

VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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Flooding Support

Further flooding has impacted various parts of the district over the past week. For residents and businesses who have already been impacted or for those who are concerned about future flooding, the following links may prove helpful.

Please help us to share this information as widely as possible.



- [Where to report flooding](#) - for flooding of properties, sewers and on roads
- [In the immediate aftermath](#) - print out and keep this self help sheet somewhere handy for the future
- [Flooding in a rented home](#) - useful advice from Citizens' Advice
- [Check your home insurance policy if you have one](#) - does your policy meet your coverage needs?
- [Struggling with insurance?](#) - advice and tips from the National Flood Forum for anyone struggling
- [Flood proof your property](#) - the Blue Pages provide information on flood products and services available
- [Make a personal flood plan](#) - this is a really useful thing to prepare now in case you need it later
- [Prepare an emergency kit](#) - excellent advice from the British Red Cross on what to keep ready to go
- [Emotional support](#) - free and confidential emotional support and signposting to local services from the British Red Cross
- [Gel bags](#) - the district council is running a scheme where parish councils can sign up to keep a store of emergency gel bags within their local community

Flood Funding



The Government is making [funding available](#) to flood-hit communities impacted by Storm Henk (2 to 8 January). The district council is awaiting further information and instructions in order to progress this further.

Help will be available for:

- Flooded households in eligible affected areas - up to £500 cash to help with immediate costs
- Households and businesses significantly affected - council tax and business rates relief
- Small-to-medium sized businesses - up to £2,500 from the Business Recovery Grant
- Eligible flood-hit property owners - up to £5,000 to help make homes and businesses more resilient
- Farmers who have suffered uninsurable damage to their land - up to £25,000 through the Farming Recovery Fund

UKSPF Update

Thank you to everyone who submitted an application for a [UKSPF Community Grant](#). We received 24 applications from across the district and the panel meeting is going ahead today, 12 January. We aim to feed back to everyone who made an application by the end of the month. The grant scheme will re-open in April 2024.



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Lord Lieutenant's Award

Do you know a young person who deserves to be



recognised with a [Young Person of the Year award](#)?

The Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire has just launched his 2024 awards, which are designed to showcase and celebrate the achievements of young people living in Leicestershire.

The four categories are:

- Young Person of Courage
- Young Volunteer
- Young Leader
- Young Artist

The closing date for this year's nominations is 16 February and the award scheme is open to all 13-19 year olds. Nominations can be made by other young people, their school, parent or carer, as well as any other agency or individual.

Peace of Green

Peace of Green's nature inspired [art, craft and wellbeing](#) project is coming to Coalville's



Newmarket next month. This is a great opportunity to meet other creative people and explore ways to develop your own practice and to share knowledge.

Free workshops and a creative working event will be held from Thursday 1 to Sunday 4 February. All ages and community groups are welcome!

Events & Training

[Go Learn!](#)

Leicestershire Adult Learning Service

A wide range of courses are available, both face to face and online, from digital skills to British Sign Language. Browse the [course listing](#).

[East Midlands Airport Jobs' Fair](#)

Wed 17 Jan, 10am - 2pm, EMA check in hall

Great opportunity for anyone who is job hunting to find out what vacancies are available at all levels, from early careers to direct entry to experienced positions.

[Leg Up Project Under 26s Chilly Challenge Campout](#)

Sat 20 Jan 11am - Sun 21 Jan 1pm

Free camping event at Willesley Woodside, Moira Road, Ashby de la Zouch. Booking required.

[Cause and Communications: talking about your organisation](#)

Wed 24 Jan, 9am - 3pm, Shuttlewood Clarke Activity Centre

Training on communications from Charnwood Forest Geopark and VAL for groups based in the Geopark area (includes Coalville). Email abrand-barker@nationalforest.org for further information.

[Repair Café, Coalville CAN](#)

Sat 3 Feb, 11am - 2pm

Got something that needs fixing and don't want to throw it away? The café runs the first Saturday of every month.

[Voluntary Action Leicestershire](#)

Book ahead now for these online VAL courses coming up next month.

- **What is Social Investment?** Wed 7 Feb, 10.30-11.30am, FREE
- **Negotiating and Managing Your Lease,** Thrs 8 Feb, 12-1pm

[Canine Partners Open Morning](#)

Thrs 15 Feb, 10am - 12pm, Osgathorpe

Enjoy a coffee, take a free tour of the training centre and watch a demonstration of dogs being trained.

[Tell us about your Events](#)

Putting on an event in North West Leicestershire? We'd love to help you promote it to a wider audience. You can list your event for free on NWLDC's [What's On webpage](#) or [email](#) your story.

Moira Replan Job



Moira Replan has a job vacancy for a part-time Support Worker at the Replan Community Hub.

The job pays £15 per hour and is for 12 hours per week (Monday to Thursday), until end of August 2024.

For further information and a job description please visit Moira Replan's [Facebook page](#) and scroll down to the advertisement posted on 1 December. Please [email](#) to register your interest.

NWLDC Budget Proposals

Members of the public are being asked for their views on the district council's [draft](#)



[budget proposals](#), which were considered by Cabinet this week. The consultation is open until 23 January.

Protect your Passwords



Did you receive a new phone or i-pad for Christmas? In its [January newsletter](#),

Neighbourhood Watch is encouraging everyone to make a New Year's resolution to protect their digital devices by using strong passwords.

The [National Cyber Security Centre](#) (NCSC) recommend using three random words such as 'planegiraffetable' to build your password; it's easier to remember and takes trillions of years for a computer algorithm to crack.

CAN Youth Survey

[Coalville CAN](#) is inviting young people aged 11 to 25 to give their views on a range of topics, including health and wellbeing. The [survey](#) is being organised in collaboration with the NHS and relevant information will be fed back to help improve services. The survey is open until the end of February.

Funding

[NWL Community Grants](#)

Visit our [grants' page](#) to find out about

- [Small Grant](#)
- [Zero Carbon Grant](#)



[King Charles III Charitable Fund](#)

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for projects that focus on the environment, countryside, social inclusion, health and wellbeing, education, heritage and conservation. The scheme is open from 5-22 February.

[Great British Insulation Scheme](#)

This government scheme replaces ECO+ and provides free or cheaper insulation to reduce home energy bills. People can apply for support if their home:

- Has an energy performance certificate (EPC) of D to G
- Is in Council Tax bands A-D in England

[Support for Families with Disabled Children](#)

This scheme is funded by the Department for Education and managed by Family Fund. It can help to pay for items such as furniture, household products, clothing and toys, family breaks and day s out. Closes 31 March.

[Warburtons Community Grants](#)

Small grants of up to £400 are available to support charitable organisations towards broader activities that improve Health, Place or Skills for families within their community. Next deadline is 5 February.

[Archive Engagement Grants](#)

The National Archives has grants of up to £5,000 for organisations to allow them to conduct outreach and engagement projects that connect archives with their communities. The scheme closes on 26 January.

[Monthly Funding Bulletin](#)

Leicestershire County Council continues to produce a really useful funding bulletin every month, with a list of grants and funding opportunities.

