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Commission for Rural Communities

Clear evidence of the complex picture of disadvantage in rural areas was published on the 9 March at the launch of the Countryside Agency's Commission for Rural Communities. The Commission starts work this month, in a shake-up of rural delivery arrangements following the Government's recent Rural Strategy, with a clear remit "to make sure the rural voice is heard - and listened to - at all levels of policymaking."

Providing well-informed, independent advice to government and others, the Commission will help to ensure that policies and delivery reflect the needs of people living and working in rural England, with a particular focus on tackling disadvantage. It will have 3 key functions, as rural advocate, expert adviser and independent watchdog.

Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Margaret Beckett, said: "The creation of the Commission for Rural Communities gives rural

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people - especially the disadvantaged - a strong voice to ensure that policies deliver for them, their communities and their businesses."

The new research confirms that those who are living on low incomes in urban areas are clustered together, whereas they are mostly scattered across rural England. Helping people access jobs, healthcare and other vital services poses a real challenge.

The complexity of rural disadvantage can now be identified at a very local level, showing that in rural Suffolk, for example, there are small pockets or areas of lower income households living cheek by jowl with affluent households. This means that measuring disadvantage over too large an area overlooks these pockets and makes rural poverty difficult to address through area-based schemes.

Even in rural areas this varies, with proportionally higher levels of economic disadvantage in some rural areas than others, so one approach does not fit all. For example, in England there are more people on low incomes in the south west, the north east, around the Wash, and in rural areas of South Yorkshire, Derbyshire and North Nottinghamshire.

The report gives a brief overview of the current evidence available, but it is clear there remain gaps and weaknesses in the evidence base. The Countryside Agency is looking to others to help and, before starting work on the Commission's first major thematic study on rural disadvantage, they want to hear from policymakers and delivery bodies to make sure the study addresses the right issues and produces relevant outcomes.

To respond with your views, email disadvantagestudy@ruralcommunities.gov.uk or write to Lynn Watkins, Commission for Rural Communities, The Countryside Agency, Dacre House, 19 Dacre St, London SW1H 0DH, by Wednesday 20 April 2005.

Rural Disadvantage: first thematic study Ref CRC 03 can be downloaded from www.ruralcommunities.gov.uk/disadvantage or is available free from Countryside Agency Publications, PO Box 125, Wetherby, West Yorkshire LS23 7EP Tel: 0870 120 6466

The Commission for Rural Communities is being established initially as a division of the Countryside Agency from 1 April 2005. A separate Landscape, Access and Recreation division will work closely with English Nature and the Rural Development Service, moving towards a new integrated agency to be formed following primary legislation. The Agency's grant schemes are being transferred from 1 April to regional and local delivery bodies which will have prime responsibilities for socio-economic rural delivery in future.

New Agency will be countryside 'champion'

A single organisation is set to take over responsibility for protecting and enhancing English landscapes and wildlife. **Natural England** will bring together existing rural and wildlife organisations under one umbrella, making it easier for people to get information, advice and funding on country matters. Natural England will act 'for people, places and nature'. As well as conserving wild spaces in rural areas, it will protect havens of peace in towns and cities and England's coastline.

The new body will be formed from English Nature, parts of the Countryside Agency and most of the Rural Development Service. The agency will be formally established by January 2007 through the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Bill. In the meantime the existing agencies will work in partnership to deliver services.

Mrs Margaret Beckett said: "Natural England will play a key role in fulfilling the Government's commitment to a better quality of life for everyone in both rural and urban areas. This name sums up what we want the new agency to be about - protecting and enhancing the national treasure of our green spaces in England for the enjoyment of current and future generations."

Source: PM's Office

Sustainability strategy is a 'catalyst for action'

The Prime Minister announced in March a milestone strategy for sustainable development in which local and central Government will lead by example. 'Securing the Future' requires public services and systems to be delivered without negatively affecting future generations or people in less affluent parts of the globe. The strategy features around 250 commitments to action in 4 areas: sustainable consumption and production, climate change and energy, protecting natural resources, and sustainable communities.

One of the first actions will be the creation of a new task force. It will draw up a national action plan to make the UK a sustainability leader within the EU by 2009.

Mr Blair said: "By joining up thinking and action across all levels of government, and by setting long-term objectives, the Government is dedicated to securing the future for all. I want to use this new strategy as a catalyst for action."

An innovative scheme will require Government departments to offset the carbon impacts of their air travel by April 2006. When flights are essential, investments will be made in renewable energy and energy efficiency projects to compensate for carbon dioxide released from flights.

There will also be a strong community focus. A local action programme will be launched in the autumn to help individuals get involved in what goes on where they live.

Source: PM's office

Broxtowe Local Strategic Partnership (LSP)

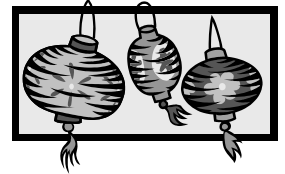
Broxtowe LSP is holding its annual event at Attenborough Nature Centre on Wednesday 25 May when the LSP Action Plan for 2005/06 will be launched.

South Broxtowe local area forum will be holding its third summer exhibition in Beeston library during the month of July; this will enable local organisations to showcase what they do for local

people in the south Broxtowe area, and to celebrate the contribution that local people can make to their own communities.

Kath Farmer, Community Engagement Team, South, Culture and Community, Nottinghamshire County Council tel: 0115 977 3853

Chinese New Year



Celebrations were held for the second year running in the south of Broxtowe this year on Saturday 12 February in Beeston town centre and at the university lakeside the following day. Students from the university, Broxtowe College and local schools were all involved in a range of Chinese art and craft activities throughout the two days, which culminated in fireworks on the university lake on Sunday evening. The events to mark the beginning of the year of the rooster, attracted hundreds of people and were a resounding success. Organisation of the celebrations was undertaken by the community cohesion subgroup of the Broxtowe LSP.

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County Council gains Beacon Status for sustainable energy work

Nottinghamshire County Council's Environment Department has been successful in gaining the Government's prestigious Beacon Status for its work in promoting and developing sustainable energy.

The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister runs the Beacon Council scheme which aims to identify the best performing authorities that then go on to act as 'centres of excellence' from which other councils can learn.

As Beacon winner the Council has been awarded a cash sum of £67,000 which will be used to fund a number of events during the year where colleagues from around the country come to share best practice.

The Beacon Council judging panel assessed the Council in many ways, including how successful it promotes energy efficiency amongst local communities and businesses and its contribution to reducing carbon dioxide levels in the county.

In particular, the panel also looked at the Council's policies for land-use planning and transport and waste management to ensure that they are helping to reduce energy and carbon dioxide emissions.

Other areas examined included the Council's partnership workings with energy generators, supply companies, community groups and other public sector bodies to help conserve energy locally and find effective ways of producing it, whilst limiting harm to the environment.

