

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL'S TOWN AND PARISH UPDATE

Wednesday June 10, 2020

**Please remember for all the latest on our services during
COVID-19 please visit www.rushcliffe.gov.uk**

Please email media@rushcliffe.gov.uk with any enquiries.

Town and Parish Forum



The next Town and Parish forum will take place virtually on June 18, 10am to 12pm.

Included on the agenda is:

- **10am – Welcome**
Cllr Debbie Mason
- **10.05am – Update from the Leader**
Cllr Simon Robinson
- **10.40am - Where we are now? Re-opening services and capturing the positives**
Kath Marriott, Chief Executive
- **11am – Comfort break**
- **11.05am - Economic Development – The impact Covid-19 is having on communities**
Catherine Evans, Economic Growth Manager
- **11.25am - Community Case Studies – Showcasing how Parish Councils' local volunteers have pulled together to support their communities**
Margaret Curran, Bradmore Parish Council and Jo Spencer, Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council
- **11.45am – Questions and answers**
- **12pm – Close**

Further details on how to join the meeting using Zoom will be released in due course.

Park users reminded to bin their rubbish responsibly



Residents and visitors to our parks and open spaces are being reminded to make the right choice and bin their rubbish responsibly.

High volumes of litter were left across Bridgford Park and Bridge Field in West Bridgford on the weekend commencing May 31, mirroring an unfortunate picture at many similar venues locally and nationally.

We have further responded, installing extra temporary yellow event bins at the park and temporary toilets with clear guidance for users to sanitise before and after use, in line with a regular cleaning schedule.

Our work with Nottinghamshire Police continues to ensure increased patrols are maintained and other security officials have an increased visible presence at the site.

Our Environmental Health and Licensing teams and Police are also making unannounced high-profile visits to all licensed premises in the vicinity of Bridgford Road and Central Avenue in the town to further check arrangements in line with their current takeaway licences.

It included the Police serving a notice on one outlet on Monday June 1 for breaching conditions around their off sales at their premises.



On a similar note, we are also asking residents not to use disposable BBQs at our parks and open spaces so the risk of littering, damage or fire to public spaces is not increased.

Whilst BBQs can be a safe and enjoyable way to cook in summer, they can leave scorch marks, destroy vegetation, add to unwanted waste and even start fires if used irresponsibly and left unattended in public areas.

All disposable BBQs must be fully extinguished and cooled down before disposal.

Delivering care packages to vulnerable residents through Reach Rushcliffe



We are working with local organisations to deliver care packages to vulnerable residents who are currently self-isolating during COVID-19.

We have partnered with Metropolitan Housing, Trent Bridge Community Trust, Nottinghamshire Children's Centre Service and the Nottinghamshire Coronavirus Community Support Hub to identify those who may be at risk of loneliness or social isolation in the Borough.

The care packages have been developed as part of Reach Rushcliffe, an initiative to tackle social isolation and loneliness, and contain seated and resistance band exercise routines, store cupboard recipe ideas and card games as well as fun activities for adults and families with children.

Organisations also looking to reduce social isolation in their part of Rushcliffe can apply for funding through Reach Rushcliffe by visiting <https://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/health/reachrushcliffe/>

Rushcliffe Councillors present flowers to wonderful COVID-19 volunteers



Rushcliffe Councillors have presented bouquets of flowers to volunteers across the Borough as a thank you for helping fellow residents during COVID-19 and reflect National Volunteer Week last week (June 1-7).

Volunteers or groups across the Borough have been celebrated from each of Rushcliffe's 25 wards as we work with local florists acknowledging their wonderful work with colourful creations.

The helpers have come from many walks of life to step forward and help their neighbours with everything from shopping deliveries and prescription collections, to dog walking, posting mail and emotional support whilst social distancing.

So many are continuing to work selflessly to ensure their neighbours and fellow residents do not face unnecessary challenges alone during the pandemic, aided by Town and Parish Councils and network groups in many communities.

Leader of Rushcliffe Borough Council Cllr Simon Robinson presented his bouquet to Edwalton resident and Sewa Day volunteer Hetvi Parekh, who has helped co-ordinate meals and support for communities in the Borough and wider Nottinghamshire.

The full list of volunteers that received flowers is available on our website [here](#).

High street businesses encouraged to share their plans and get support



We are encouraging high street businesses to share their plans for welcoming customers back to their premises to get support ahead of reopening, in line with new guidance from Central Government.

We have written to business owners in recent weeks to provide useful information on the process and offer advice to any businesses concerned about reopening in a safe and sustainable way as lockdown restrictions ease.

