

THE RUDD

It's a shop swap!

The question of what is to replace Ruddington's former Sainsbury's Local on Dutton's Hill was answered a couple of weeks ago when a new banner appeared outside.



Dutch retailer SPAR is moving into 12-14 Wilford Road – having itself been replaced by a Sainsbury's On The Go only last summer at our Loughborough Road filling station. So, effectively, the store chains will have swapped village shops – although the former Grice's premises are slightly larger and therefore

should allow for a more comprehensive range of stock.

Ruddington's new SPAR outlet is set to open on Wednesday 3rd March 2021 and will be run by Ram Devabhai, who already has another small convenience store in Ashby-de-la-Zouch. He reveals: "We will be stocking County Bridge meats, offering great value meal solutions, a large range of chilled foods and a good off-licence section, along with top-up grocery and essentials. More exciting additions will also be made over the coming months."

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The total sales area of 3,881 square feet means, unlike our larger Co-op, Ruddington's new SPAR shop will be permitted to open for long hours seven days a week – thought likely to be 7am until 11pm each day, like its predecessor. As an essential retailer, it will be allowed to open even if we're still in lockdown provided that the usual COVID-safe 'social distancing' and 'test and trace' measures are put in place.

Graham Wright via [RUDDINGTON.info](https://www.ruddington.info)

Kids back to school as lockdown roadmap announced

Parents and children will be looking forward to life getting a little closer to normal on Monday 8th March, when schools and further education settings in England will reopen for pupils of all ages.

Wraparound childcare, such as after-school clubs, will also reopen to enable parents to work, attend education, access medical care or attend a support group. Afterschool sports will also be allowed to resume.

Students studying practical higher education courses at English universities who haven't already returned and would be unable to complete their courses if they didn't return to take part in practical teaching, access specialist facilities or

complete assessments, can restart their courses.

Other changes from Monday 8th March include outdoor recreation, such as picnics, being allowed again. This can be on your own, with one other person, or with your household or support bubble. You must carry on social distancing from people outside your own household.



The rules on indoor visits to care homes will change, with regular visits for a single named visitor permitted. Visitors will be able to hold hands with the resident they're visiting, but will need to wear PPE and take a lateral flow test.

Weddings will be allowed to take place with up to 6 guests.

After 8th March, there'll still be restrictions on foreign travel, with overseas holidays still banned. If you have a permitted reason to travel abroad, you'll need to complete an outbound declaration of travel before you depart.

It's important to note that, despite these updates to the rules, the general requirement to stay at home will continue to stand after 8th March. You still mustn't go out except to go to work or carry out other essential tasks such as shopping, caring for others, collecting medicines, attending medical appointments, or taking exercise.

If all goes well, further changes will be introduced from Monday 29th March, including the "Rule of 6" being reintroduced for outdoor meetings, and outdoor sports facilities reopening.

After this, lockdown rules will gradually be eased in three further roadmap stages. The target dates initially set are no earlier than 12th April, 17th May and 21st June respectively for stages two to four of the roadmap.

However, these three dates could change as successful rollout of the roadmap depends on certain conditions being met, such as the vaccine rollout going to plan and infection rates not risking a surge in hospital admissions.

For the latest information and guidance, please visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus.

COVID-19 vaccine update

Anyone over 65 is now encouraged to book their COVID-19 vaccine online using <https://www.swiftqueue>

[.co.uk/nottinghamc19vpatient.php](https://www.nottinghamcc.gov.uk/nottinghamc19vpatient.php) or by calling 0115 883 4640 without waiting for a letter to arrive.

Vaccine letters are also going out to people under 65 who are clinically extremely vulnerable. People will need to bring this letter or their shielding letter as proof that they are eligible.

Transport is available for people who meet the criteria; please visit the [Nottinghamshire County Council website](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk) for more information.

For all enquiries on vaccination appointments, please visit [Nottingham and Nottinghamshire's CCG website](https://www.nottinghamcc.gov.uk).

The County Council are also supporting the NHS to deal with "non clinical" vaccination questions from the public across the county and city. If you have a question, please email enquiries@nottscg.gov.uk, call 0300 500 80 80 or view [Frequently Asked Questions at the CCG website](https://www.nottinghamcc.gov.uk).

