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# EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



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## East Leake Shines Bright at Christmas Lights Switch-On

The festive season officially began in East Leake on Saturday 29th November, as the village came together for the much-loved Christmas Lights Switch-On. A highlight of the local calendar, the event once again attracted an impressive crowd of residents, families, and visitors - all eager to share in the joy and sparkle of the season.

A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone involved in organising this wonderful event! It simply wouldn't have been possible without your hard work and dedication.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

East Leake Parish Council is delighted to welcome Susan Davis and Sandra Johnson as our newest councillors. Both bring a wealth of experience, enthusiasm, and a strong commitment to our community.

We look forward to their valuable input and the fresh perspectives they will bring to the council's work. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Susan and Sandra!

## BIG CHANGES COMING TO RECYCLING IN EAST LEAKE

Over the next couple of years, Rushcliffe Borough Council will be making some big improvements to recycling and waste collections as part of the Government's new *Simpler Recycling* plan.

### What's Changing

- Glass recycling starts 1 December 2025 – every household should by now have received a new 180-litre glass bin, emptied every six weeks on the same day as your grey bin.
- Blue bin recycling expands from March 2026 – you'll be able to add plastic tubs, trays, plant pots, foil, and Tetrapaks.

Food waste collections begin October 2027 - weekly collections using a small food caddy for your leftovers.

### Why It's Happening

These changes will make recycling simpler and more consistent across the country, helping us recycle more and waste less. Rushcliffe expects local recycling rates to rise to around 60% once all the new collections are in place.

### What You Can Do

Keep an eye out for updates from Rushcliffe Borough Council and East Leake Parish Council - we'll share details on bin deliveries, collection dates, and how to get the most from the new services.

Together we can make recycling easier and help keep East Leake clean and green!



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## NEW CCTV CAMERAS INSTALLED IN GOTHAM ROAD PLAY AREA



East Leake Parish Council is pleased to let residents know that a new upgraded CCTV camera has been installed at the Gotham Road Play Area.

The new camera provides improved coverage and now looks over all four corners of the field, helping to keep the area safe and enjoyable for everyone.

If any incidents occur on the field, please remember that they must be reported to the Police. Only the Police and the Parish Council Clerk have access to the CCTV footage, ensuring that privacy is protected while still allowing quick action if needed.

The Parish Council hopes this upgrade will help to deter vandalism and antisocial behaviour, keeping the play area a great place for families, children, and the whole community to enjoy.

Thank you for helping to keep East Leake a safe and welcoming village!

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## CRIME REPORTING

If you witness a crime or someone is in immediate danger, **call 999**.

- If you have a hearing or speech impairment, you can:
- Use the **textphone service 18000**, or

**Text 999** if you've pre-registered with the **Emergency SMS** service.

For non-emergencies, call **101** (textphone **18001 101**).

You can also **report incidents online** via the Nottinghamshire Police website at [www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/do-it-online/report-online](http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/do-it-online/report-online).

Stay informed by signing up for **Notts Alerts** - community updates and safety information direct to your inbox.



## FLOOD WARDEN UPDATE

East Leake Parish now have several flood wardens who are volunteers within our local community. They are responsible for helping to prepare for, respond to, and recover from flooding events. The Parish Council received a grant from Rushcliffe Borough Council for a Flood Store in which all the flood signs, lights etc are kept in.



Their main duties typically include:

### 1. Monitoring and Reporting

- Keeping an eye on local water levels and drainage systems.
- Reporting potential flood risks to relevant authorities, such as the Environment Agency or local council.

Acting as a point of contact for flood warnings and disseminating information to residents.

### 2. Community Support

- Advising residents on flood preparedness, such as how to protect properties with sandbags or flood barriers.
- Assisting vulnerable residents before, during, and after a flood.

Encouraging households to sign up for flood warning alerts.

### 3. Emergency Response

- Providing real-time updates to the Parish Council and emergency services.
- Assisting with evacuations if necessary.

Helping to coordinate local response efforts and volunteers.

### 4. Recovery Efforts

- Supporting affected residents after a flood by guiding them to resources and assistance.
- Helping assess damage in the community and reporting issues to authorities.
- Contributing to community resilience planning to reduce future flood risks.

Although Flood Wardens do not replace emergency services, they play a crucial role in ensuring that communities are better prepared and supported in flood events.



## (East Leake, Keyworth, Ruddington, Sutton Bonington and surrounding villages) PPG Bitesize

### Village Health Group Patient Participation Group (PPG)

*Did you know that the Village Health Group has a Patient Participation Group (PPG)?*

We are volunteers who are patients at the Village Health Group and we meet regularly with staff from the practice to:

- Share ideas and feedback.
- Suggest changes that could make things easier for patients.
- Spread useful information about staying healthy and looking after yourself.
- Support health and wellbeing events.
- Make sure the patient voice is heard.

It is important to know that the PPG is **not for personal medical issues or complaints**, but a chance to work as a team to shape the future of Village Health Group.

If you're interested in finding out more, please ask at reception or visit the Village Health Group website ([www.villagehealthgroup.co.uk](http://www.villagehealthgroup.co.uk))

### *Village Health Group Patient Participation Group*

## PUBLIC TOILET REFURBISHMENT ON GOTHAM ROAD

We would like to inform residents and visitors that the public toilets on Gotham Road will be undergoing refurbishment over the next few weeks. During this time, facilities may be temporarily unavailable.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your patience while we work to improve the amenities for everyone's comfort and convenience.



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