

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL'S TOWN AND PARISH UPDATE

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Please remember for all the latest on our services
visit [rushcliffe.gov.uk](https://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk)

Please email media@rushcliffe.gov.uk with any enquiries.

Next phase of Government road map starts next week



Central government outlined a **four-step plan** earlier this year to release England from **national lockdown restrictions**.

Currently, up to six people or two households can now meet outdoors, including private gardens.

Outdoor sports facilities such as tennis and basketball courts and golf courses can reopen - so people can return to organised outdoor sports.

Those who can should continue to work from home and all follow '**Hands Face Space Fresh Air**'.

From this Monday, April 12, Step two of the road map will see the reopening of all non-essential retail, outdoor hospitality and also services including libraries, community centres and leisure centres.

For all the latest visit: <https://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Vaccination update



A reminder that the local COVID-19 vaccination booking system is currently open to people **aged 50 and over**.

If you know anyone over 50 who has not yet had their vaccination, please encourage them to do so by using the [swift queue link](#) or by calling 0115 883 4640 without waiting for a letter to arrive.

A rapid mobile community testing site continues to be in place at Cotgrave providing local residents with regular access to asymptomatic testing.

The site at Cotgrave Hub Car Park is located next to the police station and is open between 10am and 5.30pm every Wednesday and Saturday for local residents to get an asymptomatic COVID-19 test if they're not displaying any symptoms.

For all enquiries on Vaccination appointments please visit [Nottingham and Nottinghamshire's CCG website](#).

Rapid COVID-19 home test collection in East Leake now available to all over 18s from Friday



Anyone over 18 can now collect two free rapid COVID-19 tests per person in East Leake on Friday April 9 and Friday April 16 as part of the government's wider lateral flow testing rollout.

A community collect station will be in place at Gotham Road car park in the village from 9am to 3pm on each date.

It follows news all Nottinghamshire residents over 18 will be able to access the free, tests for themselves and their families to use twice a week.

From Friday (April 9), in line with the government announcement, people aged 18 and over in Nottinghamshire and Nottingham will be able to collect two boxes of seven tests per person or four boxes per family from [asymptomatic community testing sites](#).

People collecting boxes from community testing sites can also have a supervised test to help ensure that tests done at home are accurate.

People aged 18 and over will also be able to collect the same number of tests from local pharmacies through the Government's new 'Pharmacy Collect' service. Local participating pharmacies can be found at [Find a test centre \(test-and-trace.nhs.uk\)](#)

If testing at home, people will need to [register their results online](#) or by calling 119. They should self-isolate if positive and order a confirmatory PCR test.

Previously, the collections had only been available for the households of primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles.

Further possible dates are being assessed for the East Leake collection site and will be publicised once confirmed.

Assisting hospitality businesses reopen safely



We're working with Nottinghamshire Police to actively support the hospitality sector reopening safely in the Borough with the help of a new fact sheet to help staff safely welcome back customers to restaurants and licensed premises.

The guide has now been sent to over 200 premises with the vital information government has set out on how to operate in a COVID secure way, as restrictions gradually lift in the coming weeks from this Monday, April 12.

Available at www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/businesscoronavirus it highlights businesses must again collect contact details of all customers or direct them to the Test and Trace QR code on smart phones to log their visit to any outlet.

In line with current guidelines until May 17, food or drink may only be consumed in outdoor facilities and table service must be in place with social distancing in place wherever possible and booking of a maximum of six people or two households per table.

Customers are allowed inside premises to use the toilet or baby change facilities but must wear a face covering when doing so.

Businesses must also ensure all outdoor facilities, including marquees or other temporary structures placed in car parks or any part of a premises are in line with the guidance and the government's 'hands face space fresh air' approach.

Read more on our website: bit.ly/3fLHNVI

Vital restart grants announced for eligible businesses



We have outlined plans to ensure vital central government restart grants reach businesses affected by recent national lockdown restrictions.

Eligible businesses can now apply for the restart or additional restrictions grant funding [on our webpage](#) that is over and above any previous grant support with payments anticipated to start on April 19.

They will only be eligible to receive one of these two types of grants so it's important all apply for the correct funding stream.

The news builds on us distributing over £40m of previous central government grants or support since last March to over 1,500 eligible businesses.

For all other support, business owners should contact our Economic Growth team by emailing econdev@rushcliffe.gov.uk.

Businesses encouraged to apply for pavement licences in time for April 12



We are encouraging hospitality businesses to apply for outdoor pavement licences in time for welcoming back customers when lockdown restrictions may begin to ease for the sector on Monday, April 12.

Pavement licences can enable businesses to serve food and drink from an outside stall, introduce tables and seating to outdoor spaces, place barriers or other items outside that will help support their operations.

Businesses considering applying for their first outdoor licence can easily do so using the [details on the our webpage](#).

