

THE RUDD

Boundary changes consultation now open

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is carrying out an electoral review of Rushcliffe Borough Council. The aim of the review is to recommend ward boundaries that mean each Councillor represents approximately the same number of voters.



The Commission also aims to ensure that the ward boundaries reflect the interests and identities of local communities, as well as promoting effective local government.

To achieve these aims, the ward boundaries across Rushcliffe need to be redrawn. From 11 May 2021 to 19 July 2021, the Commission is accepting opinions and comments (submissions) from the public on where you believe ward boundaries should be in Rushcliffe Borough Council.



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SPACE

The Commission recommends that Rushcliffe Borough Council should have 44 councillors in the future. This is no change from the current number of councillors.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England

The Commission now needs information from people and groups across Rushcliffe to help it to produce new ward boundaries to accommodate 44 councillors.

To find out more and view an interactive map of the existing warding boundaries and submit your comments on line, please visit <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/east-midlands/nottinghamshire/rushcliffe>.

You can also make a submission by emailing reviews@lgbce.org.uk or writing to The Review Officer (Rushcliffe), Local Government Boundary Commission for England, PO Box 133, Blyth, NE24 9FE.

Meet our new Parish Councillor

Peter Lyons-Lewis has recently been co-opted to the Parish Council and now represents Flawford Ward. We'd like to welcome Peter on board.

"I've lived in Ruddington since 2000 and previously served on the Parish

Council for several years," says Peter. "I worked in IT at a national scientific research laboratory since 1989, and have now taken early retirement. I'm active in Ruddington Action Group, as well as the local Labour group.



"As a Parish Councillor, I'm interested in the vitality of Ruddington and how as a community we can help to develop the facilities, shops and services to be successful and to thrive.

"I'm particularly keen to see better provision for cyclists and pedestrians, along with effective traffic calming across the village.

"Ruddington has a great record of developing leisure amenities, and I hope I'll be able to contribute to the hard work going on already on the significant facility being planned on The Green/Leys Road."

You can contact Peter through the Parish Council office.

All the best to Mrs Powell

If you've had cause to enter James Peacock School as a pupil, parent/carer, staff member, governor or visitor during the past 20 years, you'll have encountered Mrs Powell in the office. Now, as she prepares to leave the school for "pastures new," Mrs Powell would like to share her thoughts.



"One sunny day in April 2001, a lovely neighbour knocked on my door and told me she had seen an advert for the position of

clerical assistant at James Peacock School and had thought of me. Forever grateful to you Wendy Shelley!

"I was interviewed by Mrs Gifford, the Headteacher, Mr Fowkes, the Chair of Governors (and my former French teacher) and Mrs Mounser, the Office Manager, and was appointed to start on 4th June 2001.

"My daughter Sarah was in Year 1 and there were only 5 classes in the main school! Oh my, how things have changed since then. Long gone are the handwritten registers – a red one for attendance and a buff one for dinners! Long gone too is the counting and balancing of money for school dinners, trips and photographs.

"In 2005 I was joined in the office by Mrs Deakin and together we became the 'front of house' team for James Peacock. It's been an absolute privilege for us to help so many families settle their children into their first nursery or school place and reassure them that their children are safe, happy and in the best learning environment.

"Without a doubt, the best part of my job has been getting to know the children, seeing them grow and learn and develop their own personalities. It seems very strange when some of them come back to us now for a few shifts in Breakfast or After School Club before they go off to university!

"James Peacock School has given me 20 totally wonderful years. My thanks to all the staff throughout the years for your support and to the wonderful Ruddington community that it has been my privilege to serve."

On hearing the news, several parents/carers have taken to social media to acknowledge the amazing job Mrs Powell has done and wish her all the best for the future.

In my role as Treasurer of the Friends of James Peacock, I'd also like to extend best wishes to her on behalf of myself and the Friends Committee for all the support she's given us. We will all miss her.

Barbara Breakwell

James Peacock Educational Foundation

James Peacock was born in Ruddington in 1585, leaving for London when he was 14 years old, where he became a highly successful leather merchant. He made an endowment in his will of a farmhouse in Ruddington to be used as a school for boys of the village and appointed Trustees to manage his legacy.



