

THE RUDD

Exciting news about volunteering in Ruddington HelpMyStreet Ruddington launching soon

Despite lockdown easing during the summer months, the team behind the Ruddington Covid-19 Mutual Aid Group, supported by the Parish Council and Ruddington Village Centre Partnership (RVCP), have been working on a way to build on the amazing enthusiasm of the 250+ people who volunteered to help in the village with prescription collections, shopping, meal deliveries, telephone support and many other tasks.



The result of this is a new web based platform which will make volunteering in Ruddington simple, safe and effective for everyone. Volunteers can sign up, have their ID verified and identify the tasks and locations they're able to offer

help with. Individuals, or someone on their behalf, will be able to log in and request help, or telephone the Parish Council office to ask for help, and the outline of the request is then made available to all volunteers and when one accepts the task, they'll get full details and can arrange the help that's required.



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This platform will ensure continued support is available to residents throughout the coming months as the current Covid-19 pandemic continues, but will also provide a longer term facility for the community to use to request and offer help. For example, when additional helpers are required at a local community event, or a community litter pick is being arranged, or if you're taken ill and can't get out to shop for essentials.

This new service is expected to be launched at the Ruddington Village Market on Saturday 3rd October – come along to the RVCP gazebo to find out more. Or, visit www.HelpMyStreet.org/Ruddington where you can see more details and sign up to support your community by volunteering to help. If you have questions, there's a lot of useful information here <https://www.helpmystreet.org/questions> or you can email ruddington@helpmystreet.org.

We were overwhelmed by the amazing response from so many volunteers and once again we would like to thank everyone who has helped via the Ruddington Covid-19 Mutual Aid group.

We look forward to seeing volunteering in Ruddington continue for many years to come.

Sue Matthews, RVCP

Incredible Edible

The Parish Council has agreed to the launch of a new scheme in the village which will let residents use some marginal areas of Council-owned land to grow edible plants.



Incredible Edible is a popular movement whereby local residents take over unused or forgotten pieces of land and improve them by planting edible attractions. From its inception, Incredible Edible sought to show how ordinary people can transform their own landscapes and turn disused plots into abundant sources of healthy food.

After a group of interested local residents approached the Council, it's been agreed that the scheme can go ahead in Ruddington. The Parish Council has a number of different pieces of land that may be suitable for creating 'growing patches,' such as Churchill Open Space, the planters on Elms Park and other open spaces owned by the Parish Council. So watch these spaces! To find out more about Incredible Edible, please visit www.incredibleedible.org.uk.

Have your say on local council services



At Nottinghamshire County Council, we believe the time is now right for us to change local government in Nottinghamshire for the better.

We believe that the current structure of 8 separate councils is both wasteful and confusing and that a system of unitary local government for our county will make your public services better, simpler to access and would save taxpayers money.

Following agreement at Policy Committee, the Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council has now written a letter to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government seeking a formal invitation to submit proposals.

To ensure our proposals are right we want to know what you think about the future of local council services in Nottinghamshire, and how you feel they could best serve you, your family, your community and your county for the future.

To have your say simply follow [this link](#) to our dedicated website where you can read an information document before clicking on the button to complete the short survey. The survey closes on Monday 19th October 2020.

Asher Lane parking restrictions

The Parish Council will be objecting to proposals put forward to impose parking restrictions around the Asher Lane area of the village. The proposals are a result of the forthcoming housing development and the planning conditions that were imposed on the developers.

Via East Midlands, who are acting on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC), are proposing to introduce 'No Waiting at any Time' (double yellow lines) restrictions along Asher Lane and around the junctions of Distillery Street, Top Road and Musters Road.

The Parish Council will be objecting to the proposals and offering an alternative solution as the proposals will have a negative impact on around 20 properties on Asher Lane in particular, as many residents have no alternative but to park on the street.

The consultation is open until October 9th 2020 and can be viewed at consult.nottinghamshire.gov.uk

New crossing on Loughborough Road

As a result of the new housing development off Loughborough Road, there will be a new Toucan crossing built at the roundabout that currently gives access to Rushcliffe Business Park.

