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Blue plaques unveiled to honour local business VIPs

The Borough Council has unveiled two new blue plaques locally as part of a scheme to commemorate the link between notable figures of the past and the buildings in which they lived or worked.

In conjunction with Earl Shilton Town Council the first blue plaque honours the site of a former bakery in the Hollow, Earl Shilton, acknowledging the establishment of the nationally-recognised pie company Pukka Company where the business began in 1963.

Originally known as Trevor Storer’s Home Made Pies, the business produced 1,200 meat pies in the first week and turned over £12,000 in the first year. Pies were baked on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and sold mainly to pubs, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

In 1964, at his wife Valerie’s suggestion, it was named Pukka Pies. The Pukka customer base gradually spread throughout the Midlands and then nationwide.

Today, the independently-run family business is called Pukka to show they also bake pasties and sausage rolls. It is currently run by Trevor and Valerie’s sons, Tim and Andrew, and employs 360 people at its bakery in Syston, producing 180,000 pies and pasties per day.

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Residents warned on council tax scams

RESIDENTS are being warned to stay alert as criminals posing as council staff target people in the area.

Fraudsters are telling people via text, email and phone that they have either paid too much council tax and are due a refund, which they offer to claim on their behalf for a ‘fee’, or demand payment for arrears.

Another scam aims to convince people their property is in the wrong council tax band and offers to secure a refund, again in return for a payment.

Council tax band reassessments are available for free, but fees of £150 have been quoted in the scams that falsely claim to be from the local council or the Valuation Office Agency.

A genuine organisation will never ask you for security details such as your PIN or passwords. Banks will never ask you to move money to another account.

If you are not 100% sure who you are talking to, then do not give out personal or financial information, even if you are told you have been a victim of fraud or a scam.

Residents are also reminded that District and Borough Councils will not telephone you if you are owed a council tax refund.

If you are worried about being targeted, then you can sign up to the Telephone Preference Service (0345 070 0707) to stop unwanted telephone calls, and contact your phone provider who may also offer a call blocking service to stop unwanted calls.

To report a trader to Trading Standards or for consumer advice, contact Citizens Advice on 03454 040506. You can also report non-emergency matters to your local Police on 101.

Don’t lose your voice: your vote matters

The 2019 electoral registration canvass began in July.

A household canvass form will be delivered to every property in the borough.

If there are any additions to the form, each of these residents will then be sent a further individual form to complete.

Residents will need to provide their date of birth and National Insurance Number and respond to the form as soon as possible.

Many people believe that they are registered because they pay council tax. However, this is not true, and the Register of Electors is compiled independently.

Please read any forms you receive carefully for instructions on how to confirm who should be registered at your address.

If you are not registered you will not be able to vote at the Police Crime Commissioner Election in May 2020 or any unscheduled elections. Also you may not be able to get credit.

Any queries please contact the Electoral Services on Tel. 01455 238141.
The plaque was unveiled by Mr Storer’s widow, Valerie, who was accompanied by members of the Storer family, along with the Mayor of Hinckley and Bosworth, Councillor Mrs Lynda Hodgkins, and Earl Shilton Town Mayor Councillor Chris Coe, plus other invited guests.

Mayor of Hinckley and Bosworth, Cllr Lynda Hodgkins, said: “It was an honour to be part of this presentation.

“Pukka Pies is a nationally recognised household name and the blue plaque is a fitting tribute recognising the connection with the local area and the dedication and hard work of Mr Storer.”

A second blue plaque has also been installed in Brooks Yard, Stockwell Head in Hinckley, to mark the birthplace of John Boultbee Brooks, who invented the sprung Brooks saddle in the 1880s.

The great grandson of the inventor Brian Yates was the special guest of the Mayor when a blue plaque dedicated to his ancestor was unveiled.

Local historian, Greg Drozdz, said: “How many people have learnt to ride a cycle astride a Brooks saddle and never realised that its originator first came from Hinckley?

“The council’s blue plaque scheme really gives a sense now of which ‘Hinckleyans’ contributed to the wider world.”

According to family legend, the invention came about when John Boultbee Brooks, who was a horse saddle manufacturer, tried to use a bicycle after his horse died but found the wooden seat very uncomfortable. As a result, he vowed to set about solving this problem and Brooks sprung saddles was born.

To find out more visit www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/blueplaque

Plaques honour local pioneers

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Local historian; Greg Drozdz.
Two Hinckley parks are officially among the best in the UK after they were each awarded a much coveted green flag.

Argents Mead collected its third Green Flag Award, recognising the Borough Council’s substantial investment in the town centre park. In recent years, there has been a new leisure centre followed by the creation of a children’s play area and the restoration of the fountain feature in the moat.

In a double celebration for the town, Hollycroft Park was also awarded a Green Flag - the tenth year that Hollycroft’s environmental excellence has been acknowledged by the scheme.

The town parks number a record-breaking 1,970 UK parks and green spaces to be awarded a green flag this year, the mark of a quality park or green space.

This international award, now into its third decade, is a sign to the public that the space boasts the highest possible environmental standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent visitor facilities.

Councillor Bill Crooks, the Borough Council’s Executive Member for Street Scene Services, Parks and Open Spaces said: “We know how much quality green spaces matter to residents and visitors, and this award celebrates the dedication that goes into maintaining Argents Mead and Hollycroft Park to such a high standard.

“Thanks are due to the staff at the council, and in particular, the Friends of Hollycroft Park Group, for their dedication and hard work that has helped Hollycroft Park to get this much deserved award once again.”

International Green Flag Award scheme manager Paul Todd said: “It’s fantastic that we have more Green Flag Awards in the UK than ever before, joined this year by 131 international winners.”

“Each flag honours the thousands of staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to maintain the high standards demanded by the Green Flag Award. We congratulate each and every winner on their fantastic achievement.”

IN June the Mayor of Hinckley and Bosworth, Councillor Lynda Hodgkins, was invited by the Mayor of Hinckley’s twin town of Grand Quevilly in France to attend a celebration of town twinning.

Cllr Hodgkins presented a gift to Grand Quevilly’s Mayor Monsieur Massion of a print of Hinckley Museum by local artist Jane Link. Monsieur Massion thanked the borough for its kind gift and was honoured to display the work of a Hinckley artist in Grand Quevilly.

Local artist Jane Link has displayed her work at the Atkins Gallery and she can be contacted on Facebook, Jane Link Art or Etsy. www.etsy.com/shop/janelinkart

Back again by popular demand, Hinckley Town Centre will be celebrating Halloween with a Spooktacular Saturday event on Saturday 26 October from 10.00am – 3.00pm.

Spooktacular Saturday offers fun for all the family. Come into town in your Halloween costumes with prizes for best dressed. FREE activities on the day include pumpkin bowling, freaky face painting, creepy crafts, and spooky stone painting with #islastones, themed stilt walker, scary stories in the Mead with Tom the Tale Teller and more!

