

# PARISH NEWSLETTER



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## General Election 4 July

The Local Government Association has produced a [guide](#) with advice and guidance on the publicity restrictions that should be observed by local authorities during the election period.

Please note that the district of North West Leicestershire is now covered by [two parliamentary constituencies](#) - North West Leicestershire and Hinckley and Bosworth. This means that some people in North West Leicestershire will cast their votes in a different constituency during the general election on Thursday 4 July.

Following a review of parliamentary boundaries, voters in Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe, and Appleby wards will now vote within the Hinckley and Bosworth constituency. Settlements who will now fall under Hinckley & Bosworth are:

- Appleby Magna
- Chilcote
- Snarestone
- Sweystone
- Newton Burgoland
- Donisthorpe
- Oakthorpe
- Acresford

Electors' poll cards will tell them where to go to vote and polling stations may be the same as for previous elections. Everyone needs to remember to bring photo I.D. to the polling station if you're voting in person.

For election administration and enquiries, including eligibility and appropriate forms of I.D., residents can find further information on the [elections' webpage](#) or can contact the elections' team at [North West Leicestershire District Council](#) – 01530 454512.

## Green Shoots Open until 1 September

The [Green Shoots scheme](#) opened for new applications on Monday 3 June and will close on Sunday 1 September.

Green Shoots grants are available to constituted community groups and parish councils to help communities brighten up their areas in spring.

The following bulb varieties are available to order this year:



- Spring bulb mixture comprising of Crocus Large Flowered mixed, Tulip Rainbow mixed, Daffodil & Narcissi mixed
- Long Season bulb mixture comprising of Snowdrops, Crocus, Narcissi, Tulips, Mixed Alliums
- Individual bulb species including Daffodils, Crocus, Tulips, Narcissi, Snowdrops

With parish and town councils not meeting during August now is the time to ensure the item is listed on the July agenda. We wouldn't want you to miss out!

## North West Leicestershire Mental Health Café Hopper

Provided by MRC Community Action

We want those that need mental health support to access our local neighbourhood cafés, but we know that sometimes just getting there can be difficult.

This is where the NWL Mental Health Café Hopper can help!

The service is available on Tuesdays, and you can either call on the day before 4pm, or book up to a week in advance

Call 01530 510515 or 01530 512456 to arrange.



## Love Your Neighbourhood

It's not too late to arrange an event for the Love Your Neighbourhood Weekend of Action. The grant scheme is now closed, however event registration is still open and closes at 5pm on Friday 5 July 2024.

The campaign is about bringing people together to make environmental improvements across the district. So far we have 23 events happening across the district with a total of 855 volunteer hours pledged during the weekend.

The district council is encouraging, residents, community groups, parish and town councils, schools and other not-for-profit organisations to deliver community events during the [Weekend of Action](#) on Saturday 6 July and Sunday 7 July. So please spread the word and register, it would be great to reach 1000 hours of action.

**LOVE YOUR  
NEIGHBOURHOOD**

## Leicestershire Highway Design Guide

[The Leicestershire Highways Design](#)



[Guide \(LHDG\)](#) deals with highways and transportation infrastructure for new developments in areas for which Leicestershire County Council is the highway authority.

The LHDG is now being reviewed and LCC are seeking [views](#) on the draft documents, which will be considered before being published later this year.

## Focus On Download 2024

Download, one of the biggest music festivals in the UK, happened last weekend with 75,000 people on site at Donington Park, braving the rain and mud.



You will be aware of the issues around traffic congestion and noise disturbance which happened during Download in 2023.

NWLDC staff conducted an investigation into these complaints after last year's festival, and whilst it was found that there hadn't been a breach of the licence conditions, there were lessons to be learned.

NWLDC worked with the event organisers to make sure that local



communities, including parish councils, were able to input into planning for the 2024 event, with a major emphasis on getting the traffic management right. Thank you to all the local parish clerks and councillors who gave up their time to help with this.



We are pleased to say that there was no repeat of the traffic issues experienced in

2023. We are yet to receive final figures from the event organiser and this will be shared at the full debrief which will be held with stakeholders.

Throughout the weekend district council teams - Licensing, Environmental Health and Environmental Protection teams - were on site ensuring that bars were inspected, taxis managed, food hygiene inspections carried out, camp sites inspected and noise monitoring recorded. Delivering a successful event is only possible through planning and working with all partner agencies and stakeholders.

## Grants Alert

### Co-op Local Community Fund




The Local Community Fund supports projects in Co-op members' communities that help to create Sustainable Futures for People and our Planet. There will be £6,000 to share between three local causes in each community. Please share with not-for-profit groups that need funding to deliver a specific project that benefits the local community. Applications must be submitted by midnight on 7 July 2024.

### Zero Carbon Grants \*NOW £1000\*

You can now apply for a Zero Carbon grant from £50 to £1000 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 £1000 is required; this needs to be cash as opposed to in-kind funding.

This is great news if you are planning a larger environmental project and we hope to fund some exciting projects.

## Civility & Respect Project

An article from NALC  states that throughout the sector, there are growing concerns about the impact bullying, harassment, and intimidation are having on local (parish and town) councils, councillors, clerks and council staff and the resulting effectiveness of local councils. The National Association of Local Councils (NALC), One Voice Wales, the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) and county associations have responded to this by setting up a Civility and Respect Working Group to oversee the Civility and Respect Project.

The Civility and Respect Pledge is being introduced because there is no place for bullying, harassment and intimidation within our sector. The pledge is easy for councils to sign up for and it will enable councils to demonstrate that they are committed to standing up to poor behaviour across our sector and to driving through positive changes which support civil and respectful conduct. Check out who has signed up in NWL.

## Net Zero Week 6 - 12 July 2024

### Solar Together

Leicestershire - buying solar panels and battery storage made easy.



The 2024 scheme launched on 17 June - you can register now on the Solar Together page.

Having your own solar panels and battery storage to power your home with clean energy can be a smart investment. We are pleased to be working in partnership with councils across the county, together with iChoosr Ltd, to bring the Solar Together offer to you, giving the opportunity to generate your own clean electricity.

By installing solar panels and producing renewable electricity for your home, you will be playing your part to help us achieve our Zero Carbon Roadmap ambition of a net Zero Carbon district by 2050. Find out more and register.

### HERO - Home Energy Retrofit Offer

Eligible residents living in energy inefficient homes can receive tailored support via home visits to access grant funding or assess their homes to identify suitable improvements.



The scheme aims to support residents to have the knowledge and confidence to improve homes, affordable warmth and cut carbon emissions. The service will be promoting retrofit of homes and providing advice at events across the county through to March 2025.

To find out more visit the HERO webpage or telephone the Warm Homes service on 0116 305 2524.

### Green Living Leicestershire - Home Upgrade Grant



The Home Upgrade Grant is administered by the County Council's Warm Homes service together with YES Energy Solutions and can provide homeowners and private tenants with fully funded energy efficiency measures improving the warmth and comfort of homes, whilst also reducing energy bills, carbon emissions and levels of fuel poverty across the county.