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Ruddington back in Tier 3

Rushcliffe and Nottinghamshire will enter Tier 3 for Covid-19 restrictions just after midnight on Wednesday 2nd December. The move is part of the Government's Winter Plan to reduce the spread of the virus following the end of the 4 week national lockdown.

The newly-toughened Tier 3 restrictions mean:

- No mixing of households indoors or outdoors apart from support bubbles.
- Maximum of six in some outdoor public places, for example parks and public gardens
- Hospitality will close except for sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery
- Retail, entertainment and personal care businesses can all open
- Places of worship are open but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble
- Avoid travelling out of the area, other than where necessary for work, education, youth services, medical attention or because of caring responsibilities
- No overnight stays outside of local area, unless necessary for work, education or similar reasons
- 15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships and wakes; 30 for funerals. Wedding receptions not permitted
- Exercise classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but should avoid contact. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.



Think of others,
consider your
actions & be kind



Connect and
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Make the most
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Support
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Share accurate
information and
advice

The Government has also announced specific “Christmas bubbles” that will allow people from three households to mix in homes between 23rd and 27th December, to enable them to celebrate Christmas together.

Nottinghamshire councils have pledged to work together to help communities to adapt to the new restrictions. The Government will review this every 14 days.

Leader of Rushcliffe Borough Council Cllr Simon Robinson said: “These new restrictions again call on all residents to play their part to do all they can to stop the transmission of the virus; with cases and deaths at the existing levels, it is vital you continue to follow these rules.

“We know this tiered system is still so tough for so many but it is designed to protect us all.

“Business grants continue to be distributed to hundreds of eligible businesses across the Borough and more on support for owners can be found at www.rushcliffe.gov.uk.

“Please continue to stay safe and follow the rules so we can all look forward to a brighter 2021.”

The current legislation for the tiering approach is due to end in March 2021. For further information about the guidance, visit www.rushcliffe.gov.uk.

Neighbourhood Plan consultation reminder

The final Consultation on our Neighbourhood Plan is underway and will run until Friday 18th December 2020. You can access the Plan and comment on it at the Ruddington section of Rushcliffe’s Neighbourhood Plan web page: <https://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/planningpolicy/neighbourhoodplanning/>.

If you’re unable (or reluctant) to access the internet, please contact the Parish Council and they’ll arrange for you to view the Neighbourhood Plan and complete a paper copy of the Consultation. Please note that paper submissions must include your name.

Whether you comment online or on paper, you’re not limited to one submission per household – everyone living at your address can comment if they wish. Once complete, paper copies can be submitted to John King at Rushcliffe Borough Council, or be returned to the Parish Council Office who’ll submit them for you.

Please find the time to take part in this Consultation. It is a vitally important contribution to the future of our village. The more people contribute, the more representative the Neighbourhood Plan will ultimately be.

Paul Reedman, Neighbourhood Plan Subcommittee

Santa and his Sleigh in Ruddington

Continuing uncertainty over the spread of Coronavirus and the resulting changes to regulations and guidelines has made it difficult to plan for the visits of Santa and his sleigh to local villages this December.



The Rotary Club's first responsibility is to the safety of our members, volunteers and the public. That's why we decided last month that no door to door collections would be made this year.

Instead, we've arranged to hold static collections at various garden centres and supermarkets. However, these will only go ahead if regulations allow and with the continuing agreement of the businesses concerned.

Our sleigh will be visiting Church Street in Ruddington on Friday 11th December from 10am to 4pm, if you'd like to come along and see us. We're also planning to take the sleigh on a

"no-stopping" tour of the village on the same evening, as soon as darkness falls.

We're very grateful to the people of Ruddington who support the Rushcliffe Rotary Club so generously each festive season.

Every donation made goes into the Club's Benevolent Fund and is used to support good causes both in our local community and beyond.

If you wish to make a contribution towards the charitable work of the Club, please [visit our website](#), click on "What we do" and then "Make a Donation".

The QR code below will take you directly to our Just Giving Page. You can also [find us on Facebook](#).



Enjoy the festive season and, please, "Keep safe".