Check out the council’s Facebook page to keep up to date with all events.

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Residents asked to have say on nuisance issues

RESIDENTS across the borough are being asked for their views on rules that help to tackle the problems associated with public drinking, the taking of drugs and so called ‘legal highs’ in all public areas of the borough.

The rules also apply to irresponsible dog owners who do not pick up after their pets or who do not have their pets under control as well as help prevent a wider range of other environmental nuisances that can be tricky to curtail.

First introduced in 2016, the rules are set out in a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO). Now the council is looking to renew the PSPO and is asking the public for their views as well as inviting people to suggest changes.

A PSPO is a measure, created by the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, which is intended to deal with activities carried out in a public space that have a detrimental effect on the local community’s quality of life. A breach of the PSPO is a criminal offence and you can be fined.

Cllr Michael Mullaney, Executive Member for Housing and Community Safety at the Borough Council, said: “One of the biggest issues people raise with me when I speak to people in the borough is concerns about dog fouling and increased concerns about drug taking. I would urge all residents with concerns to respond to the consultation. The menaces of dog fouling in our green spaces and drug taking in public spaces need to be tackled and the public’s views and input into this is vital”

The consultation is open from 2 September until 11 October 2019 and can be completed online: www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/pspo19

If you have any questions regarding this consultation or would like a printed copy please email: streetscene@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk or Tel. 01455 255971.

Safety tips for new drivers to help cut road accidents

YOUNG drivers were taught how to stay safe and avoid car accidents during a recent morning of activities at Brookvale Groby Learning Campus.

With young drivers (age 17-24) at a much higher risk of crashing* than older drivers, the Year 12 students had the opportunity to take part in a Young Driver Safety event organised by the Borough Council, Leicestershire Fire & Rescue, Leicestershire Police and the Road Safety Partnership as part of an enrichment day to help understand the issues around road safety.

The students took part in a varied and interactive programme which focused on what not to do when driving, using demonstrations, presentations and interactive displays to illustrate the consequences of ignoring the essential message of don’t drink, don’t use your phone, don’t eat, keep distractions to a minimum and wear a seatbelt.

The Fire Service also talked through the procedures Fire Fighters follow when extracting an injured person from a vehicle that has been involved in a crash and students watched as they used ‘Jaws of Life’ to safely cut open and remove the doors, boot and roof of a car to enable them access to the victim.

Councillor Michael Mullaney, the Borough Council’s Executive Member for Community Safety said: “This event has been a great success and enabled students to get some hands on experience of the importance of being safe on the road and the effects of drugs, alcohol and mobile phones while driving.

“This has been down to the strong partnership working between the Borough Council, the school, Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service and the Police which enabled them to work hand in hand and provide invaluable knowledge for students”.

Chris Bugh, Assistant Headteacher, said: “The Safer Driving Event is an essential experience for all teenagers new to driving or who are likely to start learning in the near future. The mixture of presentations, hands-on activities and workshops enabled our students to think deeply about the responsibilities of being a driver.

“The event was hard-hitting and cannot fail to have had an impact, helping to make our roads safer. A massive thank you to the knowledgeable and supportive staff who contributed - you have made a difference.”

*Figures taken from Brake, the road safety campaign charity.

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COUNCILLORS declared a ‘Climate Emergency’ and pledged to take local action to contribute to national carbon neutral targets through the development of practices and policies, with an aim to being carbon neutral in the borough of Hinckley and Bosworth by 2030.

The motion put forward by Cllr Martin Cartwright, Executive Member for Climate Change and Environmental Health and seconded by Cllr Scott Gibbens outlined that “urgent action” is required to limit the effects of global warming, which not only affects the borough’s residents but people around the globe.

Although a full plan has yet to be drawn up, the council agreed to:
1. Declare a ‘climate emergency’.
2. Pledge to do what is within our powers, to work towards making Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC) carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions.
3. Call on Westminster to provide the powers and resources necessary for Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council to achieve the target of becoming carbon neutral by 2030, and to implement best practice methods to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees celsius.
4. Report to Council within six to nine months with an action plan, outlining how the council will address this emergency. The action plan will detail the leadership role HBBC will take in promoting community, public, business and other council partnerships to achieve this carbon neutral 2030 commitment throughout the borough. The action plan will also outline the staff time and resources required to undertake the actions to achieve the targets.
5. Investigate all possible sources of external funding and match funding to support this commitment.

Executive Member Cllr Martin Cartwright said: “Today we achieved real progress on agreeing to take action to tackle climate change.

“It is vital that all levels of central and local government play their part in tackling the greatest threat to our planet.

“It is wholly appropriate that the council joins the 100 plus other councils around the country in declaring a climate emergency.”

Councillor Scott Gibbens said “Our residents, communities, businesses and partners have a vital role to play and we will look to work in close partnership with them to share resources and best practice.

“This motion I hope shows to our residents that we do care about the environment we live in.”

PART of a multi-million pound town centre mixed retail and leisure redevelopment scheme that was to be sold is now to be retained by the Borough Council.

The council had decided to sell their stake of the Hinckley development known as The Crescent late last year. However members have now voted in favour of reversing that decision and retaining the complex in public ownership.

Chief Executive for the Borough Council, Bill Cullen said: “The Crescent is a significantly important shopping and entertainment scheme for the town centre, transforming a once very run down area.”

The Council receives a net rental income of around £300,000 a year from the site which has helped to keep council tax for residents amongst the lowest in the country.

Commenting on the decision, Council Leader, Cllr Stuart Bray said “This was a key manifesto promise that we were determined to deliver on. Increasingly, councils up and down the country are taking steps to invest in town centre facilities to safeguard them against the new challenges they face. This decision signals the Council’s commitment to Hinckley town centre as a key retail and leisure destination for local residents and visitors.”

Did you know that Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council can help with the cost of home repairs?

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- New roof
- New heating system
- Rewiring
- New floors
- Replacement damp proof course

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Fines warning over rental properties

PRIVATE landlords and letting agents have been warned they risk hefty fines if they fail to meet new rules regarding the properties they let.

The Client Money Protection Scheme (CMP) came in on 1st April requiring letting agents to join a CMP and carry out certain obligations if they hold clients’ cash.

Failure to do so can result in fines of up to £30,000.

Landlords have also been urged to ensure that by 1st April 2020 all properties they have let since before 1st April 2018 meet a minimum energy performance (EPC) rating of an ‘E’. Failure to do so can result in fines of up to £4,000.

Exemptions that formerly applied have also been changed meaning landlords are now required to fund improvements up to £3,500.

Other regulations regarding the charging of fees to tenants also came into force on 1st June. For details, call the Private Sector Housing team on 01455 238141.

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**£5k fine for landlord who ‘put lives at risk’**

A LANDLORD has been fined a total of £4,911 for safety breaches which put the lives of his Hinckley tenants at risk.