The carriageways will be widened and new footways and cycleways built to facilitate access into the new development for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.



In addition, Via East Midlands, working on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council, are planning to install extra safety measures including new white lining, anti-skid surfaces and a new refuge island for the Toucan crossing.

There will also be tree works, upgraded street lighting, new sewers and improved surface water drainage in the area.

The works are due to take place between September 2020 and March 2021, so please expect some traffic disruption in the area for the next few months.

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Online Arthritis Action groups

Arthritis Action Groups are an opportunity for people with arthritis to talk with others and share their tips on how to manage their arthritis and stay active whilst at home, and we actively welcome new attendees.

In our online meetings, which we hold using Zoom, we discuss a variety of self management techniques.

Participants will need to contact us directly for the log in instructions for the meeting, and we have produced “How To” guides for those not familiar with using Zoom.

- Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire: 2pm 8 October, 2pm 19 November
- Stoke-on-Trent & Staffordshire: 2pm 1 October, 2pm 12 November
- Midlands evening groups: 6pm 15 October, 6pm 26 November

For joining details, please see www.arthritisaction.org.uk/media-centre/events.

Ruth Smith

One way system proposed

Proposals have been put forward to introduce a temporary one way traffic system in Ruddington, to help support economic recovery in the wake of Covid-19. In these unprecedented times, the Highways Authority are willing to consider changes to road layouts and the following alterations have been proposed for Ruddington:

- A one way system, clockwise around The Green, Church Street and High Street
- A 20mph speed limit within the village centre
- Additional, on-street, unlimited waiting parking bays on The Green



The measures would be introduced through a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO). As part of

this work, new lines would be marked on site and new signs erected. Nottinghamshire County Council would review the scheme during its operation.

The consultation period for this scheme has now closed and we await the outcome with great interest.

Ruddington Diary

Due to the ongoing situation with Covid-19, there is no diary for this month. We suggest you contact event organisers or check social media pages to find out more about what's happening. The [Ruddington Mums Facebook page](#) and [RUDDINGTON.info](#) are two useful sources of information.

We urge residents to follow Government advice by following social distancing guidelines and wearing face coverings where required, such as in shops and when using public transport.

Please also note the new requirement to wear a face covering in pubs and restaurants at all times when you aren't seated.

NB. *The 2020 Ruddington Christmas Market and Fayre, due to take place on Saturday 28th November, has been cancelled. There will still be a market held on the first Saturday of each month.*

Ruddington Craft Group



Ruddington Craft Group usually meets on the first and third Monday mornings each month.

However with the current government restrictions only allowing groups of 6 people to meet together, it is not possible for us to resume our sessions at the moment.

We will keep monitoring the situation and will start up again as soon as we are able.

Christine Gibson

Crime figures for Ruddington

For August 2020, these were as follow:

- 5 x criminal damage
- 3 x burglary
- 6 x theft from shop
- 3 x theft from vehicle

For crime prevention advice, please visit www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice.

Celebrating Rushcliffe Awards

Residents and groups in Rushcliffe are being asked to acknowledge their unsung community, business and health heroes in the Borough Council's community accolades, the Celebrating Rushcliffe Awards. But hurry – voting closes on Monday 5th October!

In conjunction with media partner West Bridgford Wire, the awards will celebrate the Borough's wonderful volunteers, businesses, clubs, organisations, environmentalists and the best of its health and wellbeing and food and drink sectors, mindful of the impact Covid-19 has had on every part of the community and local enterprise.

Nominations for the 10 awards are now open at this link: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CRAAs2020.

Winners will be announced and celebrated in a ceremony to be confirmed later this year.

Rushcliffe Borough Council's Deputy Leader Cllr Debbie Mason said: "The Celebrating Rushcliffe Awards will highlight some of the outstanding individuals and organisations who play their part in ensuring the Borough is a great place and reflect on the incredible roles so many people have played in responding to the pandemic.

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"We are aware of the unprecedented personal, business and community challenges everyone has faced in recent times but are so inspired by the diversity and spirit our communities have shown.