If you know someone who's eligible for their vaccination, there's now a helpful guide to different things you can do to assist them. Find out more here: <https://nottscg.nhs.uk/covid-19/covid-19-vaccination-programme-what-you-can-do-to-help/>.

For all the latest updates on COVID-19 vaccinations, please visit the Rushcliffe Borough Council webpage: www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/coronavirus.

Have you received your Census letter?

Households across Ruddington are being asked to take part in Census 2021 this month, ahead of Census Day on Sunday 21st March. Invitation letters, with your unique access codes to complete the questionnaire online, will be delivered by Royal Mail at the start of March.



The census, run by the Office for National Statistics, is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales.

It has been carried out every ten years since 1801, with the exception of 1941. This year it is being run predominantly online, however paper questionnaires are available to anyone who needs one.

Understanding the needs of the nation helps everyone from central government to organisations, such as councils and health authorities, plan and fund public services across England and Wales.

Census outputs inform where billions of pounds of public funding is spent on services like transport, education and health – on cycle routes, schools and dental surgeries.

Charities and voluntary organisations often use it as evidence to get funding. It helps businesses to understand their customers and, for example, decide where to open new shops.

Plus, those doing research, like university students and people looking into their family history, use census data. It provides important information on population diversity, allowing organisations to know whether they are meeting their responsibilities and triggering action where necessary.

“A successful census will help give the best picture of the needs of everyone living in England and Wales,” Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said.

“It helps us understand what our society needs now and what it will likely need in the future. We’ve had a fantastic response so far, with so many of you completing the questionnaire on your laptops, phones and computers.

“It takes just 10 minutes per person to take part and if you can’t get online, there are paper forms available for those who need them. Now is the time to make your mark on history.”

Operating in line with the Government's latest COVID-19 guidance, field officers will be deployed across the borough to contact those who have not responded. They'll offer help and advice to those who need it and be able to issue paper questionnaires if needed. They'll also remind people that their census response is required by law.

This census is the most inclusive yet. Everyone can identify as they wish using "Search as you type" online and write-in options on paper if they need it.

The questionnaire includes questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity.

And, for the first time, there'll be a question asking people whether they've served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years and kept safe for future generations.

If you require a paper questionnaire, or for additional help with completing your census online, please visit [census.gov.uk](https://www.census.gov.uk) or call 0800 141 2021.

Leia Morales

Census Engagement Manager
Rushcliffe, Gedling and Broxtowe

Census information event

A Census information event is taking place on Tuesday 2nd March from 11am to midday, to outline how residents can complete the questionnaire with a unique access code on computers, phones or tablets after they receive their invitation through the post.

Local Manager Leia Morales, working on behalf of the Office of National Statistics, will inform the community about the guidance and how to give friends and family the confidence to complete it effectively.

You can book [on the eventbrite website](#).

Ruddington Diary

Ruddington is still in lockdown, so there is no diary for this month. For all 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 rules by following social distancing guidelines and wearing face coverings where required, such as in shops and when using public transport.

Please see the separate article about the lockdown roadmap for details of which activities will be allowed to commence and when, subject to certain restrictions being met.

Message from Greater Nottingham Planning Partnership



In July 2020, Broxtowe Borough, Gedling Borough, Nottingham City and Rushcliffe Borough Councils carried out a public consultation on the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan Growth Options document.

The Greater Nottingham Planning Partnership (GNPP) have been made aware of a technical issue with a small number of comments sent by email which were blocked by security software and not received.

This issue only relates to comments sent to the contact@gnplan.org.uk email address. Comments submitted directly online using or by post weren't affected.

The technical issue has now been resolved but in order to make sure GNPP receive all comments on the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan Growth Options document, the consultation period has been extended to Wednesday 24th March 2021.

What do you need to do?

Respondents who submitted comments by email are asked to:

1. Check the published list at www.gnplan.org.uk/consultations/growth-options-list-of-respondents to see if your comments have been received.
2. Re-submit comments if your comments are not on the list.

The GNPP apologises for any inconvenience this may cause.

They would encourage you to submit comments using their consultation system for ease of processing, at <https://gnplan.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/gnspgoe/>.