The landlord was taken to court by the council’s Private Sector Housing Team for failing to maintain a working fire alarm system and providing certification of its proper maintenance.

The landlord appeared at Leicester Magistrates’ Court on Friday 24 May 2019 and pleaded guilty to all 10 offences. As a result, he was fined £2,780, and full costs of £1,961 were awarded to the Council, along with a victim surcharge of £170 – a total fine of £4,911.

The Private Sector Housing Team became aware of the issues following a routine inspection of the licensed premises in Hinckley.

Mullaney, said: “I’m glad this matter has been taken to court and the landlord has been fined.

**Have your say on freight line**

RESIDENTS are being urged to have their say on plans to build a National Rail Freight Interchange.

The proposed site is to the north-east of Hinckley – in Blaby District – and will be based close to Junction 2 of the M69 to the side of Burbage Common.

The Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange is proposed to include:
- Industrial and storage/distribution units
- A rail port and lorry park
- Dedicated road access directly from Junction 2 of the M69 and associated highway works
- Landscaping including footpath and cycle links

The proposals state that up to 13.71 hectares (equivalent to 33 acres) of the development would be used for the construction of a rail terminal for the loading and unloading of freight trains.

An additional 850,000 square metres (equivalent to 9.1 million square feet) would be required for high bay storage and logistics buildings.

Developers DB Symmetry are consulting members of the public on highways issues and options for off-site highways improvements outside the main proposed Freight Interchange.

The project is considered to be a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, which requires an application to the Planning Inspectorate.

While the Borough Council will act as a statutory consultee in the process, it will not be responsible for determining the application.

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council Leader Stuart Bray said: “I urge as many people as possible to make their voices heard and write to the developer with their comments.

“One of the traffic mitigation options is to provide a link road from the proposed site to Leicester Road. This will effectively mean motorway traffic running directly adjacent to Burbage Common.

“I am deeply concerned about the huge environmental impact this will have on the Common and the local area and I know this will concern other people.

“The Borough Council remains firmly committed to opposing these plans.”

For further information visit www.hinckleyrfi.co.uk and you can submit your comments/objections by email: hinckleyrfi@lexcomm.co.uk or write to: DB Symmetry, C/O Lexington Communications, Third Floor, Queens House, Queen Street, Manchester, M2 5HT.

### Remembrance day service

HINCKLEY’S annual Remembrance Sunday service will take place on Sunday 10 November at the Argents Mead war memorial.

Clergy and church members of different denominations, the Royal British Legion and Veterans Groups, Civic Leaders, representatives of the Guiding, Scouting and Cadet Organisations will all contribute to the morning’s service.

The service will start just before 11am and all are welcome to attend. Anyone planning to come along is respectfully asked to ensure they arrive at the memorial gardens by 10.45am.

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Following the service, there will be a parade down Castle Street, through the Market Place - where a salute will be taken - and into Station Road with the parade disbanding on St Mary’s Road.

Please check individual parish council websites and the council’s events page for listings for other Remembrance Events and parades throughout the borough.

### Will writing fees to be cut

MORE than 20 solicitors across the borough have pledged to reduce their will writing charges for older people.

The news follows on from work carried out by local charity Age UK Leicester Shire & Rutland, who campaigned to reduce the 7 out of 10 people who die without a will.

Now, more than 20 local solicitors will reduce their will writing charges for older people to just £35 + VAT for a single, uncomplicated will. This is a reduction of around £100, with no strings attached.

The offer is available from 1st September until 31st October. Last year, hundreds of people took advantage of this deal in what proved to be a very successful initiative.

The Executive Director of Age UK Leicester Shire & Rutland, Anthony Donovan, said: “Most people appreciate that it is extremely important to make a will, but either never get round to it or continue to put it off on the basis that they are too young and it is something that they will do when they are much older.”

For more information, call 0116 2992233 or visit www.ageuk.org.uk/leics/getinvolved/fundraising/will-writing/
RECYCLING

So what happens to all your recycled items?

More than 4,500 products on the market make use of recycled materials, but did you know what happens once your recycling has been collected?

Paper and Cardboard

After the recycling plant separates the paper into different types, it is transported to a paper mill that shreds it to make new products. Your daily newspaper might become part of the next edition, or it could also come back as an egg carton, construction paper or even cat litter.

Aluminium and Tin Cans

Processing plants shred aluminium cans and melt the shreds to make new cans as well as foil. This process does not reduce the quality of the aluminium, so it is possible to recycle aluminium indefinitely, with a quick turnaround.

Processing plants can also separate the steel from the tin, which can then be used to make bicycles, car parts and household appliances.

Glass

Like aluminium, glass can be recycled indefinitely. Processing plants will melt the glass in order to make new containers. Jam jars can also be crushed into small shards, whose smooth edges are ideal for making bricks, paved surfaces and sports turf.

Plastic

After the recycling plant separates the plastic by resin type, it is then shredded and melted into pellets. Companies will use the pellets to make new plastic products. Detergent bottles might become buckets or children's toys, while milk, juice containers and water bottles might become children's outdoor play sets, clothes or even insulation for your winter jackets.

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EMPLOYMENT

Career event is just the job for students across the borough

STUDENTS from across the borough were offered an insight into the world of work when they took part in a careers speed networking event at MIRA Technology Institute.

More than 80 students from local secondary schools joined in at the careers speed networking event, which was organised by the Borough Council on behalf of the Employment and Skills Taskforce.

The event gave the students, all aged 12-14, the chance to gain careers advice in five-minute networking sessions with professionals from more than 40 local businesses.

Students talked to business experts from a variety of industries about career paths, general work activities and opportunities for employment and apprenticeships.

Organisations represented include Horiba MIRA, Triumph, Hinckley and Rugby Building Society, J Churchill, Sigma, Syncroen, Cadent, Upton Steel, IM Properties, Sketchley Grange Hotel and Spa, Checkprint and the council.

The event also gave business representatives the chance to raise awareness of their sector to young, bright and articulate individuals who could become part of their organisation’s next generation.

The careers speed networking event was very successful. It was rewarding to see a spark in the odd student’s eye when talking to them about what we do at Triumph Motorcycles. (Triumph Motorcycles)

“Great Event which provides a fantastic opportunity for businesses to give back to the community they operate in whilst influencing the future workforce. (Sigma)

This event was a great way for local businesses to engage with a large number of young people from within their core communities. (Hinckley and Rugby Building Society)

A fantastic opportunity for businesses to connect with young, bright and articulate individuals who could become part of their organisation’s next generation. (Board24)

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Summer of Fun draws youngsters to Hinckley

HINCKLEY has been a town of smiles as Summer of Fun returned for the school holidays. Each Wednesday saw pop-up entertainment of all shapes and sizes in different locations throughout town. We had Dr Zoolittle with his delightful array of furry and creepy animals, Robbie the friendly Land Train for rides up and down Castle Street, Crazy Golf at The Crescent, and a visit from The Little Ark with ‘make & take’ activities. Definitely something for everyone and all available for FREE thanks to our fantastic town centre BID member businesses.

