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Cover picture: Our Waste Team recently thanked resident 4 year-old Sam for his support of the service with his own cap and high-viz jacket.

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Leader's update

Welcome to your summer edition of *Rushcliffe Reports* as our celebrations of 50 years of Rushcliffe Borough Council continue.

I am exceptionally proud to be Leader of this local authority and how the community embody our ethos of great place, great lifestyle and great sport.

Thank you for your continued efforts to make the Borough what it is after half a century of delivering great services to you.

It's our brilliant events season in the coming weeks and months and there will be a golden anniversary theme to keep the party going.

From the Proms in the Park in June, the Taste of Rushcliffe in July, Lark in the Park in August and the Sunday Cinema in September, there's something for everyone. Find out more on pages 10 and 11.

We just hope the weather is kinder to us than the horrendous conditions some residents suffered during the winter's unprecedented flooding.

Thank you to all who reached out to help those in need and the Council have responded with further investment to mitigate the impact of flooding with the budget set in March.

As our environment changes we want to continue to listen and respond to the issues that matter to you so we can influence them in line with our services and partnerships.

Therefore please take the time to have your say in our residents' survey on pages 13-16. It's vital we hear from as many residents as possible so we can assess where we can deliver services ever more effectively and efficiently.

We continue to listen day in day out on all our channels to your thoughts. Please take this further opportunity to feedback on life here in the place we love and call home.

Enjoy your summer.

Cllr Neil Clarke MBE
Leader of The Council



Vegetable oil bin lorries now cutting emissions by 90 per cent!

Our bin lorries have gone veggie! The fleet have now switched to operate on hydrogenated vegetable oil (HVO) cutting their carbon dioxide emissions by 90 per cent!

As part of our Carbon Clever project and Environmental priority, 21 frontline refuse vehicles have been converted to the new method in recent months, powered solely by waste oil not used by supermarkets and other suppliers.

They contribute to over 80 per cent of our total fleet emissions and HVO will be used as an alternative and interim option to diesel whilst we consider further alternatives in the coming years we aim to be carbon neutral by 2030.

HVO is a diesel-quality fuel, made by the hydro-processing of oils and fats and is an alternative to the existing standard biodiesel used by the vehicles.

It will mean reduced nitrous oxide emissions and its longer-term storage stability make it a complete replacement for the current fuel.

We're also now rolling the switch out to some of the smaller vehicles in the overall fleet of 60 vehicles in our waste and Streetwise functions.

Our Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment and Safety Cllr Rob Inglis said: *"This is an exceptionally positive move as we pass another landmark towards our bin lorry operations helping reduce their impact on the environment."*

"HVO offers a good, reliable transitional arrangement which will work well for our Borough contributing to our 2030 target of being carbon neutral."

"It will not affect the day to day running of our vehicles and requires no major vehicle maintenance changes."



"We will continue to explore our project to explore electric vehicles and indeed other alternatives as technology develops."

"HVO is being used more and more in commercial applications and the move follows many large multinational businesses that have endorsed HVO for their vehicles."

Residents need PHOTO ID to vote in person at forthcoming elections

We are reminding residents to make sure they are registered to vote and have an accepted form of photo ID ready to show if voting in person at a polling station in the forthcoming General Election.

The UK Government introduced the requirement for voters to show photo ID when voting at a polling station from May 2023 and it will apply again at the polls for the parliamentary vote when it arrives.

The legislation does not apply for residents who vote by post, as this voting method is verified in other ways.

Forms of acceptable photo ID which can be used to vote with include:

- Passport
- Driving licence (including provisional license)
- Blue badge
- Certain concessionary travel cards
- Identity card with PASS mark (Proof of Age Standards Scheme)
- Biometric Immigration document
- Defence identity card
- Certain national identity cards

If you have a form of accepted photo ID which is out of date, you can still use it to vote at a polling station if it still looks like you.

Further information on which forms of photo ID will be accepted, is available on the Electoral Commission website at electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID or call their helpline on **0800 328 0280**.

If individuals don't have any accepted form of photo ID, they can apply for a free voter ID document known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

They can complete an online form at gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-to-vote or, complete a paper application form and send it to our Electoral Services team.

To register to vote, residents can complete a quick and easy online form at gov.uk/register-to-vote

Questions?

Email elections@rushcliffe.gov.uk or call **0115 981 9911**.





Rushcliffe
Oaks

Celebrating life and honouring every memory

A new, environmentally conscious crematorium set in nine acres of open countryside between Cotgrave and Radcliffe-on-Trent.

- One of the first in the country to use innovative all-electric technologies, reducing CO2 emissions by up to 85% from traditional gas-fuelled facilities.
- Contemporary building housing a calm and reflective ceremony hall in which to celebrate life and say goodbye.
- Extensive memorial gardens providing a range of sensitive memorialisation options for personal expressions of remembrance.