The Council uses 'green' electricity that comes from sustainable sources, which means it is produced economically and safely without impacting the environment and well-being of future generations.

Last year the Council was a pilot for the Carbon Trust Local Authority Carbon Management Programme and was awarded £500,000 following a detailed audit of our energy management service to invest in further energy saving measures.

To be successful authorities must be able to demonstrate that they have good overall performance in sustainable energy and not just in the service area for which the Beacon Status is awarded. Nottinghamshire County Council already has Beacon Status for Removing Barriers to Work Better Access and Mobility. For further information about the Council Beacon Scheme please visit: www.idea.gov.uk/beacons

Farming and Food Research vital for sustainable future

Research should focus more on helping to balance environmental, social and economic issues in order to help consumers, farmers, food producers and countryside communities, Government advisers said in March.

The independent Sustainable Farming and Food Research Priorities Group (RPG) wants research funded by government and industry to concentrate more on issues such as climate change, environment-friendly land management, food safety, water and waste to support better-informed policy-making.

The RPG was set up to advise Defra on how best to use publicly-funded and industry research to promote sustainable farming and food. Its report highlights several priorities, including:

- Climate change impacts on crops, water and soil
- Waste reduction and better use of existing resources
- Environment-friendly land management
- Food that encourages healthier diets
- Better food safety and consumer information.

For more about RPG or to see the report go to: www.defra.gov.uk/science/rpg/research_priorities.htm

Accident Prevention Work in Nottinghamshire



The East Midlands region has an unenviable record as one of the worst nationally for accidents of all kinds with most local authority areas in the region having accident death rates above the national average.

Accidental injury is the leading cause of death in children aged 0-14 years and older people have a higher risk of accidental injury or death than any other age group. So *what are we all doing about it?*

Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service are working in partnership to address some of these issues and the priorities raised in the White Paper 1998 Saving Lives - Our Healthier Nation and by the Accidental Injury Task Force set up as a consequence. Within Nottinghamshire County Council Safer Communities Team there is now a

Health Inequalities lead officer for Avoidable Injuries who is seconded 2 days a week to Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service. Avoidable injury is the current term because accidents, whilst unintentional, are in many instances avoidable. This officer has been in place since September 2004 and is busy consulting with organisations throughout the county on any work on accidents.

The work with the Fire Service includes the support of several accident prevention groups and working with partners on setting up groups in districts where there are none. Through work with partners we hope to identify what is happening locally, identify gaps and try to provide solutions and to work together to improve the impact of our activities.

Colleagues in the Primary Care Trusts are also needed in this area and have undertaken a lot of work focused on older people across the county. This has led to the establishment of several groups addressing the issue of falls in older people which is the leading cause of accidental injury in older people.

For more information or if you have any initiative you wish to include in the mapping please contact Jane Zdanowska on 0115 977 3864 email jane.zdanowska@nottsc.gov.uk or write to Safer Communities Team, Culture and Community Department, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7QP

Good news for creative producers in Nottinghamshire

The Enterprising Nottinghamshire Team, part of the Regeneration Division of Culture and community Department at Nottinghamshire County Council, has successfully obtained ESF funding through EMDA to help support training workshops and support for creative producers in Nottinghamshire. As part of this exciting new development supported by. The Nottinghamshire Collection is now up and running in partnership with Notts Rural Community Council, Business Link and the Learning and Skills Council.

The Nottinghamshire Collection has been developed to raise the profile of art produced in the county and to provide information about events and learning opportunities for creative producers. A Nottinghamshire Collection unit at Thoresby Gallery will soon be open to the public where artists working in the County can display and sell their goods.

For more information please contact Kate Foale 0115 977 4256 or check out the Nottinghamshire Collection website at: www.nottinghamshire-collection.co.uk

£9.7 million to manage impacts of aggregate extraction

A £9.7 million grant scheme was launched in March 2005 by the Countryside Agency and English Nature to manage the impacts that aggregate extraction can have on the environment and local communities.

The Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund (ALSF) Partnership Grant Scheme, funded by Defra, aims to support projects which benefit landscapes, heritage, biodiversity, geodiversity and communities in England affected by aggregate extraction.

The scheme will have an allocation of around £5.7 million in 2005/2006 and £4 million in 2006/2007 which will be targeted at land and community-based projects, with an additional £1 million in each year for marine projects. The Partnership will also be working closely with English Heritage, who will continue to administer a grant scheme for projects relating to the historic environment.

The joint delivery approach of the new ALSF Partnership Scheme is part of the work to bring together the activities of English Nature, Countryside Agency and Rural Development Service, as announced by Margaret Beckett on 21 July 2004 in the Rural Strategy—see earlier article on page 2

Initial applications for funding under the ALSF

Partnership Scheme will be made through a single contact point with the forms available for completion and submission on English Nature's website (www.english-nature.org.uk). The Grants Management Team will be available to advise applicants at all stages of the process and will continue to provide the high standards of customer service to which communities have been accustomed. Tel: 01476 584821.

Rufford Through the Ages

Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 May 2005
11.00 am–4.30 pm each day



Over recent years, Rufford Country Park has staged a number of re-enactment events that have given visitors the chance to find out more about specific periods

of its long and colourful past, for example the Civil War period and, more recently, Tudor times.

This year, Nottinghamshire County Council will be bringing the history of Rufford and the surrounding area to life when the park plays host to a whole range of groups and individuals offering an insight into life at Rufford from Roman times right through to the 2nd World War.

Throughout each day, visitors can witness the might of the Romans and Normans, discover the facts behind the legend of Robin Hood, and find out more about everyday life in medieval times, including what it was like to live in a Cistercian monastery. There will also be a chance for them to meet Tudor groundsmen as they work the land, enjoy puppet shows of the era, decide whether they would have been a Parliamentarian or Royalist during the Civil War, and watch a smart Regency redcoat recruiting party as they give displays of drill and musket firing – and try to recruit you to take the King's shilling!

There will also be time to chat with fashionable Victorians, and find out how Rufford's grounds were later used as a military training facility during World War Two and, whilst exploring the grounds – they might find they have strayed too close to a gang of dastardly 18th Century highwaymen!



Rufford Country Park is situated on the A614, 17 miles north of Nottingham and 2 miles south of Ollerton. Entry to

the event is free, although there will be a small charge for car parking.

Great Notts Bike Ride

This year's Great Notts Bike Ride will take place on Sunday 26 June and costs £7 per person.

You can choose whether to take part in either the 18 or the 50 mile ride. The charities to benefit from this event are Headway, Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance, Sargent Cancer Care for Children and Portland College, Mansfield.



You can apply on line at <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/home/leisure/l-cycling/bikeride/gnbr-online-form.htm> or download a form for posting as under 18's forms must be signed by a parent or guardian.

Almost The Robin Hood Airport

At the end of April the newest airport in the UK opens just across our border in South Yorkshire on the former RAF Finningley site.

