regarding this work please email [servicedesk@rushcliffe.gov.uk](mailto:servicedesk@rushcliffe.gov.uk) or call 0115 914 8333.

## Supporting Police on Keyworth incident



We're supporting Notts Police where we can following an incident on Friday in Keyworth that has seen a 22-year-old charged with attempted murder and GBH.

Jide Badmus of Spinney Road in the village appeared before Nottingham Magistrates Court this morning.

The charge relates to an incident on Friday night where a man was taken to Queen's

Medical Centre with potential life-threatening injuries believed to be inflicted by a machete.

A second male victim suffered head injuries and was taken to hospital and has since been discharged.

Inspector Steve Wragg is leading the investigation. He said: "Police were called to Spinney Road in Keyworth at around 11pm following a report of antisocial behaviour.

"Upon arrival officers found a man with serious injuries and armed officers were then deployed to try and find the offender.

"The offender had severe injuries to his hand, so he has been taken to Kings Mill Hospital before being put into custody.

"A 22-year-old man has now been charged."

## Call for residents to not endanger themselves in open water this summer



We're supporting the Canal and Rivers Trust current campaign to remind residents to not endanger themselves by cooling down in open water this summer.

The Trust reported over the weekend concerns of young people entering water at the River Trent at Holme Pierrepont and on the River Soar at Sutton Bonington.

With many risks that can't be seen hidden below the surface all residents are advised to enjoy our waterways from the safety of the towpath.

The advice to residents is:

### **Depth perception**

- Canals are often shallow, which you can't tell from the surface. If you jump in you are likely to injure yourself, possibly seriously.
- However, don't be fooled by thinking that all canals are shallow. If you can't put your feet on the ground, it'll be much harder to get out. Rivers, reservoirs and docks are generally much deeper, and colder.

### **Hidden dangers under the water**

- Canals are havens for wildlife. If you're in the water, reeds and other plant life could get tangled around your limbs and trap you in the water, making it very difficult to climb out.
- Sadly, rubbish like shopping trolleys can be [lurking below the surface](#) of canals and rivers. If you're in the water you could injure yourself by cutting yourself on a rusty old bicycle or broken glass, or get trapped on a larger piece of rubbish, like a trolley or even a motorbike.

### **Disease**

Waterborne diseases are extremely rare, but if you are swimming you're most exposed to them. If you are likely to come into contact with water it's sensible to take a few precautions:

- If you've got any cuts or scratches, keep them covered
- If you fall in, take a shower and treat cuts with antiseptic and a sterile dressing
- Wash wet clothing before you wear it again
- If you develop flu-like symptoms within two weeks, see a doctor and mention that you fell in the water. Not all doctors will know to look for signs of Weil's Disease, so do suggest it as a possibility.

### **Cold temperatures**

Even on a hot day inland waterways will be colder than you think, particularly reservoirs and docks as they're deeper. Low temperatures can cause your blood to rush away from your muscles to protect your organs and limbs and muscles may become fatigued quickly and this can lead to drowning.

For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3fHzZ3u>

## Outdoor seating licence welcomed at the Buttercross



In recent weeks we have been assisting Bingham Community Events Group with their application for a licence to open up outdoor seating on the Buttercross in Bingham.

Following a successful application, the popular area in the heart of the town will now host tables and stalls this summer to help further

draw customers back to the town centre.

Every Friday and Saturday throughout August residents and visitors can enjoy food, drink and music from local establishments, whilst all safely socially distanced, whilst basking in the beautiful Bingham sunshine!

## Commemorating the 75th anniversary of VJ Day



We're commemorating the 75th anniversary of VJ Day, Victory over Japan Day, and the end of World War Two in line with the national commemorations this Saturday, August 15.

Whilst VE Day marked the end of the war in Europe in May 1945, many thousands of Armed Forces personnel were still engaged in bitter fighting in the Far East into August that year.

We'll be encouraging staff and residents to acknowledge the national 11am two minute

silence led by His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales at the National Memorial Arboretum.

A wreath will also be laid on behalf of Rushcliffe residents in a ceremony at the same time at the Embankment War Memorial in Nottingham.

Here in the Borough, look out this week on our social media channels on a feature with West Bridgford Royal British Legion treasurer Pete Cunliffe, whose father served in the Royal Navy in the Far East until 1946 and was awarded the Burma Star for his services.

For more information on how residents can join the national commemorations visit <https://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/vj75/>

## Consultation on changes to Planning Regulations now open



Robert Jenrick MP, Secretary of State for Communities, Housing and Local Government has outlined proposed changes to Planning Regulations to help speed up development and house building.

The emerging 'Planning for the Future' document has now been issued as a consultation document [here](#) and is open until October 29.

The Secretary also outlined proposed changes to permitted development rights from August 31.

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2020 was laid before Parliament on July 21.

The amendments will not apply to properties constructed before July 1, 1948 or after March 5, 2018.

Subject to compliance with criteria and conditions within the respective class, the Order introduces new permitted development rights for the following types of development:



buildings in use as dwellinghouses

- Enlargement of a dwellinghouse by construction of additional storeys
- New dwellinghouses on detached buildings in commercial or mixed use
- New dwellinghouses on terrace buildings in commercial or mixed use
- New dwellinghouses on terrace

- New dwellinghouses on detached buildings in use as dwellinghouses

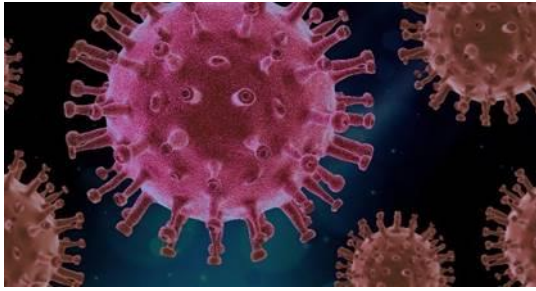
The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2020 was also laid before Parliament on July 21 and comes into force on August 31.

