

THE RUDD

Nominations open as Rudd Awards return

Ruddington Village Community Partnership (RVCP) has launched this year's Rudd Awards 2024 to recognise and celebrate the individuals, businesses and community groups that make Ruddington great.

The RVCP team hopes to build on the success of the inaugural awards in 2022 – which attracted more than 100 nominations from Ruddington residents – with even more nominations for this year's awards.



The six categories for 2024, all sponsored by local companies, cover 'Sports, leisure and culture', 'Village retailer or service', 'Village hospitality', 'Community Group', 'Volunteer or Fundraiser' and 'Young Person'.

Nominations are now open for people to put forward the individuals, groups and businesses that are making a real difference to building a vibrant and prosperous life in the village.

A special seventh award, the ‘Heart of Ruddington’ award, sponsored by the event’s lead sponsor Okarno (formerly Artex), will be selected by the awards committee. This honour recognises someone who’s made an outstanding contribution to Ruddington as an exemplary member of the community.

In 2022 it was awarded to Ruddington resident, Barbara Breakwell, for her tireless and selfless commitment to supporting local causes.

Mike Ader, RVCP Chair, comments: “The Rudd Awards showcase and honour the great and the good within Ruddington, recognising those who time and time again go the extra mile, helping raise the profile of the village and build its unique identity.

draw giving 10 lucky people the chance to win a seat at the awards ceremony.”

Nominations can be made online at www.rvcp.org.uk/awards until 5pm on **Sunday 18th February 2024**. Paper forms are also available from the Parish Office in St Peter’s Rooms during office hours (9:30am to 12:30pm, Monday to Friday).

The shortlist will be announced in March and, following judging by a local independent panel, the winners will be announced at the awards evening on **Friday 17th May 2024** at Ruddington’s St Peters Church, compèred by BBC Radio Nottingham’s Verity Cowley.

For more information about the Rudd Awards, visit: www.rvcp.org.uk/awards.

RVCP Committee

Chloe Gibson: Unsung Hero

In December 2023, Chloe Gibson from Ruddington was posthumously nominated for the Unsung Hero Award from the BBC. This was for her unstinting voluntary work as a netball coach with Cliftonettes Netball Club.

Chloe also coached the Nottingham Trent University team and Boots Netball Club.

Starting coaching when she was just 15, she left no stone unturned in her quest to give her best to the girls she coached. Chloe sent for coaching manuals and DVDs from Australia and arranged for England players to share



“The aim is for us to shine a spotlight on those who make the village a great place to live, work and visit. Plus, this year, everyone who submits a nomination will be entered into a prize

their knowledge at a training session. But it wasn't just her netball knowledge that she freely gave; she supported the girls in whatever way she could and many of them credit her for the women they've now become.



It was announced on East Midlands Today that Chloe had won the nomination for the East Midlands area and the trophy was presented at a surprise visit to a Cliftonettes training session. (Watch the video [here](#).)

Representatives from all 15 TV regions were then invited to attend Sports Personality of the Year – where, disappointingly, the national award didn't go to Chloe. However, having been voted the East Midlands Unsung Hero is a fitting tribute to the outstanding contribution Chloe made to netball in the county and region.

Her achievements will always be her legacy.

Christine Gibson

Youth Work sessions at the Village Hall

I'm not sure many people in the village are aware of the Youth Club held on Thursday evenings for young people in school years 6 and 7. It's run by Gavin Williams, who used to work at the Under 14s Youth Club on Ruddington Green from 2000 to 2014.

The sessions are held in the Village Hall on Wilford Road, on Thursday evenings from 6:15pm to 8:15pm (term time only).

They're staffed by qualified Youth Workers, Gavin and Julie, who work for Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC).

They offer a range of fun and engaging activities including sports and games, arts and crafts, and cooking activities in a warm space that's kindly provided by Ruddington Parish Council.

