

July 2022 – County Council Update

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below some updates from the County Council this July, which your Parishes may find useful.

Thanks to those of you who got in contact over the past month with questions.

As always, please continue to stay in contact with me should you have an issue that needs addressing and I will investigate it as quickly as possible.

Next month (August) the Council is in summer recess, so I will not be sending my usual monthly update report. However, reports will resume in the usual manner from September 1st as the Council's business rebegins in the run up to Christmas.

However, please note, even though I won't be sending a monthly report, I am still available throughout August to assist with any questions or issues that may arise.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer.

Net Zero consultation:

Recently we launched a major consultation on our ambitions to make Leicestershire a net zero carbon county by 2045 earlier this month and addressed the topic at the recent meeting of the Environment & Climate Change Committee.

I would encourage all of you to take part in the [Net zero strategy and action plan consultation](#) (which is open until 26 July) and find out more about our net zero ambitions by visiting [Net zero Leicestershire](#).

On the **11th July at 10:00** the County Council is holding a Net Zero Roadshow at Bosworth Battlefield.

New Census Data

New census data shows Leicestershire growing, with new population figures available by sex and age group.

The overall population of Leicestershire has risen from 650,489 in the 2011 national census to 712,300 in the 2021 census.

Find out more: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/news/census-reveals-growing-county>

Queens Award for Voluntary Service:

The Queens award for voluntary service is the highest award given to volunteer groups across the UK.

At Full Council this week an appeal was made from the Leicestershire Lieutenancy Office for any voluntary actions to be put forward for consideration.

To be nominated, a group must:

- be made up of at least 3 people
- be led by volunteers, not paid staff
- have been running for at least 3 years
- be based in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man
- provide a specific and direct benefit to their local communities

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Over the coming month, please could you let me know if there are any groups who would be eligible to receive this award, and I can pass on information to the Lieutenancy office for consideration.

Further information can be found below:

- Via the National Queen's Award for Voluntary Service website - <https://qavs.dcms.gov.uk/>
- Via the Leicestershire Lieutenancy website - <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/about-the-council/how-the-council-works/civic-and-ceremonial/the-lord-lieutenant/honours-awards-and-recognition>

Shire Grants:

Could your community group of local environment benefit from a £3,000 SHIRE Environment Grant?

LCC are particularly interested in funding new and innovative projects that:

- Reduce the amount of household waste produced in Leicestershire
- Reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions within communities
- Improve biodiversity and support the creation and management of substantial green spaces

Apply before Friday 28th October 2022: <https://crowd.in/vqkNlm>

If you have any questions on the process, please let me know.

Work & Skills Leicestershire

Work and Skills is a completely free service available to anyone who is living in Leicestershire who needs help finding work or training. LCC can help you on your employment journey.

Call on 08009 880 308 or visit: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/jobs-and-volunteering/skills-for-jobs/work-and-skills-leicestershire>

Electric Bike Scheme

- Electric bikes are fun, easy to use and great for the environment.
- Leicestershire County Council have teamed up with the Department of Transport to offer Leicestershire residents £300 off the cost of an electric bike.
- Find out more by visiting LCCs website here: <https://crowd.in/wCkM3T>

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Tree for every person

- Tree planting is important to the County Council, and LCC have recently launched a new tree for every person website.
- The County Council's ambition is to make Leicestershire greener; boost biodiversity and become a net zero county by 2045.
- The County Council is working to plant 700,000 trees – a tree for every person who lives in the county, vastly increasing Leicestershire's tree cover.
- If you have planted a tree recently, or want to find out more, please look here:
<https://crowd.in/clYPJ8>

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