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Step 3 of roadmap continues to July 19



Central government outlined a [four-step plan](#) below to release England from [national lockdown restrictions](#) earlier this year and The Prime Minister confirmed on Monday Step 3 of the roadmap will now remain for a further four weeks to July 19.

It means we continue with the rule up to six people or two households can meet indoors and up to 30 people outdoors with exceptions for weddings, funerals and wakes if social distancing is in place.

Those who can should continue to work from home and all follow '**Hands Face Space Fresh Air**'.

Asymptomatic testing sites continue at Cotgrave Hub, adjacent to the Police Station, on Saturdays and Wednesdays and on Bingham market place on Tuesdays and

Fridays until further notice where home testing kits are also available to collect for all over 18s.

The Gotham Road community collect site in East Leake for home testing kits has now ceased with demand being met at local pharmacies for the tests. For further information visit our [Community Testing](#) page.

Vaccination appointments now available for over 23s



The local COVID-19 vaccination booking system is currently open to people **aged 23 and over**.

Eligible residents can book their Covid-19 vaccine by calling 119 or visiting the [National Booking Website](#).

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

If you live in the Borough, or other parts of Notts, you could take part in a COVID-19 vaccine study through University Hospitals Nottingham.

Volunteers in the study will receive two doses of either a new COVID-19 vaccine or a licensed COVID-19 vaccine in 28 days.

[Find out more information.](#)

Dave Mitchell celebration of life event now later this year



We were due to host a Celebration of Dave Mitchell's life event later this month on June 23.

In line with this week's government roadmap announcement, we are now postponing this to September, in agreement with Dave's family, on a date to be confirmed.

Had we proceeded with the event it may have meant all attendees wearing face masks and other more in-depth COVID safety measures that may not have been in the spirit of the celebration.

We will confirm a new date as soon as possible. In the meantime please consider a donation to [Macmillan Cancer Support](#), the chosen charity of Dave's family, should you wish.

For any questions please email communitydevelopment@rushcliffe.gov.uk

Weather warnings for later this week



The Met Office has issued weather warnings affecting the East Midlands.

There is a Yellow Thunderstorm Warning valid from 6pm this evening, June 16 to 11.59pm tomorrow, Thursday June 17.

Areas of thunderstorms are expected to move north-eastwards across parts of the country on Wednesday evening and through Thursday.

There is also a further Yellow Thunderstorm Warning valid from 9am on Friday June 18 to 9am on Saturday June 19.

To contact us on any flooding issues, please call 0115 981 9911 from 8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday or 0115 981 1143 outside usual opening times, for emergencies only.

Our partners Streetwise will also have teams on standby to assist communities.

[View more information on our flooding webpage.](#)

The Great British Spring Clean across Rushcliffe



This year's Great British Spring Clean started on May 28 with groups across the Borough getting involved to sparkle their streets, parks and open spaces.

The annual campaign, run by the charity Keep Britain Tidy, aims to help all to further clear their local communities of litter with support from the authority.

A very warm day on Wednesday last week did not deter Cllrs Maureen Stockwood and Francis Purdue-Horan pictured above from joining this year's Great British Spring Clean litter pick with children from Archbishop Cranmer C of E Academy in Aslockton.

In the following photo, our Mayor Cllr Sue Mallender and Cllr Richard Mallender joined volunteers in Lady Bay for litter picking activities last weekend.

Also pictured above, members of Bingham u3a and our Cabinet Portfolio Holder Communities and Climate Change Cllr Abby Brennan joined together in the town to further clear the local community of litter.

In addition to the regular clean-up, 'Keep Britain Tidy' launched the #millionmilemission, which aimed to clear 1 million miles of waste from the UK. This target has been exceeded with 1,153,575 miles now pledged!

To find out more about the Great British Spring Clean [visit the Keep Britain Tidy website.](#)

Rushcliffe Country Park's new skate park now open!



Skaters, scooter riders and BMXers are celebrating as Rushcliffe Country Park's new skate park is now open!

We have funded the £210,000 project which was also supported by Skate Nottingham, Canvas Spaces, and VIA East Midlands.