The first flights take off from the formally titled Robin Hood Airport Doncaster Sheffield on

28 April 2005 to a range of European destinations including the sunshine resorts of Spain, Portugal and Turkey; the city destinations of Dublin, Paris and Prague and the somewhat chillier Lapland. The airlines flying from Robin Hood include Thomsonfly, Thomas Cook and Ryanair. Thomsonfly have already booked 130,000 passengers to fly from the airport. In the first year of operation the airport expects that almost one million passengers will use the airport and 2.3 million after 5 years. The airport is the only one outside London with a runway capacity to take the new A380 aeroplane.

What does this new airport mean to Nottinghamshire? In terms of Regeneration, the impact of the airport on the county could be considerable. The airport aims to create up to 7,000 jobs over the next decade both at the airport, its adjacent business park and indirectly. Potentially, Nottinghamshire residents could take a quarter of these jobs and early recruitment exercises have proved popular with over 11,000 people registering with a central recruitment database – and of these over 35% are from the Nottinghamshire. "Directions Finningley", a multi-agency organisation, which includes the airport operators Peel Airports, based at the airport, is handling all aspects of recruitment to the airport and the County Council's Regeneration Division is supporting this process.

For businesses, the medium and long term opportunities appear equally attractive with opportunities for local companies to enter the supply chain for the development of the airport's business park. As both the airport and business park grow further opportunities may be stimulated. Peel Airports have a buy-local, employ local policy, which demonstrates a commitment to using local contractors where possible.

Carrying freight will be vital to the airport and it is marketing itself as one of the few airports in the country with the airfield infrastructure and surface access capability to handle large freighter aircraft. Over 60 major freight forwarders operate within one hour's travel of the airport and a new freight park is planned for the

Blyth roundabout to ensure that freight will be restricted to the major roads.

The Regeneration Division can also see longer term benefits from promoting in-bound tourism to the County via the airport. Peel Holdings, which owns the airport, is placing great faith in the Robin Hood name and expects to draw in tourists keen to search out Robin Hood. Despite what our Yorkshire colleagues might wish, Robin Hood was, of course, a Nottinghamshire man. Regardless of the respective merits of that debate, Sherwood Forest, Robin Hood's home is indisputably in Nottinghamshire!

For further information please contact Trish Adams, Economic Initiatives Team Tel 0115 977 2042
E-mail trish.adams@nottsc.gov.uk

Homestart

Over the last 3 years, members of Homestart groups across Ashfield have been developing their arts skills with the help of professional artists as part of project funded by the Arts Council and co-ordinated by Nottinghamshire County Council's Next Stage and Ashfield District Council.

The culmination of 3 years' work will be on display at libraries over the coming months as part of their aptly titled "Celebrate Art" Exhibition and will include pieces in clay, mosaic, glass, and felt, as well as jewellery and original songs. After the library tour, a number of pieces will be displayed at the Orangery, Rufford Country Park (25 July-23 September) as part of Next Stage's *Hullabaloo* Showcase which will bring together work created in arts projects across North Notts.

Celebrate Art can be seen at:

Hucknall Library	29 April–9 May
Sutton Library	9 May–20 May
Kirkby Library	20 May–3 June
Selston Library	3 June–15 June

For more information, please contact Becki Lunn, Next Stage's Arts Development Officer (Ashfield) on 01623 457249

Working together to make a difference

School governor volunteers needed in Nottinghamshire – you can make a difference to children's futures



School governors are the largest and most important voluntary group in education. As a critical friend to a school, governors can make a valuable

contribution to its smooth running and prosperity.

They can greatly help to improve the quality of education for many children and thus give them the chance of a better future.

As schools become more autonomous, people with a wide variety of skills and life experiences can make a real difference in their community by applying these skills in the strategic leadership of a school as part of its governing body. Applying one's skills and experiences to a different environment can help a person to develop these skills further, thus ultimately helping their own career development.

You don't have to have children to become a school governor; you just need to be over 18, be enthusiastic and committed and willing to give some of your time.

2005 is also the *Year of the Volunteer* so it is an ideal time to get involved and make a difference in Nottinghamshire schools which need your help!

For more information, please contact: Donna Johnson on 01623 433357, Glenys Doughty on 0115 854 6061 or Jane Mansell on 0115 854 6054

Campaign to cut road deaths

Nottinghamshire Police has joined forces with Nottinghamshire County Council to drive

home the message that people should belt up when travelling on the county's roads.

The 'Seatbelts Save Lives – Do It Up!' campaign has been launched to encourage people to always wear their seatbelts, and includes adverts on the backs of buses and billboards at Nottingham Forest Football Ground, a hard-hitting radio advert and road safety messages on letters being sent out by both agencies.

The aim is to cut the number of people who are killed or seriously injured on the county's roads by getting both drivers and passengers to Do it Up!

Jill Fisher, from Nottinghamshire County Council's Accident Investigation Unit, said:

"Since 2002, 175 people have been killed or



seriously injured in collisions on Nottinghamshire's roads while not wearing a seatbelt. This is a tragic waste of life and, while it cannot be eliminated completely, it could be reduced dramatically if everyone wore a seatbelt every time they made a

journey on our roads."

Chief Inspector Dianne Wilson, Head of the Roads Policing Department, said:

"Nottinghamshire Police fully support the Council in their campaign to reduce casualties. It has been illegal for drivers and front seat passengers not to wear a seatbelt since 1983, while the law for rear seat passengers changed in 1991. That's 22 years since the law first changed, and still people don't wear their seatbelts. Such a basic thing could save so many lives and it amazes me that people haven't learnt that lesson yet.

Nottinghamshire Police officers will be rigorously enforcing the seatbelt law to address this totally preventable loss of life and serious injury. The

message to all drivers and passengers is clear; Seatbelts Save Lives – Do It Up!”

Victim Support

Victim Support Nottinghamshire is assisting clients to receive a staggering £1.5 million per year in Government Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority (CICA) compensation following physical assaults and homicides.

The charity provides emotional and practical help and advocacy for victims and witness of crime throughout Nottinghamshire.

Chief Executive, Chris Wade says “We do our best to help people cope with crime. Many people are surprised that there is a government compensation scheme, and are unsure about how to go about applying. Our specialist volunteers and staff can help clients complete the paperwork and liaise with the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority to smooth the processing of claims.

We also work with a local firm of solicitors to provide free help through appeals. This is a little publicised part of our work as we are better known for the emotional help we provide. We now hope to persuade the government to expand the CICA to a wider range of victims who are currently excluded on grounds we feel are unjust, and to remove negative consequences for those receiving awards whilst they are on benefit”.

£29 m to reduce impact of quarrying on the environment

Defra will be providing £29.3 m of funding from the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund (ALSF) in 2005/2006. This will address the impacts that extraction of aggregates has on the environment and local communities.

These include reducing demand for new aggregates, reducing the impact of lorries and assessing marine extraction to reduce the need for quarrying in National Parks and elsewhere.

