

# Signpost



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**Your Local Community News**



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## **The Latest from your Parish Council**

Welcome to the 2024 Autumn issue of the Signpost Magazine.

Published quarterly by the Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council, the magazine is delivered to every house and business in Langar and Barnstone. The magazines are delivered by parish councillors and employees.

Inside the magazine you will find information on up-and-coming events, plus reports on recent local events and issues.

The magazine is published to keep everyone informed about what is happening around the area and it can also be sent out electronically.

If you would like to add anything to forthcoming issues of the magazine or if you feel we are missing some important information, then please contact the Parish Clerk and she will raise the issues at the next Parish Council meeting.

The Parish Council meets in the community hall on the second Thursday of every month at 1930 and it is attended wherever possible by all the Parish Councillors, the local Rushcliffe and County Council elected representatives, and the Rushcliffe Police Beat Managers.

The beginning of each session is given over to anyone who wishes to raise an issue.

We have welcomed two new members of the council Cllr Rich Brooks and Cllr Lee Whatton and they have just completed their training. We still have vacancies if anyone wishes to give their support.

We must report that recently the children's play area in Barnstone has been vandalised. Some of the damage to the slide was caused by knives slicing the siding area and was potentially quite dangerous.

The area is going to require a lot of repairs which must be paid for by the Parish Council and while we are waiting for quotes to repair, some of the units have been roped off with red tape.

We would ask parents to be vigilant especially when they take young children to the area. We have received a grant to facilitate the repairing of the fence around the area which has needed repair for some time.

We have asked for the speed restrictions on the road into Langar from Cropwell Bishop to be extended past the entrance to Langar hall following a recent accident in the area.

We have also reported many potholes on the roads in the area as well as the excessive mud on the road out of Barnstone towards Granby.

Councillor John Crosby, Chair

## **Langar cum Barnstone Community Hall Trustee**

A meeting was held in September between the Trustee and the regular users of the new community hall following the first nine months of usage of the hall.

At the meeting an update on the current situation in the hall was presented.

Since opening, the hall has continued to be booked by many of the regular users of the old hall. There are plenty of new regular users including groups such as Yoga, Good Grief Dear and Dave Williams' Singing Group.

In addition, we are pleased that several groups have booked individual events including Vale Ventures, and a Comedy Night was held which was attended by 100 people.

Many parties have been held including christenings, wedding anniversaries and children's parties where small bouncy castles were hired in.

The small meeting room can be booked separately and this has been used by local businesses to hold company meetings.

The hall has capacity for up to 100 seated with tables and chairs along with a new stage which can be

assembled for use, and a fully fitted kitchen for cooking for an event.

We have had some lovely comments from one-off users saying how much they enjoyed using the new hall.

Time slots are still available for either one-off users or regular repeat events.

The Parish Clerk is advertising locally to attract more users to the hall which will all add to the continued sustainability of this lovely village facility.

The Vale Market Café continues to hold its monthly Saturday morning event, and it is now attended by local Police Beat Managers and local councillors. They hold local surgeries where they are available for private chats if required.

October's meeting was also attended by Vale First Responders who are hoping to be regular visitors.

You will read elsewhere in the magazine that the Parish Council has successfully obtained a grant to run a warm space weekly event during the cold winter weeks where anyone can attend to chat with friends etc in a warm lovely environment.

Cllr Crosby  
Trustee Chair  
cllrcrosbylbpc@gmail.com

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## "Books are a uniquely portable magic " Stephen King

A big thank you to everyone who has donated books to the Community Hall. These donations have provided a great local resource which will expand our access to books and inspire reading for enjoyment.

The book-sharing space is in the entrance hall and donated books can be left in the labelled box. Please feel free to browse the shelves which have popular fiction books, together with a shelf of popular nonfiction eg travel guides, gardening books etc. There is also a child/young people shelf.

Books are there to be taken, shared, kept, or returned to our donation box. I have set up a basic system to get books onto the shelves and will keep refreshing the choice as new donations are received. Surplus books will be donated to a book charity.

