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Town and Parish Update - Wednesday September 1

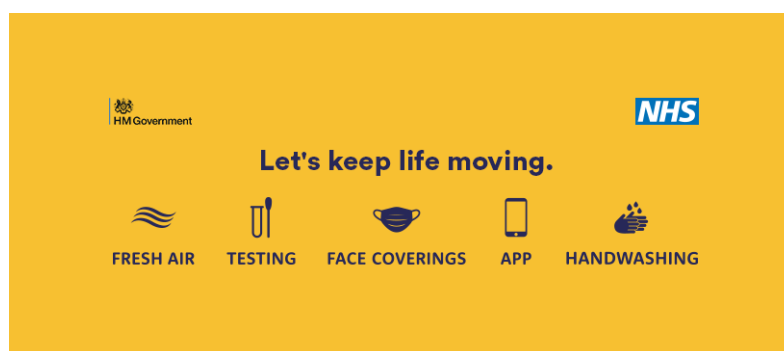
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Please email media@rushcliffe.gov.uk with any enquiries.

Please encourage residents to keep testing



England has entered [Step 4 of the COVID-19 roadmap](#) with no restrictions in place.

We're continuing to remind residents to take a regular lateral flow test at home or at one of our [Community Testing](#) sites until further notice.

The mobile COVID testing unit at Bingham Market Place will now only be visiting on a Tuesday until further notice.

Remember if anyone has symptoms they should [book a test](#).

Signage at our Council sites informs Councillors, staff, residents and visitors to 'please wear a face covering should you wish to'.

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

Meanwhile at Nottingham University Hospitals including QMC and City Hospital, those attending the sites still need wear a face mask, use hand gel and socially distance two metres until further notice to help keep vulnerable patients and staff safe.

Those who are 16 and over can now Grab A Jab at selected sites





Anyone aged 16 or 17 can still walk in for their COVID-19 vaccination at selected sites without needing to book an appointment. Locally to Rushcliffe the closest are at Forest Recreation Ground and Queen's Medical Centre.

Other sites are not able to offer the service to 16 and 17 year olds due to the additional training and safety requirements for vaccinating those under 18.

Those aged 18 and over can still receive a vaccination by walking into any vaccination site in Nottinghamshire, including at Gamston, for a jab.

Those eligible can also get a vaccine without an appointment and those who have had their first dose 56 days ago (eight weeks) can walk in for their second dose.

For all enquiries on Vaccination appointments please visit [Nottingham and Nottinghamshire's CCG website](#).

Go Green for September!



To celebrate both Zero Waste Week (6-10 September) and National Recycle Week (20-26 September) the County Council, in partnership with Veolia, are running a Notts Recycles Go Green for September Campaign, which is a month-long campaign based on Reduce, Reuse and Recycle messages.

The challenge will run from today, September 1, to September 30 and offers residents the opportunity to sign up and join the fight against climate change.

The Go Green campaign asks residents to take small actions that will make big differences. Residents who sign up to the campaign will receive a daily dose of green goodness along with a challenge from 1st September direct to their inbox.

Residents can sign up to receive daily tips and challenges. The challenges which are based around reducing, reusing and recycling, are small everyday swaps, but if everyone does them, they will help make a really big difference.

For more information about Notts Recycles Go Green for September and to sign up for the 30 Day Challenge, please visit www.veolia.co.uk/nottinghamshire/gogreenforseptember

We celebrate the inaugural Nottinghamshire Day!





The first [Nottinghamshire Day](#) was held last Wednesday, August 25, where we joined the County Council and fellow partners in celebrating being proud of Nottinghamshire!

A largely virtual celebration this year across social media and other digital channels, we still got out and about showcasing some of our fantastic Rushcliffe businesses and some of our brilliant front line teams!

The Nottinghamshire Flag was raised at the Arena by our Deputy Mayor Cllr Tina Combella before she attended official celebrations at County Hall with our Growth and Development Scrutiny Group Chairman Cllr Neil Clarke.

