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Parish Plans

The Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs has made £1 million available for parish plans, a tool which can help local voices be heard by decision makers and give local communities more control over their own affairs.

The funding is available for the 2005/06 financial year and people from rural communities across the East Midlands are encouraged to apply now for a grant to help create a parish plan.

Parish plans involve a whole village in identifying their priorities, then setting out in an action plan how these might be tackled. This process has already led to direct action by residents in rural Nottinghamshire that has improved the way their local area and services are managed.

Communities at present developing parish plans include: Cotgrave, Normanton on Soar, Ranskill, Collingham, Ravenshead, Annesley and Selston.

Town or Parish Councils can apply for grants, usually around £2,000 to £5,000, to develop a parish plan. The Defra funding is

delivered as parish plan grants which in Nottinghamshire are available through Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council – an organisation which has long experience of supporting parish plans, and is well placed to respond to local people.

Contact: Carola Jones, Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council, Newstead Miners Welfare Community Centre, Tilford Road, Newstead Village, Nottingham, NG15 0BS
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A recent report on the progress of a parish plan and its success was received from East Bridgford Councillor Nigel Lawrence:

In **East Bridgford** the parish plan harnessed the enthusiasm and public spirit of the village to develop a document which has resulted in a range of benefits for the local community.

Volunteer litter picking re-invigorated, weekly music evenings for the village teenagers, a street lighting survey, a grant secured to refurbish ancient Bridgford Street, a village website and a review of the Conservation Area, are amongst the projects that have happened since the plan was created 18 months ago, and many more substantial projects are now in progress.

Have you or are you in the process of producing a parish plan? If so could you let the County Council know so that we can keep our records up to date. If you have not done so already we would appreciate it if you could send us a copy of your plan for our records.

Contact: Barbara Worrall - details on back page

Rural Grants Offered

The first grants have been offered by emda's rural team and partners in a bid to improve the quality of life for people in rural areas.

The grants target key rural issues including; access to services by providing integrated and sustainable transport; creating pubs as

community resource centres; continued economic growth of market towns; rural business advice services and helping to reduce isolation in rural areas.

The East Midlands' rural areas (including market towns) are home to 40% of the region's population, which is double the national average and the economy within these areas is crucial to the success of the whole region.

Emda's additional rural socio-economic responsibilities represent the first stage of implementing Defra's Rural Strategy 2004 and will seek to target rural deprivation across the region, including areas of low productivity such as; High Peak, South Holland, West Lindsey, East Lindsey and Bolsover.

For more information contact emda's rural team on 0115 988 8560

New regional director makes a difference to our rural world

Nigel Deacon has been appointed the new regional director of the Countryside Agency East Midlands Office, based in Bingham, Nottinghamshire.

Nigel will guide the regional office over the next 12 months while the Landscape, Access and Recreation (LAR) division of the Countryside Agency is integrated with English Nature and the Rural Development Service under one new government body, Natural England, in October 2006.

He has taken over as regional director from Peter Stovey, who joined emda's Rural Directorate to head up the team delivering social and economic services to market towns when the change process began in March this year.

Landscape, Access and Recreation leads, Ruth Fish and Jim Lennon, have been acting as joint regional directors in the interim until Nigel took up his role this month.

Contact: Countryside Agency

DEFRA Consultation

DEFRA Consultation on (1) Guidance and Regulations for the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 and (2) Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse

This consultation invites your views on the draft guidance and regulations for parts of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, and on the revision of the Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse.

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/clean-neighbourhood05/index.htm>

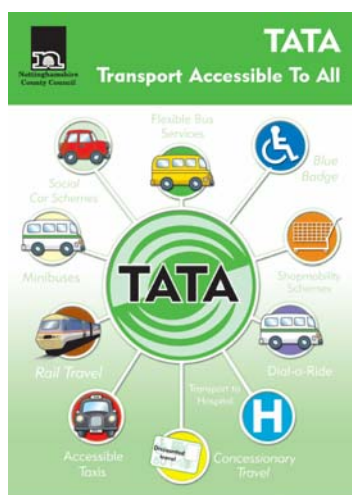
The deadline for responses is:
Monday 2 January 2006

Transport Accessible To All (TATA)

Nottinghamshire County Council has launched its first information pack on accessible transport. The pack contains information on social car schemes, minibuses, Dial-a-Ride, Demand Responsive Transport, some accessible taxis, shopmobility and blue badge schemes, Concessionary travel, rail travel for disabled and main routes to hospital. The information is contained in a folder and it is intended to update this at least once a year. The information pack is targeting elderly and disabled people, but it will also be helpful for people with transport problems.

TATA was launched on the 17 November 2005. If you are interested in receiving a copy please send your name and address to:

**Nottinghamshire County Council
Passenger Transport Group - TATA
Trent Bridge House NG2 6BJ**



Erratum:

Best Kept Village Competition

In the last Countylink we failed to mention that the organiser/contact for the Best Kept Village competition was Mrs Gillespie of the Campaign to Protect Rural England - Barbara Worrall

Government supports Insurance Industry Commitment - Flood Cover

A revised statement outlining the continuing availability of flood insurance has been welcomed as good news for homeowners and businesses in at-risk areas by Environment and Climate Change Minister, Elliot Morley.

The new statement, published in November by the Association of British Insurers (ABI) continues much of the existing commitment but also creates a new rolling commitment to provide flood cover where flood defences are planned. Previously this extended only to 2007.

The ABI commitment is underpinned by cross-Government action, agreed by Defra, the Treasury, the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and the Environment Agency, to continue to improve flood protection measures, specifically:

- Reducing the annual probability of flooding each year for a substantial number of properties in the UK, a proportion of which currently have a greater than 1.3% annual probability of flooding
- At least maintaining investment in flood management each year, with a commitment to evidence-based discussions on future funding needs, taking account of climate change and other factors affecting risk
- Implementing reforms to the land-use planning system to ensure that new developments do not lead to an increase in national or local flood risk
- Communicating flood risk effectively, including providing higher quality and more detailed information on flood risk, and on existing, new and upcoming flood protection

schemes

- Developing an integrated approach to urban drainage that alleviates the risks of sewer flooding and flash-flooding.

Elliot Morley's Statement to Parliament is published on the Defra website at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/ministers/statements/default.asp> and includes the full ABI Statement of Principles.

The future shape of Minerals and Waste Plans in Nottinghamshire

As reported in earlier editions of *Countylink* the County Council, like all Planning Authorities, has to prepare new style forward planning and other related documents that will replace the existing system of local plans. Progress on key areas is set out below.

Statement of Community Involvement

The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) sets out how the County Council proposes to consult and engage local communities and organisations when carrying out its planning functions – including determining planning applications.

