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Whilst our website and social media pages are still a great place to find all our latest news and updates, these email bulletins are a new, no hassle channel that initially will provide a weekly digest on our great services.

Many local authorities use this as another way to connect with residents who are not on social media or may not be in the habit of visiting our website so we're taking these further steps to give residents what they want, in the format they wish to receive it as our digital audiences continue to grow.

More topics will be introduced as we continue to adapt to a

post COVID-19 world.

You will also see a subscription overlay on our website homepage that encourages us all to enter their email address to sign up.

## **New booking system at West Bridgford HWRC from September**



A new trial online booking system for the Household Waste and Recycling Centre (HWRC) in West Bridgford is to launch on September 1, Nottinghamshire County Council have announced.

The centre on Rugby Road will only be accepting pre booked vehicles from next month, with 15-minute time slots available between 8.15am and 7.45pm every day during the summer opening hours. Up to five vehicles will be allowed on site at any one time.

Residents must already be registered to use Nottinghamshire County Council's recycling centres before booking their timeslot easily through the authority's website: [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/booktorecycle](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/booktorecycle)

Sessions can be booked up to two weeks in advance but must be booked at least 24 hours before visiting the site as no same day slots will be available.

Visitors to the site will not be permitted entry without an electronic or paper copy of their emailed booking receipt.

Residents are requested not to make multiple bookings and use other sites where they need to visit more than once in any two-week period.

Only the West Bridgford recycling centre will need to be pre-booked, and residents can carry on using any of the Council's 11 other sites around the County without an appointment.

Those who would like more information or to book their recycling visit over the phone should telephone Nottinghamshire County Council's customer service centre on 0300 500 8080 between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday.

## Further action to deter rural fly-tipping



Further action is being taken to deter rogue fly-tippers from blighting landscapes in Gotham, Barton-in-Fabis and Thrumpton.

New bins and signage from us now instruct motorists to 'bin it, don't dump it' at lay-bys in the area, backing up continued surveillance and monitoring at the sites to catch those who flout the rules.



The new features, installed by Streetwise on behalf of us, build on the work of a wider project which started last month, following an increase in fly-tipping in the area this year with trade waste and household items being dumped in laybys, roads and verges.

Nottinghamshire Police and Parish Council representatives joined us in July to stop vehicles on the nearby A453 Remembrance Way, Green Lane and Fox Covert Lane to make checks on trade waste and other drivers.



We are working together to combine resources and share information to support even more local action, including surveillance and fly-tip watch groups.

Residents and businesses are reminded to check that any company or individual they employ to dispose of their waste holds the relevant Trade

Waste Carriers' licence to avoid their unwanted goods contributing to fly-tips.

This can be completed by them showing the relevant licence in person and checking it with the Environment Agency's listings of registered businesses here: <https://bit.ly/1UFAWfn>

Our ward councillor for the area Cllr Rex Walker joined Thrumpton Parish Meeting Chairman Ben Wilson, Gotham Parish Council Chairman Gill May and Streetwise's Chairman Dave Mitchell and



Managing Director Nigel Carter to view the new facilities at a lay by on Nottingham Road between Clifton and Gotham.

Our Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods Cllr Rob Inglis said: "The new bins and signs complement the clear message that Rushcliffe Borough Council will not tolerate offenders dumping waste illegally in our picturesque and rural areas.

"Fly-tippers are warned that we are taking this very seriously and by our various monitoring means we will take positive action and prosecute from any evidence gathered and that includes seizing the vehicles involved.

"Residents have a huge part to play too by always checking that anyone they pay to take items away from their home is a registered waste carrier by requesting to view the appropriate Environment Agency licence."