Enjoy choosing and reading the books from our own Community Hall Book Share.

Shirley Crosby



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**Parish Clerk 07984 075016 or [langarbarnstoneclerk@gmail.com](mailto:langarbarnstoneclerk@gmail.com)**

## Deadline for articles in 2025/26

**17 January 2025**

**11 April 2025**

**11 July 2025**

**17 October 2025**

## Period covered by magazine

**February, March, April 2025**

**May, June, July 2025**

**August, September, October 2025**

**November, December 2025/Jan 2026**



**The Vale Market Café**

**Saturday 9 November 2024**

**LcB Community Hall 10am-12 noon**

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or sourced produce and exchange books**

**Next Dates: 14 Dec 2024 & 11 Jan 2025**



Officially our membership is at 25 members. This is really very good and we have members from all over the area. The diversity of those members is quite something too.

Painting, yes of course, but watercolours, acrylics and pencil. We also have needle artists, cross-stitching and embroidery, weaving and knitting.

This brings me to a new art form which was demonstrated to us by Harriet Morley. Most of you will have seen her owl on the front page of the Village Link. Felt is Harriet's medium and she can make it sing. She makes pictures in felt on felt and that felt is made by her to the specification of the item she is making.

She also does sculptures of the tiniest things, Halloween items like pumpkins, Christmas baubles – robins, snowmen. Harriet then showed us how to blend wool together by using a barbed needle to make all her sculptures.

To make a picture however, this item is made by pulling and laying mohair, placing it on a plastic mat into the shape required, making it several layers thick, spraying it with soapy water to bond it, then using another plastic mat and a rolling pin.

This mat was to be the base for a picture she was doing for herself, but it demonstrated to us how she does everything from scratch.

A colourful green/blue compacted mat was the result of the layering and then once achieved she adds further pieces to make the picture.

Thank you so much Harriet for a very interesting afternoon.

Rosie Thompson, welcome to our Group we hope you will be happy with us. How lucky you arrived on Harriet's Demo day. We will be holding a workshop with Harriet at the hall, running over a couple of weeks, this to be arranged. If anyone is interested, please contact me.


We are always happy to welcome new members. It is not all about painting, as the Exhibition demonstrated, we have a weaver, a couple of photographers, needle workers, painters and sketchers.

Come and join us - Vale **ARTS** Group.

All the best

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## Charity Calendar

Belvoir Un-Valed is a 2025 cheeky charity calendar featuring local cyclists, cricketers and netballers. The calendar captures the stunning beauty of The Vale of Belvoir with a playful twist. The brave models have all posed for this Calendar-Girls-style calendar in order to raise awareness of breast and prostate cancer symptoms.

A key aim of the project is to remind everyone that cancer can happen to us all, not just the person next door and that there is nothing more important than being checked promptly.

100% of the profits are going to Breast Cancer Now and Prostate Cancer UK (who provide valuable support, information and research into new treatments). Information leaflets about breast and prostate cancer symptoms are included with each calendar.

The calendar has been supported by, and features members of The Vale of Belvoir Cycle Club, The Cropwell

Cricket Club and Bingham Netball Club.

It has been compiled by a local designer who donated her time and it has been sponsored by a variety of local cafes, pubs and businesses who have all contributed towards the print-run to ensure that this is a success.

The Unicorn's Head Public House in Langar has donated generously to this project and have had eyebrow-raising photos taken inside.

We have already made more than £2,000 profit for the charities and are hoping to sell many more copies. You can see more by finding us on the socials. Look for Unvalued on Facebook and Instagram.

We have a very simple online shop through which we are selling the calendar [www.unvalued.co.uk](http://www.unvalued.co.uk). We are also selling direct at local Christmas fairs and markets in the next few months.

## Temporary Job Opportunity at the Community Hall

The Trustee has been awarded a small grant to run a warm space at the Community Hall for a 12 week period.

This is a new position for six hours a week. If more funding is secured, the position could continue into the future. The six hours would include the setting up and running of the event, arranging food and drink, advertising and more.

