

# THE RUDD

## Grants available for elite Ruddington athletes

Elite athletes across Rushcliffe are being invited to apply for grant funding to support their efforts in their chosen sport. The Borough Council's Elite Sports Grant is available with grants of up to £400 that aim to reduce some of the financial burden of competing at an advanced level that can often create a barrier to achievement.



Funds may help with costs such as travel, training, accommodation, competition fees and equipment, specialist coaching and other specialist support deemed appropriate by the National Governing Body over the next year.



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FACE



SPACE

Applications to the grant scheme are being encouraged from athletes who are currently performing at international level within their sport, with priority given to competitors in sports or disciplines represented at the Olympic, Paralympic or Commonwealth Games.

Applicants have until **Friday 11th February 2022** to apply and must be:

- A resident of Rushcliffe Borough
- 14 years old or over
- Competing in a Sport England recognised sport
- Part of the National Governing Body (NGB) performance pathway and competing for a Home Nation Country (GB, England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland) and/or in the national training squad in their chosen sport. (This varies with different sports but applicants should, at least, be competing with performers from other counties in their sport, in recognised competitions.)
- Amateur status
- Fully endorsed by their NGB and National or International coach, who must be suitably qualified and affiliated.

To accompany the application, a confirmation letter from their NGB confirming an athlete's level of performance is also required.

Rushcliffe Borough Council's Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Communities and

Climate Change, Cllr Abby Brennan, said: "Great sport is a key aspect of Rushcliffe and we are delighted to offer this support to elite athletes in the Borough.

"This funding can assist athletes with the considerable costs of competing and training so that they can continue to flourish with fewer financial hurdles.

"We would encourage all eligible sportspeople to apply."

To find out more and apply, please visit [www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/leisure/sportsclubsandcentres/sport/eliteathletes/](http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/leisure/sportsclubsandcentres/sport/eliteathletes/).

**"Thank you" from the  
Rotary Club of Rushcliffe**



The Rotary Club of Rushcliffe would like to thank everyone who contributed towards the raising of around £6,700 for good causes during December. Once again, COVID-19 meant we were limited to static collections and "no stopping" drives. Under such circumstances to raise the above sum of money was a wonderful effort!

From the comments we've received, we know just how much people appreciated seeing the sleigh both at the static sites and on the streets. The club would like to thank the managers of the Co-op (Ruddington), NottCutts (Edwalton) and Morrisons (Gamston)

for allowing us to site the sleigh on or near their premises.

The club is especially grateful for the support and enthusiasm of the many volunteer “Friends of Rotary,” who stayed with the sleigh on the days it was parked at the static sites.

If you’d like to add to the amount already raised for charity, please visit the Just Giving page on the Club website, [www.rushclifferotary.org.uk](http://www.rushclifferotary.org.uk). We’re also on Facebook.

Best wishes to everyone for 2022 and, once again, many thanks for your generous support.

The Rotary Club of Rushcliffe  
Charity Benevolent Fund No 1045750

## Refurb at Rushcliffe Country Park

Works have now commenced on the refurbishment of the education centre at Rushcliffe Country Park. This will include a new café, upgraded visitors’ centre, bookable conference room, improved landscaping and toilet facilities.

In line with Rushcliffe Borough Council’s Carbon Clever programme, it will also be the first phase of a series of sustainable developments at the park that will deliver the new facilities in line with key themes identified in last year’s park users’ survey.

The installation of solar panels and an air source heat pump will supply sustainable energy to the visitors’

centre and follows decommissioning of the park’s less effective wind turbines last year.

Rushcliffe Borough Council’s Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Communities and Climate Change, Cllr Abby Brennan, met Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park chairperson, Ann Towel, and Park Manager, Alastair Glenn, to view the start of the works.



Cllr Brennan said: “It’s set to be an exciting 2022 for the park with these greener new facilities in place in the coming months and will mean even more people can enjoy its features and surroundings.

“The environment is a key priority for us and it’s only right that one of our flagship parks leads by example with ever more sustainable changes that will benefit all.

“We know how many local people and visitors from further afield love this park and we’re delighted to be making these changes in conjunction with the Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park.”

Park users are asked to follow all local signage whilst the works take place.

## Proposed “Fair Oaks Renewable Energy Park”



Ridge Clean Energy is a UK-based clean energy company.

We’ve been developing, constructing and operating clean energy projects in Great Britain since 2003. These successful projects are producing essential clean energy for UK consumers today.

We’re at the early stages of developing the Fair Oaks Renewable Energy Park to the south west of Ruddington village, which would include solar and battery storage.