Following successful pilots in Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Somerset, Defra has opened the fund to 14 more counties with the highest amounts of aggregate extraction. £3 m will go to community projects chosen by these local authorities and, combined with other funds, will meet a variety of needs such as increasing the amount of construction and demolition waste that is recycled, to improving knowledge of the marine environment and restoring derelict quarries. Nottinghamshire is to receive £110,000.

There is more information on the DEFRA website <http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/waste/aggregates/index.htm>

Veterinary Service

As of 1 April 2005 the State Veterinary Service became an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. The Agency will be at the forefront of protection against animal-borne diseases and their potential impact on public health, the economy and the rural community. It will also be in the front line to deal with any outbreak.

Wheels to Work Update

The Nottinghamshire Wheels to Work Scheme has now helped more than 100 Notts residents in its first three years of operation!

The fleet currently stands at 45 mopeds with a further five due to be bought shortly. There is a steady turnover of clients as they are able to save for their own transport and then release their moped for a new client. Most clients are on the scheme for a year.

Between September and December 2004, new clients were taken on from Langold, Harworth, Cotgrave, Aslockton, Ragnall, Mansfield, Calverton, Tuxford, Gringley-on-the-Hill, Retford,

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This year the **Trowell** Festival Village Committee is organising a Summer Event on Saturday 2 June, at Trowell Parish Hall between 2.00 pm and 4.30 pm. Any local groups or organisations who would like to take part in the event should contact Councillor Mrs Lyn Harley on 0115 917 1392.

Nuthall Parish Council have reinstated their clerk Steve Strickland after he appealed against a decision in November to dismiss him. Four councillors resigned in protest at the decision to offer his job back, including chairman Dave Wildey. Two other councillors resigned in November.

Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council raised £2,500 for the tsunami appeal from a weekend of music held in their new Grange Hall facility.

Rushcliffe CVS are appealing for more voluntary drivers to help their Transport Scheme running. Pam Wakefield, the Transport Co-ordinator for the group, says they are in desperate need of more drivers to help them and they appeal to anyone who can help to come forward. "We try to provide transport for Rushcliffe residents who are unable to use public transport, or for whom public transport is not available. "Without voluntary drivers we are unable to operate the Scheme," she says. The CVS can be contacted at Park Lodge on Bridgford Road at West Bridgford or by phone on 0115 981 6988.

A plea is being made in **Bunny** and further afield for people with war-time memories to come forward and help provide material for a planned exhibition to commemorate the 60th anniversary of VE Day. The parish council and the Bunny Millennium History Group have joined forces for a two day event in July to celebrate the end of the Second World War in 1945. An exhibition is planned for both July 2 and 3 in the village hall
Contact: Mrs Eastgate from the History Group on 0115 9841570 or Mike Elliott, the parish council clerk, on 0115 937 6506

A warning has been given that following the closure of shop and post office the village of **Gunthorpe** could lose more facilities. Mrs Trish Greggs, chairperson of Gunthorpe Village Hall and Playing Field, is worried that throughout the country the communities are losing facilities because of the rising costs of complying with new rules and regulations and lack of

interest from the community. She said the hall and playing field belonged to the village and no other body. They have had a good response to appeals for help on carrying out maintenance on the hall and field and have facilities but still need volunteers to sit on the management committee to bring new ideas to ensure the future of the hall and field.

Trowell Parish Council sincerely regrets to advise residents that the fenced play area at the Parish Hall has had to be closed for the foreseeable future due to vandalism. Considerable damage has been done to the park's safety surface and whilst quotes for the work are obtained & the funds to pay for them raised, the park will remain closed for safety reasons. Residents are advised that the Council will not accept liability for any unauthorised use of the park during the closure period.

Rushcliffe Borough Council is launching its new Streetwise service in April to make the Borough even greener, even cleaner and even safer. Residents, businesses, voluntary groups, schools and retail outlets are invited to sign the Streetwise Pledge – committing themselves to improving the environment. Visit www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/streetwise to find out more and sign the pledge online.

A new Rushcliffe Community Strategy now is available. Rushcliffe Community Partnership - which produced the strategy - is led by 10 key organisations which deliver the main services you rely on, such as the police, County Council, parish councils, health and voluntary services and businesses. The document highlights how the organisations will work together to avoid duplicating services and improve life for residents. The document has been given the Crystal Mark for plain English. The new strategy can be viewed at: www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/communitypartnership.

Rushcliffe Borough Council's Home Alarm Service, in partnership with Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service, is supplying and installing smoke detectors that are monitored 24 hours of every day. Fire kills and devastates homes. Homes with working smoke detectors mean fires are discovered more rapidly. The installation of a home alarm with a wireless smoke detector is simple and inexpensive. For more information contact the Home Alarm Service on 0115 981 3227



To help raise more people out of fuel poverty, the Warm Front scheme will now be extending its eligibility for central heating installation to **all** households receiving income related and disability benefits, instead of just pensioners. Grants will be increased and residents will no longer be able to claim just once. Contact the Nottingham Healthy Housing Service on **0115 947 2207**.

'Here Comes Summer' - a guide to summer events and activities will be published in April - visit our website at www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/arts or call us on **0115 981 9911** for your copy.

Lark in the Park takes place on **Wednesday 3 August**. Don't miss the action in West Bridgford as Bridgford Park comes alive with arts and crafts, live music and family shows.

The villagers of Hickling will once again welcome visitors to the annual **Scarecrow Weekend** on **Saturday 10** and **Sunday 11 September**.

Bigger and bolder than ever, **Rushcliffe Kite Festival** comes to Rushcliffe Country Park on **Saturday 17** and **Sunday 18 September**.

The new Experian Environmental Education Centre is now open for business at Rushcliffe Country Park in Ruddington. The project has been made possible thanks to very generous financial support from Experian, plus grants from Biffaward, Clear Skies and SEED. The centre will be officially opened on 11 April by Bryan Tansley, Mayor of Rushcliffe and Experian's John Saunders, Chief Executive, Global Operations. The centre has a fantastic view of the lake and wildlife - and, in addition to educational and community activities, the centre is an ideal setting for meetings, social functions, business and training workshops. The centre has a large room with all the latest high tech training and IT facilities, a smaller room and comes complete with a kitchen and toilet. The centre can accommodate up to eighty people. To hire the facilities at competitive rates call **0115 921 5865**.

Rushcliffe Borough Council will be delivering a bin for paper, card, plastic bottles and mixed cans to every household in the Borough.

From the beginning of April until November a green garden waste collection scheme will be introduced in the **Broxtowe Borough Council** area for most households following successful trials in 2004/5. The Borough-wide service for the collection of loose green garden waste will involve extra collections the day after the green-lidded recycling bin has been emptied of dry recyclables. A leaflet is currently being distributed to all households, which details the new scheme.