People from all over the Borough were encouraged to take part using the hashtag #NottsDay and some businesses also offered discounts as part of a wider #ShopLocal campaign

As ever check out @RushcliffeBorough on Facebook, @rushcliffe_bc on Instagram and @rushcliffe on Twitter to see how we celebrated on the day in line with coverage from local media.

Leaflets delivered to residents reminding them to #GrabAJab



Our brilliant waste teams are continuing to deliver leaflets to selected parts of the Borough reminding residents to [#GrabAJab](#)!

As featured above, anyone aged 16 or 17 can now walk in for their COVID-19 vaccination at selected sites and staff and Councillors have recently been encouraging constituents to ensure they are vaccinated.

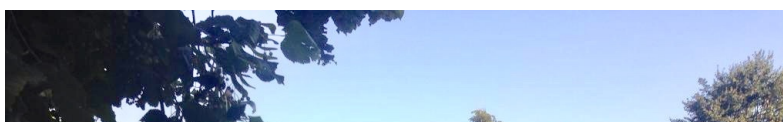
Pictured in the image above from top left to right is our Leader Cllr Simon Robinson with the waste team in West Bridgford, Cllr Christine Jeffreys and Cllr Richard Butler with crews in Cotgrave and Ruddington Parish Cllr Graham Fletcher with the team collecting in Ruddington.

Pictured on the bottom right is Cllr Leo Healy visiting the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG vaccine bus team at Cotgrave Leisure Centre on August 13, which received a steady flow of residents.

Cllr Healy said: "Whilst I had all my vaccinations earlier in the year, I still tested positive for COVID some weeks ago and whilst I had symptoms, they were very mild which cleared up very quickly during my isolation period at home thanks to the vaccinations.

"I would encourage everybody eligible to 'Grab a Jab' and ensure that your life can continue as normal, whilst following all the relevant safety guidelines."

Free outdoor Sunday cinema returns to Bridgford Park on September 12 and 26





West Bridgford's Bridgford Park will transform into a free outdoor Sunday cinema on two Sundays this September showing a feast of film favourites, courtesy of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

Across the two dates on Sunday September 12 and Sunday September 26, guests can enjoy family favourites through to blockbuster classics during the events we are hosting that require no tickets or pre-booking.

Families and individuals are invited to bring picnic chairs and blankets to each showing, with plenty of cinema treats available including Pick and Mix, ice cream, popcorn, hot food and anticipated, a licenced bar from 1pm each day.

They can sit back and relax to enjoy one of the following films:

Sunday September 12:

2pm - The Lion King 2019 (PG)

6pm - Bridesmaids (15) – will not be suitable for younger viewers

Sunday September 26:

2pm - Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (PG)

6pm - The Italian Job (PG) – the original 1969 film

[Read more on our website.](#)

Free crazy golf in West Bridgford this weekend!



Free crazy golf will be available on Central Avenue in West Bridgford this weekend welcoming crowds to have a go at the quirky and fun version of the sport.

Courtesy of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), caddy shack costumed hosts dressed as comic golfers will welcome residents and visitors alike in the town centre from 11am to 7pm each day on Saturday September 4 and Sunday September 5.

There will also be accompanying music to help event goers get into the mood as they

challenge each other around a crazy course that requires no tickets or pre-booking, in the event co-ordinated by us.

Families and individuals are invited to bring their own picnics or enjoy a bite to eat or drink from the host of local businesses near to the lawn.

Our Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Business & Growth Cllr Andy Edyvean said: "It might be the end of the holiday season but we're still continuing to welcome people to one of our high streets with fun activities and events including these fun crazy golf sessions suitable for all the family.

"Open air theatre, circus skills, aerial performances and sights and sounds of the seaside have been warmly welcomed in West Bridgford in recent days so we're pleased a further fun feature is in place to attract people to one of our vibrant town centres.

"Come and have a go and enjoy a fun round on the features with friends and family."

Ruddington allotment project receives vital Reach Rushcliffe funding



A group that manages a Ruddington allotment has received vital funding from Reach Rushcliffe to help redevelop their gardening space to aid local residents' health and mental wellbeing.