"This year's awards will in part focus on these incredible efforts and responses, whilst understanding any celebration will still very much be with those affected by the pandemic in mind.

"Please nominate your community heroes and next year we hope to bring back the sports categories once our sports clubs and athletes return to playing sport competitively across the Borough."

Last year Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust's "Keeping it Wild" scooped the Young Environmentalist or Group of the Year accolade at the awards for its fantastic work with 13 to 25 year-olds

at Skylarks Nature Reserve in Holme Pierrepont and across the County.

People and Nature Officer Laura Bacon from the Trust said: "Winning the award last year was a wonderful acknowledgement of all the hard work our young people and teams have dedicated to our sites in conserving our natural habitats.

"I would encourage everyone to nominate their community hero for a Celebrating Rushcliffe Award so they too can honour those who spread such warmth and community spirit to people through local projects and efforts."

The award categories are:

Volunteer of the Year

This award recognises the countless hours and dedication that volunteers make to the community of Rushcliffe. They may be an individual or group and those who have stepped forward to assist others before or during Covid-19. This award recognises the countless hours and dedication that volunteers make to the community of Rushcliffe. They may be an individual or group.

Business of the Year

This award is to recognise a Rushcliffe business that helps to support the local community. This could be through employing local people,

growing their business, employing apprentices or work experience or putting profit back into the Borough.

In recent times, this business may have gone the extra mile to help their community during Covid-19 or those who have adapted their business to deliver a local service.

Young Person/Group of the Year

An individual or group who sets an example to others in their community or being an excellent role model for other young people to emulate.

Community Group of the Year

This award recognises a new or established group who has stepped up and supported their local community during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Get Active Award

An individual, group or organisation who has supported people to become or stay active during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Food and Drink Establishment of the Year

Recognising a fantastic outlet who provide quality, provenance, and presentation as well as being the best place for a cuppa, sandwich, pint, pizza, or pie.

Health and Well-Being Award

Celebrating an individual's or group's tireless dedication in improving the health and wellbeing of members of their local community whether before or during Covid-19.

Environmental Group or Project of the Year

Acknowledging individuals, organisations or projects that have an impact in making Rushcliffe a "greener" place. This could include promoting nature conservation, reducing waste, improving energy efficiency, water conservation or improving quality of life for the people of the Borough.

Young Environmentalist of the Year

Celebrating an individual under 25 or group who has provided an outstanding contribution to environment or carried out an environmental project to make Rushcliffe a 'greener' place.

The Pride of Rushcliffe Award

An individual or organisation who makes others proud to live in Rushcliffe. This could be an inspirational leader, public figure, or head of a community or voluntary group who leads by example to make the Borough a better place to live and work.

“Courtyard” construction completed!

Ruddington visitors and residents now have a brand new place for village centre shopping and socialising – on the site of the former Thomas’s Greengrocers’ storage building.

Following the granting of planning permission last July, work started in November to create the chic new retail area off High Street – which has been named “The Courtyard”, and runs to the rear of existing Church Street shops.

“We just thought ‘The Courtyard’ was an apt and prestigious name” says Brian Perkins of Victoria Properties, who were behind the ambitious project.

“We are thrilled with the overall appearance of the development and believe it sits perfectly within its neighbours.

The build was completed on schedule, even with bad weather and the pandemic situation, which is a total credit to the builder Whytemac Limited,” continues Brian.

Although not all the retail units are occupied as yet, the gates opened this week to allow the customers of Philo’s Delicatessen to use their new outside seating area and also to access

Beautyworks by Lauren (the village salon run by Brian’s daughter) which has relocated and is already open for business.

There’s also a possible rear entrance to the Honeycomb Christian Charity Shop from here, should they decide to use it, along with two further new shops within the precinct and two more on High Street, next to The Bottle Top.

Additionally, two new office units and three flats are located within The Courtyard which will also soon be home to Benjamin’s Estate Agents, Jackson-Crane Architects and Zing Interiors.

Brian reveals the total cost of his development was a cool £800,000 – but believes it was money well spent!