Comments can also be emailed to contact@gnplan.org.uk or submitted by post. However, such responses should be submitted using the response form and should confirm you agree to the GNPP's Data Protection policy. Any comments which are emailed will receive confirmation on receipt.

The key documents for this consultation are listed below and can be viewed on the consultation page: <https://gnplan.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/gnspgoe/>.

- Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan, Growth Options Consultation
- Greater Nottingham Growth Options Study
- Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report - Main Report, July 2020

- Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report - Appendix A, July 2020
- Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report - Appendix B, July 2020

Other evidence documents supporting the preparation of the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan can be viewed at: www.gnplan.org.uk/evidence-base.

Please note there'll be a further opportunity to submit comments following the publication of the Preferred Options document later this year.

How do I find out more?

If you have any queries or would like assistance with using the consultation database, please contact Rushcliffe Borough Council on 0115 981 9911, or the Greater Nottingham Planning Partnership on 0115 876 3966 or at contact@gnplan.org.uk.

The deadline for comments is Wednesday 24th March 2021.

Get Borough Council news to your inbox!

Rushcliffe Borough Council's email subscription service delivers updates directly to residents' inboxes.

Residents and businesses can [sign up for the updates](#) to receive the latest news and information on Council services.

This includes updates on Council Tax, garden waste collections, leisure centres and events when restrictions allow, how to report fly tipping and litter and find out more about planning applications in their neighbourhood.



The authority's Deputy Leader and Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Business and Economic Growth Cllr Andy Edyvean said: "Thousands of residents have signed up to the service so far so they can stay even more informed with news and updates on our services.

"We know many residents already engage with us [on our website](#) and by our ever growing social media channels, but as we've increased digital interaction even more so over the last year this is another ideal way they can keep up to speed at the touch of a button.

"We encourage all to subscribe whilst we continue to assess ways to engage hard to reach groups and those who choose to not receive updates digitally."

“Money Match March” set to boost ambitious rail link

£500k now raised for heritage railway “Reunification” project

The Great Central Railway (GCR)’s plans to reconnect two halves of their award winning line are set to leap forward with a massive fundraising drive in March 2021.

A donor has offered to match fund any donations received during the month, pound for pound, up to the value of £100,000.

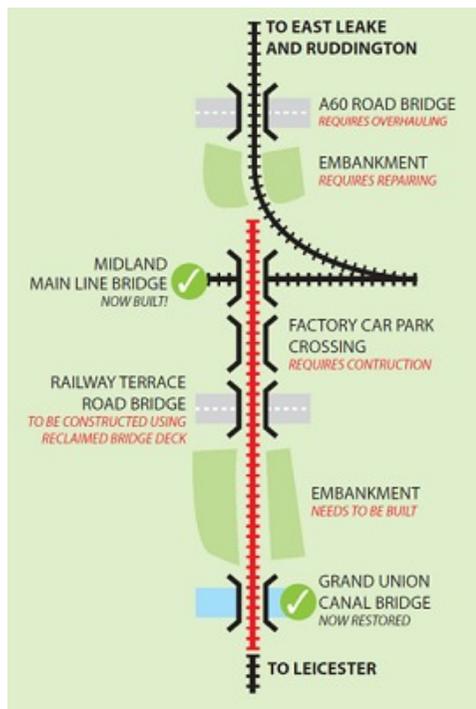
“It’s an incredible moment for the project,” said Andy Fillingham, Chairman of the Friends of the Great Central Main Line who are arranging the fundraising. “We already have good news to share because our totaliser has reached half a million pounds. With everyone’s help we can spread some positivity and push that totaliser even higher thanks to the Money Match March scheme!”

The £multimillion project will create an 18 mile heritage railway linking Leicester and Ruddington, reconnecting two halves of the Great Central Railway separated after they were originally closed in the 1960s.

500m of railway needs to be rebuilt in Loughborough. Two parts of the scheme have now been completed, including building a brand new bridge

to carry heritage trains over the national rail network.

The next two sections to be built have an estimated cost of £3m and have been called “The Factory Flyover” as they cross a factory car park and a road.



“As much as we would like to, we can’t build the next stages until we have the vast majority of the funding in place,” continued Andy. “That’s why Money Match March is so important. We can take the half a million pounds already raised and supercharge our fundraising thanks to this amazing offer. Every contribution takes us closer to building again and delivering the benefits of

Reunification.”