Following an initial consultation on key issues in early 2005, the County Council's Cabinet recently approved the publication of a full 'pre-submission' SCI. This draft proposes a range of existing and new practices, the overall aim being to begin community involvement much earlier and to continue engagement throughout the process.

This draft will be subject to a six-week period of public consultation beginning in the New Year – all parish councils will be consulted and all comments will be welcomed. The response will be considered and any amendments made incorporated into a final 'submission draft' which will be subject to further public consultation and an independent examination.

Adoption of the SCI is scheduled by late 2006.

New Waste Plans

Work on preparing a new style 'Core Strategy' and Development Control Policy Documents is well underway. These will eventually replace the existing Waste Local Plan. The new plans are being prepared jointly with the City Council due to the close linkages on waste planning issues.

The first public consultation stage will be on 'Issues and Options' which is expected to commence in early 2006. All parish councils will be consulted. The Core Strategy will consider what reasonable options exist to meet tough new regional and national Government targets and guidance for managing all the waste we produce for the next 10-15 years. The Development Control document will be looking at environmental control policies.

There will be further periods of public consultation as the new plans emerge culminating in an independent examination by a Government appointed Inspector. Adoption is only possible after the Inspector's recommendations have been incorporated. Adoption is not expected until 2007.

No sites will be allocated in the Core Strategy – new sites will be considered in a later 'site specific document' the preparation of which is expected to follow in about a year's time.

New Minerals Plans

Work on new style minerals planning documents will commence once the replacement Minerals Local Plan is finally adopted. The Minerals Local Plan has been prepared under the previous planning system via transitional arrangements. Adoption is currently scheduled for December 2005. Contact: Wayne Allum 0115 977 4547

Young@Heart Group

The young@heart group began life known as 'Healthy Hips and Hearts', a collaborative

project set up by Newstead Nurse Practitioner Service and Dance4 as part of their contribution to Newstead Healthy Living Centre. The Healthy Living Centre is led and managed by Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council (NRCC).

Now recognised as a project in its own right, young@heart is delivered through a partnership providing the skills and resources of community volunteers, Gedling PCT health professionals, Dance4 national dance agency community project workers, Kirkby Volunteer Centre community transport service, Newstead Courtyard Café, and Newstead Miners Welfare and Community Centre.



The progress and development of this group has largely been down to the tremendous commitment and enthusiasm of all the partners

involved. This dynamic partnership has now received official recognition at Gedling PCT's 2005 AGM. The young@heart group won an award for the 'Best Partnership' as part of Gedling PCT's Annual Achievement Awards 2005 - Working Towards a Healthier Gedling. The group also came out top in the award for 'overall winner for innovation'.

Eddie Alder, Newstead Nurse Practitioner, was one of the initial catalysts to get the group and the partnership established. He said "These combined skills and resources provide weekly sessions for older people residing within Newstead with an opportunity to socialise and improve their physical and mental well being through the use of creative movement and other activities. Prior to formation of the partnership, there were limited opportunities for older people within Newstead to socialise together. Community consultation suggested that networks of older people were falling down as older residents became increasingly housebound, with inevitable risks to both physical and mental health."

Numerous benefits have been observed by nurses and dance workers, including increased socialisation and self-confidence, improved mobility and movement, and reduced use of walking aids / wheelchairs. Comments from users go one step further in showing the real value of this group, including 'It is good for me', 'A lovely happy little hour' 'Brings you out of yourself' 'Very enjoyable ... feel better'.

Congratulations and well done to all those involved!

Contact: Helen Hart, NRCC at Newstead
Tel: 01623 723431

Mini Moto Campaign

The County Council in partnership with the Nottinghamshire Police is committed to reducing the nuisance and danger that mini motos create. A poster and leaflet campaign about mini motos is being undertaken over the next few months.

For those not familiar with mini motos they are the tiny motor bikes which an increasing number of young people (and not so young) are using to ride around roads and parks. These bikes cost about £250.

Why are we campaigning against them and trying to persuade parents not to buy them for Christmas presents?

Two major reasons: safety and the law.

Safety is a major concern with these bikes. Children as young as 6 and 7 are using them at speeds of up to 35 mph, sometimes without crash helmets. This is something which any parent needs to think carefully about. Sadly there have been serious injuries for some children using these bikes. Remember that a mini moto is not a toy. It can injure your child or young person and other people they might run into.

Secondly the mini moto bike cannot legally be

ridden anywhere except on private land with the owners permission. This means they cannot lawfully be ridden on parks, roads or pavements, or footpaths and bridleways. This leaves the back garden as the only real option for riding within the law. If a police officer sees a mini moto being ridden, in a place it should not be ridden he or she may confiscate it and get it scrapped. There may also be a fine of up to £1000.

Nottinghamshire County Council and the police support responsible use of motorcycles. Mini motos are dangerous, anti-social and often not being used lawfully.

Please think before you buy one!

Interested in Education?

The County Council is looking for people to serve on the panels which consider appeals about children who have been refused a place at the school they would like to go to, or who have been excluded from school. Panels meet mainly during the day, at locations around the county.

Maybe you have experience in education as a teacher, governor or parent. Or maybe you are just interested. Panels operate within a legal framework, and we will give training on how they work. To find out more about these voluntary positions, please contact us for an information pack. Telephone Lucy Lambert on 0115 977 3141, fax 0115 977 3813, e-mail education.appeals@nottscc.gov.uk or write to her at Members' Services, Chief Executive's Department, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7QP

Closing date: 20 January 2006

The Nottinghamshire Childcare Support Scheme

Nottinghamshire County Council's successful Childcare Voucher Scheme has been re-launched as the Childcare Support Scheme.

This new scheme is being delivered by the Children's Information Service (CIS) with funding from the County Council's Economic Initiatives Budget. The scheme has been revised to fit better with the tax credits available via Government and to become an integral part of the wider childcare services offered by the CIS.

The Childcare Support Scheme offers financial support towards the childcare costs of parents returning to work and vocational training in Nottinghamshire. The scheme targets parents who are not eligible to claim the childcare element of the working tax credit and will pay for up to 70% of the total childcare costs of eligible parents for up to 26 weeks. The childcarer can be a nursery, other registered childcare provider or a close family member.

The scheme is available to families within Nottinghamshire (except the City of Nottingham) who are in receipt of benefit or low income and provides childcare support for children up to 12 years of age, or 16 if the child is registered as disabled.

The scheme will also support family childcarers to become registered childminders and offers parents using informal childcare an opportunity to sample registered care on a free trial basis.

