

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL'S TOWN AND PARISH UPDATE

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Latest advice on forming a Christmas bubble



Following the government announcement on Saturday, residents are being urged to adhere to the latest advice about forming a Christmas Bubble.

The new regulations mean they can now only be formed on Christmas Day.

Notts remain in Tier 3 which

means very high alert restrictions will remain in place throughout the rest of the month. The next review date is Wednesday 30 December.

Our Leader Cllr Simon Robinson said: "We know it's hugely disappointing for everyone that Christmas plans have now changed but we must continue to show the strength and resilience we have this year to beat this virus.

"It's vital we follow these restrictions and as tough as it is, it will ultimately save lives and protect health and care services.

"Please continue to stay safe and remember 'hands face space', don't travel outside of Nottinghamshire wherever possible and follow the rules so we can all look forward to a brighter 2021."

Jonathan Gribbin, Director of Public Health for Nottinghamshire said: "Sadly, the new restrictions also mean that you should stay local even if you do form a bubble for Christmas Day. That means avoiding any unnecessary travel outside of Nottinghamshire.

"It is a concern to hear that the new variant of COVID-19 is passed on more easily.

"But it is important to remember that we already know exactly how to stop its spread. It still comes down to frequent hand washing, use of face coverings in enclosed spaces, and complying with social distancing measures such as maintaining a 2-metre distance from others.

"What is important now is that we follow these rules with even greater attention and rigour than before. That is what is needed because when we do it, that is what breaks the chain of transmission."

Full details on the measures are available at www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/coronavirus

The new Tier 4 restrictions announced by government in other parts of the country also means people who live in those areas are not allowed to mix with any other households at all.

People in Tier 4 areas cannot form a Christmas Bubble.

Only essential travel to Tier 4 areas – such as for work purposes is allowed.

COVID-19 vaccine roll out continues



Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust and Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust continue to deliver COVID-19 vaccines through their roles as local Hospital Hubs.

They are focussing on patients who are aged over 80 and care home staff, alongside hospital, wider NHS and social care colleagues.

The delivery of vaccinations is proceeding well with good feedback from staff and citizens.

It is still their intention over the coming weeks to open both Vaccination Centres, sites such as leisure centres or social facilities outside of the hospitals with good transport links and also smaller Local Vaccination Services, predominantly based in GP surgeries.

The phased roll-out of the vaccine will take many weeks for all of the eligible groups to be vaccinated.

Citizens will be contacted when it is their turn to be vaccinated and will be provided with all the relevant information then.

No one will be able to get booked in for a vaccination by calling your GP or turning up at a hospital without an appointment.

Visit [the NHS vaccination pages for Nottinghamshire](#) to find the latest information.

Thank you for supporting our Waste teams this year



We're sending our thanks to all residents who continue to demonstrate their support for our hard-working Waste teams during this challenging year.

You can watch our message to residents featuring Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods Cllr Rob Inglis on our [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#) channels.

Christmas bin collection date changes

Christmas Bin Collection Dates			
Grey Bins		Blue Bins	
USUAL COLLECTION DAY	YOUR BIN WILL BE COLLECTED ON	USUAL COLLECTION DAY	YOUR BIN WILL BE COLLECTED ON
Friday December 25	Wednesday December 23	Friday December 25	Thursday December 24
Monday December 28	Wednesday December 30	Monday December 28	Tuesday December 29
Friday January 1	Monday January 4	Friday January 1	Thursday December 31

Garden waste collections will resume in January and residents should refer to their collection calendar for specific dates.

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We have confirmed changes to bin collection dates over the festive period with just those who have their bins collected on Fridays and Mondays affected on this occasion.

Please find this in the image to the left and also [on our website](#).

For any questions, please email media@rushcliffe.gov.uk

Gotham-Clifton road to close for six weeks with diversions in place



Nottingham Road between Gotham and Clifton will be closed for six weeks in January and February to allow for a new junction to be built as part of enabling works for the £800 million Fairham development.

The closure will take place from Monday January 18 to Sunday February 28 to enable the safe construction of a new staggered road junction to create access to the new development either side of the existing road and forms part of the longer term ambitions for traffic calming in the area.

There will be diversions in place for Nottingham Road from Gotham in the south and Clifton in the north for all vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians, with signed diversions for cars, a designated cycle route and pedestrian access via the existing public right of way track through the fields to walk between Clifton and Gotham.