We will be holding a public exhibition soon (dates to be confirmed), and will be keeping you informed through The Rudd and [RUDDINGTON.info](http://RUDDINGTON.info). We’re also preparing a dedicated website.

We’re keen to work with your community on sustainable projects and initiatives, so please keep watching out for further details.

To find out more about Ridge Clean Energy, please visit [www.ridgecleanenergy.com](http://www.ridgecleanenergy.com).

## Council plans to slash carbon emissions

A detailed carbon reduction plan will be drawn up by Nottinghamshire County Council as a way of slashing emissions from its activities and services.

The plan will be delivered and implemented this year, and will be an important lever in helping the council achieve its ambitious carbon neutral target by 2030.

The carbon reduction plan will be based on evidence gathered from the council’s recently published greenhouse gas report which set out where its emissions are most prevalent.

The report showed that 54% of the council’s emissions are from its electricity use; both in buildings and from highway equipment and lighting, with 18% due to heating, 13% from running of fleet vehicles, and the remainder caused by staff business travel and transmission losses.

The county council’s Environment Ambassador, Cllr Mike Adams, has welcomed the creation of a carbon reduction plan.

Cllr Adams said: “It’s good news that we are now in the process of drawing up a carbon reduction plan; it’s going to be a game-changer in our ambition to become net-zero in all our activities

by 2030.

“Producing our greenhouse gas report was the first step to getting our plan up-and-running – we couldn’t go into this important project without getting the facts right about the origins of our emissions.

“We’re already ahead of time with some of the elements likely to be in this plan, for example, we’ve switched the majority of our highways lighting to LEDs and we’re now moving our electricity supply to a green tariff.

“We’re serious about doing our bit to mitigate the effects of climate change in Nottinghamshire and our carbon reduction plan will be an important blueprint for our work.”



Nottinghamshire County Council committed to become carbon neutral by 2030 after it declared a climate emergency last May.

You can find information about how to reduce your carbon footprint at home and whilst travelling at [www.energy-savingtrust.org.uk](http://www.energy-savingtrust.org.uk). The website also offers useful advice and tips for saving energy and reducing your bills.

## Nottinghamshire Plan launched

Thank you to everyone who took part in Nottinghamshire County Council’s Big Notts Survey last summer. Over 12,000 residents responded.

Every response has been valuable and helped inform the new Nottinghamshire Plan 2021-2031. This sets out a nine point plan for a 10 year vision to make Nottinghamshire more healthy, prosperous and green.

When selecting where to focus their activities, NCC looked at the major trends and issues affecting the County now and into the future, including the impact of COVID-19.

Whilst implementing the Plan, the Council has pledged to:

- Listen to communities
- Support independence
- Reduce inequalities
- Spend wisely
- Make decisions based on evidence
- Work together
- Lead with optimism.

Throughout the Nottinghamshire Plan, you can see how what you told us in the Big Notts Survey has helped NCC set priorities for improving our communities and making a better future for us all.

To find out more, please visit <http://plan.nottinghamshire.gov.uk>.

# 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.

**50+ Fun Fitness/Zumba Gold with Erika** – 10am and 11am, Village Hall . First class free. Call 07967 190 442 or email [Erika zumba@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Erika.zumba@hotmail.co.uk). Or, visit [www.50plusfunfitness.co.uk](http://www.50plusfunfitness.co.uk) for information.

**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.

### 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.

### 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 9<sup>th</sup>**: The Linus Project.

### Last Wednesday of the month

**Ruddington Gardener's Association** – 7pm at The Hermitage. **Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>**: AGM.

### First Thursday of the month

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

**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). **Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>**: Discovering Scotland's Western & Northern Islands. 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 8<sup>th</sup> February 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.

## COVID-19 update

### Vaccinations

Everyone is being urged to walk in and "Grab a Jab" as a record number of walk-in vaccination sites have become available. The NHS is now inviting eligible 16 and 17-year-olds to get their booster, as well as children who are at risk and aged between 12 and 15.

If you'd prefer to book in advance, you can visit the NHS website or call 119.

Please remember that you must wait 28 days after testing positive for COVID-19 before getting your next dose. Children should wait 12 weeks.

Data from the UK Health Security Agency has demonstrated the great protection that two doses offer. And whilst an additional third dose won't completely stop the surge of Omicron, it will prevent around 75% of people from getting any COVID symptoms.

### Testing

Please keep testing regularly with lateral flow tests at home. You can pick these up from local pharmacies or order them for delivery to your home. Community Testing sites can be found

at Bingham Buttercross on Tuesdays from 9am to 3.30pm and a new location at Cotgrave Leisure Centre on Saturdays from 9am to 3.30pm.