Councillor Chris Winterton, Nottinghamshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Regeneration commented "For over 10 years Nottinghamshire County Council has been helping parents return to employment or access vocational training by supporting their childcare costs. Since the scheme began in 1992, over 1,200 parents have been able to return to work or access vocational training as a consequence of the support available. The new scheme builds on that work and will support vulnerable families countywide to receive long term financial support for childcare."

To apply, or find out if they are eligible, parents and carers simply need to call Nottinghamshire CIS on Freephone 0800 781 2168.

Attenborough Nature Reserve



Picture: Martine Hamilton Knight

The Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust's 'Reflections' Café at Attenborough Nature Reserve on the outskirts of Nottingham is proving that customers don't have to compromise on quality or price when buying meals that are kind to the environment.

Earlier this year Sir David Attenborough opened a new Education and Visitor Centre at the reserve and a key facility within the £2 m centre is a café serving quality food that doesn't compromise the Charity's 'green' principles. The Café provides attractive, wholesome, affordable food from sustainably produced ingredients and everything served is locally grown or manufactured, organically produced or ethically traded.

Since opening, the café has proved very popular but the job of establishing a viable catering business at the centre was quite a challenge for Chef Steve Hewitt because in addition to strict environmental and ethical criteria in relation to the ingredients he could use, he also has to work with just a fraction of the power used in a standard commercial kitchen. The low energy kitchen is powered by a combination of solar panels and photovoltaic cells and the menu is designed to use as little energy as possible. The maximum output is only 12 kilowatts – about the same as four kettles - but with a combination of slow cooked dish, salads, sandwiches and delicious cakes, Steve has managed to keep customers happy.

Speaking on behalf of the Wildlife Trust,

Mr Hewitt explained: "Our challenge here is to produce food that customers find appealing while staying true to our principles. We think we have risen to that challenge and judging by the response from our customers, we must be getting something right."

In the first 6 months of opening, an estimated 90,000 people visited the centre and the café has been serving around 1,800 meals a week. The success of the café provides an important example for other environmentally conscious enterprises and the healthy profits to date have helped to subsidise school visits and public events at the centre.

For further details call 0115 972 1777

Apple Day

Pupils from Greasley Beauvale Junior School had a tasty time when they visited Brooke Farm in Linby as part of a fruity project organised by the Greenwood Community Forest Team on behalf of partners Broxtowe Borough Council.



The children enjoyed a stroll through the orchards at Linby whilst hearing about some of the folklore behind apple day including

the ancient practice of wassailing, before testing some of the apples and other produce being grown at Brooke Farm.

Using the orchards as inspiration, the 10 year olds were also treated to a poetry workshop by renowned poet, Pat Borthwick, who visited Greasley Beauvale Junior School on the run up to Apple Day (21 October) to inspire the children to write their own poems.

Gill Grievson, Community Liaison Officer for Greenwood, agreed: "We wanted to get the

children to think about apple words, but they also learnt a great deal about buying locally, and why orchards are important to the development of the Greenwood Community Forest."

The poems that the children produced have been transferred to cardboard apples, which the children also produced, and were displayed on a tree made of recycled materials at Eastwood Library from Apple Day (Friday 21 October).

For further information contact Gill Grievson, Community Liaison Officer for Greenwood on 01623 688310 or 07740 845574.

A gleaming vision for Mansfield



Mansfield is set to become the jewel of Nottinghamshire offering a wealth of shopping, heritage and leisure opportunities, according to the Town Centre Partnership.

Already the town is starting to shine, as layers of grime are being peeled back and new developments planned through a multi-million-pound regeneration and clean-up programme.

Now, Mansfield District Council is seeking funding for a master plan that will co-ordinate the development of the town into one of the region's top destinations. Speaking as the Town Centre Partnership reached the half-way point in its 2004-2006 business plan, town centre manager Diana Hobson highlighted the achievements so far that give people an idea of how Mansfield will look and feel once the long-term vision for the town is realised.

The Bentinck memorial and viaduct have been cleaned up, the revamped Market Place will be unveiled in the spring and several big

developments are planned for the town, with Stockwell Gate being the next one to be taken forward. Once the bus station is moved next to the train station there will be a modern, convenient transport hub that will make access to the town centre easier. With developers starting work on turning the Courtaulds factory into new modern retail units, there will be the kind of space that high-street chains are looking for, which will attract new brand names bringing more shoppers and visitors to the town, benefiting the market stalls, high-street stores and independent traders.

Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) manager Sudipta DeMallik said redeveloping Mansfield Old Town would be crucial to that vision.

Under the THI, 25 historic buildings will be restored, sprucing up some of Mansfield's familiar, but tired-looking shop frontages.

And just off the Market Place, a new office and retail development will replace the redundant indoor market behind the Old Town Hall. More than 1,800 sqm of office space, a possible restaurant and new shops would be created.

The master plan will co-ordinate all these developments to ensure that each contributes to the long-term vision, whether through heritage, modern retail space, room for businesses, leisure facilities or through open space and access.

Release prepared on behalf of Mansfield Town Centre Partnership.

Newark fortifies as rebels close in on town

Newark is bracing itself for famine, death and



bloody battle as news reaches the town that The Royalists and Roundheads have replenished their war chests and are preparing for fresh fighting. Just as stories of the brutal end to the English Civil War are all but forgotten, battle will resume

in the Nottinghamshire town. Over the next few months, Parliamentarians (The Roundheads) will build their battlements in the Riverside Park, ready to set up camp and besiege the castle on the weekend of 28 April 2006. Far from a surprise attack, The Royalists are also stocking their arsenals for when they



take cover in Newark Castle for the three-day siege.

The battle is being staged by event committee Newark 1646, which has just been awarded £25,000 by the Local Heritage Initiative and a £5,000 Community Award from Nationwide Building Society, to re-enact one of the most bloody conflicts of the English Civil War. The re-enactment, which is expected to bring thousands of visitors to Newark and put the town back on the historic map, will commemorate the 360th anniversary of the end of the siege.

Glynn Hopkins from Newark 1646, a group of local history enthusiasts, will go into battle with some of the very best re-enactment soldiers from the English Civil War Society. He says: "Royalist Newark was the northern capital of the Civil War but we have never staged a re-enactment here before. This is a real shame because it means people don't know the stories and the town's rich heritage is being lost. The Local Heritage Initiative (LHI) money has changed all that after two years of trying to secure funding for the event. It is just brilliant that LHI has recognised the value of what we've been planning so we can bring the town's heritage back to life. Finally we can commemorate the thousands of people who lost their lives here either on the battlefield or through the sheer hardship."

A Royalist stronghold and geographically important as the key to the north, both sides recognised that whoever controlled Newark controlled the region. Consequently, the town fell under attack from 22,000 Parliamentarians, including some 8,000 allied Scots soldiers, only surrendering at the order of King Charles I in May 1646. This was not before Newark folk endured months of suffering and starvation.