This is a new and exciting position, so you'd be able to give your input and help ensure this brand-new warm space is successful and well-used. The position will be paid at the National Living Wage.

For further details, please contact the Parish Clerk - details below.

**Sharon Ellis**  
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## Get ready to experience the Vale of Belvoir like never before!

This **cheeky charity calendar** captures the stunning beauty of this picturesque region with a playful twist. Scan the QR code to purchase your Calendar - 100% of the profits will go to Breast Cancer Now and Prostate Cancer UK.



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## The Science Behind Singing

There are some fabulous health benefits from both singing and being around music that are good for physical as well as mental well-being.

Have you ever sung with a group and wondered why it feels so good? Singing in a group, all singing the same song, releases endorphins and positive feelings to those in the group. There is an element of cooperation and trust that the tune will not stop or defer away. This helps build rapport and friendship with others.

Listening to music releases oxytocin. Oxytocin reduces the amount of cortisol which is released when stressed. Not only does oxytocin reduce stress and discomfort levels, but it also increases levels of trust with others. The sacculus in the inner ear also releases endorphins when stimulated, it is stimulated by low tones

and loud music, so encourage your lower tones to sing along too (this explains why your favourite music is better listened to when loud!)

When hearing music, different areas of the brain become active, including motor, visual and audio. It improves cognitive ability and development. The ability to recall information can be improved with the recall of tunes and lyrics. Singing with a group can build concentration skills as you focus on keeping time, varying the pitch or adding movement.

The act of dancing and moving goes hand in hand with music and singing, improving motor skills, rhythm and activity. Singing out loud can increase lung capacity and stamina as well as working muscles including the heart.

It does not matter if you can't hold a tune, just sing; your body and mind will reap the benefits!



## Coming Soon!

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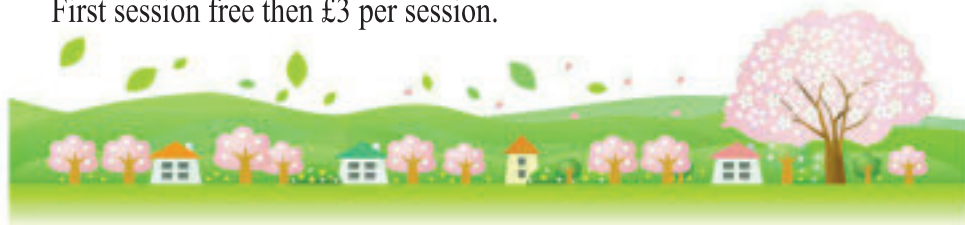


*Want to increase lung capacity?  
Release endorphins?  
Have fun? - All without running around?  
All welcome to join our friendly...*

# *Singing Group*

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October 2.00-4.00 p.m. or 7.00-9.00pm,  
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*\*The new Community Hall is on Main Road, Barnstone NG13 9JP  
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## Langar Church of England Primary School

What a great start to the new academic year! Gratitude is one of our school values, and the Autumn term is the perfect time to express it. Our harvest festival in St Andrew's church was a wonderful opportunity for the school and wider community to gather in an act of giving and gratitude. The children were on the edge of their seats as we heard Rector David Rowe's story about Rory Blackett and his runaway tomatoes. We were then serenaded by autumnal poetry and enchanted by our infant choir. I even found the time to explain to parents how we express our gratitude in the school dinner hall. Please and thank you are very much alive and well at Langar.

And what better way to really understand the significance of harvest than to take the children to an agricultural show? We took a whole school trip to Flintham Ploughing match. By some miracle we avoided the rain, and with an army of parent volunteers we marvelled at the machinery, shouted encouragement at the *Shetland Pony Grand National* and ate our packed lunches sat on top of hay bales.

We currently have spaces in every classroom and would love to welcome new friends. If you have a child due to start school in September 2025 then please get in touch by phone or email. Rather than running an open day, I have decided to offer extended school tours where you can meet the staff and see our children in action. We think it has to be seen to be believed.