To find out more about vaccinations and testing, please visit [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus).

### Plan B restrictions easing

Plan B COVID restrictions in England have been eased from Thursday 27th January 2022. From this date, you won't be required to wear a face covering, including in communal areas of schools. The government suggests continuing to wear one in crowded and indoor spaces where you may come into contact with people you won't normally meet.

The NHS COVID Pass will no longer be required at venues and events by law.

You'll find the latest information on COVID-19 restrictions at [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus).

## Crime figures for Ruddington

For December 2021, these were as follow:

- 1 x criminal damage
- 2 x theft of fuel
- 5 x theft from vehicle
- 1 x attempted theft from car
- 1 x theft from shop
- 1 x theft from property
- 1 x dog attack

## Rushcliffe Business Partnership Steering Group seeks new members

Rushcliffe Business Partnership (RBP) is the home of a thriving local business scene with more than 500 individuals and organisations benefitting from membership.

RBP's regular business networking events include an informal coffee meeting at The Next Episode in Ruddington, held on the third Friday of each month.

The Partnership has a Steering Group made up of local business owners and representatives from the Borough Council. The Groups is responsible for helping to shape and deliver the work of the Partnership.

RBP is now looking for new members to sit on the Steering Group to help it grow and support even more businesses in the Borough.

The Partnership, launched in 1999, is a not-for-profit organisation part funded by Rushcliffe Borough Council. RBP's key aims are to:

- Provide networks and relationships for business support, growth and opportunities
- Champion Rushcliffe as a place to do business
- Increase trade for Rushcliffe from inside and outside the borough

- Provide a coherent voice for business in Rushcliffe.

By extending the Steering Group membership, it's hoped RBP will better reflect and represent the needs of businesses across the borough.

Building on the challenges and learning since the start of COVID-19, there's an opportunity to review RBP and look at how we can develop it, particularly in relation to the impact of and the many lessons learnt during the pandemic.

This provides an exciting chance for some new ideas and a fresh perspective with new businesses getting involved in helping to shape the future of the Partnership, and deliver improved outcomes for our business community.

If you're interested and would like to find out more, please email our Economic Growth Team at [econdev@rushcliffe.gov.uk](mailto:econdev@rushcliffe.gov.uk).

For more information about RBP and their programme of business networking and training events, please visit [www.rbpbusiness.org.uk](http://www.rbpbusiness.org.uk).

### Omicron COVID-19 outbreak business support

In light of the spread of the Omicron variant and its impact on hospitality and leisure businesses, the Government is providing an additional £785m of funding support. The two schemes are the Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant (OHLG) and a top up to the

original Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG).

If your business operates in, supplies or is otherwise involved in any of the following sectors, you may be eligible for one of these grants:

- Hospitality
- Leisure (not gyms or sport)
- Accommodation
- Personal care.

The funding will be delivered by Rushcliffe Borough Council. Please note there are only limited funds available for the ARG, which will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. There are also strict eligibility criteria for both schemes.

To find out if your business might be eligible, please visit [www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/business/coronavirusbusinesssupport/](http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/business/coronavirusbusinesssupport/).

## **Notts Children's Centre Services**

Nottinghamshire Children's Centre Services has announced its timetable of services to the end of March 2022. These run during school term-times.

### **• B.A.B.E.S.**

A group for breastfeeding and expectant mums with play, chat and peer-to-peer support groups. Sessions take place at West Bridgford Young People's Centre on alternate Thursdays from 3rd February. There are also sessions at Bingham.

### **• Under 1s Sessions**

Play, learn and interact at our sessions for families living in Rushcliffe with babies aged under one. Sessions take place at West Bridgford Young People's Centre on alternate Thursdays from 10th February.

### **• Self-weigh Sessions**

The nearest group to Ruddington meets at West Bridgford Young People's Centre on Thursdays from 1pm to 3pm. Sessions also take place at other venues in Rushcliffe.



### **• Stay & Play Sessions**

Come and have fun learning through play. Stay & Play is open to families living in Rushcliffe with babies and toddlers aged from 0 to 3. Sessions take place at Bingham Children's Centre every other Wednesday from 2nd February.

### **Bookings and information**

Please book in advance for all sessions as places are limited. For B.A.B.E.S, please email [novlette.johnson@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:novlette.johnson@nottsc.gov.uk). For all other sessions, please call 0115 977 3749. For more information about NCCS and all their services, please visit [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/childrenscentreservice](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/childrenscentreservice).

## Ruddington Green goes green

Cyclists now have some further options to secure their bikes in our village centre, thanks to two double cycle racks just installed on The Green by Ruddington Parish Council.