For more information call the Rushcliffe Oaks team on 0115 914 8557 or visit www.rushcliffeoaks.co.uk



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Two hours free parking in Bingham car parks retained in new measures

Discussions to increase the availability of car parking spaces across Bingham's car parks has resulted in two hours free parking being retained as part of new measures from later this year.

Our Cabinet considered a report earlier this year in conjunction with the work of the Bingham Car Parking Strategy Group. The Strategy Group has representatives from us, Bingham Town Council and Nottinghamshire County Council.

The new arrangements will be assessed over twelve months from a date to be confirmed as part of a wider package of the measures as we took into account the views of residents and business owners balanced against the findings of surveys from car park users last year.

Recommendations for free parking for 30 minutes in the bays around the market place were also confirmed to be assessed at the same time, designed to improve parking through encouraging short stay rather than all day parking in the town centre.

In Newgate Street and Needham Street the new car park tariffs from later this year will be:

- Up to two hours - free
- 2-3 hours - £1
- 3-4 hours - £5
- 4-12 hours - £10

Our Leader and group member Cllr Neil Clarke said: *"The focus is on maximising the availability of spaces for short stay users in line with data from car park users."*

"We have very much placed emphasis on taking on board all the views from all parties to aim to follow an option that will increase the turnover and regularity of free spaces whilst benefiting motorists, local businesses and service providers alike."

As part of the package the changes, restrictions on market days will be lifted to allow spaces to be made available when they are not in use by market traders and at Bingham Arena around 30 chargeable spaces will be made available for long stay parking for staff working at local businesses.



Further investment in brilliant play areas at our parks!

Plans to refurbish Rushcliffe Country Park and Greythorn Park in West Bridgford play areas are underway as part of £175,000 of investment from us in the local facilities.

The Ruddington based park is now seeing the changes that include the existing central space now featuring a new Kanope Tower multi-play unit featuring 14 different play elements and a new wooden trail.

It will offer panoramic views of the park, increase play opportunities with a new pendulum pod swing and see a fully inclusive wheelchair see-saw installed. Existing equipment is also being refurbished and improved with the full scheme adding 28 new play elements and 47 additional user activities.

Meanwhile at Greythorn Park, new cradle swings, inclusive play panels and colourful ground graphic games will be added and new inclusive equipment including a jeep, seesaw, spinning bowl and dynamic rope swings will be built.

Plans are also in development for refurbishment of the informal astroturf football pitch and a new bench to provide seating around the play area.

Works are being completed by Bradmore based playground equipment supplier Proludic Ltd who have designed the updated features.

It follows over £200,000 of investment in the nearby skatepark and bmx track at the site at the country park in recent years, £80,000 at Lady Bay's Adbolton Lane facilities and £63,000 at Boundary Road park.

Our Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Leisure & Wellbeing, ICT & Member Development Cllr Jonathan Wheeler said: "Community facilities such as these are so important for local families and young people, so we are delighted to be able to invest and update them."

"The re-developments see more inclusive equipment introduced, suitable for a wider age range as well as natural play elements."

"The changes reflect some of the feedback we received in a consultation in 2022 and we know it's vital to keep listening to park goers' views so we provide facilities that keep them coming back to our brilliant parks."



Hello again from the Rushcliffe Neighbourhood Policing Team!

By Insp Timothy Cuthbert | Neighbourhood Policing Inspector for Rushcliffe

"Hello again from the Rushcliffe Neighbourhood Policing Team!"

This summer sees a restructure of our Neighbourhood Policing Teams across the force, with an increased emphasis on fulfilling the core Neighbourhood Policing principles; Engaging Communities, Solving Problems, and Targeted Activity.

As part of this restructure, we will be increasing our local Neighbourhood Policing Team numbers, and I'll be welcoming new officers to the team during the summer. This will enable us to be more visible, as well as tackling persistent and problem offenders in Rushcliffe. Please keep an eye out for my monthly blog, where I'll share more detail of what the team have been up to in your area.

In recent weeks, our officers have taken part in several search warrants, recovering cannabis grows in West Bridgford, as well as recovering several stolen vehicles.

We've also supported the Highways Agency in a significant piece of structural repair on the A52 around Radcliffe on Trent, and I thank the local residents for their patience whilst that work was on-going.

I've held productive meetings with colleagues from Rushcliffe Borough and Nottinghamshire County Councils around the persistent issues of car cruising in the area, and hope to be able to bring some news around some measures to tackle the issue in the coming weeks.

In terms of crime trends, we continue to see low levels of crime in Rushcliffe, however I'm conscious of recent issues relating to theft of bikes and motorbikes, so I'd encourage everyone to report any suspicions you have in relation to these matters, as whilst we have made several arrests in recent weeks, I'm keen to keep our intelligence and information as up to date as possible to prevent and detect such offences.

Thanks for reading, and take care."

Inspector Timothy Cuthbert
Neighbourhood Policing Inspector for Rushcliffe



Pictured above: Insp Tim Cuthbert and RBC Leader Cllr Neil Clarke.