Armed Forces Day parade

A SPECIAL outdoor service and parade, to mark Armed Forces Day was held in Hinckley to enable people to show their support for the Armed Forces. Hundreds of people came along to show their respect in the glorious summer sunshine, making it the best attended Armed Forces Day celebration event in Hinckley yet. Now in its 11th year, Armed Forces Day gives everyone the opportunity to show their support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community; from currently serving troops to Service families, veterans and cadets.

Families prove they are good sports

FAMILIES GATHERED in Argents Mead in June to enjoy a traditional sports day and take part in some of the popular school games they may have enjoyed growing up. The free event, which was organised by the council included an egg and spoon race, 3-legged and relay races, as well as a grand finale of a tug of war. Executive Member for Leisure at the Borough Council, Councillor Keith Nichols, said: “Thanks to everyone for coming along and making the event such a success. It was good to see everyone having such a good time.”

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Weather fails to dull festival appetites

THE Borough Council’s popular food festival wowed the crowds when it returned to Hinckley for its third year, despite challenging weather conditions.

Feast Hinckley was originally due to take place on Saturday and Sunday but Saturday’s event had to be cancelled following a severe weather warning for high winds.

Foodies were undeterred and came along in their thousands for Sunday’s festival, making it the biggest food and drink festival in Hinckley to date.

Over 45 food and drink vendors descended on Argents Mead with a range of local, national and international cuisine represented.

Additional wooden picnic benches were set up in the mead along with a large open sided marquee to provide shelter or shade.

There was live music and local radio station Fosse 107 was in attendance. A giant 120ft inflatable assault course, sponsored by Hinckley BID, kept the children entertained.

Deputy Leader of the Council, Cllr David Bill said: “After the disappointment of Saturday’s cancellation, it was fantastic to see so many people supporting the event on Sunday.

“There was an amazing atmosphere in Argents Mead and the town centre as a whole was buzzing with so many people out sampling the food and drink on offer and enjoying the wonderful surroundings of Argents Mead.”
Snap’tastic Success

The ever popular Snap Dragon Children and Families Festival returned to Argents Mead and Hollycroft Park with the added bonus of a festival tour around the borough with ‘Snappy’ visiting Nailstone, Market Bosworth, Groby and Peckleton. Children and family and friends enjoyed a series of free activities organised by the Borough Council with each day featuring a different theme. In addition a wide range of key partners help to support the event making it the great success it was. The outcomes for children and families were amazing and will have a long term impact on their lives.
Executive Member for Culture, Tourism, and Town Centres at the Borough Council, Councillor Keith Nichols, said: “I’m really proud that the Borough Council have delivered another fantastic Snap Dragon Festival. Going out into the community and running a week long programme of activities is a lot to organise and prepare for but it’s been another huge success. The weather has been kind to us and it has been a pleasure to see so many children and their families enjoying themselves. My thanks to all the organisers and volunteers who have helped make this festival so very successful once again.”
**Meeting Dates**

**Planning Committee**
Tuesday 17 September
Monday 14 October
Tuesday 15 October
Thursday 17 October
**Scrutiny Commission**
Wednesday 30 October
**Audit Committee**
Thursday 31 October
Tuesday 5 November
Tuesday 12 November
**Councillors**
Tuesday 9 December
Tuesday 16 December
Wednesday 30 October
**Executive**
Thursday 17 October
Tuesday 15 October
Tuesday 17 September
Friday 13 and 15 September
Monday 21 and 28 September
Tuesday 29 September
Saturday 14 September
Sunday 15 September
Friday 20 September

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**AUTUMN 2019**

**Planning Committee**
Monday 9 December
Finance & Performance Scrutiny
Member Development Group
Tuesday 12 November
Wednesday 30 October
Executive
Tuesday 5 November
Tuesday 12 November
**Scrutiny Commission**
Tuesday 15 October
Tuesday 17 September
Planning Committee

**Heritage Open Days**

**Atkins Heritage Tour** (part of Heritage Open Days)
Venue: Atkins Gallery, Atkins Building, Lower Bond Street.
Contact: For details see www.heritageopendays.org.uk and page 18 for further details.

**Saturday 14 September**
Music in the Mead
Venue: Argents Mead bandstand, Hinckley.
Impact Steel Band bring a taste of the Caribbean to the Mead with calypso, classical, pop, reggae and jazz music. Free admission.
Time: 1pm to 3pm.

**Saturday 14 September**
Atkins Heritage Tour (part of Heritage Open Days)
Venue: Tour starts at Hinckley and District Museum, Lower Bond Street.
A guided walking tour of the Atkins Building, Hinckley and District Museum and the Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel. See advert for further details (see page 18).
Time: 10:30 to approx finish 12.30pm.
Contact: To book your place, please email info@atkinsbuilding.co.uk

**Saturday 14 September**
Murder Mystery
Venue: The Battlefield Line, Shackerstone Station, Shackerstone CV13 6NW.
Exercise your detective skills while traveling through rural Leicestershire and enjoying a 3-course meal. Selection of ales, wines and spirits available in the buffet car bar.
Contact: Visit www.battlefieldline.co.uk, email enquiries@battlefieldline.co.uk or Tel. 01827 880754 (Answer Phone).

**Sunday 15 September**
Hinckley BID’s 9th Annual Classic Motorshow.
Venue: Hinckley town centre
For classic vehicles and vehicles of special interest. Many cafes, bars and shops will be open, plus entertainment for children making it a fantastic family day, free to exhibit and attend.
Time: 10am to 4.30pm.
Contact: 01455 698494 or visit www.hinckleybid.co.uk.

**Sunday 15 September**
Hinckley Music Club presents Varinia Oyola-Rebaza (Viola) with Mihalya Berezc (Piano)
Venue: Holy Trinity Church, Hinckley.
Time: 2.30pm.

**Sunday 15 September**
Johnnie and the Rockers
Venue: Hollycroft Park, Hinckley
Time: 11am - 1pm

**Wednesday 18 September**
Armed Forces Coffee Morning.
Venue: The Green Rooms, St Mary’s Road, Hinckley.
Older veterans and their spouses, carers, widows and widowers are welcome. Led by Age UK Leicester Shire & Rutland and supported by the council.
Time: 10am to 12pm.
Contact: Michaela Tel. 0116 2841606 or email Joiningforces@ageukleics.org.uk.