After 18 months of construction the Sustainable Resources centre for visitors is now complete at the **Hockerton Housing Project**. The new facilities will allow HHP to more effectively demonstrate the key sustainability principles of the project. The 'eco-community building' is low profile situated near and complimenting the houses, including an earth covered roof. This building has been designed to meet the same high standards as the homes, 'Zero CO₂', 'Zero heated', and 'Autonomous' standards'.

The **Eastwood Arts Festival** steering group are planning a promotion day on Saturday 18 June when banners will be erected, street entertainers will parade the high street and volunteers will give out information about this year's exciting programme of the many and varied creative arts opportunities that will be taking place throughout July 2005 in Eastwood. For more information on Eastwood Arts Festival please contact Broxtowe Boroughs Arts Development Officer on 0115 917 3745

Bassetlaw CVS is hosting several courses over the next few months including Counselling Skills for Non-Counsellors, Introduction to Using a Computer, Managing Effective Meetings and digital photography. More information contact Bassetlaw CVS: Website: www.bcvs.org.uk, E-mail: ict@bcvs.org.uk Tel: 01909 476118 x24

A play about Arthur Mee is being devised by a local writer for The Hemlock Happenings which will be taking place on 11 June 2005 is supported by **Stapleford Town Council** and Broxtowe Borough Council and other organisations.

The wording on a plaque dedicated to the memory of Bestwood Country Park's late head manager Bob Moody has been decided by **Bestwood Parish Council**.



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Worksop, Girton, Meden Vale, Newstead,
Ranskill, Skegby, Hayton and Bircotes – a good
spread across the County!

The scheme continues to offer help to long-term unemployed people, enabling them to get back into work, but the majority of clients are young people who need independent transport to access a particular opportunity. This may be a job, training scheme, course in education or, frequently, a combination of these.

The scheme is aimed at young people 16-24 years of age or anyone who has been unemployed for more than six months. When they join the scheme, clients undergo Compulsory Basic Training (CBT) which is organised and paid for by the scheme. They also receive basic safety equipment including helmet, reflective jacket, leather gloves and waterproof suit. Clients pay £4 per week towards the upkeep of the moped and they are visited regularly by the scheme's Coordinator.

Examples of clients who qualify for the scheme include those whose hours of work fall outside the hours of public transport provision or whose home or work location is not adequately served by public transport.

When clients leave the scheme they are asked to complete a questionnaire. Below are some of the recent comments:

- "Thank you for the help with the bike - without it, I may not have become a chef"
- "The scheme was brilliant, it's really helped me to get a good start in my career"
- (from a grandparent of a client): "... hasn't missed a day's work in a year. Without the moped he wouldn't have been able to take the job"

The co-ordinator would welcome enquiries from groups and organisations who would like to receive publicity material or a visit and

presentation. Enquiries and applications are also welcome from individuals.

For further information, please contact: Gina Brindley Telephone: 01623 727620 E-mail: gbrindley@nottscc.org.uk or visit the website: www.nottswheels2work.org.uk

Parish and Town Code of Practice

Nottinghamshire County Council is looking to review the 'Parish and Town Council Code of Practice'; we would particularly like to hear from those that have contacted the County Council recently and would welcome your constructive input into this process. Therefore we would ask you to consider whether the code of practice is a relevant and effective document, if not why not and how could it be improved? The Code of Practice is available on the website at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/parishcouncils.htm or contact Barbara Worrall (details on the back cover).

Further to this work Nottinghamshire County Council is interested to hear from Parish and Town Councils that have or about to publish a 'Parish Plan' and any lessons learnt from the process?

Contact: neil.bettison@nottscc.gov.uk

East Midlands Tourism (EMT)

EMT the regional tourism development body, has secured £14 million of East Midlands Development Agency (emda) funding to grow the value, and improve the competitiveness of tourism over the next 3 years.

Tourism contributed £4.4 billion to the East Midlands economy in 2003. Targets outlined in EMT's corporate plan for 2005 to 2008 aim to capitalise on this and include:

- Boosting staying visitor spend by £230 million or 14% over the next 3 years
- Creating 7,500 new jobs
- Doubling the number of business signed up to quality assurance schemes

- Creating 1,500 new businesses.

Of the £14 million funding, £4 million has been allocated for 2005/6 with a further £5 million earmarked for consecutive financial years. Marketing and quality are the 2 key strands that underpin the plan, with marketing set to receive some 75% of funding in the first year.

A key element of this work will include campaigns to drive up the numbers of inbound and domestic staying visitors in the region, travel trade engagement and product and online development.

Quality improvement activity will encourage businesses to join national quality assurance schemes, and focus on a number of projects that will develop and demonstrate the excellence of the tourism offer in the region.

East Midlands Tourism will be working closely with five destination management partnerships (DMP) – Explore Northamptonshire, Experience Nottinghamshire, Leicester Shire Promotions, Lincolnshire Tourism and the Peak District & Derbyshire DMP on the delivery of activity. However, it is also looking to engage the private sector, local authorities and other key regional organisations in much of the work that is planned.

Source: emda

Sherwood Forest Trust *"Flying the flag for Sherwood Forest!"*

"The Declaration"

The Sherwood Forest Trust is the Charity for Sherwood Forest heading the largest area partnership of its kind in the country seeking to secure the re-creation of the traditional landscapes, habitats and heritage of Sherwood Forest for the benefit of the public.

"The Rallying Cry"

There are two sides to this work. Through the Community Rangers members of the public can get involved on the environmental side through

workshops and events.

Heritage Rangers are looking for community groups to produce community heritage projects that celebrate the distinctiveness of their local area. We then provide the funding for these. This opportunity is available to community groups in the Sherwood area and could involve producing a miners' flag, a piece of drama, a book etc based on captured oral tradition or maybe a walk around their town and an information leaflet.

"A Call to Arms"

The Trust is creating these exciting opportunities using Art and History as weapons in the fight against environmental degeneration, cultural erosion and social inequalities and exclusion. We aim to unite people in a common goal and thus



empower them, giving them a sense of place and hence pride in the place that they live.

Throughout time, the spirit of Sherwood, in all forms, has lived on through rural traditions. Echoes of this past live on through our ancient customs some of which are still with us today in Maypole dancing, Plough plays and Morris Dancing etc. These customs are important because they give a community a focal point and a sense of identity.

We will facilitate communities to be instrumental in the revival of customs where they have fallen into disuse. Where there are none, we will initiate art projects/events based on our heritage as a focal point for new community celebrations. Traditions, after all, have to begin sometime.

Every age interprets the Robin Hood legend in its own way. The Trust is harnessing the natural energy inherent in Sherwood Forest, marked by its ancient oaks and by its world famous folklore son, and is interpreting the legend and making it relevant for the C21st.

"The Spirit of Sherwood lives on!"

Contact : Ade Andrews - Heritage Ranger

Tel : 01623 758231/07941 210986

www.sherwoodforest.org.uk

Broxtowe Crossroads

Broxtowe Crossroads has recently been presented with a £2,500 Broxtowe Borough Council Grant Aid Cheque.

