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Town and Parish Conference November 2023

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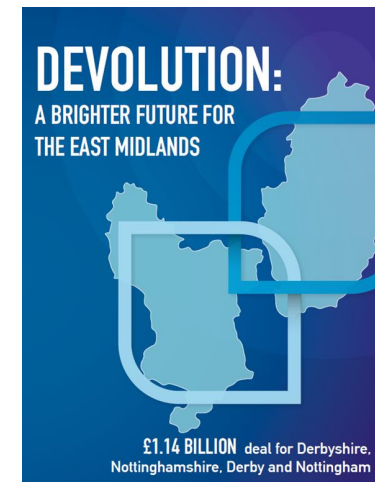
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Leader of Rushcliffe Borough Council



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Today's Presentation

- Corporate Strategy 2024-2027
- UK Shared Prosperity Fund Update
- Environment and Waste Latest
- East Midlands Mayoral Combined County Authority
- Ratcliffe on Soar



**LEVELLING
— UP —**

Corporate Strategy 2024-2027



The Environment



Quality of Life



Sustainable Growth



Efficient Services

UKSPF Years 1+2



WORRIED ABOUT ENERGY BILLS?

Do you live in the **Rushcliffe** area?
Energy bills **too high** for comfort?

www.groundwork.org.uk/fivecounties/green-doctor

UKSPF Year 3

- Grant programme launching today for projects starting 1 April 2024, completing March 2025.
- Applications welcomed for Community and Place projects between £5k and £50k
- 30% match funding desirable (this can be ‘in-kind’ e.g. volunteer hours)
- Support for projects including:
 - Town centre and high street improvements
 - Green and blue space improvements
 - Arts, cultural, historic and heritage
 - Volunteering and social action
 - Sports facilities

UKSPF Year 3

- Find out more webinar – Thursday 16 November 2023
- Deadline for applications – Friday 19 January 2024
- Outcome of applications – March 2024
- Projects commence – 1 April 2024
- Projects complete – 31 March 2025
- Planning to launch a smaller grant pot, up to £5k for April 2024. This will be first come, first served.

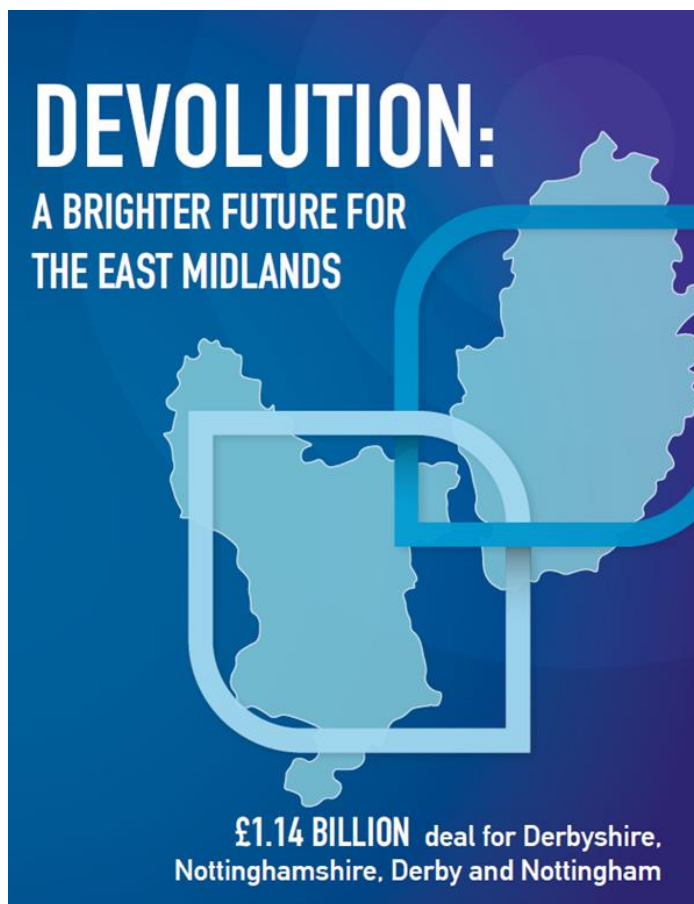
Contact UKSPFenquiries@rushcliffe.gov.uk for more info

Environment and Waste Latest

SIMPLER RECYCLING



East Midlands Mayoral Combined County Authority



- First ever Combined County Authority, expected to see an extra £38 million a year coming to the East Midlands from 2024.
- Four priorities:
 - **Homes** – creating affordable, good quality housing options and to retrofit existing homes to be more environmentally sustainable
 - **Skills** - ensuring citizens can develop key skills and access opportunities to work well and build fulfilling careers.
 - **Transport infrastructure** - developing collective infrastructure and creating the best possible public transport system, including bus services integrated across the wider area.
 - **Net zero ambition** - leading the way in moving from fossil to fusion and playing a part in achieving national ambition to achieve net zero by 2050
- First Mayoral Election expected May 2024

Ratcliffe on Soar - LDO



Thank you! Any Questions?