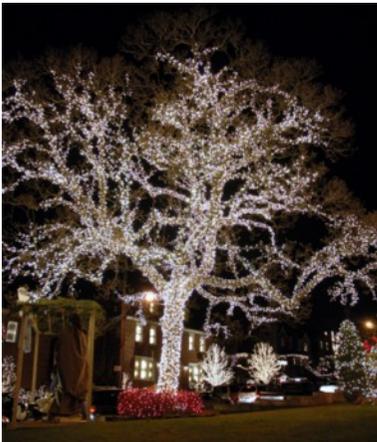
Kip Herrington, Rushcliffe Rotary Club

Christmas in Ruddington

Christmas 2020 will be a little different from normal, but there's still plenty going on in our village to get you into the festive spirit.

Light display

Ruddington will be sparkling this Christmas, starting with a wonderful light display outside St Peter's Rooms. Look out for it from the end of November.



Advent Calendar

From Tuesday 1st December, village organisations are transforming Ruddington into a giant Advent Calendar, with special festive-themed displays.

The Post Office kicks us off by revealing their Christmas Advent window on 1st December and we'll close with St Peter's Church on 24th December. Posters and leaflets will guide you

through the Calendar so you don't miss any of the great reveals.

Late night shopping

There'll be exciting late night shopping on all three Fridays in December before Christmas, with some fabulous pop-up events taking place. Along with the Village Market on Saturday 5th December, there'll be lots of opportunities to shop locally this Christmas.

Christmas Lights Trail

The Friends of James Peacock are planning a "Ruddington Christmas Lights Trail" activity around Ruddington, beginning on the 7th December and ending on the 31st. You can pick up your trail map from The Bottle Top on High Street, or email fjp.committee@yahoo.co.uk to request one, or if you have any questions.

Simply answer the questions on the trail, which will take you on a tour of illuminated houses and gardens around the village. Then bring your completed forms to The Bottle Top and claim a prize in exchange for a small donation to the Friends of James Peacock.

Village Nativity Trail

Each weekend in December, Ruddington Baptist Church invites you to go on a quest through the nativity story. The journey begins on the first weekend with Mary and Joseph,

followed by the wisemen, shepherds and angels, and culminating on Christmas weekend with a search for the Baby Jesus.

Follow a map you can collect from the Bottle Top and solve clues to find the next part of the story. At each destination, you'll find a picture of a Nativity character and a QR code to scan that links to a video of someone telling the story.

And there's more!

You can also enjoy beautiful Christmas windows and decorations with something for everyone to get involved in. Please look out for posters and leaflets around the village for further details.

Stella Dickie

Parking update

Parking enforcement within our village is now carried out by Nottinghamshire County Council. Monitoring the car park at Rushcliffe Country Park is undertaken by Broxtowe Borough Council. Here are the statistics for the Country Park for October 2020:

- 65 visits
- 89 observations
- 48 penalty charge notices.

Parking on Asher Lane

Visitors to Rushcliffe Country Park are asked to use the official car park on

Mere Way and not park on Asher Lane, as residents have raised concerns around safety and congestion.



Nottinghamshire County Council has now placed "No parking for Country Park" signage on Asher Lane, and we ask residents and visitors to respect this.

Photo credit: RUDDINGTON.info

Musters Road ash tree removal

Residents on the Musters Road estate have been concerned about Avant Homes removing a mature 17m ash tree from the eastern edge of the new Wilbur Chase development site.

I've now been told that the tree was hollow and diseased, and would have caused a safety hazard once surrounded by houses.

This is a great shame because such trees are a great source of biodiversity but, unfortunately, it had to go.

Tim Williams

Ruddington Village Market is back!

**Ruddington Village Market returns
with extended hours for December**



We were very disappointed that we had to cancel the November market just after lockdown started, but are delighted that we're able to bring the market back on Saturday 5th December.

As it's Christmas, we're extending the opening hours from 9am to 2:30pm for December only, to give everyone plenty of time to visit all the traders who'll be attending.

Having moved to the Village Green after the first lockdown, there's plenty of room to space out the stalls.

Visitors also have ample room to social distance, with managed queuing at the most popular stalls, and marshals patrolling the site to help out and monitor queues.

Ruddington Village Centre Partnership (RVCP), which runs the market, are implementing extra safety measure, including the requirement for all traders and volunteers to wear face coverings, and setting up hand sanitizer points around the site and on each stall.

The number of traders who can attend will depend on the post-lockdown tier situation. However, we're hoping to offer plenty of delicious food and drink options including cheeses, breads, sweet treats, olives and pies, as well as plenty of beer, wine, cider and gin to meet all those festive requirements!