The Parliamentarian force blocked the river and secured the land around the town, which meant that the mills couldn't operate and the dairy cows couldn't graze. Newark 1646 aims to recreate a sense of what life must have been like during that period and to tell the story of the surrender of Newark and raise the profile of the town's historic importance.

With Newark's Young Archaeological Group, the society will reconstruct the siege line, including 6ft by 4ft willow gabions to stop cannonballs, four big guns and 12 activity stations, such as barber-surgeons and an officer's tent. There will be a skirmish on each day, with all canons firing at set times and actors will play out a selection of stories from the siege, such as the argument between the mayor and the governor about surrendering the town.

LHI East Midlands Regional Adviser Jean Rider said: "This project will foster closer relationships within the Newark community by people learning about their common heritage and the value of the town they live in."

There will be a 17th century banquet for local dignitaries on the Saturday afternoon and the society is also looking into the possibility of using the Tudor Hall to show how rich people would have lived. Glynn Hopkins added: "All the events will be free and open to everyone. This is all about engaging people with their town's rich history."

June Rowlands from Newark and Sherwood District Council, which is backing the event with promotional and logistical support, said: "This event will raise the profile of Newark and bring thousands of visitors to the town." Newark Town Council, Millgate Museum, Friends of Newark Castle and other local partner organisation are also helping out with the event. The 3-day event will be brought to a close with a ceremony to lay wreaths for the people who died in battle.

For more information about LHI visit www.lhi.org.uk or ring Jean Rider on 01949 876250. For more details about the re-enactment and Newark 1646, visit www.eventplan.co.uk/newark1646.htm

Issued on behalf of the LHI

Certificates have been presented to Radcliffe Parish Council and Bingham and Cotgrave Town Councils to mark their achievement of being awarded Quality Council status. They are the first 3 councils in Rushcliffe to attain the status and only one other council in Nottinghamshire has achieved it. The certificates were presented by the Mayor of Rushcliffe, Councillor Mrs Maureen Stockwood, at a ceremony in Rushcliffe Council Chamber on Friday.

They were handed over to the chairman and clerk of the 3 councils - Councillor John Eagles and Mrs Jane Black (Bingham), Councillor Mick Brown and Mr Mike Elliott (Radcliffe) and Councillor Drew Wilkie and Mrs Ann Ellis (Cotgrave). Councillor Jim Gregory, chairman of the Nottinghamshire branch of the National Association of Local Councils, congratulated them on their achievement.

He said that it was a notable milestone because out of 10,000 councils in the UK only 200 had so far gained Quality Council status. "Bingham, Radcliffe and Cotgrave are helping to lead the way for others and in Nottinghamshire we now have a number of councils aiming to follow their example," he added.

To achieve Quality status they have to be representative of the whole community and work closely with voluntary groups to ensure the needs of all sections of the community are met. The council has to be effectively and properly managed with members and officers upholding a high standard of conduct. In addition the council must work in partnership with other local authorities and agencies and deliver local services which give the best deal for people in the community.

Parish councils hold meetings in widely differing types of venue, although they usually take place in village hall and schools. But not all of them!

At Hickling the monthly meeting takes place in the parish church, as it does at Stanton on the Wolds. Holme Pierrepont and Gamston Parish Council recently held a meeting in St Edmunds Parish Church at Holme Pierrepont and so successful was it that they are now looking to hold at least one meeting a year there. Gunthorpe Parish Council occasionally use their parish church annex room for meetings. Normanton on the Wolds go out of their parish to neighbouring Plumtree for their meetings, using the Burnside Memorial Hall as they have no suitable building within the parish.

At Radcliffe-on-Trent the annual parish meeting had in previous years been held in the Methodist Church, the village being without a suitable place for a gathering such as is usual for this meeting, but now the council has its own Grange Hall and this year for the first time had that as its venue. Parish council meetings cannot be held in licensed premises unless no other suitable room is available free of charge or at reasonable cost.

Millions of UK Internet users are putting themselves at risk of attack from Internet criminals because they don't understand threats to their computer or the ways to protect against them. A new website has been launched to help raise public awareness and provide solutions.

The website, www.getsafeonline.org, is a one-stop-shop for reliable, up-to-date information about online safety, to give home users and small businesses the advice they need to use the Internet safely. The campaign is a joint initiative between HM Government, the National Hi-Tech Crime Unit, part of the National Crime Squad and private sector sponsors from the worlds of technology, retail and finance, including: BT, Dell, eBay, HSBC, Lloyds TSB, Microsoft, MessageLabs, securetrading.com and Yell.com.

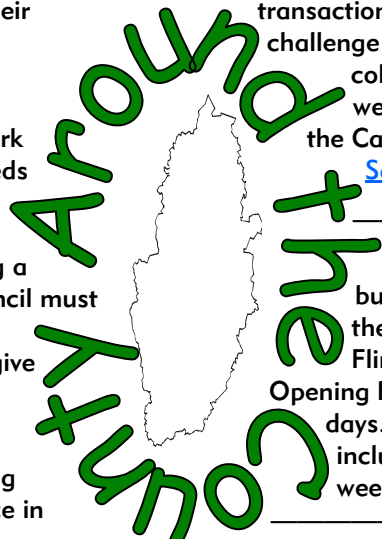
John Hutton, Cabinet Minister responsible for e-Government, explained: "The internet has become an essential tool for businesses and consumers, and has brought enormous benefits to our everyday lives, but we all know there are risks too. That's why we're running the Get Safe Online campaign to make the internet a safer place to make financial transactions and exchange personal information. It's a challenge that I believe will be achieved by this collaboration between public and private sectors we've created. I'm delighted with the support the Campaign has already received." Visit the [Get Safe Online website](http://www.getsafeonline.org) to find out more.

The new Flintham shop has opened for business. The shop is owned and managed by the community, and is sited near the back of Flintham Museum.

Opening hours: 8 am to 1 pm and 2 pm to 7 pm, most days. The shop sells a good range of food, including staples like bread and milk. From this week, newspapers will also be available.

More than £60,000 is to be spent by Rushcliffe Borough Council on improving its temporary accommodation for homeless people. The Council's Cabinet (15 November) was asked to approve the scheme which will see CCTV installed, a door entry alarm system and complete redecoration. The plans also include the replacement of the front door, repairs to the laundry room and fencing, improvements to the office and better lighting inside and out. If the plan is approved by Cabinet, the work should be complete by the end of April 2006.

