

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL'S TOWN AND PARISH UPDATE

Tuesday October 8, 2019

Come and 'Love Cotgrave' on October 24!



A dedicated autumn clear-up will 'Love Cotgrave' later this month, committed to further sprucing parts of the town up and we and fellow partners are appealing for local residents' help.

Volunteers are being sought to join the effort to make the streets sparkle in Ringleas, Rivermead and Lawrence Close in the town during local schools' half-term on Thursday October 24 from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

All will receive a free one-session swimming pass from Lex Leisure at Cotgrave Leisure Centre as a thank you for their efforts.

Our Neighbourhoods team, VIA East Midlands, Streetwise, Cotgrave Town Council and Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing will also be replacing street fittings and furniture, litter picking, sweeping up, de-weeding, re-planting and ensuring gardens, verges, street signs and bus stops are up to scratch.

Anyone who wishes to get involved can email clerk@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk or call 0115 989 3876 to get involved or meet on the day at the town's leisure centre on Woodview at 9am.

A community event will also take place at the Leisure Centre from 10am to 12.30pm on the same day when the Town Council and our Community Safety and Recycling2Go teams will be on hand to give tips and advice and answer any questions.

Car parking consultation



We are currently updating our parking orders that legally define how we can carry out enforcement activities in our car parks.

At present a number of our car parks do have parking orders but others do not, so we are now carrying out a consultation process which can be viewed [here](#). Views can be submitted until 2pm on Sunday October 20.

Planning Inspectorate grant planning consent for new crematorium



The Planning Inspectorate has granted planning consent for plans for a new crematorium based at Stragglethorpe near Cotgrave.

Our planning committee had initially turned down proposals for the site in March based on Main Road in the village but developers Mercia Crematoria Developments saw a successful appeal against refusal awarded on September 24.

Our Leader Cllr Simon Robinson said: "The

Planning Inspectorate's decision means we will now work with the developer to evaluate the situation and sensitively consider the next steps.

"We are aware of the feelings of local councillors and some of our local communities on the potential new site.

"The Cabinet will consider the best way forward with regard to the Council's involvement in any future crematorium in the Borough.

"We have highlighted the need for additional facilities in Rushcliffe for residents dealing with family bereavement but equally we understand the concerns raised to date around location. We will be engaging with Mercia over the next few weeks to understand their plans more fully."

Gotham Neighbourhood Plan Referendum dates announced



The timetable for the Gotham Neighbourhood Planning Referendum has been announced following its passing at Full Council last month.

The deadline for applications to be included on the register of electors in order to vote is Tuesday 29 October and the deadline for requests for a new postal vote or to change or cancel an existing postal vote or proxy appointment is a day later on October 30.

Polling day will be on Thursday 14 November and the verification and counting of votes will take place at Gotham Memorial Hall at 10pm that day.

Bunny Improvement Group launched following Tour of Britain



Cost-saving repairs have been made in Bunny thanks to the voluntary work of members of the village's Improvement Group.

Last year the Tour of Britain cycle race passed through the village and residents worked together to welcome more than 100 riders and their back-up crews by decking out Loughborough Road with yellow bicycles and wooden bunnies.

The group is a legacy of that day and currently more than 25 villagers have been involved in the restoration of planters, a picnic bench on the village green and the maintenance and painting of eight public benches throughout the village.

The walls and paths around the churchyard have been weeded and years of moss has been removed from between the stone setts at the Village Hall and the Green.

The Parish Council is currently looking at the question of insurance cover from their own insurances for the volunteers.

Mr Pete Pearson from the Improvement Group and a former parish councillor on the village, says the work has taken more than 150 hours to complete at a cost of just over £400, paid from village funds.

He said: "Put this against a quote of over £800 for the repairs of one planter and the picnic bench and you can see that BIG (Bunny Improvement Group) is providing a valuable service to the community.

"Everyone has a great feeling of satisfaction from doing this work, engaging with others and admiring a job well done."

The group is continuing with its tidy-up plans including the small green at the end of Main Street and the walls along Loughborough Road and the possibility of undertaking some work within the village hall is also to be considered.

Parish clerk Mike Elliott says the council have said they are happy to meet the incidental costs of materials of the volunteers, acknowledging they are saving the parishioners higher costs that would otherwise be placed on council tax requirements.

Have your say on Street Trading Policy



We are seeking views on refreshing our Street Trading Policy which outlines the approach to those wishing to sell goods on the street in the Borough.

The policy outlines the rules to food and souvenir licensing functions that currently only applies to those trading in and around The City Ground and Trent Bridge Cricket Ground and the major roads in the Borough.

It is now our intention to widen the control to all parts of the Borough to further protect the environment, including reviewing businesses' use of single use plastics when trading on the street and include a minimum rating for food hygiene regulations for food vendors.

More information on the policy is available at bit.ly/StreetTradingPolicy and all are invited to submit their views by emailing licensing@rushcliffe.gov.uk until October 21.