Jamie Walker-Jones  
Headteacher

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# Autumn



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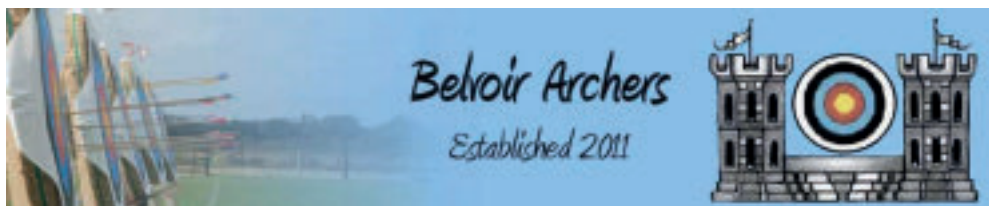
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Despite it being a wet Summer, it has been a busy season for Belvoir Archers. We have either been taking part in or hosting several archer competitions as well as the normal club shooting on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoon



As well as running two beginners' courses and several taster seasons, we have held our

four tournaments: 321 Shoot in June, 720 in July and our Summer and Winter Windsors in August and the start of October. We have had entries from all over the country including from a former two-time Olympian.

We were lucky that the rain held off for most of our competitions until the end of the presentation.

Belvoir Archers hosted several World Record Status Crossbow shoots which were attended by Arbalists from all over the UK

Our Longbow archer, Scott Watton, had an amazing season. (Scott is in the middle of the back line of the photo).



Scott became the Nottinghamshire County Longbow Champion as well as the East Midlands Archery Society Longbow Champion. He was part of the winning Nottinghamshire Longbow team in the Inter Counties Championships in September. Scott was also the highest scoring Longbow archer in the inter-regional shoot East Midlands v West Midlands which East Midlands won.



As the winter season approaches: Belvoir Archers will move inside to the Community Hall where we shoot on Tuesday and

Thursday evenings and alternative Saturday. We will be out on the field on Saturdays when we are not in the Community Hall.

We have a number of shoots coming up with a the St Crispin tournament for Belvoir Archer members as well as our Boxing Day shoot.

If you are interested in trying archery or just wish to have a go, please contact us ..... it is very addictive.

We will be holding a beginners' course again next year as well as taster seasons. Our next beginners' course is Spring 2025. More information can be found on our web page [www.belvoirarchers.co.uk](http://www.belvoirarchers.co.uk) or email us on [coaching@belvoirarchers.co.uk](mailto:coaching@belvoirarchers.co.uk)

## Charity Skydive Raises £70,000 in One Day for Landslide Victims in India

A charity has raised over £70,000 in ONE DAY by skydiving out of planes at 14,000 feet over Nottinghamshire, all in aid of landslide victims in south India.



The British Malayali Charity, which has been running for 12 years and has raised £1.3 million since its incorporation, invited supporters to join them for a day of

tandem skydiving at Skydive Langar, where 27 adventurers and their families headed to make their jumps on Sunday 8 September 2024.

The jumpers travelled from far and wide, including Nottingham, Leicester, Manchester and Belfast, with one skydiver - Mr. Shajan Skariah, the Managing Editor of the leading online



news Marunadan Malayali - travelling all the way from India to take part.

Speaking of their achievement, Shri Shajan Scaria, who is the founder and patron of the British Malayali Charity, said: "It's an incredible feat and we're so grateful to everyone who came out to



support our cause. People in southern India are in such desperate need after the landslide which killed a lot of people, leaving many young people destitute and without any financial support to cover even their living costs.

"We wanted to do something big which shows our support while raising as much money as possible to help the people of India. It's amazing to see so many people coming out to take part or just to cheer the skydivers on. Thank you to everyone who has donated and of course thank you to Skydive Langar for helping us to make it happen."

Keeley Titterton is the charity skydive coordinator at Skydive Langar, who worked with the charity's founders to arrange the skydiving day. She said:

"We welcome many charity skydivers here at Langar and we're always impressed to see how much they've been able to raise and the range of worthy causes they support.

"The British Malayali Charity was a pleasure to work with and we thoroughly enjoyed having them here at the airfield and jumping with them. We're so pleased the sun was shining for them and wish them all the very

best with their ongoing fundraising efforts."