Rushcliffe Borough Council will shortly be consulting on proposals to introduce pay and display car parking at its seven car parks - three in Bingham, two in Radcliffe, one in Keyworth and at Rushcliffe Country Park in Ruddington. In early November, staff carried out surveys to establish car park usage patterns in the car parks. The Council will also be seeking views from traders, town and parish councils, the Police and Nottinghamshire County Council. Drivers will be encouraged to complete a website survey so that the Council can obtain information on their reasons for parking, security and length of stay.



The Council has been receiving complaints for many years now from residents, traders and parish councils on a number of car parking issues. People are parking in disabled spaces when they are not disabled. People are thought to be using car parks all day which limits the space for shoppers. When no spaces are available in the car parks, people are parking on double yellow lines and causing traffic problems. Car crime is one of the most significant crimes in Rushcliffe. Car parks can be crime hotspots and, if pay and display is introduced, the car parks will be patrolled and 'Safer Parking' status may be sought.

Councillor George Buckley, cabinet member for finance, said: "The introduction of charging for short stays will benefit shoppers and traders - there'll be more spaces when people want them, less congestion, better security and disabled spaces becoming available for the people who need them."

As part of the Village Ventures initiative, Trowell Parish Council will play host to the Daniel Smith Blues Band at Trowell Parish Hall on Friday 10 February 2006 at 7.30 pm. Tickets are available from the Parish Clerk priced at £3.50 for adults and £2.50 for concessions including light refreshments. So book early – tickets are strictly limited!

Daniel Smith was recently nominated British Blues Keyboard Player of the Year, and is described as a "brilliant, original, dynamically talented pianist who has a name for himself as the new Jools Holland".

Add his dry, laid back, on stage humour and an absolute killer band and you have a class act involving a genuine sense of the old time, goodtime, barrelhouse & speakeasy.

A two set musical performance featuring the band, including Alan Glen, ex-Yarbirds, a whole range of authentic downhome blues, stomping boogie-woogie and classy blues and jazz grooves, with plenty of humorous dialogue and background to tunes. There will be ample opportunity for people to dance if they wish.

Daniel Smith and 3 other sparkling musicians will make this a night to remember!

Trowell Parish Council is pleased to report that following its joint campaign with District, current and ex County Councillors and the local MP, new warning signs have been installed on all the approach routes to the Stapleford Road railway bridge. It is hoped that these signs along with measures already taken and others still being pursued will significantly reduce the number of

vehicle collisions with the bridge.

Recently, Trowell Parish Council, asked local youngsters to send in their ideas for the proposed refurbishment of the Parish Hall Play Park. As a result, the designs of 9 year old Emily Davis, 10 year old Jodie Collingridge and 11 year old Melanie Taylor are being considered by the contractors asked to put together plans for the new park – so some of their ideas may well be included in the finished article. The Council will be sending each of the 3 young artists a gift voucher as a thank you for taking part in the initiative.

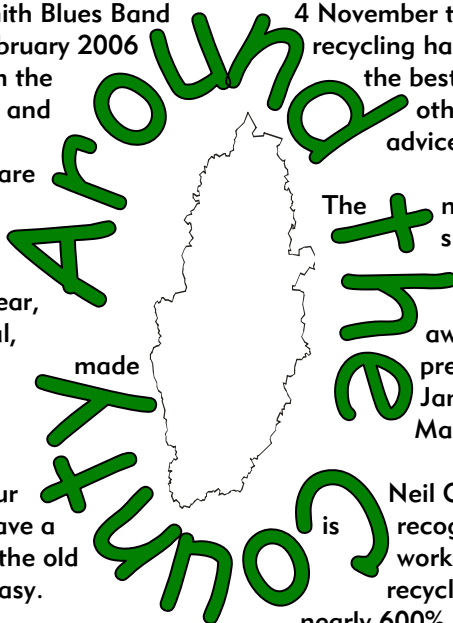
Once the contractor's plans have been considered by the Parish Council, the options available will be presented for public consultation before the project and applications for funding progress further.

The Government told Rushcliffe Borough Council on 4 November that its Beacon bid for waste and recycling has been shortlisted. Beacon Councils are the best in the country in their chosen field and other councils look to them for leadership, advice, innovation and support.

The next stage involves a visit from a team of specialists who scrutinise the recycling service. The date is yet to be announced. Before Beacon status is awarded the council must also make a presentation to an advisory panel in January. The outcome will be known in March 2006.

Neil Clarke, Leader of the Council, said: "This is recognition for more than 3 years of hard work which has put us at the top of the recycling tree. Recycling rates have gone up nearly 600%. "Fingers crossed that we get Beacon status - the icing on the recycling cake. If we do it will be thanks to a lot of hard work by staff and continued great support from residents."

Marianne Hood, Chair of the Advisory Panel on beacon councils, announced the shortlist and says: "The Beacon Scheme continues to go from strength to strength. I am delighted with the number of high quality applications we received from authorities in round seven of the scheme. The panel was very impressed by the range of innovative approaches to creating or improving services, which really make a difference to people's lives. "Many of the applicants who were not shortlisted had valuable experience and good practice which they could share with other authorities. The IDeA will be looking at ways to promote this expertise." The shortlisted authorities will now progress to the next stage of the selection process, which includes site visits and presentations. Successful applicants will be announced in March 2006.



John Speed's Map Of Nottinghamshire 1610

The Libraries, Archives and Information Publications Group have published a reproduction of John Speed's map of the County. First produced in 1610 for his atlas the *Theatre of the Empire of Great Britaine*, the original map has been hand coloured. As well as showing the county of Nottinghamshire there is an inset map of the city of Nottingham and illustrations of the battle of East Stoke, 1487 and the arms of the Earls of Nottingham.

The map has been reproduced in A2 size so is ideal for framing and would make an attractive Christmas present.

Maps can be purchased from Nottinghamshire Archives, main libraries in the county and from Libraries, Archives and Information, Culture and Community, 4th Floor, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP (price £4.99 payable to Nottinghamshire County Council).

The Traders Register – Are You A Trader We Can Trust?



Most traders are trustworthy, trying hard to give a good service and value for money. Unfortunately, some are less honest and will take as much

money from people as possible for as little work as they can get away with.

To help combat this growing problem, Age Concern Nottingham and Nottinghamshire offer a service giving customers the opportunity to beat the 'cowboys' by providing a number of registered companies from a vetted list of traders – The Traders Register. All traders also sign the Age Concern Code of Practice.

The service has been run successfully by the local charity for over two years and has helped thousands of clients get value for money as well as peace of mind. Due to demand from

consumers, Age Concern would like to increase the database of vetted traders and interested parties are asked to make contact. Any business that carries out work within the home is welcome to apply, including builders, plumbers, electricians, plasterers, decorators, gardeners and appliance repairers.

