

# THE RUDD

## Ruddington runners-up in Best Local Awards

Our village businesses did us proud again in the Best Local Shop Awards 2021, organised by Rushcliffe MP, Ruth Edwards. Whilst Ruddington outlets missed out on the top spot, with News Shop Cotgrave winning overall, it was fantastic to see our very own The Pet Pantry and Philo's Deli scooping both runners-up prizes.



Meanwhile, The Frame Breakers (pictured on Page 2) took one of the runners-up prizes in the Best Pub in Rushcliffe Competition, which was also organised by Ruth and took place at the same time. The other runner-up was The Plough Inn in Wysall and the overall winner was The Air Hostess in Tollerton.

## PLAN B UK GOVERNMENT'S COVID-19 WINTER PLAN

- Working from home
- Face masks
- COVID Pass

After announcing the winners and runners-up on Small Business Saturday on 4th December, Ruth commented:

“I always enjoy running competitions like these because they show just how important local shops and small businesses are to communities throughout Rushcliffe.



“They are often the backbones of our local economies and provide opportunities and jobs to local people. I wanted to thank and recognise their place in the Rushcliffe business community with these competitions.

I would also like to thank everyone who got involved and voted for their favourite shop or pub. I know every vote is very much appreciated.”

### Christmas Business Window Display winners

A huge thank you to everyone for giving us another year of amazing window displays. Thanks also to our judges for their continued support and help. The results are:

- 1st Prize – Perkins Hardware who won 3 months’ free sponsorship of The Rudd (starting next month) and a bottle of bubbly to toast their win



- 2nd Prize – Jaspers Café



- Joint 3rd Prize – Summers at Eleven



- Joint 3rd Prize – Phoenix Flowers



All winners received a certificate and a box of chocolates.

Cllr. Marion Pell

## **Business grants for hospitality and personal care**

Rushcliffe Borough Council (RBC) has offered more than 240 eligible hospitality and selected personal care businesses grants of up to £3,000 to help combat those affected by the recent dip in consumer confidence in light of the COVID-19 variant, Omicron.

RBC is aware that many local businesses, including those in customer-facing sectors such as cafes, restaurants, bars and beauty salons, have suffered with bookings being cancelled or postponed in the run-up to Christmas and New Year.

Business owners have been alerted to the new grants that saw payments arriving in their bank accounts from Monday 20th December.

These one-off grants are in addition to the £1bn worth of support to the hospitality and leisure sectors

announced by Rishi Sunak on Tuesday 21st December, and to any previous central government funding.

Deputy Leader Cllr Andy Edyvean said: “We’re acutely aware how consumer confidence has dipped in light of the new variant and therefore we’re placing funding into eligible business accounts to counter an element of this impact.

“It’s aimed at those in the hospitality and some service industries that see customers sit down for longer periods when accessing their services.

“Everyone will be well aware of the fact that the hospitality industry has suffered in what should have been a peak period of trading, as so many Christmas parties were cancelled.

“Furthermore, businesses such as beauty salons and nail bars that require a longer time in indoor premises are another sector that currently needs that extra support.

“Whilst our resources are limited, we remain committed to supporting local businesses and the community and we appreciate it is a tremendously difficult time for everyone as a result of Omicron.”

For all other COVID-related business support, business owners should contact the Council’s Economic Growth team by emailing [econdev@rushcliffe.gov.uk](mailto:econdev@rushcliffe.gov.uk).

## Ruddington nature pioneer receives recognition

The driving force behind a Ruddington nature reserve is among the winners of this year's Celebrating Rushcliffe Awards. For 2021, a physical ceremony returned and was held on Wednesday 8th December at Rushcliffe Arena.

Gordon Dyne, Chair of the South Notts Local Group of Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, received recognition for his conservation work at Wilwell Farm Cutting Nature Reserve.



Gordon is pictured above receiving his trophy from (L to R) Tom Holodynsky of Great Northern Group, Leader of Rushcliffe Borough Council Cllr Simon Robinson and Mayor of Rushcliffe Cllr Sue Mallender.

Whilst he's delighted with his Pride of Rushcliffe Award, Gordon was keen to point out that it's very much a community effort.

