

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL'S TOWN AND PARISH UPDATE

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Flooding support continues to be available for residents and businesses



Following the widespread localised flooding of recent weeks, we have worked quickly with central government to secure funding for residents who have suffered internal damage to their homes.

They can apply for up to £500 as part of its Flood Recovery Framework grant by calling our customer service team on 0115 981 9911 and businesses can also access support [here](#).

Nottinghamshire County Council has also announced a hardship fund which has been made

available to help residents and businesses affected by the recent flooding in the Borough.

Residents whose homes suffered internal flooding will be eligible to apply for a one-off payment of £120.

Small or micro businesses with up to 49 employees, whose premises were flooded will be eligible to apply for an emergency payment of £300 to help them cope with immediate, short-term loss of income.

To apply for either, residents and business owners are asked to call 0300 500 8080 between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday.

In Radcliffe on Trent the community were able to utilise their flood resilience store, courtesy of our previous grant funding.

Thanks to our teams



Members of our Streetwise, Waste, Environmental Health, Emergency Planning and Rapid Response teams were praised for their response and recovery to the incidents.

From 4am on the morning of February 16 onwards they distributed over 800 sandbags in the first 24 hours to some of the 60 homes internally flooded across 17 towns and villages.

We are also continuing to work with all partner agencies to assess and influence where future work can prevent

or reduce flooding in our communities.

Car park prices set to be frozen for a third year



Car park prices across the Borough are set to be frozen for a third year running.

Our Cabinet passed its 2020/21 budget setting report on February 11 that included the proposed freeze, recognising the continued pressures on the local retail sector close to many sites.

Charges have not increased since 2017 and remain lower than other areas of the wider Nottingham conurbation.

Our strategy is balancing the needs of local businesses and motorists in each location as demand changes, structuring daytime parking tariffs to meet the various needs of visitors and shoppers during the day.

Motorists can still park for free at all car parks after 8pm each evening and usage has increased at sites across the Borough in the last 12 months.

The cashless RingGo scheme is also available at car parks across the Borough, allowing users an even easier way to pay for parking or extend their stay via its mobile app, website or phone service.

Our Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Finance and Contracts Cllr Gordon Moore said: "We launched our Off-Street Car Parking Strategy in 2018 with a focus on supporting the right balance of duration, charging and other factors to support local economic prosperity.

"The popularity of our car parks continues to highlight we are striking the right balance and listening to feedback from retailers and local motorists.

"Charges are not set to increase for a third year and we continue to reinvest back into this service with for example lighting, resurfacing, new ticket machines and improvements for more attractive facilities at Needham Street car park in Bingham."

Full Council will now vote on the budget report at a meeting on March 5.

Garden waste service now open!



Our garden waste service is now open and takes the stress out of trips to the tip with regular green bin collections available for less than 77p a week.

Both new and existing customers can sign-up or re-subscribe now at www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/rushcliffegw or by calling 0115 981 9911.

You can place grass cuttings, hedge clippings, twigs and small branches, weeds with excess soil shaken off, flowers, plants, leaves and bark in their green bins to help create a great garden in 2020.

The service covers its own costs but with price increases in fuel, tyres and the need to invest in newer, more environmentally friendly vehicles and technology, a price increase has been introduced this year that will be frozen for the next three years to 2023.

The service costs £40 which entitles green-fingered residents to year-round fortnightly collections apart from a short period over Christmas and New Year and extra bins cost £25 each.

For a full list of Frequently Asked Questions on the service visit: <https://bit.ly/2uIsQya>

Public information on Coronavirus



The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with the virus, but there's plenty we can be doing to keep Rushcliffe clean and safe.

CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION

That's why we encouraging everyone to catch all coughs or sneezes with a tissues, bin it and wash their hands straight away.

For more information on the virus, please visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus

£1m to further reach carbon neutral status



We're set to dedicate a further £1m towards our climate change reserves as we aim to further our efforts to be carbon neutral.

Cabinet passed the budget setting report on February 11 that committed investment towards our Climate Change Action Reserve that will now implement changes to its operations from our internal 'Carbon Clever' working group.

Service areas will now meet to identify and develop co-ordinated actions to assess our property assets, fleet and transport, contracts and procurement, policy and regulation, waste and recycling.