Although every attempt is made to ensure traders are competent, reasonable and trustworthy, mistakes can occur. In the event of a dispute, all traders on the list have agreed to mediate through the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City Trading Standards Service who offer impartial advice.

As an objective, independent and impartial local charity, Age Concern Nottingham and Nottinghamshire has been working in partnership with a number of public and private sectors bodies to deliver innovative and invaluable support services to vulnerable older people in local communities for over 60 years. It is the only charity in Nottinghamshire working directly with older people, with every pound of funding going directly to benefit those in need in local areas.

Trading Standards is responsible for ensuring local businesses comply with the law and operate a fair trade whilst targeting rogue traders. They also provide the public with important advice about the rights that they have as consumers. For consumer advice contact Consumer Direct on 08454 040506.

For more information or an application form, call the Traders Register on 0115 859 9262 or email tradersregister@ageconcernnotts.org.uk

Open Access

Open Access rights started in the East and West of England on Monday 31 October.

The new right of access starts in these regions on Monday 31 October and people now have 'open access' rights which means they are able to wander freely across 'access land' and won't

have to stick to paths. This historic day marks the end of the national roll-out across all regions, and Open Access rights will be in force across the whole of England.

To view the newly opened areas in these regions and to help plan walks, please visit www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk where the public walking maps are now available. Information on any restrictions that may be in place, the Countryside Code and additional detailed information on the new access rights can also be found here.

Santa Claus is coming to town

Santa should have no trouble finding his way around Britain this Christmas, thanks to the OS Travel - Route map of Great Britain 2006.

Santa Claus will soon be making his way across the country and, along with the nation's motorists, he'll have no problem finding his way – thanks to his copy of Ordnance Survey's latest map of Britain.

With millions of homes to visit in this country alone, Santa is busy planning his route – and he'll have the OS Travel Map – Route of Great Britain 2006 to help him.

Just published by Ordnance Survey, the newly revised map is big enough to show the entire country's road network on just one double-sided sheet but folds small enough to fit into the glove compartment of a car – or in this case, sleigh.

Among its major changes, the new edition includes the imminent upgrade to the A1 – becoming the A1(M) motorway north of Pontefract; and the New Forest National Park boundary.

The whole map is at a scale of 1:625,000

(10 miles to 1 inch or 6.25 km to 1 cm) with all the roads appropriately colour-coded to help route planning. An index features around 6,500 place names highlighted on the map and there are also ten separate urban navigation maps included on the sheet to help motorists find their way through heavily built-up areas such as Glasgow, Manchester, Birmingham and London.

Also included are details of restricted motorway junctions, along with a route-planning grid to check mileages between almost 50 key towns and cities. Many major tourist attractions around the country are also pinpointed on the map and indexed in the key.

The map costs £4.99 and is available from book shops or through the leisure section of Ordnance Survey's website at www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/leisure

Allure

Thirty of the East Midlands' finest contemporary designers and craftmakers are the subject of an inspiring and eclectic exhibition at Rufford Craft Centre this autumn.

Allure is a selling exhibition produced by Rufford Craft Centre in partnership with Design Factory and features a wide range of craft disciplines including glass, jewellery, ceramics, furniture, photography and much more.

Allure opened at Rufford Craft Centre on Tuesday 8 November and runs until Sunday 1 January 2006. Admission is free. For more details contact 01623 821 315.

Park Life

Olympic Silver medallist Bryan Steel, helped launch a brand new project called Park Life, in October at Bestwood Country Park.

Park Life is a new project organised by the Greenwood Community Forest Team, to



encourage people to use parks and green spaces for physical activity. Bryan, who won his medal in the Cycling Pursuit Team event, had special memories of cycling round Bestwood in the past. He won his very first competitive event there.



Bryan rolled his sleeves up at the event and proved to be an excellent sporting champion and ambassador for the sport by taking part in

a family bike ride around the park.

Local people were able to take part in many activities to help increase their fitness including street dancing and orienteering. A major draw on the day was a human sized table football pitch.

The launch event marked the start of an extensive programme of activity around the Greenwood Community Forest area. The Park Life project will see over 60 events focused on seven sites. In addition to Bestwood Country Park, events will take place at Sherwood Forest Country Park, Vicar Water Country Park, Bramcote Hills Country Park, Sherwood Pines Forest Country Park, Bull Farm Park and Kings Mill Reservoir.

The Greenwood team is keen to empower more schools and community groups to get active through the Park Life project funding. The project hopes to engage schools and community groups who haven't visited the projects' target sites by working alongside them to develop and co-ordinate a range of events and activity days for them to get out and get active in the Greenwood Community Forest.

Vicky Hudson, Physical Activity Development Officer of GCF said: "Park Life is a fantastic opportunity for local people to get out, get active and get healthier. The project wants to help local communities to recognise the free leisure opportunities available on their doorsteps and to help our partners to develop new and innovative activities to encourage local people to visit their parks more".

Park Life is co-ordinated by the Greenwood Community Forest Partnership and funded with

support from Sport England and the Big Lottery fund through the £108.5 million investment to the Active England Programme. The Big Lottery Fund distributes half of all national lottery good cause funding across the UK. The fund aims to improve the lives of disadvantaged people and the well being of communities through fair and open funding of people, projects and programmes.

For further information about up and coming Park Life events or how your group can get active through the project, please contact Vicky Hudson the Greenwood Team's newly appointed Community Physical Activity Development Officer on 01623 688304 or vicky.hudson@nottsgov.uk

The Rise and Rise of Sherwood Forest ...?

Many of you will be aware of the Big Lottery Fund's Living Landmarks Programme, which will make funding available for trans-formational, nationally/regionally significant projects across the United Kingdom. The programme has been designed to 'inspire communities to transform, revitalise and regenerate the places where they live, through social and community projects and major infrastructure investments.'

Living Landmarks offers a unique opportunity for the Sherwood Forest area to secure a major investment that will help deliver the ambitions of partners including Parish Councils as articulated in the long-standing key strategies for the area, most notably the Sherwood Study – A Vision for Sherwood Forest.

It also offers the potential as a catalyst for the longer-term vision to create a Sherwood Forest Regional Park which would itself produce a wider impact within the north of the County. The concept of developing a Regional Park received broad support at a one day conference on the Future of Sherwood Forest held on the 20 September at which a wide range of partner and stakeholder interests were represented. However, it is accepted that further consultation has to be undertaken to arrive at a consensus around the concept. This article offers us a further opportunity to liaise with our Parish Councils across the area.