Broxtowe Crossroads in Eastwood aims to promote, support and deliver high quality services for carers and people with care needs in the borough. The group provides a free sitting service for carers who would not receive a break from looking after their dependent. These short weekly breaks enable carers to lead a normal life, and are often the only respite that they get from the pressure of being a full time carer.

The group is managed by 10 voluntary trustees and directly employs 5 people to manage operations. In addition the group has 30 carer support workers who provide the service to 125 carers throughout the borough. Of these 125 customers, 100 are referred through social services, with the remaining clients being referred from other organisations dealing with the elderly and their carers, including GPs.

Broxtowe Crossroads also provides a wider range of contracted out services for social services, including a dementia project, care under contract and care through the voucher scheme.

For more information on Broxtowe Crossroads please contact the Community Development Section in the Directorate of Planning and Community Development at Broxtowe Borough Council on 0115 917 7777

The public gets better service as 'listing' is changing

As from 1 April 2005 the public will see the first important changes to the way in which historic buildings are listed. These include the transfer of the administration of the listing system from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, to English Heritage.

Applications for listing a building should now be sent direct to English Heritage, who will notify owners and local authorities. They will also begin to introduce clearer information for owners of listed buildings. English Heritage will continue to inspect properties and formulate advice for the Secretary of State.

These changes are the first stage of a wide ranging reform of the system for protecting and managing England's historic environment which the government intends to implement over the next few years. They will simplify the listing process and deliver greater openness and accountability.

Listing gives statutory protection to historic buildings against unauthorised alteration or demolition. For over half a century, it has proved an effective mechanism for protecting and managing change to a vast range of buildings and structures that are powerful expressions of our long history.

The main changes are:

- Instead of applying to DCMS for listing of a building, applicants will in future apply directly to English Heritage. English Heritage will make an assessment of the building against set criteria and a recommendation to list, de-list or amend the grade will be made to the Secretary of State at DCMS.
- English Heritage will notify owners if an application to list their building is made by another party. At present, owners are not necessarily informed that an application for listing their property has been made by another party.
- English Heritage will begin consulting owners and local authorities on applications to list buildings. At present there is no mechanism to allow the property owner or the local planning authority (LPA) to make representations on a proposal to add a building to the list, to alter its grade or even to de-list it. The government believes that owners should be given the chance to have a say in the future of their property, as should LPAs, who have statutory responsibilities in relation to the historic buildings in their area.

English Heritage will begin to introduce clearer information for owners of listed buildings. Owners and managers of historic buildings need good and precise information about what the listing of their property means. Information packs for owners, which will give more detailed guidance about the implications of listing and sources of expert advice, will be developed over the next year and sent to all owners of newly listed buildings from April 2006.

For further details, please visit the English Heritage website: <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/> or download the PDF 'Listing is Changing'. (231k)
English Heritage Customer Services 0870 333 1181

Green Belt Action Group

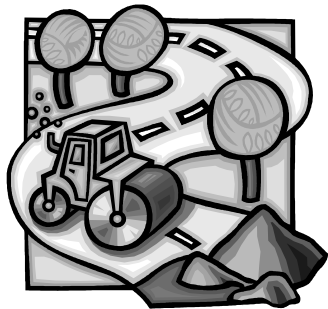
GAG5 (Green Belt Action Group) is a group of 5 Parish Councils in the north of Gedling District. **Ravenshead, Linby, Papplewick, Newstead and Bestwood.** Parishes are opposing potential Green Belt loss to housing developers. Following an Inspector's Inquiry, the Gedling Local Plan has been overturned from 'no Green Belt loss' to one of 'significant Green Belt loss' particularly in Ravenshead and at Top Wighay in Linby. GAG5 has employed a Planning Consultant and obtained Legal Opinion and believes it has a strong defence against the Inspector's recommendations. The Local Plan is at Modification stage and is currently out for consultation. Several well attended public meetings have been held and the debate is ongoing.

Highways Works Transfers to County Council

New Number for Local Residents ...

Nottinghamshire County Council will be taking over highways work from 1 April 2005 in Gedling and Rushcliffe and residents will need to make a note of the County Council's highways helpline on 0115 977 3377.

The County Council is modernising the services it provides in conjunction with local councils. Part of the new arrangements will involve the County Council taking over a number of highways services which Gedling and Rushcliffe Borough Councils currently provide on its behalf. This is happening as a result of a wide review by the County Council of highways and the way services are provided to road users, with Gedling and Rushcliffe deciding that they wish to concentrate more on other key areas for provision of services to their residents.



For Gedling and Rushcliffe residents this means that there will simply be a new telephone number to call for enquiries or to report any problems.

What is changing in Gedling?

The County Council will be responsible for highways matters including street lighting, road maintenance, signs, road markings, trees alongside roads and road

drainage.

Road grass verge cutting and weed spraying will continue to be carried out by Gedling Borough Council on behalf of the County Council.

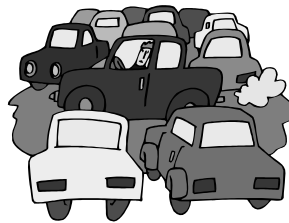
What is changing in Rushcliffe?

The main changes will be in West Bridgford and Edwalton, where the County Council will be responsible for highway matters including street lighting, road maintenance, signs, road markings, trees alongside roads, road drainage, grass verge cutting and weed spraying.

The County Council is also taking over all highway grass cutting in the remainder of the Rushcliffe Borough area, where it is already responsible for the activities listed above.

Parking at Cotgrave

A car park in Cotgrave is currently being expanded to make room for 10 additional spaces thanks to an improvement scheme, which is being funded by the County Council's Building Better Communities (BBC) initiative.



An unused grass area is making way for the car additional spaces, although shrubs and flowers will be planted by residents around the car park to improve its appearance. Residents are also organising a sunflower competition for local children to see who is able to grow the largest sunflower around the edge of the parking area.

In addition, the scheme includes installing dropped kerbs outside houses that have driveways to improve access for vehicles and help create further parking spaces along the road for residents and their visitors.

BBC is a wide ranging 5-year programme which will see £25 million invested in making the county a better place to live and work.

The Building Better Communities Early Action schemes have been selected as priorities by County Councillors in conjunction with local communities, which will see £5 million invested in improvements this year.

Radcliffe on Trent has also benefited from the

Building Better Communities fund. A 'gateway' scheme which aims to alert drivers that they are entering a 30 mph area has recently been completed. The project includes larger 30 mph warning signs and red anti-skid surfacing with painted 30 mph road markings to remind motorists to keep to the speed limit on entering the village along Bingham Road, Cropwell Road, Nottingham Road and Shelford Road.



County Council Tribute to Notts Miners

The County Council honoured the county's proud mining heritage with the erection of a new statue of a miner at the former Silverhill Colliery near Teversal on Monday 21 March.