An emergency appeal was launched in August 2024 after a landslide disaster struck Kerala, India, killing over 500 people and leaving villages and homes in disrepair. Many of the Malayali community in the UK hail from Kerala, so they moved quickly to raise much needed funds to support the communities back home.

The funds raised may be used for rehabilitation purposes for the families who lost their near and dear ones, their houses and all their assets including cash and crops.

The group aims to raise £100,000 in total by the end of the month and have



pledged a portion of the funds to support Alzheimer's Society UK.

Skydive Langan is the UK's biggest skydiving centre, welcoming thousands of tandem skydivers every year, plus

student and fun jumpers, many of whom have been competing in the recent British Skydiving National Championships and some of whom

## **1st Barnstone Brownies We are on the up!**

Our numbers have now reached 21 and we have gone back to having four groups, Pixies, Leprechauns, Elves and Gnomes.

Welcome to our newest Brownies, Ebony, Lily, Jasmine, Lara and Rosie who has transferred from Cotgrave.

What's more we've gained a Leader! Claire Brown has joined the Owls' team as Luna Owl. So happy to have her aboard! Not only that .....we have a Guide Helper. Millie-Ray has returned to us as our link with Guides.

Four Brownies have made their Promise, Jessica, Charlotte, Sophie and LouLou.

Well done to the four of you!

**' I promise that I will do my best:  
To be true to myself and  
develop my beliefs,  
To serve the King and my country,  
To help other people and to keep  
the Brownie Guide Law'**

Remember our motto 'Lend a Hand'



Meetings this term have included a visit to the park, a harvest themed

evening when fruit kebabs and homemade lemonade were enjoyed and we made corn dollies.

**The Owls and the Brownies  
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## Councillor's Newsletter Autumn 2024

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and Colston Bassett  
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### The Grantham Canal



Autumn  
days on  
the  
Grantham  
Canal.  
(CRT). It's

been a crazy summer, work and weather wise. Hopefully we are moving into calmer waters.

Water levels in the Grantham Canal at Hickling and Kinoulton are disastrously low and causing concern. Below is the latest report sent from GCS:

*'The Knipton Feeder has been turned off for most of the summer pending repairs to Culvert 12 at Muston. The consequence of this is there is not a water feed into the canal below Lock 12.*

*In addition GCS are carrying out urgent repairs to Locks 18-16 and so stop planks are in place just above Lock 18 which reduce the flow from the summit pound. Hopefully we will have completed this work within the next month.*

*The summit pound is also low as the feeder from Denton has been reduced to combat the blue green algae from encroaching into the canal. The feed into Denton Reservoir is also reduced because of a lack of rainfall.*

*This was disappointing news for GSWRG (Grantham Canal Water Restoration Group) as we seemed to have made such progress in restoring our water with work completed on the Knipton feeder and Reed Clearance. Hopefully this is only a temporary drought'.*

### Community Events

**Hickling Scarecrow Weekend** – every year it is a great success. Amazing street entertainment, traditional fair ground attractions, vintage tractors and Lancaster fly past on both days and of course wonderful Scarecrows. Grateful thanks to absolutely everyone in the village who made this happen. The main charity this year was the Homeless charity, Emmanuel House.



The Mayor surprised by some street entertainers.

**Colston Bassett** had a lovely traditional Summer Market with some really crafty stalls plus the waggy tails dog show.

**Langar & Barnstone** are once again holding their Vale Market café event in their wonderful new Community Hall. We, as the Borough and County Councillors for Langar cum Barnstone, Cllr Tina Combellaack and Cllr Neil Clarke, will be holding a regular surgery at these events together with the Local Neighbourhood Policing Officers. Don't be afraid to come and talk to us. If you require a private conversation a room will be available.

See you at the next event on Saturday 9 November 2024. Future Café/surgery dates are shown at the front of the magazine.

**DMRC Talk** - On 2 November 2024 there will be a British Legion talk by the DMRC in Langar and Barnstone Communit Hall.

