

# RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL'S TOWN AND PARISH UPDATE

**Tuesday April 28, 2020**

**Please remember for all the latest on our services during COVID-19 please visit [www.rushcliffe.gov.uk](http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk)**

**Please email [media@rushcliffe.gov.uk](mailto:media@rushcliffe.gov.uk) with any enquiries.**

## Minute's silence in memory of health workers



Our teams observed a minute's silence this morning (Tuesday) at 11am to remember health workers who have sadly passed away as a result of coronavirus.

They joined fellow local government workers across the country, taking part to show respect for those who have lost their lives during the pandemic.

Our flag at Rushcliffe Arena also flew at half mast to acknowledge the memory of those who have been lost.

## Changes to bin collections over the bank holiday

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Usual Collection Day	Your bins will be emptied on
Monday 4 May 2020	Saturday 2 May 2020
Tuesday 5 May 2020	Monday 4 May 2020
Wednesday 6 May 2020	Tuesday 5 May 2020
Thursday 7 May 2020	Wednesday 6 May 2020
Friday 8 May 2020	Thursday 7 May 2020

Please ensure bins are ready for collection by 6.30am

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Due to the upcoming Bank Holiday on Friday May 8 we have made some changes to the days we will be collecting bins next week.

Please refer to the accompanying graphic for a full list of changes which will affect collections from Saturday May 2 to Friday May 8.

## Send us your free tree pictures



We're encouraging everyone who braved the cold last winter to collect free trees to send in their pictures of them growing in our communities.

We were delighted at the turnout last year, which saw thousands of residents join us in locations across West Bridgford, Bingham and East Leake to claim their free trees.

Many will now be enjoying wonderful green shoots in their gardens, like this great picture of a Crab Apple tree sent to us by a resident in Barnstone!

Please encourage residents to send us their free tree pics to [media@rushcliffe.gov.uk](mailto:media@rushcliffe.gov.uk)

## Cabinet members join MP Ruth Edwards on business Q&A



Our Leader Cllr Simon Robinson and Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Business & Transformation Cllr Andy Edyvean are set to join Rushcliffe MP Ruth Edwards for a question and answer session hosted by the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) on Friday, May 1.

The digital session is free to attend and specifically aimed at small businesses and the self-employed in Rushcliffe who

may have questions for the panel.

Panellists will discuss a range of issues such as Government support for small businesses, the distribution of the small business grant and the future recovery phrase.

To book a place or find out more about the session, please visit [the FSB website](#).

## Advice on the Job Retention Scheme (furloughing)



Businesses can claim up to £2,500 a month towards staff wages.

Employers can furlough anyone they employ, provided they meet the following criteria:

- created and started a PAYE payroll scheme on or before March, 19 2020
- enrolled for [PAYE online](#) (and HMRC has been notified of payment via the RTI system)
- a UK bank account

Any entity with a UK payroll can apply, including businesses, charities, recruitment agencies and public authorities.

Business owners can find guidance on how to calculate 80% of an employee's wages, National Insurance Contributions and pension contributions if they've been furloughed due to coronavirus [here](#).

Employees can be on any type of employment contract, including full-time, part-time, agency, flexible or zero-hour contracts.

To be eligible for the grant, when on furlough, an employee cannot undertake work for, or on behalf, of the organisation or any linked or associated organisation. This includes providing services or generating revenue.

Employers are free to consider allocating any critical business tasks to staff that are not furloughed. While on furlough, the employee's wage will be subject to usual income tax and other deductions.

Employers can find a step by step guide here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-job-retention-scheme-step-by-step-guide-for-employers>

## D2N2 survey for local businesses



The D2N2 Growth Hub have created a survey to get feedback on the challenges local businesses are facing during the Coronavirus pandemic.

All responses will help shape the support available from ourselves, the Growth Hub and Rushcliffe Business Partnership when the recovery phase begins.

Please invite local business owners to complete the survey here: [bit.ly/2RHxaGb](https://bit.ly/2RHxaGb) to help tailor the support available.

## Grant payments continue to reach eligible businesses



We continue to pay out vital COVID-19 business rate grant support to eligible businesses across the Borough.

As of April 20, it included nearly £12m in grants to over 1,000 small businesses and those in the retail, leisure and hospitality sectors.

We are continuing to work hard to respond and connect with more business owners to work through more complex grant applications and ensure all those who are eligible receive the support they are entitled to.

This has included redeploying members of our teams to support with this work in recent weeks to ensure the process is being completed as quickly as possible to try and alleviate the pressure faced by local businesses.

Those yet to claim the support should have received a phone call or a letter from us but applicants are asked to get in touch on 0115 981 9911 if support has yet to be outlined and they think their enterprise is eligible around the criteria at [www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/businesscoronavirus](http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/businesscoronavirus).

The payments available are £10,000 grants for properties with a rateable value of £15,000 or less and £25,000 grants for properties with a rateable value of more than £15,000 but less than £51,000 with some exceptions operating in the retail, leisure and hospitality industries.

# Nottinghamshire Coronavirus Community Support Hub

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Nottinghamshire County Council are coordinating the Community Support Hub and they are continuing to work closely with all seven District and Borough Councils to further their COVID-19 Community and Support Volunteering Hub.

Lots of details are available on their [website](#), which welcomes emails or phone calls from volunteers, as well as those seeking support for free between 8.30am and 5.30pm, Monday to Friday: **0300 500 8080**.

