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Nominate your Local Heroes

On behalf of the district council we want to thank everyone who is going above and beyond to support our communities throughout the coronavirus pandemic.

If you know somebody who deserves recognition for something they have done, we want to hear all about it!

[Who will you nominate as a local hero?](#)

- A community group making an outstanding contribution
- An individual going above and beyond to support someone in need
- Someone responsible for a heart-warming act of kindness

There are countless reasons to put forward a local hero!

We will be looking to thank our nominated heroes publicly on our social media channels so we want as many nominations as possible!

Feel free to [fill out the form](#) multiple times if you know numerous people who deserve recognition for the work they are doing.

Message from Bev

Hopefully you will have had a chance to see the email sent out from our Chief Executive, Bev Smith, on 7 May (sent by her PA Jessica Stevenson).

“We want to thank each and every one of you for your efforts, whether it be small acts of kindness or the co-ordination of a major support operation in your district.

From the data we’ve captured, which includes the statistics you’ve been sending us, we know that around 667 people have received support from community groups alone in North West Leicestershire. We have no doubt that in reality this figure is much higher. The difference you are making to people’s lives cannot be understated.”

Please keep the statistics coming as they are really invaluable. And once again, from everyone at NWLDC, thank you for all your efforts. You’re making a massive difference to the lives of local residents in our district.

Healthy Minds that Talk



Prince's Trust

START SOMETHING

Do you know a young person who has been struggling with their mental health and could do with some extra support?

The Prince’s Trust, in partnership with Young Minds, is running free online workshops for young people aged 16-30 to help grow mental health resilience, communication skills and teamwork.

The next [online workshops](#) will be held on 20-21 May.

For further information and to register for the programme please contact andrew.hebron@princes-trust.org.uk or phone 07806785032.

YOUNGMINDS

Recovery

How we support our communities and businesses with recovery from Covid-19 is now a huge focus for the district council.

We’re looking at how we get our local economy up and running while continuing to offer support to the vulnerable and isolated in our communities.

The Government’s [recent announcements](#) have given us a roadmap of phases to recovery and we’re preparing for each phase so that we are ready to help get North West Leicestershire back on its feet.



Nominate your LOCAL HEROES

Who will you nominate as your North West Leicestershire hero?

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There are countless reasons to put forward a local hero! Submit your nominations here: www.nwleics.gov.uk/localhero

Home isn't a Safe Place for Every Child

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed everyone's lives – and this has brought a whole new area of concerns about children.

There is a hidden group of children potentially at risk of abuse or neglect who are having much less interaction with statutory services.

The NSPCC has already seen a range of new queries come in to its helpline, ranging from worries about domestic abuse, through to parents needing support with their children's mental health and behaviour.

To help protect these children the NSPCC service is open every day with free support for anyone who is worried about a child – [over the phone, via email or through its online form](#).

NSPCC

Campaign supported by



HM Government

The Government has [announced £1.6 million pounds of funding](#) to the NSPCC and, throughout May, they are running a campaign to raise awareness of their service.

It is crucial that all of us in society recognise we have a role to play in looking out for young people whose home may not always be the safest place.

The NSPCC needs to reach every member of the public with concerns about a child – with your support they can extend their reach as far as possible.

How you can support the campaign:

- Share the NSPCC's campaign messages with your networks via social media
- As you carry out your own work in the community, please ensure you [report any concerns you have](#) about a child's welfare

[Share, retweet or repost NSPCC, Department for Education, Home Office](#) or any other government content about the helpline.

VE Day Cream Teas

"If the people can't go to the VE Day celebrations, let's take VE Day to them" went the idea.

What can be more English than a cream tea? So [Castle Donington Volunteer Centre](#) (CDVC) sourced, baked, packed and delivered 318 Cream Teas on VE Day to the isolated elderly and Veterans in villages in their area.

The coordinator, Wayne Tranmer, comments, "We included those over 75 and who were using our coronavirus response services.

The Royal British Legion recommended others to ensure we covered our veterans. One issue was how to remain socially distanced whilst packing the teas so we used couples who worked as pairs on tables around a room.

We supplied Kegworth with supplies for 60 teas, they added to this and increased their number to 115. As a total, we delivered teas to 373 deserving people in the Northern Parishes.

We were receiving thank you calls before we had finished, our volunteers were simply awesome."



Community Focus

THANK YOU

Covid-19 Fund



Do you know a local sports' club, organisation or business that needs help during the current crisis?

The [Sports' Organisation Support Covid-19 Fund](#) from Leicester-Shire and Rutland Sport can help deliver immediate funding. And there's still time to get an application in before the deadline of Thursday 21 May 2020.

It is specifically targeted at organisations in the sport and physical activity sector who have a role in enabling and supporting the communities of Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland to get and stay active. Organisations can apply for grants between £300 - £3,000.

The types of organisations eligible include community sports' clubs, charities, community interest companies and voluntary organisations forced to close at short notice but who are facing ongoing costs around maintenance and utility bills.

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