**Wednesday 18 to 21 September**
Thursday 19 September.
Hinckley and District Museum Talk.
Venue: Hinckley Great Meeting Chapel, Baines Lane
The venue is disabled friendly and there is free car parking adjacent to the museum in Lower Bond Street and in the Druid Street car park.
Time: 7.30pm start.
Cost: Admission is free with a 2019 Friends of Hinckley & District Museum membership card.
Non-members £3 at the door.
Contact: hinckleymuseum@hotmail.co.uk

**Tuesday 24 September**
MacMillan Coffee Morning.
Venue: Ashby Court, Ashby Road, Hinckley.
Time: 10am – 12 noon

**Friday 27 September**
MacMillan Coffee Morning.
Venue: Hollycroft Park.
Time: 10am – 12 noon

**Monday 30 September to Saturday 5 October**
Tinhatters present Pyjama Game
Venue: Concordia Theatre, Hinckley
A Union strike at a pyjama factory generates plenty of steam heat in this toe-tapping, comedic love story. With an energetic score by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross. Tickets: Monday £10, Tuesday £11, Wednesday £11.
Contact: Christine Clarke Tel. 01455 610010.

**October 2019**

**Wednesday 2nd October**
SMARTS (St Mary Arts) lunchtime concerts.
Venue: St Mary’s Church, Hinckley.
Royal Birmingham Conservatoire musicians, Olga Eckert (Violin) and Elizabeth Haughan (Piano).
Their programme will include Beethoven’s Violin Sonata No.6.
Time: 1pm to 1.45pm.
Cost: (on the door): £4 for adults, £1 for children and students.

**Thursday 3 to Wednesday 30 October**
Ada Lovelace, the Computing Countess of Kirkby Mallory Exhibition.
Venue: Atkins Gallery, Atkins Building, Lower Bond Street, Hinckley.
See advert for details on page 18.

**Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 October**
Family History Help Desk.
Venue: Hinckley and District Museum, Lower Bond Street, Hinckley.
As part of celebrating Ada Lovelace’s contribution to computer programming, Atkins Building and Code Club are hosting a free taster session on running your own code club. Time: 4.30pm to 6pm.
Contact: Email midland@codeclub.org.uk or contact @codeclubgirls on twitter.

**Thursday 10 to Saturday 12 October**
Stanley Opera present The Grand Operetta Hotel.
Venue: Concordia Theatre, Hinckley
Join the residents, staff and guests of the Grand Operetta Hotel where everyone - even Barney the bell boy - has a tale to tell and a song to sing.
Tickets: £12.00 with concession price on Friday and Thursday at £10.00.
Tel. 01455 212416
Contact: Jane White.

**Friday 11 and 25 October**
Hinckley Rock and Roll Club: Jive Nights
Venue: Wykin and District Social Club, Frederick Avenue, Hinckley LE10 0EX.
Top DJs playing the best Rock n Roll music from the 1950s onwards to Jive, bop and stroll to.
Time: 7.30pm onwards to 11.15pm.
Cost: £4. Jive lesson (optional) 7.30pm to 8.30pm, cost £4.
Contact: Tel. 0116 2841606 or email Joiningforces@ageukleics.org.uk.

**Saturday 12 October**
Musical Memories with Sandra Maydwell
Venue: Hinckley Library, Lancaster Road, Hinckley, LE10 0AT.
Come along some for some musical memories and a tea party with Sandra Maydwell at Hinckley Library. This event will include Yorkshire tea and biscuits, reminiscence items from 1950s and 1960s, and music to sing along to.
Time: 10.30am to 12 noon
Cost: £3.50 per person, pre-book is essential through the library.
Contact: Tel. 0116 305 2500 or email dandeatkins@yahoo.co.uk

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See also Event Guide above for Jive Nights at Wykn & District Social Club on second and last Friday of the month

**Look out for the next edition of the Winter Events Guide or download from www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/events_guide**

**www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk**
Monday 14 to Friday 18 October
Half Term Activities (part of Ada Lovelace Exhibition)
Venue: Atkins Gallery, Atkins Building, Lower Bond Street, Hinckley.
The Ada Lovelace Exhibition has various portraits from the different stages of her life. See advert p16.

Monday 14 October
Splendiferous Road Dahl Fun!
Venue: Hinckley Library, Lancaster Road, Hinckley LE10 0AT.
Come along and browse the stalls of 22 local and international charities to choose practical gifts which can be sent in the names of your loved-ones, to people in need.
Time: 10am to 2pm.

Saturday 2 November
Bonfire Night. Bonfire and Fireworks at Market Bosworth Station
Venue: The Battlefield Line, Shackerstone Station, Shackerstone CV13 6NW.
Travel by train from Shackerstone and enjoy the festivities.
Cost: £10 adults, accompanied under-18s free.
Contact: Visit www.battlefieldline.co.uk or Tel. 01827 880754 (Answer Phone).

Tuesday 5 to Saturday 15 November
AOS presents Evita
Venue: Concordia Theatre, Hinckley
Tickets: £15 with £13 concessions on Tuesday and Wednesday 5 and 6 November and Monday and Tuesday 11 and 12 November
Cost: £10 adults, accompanied under-18s free.
Contact: Visit www.hinckleychoralunion.co.uk, email hccchoir@gmail.com or Tel. 07792 836111 or 07400 625615.

Tuesday 29 November to Monday 2 December
AOS presents ‘A Night at the Musicals’
Venue: The Green Rooms, St Mary’s Road, Hinckley
Over 40 stalls of vintage goodies, stalls, model railway and lunches, and musical theatre. Her programme comprises of this husband and wife duo is comprised of this husband and wife team who regularly tour around the UK performing a wide variety of repertoire.
Time: 7.30pm.
Cost: £10 adults, £5 children.
Contact: Visit www.concordiatheatre.co.uk or Tel. 01455 615005 or visit www.hinckleylibrary@leics.gov.uk

Saturday 9 November
AlterNativity
Venue: The Mary Forryan Centre, Leicester Road, Hinckley LE10 1LW.
Come along and browse the stalls of 22 local and international charities to choose practical gifts which can be sent in the names of your loved-ones, to people in need.
Time: 10am to 2pm.

Saturday 1 November
Concert by the Cresley Colliery Band
Venue: Parish Church, St Peter’s in Market Bosworth.
The band will lead the Remembrance Parade the following morning in Market Bosworth. The programme will be appropriate to Remembrance Sunday.
Time: 7.30pm.
Cost: £5 each.
Contact: Tel. 01455 291867 or email clerk@marketbosworth-pc.gov.uk

Sunday 11 November
Remembrance Sunday
Venue: Hinckley War Memorial, Argents Mead.
A parade and service to remember those who have fallen in past wars.
Time: 10.30am to 11.30am.