Following updated guidance, all non-essential retail businesses are permitted to open from June 15, with restaurants and cafes advised that they may be able to open from July 4.

Businesses considering how to reopen in line with this guidance are invited to email us econdev@rushcliffe.gov.uk for further support and us know more about:

- Name and address of the businesses
- Date of proposed reopening (should lockdown continue to be eased)

- Measures introduced to ensure customers can be served safely and adhere to social distancing as much as possible, including use of outside space for queueing and outdoor seating
- Any support or guidance needed from us

Currently, business advice for all retailers can be found [on the dedicated webpage](#) which hosts a range of resources including signage from the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health and a reopening checklist for food businesses from the Food Standards Agency.

The latest guides from The Health and Safety Executive are also available on our website, addressing how to work safely during Coronavirus, how employers can share this information with employees and how they can carry out a suitable risk assessment during this time.

Business owners can also visit our webpages for further information on all the latest support, guidance and advice from Central Government, including updated timelines for the reopening of different industries and premises.

Business owners urged to apply for discretionary COVID-19 grants



We're inviting applications from eligible business owners on the COVID-19 Discretionary Business Grants Scheme designed for those yet to receive central government financial support.

This grant is aimed at small businesses who were not eligible for the Small Business Grant Fund or the Retail, Leisure and Hospitality Fund payments in April.

Last month, the Government published its guidance for Councils developing the new scheme and we have now developed a policy which we feel is fair

and consistent and which reflects the criteria they have outlined.

Small and micro business owners who have a relatively high ongoing property related costs of more than 15% of overheads are invited to apply as soon as possible for the limited funding.

They need to demonstrate they have suffered a significant fall in income, such as an 80% drop compared to April and May last year due to COVID-19 crisis and are not eligible for certain other business rates-based grants.

Businesses also need to have been trading on March 11 this year and will have to provide supporting information and documents to complete the process.

Details of the process and the relevant forms to complete can be found on [the coronavirus business pages](#).

Readiness for Change webinars



Businesses looking to increase their resilience and prepare for new trade deals following the UK's withdrawal from the EU can access a new series of ['Readiness for Change' webinars](#).

Hosted by the East Midlands Chamber, sessions will take place until September and address risk management, strategic planning, advice on customs declarations and much more.

Guidance from the Readiness for Change programme will also take into account the impact of Coronavirus and the additional considerations businesses may need to take in light of the pandemic.

For a greater understanding of the Chamber's comprehensive Brexit-related activity, please contact the Policy team: Policy@emc-dnl.co.uk.

Even more free trees planted across Rushcliffe



We've received yet more evidence of the ongoing benefits of last year's free tree scheme, with photos of saplings that have found new homes in gardens and open spaces across the Borough.

In recent months, many residents have been enjoying seeing green shoots as their trees grow, like these brilliant pictures of a Rowan and Crab Apple!

Thanks to one resident who sent over this picture of their free tree from December, which is now quite at home in a Ruddington garden!

We're liaising with our Streetwise teams and will have more information on this year's scheme in due course.

New getting outside safely website launched



The Ordnance Survey has worked with Natural England to create a site that brings together current advice from government, councils and other outdoor organisations, so the public can decide where to go and what to do outside.

The site allows visitors to search by activity and location [here](#).

Suggest a cycling or walking route improvement



Nottinghamshire County Council are awaiting further guidance on funding for cycling and walking route improvements in line with the extended support recently announced by central government.

They have started looking at priority corridors and are now seeking suggestions across the county.

[highways improvement](#).

To suggest an improvement visit [Request a walking or cycling improvement](#) or [Request a general](#)

Nottinghamshire Coronavirus Community Support Hub



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Nottinghamshire County Council are coordinating the Community Support Hub and they are continuing to work closely with all seven District and Borough Councils to further their COVID-19 Community and Support Volunteering Hub.

Details are available on their [website](#), which welcomes emails or phone calls from volunteers, as well as those seeking support for free between 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday: **0300 500 8080**.

Applications for the COVID-19 Community Fund



The County Council's COVID-19 Community Fund is among the places that volunteer groups and community efforts should apply to for funding during the pandemic.

To date, the fund has assisted 17 initiatives in the Borough, with over £51,000 distributed.

Applications can be made on [the Nottinghamshire County Council website](#).

Mary Mackie, Clerk to Elton-on-the-Hill Parish Meeting

It is with sadness we learned of the passing of Clerk to Elton-on-the-Hill Parish Meeting, Mary Mackie on June 1.

Mary had been a very hard-working clerk for many years, she will be sorely missed by many people.

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