Legends of Motown set to headline Proms in the Park on Saturday June 29!

Motown tribute act **Legends of Motown** will headline our free annual **Proms in the Park** celebration which returns to **Bridgford Park in West Bridgford on Saturday June 29**, in conjunction with national **Armed Forces Day** and the **80th anniversary of D-Day**.

Music from the likes of Marvin Gaye, The Jackson five, The Four Tops, Diana Ross and The Temptations will get you up dancing and celebrating the iconic and timeless Motown era.

A day full of music and fun is the name of the game, and from 12.30pm to 9pm, we will be welcoming a diverse range of local groups through to national artists to entertain event goers.

The event is free with no tickets or booking required and is part of our Golden Anniversary celebrations of 50 years of Rushcliffe Borough Council.

Proms in the Park also gives you the chance to support our local Armed Forces and representatives from the Royal British Legion, with 208 Squadron ATC based here in the Borough and HMS Sherwood both returning this year.

Alongside our Armed Forces Community Covenant, we are proud to be showcasing this with event the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal as this year's official charity.

Local partners Nottingham Rugby will be in attendance, a glider will be on show from the 2425 Squadron RAF Air Cadets and Trent Valley Area of the Military Vehicle Trust will provide and showcase an array of vehicles from World War II to present.

Refreshments will include hot and cold drinks, a licensed bar, ice cream, confectionery and hot food.

The stage programme is as follows*:

- **12.30pm-2pm:** Nottingham Concert Band
- **2.30pm-3pm:** Military Wives Choir
- **3.30pm-4.30pm:** Military band – Nottinghamshire Pipes and Drums
- **4.45pm-5.45pm:** Ben Kirby local vocalist and guitarist covering great hits

• **6.15pm-7pm:** Dusk – local cover band – songs you forgot you loved

• **7.30pm-9pm:** Legends of Motown

For more information visit rushcliffe.gov.uk/promsinthepark

*programme subject to change

Free Lark in the Park returns this August!

Our ever-popular free Lark in the Park is back this summer on Wednesday August 7 featuring over 40 fantastic stalls and attractions at Bridgford Park in West Bridgford from 10am to 4pm.

There will be an incredible amount of family fun with an Olympic theme including inflatables, skills, soft play, storytelling, sports sessions and free singing and dancing shows.

Egg and spoon, wheelbarrow, space hopper, sack and skipping races, a tug of war, javelin throwing and much more!

There will also be food and drink stalls and charity and community stands, packed with useful freebies and information on a range of services and activities offered through local organisations.

Visit rushcliffe.gov.uk/larkinthepark for more information.

Discover delicious food stalls at the Taste of Rushcliffe

West Bridgford will once again host The Taste of Rushcliffe Food and Drink Festival on Saturday July 27, as residents and visitors alike will have the chance to experience an array of flavour-filled stalls.

Based on the town's Croquet Lawn on Central Avenue from 9am to 3pm, local growers, makers, cooks and businesses will offer tasty treats for customers to enjoy and get your tastebuds tingling with some great offers from traders.

There will also be live cookery demonstrations from local chefs, as well as activities for children to test their cooking skills!

From locally produced cheese and preserves, to tasty pies and a selection of wines from local vineyards, food lovers can explore a range of delicious delights!

Visit rushcliffe.gov.uk/tasteofrushcliffe for the latest.



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Sunday Cinema

Bridgford Park welcomes the return of Sunday Showcase on Sunday September 1, celebrating local talent within the film industry in conjunction with Broadway Cinema and Film Hub Midlands. Get ready for a day of outdoor cinema screenings and space themed fun where you can build your own spaceship, create alien sock puppets and a space animation station!

Look out for more updates at rushcliffe.gov.uk

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Plans continuing to relocate Customer Service Centre to West Bridgford Library

We're continuing plans to relocate our current Customer Service Centre on Gordon Road in West Bridgford to the town's library to help deliver an even better value for money service and maintain its current opening hours.

We're working in partnership with Inspire who operate the library on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council to consider the site move, which is subject to us re-letting our current site in the town and would see no changes to existing library services.

If the move takes place residents will also see no change to existing days the Customer Service operation can be accessed face-to-face on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Sharing a space at the library on Bridgford Road could realise benefits for both parties whilst maintaining access to the service adjacent to local car parks and bus routes.

Our Cabinet discussed the relocation proposals earlier this year there are no plans to change existing Customer Contact Points at Cotgrave Hub, East Leake Library and Bingham Medical Centre.

Our Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Wellbeing, ICT and Member Development Cllr Jonathan Wheeler said: *"We are committed to continuing to have a town centre presence in West Bridgford.*

"This is to ensure residents can access face-to-face services easily, supporting the most vulnerable in our community and potentially freeing up a unit on Gordon Road for a new business to complement the fantastic array of businesses thriving in Central Avenue.

"Our digital services continue to develop but we're committed to convenience for those who need to see us in person.

