

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Local Plan

Thank you to those who have responded to the Local Plan information session invitation next week on Tuesday 30 January 2024, 12pm.

Residents will have their say on where homes and businesses will be built in North West Leicestershire over the next decade after councillors voted to launch a consultation.

Planners at NWLDC have been working with landowners, developers and councillors to understand what land is available to sustainably meet the needs of a growing population.

The [consultation](#) will be open to anyone with an interest in the future development of the district and will run from 5 February to 17 March.


Drop-in events

Local drop-in sessions for communities featuring heavily in the draft plan will also be held.

- **Kegworth Village Hall:** Monday 5 February, 3pm to 7pm
- **Diseworth Heritage Centre:** Tuesday 6 February, 3pm to 7pm
- **Castle Donington Community Hub:** Wednesday 7 February, 4pm to 7.30pm
- **New Life Church, Coalville:** Monday 12 February, 3pm to 7pm
- **Measham Leisure Centre:** Wednesday 14 February, 3pm to 7pm
- **Ibstock College:** Thursday 15 February, 4.30pm to 7.30pm.

Further details of the consultation and how to take part will be published soon.

LRALC

 **LRALC** “Everything you’ve ever wanted to know about Committees, Sub-Committees, and Working Groups but were afraid to ask”

The next course is on 7 February 2024 at 10am by Zoom, and you can book [here](#).

Peace of Green

**COALVILLE'S
PEACE OF GREEN**

'Connecting the town with the nature around'

Peace of Green are delivering a FREE nature

inspired creative experience at Newmarket, Coalville. Thursday 1 – Sun 4 February.

Exploring creativity with the local community, bringing the great outdoors inside! Come and experience an array of woodland crafts, creative writing space, a nature table, teepees with campfire and secret snug! All visitors will be invited to contribute towards a communal piece of art that will be displayed in Newmarket after the event.

The programme will include wet felting, string/cordage making and square knotting/Nordic braiding. There will also be a variety of other crafting areas based on natural elements, self-led or with an easy introduction.

Workshop sessions will be running Thursday and Friday, please contact [Lucy Brown](#) to make a booking for a community group.

Free public sessions (just drop in) will be running Saturday and Sunday 9-4pm. All ages and abilities welcome.

Flood Compensation

The district council has just processed 17 flood compensation claims from residents and businesses affected by Storm Babet back in October. Please note that the Government deadline for this support has now closed.

However, the council is gearing up to start processing claims for [Storm Henk](#) shortly. This storm caused widespread flooding across the county at the start of January. If you know a local resident or business that was impacted by Storm Henk, ie. it caused flooding inside their property (but not garages or sheds), please encourage them to get in touch by emailing:

flooding@nwleicestershire.gov.uk.

Help will be available for:

- Flooded households in eligible affected areas - up to £500 cash to help with immediate costs
- Households and businesses significantly affected - council tax and business rates relief
- Small-to-medium sized businesses - up to £2,500 from the Business Recovery Grant
- Eligible flood-hit property owners - up to £5,000 to help make homes and businesses more resilient
- Farmers who have suffered uninsurable damage to their land - up to £25,000 through the Farming Recovery Fund



JOY



A new platform is launching soon, [Joy](#), that will be used by GPs, Social

Prescribers, Local Area Coordinators, residents, and yourselves. Joy helps you to find activities, groups and support offers near you. From walking groups to debt advice, it's about what matters to you. Do you know any groups or clubs that would like to promote the services or groups that they run? A webinar for those who want to learn more or add their service will be available on Tuesday 13th February 12-12:45 via [Teams](#).

Bra Bank



[Recycle your bra](#) for charity.



Unwanted bras can now be given a new lease of life, whilst raising money for the charity 'Against Breast Cancer'.

Three donation bins for new and used bras are available at:

- Castle Donington Community Hub
- Measham Leisure Centre
- Whitwick and Coalville Leisure Centre

The bras will be reused and recycled to help fund vital breast cancer research.

Neighbourhood Watch



In its [January newsletter](#), Neighbourhood Watch is encouraging everyone to make a New Year's resolution to protect their digital devices by using strong passwords.

[The National Cyber Security Centre](#)

(NCSC) recommend using three random words such as 'planegiraffetable' to build your password; it's easier to remember and takes trillions of years for a computer algorithm to crack.

PSPO Renewal

North West Leicestershire District Council is proposing to renew the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for dog control for a further three years.

In order to continue with enforcement options in relation to dog fouling in North West Leicestershire the Council is consulting with the public and various authorities on the proposed renewal of the PSPO for controlling dogs.

There are no proposals for any additions or amendments to the order, which the council introduced in 2018. Therefore the activities to which this relates will remain as follows:

- Dog Fouling
- Leads By Order
- Exclusion
- Means to Pick Up

Exemptions - Nothing in this order shall apply to a person who:

- Is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948 or
- Is deaf, in respect of a dog trained by Hearing Dogs for deaf People (registered charity number 293358) and upon which he/she relies for assistance

Fixed Penalty Notices

Anyone in breach of the above may be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN), which offers the person to whom it was issued the opportunity of discharging any liability to conviction for the offence by payment to the council.

The full proposal can be viewed [online](#). All representations will be considered before any final decision is made.

Any representations concerning the proposed renewal of the Public Space Protection Order should be made in writing to:

North West Leicestershire District Council,
Environmental Protection Team,
PO Box 11051,
Coalville, LE67 0FW.

Or via [e-mail](#)

The closing date for any representations is Wednesday 21 February 2023.

Funding



LEVELLING UP

[UKSPF Community Grant](#)

Thank you to everyone who submitted an application for the second round of the UK-SPF Community Grant funding. We received 24 applications from across the district and most applicants have now been given feedback. The Year 2 funding will open on 2nd April – Please get in touch if you would like to discuss any project ideas and whether they might meet the criteria for funding. Email us at: grants@nwleicestershire.gov.uk.



Zero Carbon Grants

As part of our Zero Carbon commitment, we are offering Zero Carbon Grants of £50 to £500 each for environmentally-focused community projects across the district. These are simple projects that make a big impact and are open to groups and organisations, including parish councils. Match funding of £50 to £500 is required; this needs to be cash as opposed to in-kind funding.



Please see January's Funding Bulletin with a list of grants and funding opportunities.

This document can also be accessed via the [Leicestershire Communities website](#).

You can also find details of a range of other grants and funding opportunities via the Government's [Find A Grant](#) service.

Empowering Local Communities

This Asda Foundation grant opened on 15 January and offers between £400 and £1,600 for community projects. Applications need to have the endorsement of an Asda Community Champion. Deadline for applications is 1 March. Please help to promote this useful grant fund to local groups within your area who need support for local projects, events, sports' kit, volunteering training, etc.