"Much of what I do is about promoting wildlife and nature conservation in Rushcliffe," explained Gordon. "Indeed, I would have achieved very little at

Wilwell Nature Reserve with the South Notts Local Group, or with the Nature Conservation Strategy, if other folk hadn't been prepared to join in; turning up for work parties, helping organize events (or turning up to them!) or joining in the inevitable committee meetings."

He added: "Whilst much of what I do is volunteering, my time working for Wilwell Farm Cutting itself is a hobby. It is a quite an enclave on the edge of Ruddington Parish (a bit muddy in winter) but is particularly lovely in the spring and summer as the variety of wildflowers come and go.

"In a typical year I can record some 120 to 125 species, never mind the trees, grasses, moths, butterflies and who knows what other insects. It is a wildlife island to be protected and, hopefully, reconnected with other local sites."

Also recognised from Ruddington was Paradise Allotments off Wilford Road, which won the Health and Wellbeing Award. As previously reported, the team have worked hard to transform the allotment to create a tranquil and calming space for the local community.

The Rushcliffe Social Prescribing Group run a plot here which has received funds and generous donations from various sources. The space itself was donated by Ruddington Parish Council to give those at risk of social isolation

or loneliness – including people with physical health conditions as well as mental health issues – a quiet space to socialise, learn about gardening and meet with likeminded individuals.



Allotmenteer Sheena Gibbons said: “Our desire is to really make a difference to people’s lives, however small – not only helping them with their mental wellbeing but their physical wellbeing, too.” Mandy Fletcher added: “We were very pleased to win the award as it means all the hard work from patients, staff and allotmentees was worthwhile.”

Cllr Robinson led the praise to all those shortlisted for a Celebrating Rushcliffe Award and to the many local sponsors who supported the accolades. He said: “Many congratulations to our winners and to all those who were shortlisted and nominated. Gordon’s story is just one wonderful example of the incredible spirit across the Borough and chimed so well with our environmental priorities as a Council.

“The event highlighted so many who give so much to their community, group or organisation and particularly in what has been such another tough

year for so many of us.”

He added: “Whether volunteer, business owner or community hero, they are all making a difference to people’s lives and are hugely deserving of this recognition. Thank you to everyone who nominated a group or individual; it was wonderful to celebrate their achievements.”

Graham Wright via [RUDDINGTON.info](http://RUDDINGTON.info)

### Tree shredding reminder

If you’ve asked the Parish Council to collect and shred your Christmas tree, our Groundstaff team will collect it on Wednesday 12th or Thursday 13th January 2022, as explained in the December issue of The Rudd. Don’t forget to leave your tree outside by 8am on the day of collection!



If you’ve forgotten to book a collection, don’t worry. You can take your tree to be recycled at West Bridgford Recycling Centre on Rugby Road. You’ll need to pre-register your vehicle with the tip, but booking slots are no longer needed. Find out more at <https://www.veolia.co.uk/nottinghamshire/recyclinginformation>.

# Ruddington Diary

## Regular events

### Every Monday

**Nappuccinos** - 10am to 11:45am at The Hub, 62 Musters Road. A group for parents and carers with babies aged under 1. Coffee, cake and chat.

**Renew Green Spaces** - 12 noon to 2pm, Hareham Allotments. An opportunity to meet, grow plants and grow relationships. Contact Sam Hackett at [sam.hackett@ruddingtonbaptist.org.uk](mailto:sam.hackett@ruddingtonbaptist.org.uk) to find out more.

### First & third Mondays of the month

**Ruddington Craft Group** - 10 am to 12 noon at St Peter's Rooms. Tuition, most materials and refreshments included for £3.50 fee. Bring your own essentials (scissors, glue etc). Newcomers welcome, experience or expertise not essential. **(No meeting on Monday 3rd January 2022.)**

### Third Monday of the month

**U3A General Meeting** - 2pm at the Methodist Church. Speaker, information about interest groups and a cuppa . Any potential new members not in full time employment or who are semi-retired / retired, are welcome to attend as a visitor to see what we do.