It has been praised as another landmark facility in the county as a street course which has been designed to blend into a country park setting that can meet the needs of future Olympic skateboarders and BMXers whilst being inclusive to beginner riders and the differently abled.

Representatives from each organisation gathered on Friday (June 11) to open the park and test out the new features before a grand opening event is planned later this summer when COVID restrictions allow.

The facility replaced the former wooden structure which was in need of refurbishment and we developed the project alongside Skate Nottingham, science education charity Ignite! Futures and Nottingham Trent University.

They involved 110 young people in co-designing the new facility through a series of workshops and by work experience during the construction phase.

[Read more on our website.](#)

County power station sites reach next stage in world-leading fusion energy plant



Two existing Nottinghamshire coal-fired power station sites have made the initial shortlist as part of the national search to find potential sites to design and build what is hoped to be the world's prototype fusion energy plant by 2040.

It forms part of the UK's bid to be the first to develop a commercial power station that will use the energy produced by fusion reactions to generate electricity. Fusion offers an inherently safe and virtually limitless source of clean electricity by copying the processes that power the sun.

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Part of the site at Ratcliffe-on-soar and West Burton A, near Retford, have both made it to the final 15 sites as part of a national search for potential locations by the government for alternative energy plants.

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The ambitious project - Spherical Tokamak for Energy Production - known as STEP, is being led by the UK Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA).

[Read more on our website.](#)

Shortlist for award for speed of grant distribution



Our Finance and Revenue teams have been shortlisted for a national award highlighting the brilliant way they have joined forces during COVID to distribute vital central government funds to local businesses.

A submission for the CCLA/Room151 Impact Award has been successful after the great work by the teams over the last 15 months that saw thousands of the grants administered with speed and accuracy.

Our 151 Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Peter Linfield, Finance Service Manager Sarah Whittaker and Revenues Manager Rob Cottey were key to developing a scheme across the Borough which enabled the grants to be distributed as soon as funds were made available.

It involved a pressured challenge to quickly identify appropriate criteria, create a secure method to identify eligible applicants and notify them that they could claim and receive the vital funds they needed to help them stay afloat.

[Read more on our website.](#)

Have your say on further control of dog fouling



We are proposing to update our legislation around dog control and dog fouling.

This will introduce a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) targeted at the control of dogs and dog fouling across the borough and/or for specific associated controls in defined parts of the Borough.

We already have PSPOs for other purposes and this proposal will replace any existing historic laws and/or orders around dog control, bringing the rules in this area up to date, expanding controls and enabling the rules to apply to areas that have recently been subject to development, which currently aren't covered fully.

A PSPO can be used Borough wide or in a defined area to tackle specific behaviours of the dog's keeper that is detrimental to the local community's quality of life.

This is done by imposing conditions on the use of that area which apply to everyone in control of a dog. Under the new proposal it is intended that the Schedule 1 option of the Order will be Borough wide and within all open-air spaces in the Borough that are accessible to the public:

- a) Persons in charge of a dog must remove the faeces and for it to be disposed of in an appropriate receptacle
- b) Persons in charge of a dog must have with them appropriate means to pick up dog faeces deposited by that dog
- c) Persons in charge of a dog must, when requested by an authorised officer of the Authority produce evidence of a means to pick up dog faeces deposited by that dog

Enforcement focus will be on those areas that the impact of dog fouling has on other members of the community. We would welcome your views as to specific locations that you feel should be covered by the proposed PSPO and whether you support the proposals or if you have any further comments in general.

As part of the PSPO process it is also necessary to provide evidence of the impact and the need for the PSPO restrictions. If you have any records showing a regular fouling spot or concerns about dogs off leads, then please also supply this information also.

A full public consultation on these proposals and the PSPO will require further approval before being implemented and may change following this consultation.

In addition, the enforcement of the PSPO rules will be through the issuing of a fixed penalty notice by an authorised officer or the police, which if not paid can lead to prosecution in the Magistrates Courts'. The amount will be subject to public consultation but currently is set at £100 and reduced to £75 for dog fouling.

Please send any feedback to our Community Safety team by emailing communitysafety@rushcliffe.gov.uk by Friday June 25.