The sessions are aligned to the NCC Youth Service key values of trust, respect, safety and enjoyment in a warm and welcoming space. The cost per session is 50p and parents are encouraged to come to the first one.

Currently, numbers are quite low and need to increase to 15 or more on a regular basis if the service is to continue.

To find out more about NCC's Youth Service, please visit www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/youthservice.

Gwen Eyre

Ruddington: your RBL Branch needs YOU!

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The Ruddington & District Branch of the Royal British Legion (RBL) is in danger of closing due to a lack of active members.

The Branch has organised a Special General Meeting on **Thursday 1st February at 8pm** in St Peter's Rooms to discuss the situation.

Everyone is welcome, so please come along, have your say and help save our local Branch from closure. (Don't worry if you can't get to the meeting – there are contact details for the Branch opposite.)

What is the RBL?

The Royal British Legion is the UK's leading Armed Forces charity and one of its largest membership organisations. Members get together through the network of branches and clubs all over the country and overseas, to participate in social, fundraising and welfare activities.

About the Ruddington Branch

Ruddington & District Branch meets on the first Thursday of every month at 8pm at St Peter's Rooms.

Who can join the RBL?

You don't need to be a serving member of the Armed Forces or a veteran to join the RBL. Membership is open to everyone.

If you have an interest in the objectives of the RBL and want to help and support those who've served and their families, come and join us. We welcome men and women of all ages.

Why the RBL and its members matter

Legion membership makes sure that:

- Remembrance is kept alive, and the sacrifices our brave Service men and women have made are never forgotten.
- The ex-Service community has a voice, and their concerns are brought to the public eye.

Becoming a member also provides the opportunity to get involved in a wide range of activities and events held locally, regionally and nationally throughout the year, including the annual Poppy Appeal.

For more information about the RBL and the Ruddington & District Branch, please email the current Chairman, Malcolm R Greenberry, at RuddRBLchairman@gmail.com.

Santa says a big “Thank you!”

The Rotary Club of Rushcliffe would like to thank everyone who contributed towards raising a fantastic £10,000 when Santa and his sleigh visited local areas over the Christmas period.

The club is especially grateful to Sandicliffe Motors for the loan of the towing vehicle, and to NotCutts and Morrisons at Gamston for letting the sleigh and volunteers spend time at their premises.



During December, the sleigh, accompanied by Santa, undertook 11 walking collections and eight trips to garden centres and supermarkets. Keeping to this ambitious programme wouldn't have been possible without the help of volunteers from our communities.

A very special “thank you” goes to over 50 volunteers, both individuals and members of local groups, who braved the uncertain weather to knock on doors or stand holding collecting buckets.

All the money raised from the sleigh rounds goes into the Club's Benevolent Fund and is used solely to support good causes.

The Club is always keen to hear from local groups engaged in community work who might benefit from a grant. You can contact the club through our website at www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=1333 or our [Facebook page](#).

Best wishes for 2024 and thank you for your continuing support.

The Rotary Club of Rushcliffe

Blister packs “thank you” Collections now suspended

Thank you to everyone who's been saving their empty plastic and foil blister packs from medication to be recycled.

The response, both locally and nationally, has apparently been so amazing that the organisation that launched the initiative has been overwhelmed!

As a consequence, they're now SUSPENDING the appeal with immediate effect.

However, packs made completely from foil can still be recycled by an aluminium recycling scheme, so please continue to donate them.

Huge thanks again!

Barbara Breakwell

Ruddington Open Gardens 2024



We're now planning for the fourth Ruddington Open Gardens event, which will take place during the **weekend of 1st and 2nd June 2024**, from 2pm to 6pm on both days.

As previously, all proceeds from the event will go to two charities: Save the Children and Action for Children

As well as open gardens and allotments, we're hoping there'll be live music and refreshments available, as well as vintage bus rides around the village, stalls and games in various gardens, and an art exhibition at the Framework Knitters' Museum.