"This move could be a great example of public sector partners working together to save money that could be invested in services whilst maintaining existing standards and accessibility."



Give us your views on making Rushcliffe better

Please tell us what you think about the Council and how together we can make the Borough a better place to live and work. It is important that we hear everybody's views so that we can place our resources where they really matter.

We ask you questions in this residents' survey every three years. All of your answers will be treated in the strictest confidence and will only be used to monitor the Council's services. The closing date for completed surveys is **Monday August 5**. A number of questions in this survey ask you to think about 'your local area'. When answering, please consider your local area to be the area within 15 – 20 minutes walking distance from your home.

You can complete the survey online by using this link bit.ly/2024ResidentSurvey or fill in this paper copy and send it to **Customer Feedback, Rushcliffe Borough Council, Rushcliffe Arena, Rugby Road, West Bridgford NG2 7YG**

Q1 To help us identify your local area, please can you tell us your postcode:

Q2 Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your local area as a place to live?

Very satisfied	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fairly satisfied	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fairly dissatisfied	<input type="checkbox"/>	Very dissatisfied	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>

Your local area receives services from Nottinghamshire County Council (including highways, education and social services), Rushcliffe Borough Council (such as planning, refuse collection and street cleaning), your local parish council (if you have one) and numerous voluntary and community bodies. In this survey we are only concerned with your views about your local area and the services provided by us here at Rushcliffe Borough Council.

Q3 Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way Rushcliffe Borough Council runs things?

Very satisfied	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fairly satisfied	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fairly dissatisfied	<input type="checkbox"/>	Very dissatisfied	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>

Rushcliffe Borough Council is responsible for a large number of services, including the collection of council tax and business rates, and your grey and blue bins (and green if you have one). They also administer council tax and housing benefit, manage elections, and provide planning advice and consent. As well as keeping the streets clean and children's' play areas safe, they provide accommodation for the homeless and maintain sports pitches and leisure centres to help you stay fit and healthy.

Rushcliffe's part of your annual council tax bill for a band D property equates to around **eight** pence per day.

Q4 To what extent do you agree or disagree that Rushcliffe Borough Council provides good value for money?

Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q5 On balance, which of the following statements comes closest to how you feel about Rushcliffe Borough Council?

I speak positively of the council without being asked
 I speak positively of the council if I am asked about it
 I am negative about the council if I am asked about it
 I am negative about the council without being asked
 I have no views one way or another Don't know

Q6 To what extent do you think Rushcliffe Borough Council acts on the concerns of local residents?

A great deal A fair amount Not very much Not at all Don't know

Q7 How strongly do you feel you belong to your local area?

Very strongly Fairly strongly Not very strongly Not strongly at all
 Don't know

Q8 How safe or unsafe do you feel when outside in your local area after dark?

Very safe Fairly safe Neither safe nor unsafe
 Fairly unsafe Very unsafe Don't know

Q9 How safe or unsafe do you feel when outside in your local area during the day?

Very safe Fairly safe Neither safe nor unsafe
 Fairly unsafe Very unsafe Don't know

Q10 How much do you trust Rushcliffe Borough Council?

A great deal A fair amount Not very much Not at all Don't know

Q11 To what extent do you agree or disagree that your local area is a place where people from different ethnic backgrounds get on well together? By getting on well together, we mean living alongside each other with respect.

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree
 Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know
 Too few people in local area All the same ethnic background

Q12 To what extent do Rushcliffe Borough Council ask your thoughts effectively on topics and services that matter to you?

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree
 Strongly disagree Nothing needs improving Don't know

Q13 To what extent do you agree or disagree that Rushcliffe Borough Council listens to your views?

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree
 Strongly disagree Nothing needs improving Don't know

Q14 To what extent do you agree or disagree that Rushcliffe Borough Council takes action that reflects the views you have expressed or explained why it is not possible to do so?

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree
 Strongly disagree Nothing needs improving Don't know

Q15 Overall, how well informed do you think Rushcliffe Borough Council keeps residents about the services and benefits it provides? By benefits we mean any positive impacts it has had on the local area.

Very well informed Fairly well informed Not very well informed
 Not well informed at all Don't know

Q16 Thinking about your local area, how much of a problem do you think each of the following are...

	A very big issue	A fairly big issue	Not a very big issue	Not an issue at all	No opinion
Noisy neighbours or loud parties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teenagers hanging around the streets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rubbish or litter lying around	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People using or dealing drugs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People being drunk or rowdy in public places	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Abandoned or burnt out cars	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog fouling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q17 Do you agree or disagree that you can influence decisions affecting your local area?

Strongly agree Agree Disagree
 Strongly disagree Don't know

Q18 How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with this residents' magazine – Rushcliffe Reports?

Very satisfied Fairly satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
 Fairly dissatisfied Very dissatisfied Don't know

Q19 How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the variety of ways you can contact Rushcliffe Borough Council?

Very satisfied Fairly satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
 Fairly dissatisfied Very dissatisfied Don't know

Q20 How would you prefer to receive council information?