If you're looking for gifts, there should also be plenty to choose from including wood-turned products, jewellery, candles, diffusers, flowers, wind spinners and much more. Our new, market-branded reusable mugs will also be on sale from the Village Market gazebo.

For full details of who'll be joining us, please check out our social media pages at <https://www.facebook.com/ruddingtonvillagemarket>, <https://twitter.com/ruddmarket> and <https://www.instagram.com/ruddingtonvillagemarket/>, where a map showing the stall locations will be published the day before the market.

Please visit us on foot, or park considerately if coming by car, and make use of the additional parking

available at The Hermitage and Croft Printing.

For a taste of Market Day in advance, you can check out our video of “A Day Out at Ruddington Village Market” at <https://youtu.be/thFnRM3pZU>. We look forward to welcoming you back on Saturday 5th December from 9am to 2:30pm.

Sue Mathews, RVCP

www.ruddingtonvillagemarket.co.uk

Footpath upgrades completed

A long-awaited upgrade has been completed on the footpath connecting the 50 Steps Bridge footpath to the footpath within Vicarage Lane park. The work was carried out by Via East Midlands, under contract to Nottinghamshire County Council.



The footpath now has a hard surface, replacing the previous soft surface, which became very muddy and slippery in wet or icy conditions.

Connecting to Weggie Walk, the new footpath helps to provide a hard

surface all the way to the main Rushcliffe Country Park site, via Asher Lane.

Ruddington Diary

With Ruddington entering Tier 3 of Covid-19 restrictions, there is no diary for this month. However, where we know events are definitely going ahead (such as the Village Market), there are articles about these elsewhere in the newsletter.

For all other events and activities, we suggest you contact organisers and venues, or check social media pages. 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.

Crime figures for Ruddington

For October 2020, these were:

- 2 x criminal damage
- 2 x theft from shop
- 1 x theft from vehicle
- 1 x theft of vehicle

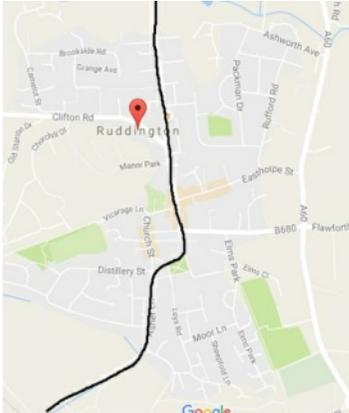
For crime prevention advice, please visit www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice.

Christmas tree shredding

Would you like your Christmas tree shredded?

If so, just let the Parish Council office know by Wednesday 23rd December 2020 – preferably by e-mail or phone – and make sure you leave your address and contact details.

As the number of trees to be shredded keeps on growing, we're once again spreading the collection over two days.



On Tuesday 12th January, we'll collect trees from houses on the Clifton Road side of Wilford Road, High Street, The Green and Asher Lane (i.e. to the left of the black line shown on the map). On Wednesday 13th, we'll collect from houses on the Loughborough Road side of these streets (to the right of the line).

Please leave your tree out before 9am on the right day and the Parish Council Groundstaff Team will collect and shred it.

Community Centre consultation

It's been a year since Ruddington Parish Council (RPC) announced it had completed the purchase of the former Youth & Community Centre site on The Green from Nottinghamshire County Council, for use by our whole village community in the future.

The site has lain empty and disused since December 2016, with the main building having to be boarded up in 2018 following repeated acts of vandalism.

After lengthy negotiations, RPC Chairman Allen Wood finally received the keys from County Councillor Reg Adair in December 2019, amid great celebration and anticipation. He commented at the time: "This is a significant milestone and the most important decision taken by the Parish Council in several decades – which is fitting as we've just celebrated our 125th anniversary."

Sadly, the Coronavirus pandemic halted further progress with repurposing the deteriorating premises – including the promised public consultation on what should actually happen to them next.

Once Council meetings were given permission to resume online, Councillors agreed that, in the short term, the secure onsite car park could

be used by village traders in order to free up visitor parking spaces in the village centre. RPC confirms that further gate keys have now been cut to distribute to certain businesses very soon.

And now, the delayed public consultation has finally got underway. A Working Group of 9 Parish Councillors has been formed to provide recommendations on what Ruddington residents want and need from their Community Centre, as well as recommendations on the structure of the building to make sure it's fit for purpose.