It introduces additional further rights for demolition of buildings and construction of new dwellinghouses in their place, including single dwellinghouses and apartment blocks.

Given the very detailed changes of each section of these updates, please email [media@rushcliffe.gov.uk](mailto:media@rushcliffe.gov.uk) with any questions.

**Take action to stop the spread of Covid-19 locally**





Our Public Health partners are urging people in the City and County to take action to stop the spread of Covid-19.

Confirmed cases of the virus have increased over the last few weeks – mirroring the rise in people testing positive nationally.

As well as continuing to wash hands, keeping socially distant and getting a free test for symptoms, people who have to share a car to get to work should be careful to use face coverings and to clean car surfaces at the end of the journey.

Those travelling by car should only do so with people from their household or within their support bubble, or if this is a work requirement.

Where sharing a vehicle with other people is unavoidable, individuals must make sure they share the transport with the same people each time, keep to small groups of people, open windows for ventilation, clean the car between journeys using standard cleaning products and ask the driver and passengers to wear a face covering.

People are also asked to continue to keep within family 'bubbles' in their own homes. At all times, it is important to maintain social distancing from people you do not live with to reduce the risk of spreading the virus. You should only have close contact with people outside of your household if you are in a support bubble with them.

It remains important that you self-isolate if you have symptoms and [get a free test for Covid-19](#)

## **Man arrested thanks to new ANPR camera**



Officers from the Rushcliffe policing team arrested a 27-year-old man for burglary after his vehicle was spotted on a new Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera.

We jointly funded the new piece of technology with the Nottingham Police and Crime Commission office.

The covert cameras were installed across the county earlier this year and are able to recognise vehicles linked with criminal activity.

In the past year Nottinghamshire Police force has spent over half a million pounds installing Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras as part of its proactive approach to catching criminals. This has proved to be highly successful in helping to detect and disrupt criminality and reduce acquisition crime.

Local Inspector Craig Berry said: "We are delighted. This is exactly what we wanted from the new cameras to do and it's fantastic to have immediate success.

"The cameras have been strategically placed to capture information on vehicles travelling on key routes in Rushcliffe and together with other initiatives; we are targeting those committing crimes such as burglary and vehicle crime.

"The cameras automatically recognise vehicles that have been links with criminal activity by scanning the number plates.

"The registration number is read and instantly checked against a database which has listed on it vehicles of interest.

"Police officers can intercept and stop a vehicle, check it for evidence and, where necessary, and like in this case make arrests.

"The new cameras will help our neighbourhood policing team as will continue to enable us to target criminal and focus our patrols. In particular it makes it harder for those wanting to commit car key burglaries or travelling burglars as well as catching disqualified drivers."

Our Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods Cllr Rob Inglis said: "We're pleased that our work with Nottinghamshire Police to install new ANPR cameras across the Borough is already delivering tangible results and helping to make our communities safer.

"This update demonstrates how the technology can take an active role in our ongoing work to protect communities."

## Claims service now open for Eat Out to Help Out scheme



The claims service for the Government's Eat Out to Help Out scheme is now open, meaning local participating businesses can begin claiming reimbursements for the discounts they've provided to their diners.

Businesses must wait seven days from the date of registration to make their first claim and can only claim for scheme discounts offered on or after the date registered.

Payment will be made within five working days from the business [submitting their claim on the Government website](#).

We're also continuing to promote venues taking part in the scheme across the Borough with our social media campaign, which has recently visited some of the participating outlets in Bingham, Radcliffe, Ruddington and East Leake.

Discover more about the Eat Out to Help Out scheme [on the Government website](#) or [find participating outlets in the Borough](#) to enjoy a discounted meal on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays this August.

## Domestic abuse support update



The guidance for the public on how to get help if they or someone they know is a victim of domestic abuse during COVID-19 has been updated by central government [here](#).

It includes information on help for children and young people and also how those in need can call Refuge's [National Domestic Abuse Helpline](#) for free and confidential advice, 24 hours a day on

0808 2000 247.

## Emergency fund to help Nottinghamshire groups support residents



A reminder that an emergency fund to help Nottinghamshire groups support residents who are struggling to afford essentials due to COVID-19 has been launched by Nottinghamshire County Council.

The Emergency Assistance Fund offers a share of £858,000 of emergency funding to groups and organisations already helping communities through the crisis.

Established local charities and community organisations who have been delivering essential COVID-19 related services can apply for grants towards the cost of getting food and other essentials to those who need it the most.

To apply and find out more, please direct applicants to:  
[www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/assistancefund](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/assistancefund)

## Book a free place on our Business Support Programmes





A reminder that businesses can now book their free place on a range of online workshops as part of our Business Support Programme, designed to provide free training, guidance and advice to help them reopen or continue to trade securely and successfully following COVID-19.

The sessions get started from August 20, with a wide range of topics for business owners to choose from, including training on using Instagram for business use, advice on delivering an excellent customer experience during COVID-19 and discussion of the 10 steps to retail success.

To view the full range of support available, please visit [the Business Resources page](#) on our website, where free spaces on any of the sessions can be booked via Eventbrite.

**All the latest information for residents is available at [www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/coronavirus) or over the phone on 0115 981 99 11.**

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