Today, James Peacock Educational Foundation continues this tradition as a Charitable Trust. Each child who lives in Ruddington is eligible, at the age of 11 years, to receive a gift from the Trust in the form of a book, calculator and dictionary.

Do you know any young person whose birthday is between 1st September 2009 and 31st August 2010 (i.e. in Year 6) who lives in Ruddington but attends a school outside the parish?

The Trustees of the James Peacock Educational Foundation are aware of the eligible children attending St Peter's School, but don't have details of those young people living in the village but attending schools elsewhere.

We'd like to ensure that all eligible young people in Ruddington receive their gift from the Foundation. If you're aware of a child born between these dates, then please make a written application giving their name, date of birth and school attended to: Mrs L Corder (Secretary), 76 Musters Road, Ruddington, Nottingham NG11 6HZ, no later than Monday 21st June 2021. (Please note that applications received after this date cannot be considered.)

Ruddington Diary

Despite the anticipated easing of restrictions and end of lockdown, things are still uncertain so there's no diary for this month.

However, many outdoor events and activities such as the Village Market, ParkRun and Bowls Club have already restarted as we move through the lockdown roadmap.

Some indoor activities are also now allowed, with more set to follow if Step 4 of the COVID-19 lockdown roadmap goes ahead as planned on Monday 21st June. As of 17th May, venue hire has reopened for smaller events.

For the latest information, 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.

COVID-19 roadmap rollout



The Government's COVID-19 lockdown roadmap remains on track, with Step 3 implemented as planned on 17th May.

Step 4, which will be no earlier than Monday 21st June, will hopefully see all the remaining restrictions being lifted.

However, due to the issues with the Indian variant of COVID-19, it's possible that Step 4 could be delayed. As an when Step 4 does take place, here are the expected changes:

Social contact

The Government is hoping to remove all legal limits on social contact.

Business and activities

All premises, including nightclubs, that are still closed will hopefully reopen. The Government is also aiming to ease the restrictions on large events and performances that applied in Step 3.

This will be subject to the results of a scientific Events Research Programme to test the outcome of certain pilot events through the spring and summer,

where the use of testing and other techniques to cut the risk of infection will be trialled.

The same Events Research Programme will guide decisions on whether all limits can be removed on weddings and other life events.

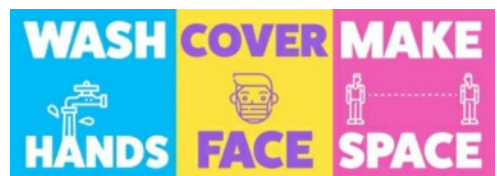
It's not over yet!

Even if Step 4 is implemented as planned on 21st June, COVID-19 will still be a part of our lives. We're going to have to keep living our lives differently to keep ourselves and others safe. We must continue to:

- Remember "Hands, Face, Space"
- Comply with the COVID-Secure measures that remain in place
- Meet outdoors when we can and keep letting fresh air in
- Get tested when needed
- Get vaccinated when offered.

If we all continue to play our part, we'll be that bit closer to a future that's more familiar.

For the latest information on the lockdown roadmap, please visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus.



Vaccinations update

The local COVID-19 vaccination booking system is currently open to people aged 30 and over (at the time of writing).



You can book your vaccination using the [Swiftqueue service](#) or by calling 0115 883 4640 without waiting for a letter to arrive.

Vaccinations for the under 30s will open up when enough people aged 30 and over have had the jab.

For all enquiries on vaccination appointments, please visit [Nottingham and Nottinghamshire's CCG website](#).

Ruddington Bowls Club reopens

The Ruddington Bowls Club is now open once again!

The restrictions which were imposed during the pandemic meant that we were not able to play bowls at all during the 2020 season. We began using the Green on 1st May this year for practising and roll-ups, obeying the "Rule of 6" and social distancing.

