

PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Chewing Over Grant Success!

After successfully applying for a grant of £7,200, the NWLDC are putting plans in place to reduce gum littering and remove chewing gum from the district's streets.



The council is one of 54 across the country to have successfully applied for funding from the Chewing Gum Task Force, administered by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy.

The money will be used to purchase specialist gum removal equipment, with signage reminding people to bin their gum also provided as part of the grant agreement.

Monitoring and evaluation carried out by Behaviour Change – a not-for-profit social enterprise – has shown that in areas that benefitted from the first year of funding, a reduced rate of gum littering was still being observed six months after clean-up and the installation of signage.

As part of the application we have provided evidence of areas across the district adversely impacted by chewing gum being discarded on the street. These areas must be tackled first as part of the grant agreement, however once this has been completed there will be an opportunity for the district council to tackle other areas of the district.

At this time we will reach out to parishes for information on your own hot spot areas, if they haven't already been attended too, of course as part of the grant project schedule.

The VAL Awards 2024 Final Call

Voluntary Action LeicesterShire (VAL) want you to nominate the individuals and voluntary organisations that you feel have made a difference.



The awards are a chance to celebrate and recognise the charities and community groups who make such a huge difference to people's lives across Leicester and Leicestershire.

Enter your nomination into one of this year's categories:

- County Charity of the Year
- Social Enterprise of the Year
- Volunteer-Led Organisation of the Year
- Trustee of the Year
- Kathryn Burgess Volunteer of the Year
- Inspiring Leader of the Year
- Fundraiser of the Year
- Charity & Business Partnership of the Year

Nominations close on Wednesday 31 July, 4pm. [Click here](#) to nominate, it would be great to have a winner in North west Leicestershire.

Local buses this summer

Operators in the Leicestershire Bus Partnership have a range of group day tickets from just £8 and adult single fares remain capped at £2 until 31 December 2024, meaning there's lots to explore with little cost. Check out the handy [summer by bus page](#).

Green Shoots Reminder

There's only 33 days to go until we close applications for the very popular [Green Shoots scheme](#).



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! **Deadline 1 September 2024.**

Play Equipment Repairs

Worthington Parish Council is seeking recommendations from other councils for companies which are able to effect repairs on playground equipment following a RoSPA report.

Having contacted three companies, we have thus far only had one response. Please contact the parish clerk at clerk@worthingtonpc.org.uk

Castle Donington Hub School Uniform Swap

For the second year running the [School Uniform Swap Shop](#) is across the district supporting many families

School uniform
swap shop



Castle Donington Parish Council is one of the [14 venues](#) running this great project again this year, however throughout the year they continue the Swap Shop sessions at Castle Donington Community Hub for families to access free uniform, whenever they need it. This is so useful to parents and guardians for those unexpected growth spurts!



Huge thank you to Castle Donington Parish Council for all the hard work through the summer and rest of the year.

Housing Community Days

Over the next few weeks our Housing team will be hosting [pop-up events](#) across the district. Housing residents will have an opportunity to speak to their Housing Officers, Repairs team, Resident involvement and pick up useful information about services.

Measham Robins Nest

2 August 2024, 10am – 2pm

Ibstock Church View

23 August 2024, 10am – 12noon

Children can be entertained with lawn games while residents talk to officers about damp and mould, discuss and report repairs and pick up information on our bulky waste collection service.



Grants and Opportunities

[East Midlands Airport](#)

is committed to supporting local communities by investing in their colleagues. They encourage all their colleagues to take part in community volunteering opportunities and they allow them to take some time out of their working day to do so. They recognise that volunteering is beneficial to both their business and the community, with community members seeing support for their project, and colleagues feeling motivated and engaged.



If you have a project that needs support please [email](#) East Midlands Airport.

[Zero Carbon Grants](#) *ARE NOW UP TO £1000*

You can now apply for a Zero Carbon grant from £50 to £1000. This is great news if you are planning a larger environmental, carbon reducing project and we hope to fund some exciting projects.

Match funding of £50 to £1000 is required; this needs to be cash as opposed to in-kind funding.

UKSPF Round 4

Round 4 of the

[UKSPF Grant](#) will

open on Monday 5

August and close Friday 25 October and we would encourage you to get in touch to discuss any potential project ideas before embarking on the application process so that we can provide advice and support.

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Summary of Applications for 2024/25

So far for 2024/2025 we have received a total of 22 applications. 11 of those have been approved, 8 were unsuccessful, 2 are still pending and 1 has been withdrawn.

Total awarded: £46,220,98

Total overall value of projects:

£102,771.88

Please email:

grants@nwleicestershire.gov.uk

Car Cruising Ban Extended

A new three-year order has been [approved by cabinet](#) on Tuesday, as a proactive way of tackling car cruising.

Dangerous driving such as racing and blocking roads, as well as noise disturbance and littering linked to car cruising, has been a particular problem in Castle Donington for several years.

In 2021, a public spaces protection order (PSPO) was approved, only banning drivers in a specific part of Castle Donington. This has now been expanded to cover a larger area.

The order will help North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC) issue warning letters and advice notices and help Leicestershire Police issue fixed penalty fines to nuisance drivers across the whole of Castle Donington. It also covers parts of Hemmington.

Leicestershire Police will carry out patrols – however, a new CCTV camera and ANPR technology, funded by NWLDC, mean that officers won't need to be present to enforce the order.

Councillor Michael Wyatt, Portfolio Holder for Communities and Climate Change at NWLDC, said: "We are committed to ensuring the safety of our community and this order not only tackles dangerous driving but also targets littering and noise disturbance.

"Expanding the car cruising ban across Castle Donington demonstrates our proactive approach to tackling this issue.

"With the support of advanced technology and collaboration with Leicestershire Police, we can effectively enforce this order and maintain the quality of life for our residents."