### Every Tuesday

**Swing into Shape** - 60+ class, 11am - 11.45am at the Village Hall, Wilford Road.

**Ruddington Community Choir** – 8pm to 9:30pm at the Methodist Church.

### Every Wednesday

**Coffee Club** - 10 am to 12 noon at St Peter's Rooms. Hot drinks, biscuits and chat for over 55s in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere.

**Renew Café** – 2:30pm to 4pm at The Hub, 62 Musters Road. Arts, crafts and games.

### First Wednesday of the month

**Methodist Fellowship** – 2:30pm at the Methodist Church. Talks or activities.

### Second Wednesday of the month

**Women's Institute** – St Peter's Rooms 7.15pm. **Jan 12<sup>th</sup>**: A Steel Band Evening.

### Last Wednesday of the month

**Ruddington Gardener's Association** – 7pm for 7:30pm at The Hermitage. **Jan 26<sup>th</sup>**: Growing & Showing with Mike Davey.

### First Thursday of the month

**Hearing Aid Clinic** - 11:30am to 12:30pm at St Peter's Rooms. Contact Laura Ainsworth via [www.heartogether.org.uk](http://www.heartogether.org.uk) to find out more.

**Notts Wildlife Trust** – Winter Wildlife Talks online via Zoom, £3 per device. Full details: [http://www.southnottswildlife.org.uk/content/?page\\_id=234](http://www.southnottswildlife.org.uk/content/?page_id=234). **Jan 6<sup>th</sup>**: Molotovs & Merlins (Birdwatching in Scotland) with Gordon Hamlett. 6:45pm to 8:45pm.

### Third Thursday of the month

**Ruddington Rhythm** - All styles of live music and song (open mic). 8 - 11pm at the Cottage Hotel, Easthorpe Street. Free entry.

### Every Saturday

**Methodist Coffee Morning** - 10:30am to 12 noon at the Methodist Church.

### First Saturday of the month (Feb - Nov)

**Ruddington Village Market** - 9am to 12 noon on The Green. Over 50 stall holders offering quality crafts, produce and provisions to take away.

### Every Sunday

**Spiritual Light Centre** – 6.30pm – 8pm at Framework Knitters Museum Chapel. Divine service with a visiting medium. Healing during service. Refreshments afterwards.

## Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Parish Council Meeting - at St Peter's Rooms commencing at 7.30pm. All meetings open to the public; you can share your views on any agenda item.

### Plan B remains in place...for now

After weeks of uncertainty which saw the hospitality and leisure sectors thrown into chaos, the Government finally announced that no further COVID-19 restrictions would be imposed in England over Christmas or New Year.

This means that (at the time of writing), Plan B is still in force at the start of January 2022. The rules are as follows:

- It's compulsory to wear a face covering in most public indoor venues. The exceptions are if you're eating, drinking or exercising, so you don't need to wear one in a pub, cafe, restaurant or gym.
- Face coverings must be worn on public transport and also by secondary school pupils in the classroom.
- You should work from home if you're able to do so.
- A COVID Pass, or proof of a negative test taken within 48 hours, is required for entry into nightclubs and other settings where large crowds gather, such as sports venues.

These regulations will be reviewed in early January – and the Government has said it won't hesitate to extend restrictions if the Omicron variant is likely to overwhelm the NHS.

The rules around self-isolation have also changed. If you've tested positive or have symptoms, you now only have to self-isolate for 7 days instead of 10.

However, you'll need to have two negative lateral flow test results on days 6 and 7 to go out and about again.

For the latest news and updates on COVID-19, please visit [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus).

To obtain a COVID Pass, you can download the NHS App or ask the NHS to send you a letter in the post. To find out more, please visit [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus).

### Crime figures for Ruddington

For November 2021, these were as follow:

- 2 x criminal damage
- 2 x theft of fuel
- 1 x theft of bicycle
- 1 x theft from vehicle
- 2 x anti-social behaviour
- 1 x threatening behaviour

For crime prevention advice, please visit [www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice](https://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice).

## NHS urges everyone to have a “Jabby New Year”

A booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine is now available for everyone aged 18 and over, and some people aged 16 and over, who have had two doses of the vaccine at least three months ago. The NHS is sending out around 650,000 text messages and 5,000 letters to people who have not yet had the top-up vaccine, encouraging them to book in now.