Through this magazine Rushcliffe Reports Our website rushcliffe.gov.uk
 Our social media channels Local press
 Other (please specify)

Q21 How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the cleanliness of streets within Rushcliffe Borough?

Very satisfied Fairly satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
 Fairly dissatisfied Very dissatisfied Don't know

Q22 How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the cleanliness of parks and open spaces within Rushcliffe Borough?

Very satisfied Fairly satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
 Fairly dissatisfied Very dissatisfied Don't know

Q23 How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the bin collection service provided by Rushcliffe Borough Council?

Very satisfied Fairly satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
 Fairly dissatisfied Very dissatisfied Don't know

Q24 Rushcliffe Borough Council has an annual events programme which includes Lark in the Park, Proms in the Park and the Christmas Lights Switch-on to name just a few. Were you aware that the Council ran these events each year?

No, I was not aware the Council ran this kind of event
 I've heard of these events but have never been to one
 I've attended an event run by the Council in the last 3 years
 I attend at least one event run by the Council each year

Q25 If you have attended an event run by the Council, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the event?

Very satisfied Fairly satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
 Fairly dissatisfied Very dissatisfied Don't know / have not attended

Q26 Please indicate whether you have had contact with Rushcliffe Borough Council's planning service.

By contact with the Planning Service we mean submitting a planning application, responding to a consultation about a neighbouring property or making a complaint about a planning matter.

In the last 6 months In the last year In the last 5 years
 Over 5 years ago Never used Don't know

Q27 How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the planning service provided by Rushcliffe Borough Council?

Very satisfied Fairly satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
 Fairly dissatisfied Very dissatisfied Don't know

The next two questions relate to the Council's Armed Forces Covenant:

Q28 Are you or have you served in the UK Armed Forces - this includes National Services?

Yes - Currently Serving (includes Reserve Force) Yes - I am a veteran No - Never

Q29 Are you a spouse or sibling of a currently serving member of the Armed Forces?

Yes - married, accompanied Yes - married, unaccompanied No

Q30 Is there anything else you would like to tell us about Rushcliffe Borough or the services the Council provides?

Many thanks for completing this survey. Look out for the headline results in the Autumn 2024 edition of *Rushcliffe Reports*.

Leisure activities across Rushcliffe

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

From pay and play to parties, we have a number of children's activity options across Rushcliffe for all age ranges. From X-Treme Air at Rushcliffe Arena to flumes and inflatables at Cotgrave Leisure

Centre visit the links below for more information:

leisurecentre.com/rushcliffe-arena/x-treme-air

leisurecentre.com/bingham-arena/kids-activities

leisurecentre.com/cotgrave-leisure-centre/kids-activities

SWIMMING LESSONS

We are proud to partner with Swim England to teach their Learn To Swim programme. The unique benefits our swimming lessons offer include: FREE General Swimming outside of Lessons / FREE Swim Caps throughout the journey / Learn to Swim from 3 months up to adults / Home Portal to track and monitor swimmers progress / Access to the "My Learn to Swim app" a fun and engaging way to track awards / Passionate and Engaging Swimming Instructors / Fun and engaging lessons / 25m swimming pool to allow for swimmer progression and distance development

For more information on swimming lessons and which Centre is closest to you please visit us at

LeisureCentre.com

EDWALTON GOLF

Be sure to come and visit Edwalton this summer. A range of options are available including the Par 3, main course or driving range. The course is open for everyone and with a new launch of food and beverage in the clubhouse it is the perfect way to enjoy a summers day Please call on **0115 923 475** for more information or visit: glendalegolf.co.uk/edwalton-golf-centre

JUBILEE HALL

The Jubilee Hall is now available for bookings all year round. The space is equipped with a stage, high tech audio visual equipment and a state of the art fully integrated kitchen. With onsite free parking the venue is ideal for events, parties and conferences. Please speak to a member of our dedicated team on **01949 838628** or contact us at: leisurecentre.com/bingham-arena/contact-us



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Grants and funding opportunities for your local business

We are dedicated towards keeping our local organisations striving and well equipped. That's why we offer various grants and funding opportunities to local businesses.

Rushcliffe Accelerator

The Rushcliffe Accelerator programme is a free to access business support initiative which gives local businesses access to 1:1 expert business advice, grant funding support and a range of training and workshops.

We're delivering this project in partnership with East Midlands Chamber and businesses can sign up to the programme for free via the Chamber website at shorturl.at/pqSX5

High Street Business Grants

Businesses can apply for up to £5000 of funding to support project work to improve business shop fronts, energy efficiency or digital infrastructure. The funding will cover up to 70% of total project costs, and



funding is allocated on a first come, first served basis. Full details and eligibility guidance can be found on our website at <https://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/ukspf>

To request an application form, businesses can email econdev@rushcliffe.gov.uk

People and Skills

Rushcliffe businesses can access a range of support through our People and Skills programme.