The completed railway will be used not only for heritage trains and boosting tourism, but to attract more commercial work to the line including testing and training for other rail companies.

This will help secure the GCR’s long term future as well as bringing income to the East Midlands economy.

Meanwhile the latest plans for the next section have been published by the railway. Developed by engineering consultants Cass Hayward, they show concrete beams being used to construct the car park and road crossing. A reclaimed bridge deck donated by Network Rail will also be used.

“These are really exciting times for the Reunification scheme,” concluded Andy, “which was once described as impossible. People power is making it happen though and if everyone gets behind Money Match March, we’ll really have some momentum going.”

How to donate

- Donations can be made online at www.gcrailway.co.uk/unify
- Cheques for the appeal can be made payable to The David Clarke Railway Trust and posted to DCRT, Lovatt House, 3 Wharncliffe Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 1SL

- Donations received in March online or through the post will be matched pound for pound up to a value of £100,000.

COVID-19 test sites continue

We’re continuing to signpost residents and business owners to COVID-19 testing sites so everyone, including employees of businesses based in the Borough, are encouraged to be regularly tested.

A full list of **asymptomatic test sites** is available [on the NHS website](#).

Test sites continue at the Borough Council’s Rushcliffe Arena base and at County Hall in West Bridgford for **symptomatic testing**.

Crime figures for Ruddington



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For January 2021, these were as follow:

- 1 x catalytic converter theft
- 1 x number plate theft
- 1 x theft from shop
- 1 x graffiti

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

Skating into the future

Construction work is underway on a brand new plaza style skatepark in Ruddington – which should be ready for use in April



Rushcliffe Borough Council (RBC) is building a replacement concrete facility at Rushcliffe Country Park which has been designed by Canvas in close collaboration with the young people from our village and elsewhere who will use it.

It's hoped the contemporary skatepark will meet the needs of future Olympic skateboarders and BMXers from Ruddington and the surrounding areas.

The first job for the workmen who've moved on to the site was to remove the old wooden structure which had reached the end of its useful life and was closed last year on safety grounds.

RBC has developed this project alongside social enterprise Skate Nottingham, science education charity Ignite! Futures and Nottingham Trent University – who've involved young people in co-designing the new facility

through a series of workshops, held both online and in small, socially-distanced groups.

These were attended by local 11 to 18-year-olds, as well as older skaters and BMXers, facilitated by academic experts in architecture, engineering and sports science and mentored by university students – all supported by a grant from UK Research and Innovation (UKRI).

James Hope-Gill, Chief Executive of Skateboard GB, says: "It's great to see that Rushcliffe Borough Council has a dedicated budget for skateboarding facilities and has really thought about the design of each of their parks individually, rather than duplicating the same forms in each.

"The existing parks at Lady Bay and Radcliffe have already proved that, with forward thinking and involving the user community from the outset, it has led to two amazing skate parks which are hugely popular for all wheeled users."

The new skatepark in Ruddington is scheduled for completion in April 2021. By this time it's hoped the current social distancing requirements on such areas will have been relaxed.

You can find progress updates at the Canvas website: <https://cavvasspaces.co.uk/rushcliffe-country-park-skatepark>.

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Changes in and around the High Street

The lockdown roadmap will have come as a huge relief to the many non-essential retailers and outlets in Ruddington that have had to modify or curtail their trading activities, or close altogether. And as the (tentative) landmark date of 12th April looms, when non-essential retail will hopefully reopen, we can look forward to some new faces joining our established traders in and around the High Street.

All the units in The Courtyard, a brand new shopping precinct, have now been let. The two newest incumbents are The Pet Pantry, a pet food and supplies outlet, and Benjamin's Estate and Letting Agent (pictured) who are opening their third branch in Rushcliffe.



Joining them elsewhere will be the new SPAR store on Wilford Road (see front page) and two new shops in the former Barclays & Cook premises on High Street, which are still to be confirmed.

There are still a couple of vacant units in the village centre, notably the sites where Nottingham Building Society and Ruddington Village Butchers used to trade. Fingers crossed that these, too, will have new tenants or owners soon. **Remember, Shop Local, Shop Safe!**

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