## Please encourage Community Fund applications



**Nottinghamshire  
County Council**

COVID-19 Community Fund

The Nottinghamshire County Council COVID-19 Community Fund is continuing to give support to volunteer groups and community efforts across Rushcliffe.

So far, over £50,000 has supported some fantastic efforts across the Borough, including voluntary groups coordinated by the Parish Council in Barton in Fabis

and the ongoing voluntary work of the Super Kitchen in Cotgrave.

The fund has also benefitted efforts in East Bridgford, Flintham, Gotham, Keyworth, Normanton on Soar, Ruddington, Radcliffe on Trent and many more!

There's still time for community efforts to apply for funding using the following link:  
<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/business-community/community-and-voluntary-sector/supporting-voluntary-sector/covid-19-community-fund>

## Technicolour dream gate in Hickling



Many thanks to Nevile and Langar Ward Cllr Tina Combellack who sent us this wonderful image of a local farmer's artwork in Hickling who has colourfully painted a gate to his field in support of our NHS heroes.

## A special birthday in East Leake



Huge thanks also to Cllr Lesley Way who shared this heart-warming story from her Ward, where the community have worked together to ensure one local resident enjoyed a very special birthday.

She said: "When lockdown started one of our neighbours set up a WhatsApp and Facebook group for people in the few streets around us.

"This has worked incredibly well giving support, help and advice to each other.

"A few days ago, someone told us that April 25, was her next-door neighbour's birthday. She is an elderly lady isolating alone so it was suggested we asked local children to make cards for her.

"[On Saturday] she had a stream of visitors (socially distancing, of course) bringing plants, cards and cake.

"She says it was her best birthday ever!"

## Please remind everyone of the importance of social-distancing



With the good weather of late, and ahead of VE Day on May 8, we're continuing to signpost residents to social distancing guidelines.

Those concerned about private social gatherings or individual's behaviour that flouts government guidance should [contact Nottinghamshire Police via their non-emergency channels](#).

Our Environmental Health teams are on hand to support and enforce the closure of any [non-essential businesses](#) attempting to operate during

this time.

The latest guidance on COVID-19 can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

A reminder that the government has strengthened police enforcement powers in England to reduce the spread of coronavirus.

If members of the public do not comply the police may:

- Instruct them to go home, leave an area or disperse
- ensure parents are taking necessary steps to stop their children breaking these rules
- issue a fixed penalty notice of £60, which will be lowered to £30 if paid within 14 days
- issue a fixed penalty notice of £120 for second time offenders, doubling on each further repeat offence

Individuals who do not pay a fixed penalty notice under the regulations could be taken to court, with magistrates able to impose unlimited fines.

## Covid-19 testing for essential workers



Essential workers can now book tests for themselves and their household via a new online portal issued by central government at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

This will make the process of getting an appointment quicker and easier, while reducing the burden on business.

Full details on who is eligible can be found [here](#):

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

## Campaign to support mental wellbeing



Public Health England (PHE) has launched a campaign to support people to manage their mental wellbeing during this difficult time.

PHE's [Every Mind Matters platform](#) has been updated to include a range of new resources, designed specifically to help manage mental wellbeing during coronavirus.

This includes a tailored COVID-19 Mind Plan, COVID-19 specific content for individuals and their loved ones, and support for specific mental wellbeing issues such as anxiety,

stress, low mood and trouble sleeping.

The website also signposts people to activities such as mindful breathing exercises, help reframing unhelpful thoughts and muscle relaxation.

## Guidance on attending funerals



Guidance from central government has now been released on how family members can attend the funerals of their loved ones and that the wishes of the deceased are respected during the pandemic.

The advice includes:

- those who have symptoms of coronavirus COVID-19 must not attend and must stay at home
- limiting the numbers in attendance to as low as possible to ensure safe social distancing. Numbers can be determined by the size and circumstance of the venue
- observing social distancing guidance across all aspects of attending a funeral
- people who are extremely clinically vulnerable (shielded) can attend with measures put in place to reduce their risk
- people self-isolating because someone in their household is ill may attend if they do not have symptoms themselves

The full list of guidance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-managing-a-funeral-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic>

## Free training from the University of Nottingham



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In response to the coronavirus emergency, the University of Nottingham has organised an Adult Education programme online of over 30 one-hour free online sessions on a range of topics.

The sessions are intended to be of interest especially to the communities of Nottinghamshire and the East Midlands, with some courses related to the epidemic, while some are more general.

Please find further details on these free sessions [here](#).

## Appeal for nominations to The Blossom Awards



British-Chinese people across our communities are being encouraged to put themselves forward for a new award designed to recognise their achievements and contributions to our national life.

Nominations are now open for The Blossom Awards which aim to identify high achievers from the British-Chinese Community in our area – and across the country – in a range of fields from science and the creative industries to business and voluntary work.

The Awards aim to recognise unsung heroes like teachers, NHS staff and charity leaders, and those who have achieved success in professional fields like engineering, technology and business.

Whilst first generation Chinese immigrants typically worked in takeaways, restaurants and grocery stores, second and third generations of British-Chinese people, born in the UK, have flourished in a broad range of fields and make an outstanding contribution to

our region and to national life.

Nominations are open now and close on Friday June 12 and must be submitted online: [www.TheBlossomAwards.org.uk](http://www.TheBlossomAwards.org.uk)

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