Then the changes made in accordance with the Government's lockdown roadmap allowed league games to be played, and from the 17th May we began to enjoy a full season of activities including a very popular Monday afternoon Club competition.

We're a friendly club and welcome anyone interested in coming along to watch the games and hopefully express an interest in joining us.

No previous experience of playing bowls is required!

The Club can be contacted by calling 0115 921 2844 or 921 6858.

Crime figures for Ruddington



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For April 2021, these were as follow:

- 1 x theft of mini digger
- 3 x theft of fuel
- 2 x criminal damage
- 1 x attempted theft of till
- 2 x theft of number plates
- 2 x theft from vehicle

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

The Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park



Further to our article in The Rudd in June 2019 about extending the Bombs to Butterflies project, I'm pleased to say that the audio/visual project is almost complete and will be available to view in the Visitors' Centre at Rushcliffe Country Park in due course.

The Friends have had the original Bombs to Butterflies book reprinted and copies are now available to purchase at a cost of £6.

Copies will be sold at our pop-up shop at the Park which takes place on the first Wednesday of each month from 10am to 12 noon. Or, you can email me or June McConnell to arrange to buy a copy.

- Jean Gray: jeangray236@btinternet.com
- June McConnell: j_mcon@yahoo.co.uk

Jean Grey

New round of Co-op Community Funding

The latest round of the Co-op Local Community Fund is now open. This is the seventh time local clubs, charities and organisations have been invited to apply for funding raised by Co-operative members.

Every time a card holder shops in store, or buys a Co-op product such as insurance, cash is raised for local projects here in Ruddington and in Clifton, which members can select if they have a preference. Since the fund started around five years ago, more than £50,000 has already been handed out.



Gwen Eyre, Co-op member pioneer for Ruddington and Clifton, explains: "Any local group is welcome to apply. However we are particularly keen to hear from anyone who fits with Co-op's ethos of 'Co-operating for a fairer

world'. The three themes cover: Fair access to food, Community wellbeing and Education and employment for young people."

Gwen continues: "A new feature this year will ask groups to register on the online community centre created by Co-op called 'Co-operate'. This allows organisations to list their group or event to attract new participants, volunteers or ask for donations. There are also helpful 'How to' guides to share ideas for making the most of your group here: <https://co-operate.coop.co.uk>."

For more information, and to check eligibility for funding, you should visit <https://causes.coop.co.uk> or contact Gwen at Gwen.Eyre@coop.co.uk.

Meantime, the current round of funding will continue until November 2021, so it's not too late to start supporting one of the three current causes. These are 1st Ruddington Scout Group and Bloomin' Dementia in Ruddington, and StepOutStayOut in Clifton

"I was delighted to hear these organisations have now received their first payments of £1066, £1349 and £880 respectively" adds Gwen. "If you shop in Co-op – even just occasionally – please apply for a blue membership card and select a cause to support. This

is FREE money to benefit our community!"

A new card costs £1 but, when you buy selected Co-op products and services, 2p for every £1 you spend subsequently goes into your Co-op Membership account (to spend on yourself!). The same amount is then given to support community organisations and local causes in our area. You can visit <https://www.coop.co.uk/membership> to apply.

Graham Wright via RUDDINGTON.info

Nottinghamshire Children's Centre Services



Nottinghamshire Children's Centre Services (NCCS) runs a variety of groups and sessions to support new and expecting parents, and young children. The sessions take place at Bingham Children's Centre and Abbey & Lady Bay Children's Centre.

Virtual B.A.B.E.S Breastfeeding Group: Appointment / referral only sessions (please call the centre). Meet other breastfeeding and pregnant women; you can also receive support from a trained Breastfeeding Peer Supporter.

New Parents Group: This is a 6 week course for new parents. The group will offer you ideas around supporting your child's wellbeing and new ideas for play.

Virtual PHEW: Appointment / referral only sessions (please call the centre). This is a group for parents who are expecting a child or have a child aged 0-1 where a parent is experiencing low mood, anxiety, finding being a parent difficult, struggling to cope, social isolation and/or loneliness.