If you'd like to get involved and open your garden to visitors, we'd love to hear from you. Gardens don't have to be big or spectacular, just attractive places that visitors will enjoy wandering around. Even a display of hanging baskets in a front garden would make a welcome addition to the programme! We're also happy to hear from anyone who'd be able to open on just one day over the weekend.

Information packs will be provided to each garden owner well before the event.

If you'd like any more information, or you're considering opening your garden, please contact either myself at je.piggott@btinternet.com, Mike Davey at mrdavey004@btinternet.com, or Chris Marriott at [Ruddington Gardeners' Association at thdesign4@googlemail.com](mailto:thdesign4@googlemail.com), or Chris Marriott at [Ruddington Art & Craft Society at thdesign4@googlemail.com](mailto:thdesign4@googlemail.com).

Please support this charity event if you can – we'd love you to be a part of it!

Jane Piggott

South Notts Save the Children

Watch out for the fraud red flags

Rushcliffe Borough Council (RBC), along with fellow councils and partners in the Nottinghamshire Fraud Partnership, has recently launched the 'Fraud Red Flags' campaign to educate residents on the need to be aware of the red flags if you're contacted unexpectedly and could become a victim of fraud.

This includes if you're contacted out of the blue, which could be a red flag for fraud, as fraudsters often use unexpected calls, texts or doorstep visits to try to catch you off guard.

If the red flags are flying, cut off contact quickly, take five minutes to reflect and reach out to someone you trust for advice.

For information and advice on fraud and how to report it, please visit the Nottinghamshire Police website at www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/fa/fraud/.

Hedge laying at Rushcliffe Country Park

Rushcliffe Country Park has again welcomed a traditional hedge laying technique to help manage its hedgerows sustainably, helping to provide a valuable habitat and food source for wildlife.

Park rangers and Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park (FoRCP) volunteers are undertaking this manual technique, which involves cutting the hedge trees thinly at the base and laying them on their side – an annual practice they've used for decades in certain parts of the park.



New shoots will arrive in spring to create a dense hedge originally developed as a livestock barrier, but which will now enhance local biodiversity and create a more manageable hedge compared with mechanical techniques.

Hedge laying has been used for hundreds of years, but has been slowly dying out since WW2 due to the introduction of mechanical hedge cutting from tractors and readily available wire fencing.

Rushcliffe Borough Council's Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Wellbeing, ICT and Member Development, Cllr Jonathan Wheeler, said: "We're proud to keep this traditional country hedge laying technique at our park, which helps to keep our hedges in a much better condition than mechanical flailing.

"It's a manual activity carried out over the colder months whilst the hedges aren't growing or supporting wildlife, such as nesting birds.

"Hedgerows provide vital resources for mammals, birds, and insect species, and contribute to carbon reduction. We have a strategic aim to increase the Borough's hedgerow network by 40% by 2050.

"A big thank you to our park rangers and the FoRCP for working hard to keep this wonderful hedge laying tradition alive. We look forward to seeing the fantastic results in the spring."

The FoRCP group meets every Wednesday from 8.30am to 2pm to help create and maintain habitats and conservation work, learn and share knowledge about wildlife and nature, and help improve the park and its facilities.

To join this friendly group, visit the [FoRCP Facebook page](#), contact the Country Park Rangers on 0115 921 5865 or pick up a joining leaflet from the park's Visitor Centre.

Ruddington Diary

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 20th February 2024

Commencing at 7.30pm. All meetings open to the public; you can share your views on any agenda item.

Events in February 2024

Thursday 1st February

Ruddington & District Branch of the Royal British Legion – Special General Meeting to try to select a working committee to keep the Branch open, as it is in danger of closing due to a lack of active members. 8pm at St Peter's Rooms. See page 4 for details.

Tuesday 6th February

Ruddington Methodist Church Women's / Men's Fellowship Programme – 2.30pm, £2. Peter Shreyhane – General talk on yesteryear. Refreshments to follow.