The larger than life sculpture of a miner by Antony Dufort, which is holding a Davy safety lamp, is called 'Testing for Gas'. It will stand on the highest point in Nottinghamshire overlooking the Nottinghamshire coalfields.

The sculpture is the culmination of a £13 million project to restore former coalfield sites to public open space. The commemorative plaque - which was funded by the Council's Building Better Communities scheme - lists all the principal coal mines operating between 1819 and 2005 with their respective opening and closing dates. Harworth, Thoresby and Welbeck are of course still open.

The views from the highest point are commanding. They include such sites as Hardwick Hall, Bolsover Castle, the Crich Monument, Clipstone Colliery Headstocks, Trent Valley Power Stations and, on a good day, Lincoln Cathedral.

To enable everybody to enjoy the sculpture there is a 700 m long disabled access route to the view point.

Southwell Trail

Local residents are being encouraged to get involved in helping to look after the Southwell Trail, which will soon be declared a Local Nature Reserve (LNR). The trail was once a railway line that ran from Mansfield to Southwell and has been owned by Nottinghamshire County Council since 1969. It is now used for many different recreational activities like horse riding, cycling and walking.

For more information about activities relating to the trail, contact Liz Fleuty on 01623 758231, or e-mail: liz.fleuty@nottscc.gov.uk.

Bingham Festival

The Festival has been run for many years and this year it will take place from Sunday 5 June–Sunday 12 June.

The main event of the Festival is the Bingham Town Fair which takes place in the Market Square on Saturday 11 June. The Fair will start at 9.00 am and lasts until about 5.00 pm with stalls selling a wide range of goods and a variety of entertainment is provided throughout the day. There will be roundabouts for children, a clown, face painting, fancy dress competition, musicians, gymnasts and other amusements. A competition is run to find a Festival Princess who will be crowned during the day.

The Festival week starts on Sunday, 5 June with an open air service at 10.30 am in the Market Place, organised by Bingham Churches Together. During the week various other activities will be taking place such as dance concerts, bowls open day at Bingham Bowling Club, darts competition. The Festival ends on Sunday, 12 June with a grand "It's a Knockout" competition.

For further information about the festival, telephone Bingham Town Council on 01949 831445. If anyone thinks they would like to take a stall on the day of the Fair, the basic cost will be £9.00, do give us a ring and reserve a space. You will be very welcome!

Wysall and Thorpe in the Glebe Parish Hall

Wysall and Thorpe in the Glebe Parish Council set themselves the difficult task to provide better facilities for residents of the village to stage events that would be enjoyed by the vast majority of its population. No one involved with the project knew at the time what a huge task they were to undertake, but as a result of the joint efforts by Councillors, builders and generous residents work to expand the village hall was finally completed in the beginning of February.

The official opening of the extended hall in the village took place recently and was a resounding success. Since then the new facilities have been enjoyed by a number of existing groups and arrangements have

been put in place to start other activities. Feedback has been extremely positive and the parish council and the village hall committee are looking forward to making the fullest possible use of the excellent new accommodation.

The extended village hall has been a much-needed resource that the parish will treasure for a long time. Phil Harris, Chairman of the Parish Council, welcomed everyone at the re-opening ceremony after they had been greeted with a glass of bubbly. After Phil had given a resume of the project and thanked the many people involved, he handed over to a surprised Councillor Tim Calnan, who had overseen the works, to announce the hall officially open. Kurlly Kale provided excellent ceilidh entertainment. A special mention goes to Nina Punt for the fantastic curtains, for which she gave her time entirely voluntarily. The extension was funded by grants from WREN and the countryside agency, along with the generosity of the villagers both in time and money. It was built by Smalley Construction.

The hall is available for hire, details from Mary Elston 01509 881252 or David Roberts 01509 881068.

Elston Village Youth Club

Elston Youth Club was set up in May 2004, in response to a village questionnaire, which showed a lack of activities for the 11-18 age group. The Club has been actively supported by Nottinghamshire County Council Youth Services and their County Arts Team based in Southwell.

The Youth Service initially supported a "Beat Box" course, which led to the group making a CD and two of the young people going on to perform at the annual Showcase event.

A spray art session was also funded where the Group spent one session learning to design spray art images and the second creating a piece of artwork. Despite the contemporary media (and much to the delight of the Youth Club), the Village Hall Trustees were highly supportive of the venture and have arranged for the work to be mounted and permanently displayed in the Village Hall. This activity has helped the Youth Club members to feel they have a permanent place in the Village Hall and that the village as a whole values their activities.

In between these special events, the Club provides a meeting place for the village teenagers, whose needs

can otherwise be easily overlooked.

Forest Town Celebrates!

Throughout 2005 residents and guests of Forest Town will be celebrating. And there is plenty to celebrate in Forest Town this year! 2005 is a special centenary year - one hundred years since coal was found in Mansfield (Crown Farm) Colliery, and one hundred years since the establishment of the Church of England and Methodist churches in Forest Town.

In order to help plan, co-ordinate and promote the various events due to take place throughout 2005 the Forest Town 2005 Celebrations group was formed. The group, made up of dozens of members and friends of the Forest Town community, has already secured funding from the Nottinghamshire Community Foundation and Mansfield District Council.

Coming events include local historians Malcolm and Pauline Marples' Mansfield (Crown Farm) Colliery Exhibition at the Mansfield Museum from Saturday 9 April through to the middle of June. In April and May the Forest Town and Mansfield Woodhouse Libraries will be providing homes for a Forest Town History Display. Auditions for the Pop Idol Contest will be held at the Forest Town Welfare on Sunday 10 April, and on the 12 May visitors to the Forest Town Library will be treated to a Bedtime and Bathtime in 1905 'living history' experience with Gill Tanner. Details of these and other events can be found at www.forest-town.info

Forest Town 2005 Celebrations events and activities include exhibitions (Women's Institute, local schools and libraries), a flower festival, commemorations at the Forest Town Miners Welfare (with a brass band), local history presentations and exhibits (Forest Town and Mansfield Woodhouse libraries, church halls, Mansfield Museum), sporting events and community picnics, and several community arts and drama projects (exhibitions and activities involving local artists and young people). A commemorative supplement will be included in the Forest Town Crier (Community Newspaper) in June 2005 with photographs of the village over the past 100 years. A website named www.forest-town.info has been launched to help promote and record these events.

For further details please contact Shlomo Downen on 01623 640134 or Malcolm and Pauline Marples 01623 431783, reply to this e-mail, or visit the

website at www.forest-town.info

Stapleford Regeneration Group Action Plan 2005 and Stapleford Web Site

A new website, www.stapleford-notts.co.uk, was officially launched on Tuesday 22 March 2005 at a double event which also introduced the latest Action Plan for the regeneration of Stapleford town centre.

