



Parish and Communities Update

Issue 8 of our Parish and Communities update can be found below.

Please continue to let us know what you think, your feedback is important to us and will allow us to improve our services to you.

NEWS

- The [Keep Britain Tidy Buy Nothing New Month campaign](#) during January encourages residents to think past recycling and make use of the things they already have, through repairing, upcycling, reusing, sharing or donations. Calls to action are scheduled to appear on the [Leicestershire Recycling Facebook page](#) across the month; including tips, activities and how to get involved with the wider national campaign. For more information, please visit www.lesswaste.org.uk.
- A Give and Take event is due to be held on Saturday 27th January at [The Village](#), 65 St Mary's Road, Market Harborough, Leics, LE16 7DS Drop off time: 9 am to 11 am Event time: 11 am to 1pm which will provide an opportunity to rehome items you know longer want, such as Books, DVDs/CDs, Jigsaws, toys, homeware, kitchenware, etc. All items must be in good clean condition and in full working order and this event will give you the chance to find something new, for free: Please note no large furniture, white goods, electrical items or broken or dirty items. Please see our [Toolkit | Lesswaste](#) for anyone wanting to run their own Give and Take event.
- There are a number of flood alerts still in place following the recent storm Henk and the wettest December since records began. All relevant information and sign up for flood alerts can be found [here](#). As the Lead Local Flood Authority, LCC will be collating detailed information on the extent of the flooding to prioritise and then conduct investigations where these are required. This work will take place over the coming weeks and months.

- As temperatures continue to drop, our gritting teams have been out and about gritting key routes. Keep up to date on the latest information on gritting and travel, including the interactive gritting [map here](#).
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REMINDERS

- LAST CHANCE - Recycling and Household Waste Sites – consultation now live up to 24th January 2024. Complete the [questionnaire](#), visit www.leicestershire.gov.uk/waste-site-changes
- All Recycling and Household Waste Sites (tips) have moved to winter opening hours from 1st October 2023 to 31 March 2024 (09.00 to 16.00 hrs), Visitors are encouraged to arrive at least 10 minutes prior to closing with the last admittance at 15.55 hrs.
- We would encourage residents to only travel to a RHWS in icy / snowy conditions if it is necessary to do so. Sites may need to open late / or temporarily close if the conditions on site are not safe at any time. Reminder to always check the website before planning a visit to a waste site as the website will be kept updated where closures over 4 hours occur.
- The Government has passed legislation that introduces a 'free allowance' for construction and demolition waste received at Recycling and Household Waste Sites from works undertaken by residents themselves. Steps will be taken to introduce the free allowance (two bags or one large item per week) from 1st January 2024. Existing charges shall apply to waste above the free allowances.
- Details of weekly planned roadworks throughout Leicestershire can be [found here](#). This is updated every Monday and shows the following 10 days, please note this is only up to date at the time of creation and will not contain information on emergency works, however this can be found on the [one.network](#) site.
- To log an enquiry, we would ask that you use the '[Report a problem](#)' online form wherever possible - this form guides you through the identification and location of the issue, allowing easy input of the relevant data. You do not have to log in or have an account to do this and you will receive an acknowledgement,

reference number, and receive regular updates on the issue reported.

- For all other enquiries that do not fit into the 'Report a problem' form, please submit these using the exclusive email address 'CSCparishes@leics.gov.uk, this was introduced several years ago to ensure that Parish Councils and Community Organisations are provided with a consistent and centralised approach.

Information on local services, latest news and events can also be found on our [Information for parishes and communities webpage](#) and [LCC website](#).

Contact the Special Projects Team, Environment and Transport Department on 0116 305 5186 or at etdspecialprojects@leics.gov.uk