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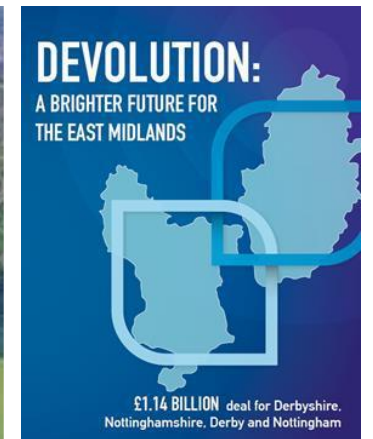
Kath Marriott
Chief Executive



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Today's Presentation

- Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill
- Elections
- Key Sites
- LGA Corporate Peer Challenge



Levelling-up and Regeneration Act

- Became law on 26 October 2023 after receiving royal assent .
- Changes include:
 - Streamlining local plan-making process and reducing duplication by ensuring authorities have a single local plan.
 - Every local planning authority will be required to produce a design code for its area – stronger than current design guide (already under discussion with RBC’s LDF Group).
 - A new infrastructure levy will be introduced replacing CIL and much of S106. Local ‘Infrastructure Delivery Strategies’ will determine how infrastructure spending is allocated.
 - Planning authorities will be given stronger powers to deal with those breaching planning rules and processes.

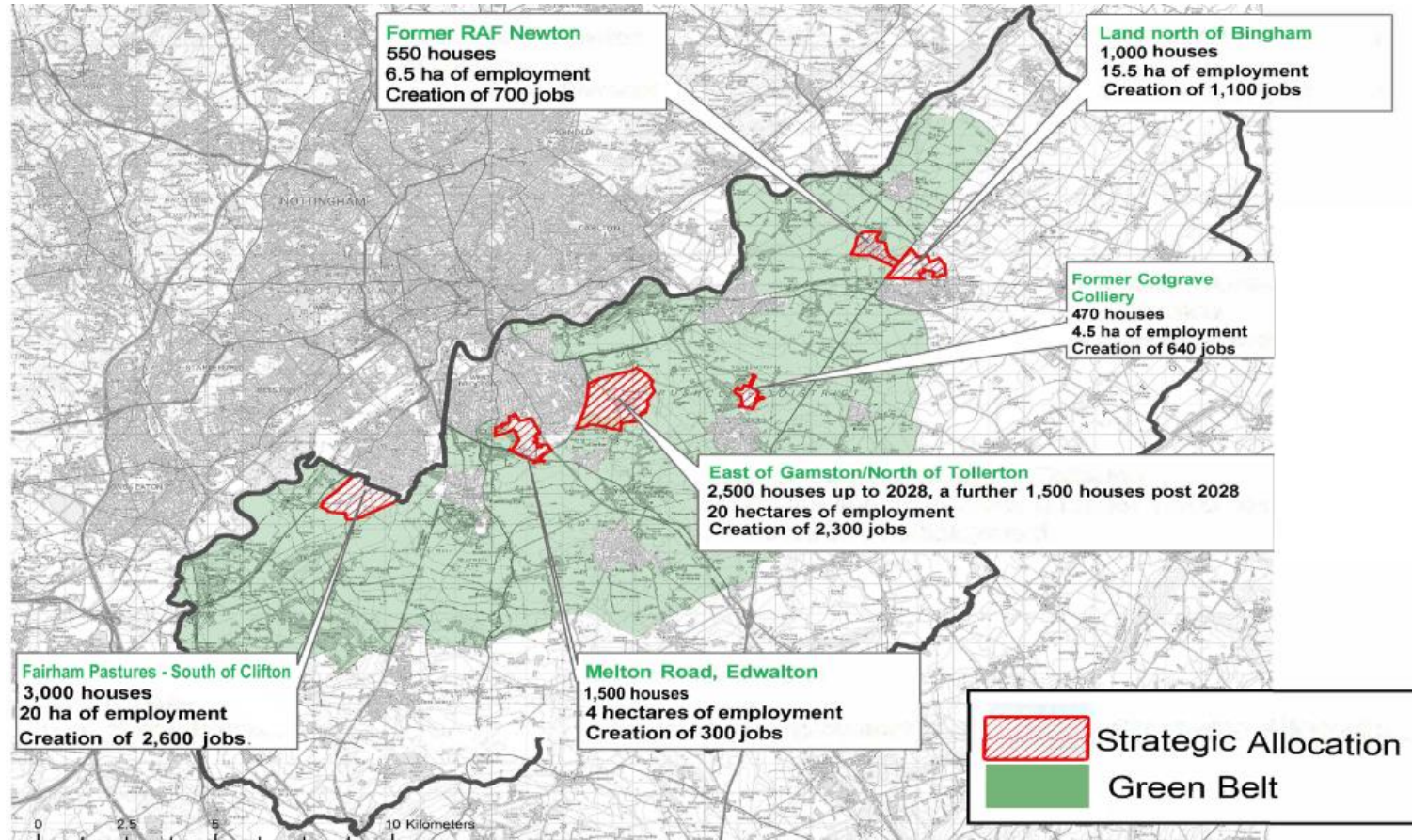


Elections 2024

- Mayoral and Police and Crime Commissioner elections – 2 May 2024
- Voter ID is now standard following introduction in May 2023
- There will be a general election by January 2025