Thursday 15th February

Romeo & Juliet by the Nottingham Shakespeare Company – 7pm at the Village Hall on Wilford Road. See page 15 for details.

Friday 16th February

Comedy Night – 7.30pm at The Cottage Hotel. Tickets £12 each. Call 0115 984 6882 to book tickets or call in to Reception.

Sunday 18th February

Wedding Open Afternoon – 2pm to 4pm at The Cottage Hotel. Call 0115 984 6882 to book or call in to Reception.

Regular events

Every Monday

Nappuccinos – 10 am to 11 45 am 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 & 11am at the Village Hall. First class free. Call 07967 190 442, email erikazumba@hotmail.com or visit www.50plusfunfitness.co.uk for info

Ruddington Running Club – Meet at 5:55pm at the lower Asher Lane entrance to Rushcliffe Country Park for a 6pm run lasting 30 to 35 minutes. More info on the Club's [Facebook page](#).

Ruddington & District Choral Society – Term time only – 7.15pm St Peter's School. Further info: www.ruddingtonchoral.com.

First & third Mondays of the month

Ruddington Card Making & Craft Group – 10am to 12 noon at St Peter's Rooms. Tuition, most materials and refreshments included for £3.50 fee. Newcomers welcome, no experience is necessary. **5th & 19th Feb.**

First & Fourth Mondays of the month

Heat'n' Eat – 12.30pm to 2pm at St Peter's Church. Two course hot meal with soft drink. £1 per person. Booking essential, via Eventbrite Heat n Eat Ruddington. Email ruddoffice@gmail.com if you have any dietary requirements.

Third Monday of the month

U3A General Meeting – 2pm at the Methodist Church. Speaker, information about interest groups and a cuppa.

Every Tuesday

Swing into Shape – 60+ class, 11am to 11:45am at the Village Hall, Wilford Road.

RACS Kids (term time only) – age 7+, Art & Craft sessions. 5pm to 6pm at the Framework Knitters' Museum Chapel. £10 per child including all materials. Email Ruddingtonacsociety@gmail.com for info.

Ruddington Community Choir – 8pm to 9.30pm at the Methodist Church.

Alternate Tuesdays

Ruddington Library (termtime only) – 10:30am to 11am. Under 5s activities: Rattle Roll & Rhyme, Storytime & Craft.

Every Wednesday

Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park – 8:30am to 2pm. Meet at the Visitors' Centre in the Park. Conservation activities, learning opportunities and socialising. For more information, visit the [FoRCP Facebook page](#), contact the Country Park Rangers on 0115 921 5865 or pick up a joining leaflet from the Visitors' Centre.

Coffee Club – 10 am to 12 noon at St Peter's Rooms. For over 55s.

Move and Mingle – Wellbeing Walks in Rushcliffe Country Park. 10:30am except Bank Holidays. 30 to 60 minute walks at three levels, led by trained walk leaders to aim to improve walkers' physical and mental wellbeing in a friendly group of people. Meet by the lake at a point approximately 50m to the left of the Education Room and outdoor café. To find out more, email rushcliffemandm@gmail.com or call Duncan on 07969 330 846. See page 12 for more details.

The Ruddington Pantry – 12:30pm to 1pm at St Peter's Rooms.

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

Ruddington Shotokan Karate Club – 5:30pm to 7:45pm Ruddington Village Hall, Wilford Road. Come and see us for a chat or have a go; first lesson free. Contact 07986 858 608 or email SenseiRSKC@outlook.com.

Easy Living Yoga – 6.30pm to 7.30pm at the studio above Unit D, Compound

Strength & Conditioning. £10 per class or £40 for a 5 class pass. 20% discount for gym members. Accessible to all. Book online at <https://easylivingyoga.setmore.com>.

Every other Wednesday

Bloomin Dementia – Music in Mind by The Joyful Jukebox. 10:30am to 12 noon at the Village Hall. Singing & dancing. Free.