Working with a range of partners, Nottinghamshire County Council is managing a proposed submission to the Living Landmarks programme which will have at its heart a new landmark visitor centre campus within the Sherwood Forest. The centre would network with and signpost to other attractions in the area and see the improvement of existing and creation of new sustainable transport modes to and from the centre right across the wider Forest area. Landscape transformation and the opening up of more green space for public access would be achieved through a programme of re-forestation and restoration. These are but a few of the ambitions currently taking shape.

Timescales are tight, with a "stage one" submission having to be made by the 6 January 2006. The Stage one bid is, in many ways, the start of the process, being limited to 10 A4 pages of narrative, addressing specific criteria, with no visuals allowed in support. The County Council would be looking to work closely with partners and in particular Parish Councils during 2006 with the aim of making this exciting opportunity a reality.

For further information please contact: Caroline Agnew 0115 977 3760
 caroline.agnew@nottsc.gov.uk or Geoff George
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LUMOS Lantern Festival

Tickets are now on sale for *Lumos*, Nottinghamshire's magical winter lantern festival at Rufford Country Park, which has been transformed into something even more vibrant and spectacular for 2006.

Lumos Burning Desires - takes its inspiration from the Valencian Fire Festival *Fallas*, and at this celebratory event a 20-foot central sculpture and six life-size community-made sculptures will be set ablaze in a grand finale of fire, light and sound. The event will also feature a spectacular procession of handcrafted lanterns, street theatre, live music and performances.

Since August, sculptures have been created by community groups from across North

Nottinghamshire. In a workshop in Meden Vale, 6 local groups are working energetically with 6 Nottinghamshire artists to complete their designs which are based on the theme of 'burning desires'. The artists, Jess Kemp, Julie Bartholomew, Laura Hill, Helen Davies, Melvyn Rawlinson, and Sarah Palmer, visited Valencia in 2004 to receive training on building the sculptures, and their finished sculptures include a bursting box of chocolates, a phoenix and a dancing couple. The local community groups with whom they are working are Homestart Group (Mansfield Woodhouse), Vintage Club (Langold), Manton Phoenix Group, Edwinstowe Arts Heritage and Festival Organisation, Home Education Support Group (Mansfield) and Bassetlaw Youth Theatre Group (Worksop), respectively.



The sculptures will be unveiled at 5 pm, followed by the lantern procession at 6 pm, which will

lead the audience on a journey around Rufford Country Park to the finale site, where the 6 smaller sculptures will be set ablaze alongside a 20 ft central sculpture of Icarus (created by Brighton-based Community Arts Group, Same Sky) against a backdrop of fireworks, light and sound. Public workshops will take place during January and February where people can make their own lanterns to carry in the procession. Please call the Box Office on 0115 9419419 for further details.

LUMOS BURNING DESIRES Festival Of Light And Fire

Saturday 25 February 2006, from 5.00 pm
 Rufford Country Park, nr Ollerton
 Nottinghamshire, NG22 9DF
 £6.50 (£5 conc)

Family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) £21
 Box Office: 0115 941 9419

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/lumos

Sustainable Community - Know How Workshop @ Hockerton Housing Project

Saturday 28 January 2006 (10.00 am to 4.30 pm)

This event will be of particular interest to those interested in setting up, facilitating or joining a sustainable community. This includes individuals or groups with an interest in sustainable living/lifestyles, self-builders, landowners, and planners. The workshop will enable you to:

- Discover how you can have low impact housing without loss of amenity.
- Understand current thinking on planning and what local authorities are doing to promote sustainable developments - How to get planning permission!
- Learn the pitfalls from a group that's actually done it
- Dissolve some of the fears and worries about communities
- Discuss ideas and plans that you have with experts in low energy housing, renewable energy systems and social structures
- Write a realistic action plan to further your ideas.

Contact: Nick White Tel: 01636 816902

E-mail: hhp@hockerton.demon.co.uk

Website: www.hockerton.demon.co.uk

Tree Week

The Greenwood Community Forest Team urged people to get out and celebrate trees and woodlands at the start of the winter tree-planting season by planting trees in their patch or take part in an event during **National Tree Week** 23 November to 4 December.

Throughout Greenwood there were many opportunities to get involved in planting trees, take part in tree-dressing events or just get out and take a walk in the woods.

Back in 1934, Armistice Day (11 November) began to be marked by nation-wide tree planting, as it was felt that there was no more fitting way to remember a loved one than by planting a living tree, and the tradition continued for a number of

years. The Tree Council revived the practice nationally and has been celebrating trees and woodlands during National Tree Week for over 30 years.

There are many reasons why trees matter. Planted properly and given a few minutes of annual care in their early years, trees can help create attractive places with which people prefer to live, work and relax, bring jobs and opportunities for sustainable development and become a source of renewable fuel and useful, home-grown products.

Trees also attract more wildlife and are a great way to learn about the environment, linked to the national curriculum.

Since its inception, the Greenwood Partnership has planted 3 million trees to make the area more attractive and encourage wildlife back to the forest along newly created green corridors. Even so, England is still one of the least-wooded countries in Europe, so it is vital that we continue to carry on planting to ensure that there are plenty of trees for future generations to enjoy.

National Tree Week reached a crescendo with National Tree Dressing Day on 4 December. Tree dressing dates back to medieval times and reminds us of the enormous cultural and environmental importance of trees. Led by national organisation, Common Ground, it is a countrywide, cross-cultural celebration of the mature trees in our streets, woodlands, parks and gardens. Tree dressing is based on many old customs from all over the world and at different times of the year.

Health And Well-Being Days For Older People

Rural Bassetlaw Befriending recently held two 'Health and Well-Being Days for Older People' in villages of East Bassetlaw. The first in October was held at Sturton-le-Steeple village hall and attracted around 30 people who gained information on a range of issues, from home safety advice to healthy eating, benefits to warden services. Attendees also had lunch and refreshments, and took part in exercise and craft sessions, as well as taking away free energy-saving light bulbs and safety torches.

A lucky few even won a raffle prize as well! The second event along similar lines was held in November at Sutton-cum-Lound village hall and was supported by over 40 people who were able to gather information from a range of service providers, such as the Lions, CAB, County Contact, and Bassetlaw District Council Sports Development. Firemen from Retford Fire Station were also on hand to give advice, along with the Crime Reduction Officer who gave out free personal alarms and staff from the Community Rehabilitation Team who were able to check attendees' walking aids. Lunch, crafts and exercise sessions made this a very enjoyable day for all.

For further information on this or group activities in East Bassetlaw please contact Pamela Senior, Group Development Worker, Rural Bassetlaw Befriending, The Mine of Information, 2, Market Place, TUXFORD. NG22 0LA 01777 871482 Rural Bassetlaw Befriending is part Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council.