Key Sites Update



LGA Corporate Peer Challenge

- LGA - national voice of local government, working with councils to support, promote and improve local government.
- Corporate Peer Challenge - independent and external support and challenge, conducted by a team of councillors and senior officers from other councils.
- Spend time with RBC Councillors and Officers + external partners.
- 15 - 16 January 2024



**Local
Government
Association**

Corporate Peer Challenge



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Streetwise Presentation

Annual Parish Conference
November 2023



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Streetwise History



2008, Streetwise
brand
created



September 2022,
moved back in
house

2014, Streetwise
Environmental
Limited



Challenges over the last 10 months

Change
management piece

New management
structure

Review of
scheduling

Planning work in
advance

Consistency/Quality
of work

Move towards
digital

Health & Safety

- Created 8 Golden Rules of Health & Safety
- New floor markings to segregate vehicles and pedestrians
- Implemented new induction and onboarding process
- Refreshed Toolbox Talks and hold regular staff briefing sessions
- Updated risk assessments and working practises in key areas – Coshh, Fire, Legionella, HAVS, Accidents and First Aid.
- Created competency matrix
- Investment in Training
 - Handheld equipment
 - Ride on mower
- Implemented electronic driver checks to monitor compliance



 **Streetwise**

8 GOLDEN RULES OF HEALTH AND SAFETY

Our 8 golden rules are designed to ensure we can all work safely every day, without putting ourselves, the public or our colleagues at any unnecessary risk. Please take a minute to read them and understand why they're important.

- Understand your health and safety responsibilities
- Ensure work equipment is safe before use
- Always ask your coordinators or managers advice if you are unsure
- Ensure your safety, and others including members of the public is a priority
- Never undertake unauthorised tasks
- Report any defects, faults, near misses and accidents as soon as you can
- Wear and correctly use all PPE and safety equipment provided
- Do suggest improvements for Health and Safety at work

Depot Developments

- New open plan offices opened February 2023
- Including meeting rooms and training room
- Closer working with wider teams within Rushcliffe
- Unit10 depot used for emergency events



New Website & CRM System

- Removed old Streetwise website and phone number
- Streamlined enquiries through the Customer Contact Centre
- Created a one stop shop for all Streetwise related information
- Report a problem online

Enviro-crime Environmental crimes including fly-tipping, graffiti, fly-posting and, abandoned vehicles and trolleys.	Dog Fouling Dog fouling on public footpaths and playing fields - Environmental Health investigate reports.	Street Sweeping Rushcliffe Borough Council keeps streets and open spaces in Rushcliffe clean.
Litter and Litter Bins Rushcliffe Borough Council litter picks on streets in the borough.	Grass, Trees and Hedges Information about the trees, grass areas we look after.	Animal Disposal Dealing with the bodies of dead animals found on public land.
Large Unwanted Items Arrange for an item of unwanted furniture to be collected.		

Trees

Please read this [Privacy Notice](#) which explains how any personal information you provide on this form will be used by Rushcliffe Borough Council.

Sections
Contact Details
Details of the Tree

Your first name:*

Your last name:*

Your address:* Enter postcode...