The new website contains information and content from various sources including the town and borough councils and community groups. The site contains information on history, places of interest, shops and services, sport and leisure, community and local government issues. Thanks to local businessman and Town Councillor John Ross the new website has been developed and will provide a one-stop information point which will help raise the profile of the town. The site also contains contact details for all community groups, as well as a comprehensive list of all Stapleford businesses.

The Stapleford Regeneration Group's 2005 Action Plan was explained and local business representatives had the opportunity to meet, network and discuss the proposals in an informal and relaxed setting. The Plan focuses on the themes of "promotion and marketing", "environment and appearance" and finally "crime and safety".

The Stapleford Regeneration Group was launched in January 2004 and is made up of local business representatives, as well as representatives from Stapleford Town Council, Broxtowe Borough Council and Nottinghamshire County Council. The aim of the group is to get the local business community involved in initiatives to promote and improve Stapleford by working in partnership with local authority and community groups.

Promotional activities have included town centre information displays, events organisation, regular town centre newsletters and Christmas promotions including the shop front Christmas tree scheme. Environment and appearance initiatives include grants to improve shop fronts, displays in the windows of vacant units, shop front hanging basket schemes, a town centre tidy campaign and improvements to public realm areas throughout the town.

For further information on any issues relating to the Stapleford Regeneration Group contact 0115 917 3446.

Harworth Shopping Street

A £120,000 environmental improvement scheme that aims to revamp a busy Harworth shopping street is progressing well thanks to Nottinghamshire County Council's Building Better Communities initiative. Scrooby Lane is undergoing a host of improvement work, including relaying paving slabs and blocks that have become uneven, installing new street furniture, planting new trees and shrubs and improving drainage and pedestrian crossing points. A number of new crossing points are also planned as a part of the scheme which involves the installation of dropped kerbs and tactile surfacing to assist people with disabilities.

Parish Plans

Parishes in Nottinghamshire have been producing Parish Plans since 2001. Below is a list of Parish Plans that have either been launched or are in the process of being produced or published: Aslockton, Bleasby, Cotgrave, East Bridgford, East Leake, Elston, Everton, Farnsfield, Fiskerton, Gotham, Gringley on the Hill, Halam, Mathersey, Misterton and West Stockwith, Oxtun, Papplewick, Rolleston, Southwell, Trowell.

CultureEuro seminar

UCLID, the official UK Cultural Contact Point, appointed by the European Commission and the UK Department for Culture, Media and Sport, are pleased to announce that they are once again running the popular series of CulturEuro seminars for the arts and cultural sector, providing information and a summary of existing and future opportunities to access funding from the European Union. The CulturEuro seminars will be held in 21 major cities, including Nottingham on the 25 May at the Broadway.

The seminars will be covering the full range of EU funding programmes; including the Culture 2000 programme, other trans-national funds, programmes for "third countries", and the Structural Funds (the seminars will cover remaining opportunities from the current round as well as a brief outline of the proposed new Structural Funds programme from 2007). The registration fee per person is £66 +VAT. The seminars will run from 1.30 pm-5.00 pm. Delegates will receive a full information pack including notes on the presentations and extensive contact details. For full details of the CulturEuro seminar series and to



Welcome

Welcome to the following new clerks:

Rainworth Parish Council

Mr J F Douglas, Elkesley Parish Council
Mrs D Jones, Rainworth Parish Council
Ms E Scarborough, Hickling Parish Council
Mrs E Leggat, Hodsock Parish Council
Ms A Davis, South Clifton Parish Council
Mr V Whyley, Papplewick Parish Council
Mrs A Fowle, South Muskham Parish Council
Ms H Waterfield, Walesby Parish Council
Mr J M Clarke, Barnby in the Willow

Parish websites:

Barton in Fabis: www.barton-in-fabis.co.uk
Bingham: www.bingham-tc.gov.uk
Calverton: www.calvertonpc.fsnet.co.uk
Cotgrave: www.cotgrave-tc.gov.uk
East Bridgford: www.eastbridgford.com
East Leake: www.east-leake.gov.uk
Eastwood: www.eastwood-town-council.org.uk
Harby: www.harby.org.uk
Keyworth: www.keyworthparishcouncil.org.uk
Kimberley: www.kimberley-online.org.uk/4724.html
Laneham: www.laneham.org.uk
Newark: www.newark.gov.uk
Nuthall: www.nuthallparishcouncil.co.uk
Oxton: www.oxtonpc.fsnet.co.uk
Papplewick: www.papplewick.org
Ravenshead: www.ravensheadparishcouncil.org.uk
South Leverton: geocities.com/slevnotts_webmast
Stapleford: <http://www.stapleford-notts.co.uk/town%20council.htm>
Tollerton: www.tollerton.org
Trowell: www.trowell.org.uk
Warsop: www.warsop.web.co.uk
Woodborough: www.woodboroughpc.fsnet.co.uk

City and County websites:

www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk
www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk

City and County Telephone Numbers:

City: 0115 915 5555
County: 0115 982 3823

District Council websites:

www.ashfield-dc.gov.uk
www.bassetlaw.gov.uk
www.broxtowe.gov.uk
www.gedling.gov.uk
www.mansfield.gov.uk
www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk
www.rushcliffe.gov.uk

Other useful websites:

www.countrysideagency.gov.uk
www.defra.gov.uk
www.emda.org.uk
www.environment-agency.gov.uk
Government News: www.number10.gov.uk
Office of the Deputy Prime Minister:
www.odpm.gov.uk
National Association of Local Councils:
www.nalc.gov.uk/
Direct Gov: www.direct.gov.uk/

Useful Telephone Numbers:

County Council Waste hotline: 0115 977 1019
Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111
Domestic Violence: 0808 800 0340
Floodline: 0845 988 1188
Report Racial Abuse: 0800 085 8511
Victim Support: 0115 852 3506

Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils:
01636 816890
Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council:
01623 727600

District Council Telephone Numbers:

Ashfield: 01623 450000
Bassetlaw: 01909 533533
Broxtowe: 0115 917 7777
Mansfield: 01623 463463
Gedling: 0115 901 3901
Newark and Sherwood: 01636 650000
Rushcliffe: 0115 981 9911

Your Newsletter

This newsletter is sent to **Town and Parish Councils/Meetings**, for distribution. Names and addresses are held on a database. I want mail to get to the right people without delay so please help by informing me of any changes as it is my responsibility to inform others within the authority who mail out to parish councils. Parish contacts information, the Code of Practice and this newsletter are on the authority's website at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/parishcouncils.htm

Please contact me if you have:

- Changes of Parish Clerks details
- Articles for Countylink
- information or an event during **July, August and September 2005** in your parish
- requests for extra copies of Countylink
- information/links/photograph you would like to add to your details on the Nottinghamshire County Council's website.

Barbara Worrall

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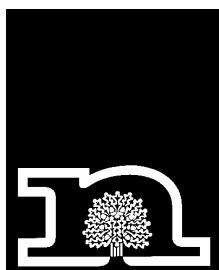
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Newark and Sherwood District Council
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