Initiatives include:

- Skills Development Fund – businesses classed as small, micro or sole traders can apply for up to £5000 towards course fees for upskilling staff.
- Internship Programme – businesses can apply for up to £1000 to cover the salary of taking on an intern for a fixed term placement.
- Low Carbon Bursary – any Rushcliffe business which attends FREE Low Carbon training hosted by us or East Midlands Chamber is eligible to apply for the £300 low carbon bursary to help towards energy efficiency improvements in a business premises.
- Free Training – We are hosting a range of free training courses to support business. A selection of training courses including digital skills and low carbon can be found and booked via Eventbrite at shorturl.at/qtRVY

£450,000 support to projects through UK Shared Prosperity Funding!

UK Shared Prosperity Funding (UKSPF) from the UK Government has enabled the delivery of a variety of community and business projects to support levelling up across Borough.

In 2023/24, we allocated £450,000 of grants to community and place, business, rural and high street projects including:

Cuzina, West Bridgford

As part of our delivery of UKSPF supporting business funding, local restaurant Cuzina received funding to support the internal renovation and redesign of their business.

UKSPF business grant funding is up to 40% of total project costs, so this work represented a huge investment on behalf of the business as well.

After closing through January to get the renovation completed, Cuzina has reopened and the feedback to the changes has been overwhelmingly positive.

Debbie Bryan, Ruddington

Through our high street business grants, we have allocated over £60,000 of high street grants to 21 small businesses across Year 2 of UKSPF funding.

One of the businesses which has benefitted is Debbie Bryan of Ruddington. The business applied for funding to support shopfront improvement and facilities work which has had unanimously positive feedback from customers and has resulted in increased business opportunities.



The high street grants are for up to £5000 and cover 70% of project costs. Given the challenges facing small businesses currently, all the projects supported represent significant investment from the businesses themselves.

Farmeco, Screveton

A community farm in Screveton has received Communities and Place funding to support their project which will grow sustainable local food and reduce isolation through volunteering and enhance measures to reduce the cost of living.

The boost to FarmEco will see farm-grown food donated to local food banks matched with valuable therapeutic horticulture and volunteer sessions and investment in the site's equipment.

The community farm is now running a series of events for the community, creating opportunities for 60 volunteers and 200 participants, growing and selling the farm-grown produce.

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Keeping our streets and open spaces spick and span

Our Streetwise service is continuing to keep our streets and open spaces spick and span whilst offering great services to our partners and residents.

Operations came back in-house to us in 2022 and it prompted a review of the scheduling, planning, consistency and quality of ways we maintain public areas and streets and the routes our residents and customers alike can contact the team digitally.

The service continues to make great progress and recent highlights include the formation of litter picking boards aimed at supporting our existing voluntary litter picking groups and encouraging residents to be at the heart of co-ordinating picks.

In other news two new road sweepers have been purchased that are now in operation across the Borough and the service is ever more reactive such as the tree team having a greater focus on land drainage checks and clearance to reduce the risk of flooding from Council owned ditches and waterways.

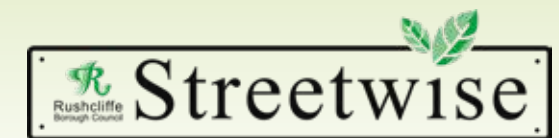
The team have also tackled chewing gum hot spots in recent months, receiving

£25,000 from the Chewing Gum Task Force to safely remove gum in Bingham, Cotgrave, East Leake, Keyworth, Ruddington, Radcliffe on Trent and West Bridgford.

Our Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment and Safety Cllr Rob Inglis said: *"Our Streetwise service continues to go from strength to strength being both proactive and reactive to contribute their role in making the Borough a great place to live."*

"Our three new eco-friendly gum removal machines are a fantastic asset for our cleansing team. The machines are fully electric which aligns with our Carbon Clever priorities to further protect the environment."

"The team are also keen to hear from any resident, business or organisation looking for wider grounds maintenance work, cleansing, tree maintenance or collection of large unwanted items. Simply email streetwise@rushcliffe.gov.uk with your enquiry."



Low carbon sustainable housing development at our former depot site

The highly anticipated Abbey Central housing development in West Bridgford has produced a low-energy, 'gas-less' sustainable development, comprising of 71 new modern homes at our former depot site.

Developed jointly by Peveril Homes and Stagfield Group, regenerating the 1.9 hectare site was part of our long-term aspirations to relocate to a more suitable location whilst creating a new, sustainable community that raises the bar on carbon efficiency, environmental impacts, design and affordable housing.

We partnered with local architects, Allan Joyce, to meticulously design a low-energy, sustainable development near Abbey Road, incorporating modern technology to facilitate a "gas-less" community.

Our Leader Cllr Neil Clarke said: *"With this site we wanted to raise the bar and show developers what could be achieved by creating an exemplar site by thinking differently, hitting our targets of being environmentally friendly whilst also keeping within our 30% affordable housing goals."*

"To see the impressive work being completed on these homes as part of our aims to reduce carbon emissions within the Borough is excellent and we are delighted to be watching our vision and aspirations for a carbon efficient development coming to life, bringing forward a difficult brownfield site."