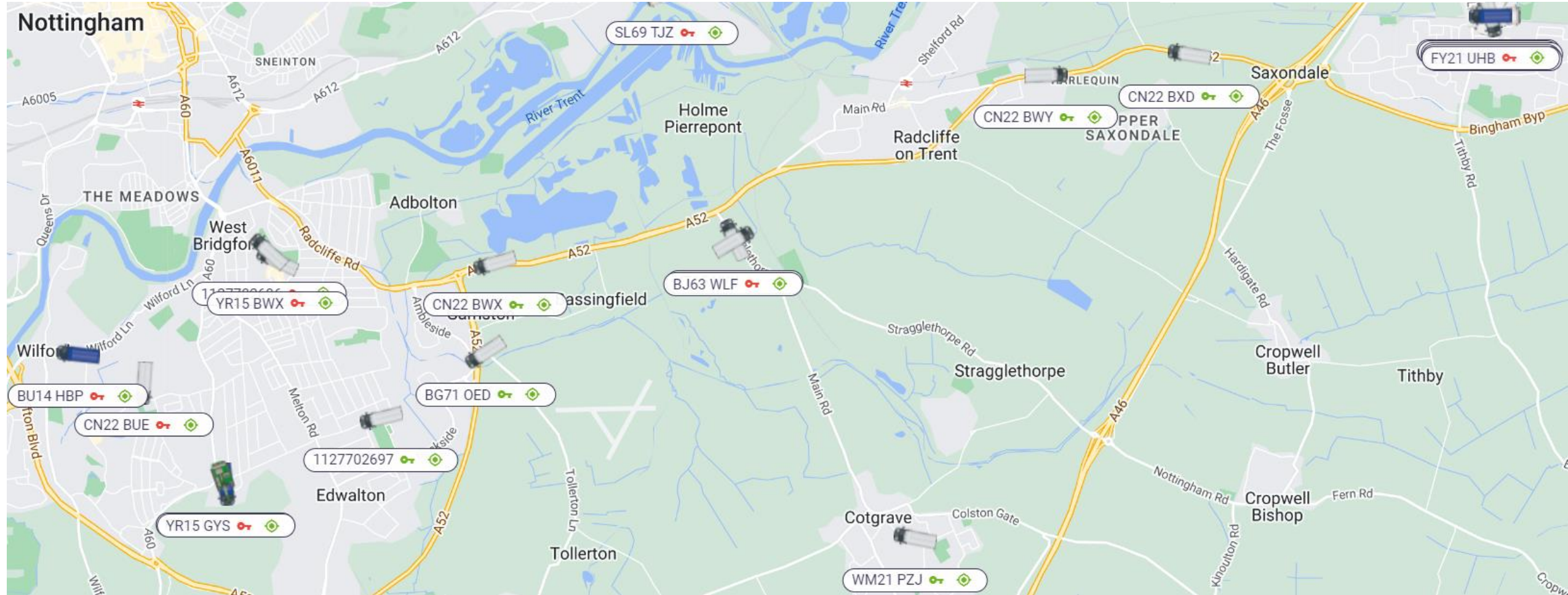
Your telephone number:

Your email address:



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Tracking System



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Splitter Cleansing



Chewing Gum Taskforce

- Set up by Defra and supported by Mars Wrigley
- Received the full £25k available
- Purchased electric gum removal machines
- Focused on all Town Centres across Rushcliffe
- Ready to apply again for year 3 of the funding



**CHEWING GUM
TASK FORCE**



High Speed Road Cleaning

- In partnership with other bodies Via, Highways England
- Overnight works following A52 road closure. 44 bags collected
- Radcliffe Road/Widmerpool Dual carriageways
- Trunk roads on A46 Bingham bypass



Rushcliffe Litter Champions



 **Streetwise**

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY LITTER PICKING SESSION!

We are hosting a litter picking session on Sunday July 2 at 2pm in Edwalton

You can meet the team at The Post Office at 2pm or at the bus stop outside the Porsche dealership at 2:15pm to collect equipment. All equipment will be provided by Streetwise

All rubbish will be collected by Streetwise at Stainer Drive, Roseway/Sunflower Drive and outside the Post Office in the Village

Community Clean-Up Day

If you are interested, please contact clr.hperekh@rushcliffe.gov.uk or rsanderson@rushcliffe.gov.uk

Many thanks for your continued support!

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RUSHCLIFFE LITTER CHAMPIONS 2023



320+
Volunteers

525
Bags
Collected



650+
Hours

Delivered by



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Grounds Maintenance Highlights

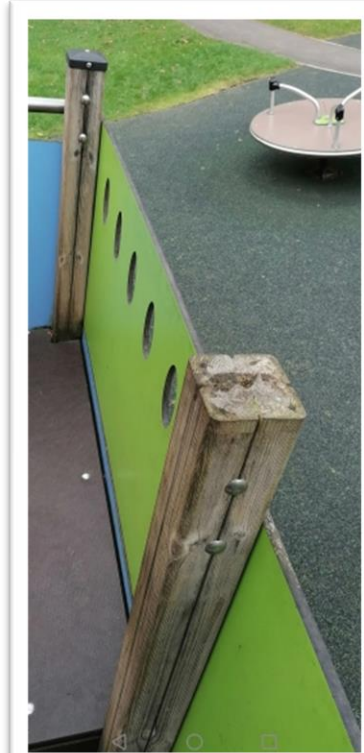
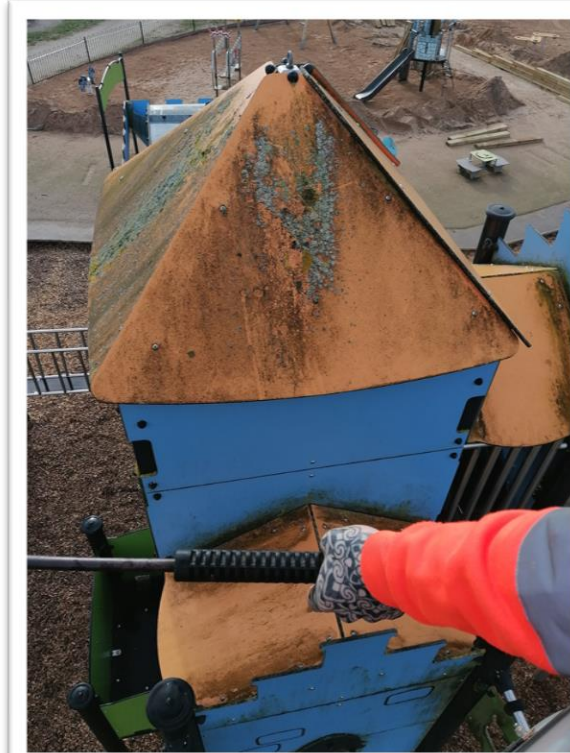
- Summer planting
- Sports pitch maintenance
 - Grass cutting
 - Goalmouth renovations
 - Line marking
- Constant review of schedules
- Over 30 no mow sites
- Opened Rushcliffe Oaks
- Recently completed Winter planting