Second Wednesday of the month

Women's Institute – 7:15pm at St Peter's Rooms. **14th Feb: 100th Anniversary Meeting Chocolate Demonstration by Cathy Wright.**

Last Wednesday of the month

Ruddington Gardener's Association – 7pm at The Hermitage. **28th Feb: AGM followed by wine and cheese.**

Every Thursday

Coffee Morning – Ruddington Library 10:30am to 12noon (small donations for refreshments).

After School Drop In – Ruddington Library (term time only.) 3:45pm to 5pm.

Youth Work Sessions (term time only) – 6:15pm to 8:15pm at The Village Hall. For Years 6 & 7 pupils. 50p per session. Sports / games, arts & crafts, cooking. For more info, please visit www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/youthservice.

Ruddington & District Royal British Legion – 8pm at St Peter's Rooms. Social, fundraising and welfare activities. All welcome – you don't need to be a current or former member of the Armed Forces.

Every other Thursday

Framework Church - 11am to 12:30pm in the Chapel at the Framework Knitters' Museum. A relaxed and informal group meeting.

First Thursday of the month

Hearing Aid Clinic – 10am to 11am at St Peter's Rooms in the Committee Room. Visit the website at www.hearttogether.org.uk for more info. **1st Feb, 7th March.**

RACS Art & Craft Sessions – 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Ruddington Methodist Church. Coffee, tea and cake provided. Membership £50 per year. Non members £10 per session. Email Ruddingtonacsociety@gmail.com for info.

Third Thursday of the month

Ruddington Rhythm – 8 pm, The Cottage Hotel, Easthorpe Street. All styles of music. £3 entry. Free raffle. Contact Ron on 07850 770 477 for more info.

Every Friday

Ruddington Running Club – Meet at 6:55am at the lower Asher Lane entrance to Rushcliffe Country Park for a 7am run lasting 30 to 35 minutes. More info on the Club's [Facebook page](#).

Alternate Fridays

Ruddington Library at 2pm - Ruddington Writers (contact Trevor Jones); Crafty Chatter (Bring your own projects – small donation for refreshments.)

Every Saturday

Methodist Coffee Morning – 10:30am to 12 noon.

Soccer Schools - 11am to 12 noon at Jubilee Playing Fields. Open to all children in Reception and Year 1. First session FREE for new players then £5 per session. Run by Ruddington Village FC in association with Score Football Coaching.

First Saturday of the month

Ruddington Village Market – 9am to 2pm on The Green. Over 75 stall holders offering quality crafts, produce and provisions to take away

Second Saturday of the month

Rushcliffe Wildlife Watch – 11am to 1pm, meet outside Education Room, Rushcliffe Country Park. Sessions cost £2-£3. Email rushcliffewatch@nottsswt.co.uk for details.

Alternate Saturdays

Family Lego Club – 10:30am to 12 noon at the library.

Every Sunday

Ruddington Shotokan Karate Club – 10.30am to 12 noon at Ruddington Village Hall, Wilford Road. Come and see us for a chat or have a go; first lesson free. Contact 07986 858 608 or email SenseiRSKC@outlook.com.

The Ruddington Pantry – 4pm to 4:30pm at St Peter's Rooms.

Spiritual Light Centre – 6:30pm to 8pm at St Peter's Rooms, Church Street. Divine service with a visiting medium. Healing during service. Refreshments afterwards.

First Sunday of the Month

Coffee & Cake – 10:30am to 12 noon, St Peter's Rooms. Call Sylvia & Derek Sanderson on 0115 984 3523 for more details.

Ruddington Pantry update



During December 2023, the Pantry received 853.7kg of donations. 811.3kg were redistributed to 627 people locally and 42.4kg were disposed of. A total of 15.61 tonnes has been diverted from landfill to date.

Looking after your mental health

It can be very frightening to deal with the threat of flooding, or see your home or business flooded.