The Turbine, Nottinghamshire County Council's latest business innovation centre based in Worksop, is up and running with five new businesses in residence. This partnership development, led by Nottinghamshire County Council, is primarily for start-up businesses - people who perhaps need to take the next step from working at the kitchen table, and for fledgling businesses - those within the first 3 years of trading.

The diverse range of businesses in the Turbine includes those working in the fields of internet publishing, medical training, low energy lighting, child protection and financial management, and all of them have chosen the Turbine because it provides a prestigious, inspirational and creative environment in which to work.

The Turbine also boasts excellent conference and meeting room facilities. Successful events have been held by



Bassetlaw Chamber of Commerce, Nottinghamshire Chamber, East Midlands Development Agency, Alliance SSP, the Mitre Group, Bassetlaw District Council and many others. Both the conference room and meeting room are on the ground floor giving easy access to all, and both are ideal for high level board meetings, training sessions, sales presentations, exhibitions and interviews and provide a professional and confidential area to meet customers, suppliers, agents and other business contacts. The conference and meeting rooms are available for hire by all.

The Turbine is an exciting place to be and is full of excellent design and eco-friendly features, including a



spacious lobby and corridors, walk ways with views of each floor and areas in which to relax and do business. For further information or to book the conference facilities telephone 01909 512100, e-mail

theturbine@nottscc.go.uk, or visit www.theturbine.co.uk for the latest news.

Paul Mallatratt, Turbine Manager
Photography by Martine Hamilton Knight



Taking a lead from responsible dog owners

DOGS can cause problems if left to run unchecked in city parks or the countryside. With nearly one in three visitors to the countryside taking dogs with them, natural habitats, livestock and wildlife are coming under increasing pressure from excited hounds, if they are not kept under proper control by their owners.



To improve understanding of their dogs' needs, to be able to protect them and the environment around them while out walking, the Kennel

Club, the Countryside Agency and English Nature

have joined forces to start a campaign to promote responsible enjoyment of the countryside for dog owners.

A new guide, 'You and Your Dog in the Countryside' which was launched at Wollaton Park in November, is as much about improving the experience for dogs and their owners as it is about protecting wildlife, livestock, their habitats and other users. The guide includes tips on where dogs should and shouldn't be let off their leads; how to react if they or their dog is chased by a cow; and how to increase the chances of finding their dog if it runs off.

'You and Your Dog in the Countryside' can be viewed on www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk or ordered from Countryside Agency Publications, PO Box 125, Wetherby, West Yorkshire, LS23 7EP
Telephone 0870 120 6466 for a free copy.

Multi-million pound colliery transformation well underway

The first unit has been built on a £4 million project to redevelop part of a former Nottinghamshire colliery for commercial use. It's part of an ambitious wider plan to eventually create more than 500,000 square feet of industrial space on the 41 acre rail-connected Bilsthorpe Colliery site.

The overall project would strengthen the East Midlands' position as a freight hub – enhancing the region's reputation as a distribution centre. The scheme is being lead by land owners UK Coal supported by The East Midlands Development Agency (emda).

More than £2.2 m of funding from national regeneration agency, English Partnerships' National Coalfields Programme has been invested by emda into the initial phase. The remainder is being made up by land owner UK Coal.

The first phase will remediate 3 hectares of derelict land, create primary infrastructure/services into the site and develop 75,000 ft² of industrial space comprising 3 units capable of subdivision. The first unit has now been completed with all of phase 1 completed by December 2006.

Harworth Estates has appointed the Nottingham Office of Lambert Smith Hampton to market the completed development. info@emd.org.uk

Rufford Abbey Renovations



This winter sees the start of two renovation projects at Rufford Country Park. This necessary work will cause some inconvenience for visitors, but has been planned to generate the minimum possible disruption. Here are the details:

Craft Centre roof repairs

The historic stable block of Rufford Abbey, built in the 1660s, urgently needs new timber rafters and repairs to the roof.

Scaffolding will be erected around 9 January 2006, and the central courtyard, including the Craft Centre toilets, will be closed to the public for four days. Temporary 'portaloos' will be located near the Savile Restaurant at the rear of the Abbey.

After this, the courtyard will be re-opened, but work will continue on the Craft Centre roof for up to 3 months. This will include the replacement of two of the stable's quaint cast iron water hoppers – added to the roofline in Victorian times, but recently damaged by weather. The dragon gargoyles will be recast in a modern foundry, adding the finishing period touch to the restoration.

Abbey Toilets

Rufford's surveys show that many visitors want better public toilets at the Abbey end of the park. In response to this, work has started to change the toilets at the Craft Centre courtyard to give more ladies cubicles and improve facilities for wheelchair users and the less mobile. New drains were laid in November and work will continue after the Christmas season has finished.

Christmas at Rufford

There will be no construction work going on during Rufford's Christmas festivities and the majority of the renovation work will take place between January and March. The Rufford Mill area and shops will not be affected.

All building work brings with it some mess and disruption but a little work now will improve facilities and help ensure that the Abbey's historic buildings stay in good shape for many more years.

Welcome



Welcome to the following new clerks:

Mrs Annable, Dunham with Ragnall, Fledborough and Darlton Parish Council

Mr Baines, Mattersey Parish Council

Mrs A Fraser, (Acting) Barnby Moor Parish Council

Mrs K Beaumont, North Muskham Parish Council

Mr R Aston, Fiskerton cum Morton Parish Council

Parish websites:

Aslockton: www.aslockton.org

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

Everton: www.evertonvillage.org.uk

Gringley on the Hill: www.gringleyvillage.org.uk

Harby: www.harby.org.uk

Holme Pierrepont and Gamston:

www.holmepierrepontandgamstonpc.org.uk

Keyworth: www.keyworthparishcouncil.org.uk

Kimberley: www.kimberley-online.org.uk/4724.html

Laneham: www.laneham.org.uk

Linby: www.linby.org

Misterton: www.mistertonvillage.org.uk

Newark: www.newark.gov.uk

Newstead: www.newsteadvillage.org

Nuthall: www.nuthallparishcouncil.co.uk

Oxton: www.oxtonpc.fsnet.co.uk

Papplewick: www.papplewick.org

Ranskill: www.ranskill.org.uk

Ravenshead: www.ravensheadparishcouncil.org.uk

South Leverton: geocities.com/slevnotts_webmast

Southwell: www.southwell-tc.gov.uk

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

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City: 0115 915 5555

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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

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to all our readers

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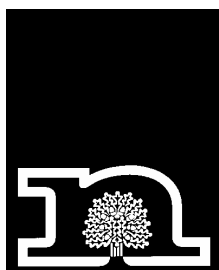
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- Changes of Parish Clerks details
- Articles for Countylink
- information or an event during **February, March and April 2006** in your parish
- requests for extra copies of Countylink
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