The Rushcliffe Social Prescribing Group run a plot at the Ruddington Paradise Gardens Allotments that has received funds that will assist with the purchase of a summer house, planters, plants, soil and paving to give the allotment more accessibility at its Wilford Road site in the village.

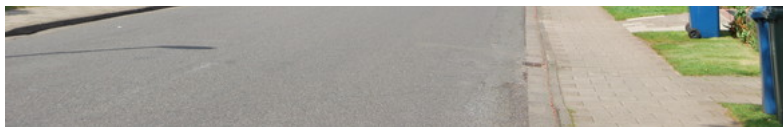
The space was donated by Ruddington Parish Council and will give those at risk of social isolation or loneliness a quiet space to socialise, learn about gardening and to meet with likeminded residents, now linking with our initiative which launched last year.

Our Portfolio Holder for Communities and Climate Change Cllr Abby Brennan met with Social Prescribing Group and Parish Council representatives to view the colourful and welcoming site.

[Read more on our website.](#)

Musters Ward By-Election will take place on October 7





A valid request for an election has been received to be held for Musters Ward and the election will take place on **Thursday October 7**.

The notice of election will be published in accordance with legislation on **Thursday September 2** and after this date candidates can submit their nomination papers.

Any candidate wishing to stand can obtain a nomination pack from our Elections team. The deadline for receipt of nominations is **4pm on Friday September 10**.

If you require any further information regarding this then please contact elections@rushcliffe.gov.uk.

Remember to give your views on air quality plans for Trent Bridge and A52 at Stragglethorpe



Residents, groups and the wider public are being encouraged to give their views on an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) seeking to reduce air pollutants in and around Trent Bridge and the A52 at the Stragglethorpe junction.

We are now asking for views on the plan available to view here: <https://bit.ly/2UxABEp>

All views can be made via the [online survey](#), by emailing environmentalhealth@rushcliffe.gov.uk or in writing to: Environmental Health Manager, Rushcliffe Borough Council, Rushcliffe Arena, Rugby Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7YG until September 6.

We are set to deliver the plan along with partners until April 2026 to reduce concentrations of air pollutants and exposure to air pollution in both locations currently designated Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs).

Local authorities have a central role in achieving improvements in air quality. Through the Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) system local authorities are required to assess air quality in their area and designate Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) if improvements are necessary.

[Read more on our website.](#)

Waste team wish Bingham resident happy 90th birthday!





Craig, Tom and Tim who work in our waste team last Thursday gave a Bingham resident a 90th birthday surprise of flowers, chocolates and wine!

Joan Wakefield received the gifts and her daughter posted the above photos on social media with the following comment:

"I just wanted to say my mum has been a Bingham resident for 65yrs, she will be 90 on Saturday. The wonderful bin men today gave her a wonderful early 90th surprise that really made her day. With such awful times at the moment it's lovely to know others care."

We join forces with multiple agencies to enforce taxi safety checks!



A multi-agency operation last month saw dozens of taxis thoroughly assessed as part of safety checks to further protect passengers across Rushcliffe and neighbouring districts.

Drivers were stopped and directed to our depot site in the city on August 6 to ensure they were fit and proper to drive and their vehicles were roadworthy, insured and met specified standards.

Our Licencing Officer Dave Roberts joined forces with those from Nottingham City Council, Gedling Borough Council, Ashfield District Council, Erewash Borough Council, Wolverhampton City Council, Peterborough City Council, the Vehicle Driving Standards Agency and Nottinghamshire Police to make the checks.

No Rushcliffe based licenced drivers who were stopped were found to have any faults with their vehicles or licences but in total four Prohibition Notices were issued, two immediate for defective tyres and two delayed for a damaged alloy wheel and a leaking axle contaminating a rear brake. The vehicles licences were all suspended.

Meanwhile three had Vehicle Defect Forms issued for defective tyres and a defective light.

A single vehicle was found with a missing rear plate, one vehicle had an expired plate and one driver had an expired driver's badge.