The idea of more robust bike racks for Ruddington, in addition to those outside the Co-op and the wall brackets attached to some existing shop fronts, was suggested by Ruddington Village Centre Partnership (RVCP) as part of the Traders' Village Improvement Plan.

Julie Smith of RVCP explains: "It was felt that there was a lack of places near the High Street for bikes to be stored when customers came to shop. This also aligned with the Neighbourhood Plan's aspiration to give priority to non-vehicular modes of transport.

"We therefore proposed to the Parish Council that the bike-parks be increased on the High Street/the village green to encourage this activity. The Parish Council were able to align our request with their own plans, and have been proactive in making these happen on

the Village Green."

Councillors voted to fund these four, black, metal bike racks, with two being installed near the bus shelter and another two at the corner next to the noticeboard. These new racks should be especially useful for cyclists visiting the monthly Village Market and other outdoor events held there throughout the year. Concrete pads are set to be installed under the new racks when the weather permits.

Ruddington Parish Councillor, Cllr Mike Gaunt, who is also an elected Borough Councillor, says: "I am delighted to see that four new bike racks have been installed by the Parish Council on The Green. It is essential that, wherever possible, we encourage people to leave their cars at home and come into the village to use our fantastic local shops and services."

He adds: "The Parish Council continues to look at ways that we can make Ruddington more environmentally, socially and economically sustainable – and cycling safely into the centre provides one of these opportunities.

"Hopefully the County Council will get the wheels in motion soon and provide the six further cycle racks they've promised for the high street, so that we can further improve the green credentials of this amazing village."

Mark Pinks of RVCP reveals that these additional village centre cycle racks

have been requested outside Ruddington Fish Bar, Coral Bookmakers and Morton's Deli/Phoenix Flowers. However, they are still going through Nottinghamshire County Council's planning process.

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

## 2022: The year of the "A60 bridge"

Friends of the Great Central Main Line have announced an exciting fundraising campaign to accelerate the linking of the Great Central Railway (GCR) in Loughborough with the National Heritage Railway (formerly known as GCRN) at Ruddington.

GCR has already completed two pieces of its ambitious Reunification scheme and now plans to get a third one – a landmark bridge over the A60 – completed this year, subject to funding. Reunification will see two separate halves of the GCR reconnected to create an 18 mile heritage line, with economic benefits to Loughborough and the wider East Midlands.

The next job is to overhaul the bridge that carries the railway over the A60 Nottingham Road on the north east side of Loughborough. In a remarkable boost for the project, a consortium of funders has brought together a substantial sum of money towards the cost of the work. Now the Friends of the Great Central Main Line are setting out to raise £110,000 to top up the pot.

Fundraising has also been underway for 18 months towards two further sections of the Reunification scheme: a new bridge across Railway Terrace in Loughborough and a short new section of railway to cross a factory car park. These two elements have been dubbed the "Factory Flyover."

Money continues to be donated from across the country and around the world, and the fundraising work will continue towards this section alongside the new appeal for the A60 bridge. It's hoped work can start on the Factory Flyover within the next 2 or 3 years.

"Every donation counts and is so welcome," said Andy Fillingham, Chairman of the Friends. "Once we have got the funds raised for the A60 bridge and the work is underway we'll continue the campaign to find the funds for the other parts of the Reunification jigsaw."

### How to donate

To make a donation to the A60 bridge overhaul fund, please visit [www.gcrailway.co.uk/unify](http://www.gcrailway.co.uk/unify). Or, send a cheque through the post made payable to "David Clarke Railway Trust" to DCRT, Lovatt House, 3 Wharnccliffe Road, Loughborough, LE11 1SL. Please write on the back of the cheque "A60 / Reunification".

More information about the A60 bridge and the wider Reunification project can be found at [www.gcrailway.co.uk/unify](http://www.gcrailway.co.uk/unify).

## Age UK launches fraud and scams support service

Age UK Nottingham & Nottinghamshire has launched a new scams prevention and support programme for older people in Nottinghamshire.

The programme, funded by Lloyds Banking Group, will help to prevent older people from falling for scams by increasing their knowledge and confidence to recognise and deal with attempted scams. It will also provide support to older fraud victims recovering after an incident.



Older people can be particularly vulnerable to fraud and scams, which can have a serious emotional and financial impact, and can damage quality of life and wellbeing for many.

Sophisticated scams have been on the rise during the pandemic with criminals devising even more ways to target those they believe to be vulnerable. This means it's even more vital to support those that may be at greater risk.

To find out more about Age UK Nottingham & Nottinghamshire's Scams Prevention and Support Programme, please call Safe & Sound on 0115 5899209 or visit [www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk).

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