Saturday 17 November
Hinckley Shirley & Rutland and supported by the Shire & Rutland and supported by the Age UK Leicestershire, Warwickshire and Northamptonshire.
Venue: The Green Rooms, St Mary’s Road, Hinckley
Contact: Michaela: Tel. 0116 2614606 or Joiningforces@ageukleics.org.uk

Thursday 17 October
The Solos of the Chamber Philharmonic Europe (Quartet)
Venue: Holy Trinity Church, Hinckley
Time: 7.30pm
Cost (on the door): Adults: £12, Students: £5, Children: Free

Friday 18 October
Enid Blyton themed Craft Session.
Venue: Earl Shilton Library, Wood Street, Earl Shilton LE9 7NE.
Join us for a morning of crafts to make and take home, themed around the well-loved children’s author Enid Blyton. Drop-in session, all ages are welcome.
Cost: £1 per child.
Time: 10am to 12.30pm.
Contact: Tel.0116 305 0116 305 8392 or email earlshiltonlibrary@leics.gov.uk

Friday 18 to 20 October
50th Anniversary Steam Gala
Venue: The Battlefield Line, Shackerstone Station, Shackerstone CV13 6NW.
A weekend of intense train operation hauled by a variety of traction.
Contact: www.battlefieldline.co.uk, email enquiries@battlefieldline.co.uk or Tel. 01827 880754 (Answer Phone).

Saturday 19 October
Hinckley Model Railway Show
Venue: St Peter’s C. Church Hall, Leicester Road, Hinckley LE10 1LW.
18 layouts, four trade stands, refreshments available. Large car park and accessible venue.
Time: 10am to 4pm.
Cost: £3.50, children free with paying adult.

Wednesday 26 October
Jive Nights
Venue: Wykin and District Social Club, Baines Lane, Hinckley
Time: 7.30pm to 11.15pm. Advent Carol Service on Thursday 6pm to 8pm with light refreshments.
Time: 5.30pm to 7.30pm.
Contact: 0116 305 2500 or email hinckleylibrary@leics.gov.uk

Friday 29 November
Christmas Tree Festival
Venue: St Mary’s Church, Hinckley
Switch on by Mayor of Hinckley and Bosworth 6.30pm-9pm then Festival is open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm and Sunday 12pm to 4pm. Special events will be held on the evenings of the 29th and 30th November.
Venue:atinchesdyke.co.uk for more details nearer the time.

Saturday 2 November
Bonfire Night. Bonfire and Fireworks at Market Bosworth Station
Venue: The Battlefield Line, Shackerstone Station, Shackerstone CV13 6NW.
Travel by train from Shackerstone and enjoy the festivities.
Contact: Visit www.battlefieldline.co.uk, email enquiries@battlefieldline.co.uk or Tel. 01827 880754 (Answer Phone).

Monday 28 October
Hogwarts Comes to Hinckley
Venue: Hinckley Library, Lancaster Road, Hinckley LE10 0AT
Join us for a magical afternoon of Harry Potter themed crafts and activities! Feel free to come dressed as your favourite character. Suitable for all ages, drop in, £1 per child.
Time: 3.30pm to 4.30pm.
Contact: Tel. 0116 305 2500 or email hinckleylibrary@leics.gov.uk

www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk
Additional Information

Regular activities at Hinckley Library, Lancaster Road, Hinckley LE10 1AT. Telephone: Contact: 0116 305 2500 or email: hinckleylibrary@leics.gov.uk

Construction Club at Hinckley Library
Let your imagination run wild and enjoy playing with LEGO! All families are welcome, children to be accompanied by an adult. Free. Session must be pre-booked. Club runs fortnightly from Saturday 14 September, 10.30am-12pm.

Listen While You Lunch at Hinckley Library
Third Friday of the month, 12pm to 1pm. Friday 20 September, Friday 18 October, Friday 15 November, Friday 13 December. £3 per library member, £4.50 per non-member. Join us for a series of talks on various subjects including history and local nostalgia. Tickets must be pre-booked and include refreshments in the price.

Regular activities at GreenTowers
Richmond Road Hinckley LE10 0DZ
Youth Club – 6pm to 9pm Monday to Friday 8 to 19 year old’s (Thursdays 8 year old’s to 12 year old’s only) 12pm to 3pm Saturday (family, open to younger children also when accompanied by an adult) Members £1.50 per session Guests £3 per session Activities include: Indoor Climbing, Basketball, Football, Roller Skating, BMX, Scooters (Skeate Park), Pool, Snooker, Table Tennis, Air Hockey, Table Football, Gaming, Arts and Crafts, Films, Food and Drink.

Activity centre: Monday to Friday 9am to 9pm, Saturday 9am to 6pm and Sunday 11am to 5pm. Youth club entrance fee is £1.50 for members and £3 for guests. Areas can be privately hired. Tel. 01455 230468 or email office@greentowers.co.uk web: www.greentowers.co.uk and find us on Facebook and Twitter.

Guided Walks at Bosworth Battlefield
These take place on Saturdays and Sundays throughout most of the year. Join an experienced guide for an informative 2 km guided walk exploring the Battle of Bosworth, the death of King Richard III and the unlikely victory of Henry Tudor. Regular walks take place from 11am to 12pm and 2pm to 3.30pm. Cost: Adult £4.50, Concession £4, Child £3. Family Tickets also available. Tickets can be booked in advance by calling The Ticket Office Tel. 01455 290429 (open 7 days a week, 10am – 5.00pm). For a full list of special themed walks and dates visit www.bosworthbattlefield.org.uk or Tel. 01455 290429.

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HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

FAMILIES and history enthusiasts will be able to attend a series of Heritage Open Days throughout the borough this September.

Heritage Open Days is England's largest festival of culture and history that takes place over two consecutive weekends starting Thursday 12 September until Sunday 15 September and continuing Friday 20 September until Sunday 22 September.

The aim of the scheme is to open up buildings not generally seen by the general public and includes a wide range of guided walking tours and exhibitions, events and activities that will appeal to families and history enthusiasts alike.

The theme of this year's Heritage Open Days is ‘People Power’; Then, Now, Always in recognition of the 200th anniversary of the Peterloo Massacre.

Greg Drozdz, local historian and Vice Chairman of Hinckley & District Museum said: “The Heritage Open days are one of the best opportunities we have to explore, discover and celebrate our local heritage. With places open to go and see and knowledgeable guides at the venues, what better way to immerse yourself in all that is so colourful from our past and is just on our doorstep.”

Executive Member for Culture, Leisure, Tourism and Town Centres at the Borough Council, Cllr Keith Nichols said: “I am very pleased to see this event return for two weekends this year. Hinckley and Bosworth has so much history and culture to offer and the festival provides an interesting insight to the history of our older buildings and the opportunity to have a really good look around many of them, while exploring our borough at the same time.”