Follow us on Instagram for some #JuneJoy!



We're celebrating [#junejoy](#) by highlighting some great shots of our wonderful Borough on our [Instagram channel](#).

The photo above is one of our beautiful villages, Widmerpool.

Why not send us your great Rushcliffe pictures? Email media@rushcliffe.gov.uk.

Remember, for more on our services in our communities [visit our website](#).

Reach Rushcliffe fund further expanded to tackle loneliness and isolation



We have further extended our Reach Rushcliffe fund, dedicated to supporting projects across the Borough that tackle loneliness and isolation.

Being connected with other people matters for everyone's health and COVID-19 has further highlighted how social isolation can be bad for our mental and physical health.

It's fast becoming one of the greatest social challenges nationally and whilst often associated with older people who live on their own, it can affect anyone of any age and linked to issues such as obesity, smoking and can increase risk of dementia.

Projects should aim to take steps to make contact and engage individuals or groups in Rushcliffe communities who may have little or no social contact.

Read more on our website.

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The Commission recently gave a briefing designed to inform a wider group of stakeholders about the current position and gain a better understanding of our

communities' make-up. You can watch the [video](#) or if you wish to request a copy of the slides, please email media@rushcliffe.gov.uk.

It included questions on how ward boundaries can be altered and the restrictions around them and also how the names of new wards and parishes need to have a historical link should any be created.

Views on the consultation can also be submitted by email to reviews@lgbce.org.uk.

They plan to publish proposals for new electoral arrangements in October with further consultation planned between then and December and intend to publish final recommendations in March 2022.

Parliamentary constituencies review



The Boundary Commission for England has recently published its initial recommendations for the new parliamentary boundaries to be introduced for the next Parliamentary Election due to take place.

For residents of Rushcliffe there is very little change with Barnstone Parish proposed to move from Rushcliffe Constituency to Newark Constituency which would then make all of Thoroton Ward in Newark Constituency.

Shelford and Newton Parishes are also proposed to move from Rushcliffe Constituency to Newark Constituency which would then make all of East Bridgford ward in Newark Constituency.

Therefore the proposals make perfect sense to realign the boundaries so that 20 full wards would be in Rushcliffe Constituency and five full wards (Bingham East, Bingham West, Cranmer, East Bridgford and Thoroton) would be in Newark constituency. Obviously this is based on the current wards and not on what they may look like by 2023 following the Ward Boundary Review.

View the [Rushcliffe map](#) and [Newark map](#) will now be a period of consultation on the initial recommendations which closes on August 2.

To respond to the consultation, please [visit the BCE website](#).

The further stages to the process are below:

- Early 2022: Publish responses to initial proposals and conduct six-week 'secondary consultation', including between two and five public hearings in each region;
- Late 2022: Publish revised proposals and conduct four-week written consultation;
- June 2023: Submit and publish final report and recommendations.

Please email elections@rushcliffe.gov.uk with any questions.

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D lock loan available at Rushcliffe Arena



A reminder that leisure centre members at Rushcliffe Arena can now loan a free strong D lock when securing their bike at the leisure centre.

Simply show your membership card and ask at reception to loan a lock for the duration of your visit and return it to the desk.

Free online sessions for businesses from East Midlands Chamber



Please alert business owners that the East Midlands Chamber have put together a series of **free to attend** online sessions, delivered in partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council, for those who want to improve and expand business development opportunities and to make themselves supply chain fit.

The sessions will provide an understanding of what potential opportunities are available and how to ensure that businesses can comply with the demands of the procurement process either as a direct supplier or in the supply chain.

Sessions include:

- [HS2 Supply Chain Readiness -Skills, Employment and Education – 18 June \(10am-11am\)](#)

- [Sustainable Supply Chains: Start your journey to Sustainable Procurement – 23 June \(10am- 11am\)](#)
- [Procurement Best Practice – Cyber Essentials – 25 June \(10am – 10.45am\)](#)
- [Procurement Best Practice – getting ready to complete a tender, top tips – 29 June \(10am-11am\)](#)
- [Top 10 pitfalls in Contract Management – 21 July \(10am – 11am\)](#)