Parish Councillor Cheryl-Ann Perkins comments: "Our village is growing and changing at a rapid rate. We really feel it's important that the new Community Centre becomes a true hub at the heart of the village, to service all Ruddington residents in some shape or form."

Cllr Perkins admits that they're still in the "discovery phase" of the project, where they're trying to ascertain what villagers want and need. "To understand this, we've created a very simple online survey. We want as many people as possible to fill this in, so we have a good foundation on which to base the rest of the project."

You can access and complete the online survey here: <https://forms.gle/t5NJ3AXrQ1b5XAV16>. The deadline to

submit your response is Thursday 31st December.

As well as a short list of questions, there's space for you to leave your comments and suggestions. RPC also plans to offer paper versions of the survey form, which you can fill in at the next Ruddington Village Market on Saturday 5th December.

Cllr Perkins adds: "I would encourage as many people as possible to fill in the survey – this is your chance to be heard!"

Graham Wright via RUDDINGTON.info

Victorian Life Swap at the Framework Knitters Museum



In early November with lockdown back on and everyone's plans cancelled, staff at the Framework Knitters' Museum began to wonder what life must have been like without many of the things we take for granted.

How different would life be without Netflix, wi-fi, TV and smart phones...not to mention indoor toilet facilities and simple things like an electric kettle?!

To find out (and provide a bit of light relief for everyone), the Museum Manager, Jim Grevatte, and his family decided to move into the museum's 19th century Manager's Cottage, and live there as a "Victorian family" over the weekend of 21st and 22nd November.

During the two days, Jim and his family "enjoyed" such experiences as sleeping on straw and horsehair mattresses, drawing water from the museum pump, cooking on a Victorian range, and playing chess and other games by lamplight.

The museum had asked local schools to come up with questions about how life has changed over the last 150 years, to help the Grevattes get the most from their experience. To answer these, the family documented their activities in words and pictures on the museum's social media pages – the only time they were allowed to use technology!

Summarising the weekend on Facebook, the museum posted:

"Here are some of the learning points from the Victorian Life Swap:

1. Lack of personal space. Perhaps we don't appreciate this enough. Even Jim's family of 4 felt this, so imagine large Victorian families.

2. Everything seems so inconvenient to our 21st century expectations, e.g. needing the toilet in the night, getting water from the pump, "quick" meals not an option.



3. Temperature. Jim's family were cold most of the time, even with lots of knitted scarves. And even the source of heat – the fire – only heats the immediate surroundings.

On the positive side, the family enjoyed doing things together such as playing games and making things. Things that maybe don't feature as much in our busy – and often separate – lives.

Altogether, a unique insight into a different way of life."

To find out more, please visit the museum's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages, where you can read all the posts and view more pictures of the Victorian Life Swap.

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TO BOOK AN ONLINE ONE TO ONE SESSION

Success for HelpMyStreet

HelpMyStreet is a new service that aims to make it easy for people to help each other in their local community. Since its launch 9 months ago, it's enjoyed great success, including the creation of a Ruddington-focused website, www.helpmystreet.org/ruddington – home to the Ruddington Community Response Team.

The latest community to go live, Ruddington's version of HelpMyStreet was the fastest to reach its target of 60 volunteers and, in just a few weeks, had the village totally covered.

The help on offer includes shopping for essentials, collecting prescriptions, dog walking, delivering hot meals, running local errands and just getting in touch for a friendly chat.

Mark Hawkins, Founder, commented: "This crisis has been horrendous for so many people. But one of the positives has been how the public have stepped up to help the vulnerable in their community. And it is that spirit that we are trying to capture with HelpMyStreet. Thanks for being one of the first onto the platform – you are the founding community on the site."

If you're interested in supporting HelpMyStreet, there are 3 ways you can help:

1. Email ideas for how to make HelpMyStreet even better to mark@helpmystreet.org
2. Spread the word to potential partners such as charities, church groups and councils
3. Log in to the Ruddington website and check for tasks.

To request help from HelpMyStreet, please [visit the Ruddington website](http://www.helpmystreet.org/ruddington) or email ruddington@helpmystreet.org. Alternatively, you can call the Parish Council office between 9:30am and 12:30pm, Monday to Friday, or leave a message outside these times.

Mark Hawkins, HelpMyStreet

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