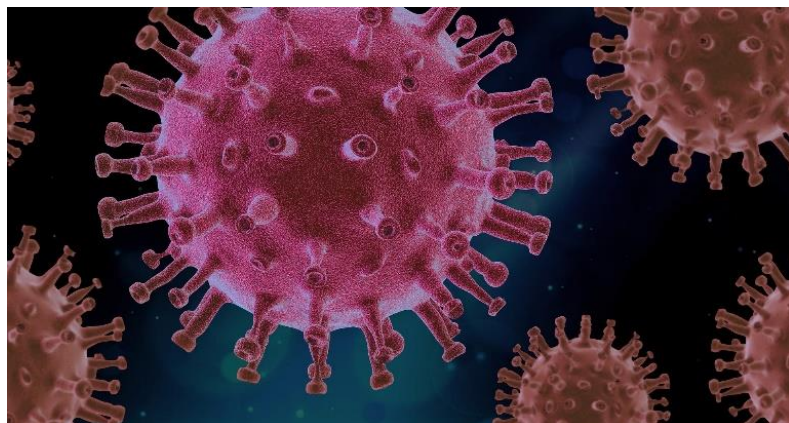
Cllr Walker added: "The Council's engagement has been very positive so far since residents, the local parishes and I raised this issue and we'll continue to look at further ways in which we can work together.

"From signage to surveillance, we are exploring what methods can deter fly-tippers from blighting our rural landscapes."

Streetwise Chairman Dave Mitchell said: "We're pleased to be able to support partners wherever we can to reduce fly-tipping across Rushcliffe.

"As we work across the Borough and the region, our teams continue to join communities in being extra eyes and ears in reporting information that can help the authorities take action against those who choose to not dispose of waste legally."

## **Advice on car sharing during COVID-19**



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

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. Outside of this, avoiding sharing cars with other people, but if people must then make sure to:

- Share the transport with the same people each time
- Keep to small groups of people at any one time
- Open windows for ventilation
- Clean your car between journeys using standard cleaning products; make sure you clean door handles and other areas that people may touch
- Ask the driver and passengers to wear a face covering.

## Commemorations for the 75th anniversary of VJ Day



We joined commemorations for the 75th anniversary of VJ Day and the end of World War Two last Saturday.

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. Victory over Japan Day therefore marks the day Japan surrendered on August 15, 1945.

A wreath was laid on the Embankment War Memorial in Nottingham in a ceremony attended by our Mayor Cllr Sue Mallender on behalf of the Councillors and residents of the Borough.



Our Deputy Mayor Cllr Tina Combellack also attended VJ Day commemorations in the Parish of Langar cum Barnstone in part of her Ward and that of Cllr Sarah Bailey, also attended by Cllr Neil Clarke in his role as County Councillor and Ruth Edwards MP for Rushcliffe.

She met local resident Mr Chamberlin who displayed Burma Star Association

memorabilia for those who attended including 28 plaques bearing the insignia of each of the divisions that took part in the War in the Far East in a very moving ceremony.

We also met with local resident and treasurer of the West Bridgford British Legion Pete Cunliff, whose father served in the Royal Navy in Asia until 1946 and was awarded the Burma Star for his services.

A video of the interview can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/4Ny8kFIWF9I>

## Twilight taster market to visit East Leake this September



A new taster twilight food, drinks and craft market is to securely visit East Leake next month, thanks to funding from our Strategic Growth Board and the dedication of the Trader's Association, parish councillors and local volunteers.

East Leake Market will be trialled at Gotham Road playing fields from 3pm to 8pm on Friday, September 11 with a wide array of stalls offering local, fresh and

homemade products, following a four month delay due to COVID-19.

In line with current Government guidance, the site will feature stalls that aid social distancing and provide visitors with opportunities to browse an eclectic range of goods and produce in a COVID secure environment.



Our Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Finance and Chair of the East Leake Growth Board Cllr Gordon Moore is delighted the event is being developed, and that despite the challenges of COVID-19, that local groups have enthusiastically driven on the project.

He said: "It's brilliant that this market can now be trialled in East Leake, after the pandemic sadly delayed plans for this concept back in May, and that the organisers have found ways to innovate and provide local residents with a taster twilight market next month.

"I'm so pleased that we as a Growth Board have been able to provide funding for this incredibly exciting venture, particularly when so many residents already appear keen to welcome a market to their local village centre.

"I would encourage all East Leake villagers and people from across the region to visit the playing fields next month and discover what a regular twilight market could look like in this part of the Borough."

The market is set to visit the village on September 11 in line with COVID secure guidelines and organisers are keen to assess levels of demand so that they can explore further opportunities for a regular monthly event in 2021.