The views received will be considered and the policy submitted to the Licensing Committee on November 13.

Taxi Licensing Policy review



We are seeking views on renewing our Taxi Licensing Policy that aims to maximise the safety of residents and members of the public when taking a journey.

Although the current policy is not due for renewal until 2022, changes to legislation have required alterations to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire rules.

These include safeguarding refresher training for drivers so they can spot potential issues, greater protection for assistance dogs users and disabled users when using vehicles and the sharing of information to assist clean air zones and air quality.

More information on the policy is available at bit.ly/TaxiLicensingPolicy and all are invited to submit their views by emailing licensing@rushcliffe.gov.uk until Monday October 21.

The views received will be considered and the policy submitted to the Licensing Committee on November 13.

Forest request planning advice



We confirmed receipt of a submission from Nottingham Forest last week, requesting advice on a potential future planning application.

Our Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Housing Cllr Roger Upton said: "The Council has now received a submission from Nottingham Forest requesting our opinion whether a potential future planning application would need to be supported by an Environmental Impact Assessment.

"This is a public document but not a planning application and we will now advise the club accordingly if an assessment is required.

"Forest play an integral part of life here in Rushcliffe and we wish to work with them on how best to realise their ambitions for their potential ground improvements.

"Any further specific planning submissions will of course be subject to an independent planning process once any further documents are received."

The above image is an artist's impression the club publicised when they announced their potential plans earlier this year.

Over 40 music acts appear at East Leake Live



East Leake Live once again delivered with over 40 acts providing a wonderful standard of mixed musical genres.

All four village pubs, St Mary's Church, the Methodist Church, the village centre and the East Leake Bowls Club all hosted musicians, bands, poets, writers, artists and dancers for the appreciative audiences that attended over the weekend of September 6,7 and 8.

Cllr Lesley Way said: "From folk to rock, indie to soul, bands, individual acoustic artists, clog and line dancers, an art exhibition and our very own opera – all washed down with our own East Leake Live Ale served across all the pubs over the weekend helped create a fantastic atmosphere.

"A big thank you to The Pub People Company who once again supplied posters publicising our event and a professional programme for the weekend, which were on sale in all the pubs and from The Greengrocers leading up to the event.

"The proceeds from programme sales (just £2 each) along with 50p from every pint of East Leake Ale sold in all four pubs went back to the performers, many who had travelled from across the East Midlands and beyond to entertain us.

“Big thanks to the organisers Russ Sheard, Tori Sheard, Simon Ackroyd, Rich Mould, Sam Roper and Mel Roper.

“Special thanks to all those volunteers who helped out, the pub landlords and their staff, to everyone that attended and above all, the fantastic performers and musicians whose talents made the weekend so special.

“Date for your diaries next year is the 4, 5 and 6 September 2020 – the fourth East Leake Live, so don't miss it!”

Taxi checks to keep passengers safe



Our licensing team have joined partners recently on multi-agency exercises to make taxi checks and ensure passenger safety is maximised.

Operations at East Midlands Airport on September 20 and at our shared depot on London Road in Nottingham a week later saw us join colleagues from Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottinghamshire Police, the Driving Vehicle Standards Agency, Gedling Borough Council and Wolverhampton City Council to

make the random inspections.

135 vehicles were stopped at the Airport with six drivers given prohibition notices for issues such as tyre defects, vehicle offence reports were made for infringements such as faulty headlights and one vehicle with no insurance was immediately seized.

The latter operation saw a Rushcliffe licensed driver issued with an immediate prohibition notice for being found with a defective tyre, no driver's badge on display and no rubber on their brake pedal.

35 other vehicles from across others districts were checked with one vehicle found to have a cut in a tyre and another with two defective tyres and given immediate suspensions.

Other infringements for a defective headlight, a defective side light, a failure to display a drivers badge and dash badge, having no rear plate, worn suspension linkage and worn brakes were also found.

A further driver's badge was witnessed to have expired in May 2019, with subsequent false documentation given to his operator Uber and an investigation will now follow.

Corporate Strategy 2019 - 2023 launched



We have published our new Corporate Strategy for 2019 – 2023 after it was passed at our Full Council meeting in September.

The Strategy sets out the overall direction we are planning to take over the next few years and includes a Corporate Strategy Action Plan, highlighting projects we are committed to, which fall within our four priorities - quality of life, efficient services, sustainable growth and the environment.

View the strategy on our website [here](#).

Have your say on potential new Cotgrave Country Park Run



We're working closely with partners on a potential new Park Run for Cotgrave based at its Country Park.

Nottinghamshire County Council, the Friends of Cotgrave Country Park and Parkrun who coordinate the events nationally are keen to hear more on those who would be interested in attending or volunteering.

They also wish to listen to any concerns or feedback on the event that could feature at the park once a week.

Please complete this short survey to give us your views:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8SMVDYJ>

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