Little Talkers: These 45 minute sessions are for 4 weeks and designed for children aged between 2–3 to share ideas and strategies to support development in speech, language and communication

Children's Centre Appt. Sessions: Appointment / referral only sessions. You can access advice and guidance from a member of the children's centre team around aspects of family life.

For the latest times and dates, please call 0115 977 3749 or email CC.Rushcliffe@nottscc.gov.uk.

Arthritis Action update

As restrictions ease, I wanted to give you an update on our activities. For the moment we are continuing to run Arthritis Action Groups online, providing a place for people with arthritis to meet others, share experiences and learn about self-management. We've also recorded a

webinar focused on Pain Management, with tips for managing arthritis as we continue to negotiate a pandemic.

Arthritis Action Online 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.

We discuss a variety of self-management techniques. Participants will need to contact us directly for the log in instructions for the meetings, and we have produced "How To" guides for those not familiar with using Zoom.

- 6pm, 14th June – Evening Midlands Arthritis Action Group
- 2pm, 15th June - East Midlands Arthritis Action Group

For full dates and joining details, please see <http://www.arthritisaction.org.uk/media-centre/events>.

Pain Management in a Pandemic

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jmb2Wxs-dxM>

The webinar focused on living with pain throughout the pandemic, and our experts addressed your most frequently asked questions on how to effectively manage arthritis pain.

Ruth Smith, Area Coordinator
Arthritis Action

Join the Great British Spring Clean

Rushcliffe Borough Council (RBC) is pledging its support for this year's Great British Spring Clean, which aims to further clean up the streets, parks and open spaces in Rushcliffe and nationwide.

The annual campaign, run by the charity Keep Britain Tidy, runs this year from 28th May to 13th June and will see people from all over the UK come together to save the environment as well as keep their local communities clean and safe.



RBC is calling on groups and individuals to join the effort and volunteer to litter pick in their community for as little as an hour or however long they can give.

All the necessary COVID secure equipment is available from RBC's grounds maintenance partners, Streetwise Environmental Services Limited, by calling 0115 914 8408 or [emailing](#) the team.

You can find out more at the [RBC website](#).

Census hits targets

This year's Census has reached the end of its field follow-up operation across England and Wales - and has seen the Census surpass its expected household response rate targets.

Director of 2021 Census Operations, Pete Benton, said: "We've had a great response to the Census, reaching a response level of 94% of occupied households nationally and at least 80% in every Local Authority.

"In fact, our operational management information suggests we've achieved 97% response nationally and over 90% in every Local Authority.

"This puts us in a good place as we start the Census Coverage Survey (CCS). This starts this week and is a short, separate, interviewer-led survey that follows the main Census.

"This will enable us to get a final view of the response rates we've actually achieved and, in conjunction with the Census data, enable us to produce population statistics for every Local Authority that are adjusted for any Census under (and over) coverage.

"The next stage where we'll want to engage local authorities is the quality assurance process for the Census population estimates. Our aim is to release the first results within a year of Census Day in March."



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Roadworks bulletins

We've been notified by Via East Midlands, Nottinghamshire County Council's contract partner for Highways, of current and forthcoming roadworks in and around Ruddington. These can be summarised as follows:

- High Street will be closed between its junctions with Church Street and Kirk Lane on Monday 21st June from 9am to 4pm. This is to install a new electricity supply. Traffic will be diverted to use Easthorpe Street, Loughborough Road and Kirk Lane, and vice versa.



- Parkyns Street will be closed outside numbers 1 to 17 on Monday 28th June from 8am to 4pm. This is also to install a new electricity supply. Traffic will be diverted to use High Street and Church Street, and vice versa.
- The multi-way signals currently in place on Asher Lane between the Top Road and Musters Road junctions are set to remain until Friday 11th June. The works are to widen the road in association with the new housing development on Asher Lane.
- There'll be three-way traffic signals on Loughborough Road at the Mere Way roundabout until Friday 25th June. The signals are in operation from 9am to 4pm. This is to enable a toucan crossing to be installed and various other works to take place in relation to new housing.

For more information or to report a problem, please visit www.viaem.co.uk.

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