Bat walk around Rushcliffe Country Park!





Rushcliffe Country Park Rangers will be hunting bats on September 10 from 7.30pm to 9pm.

This fun activity is great for all the family, and tickets are £5 per person. Those hoping to join the session can book a spot on the walks by emailing countrypark@rushcliffe.gov.uk or call 0115 921 5865.

Please be advised that sturdy footwear, warm clothes and a torch are essential to enjoy the session.

Please alert landlords to forum on September 8



Please inform landlords in your area that East Midlands Property Owners ([EMPO](#)) is hosting the Nottingham and District Landlord Forum on Wednesday September 8 from 1pm at Trent Bridge Cricket Ground.

The event is in partnership with DASH Accreditation and representatives from our local councils.

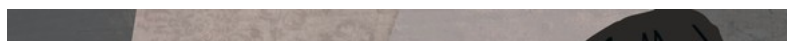
The forum will be a great opportunity for landlords to get up to speed with the important housing legislation changes over the past 18 months. The forum will also provide an opportunity for new landlords to find out more on what their responsibilities are in providing decent and safe housing across the Nottinghamshire area.

Likewise, the forum will assist seasoned landlords in refreshing their knowledge as professional property managers.

The event will also be available online for those landlords/agents who may feel uncomfortable about participating in a live in-person forum or who are unable to attend. Face mask wearing is encouraged at the forum to reduce risks associated with COVID-19.

[Landlords can visit the event page for more information and to book their place.](#)

Domestic servitude – know the signs and how to help those in need





The real-life story of a survivor of domestic servitude has become the inspiration behind a new online animation.

It highlights the signs, raises awareness and encourages reporting of this hidden crime that typically involves victims working in a private family home where they are ill-treated, humiliated, subjected to unbearable conditions or working hours and made to work for little or no pay.

Over the last two years, there has been a specific increase in reports of domestic servitude within the West Yorkshire area an example of this issue, indicating women from Pakistan and Bangladesh are being brought to the UK and exploited in domestic homes. As well as English, the animation has therefore been translated into Urdu, Punjabi and Bengali with subtitles.

View the [videos](#) and ensure you know the key signs and indicators to help those in need. Victims can be a spouse, partner, child, family member, male, female, young or old, UK or Foreign National.

[Read more on our website.](#)

Encourage residents to have their say in the Big Notts Survey!

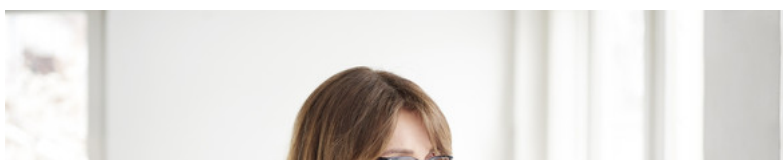


[The Big Notts Survey](#) was recently launched, through which the County Council are seeking feedback from residents and stakeholders to help shape the vision and priorities for their next Council Plan.

They are asking residents to share their experiences of the pandemic, what they see as the challenges and opportunities for recovery, and their longer-term aspirations for themselves, their community, and Nottinghamshire as a whole.

Please encourage residents in your area to take part by completing the online survey at nottinghamshire.gov.uk/bignottssurvey by September 19.

Help to Grow funding available from Central Government





The government's new *Help to Grow: Management* programme can help business owners learn new skills, reach more customers and boost their profits.

The programme costs £750 and is 90% subsidised by the government as part of their Plan for Jobs.

It is a practical management training programme with one-to-one mentorship, aimed at senior leaders of small and medium businesses and delivered across the UK by leading business schools accredited by the Small Business Charter.

Designed to be manageable alongside full-time work, the 12-week programme offers a wide range of modules, including financial management, strategies for growth and innovation, leading high-performance teams, and approaches to digital adoption.

Business owners can learn more by visiting <https://helptogrow.campaign.gov.uk/>.

All the latest information for residents is available on the [Coronavirus webpages](#) or over the phone on 0115 981 99 11.

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