Events include:

- The Atkins Heritage Tour, Saturday 14 September
  Starting at 10:30am at Hinckley and District Museum in Lower Bond Street. This free heritage event begins with a guided tour around the 17th century framework knitters’ cottages. Booking is essential. To book a place email info@atkinsbuilding.co.uk or call 01455 247070

Other opportunities to explore and learn more about historic buildings and sites in the area include:

- St James's Church, Sutton Cheney – Thursday 12 September to Sunday 15 September and Friday 20 September to Sunday 22 September, open 9am until dusk.
- Grade II listed 13th Century church with fine box pews and a memorial to King Richard III, who is said to have heard his last Mass here over the chance to climb the church tower and see the clock and carillon. You must be able to climb 50 steep steps. Places are strictly limited and pre-booking is essential.
- St Peter’s Church, Witherley - Friday 13 September to Sunday 15 September
  Grade II listed early C14 church. Features include box pews and a memorial to King Richard III, who is said to have heard his last Mass here over the chance to climb the church tower and see the clock and carillon. You must be able to climb 50 steep steps. Places are strictly limited and pre-booking is essential.
- St Mary’s Church, Hinckley – Friday 13 to Saturday 14 September and Sunday 22 September
  St Mary’s Church is offering visitors aged 16 and over the chance to climb the church tower and see the clock and carillon. You must be able to climb 50 steep steps. Places are strictly limited and pre-booking is essential. To apply for a slot contact Geoff Fuller on 07890 327286
- The Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel, Baines Lane, Hinckley – Saturday 14 September 10am to 4pm
  The first non-conformist building in the town, the Chapel dates from 1722.
- Castle Street, Hinckley, Saturdays 14 and 21 September
  There will be a pop up exhibition on People Power linked to the borough by Hinckley District Past and Present, a children’s history trail with prizes for participants and a period re-enactor in full 1800’s regalia. Visitors can also take part in the Hinckley BID’s child friendly Hinckley History Trail by simply picking up a free copy of the trail map.
- Desford, St Martin’s Church – Saturday 14 September
  Grade II* listed C13 church with many interesting and historic features open from 9am to 4pm. Includes a Century of Stories display. Refreshments are available.
- Barton in the Beans Baptist Church – Saturday 21 September
  Grade II listed chapel. The original chapel, founded in 1745, was closely associated with Samuel Deacon (1746-1816), the famous clockmaker of the village. The chapel museum will be open from 10.30am until 4pm. For those who love motor heritage, Hinckley BID are holding their 9th annual Motor Show throughout Hinckley Town Centre on Sunday September 15 from 10.30am to 4pm which is free to attend. Last year’s event attracted more than 800 vehicles.

All events are free to attend, booking required only where stated. A heritage booklet is available to download from the council’s website containing all the dates and locations of Heritage Open Days events at www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/heritage2019

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How? Have a recent energy bill or statement to hand and register for free, with no obligation to visit: www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/switchandsave or call 01455 255988

When? Sign up for free by 7 October 2019. Energy suppliers will then be invited to bid against each other in an auction to find their best deal. We will let you know how much you could save if you choose to switch, the choice is yours. If you decide to go ahead, the scheme will take care of the switching process for you.

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Award honour for volunteers

VOLUNTEERS who have made a difference to the lives of others in Hinckley and Bosworth have been recognised at a special event held at Hinckley Rugby Club.

The Making a Difference awards, which are sponsored by the Borough Council, recognise the contribution that volunteers make towards the community. Councillor Keith Lynch, Executive Member for Voluntary and Community Sector at the Borough Council, said: "These awards recognise contributions from some of the many individuals and groups who work tirelessly to assist others who may be more vulnerable or less fortunate - quite simply making life better for our community.

Matthew Chivers, the BBC East Midlands Unsung Hero 2018, was the guest of honour. Matthew told the audience about what inspires him to give his time as a tennis coach, and what it was like to be on the stage at the BBC Sports Personality 2018 Awards, representing the East Midlands. Matthew said: "These awards recognise contributions from some of the many individuals and groups who work tirelessly to assist others who may be more vulnerable or less fortunate - quite simply making life better for our community."

There were six categories, each with individual and group winners, who were presented with their award by the Mayor of Hinckley and Bosworth, Councillor Lynda Hodgkins.

THE AWARDS

- The individual award winner for Protecting, Improving and Supporting our Environment was Mick Parker, who was recognised for carrying out litter picks 365 days of the year in Newbold Verdon, and for keeping a watchful eye on the village.

- The group winners for Creating a Sense of Community were Sheepy Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, who have committed four years (to date) in developing this plan and have carried out numerous consultations to ensure it meets the needs of the community.

- The individual winner for Creating a Sense of Community was Pat Crane - the judges were impressed to learn that if there is something happening in Desford, then you’re likely to find her involved, and usually leading it; Pat is recognised as a dedicated lady who is passionate about her community, earning her the title Mrs Desford.

- The group winners for Making a Difference were Newbold Verdon Community Choir, for being a welcoming and inclusive group, where special friendships have been forged, raising thousands of pounds for charity whilst singing and having fun.

- The individual winner for Making a Difference was Helen Cobley. Helen is dedicated to keeping the people of Earl Shilton safe through her longstanding Neighbourhood Watch Development role.

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- The individual winner for Inspirational Volunteer award was Angelia Welding, a long-serving volunteer at Wykin Community House. The judges were impressed with the way Angelia tirelessly creates and runs activities for all age groups.

- The group winners for Inspirational Volunteer award were The Bosworth Explorers, a group of adult volunteers with physical and mental health challenges who have achieved fantastic results this year, holding major events to promote our local heritage and history. They have achieved life-skills qualifications and personal development whilst volunteering.

- The individual winner for Young Volunteer award was Zia Cummings, who was recognised as an outstanding role model to young volunteers. Despite living with type one diabetes, Zia has fundraised tirelessly for good causes, always endeavouring to help others, and all this whilst studying for her A levels.

- The group winner for Young Volunteer award was the Queen Bee Youth Project, which judges praised as a really important and valued project for girls aged 10 to 14 in Markfield. The project aims to raise awareness of mental health issues, teach life skills, build confidence and self-esteem. The group provides an inclusive, safe and supportive environment, conveying the motto: "Bee Strong, Bee Kind, Bee You."

The event ended with the presentation of a Special Award which is awarded each year to an individual or group who deserve this special recognition for their volunteering contribution. This was awarded to Angelia Welding, who was recognised by the judges as a very deserving two trophy winner.
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Don’t forget to chip your dog

To help residents get their dog chipped the Borough Council’s Environmental Health Team and Dog Warden Service will be holding an Animal Ownership Event at the George Ward Centre, Barwell on Tuesday 1 October, 11am – 2pm and chipping will only cost £10.

If you are not sure if your dog is chipped, the service can check that for you; ensure a chip can still be detected and has got the correct address and contact details on file. The team will also be giving out general pet advice. Advice can be given about anything from barkings and neutering to buying the right dog for you. For more information contact the Environmental Health Team on Tel. 01455 255946.

Helping to keep the streets clean

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Thornton community project now underway

A NEW community project looking to engage with residents to develop and improve facilities in Thornton is now underway.

The Community Development Project is being managed by the Rural Community Council, Leicestershire & Rutland (RCC), a charity that supports smaller communities and helps to tackle rural issues.