People with a weakened immune system are also being offered a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. This is also known as a third primary dose and is different from a booster dose.

Children aged 12 and over can get a first and second dose of the primary vaccine.



The government has arranged for extra resources to staff vaccination centres in the light of a surge in booking requests due to the Omicron variant. Vaccination sites are operating 12 hours a day, seven days a week wherever possible. Slots are available for at least 16 hours a day, with some

sites extending to 24 hour operations.

If you're eligible for a vaccine or booster, please book in as soon as possible to help protect yourself and your loved ones, help flatten the curve of transmissions and protect the NHS.

For the latest information and to book your appointment, please visit [www.nhs/coronavirus](http://www.nhs/coronavirus).

***In line with guidance from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI), you can't be vaccinated or receive a booster jab if you've tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 28 days. Please book your appointment for a date after 28 days have passed.***

## Operation Sceptre in Rushcliffe

During the week commencing 15th November 2021, additional Operation Sceptre patrols were deployed in Ruddington and other areas of Rushcliffe as part of a national campaign to target knife crime.

On 18th November 2021, local Neighbourhood Policing Officers sighted and stopped a vehicle which contained two persons. The officers located a lock knife in the driver's door pocket. One male was arrested and later charged with possessing a bladed article in a public place.

Across Nottinghamshire, 60 knives were taken off the county's streets and 14 arrests were made.

## New 159 number launched to tackle fraud



If you think someone is trying to trick you into handing over money or personal details...stop, hang up and call 159 to speak directly to your bank.

Last year criminal gangs stole over £470m by pretending to be a bank or other service provider. 159 is a pilot scheme to collect evidence to show that calling 159 helps fight fraud.

### What is 159?

159 is the memorable, secure number that connects you directly to your bank if you think you're being scammed. It works in the same way as 101 for the police or 111 for the NHS. It's the number you can trust to get you through to your bank, every time – 159 will never call you and only a fraudster will object to you calling 159.

### Call 159 if:

- Someone contacts you saying they're from your bank – even if they're not suspicious
- You receive a call asking you to transfer money or make a payment –

even if seems genuine

- You receive a call about a financial matter and it seems suspicious.

### Who's behind 159?

159 has been set up by banks and telephone companies who want to fight fraud. It's a pilot scheme at the moment. The following banks are part of it:

- Barclays
- Lloyds (including Halifax and Bank of Scotland)
- NatWest (including Royal Bank of Scotland and Ulster Bank)
- Santander
- Starling Bank

That covers over 70% of UK primary current account holders. We want more banks to join us, and we hope they will over the course of the pilot.

Almost all major consumer telephone companies are participating, and almost all UK mobiles and landlines are able to use 159.

Calling 159 will cost the same as a national rate call, which are part of the included minutes in most mobile phone tariffs. If 159 doesn't work for any reason, you should contact your bank in the normal way, using the number on your bank card.

For more information, please visit <https://stopscamsuk.org.uk>.

## Have you signed up to Green Rewards yet?

**Join Green Rewards today and earn great discounts, vouchers and prizes for helping to combat climate change and achieve net zero in Notts!**

That's the message from all nine local Nottinghamshire councils, who've joined forces with local universities and Green Rewards creator, Jump, for a trailblazing partnership.



Using a new smartphone app and website, you can earn points and win prizes for activities you do every day at home or out and about, that lower your carbon footprint and help the County Council achieve its aim of becoming Carbon Clever.

All you need to do is log activities that highlight how you're reducing the amount of carbon you create, such as:

- Walking to work or school
- Cycling or using public transport
- Putting your recycling bin out with all the correct recyclables
- Switching lights off at home
- Taking a 4 minute shower and many, many more!

There are also quizzes and other initiatives you can take part in to earn extra points.

Here in Rushcliffe, you'll need to accumulate 10,000 points to claim a 10% discount or other special offer voucher, which you can redeem at participating outlets.

You'll be notified by the Borough Council when you're eligible for a voucher, and you can then choose the business where you'd like to redeem it.

There are also £20 worth of vouchers up for grabs for the two Rushcliffe residents who earn the most points each month. You can spend these at local businesses or use them to donate to environmental causes or projects.