Park Inspections & Upgrades

Services Include

- ✓ Inspections
- ✓ Top up bark / sand
- ✓ Jet washing
- ✓ Remedials and repair works
- ✓ Greater stock of parts
- ✓ Online reporting system



Tree Team Highlights

- 1 team of 4
- Focus on Rushcliffe Borough Council works
- Strong partnership with Via
- Pollarding, felling, stump grinding, epicormic growth, and reactive works.
- Greater focus on land drainage checks and clearance to reduce the risk of flooding

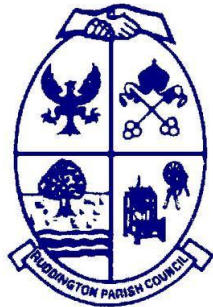


Reactive Side





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Our Service For You

- Arboriculture Services
- Grounds Maintenance
- Horticultural Services
- Sports Pitch Maintenance/ Line Marking
- Playground Inspections and Repair
- Waste Collection and Fly Tip Disposal
- Bin Installation, Collection and Maintenance
- Event Set up and Cleansing

Any Questions?



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Refreshments and Networking



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Rushcliffe Dementia Communication and Support Project



Gwynneth Owen
Social Prescriber &
Project Lead



Dr Jill Langridge
GP & Clinical Lead

Project aim and overview

To enable our Rushcliffe patients living with dementia and their carers, to live better, more independent lives for longer, through easier access to timely, high quality, individualised support and signposting

Initial areas of focus:

- Support GP surgeries and Care Homes to become Dementia Friendly
- Develop resources for people living with dementia and their carers
- Link with our wider Health and Care System to share learning and good practice

Coming together as an overarching ambition to make Rushcliffe Primary Care Network (PCN) a Dementia Friendly Community

What is a Dementia Friendly (DF) Community?

“A dementia friendly community is a place where people with dementia are understood, respected and supported, and confident they can contribute to community life.”

Alzheimer's Society definition

Activities which support the development of a DF community include:

- Joining up support in the community
- Signposting to resources
- Raising awareness
- Training (Dementia Friends and Carers Awareness)
- Dementia Friendly Walk Throughs of premises

Who we are working with

- **Primary Care Network Partners: GP Practices and patient groups, Nottinghamshire Health Care Trust, Rushcliffe Borough Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, Rushcliffe CVS**
- **Care Homes (26 in Rushcliffe)**
- **Community and Voluntary Groups**
- **Wider Partners across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System (ICS)**

Successes so far: Growing Rushcliffe Dementia Action Network (RDAN)



**Representatives from wide
range of voluntary and
community groups, and
Health and Social Care
including:**

- Memory Cafes
- Inspire libraries
- Carers Groups
- Patient Participation Groups
- Dementia Support Services
- General Practice
- Rushcliffe PCN
- Community Services
- Mental Health Services
- Rushcliffe Borough Council
- Notts County Council
- FarmEco
- Flintham museum

Successes so far: Dementia Action Week 2023



- Public Engagement Event at West Library
- Dementia Friends Session
- Supported Patient participation groups with displays for GP surgeries
- Attended Dementia Marketplace event with Broxtowe lead

Successes so far: Green Memory Café

GREEN MEMORY CAFE

RUSHCLIFFE COUNTRY PARK



For people living with memory issues and their carers

- Indoor and outdoor activities so please wear appropriate clothing
- Suitable for people with limited mobility
- Free refreshments

Come and experience gentle nature-based activities, short walks or simply relax, socialise and enjoy the beautiful surroundings



WEDNESDAY
16th August
25th October
13th December
21st February 2024
1.30 - 3.30pm



For more details, ask at your local memory cafe or contact: Gwyneth.owen@nhs.net Tel: 07309852 899



OFFICIAL
**Successes so far:
Dementia Sensory Trail
Rushcliffe Country Park**



Working with occupational therapy student (Rushcliffe mental health services for older people) and park volunteer to develop an evidence-based DF Sensory Trail