We're also considering where we can influence communities, groups and businesses to take similar strides towards being carbon neutral.

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Support smokefree sidelines at your local football club



We're encouraging smokers who cheer on family and friends playing to leave cigarettes and vape pens at home to create Smokefree Sidelines across the Borough.

Alongside Rushcliffe Clinical Commissioning Group and Nottinghamshire FA, we're advising more spectators to act

as positive role models and not smoke when attending games or training involving both children or adults participating in the sport.

It's part of our drive to ensure sports clubs are healthy and inclusive places, where the wellbeing of all, but particularly children and young people, is a priority.

Vaping is included in the initiative to help guard against younger age groups being exposed to the activity which still carries a health risk.

Our campaign is empowering parents and club officials to report smoking or vaping on the sidelines or in the view of children to a nominated club official who can highlight the campaign and what it is trying to achieve.

Prominent local clubs including West Bridgford Colts, Keyworth United, Edwalton Cavaliers, Cotgrave Colts, East Leake Bantams and Radcliffe Olympic have pledged their support to the scheme installing banners at their respective grounds and players are now wearing campaign bibs during training to spread the message.

Grant funding available to support grassroots projects



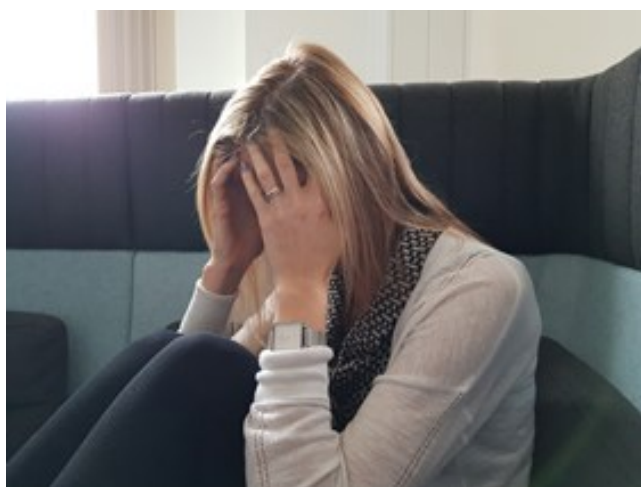
Voluntary and community groups across the county can apply for the latest round of £1.4m worth of grants as part of the County Council's initiative to support grassroots projects.

The Local Improvement Scheme is helping local communities to be more vibrant and sustainable and groups can now apply for capital funding of up to £30,000 at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/lis with closing date for this round of funding on 28 February.

The funding can be provided for items such as signs, equipment or buildings, but not running costs.

Applicants will need to demonstrate that their projects can deliver tangible, long term benefits to the community.

£500k boost for domestic abuse safe accommodation



The County Council has been successful in its bid for £500,000 of Government funding for survivors of domestic abuse and their children.

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has made the announcement that county will receive the funding which will be used to maintain safe accommodation such as refuges and other specialist services.

The authority led the Nottinghamshire bid on behalf of us and the six other district and borough councils and the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Together with existing County Council funding of £174,852, it will pay for a total of 40 family units and 206 beds across the county which will be provided by Nottinghamshire Women's Aid, Midlands Women's Aid, Newark Women's Aid and Juno Women's Aid.

Shop front funding transforms look of businesses in Rushcliffe



Businesses across the Borough have transformed their appearance on the high street and made essential improvements to their shop fronts thanks to our funding.

Business owners have received support from our Shop Front Improvement Grant, which assists businesses to match contributions to improvements, up to the value of £5,000.

High street business based anywhere in Rushcliffe can apply for the grant here: <https://bit.ly/2tICNeu>

Ash Accounting on Fairfield Street in Bingham is among those who have benefitted from the grant where they were able to revitalise an old, damaged wall covering on the front of their building and replace it with brand new render.

Director Helen Wells said: "The money we received from the Shop Front Improvement Grant has made such a difference to the appearance of our building.

"Having recently renovated the interior of our premises this funding also enabled us to transform the exterior and make some repairs to the brickwork as well.

"We would thoroughly recommend that any business considering giving their shop front a facelift to apply for the grant and the support it can provide."

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