There are full details of all businesses in Ruddington and elsewhere in Rushcliffe who've joined the project at the Green Rewards app and on the website.

Business owners who'd like to sign up can email [econdev@rushcliffe.gov.uk](mailto:econdev@rushcliffe.gov.uk) for information.

### **Sign up to Green Rewards**

You can download the app by searching for "Notts Green Rewards" in the Apple and Android app stores.

Or, visit [www.notts.greenrewards.co.uk](http://www.notts.greenrewards.co.uk) to sign up using the website. If you have any questions, please contact the Green Rewards team at [customer.service@greenrewards.co.uk](mailto:customer.service@greenrewards.co.uk) or on 0207 326 5055 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5.30pm).

## Mystery Christmas cash donor unmasked



The identity of the generous individual responsible for envelopes stuffed with cash being delivered to households in Ruddington, Clifton and Silverdale for the last six Christmases has been revealed by The Daily Express.

Just before the big money-drop this Christmas – when £5,000 in fifty envelopes handwritten with “R.A.K.” or “Random Act of Kindness” each containing £100 in £20 notes were posted through the letterboxes of lucky local recipients – the newspaper identified the “Secret Santa” as self-made millionaire Joe Soiza.

Mr Soiza hails from Clifton and founded Nottingham-based online healthcare company UK Meds with his son Mason in 2016. He decided to admit his involvement this year following intense local speculation.

He told The Express: “This is our sixth Christmas and it’s been harder each year to keep it anonymous.

“It’s always been quite cloak and dagger, but with a lot of whispers about who is behind it. People are putting two and two together, so it’s time to come clean.”

Wife Joanne and sons Mason, Brett and Owen helped Joe devise and execute this annual, charity initiative. He explains that he was inspired to help people from his boyhood home after a big win on the horses:

“I’d seen an article about random acts of kindness, and it just struck me what a nice thing it was to do. We upped it to £5,000 last year and expanded our patch a bit further, to surprise more people.

“We are always incognito, picking out houses to post the envelopes through. Last year we targeted some families with kids at bus stops, jumping out of the car and handing the envelopes over, just saying ‘Merry Christmas’ and driving off. It was brilliant! We didn’t think we could keep it a secret forever though,” he admits.

Joe tells us that 12 families in our village received an envelope this Christmas – each containing £100 – and posted on December 23rd.

“It’s truly random” he confirms, “100% around the Rushcliffe Country Park and Elms Park areas this year. “All things being well, we will carry on for as many years as we can!”

Graham Wright via [RUDDINGTON.info](http://RUDDINGTON.info)

# Village Market celebrates third birthday

There's cause for celebration this February, as Ruddington Village Market marks its third birthday. Since its launch in 2019, the market has grown from 15 stalls and a few hundred visitors at The White Horse Inn, to over 65 stalls of quality food, drink and crafts on The Green every month. It now attracts shoppers from all over the region, making it the largest market of its kind in the county.

As a project of the award-winning Ruddington Village Centre Partnership (RVCP), the market has grown in many other ways, too. Initiatives include a Young Entrepreneurs Programme to mentor 16 to 30 year olds into market stall businesses (a partnership with the Trent Bridge Trust's YouNG Project to offer under 16s the chance to trade), an electrical repair service in tandem with Illumination Repairs CIC, and regular live music and entertainment.



Mike Ader, Chair of RVCP, said "The market has certainly gone from strength to strength and is now a firm and favourite monthly fixture. Its popularity has brought thousands of people into the village which is superb for all the traders, not just on market day but throughout the rest of the month. It has without doubt encouraged new businesses to come to the village and has increased the community spirit and vibrancy of Ruddington."

2022 also sees the start of a new phase for the market, with RVCP funding new Market Manager and Social Media Administrator roles. Mike added, "The market's success has also now enabled us to engage and pay for two local people to both orchestrate its management and run its social media pages, helping to make the event sustainable in the long term."

Ruddington Village Market's third birthday takes place on Saturday 5th February from 9am until 12.30pm. To find out more, follow @ruddingtonvillagemarket on Facebook and Instagram.

Mark Pinks, RVCP

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