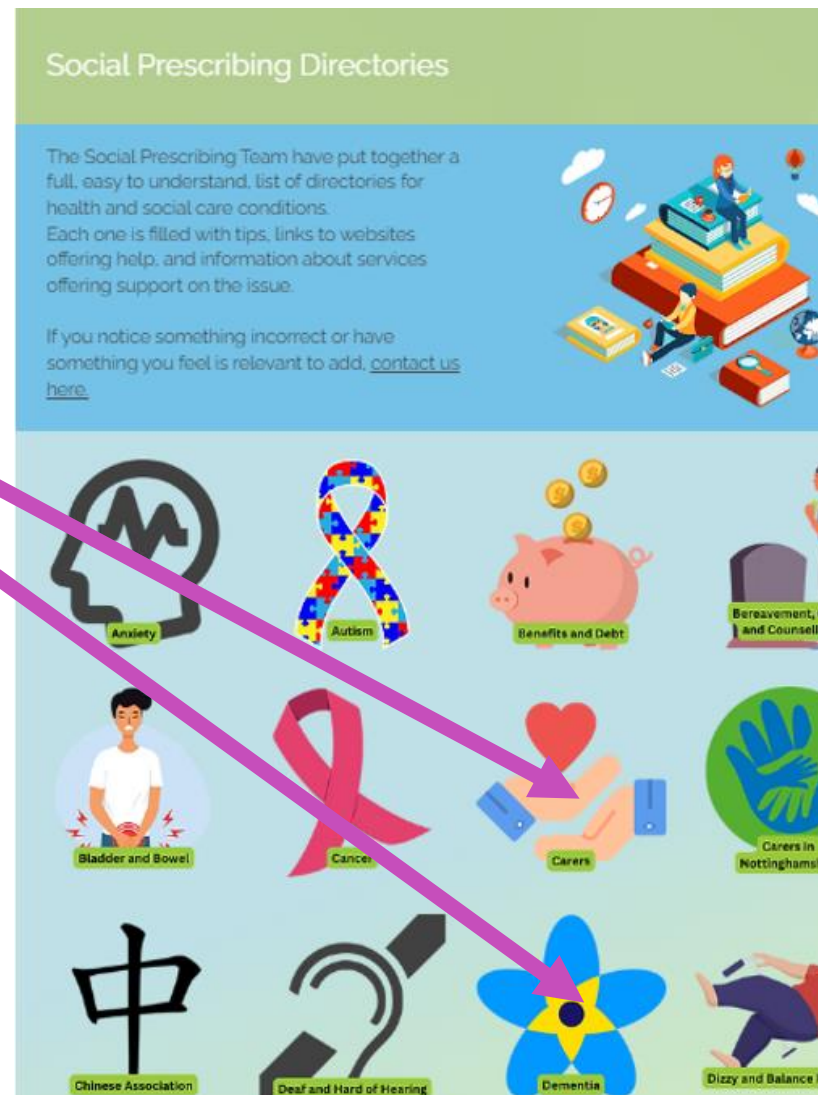
Successes so far: Resources: Dementia and Carers Directories

Development and updating of directories

Rushcliffe PCN website
[Health Directories | RushcliffeHealth](#)

Sharing across organisations:

- Memory Assessment Service
- GP Practices and Community Nursing Service
- MHSOP
- Community Groups
- Notts Help Yourself



Social Prescribing Directories

The Social Prescribing Team have put together a full, easy to understand, list of directories for health and social care conditions. Each one is filled with tips, links to websites offering help, and information about services offering support on the issue.

If you notice something incorrect or have something you feel is relevant to add, [contact us here](#).

Directories:

- Anxiety
- Autism
- Benefits and Debt
- Bereavement, Grief and Counselling
- Bladder and Bowel
- Cancer
- Carers
- Carers in Nottinghamshire
- Chinese Association
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Dementia
- Dizzy and Balance Problems

Building our Dementia Friendly Community Together Working with Rushcliffe Borough Council

- Conference Invite!
- Regular slot in Rushcliffe Reports magazine,
- West Bridgford Christmas Lights switch on
Dementia Friendly tent and Our Dementia Choir
- Plans to work with local sporting venues on
dementia-friendly initiatives (inspired by Wembley)
- Leisure Centre Walk-Throughs

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Bingham Arena

DF Walk-Through with Alzheimer's Society and Sofi Melvin (RBC Health Development Officer)