“We are a family business from Ruddington and we have a passion for our village to flourish, thereby supporting local businesses and creating a great local environment for residents.”

He adds: “Victoria Properties Nottingham Ltd would like to thank everyone for bearing with us during our project. Hopefully we can all work together to keep Ruddington a successful and wonderful village.”

Graham Wright via RUDDINGTON.info

Track and Trace

Residents in Rushcliffe and wider Nottinghamshire are being reminded they must by law record their contact details when visiting pubs, restaurants, hairdressers, premises and venues to help track and trace cases of Coronavirus.

Businesses and other public settings where people meet socially including hospitality, close contact and leisure venues across the county are now obliged to collect the data to tackle the spread of the pandemic.

Details must be stored for 21 days and shared with NHS Test and Trace if requested. Businesses can now be fined if they fail to take specified steps to collect contact information or taking bookings for groups of more than 6 people.

Businesses and organisations had been advised to collect and share data earlier this year, with many effectively doing so.

Following the recent move to ban social gatherings of more than 6 people, the data collection programme is now law whether through using a designated QR code available for all through a smart phone or recorded in writing.

Nottinghamshire County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council are asking

residents to play their part by ensuring a member of staff at each premise always asks for details, or if they are not requested, to inform the authority by emailing envhealth@rushcliffe.gov.uk.

The contact details being recorded at each site should include:

- Name of each person in the party
- Contact number
- Date of visit
- Arrival time
- Departure time, if possible.

Jonathan Gribbin, Director of Public Health for Nottinghamshire said: “When eating out at a café, pub or restaurant, or visiting another public venue, everyone should be providing full and accurate contact details of everyone in their group.

“This NHS Test and Trace Service is important for tracking and preventing the spread of COVID-19. Businesses have a clear duty to support this service.”

Venues must also keep a record of all staff working on the premises on a given day and their contact details.

All collected data must comply with GDPR and will not be kept for longer than necessary.

Data collection should be as straightforward as possible for organisations. Each has the freedom to collect the data in a way that best suits them, either using an existing system or finding a new solution.



Businesses should also continue to follow the government's comprehensive workplace guidance with practical steps employers should take to make workplaces Covid-secure and ensure employees feel safe in their place of work.

Support for business owners in Rushcliffe is available by contacting the Borough Council via email at envhealth@rushcliffe.gov.uk or calling 0115 981 9911.

New skatepark for Ruddington

It's been announced a new skatepark will be built at Rushcliffe Country Park by next spring – to replace the current wooden structure there which is now reaching the end of its useful life.

Rushcliffe Borough Council (RBC) has advertised the contract to construct a

bespoke concrete facility, which it promises will be designed in close collaboration with the young people from our village who will use it. It's envisaged the replacement skatepark will meet the needs of future Olympic skateboarders and BMXers from Ruddington and the surrounding areas.

The planned completion date is April 2021 – when it will join other, similar, new RBC facilities including 'The Hook' skatepark at Lady Bay, which opened in May 2019, and Radcliffe-on-Trent skatepark, which opened earlier this year. It's hoped by then that the current social distancing requirements on such areas will have been relaxed.



RBC reveals the new Ruddington skatepark will have "...a 'plaza' style layout simulating the street furniture favoured in modern skateboarding along with beginner-friendly features, elements designed for BMXers, and materials and sustainable approaches to construction that are sensitive to the Country Park setting."

Graham Wright via RUDDINGTON.info

Well done Ruddington Colts!

On Sunday 13th September, the Ruddington Village Colts u12s (Sunday) team claimed third place in their league's cup competition. The Young Elizabethan League (YEL) were able to organise a mini tournament for all the teams that had reached the semi-finals of the competition during last season 2019/2020.



Team kit is sponsored by JP Lettings, thanks for their continued support.

The boys narrowly lost a hard fought game 2 – 0 in the semi-final against Sports Gateway. However, they picked themselves up and held their nerve to win the third place prize in a tense penalty shoot-out against Quarrydale United, after the game had ended 1–1. Congratulations to all the boys for a great effort.

Paul Williams

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