The project will run until 31 March 2020 and is supported by the Borough council. It aims to:

○ Engage local people, organisations and service providers across Thornton
○ Build on current facilities and services, or lack of them, especially for children and young people
○ Build stronger connections between people and organisations
○ Identify issues and assets within or having an impact on Thornton
○ Help the community to take collective action to tackle issues to improve their area

○ To work with key service providers to better target their resources in Thornton
○ To have in place an agreed community owned Action Plan

John Preston, Neighbourhood Planning Officer at the RCC, said: “We have been out and about in the community speaking to residents, attending a range of events and working alongside the Reality Youth Project and Streetwise Young People’s Service to get the views of children and young people in the area.

“Further consultation and engagement activities will continue. We want to ensure this work complements and builds on the great work already taking place”. Residents can stay up-to-date as this work progresses by looking out for future articles, following @RCC on Twitter or @ThorntonProject on Facebook.

Cafe bar wins Fairtrade retail award

A family-run cafe bar in Hinckley has been revealed as the Hinckley and Bosworth Fairtrade Retailer of the Year.

French-inspired Petite Chouette, based on Regent Street, were presented with the award by the Hinckley and Bosworth Fairtrade Forum, a group of local volunteers who, with the support of the Borough Council, work to promote Fairtrade in the area.

Mathew Hulbert, Chair of the Forum, presented the certificate to Paul Lancaster, who owns the cafe bar with his wife, Alison. Mr Hulbert said: “We are delighted to recognise Petite Chouette, Paul and Alison do a fantastic job in using Fairtrade ingredients in their drinks, cakes and all that they sell.”

Borough Council Executive Member and Forum Member Councillor Martin Cartwright added: “I am delighted that this award was given to Paul and Alison and I would like to take the opportunity to thank Matthew Hulbert and his volunteers for all that they do in the borough to promote Fairtrade.”
Mallory Mile cyclists saddle up for victory

FAMILIES and cyclists enjoyed the ever popular Mallory Mile as part of local celebrations for National Bike Week. It was second time lucky for the Mallory Mile, held at Mallory Park Circuit in Kirkby Mallory, after it was postponed for the first time in the event’s 18-year history following heavy rain.

Working in partnership with ‘Race Rapid’, the Borough Council used the event to help residents to experience cycling in a safe, traffic-free environment, riding lap after lap of the circuit on their bikes. Race Rapid, a local business from Stoke Golding, work hard to get people cycling, running, swimming and also even paddleboarding, making full use of the unique facilities that can be found at the Mallory track. Wheels for All also attended with their range of adapted bikes, Mini Bikers and the Choose How You Move Team from Leicestershire County Council and Leicestershire Police were also in the paddock area.

The Mayor of the Borough, Councillor Lynda Hodgkins, said: “It was an honour to wave the chequered flag and fantastic to see so many people riding their bikes and having a great time. Many thanks to everyone who came along to support this event.”

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THOSE who suffer with back pain are being urged to try specialist six-week Pilates courses.

Pilates has long been recognised as one of the best exercises to improve symptoms of lower back pain. Pilates exercises can often ease and address acute or chronic pain, as well as increasing strength, core control and balance. It can also allow individuals to stay more active, as well as relieving stress.

In the borough, there are currently two qualified professionals who can offer back pain specific Pilates classes.

The initial course is six weeks long and, following a conversation with the instructor, any back pain sufferer can be booked on to the next available course.

Smaller class sizes mean that the instructor can tailor the exercises to individual requirements. The course is £30 for six weeks and runs throughout the year.

For more information or to book, ask for a referral from your GP or Physiotherapist or contact the Active Together Team on Tel. 01455 255870.

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SPORT & LEISURE

Time to nominate your sport stars

RESIDENTS can soon cast their votes to help find Hinckley & Bosworth’s sporting heroes of 2019.

The organisers of the borough’s 13th annual sports awards competition, Hinckley & Bosworth’s Local Sport and Health Alliance (LSHA), are urging people to nominate individuals and teams whose success deserves to be more widely celebrated.

It could be someone whose dedication, commitment or performance has excelled this year within their sport; someone who has been an inspiration; someone who has always gone that extra mile to support others; or someone who has changed their life around for the better through sport.

Nominations are needed for a number of categories, including:
- Sportsperson of the Year (adult award and junior award)
- Disabled Sportsperson of the Year (adult award and junior award)
- Club or Team of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year (adult award and junior award)
- Unsung Hero
- Coach of the Year
- Lifetime Achievement
- Active Lifestyle Achievement Award
- Active Business of the Year
- School of the Year (Primary award and Secondary award)

Nomination forms are available online at www.hbsha.org.uk/sports-award

The closing date for all nominations is 5pm on Friday 1st November.

The Hinckley and Bosworth Sport Awards 2019 will be held at Hinckley Rugby Club on Monday 18th November.

Executive Member for Leisure at the Borough Council, Councillor Keith Nichols, said “This is a wonderful opportunity for you to show your appreciation of a local person who voluntarily makes a difference to local sport.

“I hope you will take the time to nominate that special team, club, coach or general sporting hero – there are a wide range of categories to choose from.”

For more information on the awards, contact Graeme Chilvers on Tel. 01455 255678.

ELDERLY people who have fallen or feel at risk of falling are being invited to a series of free sessions to improve balance and strength.

The Borough Council run the Steady Steps Programme, thanks to funding from the West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning group, to boost confidence in mobility.

NHS research shows that around one in three adults who live at home will have at least one fall a year and about half of these have more frequent falls. Although the falls may not result in injury, they can result in a loss of confidence.

The Steady Steps programme is a weekly, 90-minute session that runs for 24 weeks and is free to attend, subject to an assessment to check eligibility.

Attendees are taught exercises by a qualified instructor, with each exercise designed to improve strength and balance.

Programmes are delivered across the borough where there is a demand. If you have not attended fall prevention classes before and feel that this course may help to prevent you from falling, please contact Liz Causon on Tel. 01455 255870.

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Swimming is more than just a life skill

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**Family time**

Swimming with the family should not be limited to holidays abroad – it provides the perfect break from screen time for the kids and can keep the whole family active together. Hinckley residents benefit from fantastic swimming facilities at Hinckley Leisure Centre with the main pool, smaller community pool and the splash pad area. There is also the ever-popular inflatable sessions that run at weekends and during school holidays.

**Outdoor Pursuits**

Whether you are looking to simply paddle and play in the waves or you have got something more adventurous in mind, learning to swim is essential to take your outdoor activities to a new level. These can include white water rafting, cave diving, rock climbing, and play in the waves or you have got something more adventurous in mind, learning to swim is essential.

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Whatever your aquatic goals, learning to swim is the starting point for each of these activities. So, whether you are just starting out or need some extra confidence in the water, do not delay in booking a swimming lesson – you do not only need some extra confidence in the water, it could also open up a world of fun opportunities.

For more information on the swimming lesson programme at Hinckley Leisure Centre, visit their website www.placesleisure.org/Hinckley or call the centre on 01455 610011.