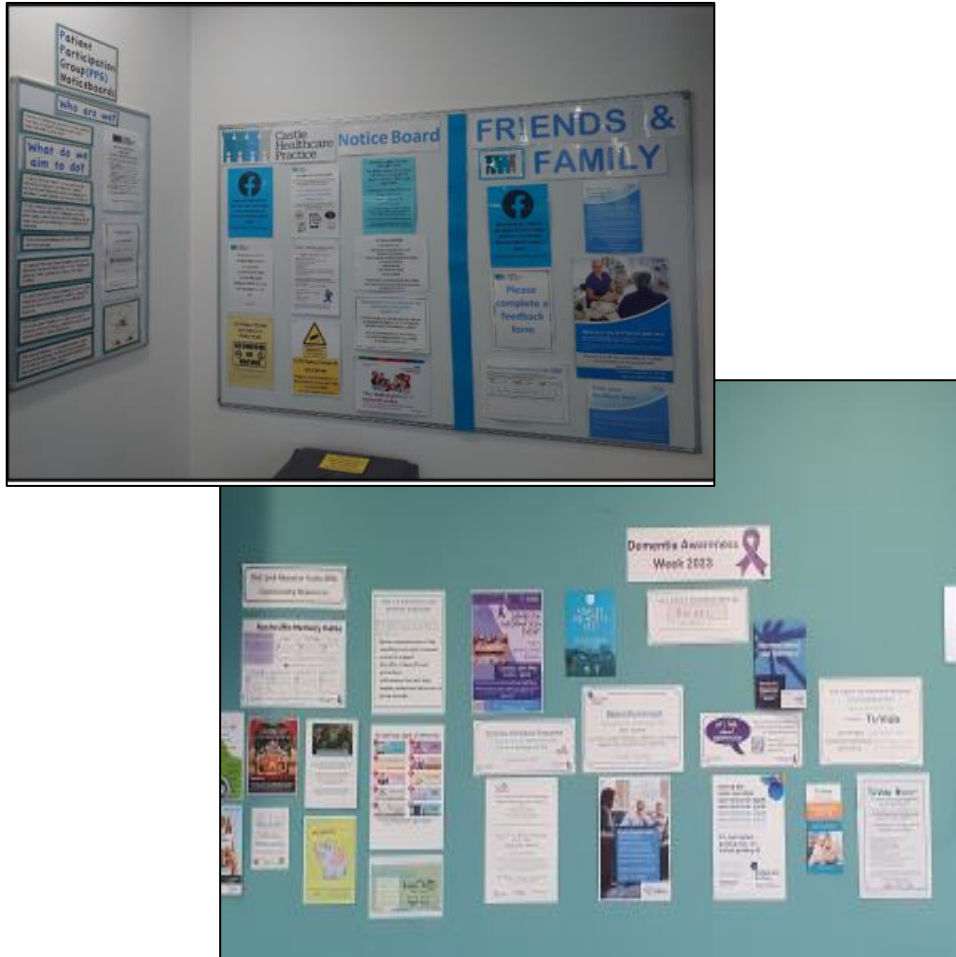
Recognition of vast array of accessible facilities and DF features eg changing facilities, viewing areas

Areas for improvement:

Signage at key decision points, use of pictorial signage, more promotion of accessibility features on website



Building our Dementia Friendly Community Together Working with our GP surgeries




- Working towards becoming a Dementia Friendly GP Practice: Dementia Friends and Carers Awareness Training
- Premises walk-throughs
- Carers Champion Support
- Improving Annual Dementia Review processes
- Embedding resources within GP surgery clinical systems
- Provided information and signposting at flu clinics

Building our Dementia Friendly Community Together Working with our Care Homes





Supporting Daisy Game project (Flintham Museum)

Working with local Dementia Outreach Service, Rushcliffe Care Homes teams and Activity Coordinator Forum to provide activities and resources


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Nottinghamshire (Rushcliffe) Activity resources for Care Homes





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Working across our Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System (ICS)









- Mental Health Commissioning Team and ICS Dementia Steering Group
- Neighbouring Primary Care Networks
- South Notts Place Based Partnership
- Nottingham University Hospitals
- ICS Personalised Care Team
- Supporting Research



Building our Dementia Friendly Community Together

Monitoring Impact

Across Rushcliffe PCN we are aiming for all our partners to become Dementia Friendly. To encourage and keep track of this goal we have created a dashboard monitoring our progress.

Rushcliffe PCN Organisations	Dementia Friends Training	Carers Awareness Training	Organisation Link Identified	Environmental Checklist and Walkthrough	Rushcliffe DAN Member	Electronic Banner
Rushcliffe Borough Council						
Notts County Council						
PartnersHealth: GP Practice Federation						
Rushcliffe Community and Voluntary Service				N/A		
RAPID (all PPG's)				N/A		
Notts Healthcare Trust						

How can you get involved?

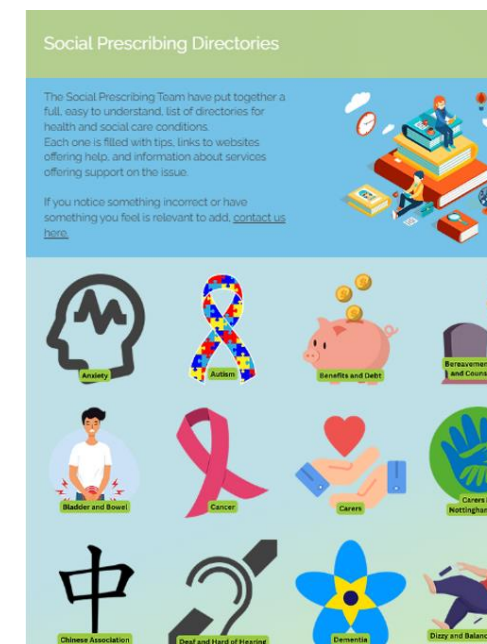
- **Know your community!**
What are the local networks in your area?
eg: Community Champion, Village Partnerships, Business Forums, Community Social Media....
- Offer DF training and Carers Awareness Training to your community
- DF Walk Throughs for your premises
- Promotion and awareness raising of Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Initiative
- Become a member of RDAN!