### **Belvoir Angels**



Some of you will wonder what are Belvoir Angels? These can be found carved on headstones in many local church yards in the Vale. There has been a move to set up a Belvoir Angel Society for the sole purpose of researching the history and preserving these very unique head stones. If you think you would be interested in learning more about these lovely carvings and the quite moving stories attached to them or helping in some way then please get in touch with David Powell, Ann Schmidt, Jane Fraser or Jane Fulford at [Belvoirangelsociety@outlook.com](mailto:Belvoirangelsociety@outlook.com)

### **Broadband and Mobile Signals**

Kinoulton and Colston Bassett are very fortunate in being able to take advantage of the County Council scheme to help with the installation of Full Fibre Broadband, however villages such as Hickling and Upper Broughton on the Notts/Leicestershire border are not so lucky. Once again if you can let me know any issues you experience with regard to Broadband and mobile signals it will help in providing evidence of the lack of or poor quality of service.

NCC will be providing me with an update, following scrutiny of this matter

by Rushcliffe. They are currently awaiting further information from suppliers and BDUK. They commented:

*'I note your point about the challenges facing "border" areas which in terms of Project Gigabit has been defined by BDUK who originally felt that the Local Area boundaries were not something they should be constrained by and have therefore resorted to old style Openreach Exchange boundaries.'*

New fibre does not necessarily have to conform to the Openreach Exchange areas.

### **Traffic Calming and Parking Schemes**

Parish Councils are looking into traffic calming schemes and Colston Bassett, with the aid of their County Councillor, were successful in getting an extension of their 40mph zone on Hall Lane. They are now researching village gateways.

They have also successfully taken advantage of the speed watch scheme, as have Langar cum Barnstone. Cllr Cottee has been helping Upper Broughton to get parking restrictions in place on the A606 which is very dangerous around the bends near the pub.

### **Flooding - drain clearance programme ahead of the winter**

Following a visit to Kinoulton by Via and Cllr Richard Butler, the County Council are bringing forward a programme of gully clearance in the area, ahead of the winter, to ease the problem of street flooding.

Rushcliffe have for several years implemented a programme of tree planting, but with that comes the consequence of leaf build up in Autumn.

Therefore, If you see gullies and drains filling up with leaves perhaps you could help keep them clear – every little helps and could stop a flood.

## **Domestic Abuse**

Rushcliffe is continuing to protect residents from domestic abuse.

As well as the ASK FOR ANGELA campaign being promoted in pubs in West Bridgford, town and rural parishes, we are now promoting SAFE SPACES in Rushcliffe shops.

You will be seeing signs, similar to the one below, going up in shop windows as the scheme is rolled out



This is a Safe Space, should you need support from any of these services, we can provide a telephone for you to make your call confidentially. Further information will be available in the safe space

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In an emergency call the Police on 999  
For your information should you ever need to make a silent call:

### **Silent Solution Steps From a Mobile**

1. Dial 999
2. Wait until the call is answered then stay silent
3. The call will then go to an operator where you can press 55
4. The system will detect this and the operator will transfer the call to the relevant police force as an emergency

### **Silent Solution Steps From a Landline**

1. Dial 999
2. Stay silent and you will then be connected to a police call handler

When 999 calls are made from landlines, information about where you're calling from should be automatically available to the call handlers to help provide a response.

If you replace the handset, the landline may remain connected for 45 seconds in case you pick it up again.

Thank you for reading this newsletter. If you have any concerns, particularly around planning, please contact me

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## Highways Reporting Hub



If you have any concerns on the following matters, did you know they can all, be reported on line at the NCC Highways Reporting hub using the link below?

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/highways-hub>

This will then generate an enquiry on their system and will be forwarded directly to the relevant Officer.

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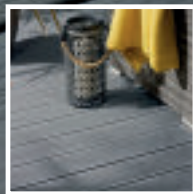
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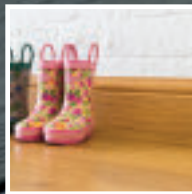
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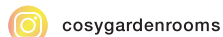
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