"This is a positive example of our continuing commitment to providing energy efficient new homes and affordable housing in Rushcliffe as we forge a positive landscape for future generations."

The entire scheme is projected to achieve over 50% CO2 reduction compared to standard building regulations, a noteworthy accomplishment surpassing the target of 19% CO2 reduction for the development.

Specific houses, outfitted with both Air Source Heat Pumps (ASHPs) and Solar PV, are forecasted to achieve up to 80% savings in CO2 and energy compared to existing building regulations, utilising contemporary energy systems to conserve energy and Solar PV to generate electricity.

Further life-saving defibrillators for our sports venues

16 sports venues across the Borough have now been supported as part of our project that is raising awareness, providing training and improving access to life-saving defibrillators.

The Safe Hearts in Sport initiative, supported by Shared Prosperity Funding from the UK Government is equipping venues, sports clubs and their coaches and volunteers, with the tools and resources to ensure if anyone is faced with a cardiac emergency, they are prepared and know what to do.

We have worked with partners to provide new defibrillators at sites that don't currently have one, outdoor cabinets to make existing defibrillators more accessible and other equipment such as new batteries, paediatric pads and prep kits.

The sporting venues that have benefitted from the initiative include:

- Alford Road Football Pavilion, West Bridgford
- Cotgrave Welfare Club, Cotgrave

- Edwalton Golf Centre, Edwalton
- Keyworth Parish Council, Keyworth
- Keyworth Rugby Club, Widmerpool
- Musters Tennis Club, West Bridgford
- Orston Recreation Ground, Orston
- Plumtree Cricket Club, Plumtree
- Rushcliffe Arena, West Bridgford
- St James Park Bowls Club, Upper Saxondale
- Toot Hill Sports Centre, Bingham
- The Nottinghamshire Golf Club, Stragglethorpe
- Thrumpton Cricket Club, Thrumpton
- West Park, West Bridgford
- Whatton and Aslockton Playing Fields, Aslockton
- Willoughby on the Wolds Bowls Club, Willoughby

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation and defibrillator training has also been delivered to over 80 venue staff, sports club coaches and volunteers with further plans to run additional training sessions later in the year.

Our Deputy Leader Cllr Abby Brennan said: *"In recent years there have been several local incidences of sudden cardiac arrest affecting the sporting community. Raising awareness and equipping our sporting venues with accessible defibrillators could save a life if someone has heart issues."*

Our Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Wellbeing, ICT and Member Development Cllr Jonathan Wheeler added: *"The venues have registered with the national defibrillator network The Circuit, which provides NHS ambulance services with vital information about defibrillators across the UK."*



Proud to support the Sunflower and help those with hidden disabilities

If you saw someone wearing this lanyard, would you know what it means?

The Hidden Disabilities Sunflower is a simple way for you to let others know that you have a disability or condition that may not be immediately apparent. It highlights that you may need a helping hand, understanding and patience, and more time in shops, at work, on transport, or in public spaces.

Sunflower lanyards have become a popular way for people and organisations to spot if someone has a non-visible disability, such as dementia. Find out more or order one online at hdsunflower.com

Some of our local shops and organisations have signed up to be part of the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower and we are encouraging others to do the same. The potential is huge – not just across our shops and businesses, but in schools, health and social care settings, sport and leisure facilities, on public transport – the opportunities are endless!

Our vision is for everyone within our Rushcliffe community to be aware of what the Sunflower represents and as a result we show each other a little more kindness and patience.

Kelly, the Community Champion from Morrisons in Gamston, has been working hard to raise the profile in her local store and there is a supply of the lanyards at the Customer Service Desk.

People living with dementia are finding this lanyard helpful to maintain their independence, knowing that by wearing one, support is on hand.

This was the experience of Steve Ball from Whatton, on a recent rail journey to Bristol. He said: *"When I was travelling alone, wearing my Sunflower lanyard, no end of railway staff asked after my welfare and if I needed any help. It gave me more confidence on my journey because of their care and concern."*



HIDDEN disabilities 

Pictured left: Dianne and Steve Bull and Morrisons Community Champion Kelly .

South Nottinghamshire Place-Based Partnership

working together to help people live happier, healthier lives

Covering Broxtowe, Gedling, Hucknall and Rushcliffe, South Nottinghamshire Place-Based Partnership (PBP) is a collaboration of health and care providers, local authorities, voluntary groups and organisations and local communities working together to help people live happier, healthier lives.

The partnership is built around six Primary Care Networks, or PCNs, which are groups of GP practices working with the community, health and local authority partners and the voluntary sector. You can find out more about the Rushcliffe Primary Care Network on its website - rushcliffehealth.org

Our ultimate aim is to help people to keep as well as possible. We know that many things affect our health and wellbeing such as being active, connected to others, having access to good food, the homes we live in as well as access to healthcare.