How we can help you

- Personal, local contact (whilst project is running and hopefully beyond!)
- Resource outlining available training offers
(Dementia Friends and Carers Awareness - Quality Mark)
- Hidden Disabilities Sunflower information/contacts
- Flyers/handouts for your communities
- Link for Dementia and Carers Directories (and more)

<https://www.rushcliffehealth.org/directories>





Thank you!

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NHS Parliamentary Awards
Midlands Regional winner 2023!



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Parish Councils and the Biodiversity Duty

10 November 2023

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The Issue

Facebook post about a Parish Council in Rushcliffe in May 2023:

“The greens and verges were vandalised by mowing contractors because 5 people moaned about the grass looking untidy and 'demanded' that be cut immediately”.





The Duty (under Environment Act 2021)

Public authorities who operate in England [including Town and Parish Councils / Parish Meetings] must consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity in England. This means that, as a public authority, you must:

1. Consider what you can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity (at least every 5 years, beginning January 2024).
2. Agree policies and specific objectives based on your consideration.
3. Act to deliver your policies and achieve your objectives.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/complying-with-the-biodiversity-duty>



Potential Actions

- Consider biodiversity in managing the Parish Council's land and buildings (consider mowing (timing and frequency), use of wildflowers, tree works, bird nests / bat roosts, use of herbicide / pesticides etc)
- Include biodiversity policies in your Community Led Plans / Neighbourhood Plans
- Include biodiversity responses when you are commenting on planning applications (Wildlife Mitigation and Enhancement and Biodiversity Net Gain)
- Consider how you can promote biodiversity in any community engagement (including appointing tree wardens) and work with your landowners
- Consider biodiversity needs if creating bylaws
- Carry out an audit or survey of key species and habitats in the parish - this could be presented in a Parish Map or a Biodiversity Action Plan and used for planning.



Policies

- Consider **Creating a Biodiversity Policy** or include biodiversity actions in your **Environmental Policy**
 - A **Biodiversity Policy** details how the Council would protect, record, enhance and promote an understanding of biodiversity within the Parish.

Wildlife Policy



Cropwell Bishop Parish Council

WILDLIFE POLICY

Agreed & Adopted at Full Council Meeting 3rd November 2020

General Policy Statement:

In accordance with the Duty imposed on parish councils by Section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (NERC) 2006, People responsible for activities, events and developments within the Parish of Cropwell Bishop are required to consider the effects on wildlife and biodiversity to preserve and, where possible, enhance the wildlife and biodiversity of the local area.

Please refer to the following Guidance Note:

Cropwell Bishop Parish Council – Guidance note. SUSTAINING AND ENHANCING THE WILDLIFE AND BIODIVERSITY AROUND CROPWELL BISHOP

Cropwell Bishop is located in the picturesque Vale of Belvoir and enjoys the benefits of a village community within a rural setting. Wildlife and Biodiversity form an important part of our community and must be preserved and enhanced.

This guidance note is to assist:

- Those responsible for organising and taking part in local activities and events,
- Those responsible for planning and construction of developments
- Residents wishing to be more aware of their responsibilities towards wildlife and biodiversity.

Biodiversity means the variety of life around us and includes every species of plant and animal, the genetic material that makes them what they are, and the communities that they form. Biodiversity is essential to sustaining the living networks, or 'ecosystems', that provide us all with health, wealth, food, fuel and the vital services our lives depend on. It is a core component of sustainable development, underpinning economic development and prosperity

What will the Parish Council do?

The Parish Council, when commenting on planning applications, will support site and building design that benefits biodiversity through the conservation and integration of existing habitats or provision



Parish and Town Nature Reserves



Bingham Linear Park 2023



Sutton Bonington LNR, 2022



Keyworth Meadow, KPC 2023



Useful links

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/complying-with-the-biodiversity-duty>
- <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/local-nature-recovery-strategy>
- <https://nottsbag.org.uk/>
- <https://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/environment/outdoors/nature-conservation/>
- <https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/parishes-and-communities/biodiversity-information-for-parishes-and-communities>
- https://www.bbwt.org.uk/sites/default/files/2020-08/Parish_Wildlife_Toolkit.pdf
- <https://www.slcc.co.uk/site/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/GN-124-Environmental-Planning-Guidance-31-May-2023.pdf>



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Lunch & Networking

Planning Bitesize – 1.15pm



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