All motorised traffic will be re-routed via the A453 at the Gotham/Thrumpton junction coming from the south, east and west, and via the A453 at Crusader Island coming from the north.

Nottingham City Transport Bus Service 1 will be diverted during these works. All diversion plans are available to view and download at www.fairhamlife.co.uk

Winners and nominees praised in our Celebrating Rushcliffe Awards round-up



The winners and shortlisted nominees of our Celebrating Rushcliffe Awards have been praised for their contribution to life in the Borough in a round-up following our virtual showcase earlier this month.

You can view a video of their reaction at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFwB5nV5Wzk> and the awards can be viewed again at <https://www.youtube.com/user/RushcliffeBC>

The accolades were capped by Mac Blackman receiving the Pride of Rushcliffe Award for his remarkable 25 years of training and support at Rushcliffe Athletics Club.

East Leake GP Dr Stephen Shortt also received a Special Recognition Award for his tireless work shaping healthcare to so many across the Borough over three decades.

Our Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Community and The Environment Cllr Abby Brennan said:
"Congratulations to our winners and to all those who were shortlisted and nominated.

"Mac and Dr Shortt's stories are just two wonderful examples of the incredible spirit across the Borough from so many who give so much to their community, group or organisation and particularly in what has been such an incredibly tough year for all of us.

"Whether volunteer, business owner or community hero, they are all making a difference to people's lives and are hugely deserving of this recognition.

"Thank you to everyone who nominated a group or individual, it was wonderful to celebrate their achievements."

Simple steps to stay safe at our parks, open spaces and play areas this Christmas



We're reminding residents and visitors to our parks, open spaces and play areas to follow simple steps to have fun safely this festive season.

It is anticipated many sites including Rushcliffe Country Park and Bridgford Park will be among those to remain very popular across the Borough over the holiday season.

We understand the continued need to get regular exercise and fresh air to assist everyone's mental

and physical health, especially as those based in the County are still only able to meet in wider open spaces in line with current Tier 3 restrictions, with the exception of Christmas Day.

Therefore, given the expected higher footfall at its parks and open spaces, we're asking all to follow these tips to ensure everyone can enjoy a safer experience when visiting the locations.

- Follow the on-site signage and remember to socially distance from others at all times
- Wash your hands before and immediately after visiting
- Only one parent or support bubble member should accompany a child at any play area.
- No one should visit a site if they feel unwell
- Consider returning at a quieter time should you arrive to find parks or facilities already busy
- Follow current guidance to use open skate parks in line with Skate England advice at <https://bit.ly/3r4WQNO>
- Follow the above points if using the 4X Bike Track at Rushcliffe Country Park
- Outdoor gym equipment remains open in line with the latest government guidance.

Our High Street Ambassadors are continuing to provide advice and reassurance at sites across the Borough, highlighting signage that reiterates the measures to follow at each location.

Sanitisation of facilities at all play parks takes place routinely and any feedback on the sites is requested to be sent to facilities@rushcliffe.gov.uk

Have your say on our Planning Enforcement Policy



We are reviewing and amending our Planning Enforcement Policy. It allows us to intervene should a breach of planning control take place and assess any harm that is caused.

Have your say on how we apply this between now and January 29 here: <https://bit.ly/3myHv41>

COVID digital recovery grant to give businesses a further boost



We are giving eligible high street businesses or established business groups another boost with a COVID Digital Recovery Grant that can further help them adapt and improve their online presence or sales.

Small to medium size retail, hospitality, personal care, leisure, tourism and other enterprises in the Borough can now access up to £1,000 over and above existing central government grant support by visiting <https://bit.ly/3IQWfuG>

Part of our recovery plan on the pandemic, the funds allow businesses to create or improve a website, seek advice and support on improving their social media presence or create greater online transactional capability.

It can also aid local retail groups or traders' associations supporting or enhancing the development of, for example, an online market place for their town or village.

Applicants must be a High Street business who pay their business rates to the Council or receive small business rate relief with between 1.5 and 30 employees.

All appropriate licences and permissions must be in place and full criteria is available on the webpage.

Census 2021 roles available



Next year will see the Census 2021 take place and there's set to be lots of temporary job roles available for residents at <http://orlo.uk/U4o5s>.

Application windows are open now too for Census Area Managers, team leader and officers amongst others with many more going live in January.