It's normal to feel upset, anxious, tired and /or have difficulty sleeping when our lives are significantly disrupted through events like flooding.

Sadly, it can take a long time for life to return to normal, so if you've been affected it can be a good idea to turn to friends and family for support if you're able to.

Help is available from elsewhere too, and some of the many places you can go to for support include:

Mental health crisis:

- Crisis Line: 0808 196 3779
- Crisis sanctuaries: 0115 844 1846
- Text NOTTS to 85258
- Samaritans: Call free 24 hours a day on 116 123 or visit <https://samaritans.org>.

Depression, anxiety and stress:

- Talking Therapies: 0333 188 1060.

Looking after yourself:

- Every Mind Matters: www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/.

General help, information and advice

- The National Flood Forum: <https://nationalfloodforum.org.uk/> .
- Borough Council: www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/emergency-planning/flooding/.

Winter Wellbeing Challenge

Residents across the Borough are invited to take up the Rushcliffe Winter Wellbeing Challenge and take part in fun activities that encourage you to step outside, embrace the season, and elevate your wellbeing through local activities.

The Challenge runs until **Sunday 31st March** and encourages those who may be feeling down or isolated during the colder months to get up and go outside to boost their wellbeing by engaging in a variety of activities delivered by local organisations and voluntary groups.

Reflecting on the current cost of living, all activities are either free or at a small cost to cover food and refreshments.

You can collect a sticker on completion of each of the nine activities to win a specially designed tote bag. Sticker books are provided at the activities unless stated otherwise.

You don't need to complete all the activities within the challenge to receive your prize; for example, you could do the same one twice and receive two stickers.

The Winter Wellbeing Challenge is flexible, and you can complete your chosen nine activities at your own pace, provided they're all completed by the end of March deadline.

For more information and details of all the challenges, please visit the News section of www.rushcliffe.gov.uk.

Wellbeing Walks in Rushcliffe



Rushcliffe Move & Mingle is a voluntary organisation which organises wellbeing walks in various locations within the borough, including Rushcliffe Country Park, under the auspices of Ramblers Wellbeing Walks.

The walks are fun and friendly, accessible to all, and free – an ideal opportunity to get more active and meet new people. They take place once a week at each of five locations within the borough. In addition to Rushcliffe Country Park where we meet at 10.30am every Wednesday (except Bank Holidays), there are walks at Lady Bay, East Leake, Radcliffe on Trent and Cotgrave Country Park.

The Rushcliffe Country Park walkers meet by the lake at a point around 50m to the left of the Education Room and outdoor café. All our walks are led by trained walk leaders and aim to improve walkers' physical and mental wellbeing in a friendly group of people.

We provide three levels of walk at the park, ranging from approximately a mile

(30 minutes) to two and a half miles (60 minutes). After the walk, the Country Park has the advantage of providing meeting places where walkers can enjoy a cuppa and a chat. Why not come along and give it a go?

We rely on a group of trained walk leaders and are currently seeking more volunteers to assist in running all the walks, and to give us the capacity to expand them for the benefit of all.

From a personal perspective, I've been involved with Rushcliffe Move & Mingle since its inception and regularly lead walks in the park. It's a great way of supporting others and enjoying a walk yourself.

If you're interested either in going on the walks or volunteering to become a leader, please get in touch at rushcliffemandm@gmail.com or call Duncan on 07969 330 846.

Harry Barr

Rushcliffe Move & Mingle

The Rushcliffe Big Green Book

The third edition of a directory that details nature based activity providers and green spaces in Rushcliffe is now available, to encourage more people to explore local nature and improve their mental and physical health.

The Rushcliffe Big Green Book gives a wealth of local contacts and information to help groups and individuals find great new health and

wellbeing opportunities on their doorstep in the Borough.

It features a range of activities such as walking routes, cycling and exercise groups, coffee meetups, wildlife and environmental links, gardening, allotments and food sharing, as well as leisure opportunities at local waterways, parks and open spaces.