Increased security patrols and bins at Bridgford Park and Bridgfield to reassure park users



Security patrols are continuing and extra bin provision has been installed at Bridgford Park and Bridgfield in West Bridgford to further reassure residents and visitors the open spaces can be enjoyed responsibly.

We secured the further support to complement work with Nottinghamshire Police to decrease instances of litter and anti-social behaviour at the parks and other public spaces.

The parks are now closed at 7.30pm until further notice to also help alleviate any issues

and Bridgfield will be accessed through single controlled access point if required, as footfall is again expected to increase with the spring weather and Easter break.

Extra temporary yellow event bins are now in place around the parks and Streetwise teams will continue their regular clearance of bins across the park and town centre and the cleaning of the park's toilets.

Park users and town centre visitors are advised to approach officials or call Nottinghamshire Police on 101 should they need to raise any future concerns.

Our Executive Manager for Neighbourhoods Dave Banks said: "Security patrols are now in place daily at the parks and around the Borough to ensure our parks and open spaces can continue to be a place for all to enjoy.

"We're aware the majority of park users enjoy the areas responsibly and we thank them for taking pride in their local area by always binning their rubbish or taking it home.

"Park users' and local residents' safety is exceptionally important to us and an unfortunate scene of increased volumes of litter left at the parks in recent days we will tackle wherever we can.

"It mirrors an unfortunate picture in places nationally but we will do all we can to protect those who use and enjoy our parks and adjoining neighbourhoods.

All officials and Police have powers to enforce Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) rules which means park users and town centre visitors must give up alcohol when asked to do so by officials.

Please remind residents to have their say on our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Scheme



We are in the process of adopting our new Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Scheme which is due to go back to Cabinet in May 2021 for approval.

The new Scheme needs to reflect the changes in society and our community and so we have launched a public consultation to ensure that we do that. This is an initial stage in the process and part of the consultation and plan is to identify groups and individuals we can engage with on a more regular basis.

We want everyone to be able to access our services, feel part of the Borough and be a place where all residents and our workforce feel included, connected and empowered to thrive:

- We want Rushcliffe to be a welcoming place for everyone
- We want our services to be easy to access for all
- We will treat people fairly and aim to meet individual needs
- We aim to make Rushcliffe a place where everyone can achieve their potential

The public consultation is open until April 23 and the outcomes of it will be included in the Cabinet report in May. You can find the consultation document [here](#).

If you have any questions or would like to pass on details of local groups you think we should be engaging with please contact our Transformation Service Manager Catherine Evans by emailing cevens@rushcliffe.gov.uk

Station volunteers unite to grow their own!



With the help of the Poacher Line Community Rail Partnership and East Midlands Railway, the Friends of Radcliffe station (FOR) have worked with a local group to develop some unused land at Radcliffe station into vegetable beds to aid a local food charity.

Volunteers from the groups met over two days in late March to build raised beds so produce can be grown for the local Rad Cooks Community Kitchen, which delivers free healthy meals to local vulnerable people.

With funding from the Community Rail Network, 24 sleepers and six tonnes of soil were delivered for the groups to construct and paint two vegetable beds on Platform 2 at the station before they were installed on a lovely warm spring day.

Corn on the cob, runner beans, courgettes and even potatoes will now be grown on the bustling Nottingham to Skegness line, ready to feed the local community for years to come.

Jo Andrews, Community Rail Officer for the Poacher Line said: "The Poacher Line and East Midlands Railway are delighted to support this amazing initiative.

"In utilising the unused space to grow vegetables for Rad Cooks, it has really bought the station back into the heart of the community.

"Hundreds of partnerships and groups across the UK continue to champion similar projects, highlighting the social value and importance of Community Rail as we continue to build back better.

"None of this could have been achieved without the support of our partners and funding from Community Rail Network – thank you! We look forward to watching this project evolve which will help the most vulnerable in our community."

Karine Toledano, Project Co-ordinator added: "Today has been the start of our new venture at Radcliffe, the build of two fantastic raised beds at the railway station, which will be filled with some yummy and healthy vegetables for the use of our local community.

"Thanks so much to the Poacher Line Community Rail Partnership and East Midlands Railway for supporting this project."

The Rock Church agree lease to manage Lutterell Hall and keep community use



We are pleased to have signed a lease agreement with The Rock Church to manage Lutterell Hall in West Bridgford whilst the authority retains ownership of the venue.

From May 1 The Rock Church will manage day to day bookings and usage of the Hall, keeping the building open for community use with St Giles' preschool continuing to use the base.

The new operating model will realise the shared ambitions of the community, ourselves and local groups to attract more community activities to the

Hall and provides an increased sense of community ownership and involvement of this valued asset in the town.

The Rock Church have plans for extending use of the hall and are keen to work with existing user groups to secure their bookings once community buildings open from April 12 in line with central government's COVID-19 road map.