We are supporting people to find activities in their communities so everyone can find something they love and that will benefit their wellbeing, like local support groups, walking groups, allotments or even paddle boarding.

We also are working to better join up health and care services with other initiatives that

can support you such as those who can help with financial resilience and ways to keep your homes warm – all which have an impact on your health and wellbeing.

With local GP Practices working together with community health and mental health teams in the Primary Care Networks close by when people need medical support.

What's more is that our communities are very much involved as we shape our future. Our plans are driven by you. We have a community development forum with local people and community leaders from across the area. Feeding into this group, are locality hubs made up of people who live and work in your area, who are working with us to influence how our partner members can improve things affecting health and wellbeing where you live.

The partnership produces a regular e-newsletter with lots of local news, information about events, grant information and case studies about projects and people from across the area.

You can sign up to the newsletter by emailing Antonia.smith@nhs.net or see the most recent editions on our website – **scan the QR code below.**



Avoid the telephone queues Contact your GP practice online

- ✓ Request a doctors letter
- ✓ Request a fit (sick) note
- ✓ Ask a question about a referral
- ✓ Request a repeat prescription
- ✓ Ask for test results
- ✓ Or any other admin queries

To find out more and how you can use this feature, visit rushcliffehealth.org/online-access



Topping out ceremony celebrates milestone achievement for NRC

A significant milestone in the construction of the first NHS National Rehabilitation Centre (NRC) was cause for celebration for the project partners committed to making the facility a reality.

IHP, a joint venture between VINCI Building and Sir Robert McAlpine, hosted the formal 'Topping Out Ceremony' at the Stanford Hall Rehabilitation Estate near Loughborough in April.

The event began with a piper leading guests onto the roof of the brand-new three-storey NRC, before key individuals were invited to cement their involvement in the programme by signing their names in concrete.

Topping out is a common tradition within the construction sector, which marks a building reaching its highest level. For the NRC, this also means the completion of the building's frame, symbolising another important milestone in the journey of this pioneering rehabilitation centre.

The £105million NRC programme is building a 70-bed, state-of-the-art and highly energy efficient new facility, run by Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust and part of

the Government's New Hospital Programme. Research, innovation and training will be led by academic partners Loughborough University and the University of Nottingham.

The NRC is due to open in 2025 and aims to transform clinical treatment for patients in the East Midlands, and set a new standard for research and innovation, and education and training in rehabilitation for the whole of the UK.

Miriam Duffy, NRC Director, said: *"We began this journey almost eight years ago in 2016, and so today's milestone is testament to the teamwork and perseverance that have brought us to this point, which is another step towards opening our doors to patients in need of rehabilitation."*

"The NRC will not only serve as a centre rehabilitation excellence, but also as a symbol of hope for countless individuals and families across the country. We look forward to welcoming patients next year so we can help them start their own journey towards a better future with as much independence as possible."



Inaugural Rushcliffe Youth Summit welcomes local students

The first ever Rushcliffe Youth Summit took place earlier this year welcoming 40 students from The South Wolds Academy and Sixth Form in Keyworth and Toot Hill School in Bingham to our offices at Rushcliffe Arena to speak about key issues important to local young people.

Students from each school delivered insightful speeches on a range of topics including young people's mental health, vaping and climate change, with an opportunity to discuss the issues raised in groups facilitated by members of the extended leadership team and Councillors.

Attendees also heard from Subhan Abbas, Chair of the Rushcliffe Youth Forum and current Member of Youth Parliament for Rushcliffe Jack Kellas, previous MYP and now member of Newark and Sherwood District Council and Ed Attenborough Deputy Lieutenant, representing our new Lord Lieutenant Veronica Pickering.

The feedback from both the students, teachers and other guests at the event was very positive.

Our Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Wellbeing, ICT and Member Development Cllr Jonathan Wheeler said: *"It was fantastic*

to hear directly from our young people what their priorities are in Rushcliffe so we can work with them or ensuring our services meet their needs.

"A big thank you to all our guests who came along and spoke to our young people as well."

Toot Hill School Careers Leader Fiona Farmer added: *"It was a great experience for the students and a key part of their personal development."*

"The students all enjoyed having the opportunity to attend and we have seen a big jump in confidence whilst we have been preparing for the event."

The South Wolds Academy and Sixth Form Associate Senior Leader - Disadvantaged Champion Lauren Crawford said: *"We really enjoyed the event and are very proud of the students."*

Get peace of mind for you or your loved one with our Home Alarms service

Our Home Alarms service can give you peace of mind for you or your loved ones to ensure they can reach help easily in their time of a medical or other emergency at home.

The alarms provide security, reassurance and independence 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for hundreds of people across the Borough and neighbouring areas all for just the price of a coffee every week, with prices frozen for 2024/25.

A pendant is worn on a neck cord or wrist with a trigger that can be pressed to call us when help is needed.

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