There's also additional information on staying active, building strength, and details on the health benefits of physical activity including improved sleep, maintaining a healthy weight, managing stress and more.

The concept is designed to be used by social prescribers and healthcare workers who want to find activities for their patients, as well as individuals looking for local community groups to get involved in.

To view the latest version of the Big Green Book, please visit www.rushcliffehealth.org/green-book.

For any questions on the Big Green Book, partnership work or sponsor opportunities, you can email Rushcliffebiggreenbook@gmail.com.

Electric vehicle charging consultation

Nottinghamshire's residents are being asked for their views on Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC)'s new electric vehicle charging framework.

With five key objectives, the framework sets out how NCC aims to work with residents, businesses and communities to establish a public charge point network.

A key aim of the framework is to make sure electric vehicle charge points are made available across the county, including in urban centres, rural areas, on the highway and in public spaces.

As part of the framework, NCC wants to increase awareness of available charge points, and seek more funding for and increase installations of, charge points across the local network, as well as ensuring the sustainability of charge points.

NCC is currently bidding for final approval for £5.5 million from the Government's Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Fund, to increase the number of electric vehicle charge points in the county.

The consultation can be found on the county council's website: at <https://consult.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transpourt/ev-consultation/>.

It closes on **Tuesday 12th March 2024**.

MyNotts app relaunched with brand new look

A free, easy to use app which gives Nottinghamshire residents access to a wide range of County Council services has been given a brand new look.



The MyNotts app was launched by Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) in January 2020. It allows you to make the most of NCC's services wherever you are, by using your smartphone.

Since its launch, the app has had almost 550,000 views with the most frequently visited services being highways, waste and recycling, and schools. You can also use it to report potholes and faulty streetlights, as well as apply for school places.

Now, the app has been given a revamp to ultimately improve accessibility and customer experience, which includes the way you can report highways issues and control how you receive push notifications.

Councillor Richard Jackson, NCC's Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, said: "The MyNotts app has proved to be a huge success since its launch nearly four years ago, with more and more residents downloading it to access vital council services in a quick

and efficient way.

"As the app has evolved over time, we've acted on feedback from people who use it to make sure we deliver the improvements you've asked for.

"The refreshed app looks fantastic, and I'd like to thank those in our customer service centre who've been involved in its development and testing, helping to make sure the user experience is better and quicker than ever before.

"Our ultimate aims are to significantly improve the ability to access information and services, and provide a better overall customer experience for Nottinghamshire residents."

Users can now take advantage of the app's Recyclopaedia feature, which provides information about what you can and can't recycle in your household waste, while there are also some links to a number of district and borough council services, such as bulky waste removal and missed bins.

There's also a Cost of Living section with information and support to help manage financial pressures.

Plus, you can use the app to find out what's going on across Robin Hood County, including links to popular tourist attractions.

The app is available to download from the Android and Apple stores, or by visiting www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/news-and-media/mynottsassp.

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Get around for £2 extended to December 2024



The Government has announced that the planned rise to the bus fare cap from £2 to £2.50 has been deferred, with fares remaining at £2 until 31st December 2024. This will take the total government investment in capping bus fares to nearly £600 million.

According to initial analysis from a recent report published by the Department for Transport (DfT), the scheme has helped encourage people to get back on the bus, with almost half of respondents saying the fare cap is the main reason they're using the bus more.

Both Nottingham's main bus operators, Trent Barton and Nottingham City Transport (NCT), have signed up to the extended scheme, with almost all services included in the £2 fare cap.

A notable exception is the Trent Barton Red Arrow service between Nottingham and Derby, which falls outside the criteria for the scheme. However, all the main routes serving Ruddington, the NCT 3 and 10, and the Kinchbus 9 (run by Trent Barton), are included.

For more information, please visit www.trentbarton.co.uk, www.kinchbus.co.uk or www.nctx.co.uk.

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