Alistair Kent, Senior Leader of The Rock Church said: "We're absolutely thrilled to be taking on the management of the hall, especially with it being a significant building for the community in our great town.

"As well as immediately improving on the Hall's previous offering for hirers, over time, we will also be looking to add social projects for the betterment of local people, such as children, families and the elderly."

The Rock's Operations Manager Sofia Lesiuk added: "Having spent many years working on community enhancement projects in Rushcliffe, it is clear that the community spirit is still very much alive here in West Bridgford.

"Lutterell Hall is not only located at the heart of West Bridgford, but also in the hearts of the local people. Many will have fond memories of the special times they have shared here and this is something we wish to see continue well into the future."

We have owned the Hall in central West Bridgford for over 40 years and a public consultation was held on its future in 2019.

The option for a lease agreement was highlighted as the strongest route to provide opportunities for the Hall's offering to grow and further involve the community and still provide our overarching support to maintain the building.

Mayor takes part in walking challenge for charity



Our Mayor is taking part in a walking challenge to raise money for her three chosen charities.

Cllr Sue Mallender is walking the Rushcliffe border, a 100km circular route around the Borough to raise funds for Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, Musicworks and Trent District Community First Responders.

The route comprises of six sections between 13 kilometres (8.4 miles) and 19 kilometres (12 miles), which can be [viewed](#)

[on our website](#) which the Mayor is completing in her spare time.

Cllr Mallender met with representatives of each charity by the River Trent in Lady Bay to talk further about her challenge and the importance of her fundraising efforts.

Madam Mayor said: "I've so far completed the route through Thrumpton, the edge of Clifton, West Bridgford, Radcliffe on Trent and East Bridgford.

"It's been brilliant so far seeing beautiful areas of the Borough I may not have had the chance to visit usually!

"It would be fabulous if residents could sponsor me for an amount per kilometre or donate on my behalf, as charities have really suffered throughout lockdown with most fundraising activities unable to take place."

If you would like to make a donation please email Mayor@rushcliffe.gov.uk and to find out more about the charity's work [visit The Wildlife Trust website](#), [Musicworks website](#), and [Trent District Community First Responders website](#) respectively.

West Bridgford bank becoming Digital Service Branch



HSBC Bank in West Bridgford is changing to become a Digital Service Branch later this year which means there will be a new counterless format at the branch from this date.

Self-service machines will be the primary method for customers to complete cash and cheque transactions and the branch will temporarily close on or after July 5, whilst these changes are made.

The nearest HSBC outlet with a counter service for Rushcliffe residents will then be located at the Clumber Street branch in the city centre.

There's still time to complete the Census

There's still time to **take part** in the census

Filling in the census is everyone's responsibility. We can help you complete yours today.



Although Census Day has now passed, there is still time for residents to complete the Census.

There are support services to help any residents that require it. They can visit <http://census.gov.uk> or call 0800 141 2021.

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Register to vote before elections in May



We're reminding residents to register to vote and ensure their voice is heard ahead of the upcoming Police and Crime Commissioner and County Council elections on Thursday May 6.

In order to vote in these important elections, residents must be on the electoral register. Therefore, we're encouraging anyone who has not registered at their current address to

make sure they are registered in time.

The deadline to register to vote is midnight on Monday, April 19.

This year, residents in Rushcliffe will go to the polls to vote in two different elections and will select:

- County Councillors, who represent their local area and residents, and contribute to the development of policies in areas such as transport, social care and children's services

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- The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), who oversees your local police force and ensures they are prioritising what matters to you

Kath Marriott, our Deputy Returning Officer, said: "Make sure you can take part in these elections by registering to vote before the deadline.

"It's an opportunity to make your voice heard and have a say on who represents you on issues that directly affect day-to-day life here in Rushcliffe.

"If you're not registered by April 19, you won't be able to vote."

Ailsa Irvine, Director of Electoral Administration and Guidance at the Electoral Commission said: "You can't have your say in these important elections unless you are registered to vote. It's quick and easy – [it takes just five minutes to apply online](#)

"If you have recently turned 18 or moved home, it is particularly important that you act to ensure that you are registered to vote.

"If you were registered to vote in the last election and your details have not changed, you don't need to take any action. If in doubt, you can check with your local authority on 0115 981 9911."

Voters have a range of options for casting their ballot – in person, by post or by appointing someone they trust to vote in their place, known as a proxy vote. For those who choose to vote in person, polling stations will be safe places to vote on May 6.

The deadline to apply for a postal vote is 5pm on April 20, and for a proxy vote the deadline is 5pm on April 27.

For information on elections in their area, how to register to vote, or how to apply to vote by post or by proxy, [voters can visit the Electoral Commission website](#). This page will continue to be updated ahead of the polls.