Hayley Masom of photography studio Captcha in East Leake has been at the forefront of efforts to coordinate the market for local people, serving on both the market committee and as a member of the Trader's Association.

She said: "It's so exciting to be hosting this trial of East Leake Market next month and we can't wait to find out what local residents think of the concept and consider whether we could launch a more regular market in the village next year.

"We've invited local producers, traders and artisans to register and we're confident that the market will offer something for everyone, with operating hours designed to make it easier for those visiting after work.

"Visit our taster market in September to find out more. You can find us online at [www.eastleakemarket.org.uk](http://www.eastleakemarket.org.uk), or on social media by typing @eastleakemarket on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates ahead of next month's taster market."

## **First secure Bingham 'Summer on the Square' sessions well received**



Our Economic Growth, Environmental Health, Events and Licensing teams have been delighted to work with Bingham Community Events Group to help local bars, restaurants and outlets in the town centre expand their outdoor seating arrangements in line with secure COVID practices.

The teams have worked with the volunteer group and Bingham Town

Council to secure the necessary licences for 'Summer on the Square' to safely welcome hundreds to the Buttercross in the town to enjoy a drink or bite to eat at weekends this month, accompanied by music from local bands, securely situated away from those socially distanced on tables.

The sessions continue on August 22, 23, 29 and 30.

We've also received thanks from Number Sixteen café in the town for helping them to secure a licence to serve customers safely in a wider area adjacent to their premises on the Buttercross. Watch the video interview with owner Chris Lees here: <https://youtu.be/w30I4h5g47A>

## Meeting and community venues now available for bookings



All of our meeting and community venues are now open securely for bookings in line with central government COVID-19 guidelines.

Regular hirers at Lutterell Hall, Sir Julien Cahn Pavilion, West Park Sports Pavilion, Gamston Community Hall, Rushcliffe Arena conference facilities and Gresham Sport Pavilion have now been contacted to outline what bookings can resume safely at this stage.

New bookings can be made by visiting <https://bit.ly/2Xcs081> or calling 0115 914 8553 for meetings or exercise classes of under 30 people that do not include music, singing, food or catering as per the current restrictions.

All venues have the necessary hand sanitisers, signage and one-way systems in place for bookings to take place securely.

Meanwhile we are continuing to progress towards a community group managing Lutterell Hall to provide an accessible, well used, financially sustainable community facility for local residents.

## Swimming pools reopen from September 1



The Parkwood operated leisure centre at Keyworth and pools at Rushcliffe Arena, Bingham and Cotgrave will reopen on September 1.

In order to keep everyone safe, lane swimmers are asked 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 need to make sure they shower before entering the pool.

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

More information is available [here](#).

## Book a free place on our Business Support Programmes



Businesses can 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.

Each online workshop is completely free for high street businesses thanks to support from the European Regional Development Fund.

The sessions get started from September 1, 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 from author and 'retail champion' Clare Bailey.

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.

## 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 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.

## Natural wildflowers bloom at our sites across the Borough



Natural wildflowers have looked particularly wonderful at some of our meadows at Council owned parks and open spaces this summer, including at Rushcliffe Country Park, Collington Common and The Hook at Lady Bay in [West Bridgford](#).

This natural biodiversity has been further in the spotlight of our Rushcliffe Nature Conservation Strategy Group of late.

A report to our Communities Scrutiny Committee in October is set to address this in more depth.

## 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.

Recently, the Trust reported concerns of young people entering water in 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>

## 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:

- 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 buildings in use as dwellinghouses
- 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.

## Make sure your vehicle is not an easy target



Our colleagues at Nottinghamshire Police are reminding us it's important that vehicles are not an easy target for criminals.

Remember and please share with fellow residents:

- Make sure your vehicle is left with the doors locked and windows closed, as this will deter opportunist thieves
- Do not leave valuable items such as any electric devices, bags, clothing or cash on display

Criminals are not just targeting vehicles parked on the street, but also in driveways and in car parks.

For more advice, please visit: <https://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice/prevention/vehicle>



## 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)

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