

# PARISH NEWSLETTER



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## Recycling Container Review



We're reviewing how we collect recycling from households.

Three options are being explored to replace the current boxes and bags, and we'd like to hear people's thoughts.

A [survey](#) is available for residents to give their views until Sunday 14 April.

[Find out more and complete the survey](#)

## Plastic Bags/Wrapping Recycling Trial

We're getting ready to trial recycling collections of plastic bags and wrapping.

From Wednesday 13 March, around 6,500 households in Coalville, Greenhill and some rural areas will receive fortnightly collections of plastics such as:

- Plastic bags
- Crisp packets
- Chocolate and sweet wrappers
- Bubble wrap and cling film
- Baby/pet food pouches

Residents involved in the trial will receive leaflets in the post with more information.



[Read more about the trial.](#)

## Planning Training

Would you benefit from some planning training? Dylan Jones, Planning and Development Team Manager, will be delivering a bespoke training session for town and parish councils on Monday 18 March, 6pm, Abbey Room, Stenson House, Coalville.

The session will cover the following topics:

- What is Planning?
- Role of the parish or town council as consultees
- What is controlled by planning?
- What are the types of planning applications and the differences?
- What are material and non-material planning considerations?
- Parish council recommendation - what should a response look like and include?
- Planning conditions

Please email [Community Focus](#) to register your interest.

## Local Plan Consultation

A quick reminder that the [public consultation on the Draft North West Leicestershire Local Plan \(2020 - 2040\)](#) will close at 11.59pm on Sunday 17 March 2024.

There are three consultation documents:

- Proposed Policies for Consultation
- Proposed Housing and Employment Allocations for Consultation
- Proposed Limits to Development for Consultation

Please [email](#) with any queries you have.

## Neighbourhood Plans

Plans are progressing well for two more parishes within North West Leicestershire.

[The Lockington cum Hemington Neighbourhood Plan](#) referendum was held at the end of January. A positive result was achieved and the plan will now be adopted.

[The Long Whatton and Diseworth Neighbourhood Plan](#) is currently out for consultation for six weeks, ending on Monday 25 March. Drop-in sessions are being organised for Friday 1 and Friday 8 March.



## Flood Compensation

So far we have received Storm Henk compensation claims for 29 residential and 3 business properties. However, we know there will be more affected residents and businesses out there, so please help to spread the word about [Government compensation](#).

Deadline for applications is Thursday 28 March.



- Community Recovery Grant - £500 for immediate recovery costs
- Council Tax Discount - 100% Council Tax relief for at least three months
- Business Recovery Grant - £2,500 to help return to business as usual
- Business Rates Relief - 100% relief for at least three months

## Puppy Parents Wanted!



Canine Partners is a registered charity that assists people with disabilities to enjoy a greater independence and quality of life through the provision of specially trained dogs. Located between Osgathorpe and Belton, Canine Partners trains amazing assistance dogs to transform the lives of people living disability. They help boost their confidence and independence as well as providing unique companionship. The dogs are taught a range of tasks that will give essential support to their partner, including picking up and fetching items, opening doors and helping with dressing and undressing.

Puppy Parent volunteers help offer the best start in life to puppies training to assist disabled people. The role is rewarding, fulfilling and fun. To find out more about becoming a Puppy Parent volunteer for Canine Partners, please visit the Canine Partners [website](#) or [email](#) them for further information.

## Dot Gov Dot UK

Leicestershire & Rutland Association of Local Councils (LRALC) is reminding every town and parish council that they should have a [.pc.gov.uk domain name](#).

Some councils might not previously have put these in place due to cost or perceived difficulty in setting up. The Cabinet Office has taken away both of those issues by launching the Parish Council Domains Helper Service, formerly known as the Small Organisation Helper Service.

Cabinet Office funding is available to help and there will be a series of online sessions available throughout 2024. You can find further details and [register your interest](#) or [email](#) Parish Helper Service for further support.

## Ashby Hopper Bus

Stuart Benson, BID Manager for Ashby Business Improvement District, is keen to gain local residents' views on a potential daytime Hopper Bus service for the town. This would run from the surrounding housing estates to the town centre. If you have Ashby connections, please fill in the survey [here](#).



## Communities Network

 Leicestershire County Council is organising a face-to-face [Communities Network Summit](#) where Community Network members will get an opportunity to listen to a panel of experts on the importance of overall Health and Wellbeing. The session will be held at County Hall on Monday 18 March, with tea, coffee and networking from 5.30pm, event starts at 6pm. You will need to [sign your organisation up](#) as a Communities Network member first.

## Digital Inclusion Survey

Leicester and Leicestershire Economic Partnership (LLEP) invites you to share your views on digital inclusion by filling in a [short survey](#) about current issues and challenges being faced locally. The survey closes on Sunday 17 March.

## Start a Conversation

The ['Start a Conversation'](#) campaign aims to raise awareness of mental health and suicide prevention throughout communities across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

You might wish to become a champion and/or make a pledge of support.

There are [lots of resources](#) available to download and you can request physical copies of certain resources.



## Funding

### [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.



### [Green Living Leicestershire Home Upgrade Grant](#)

This scheme aims to improve the warmth and comfort of homes that do not have mains-gas heating, whilst also reducing energy bills, carbon emissions and levels of fuel poverty. Eligible households could receive free energy efficiency improvements or clean heating (such as air source heat pumps) for their homes, following a home assessment.



### [National Lottery Funding](#)

Did you know that town and parish councils can apply for funding from the National Lottery? Current funding programmes include:

- [National Lottery Awards for All England](#)
- [Reaching Communities England](#)
- [Partnerships](#)
- [#iwill Fund](#)
- [Awards from the UK Portfolio](#)
- [The UK Fund](#)

Use the [Search All Grants](#) function to check out successful town/parish projects for a little inspiration. Select the 'Public Sector - Parish Council' option as the Organisation type.

### [Community Ownership Fund](#)



This Government fund is to help communities across the UK to take ownership of assets/properties at risk of closure. Capital grants of up to £250,000 and revenue grants of up to £50,000 are available. Parish and town councils can also apply. Expressions of interest can be submitted at any time. If successful, applicants will be invited to submit a full application. The programme will run until March 2025.