



## April 2020 Parish Council Newsletter

### Have your say on Leicestershire County Council's new strategy to improve sexual health

Leicestershire residents, professionals, partner organisations and providers are being encouraged to have their say on the County Council's proposals for a new Sexual Health Strategy (<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/field/pdf/2020/3/12/draft-leicestershire-sexual-health-strategy-2020-23.pdf>).

The County Council is holding an eight-week consultation which runs until Sunday 31 May 2020 to seek your views on a Sexual Health Strategy for the next three years, which will see the authority continue to work with partners to ensure the services meet the needs of people in the county. The proposals focus on providing people with the right information, services and support to enable them to make positive decisions about their sexual and reproductive health reducing health inequalities, delivering relationships and sex education to young people and providing services that are flexible and accessible for all.

For more information and to read the draft strategy visit [www.leicestershire.gov.uk/sexual-health-strategy](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/sexual-health-strategy). You can submit your feedback via email at [sexualhealth@leicis.gov.uk](mailto:sexualhealth@leicis.gov.uk) until midnight on Sunday, 31 May 2020.

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### GRASS CUTTING UPDATE

The Councils grass cutting programme for rural verges (outside of urban/village areas) commenced on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April. To begin with we will only be cutting the grass in rural areas where it impacts on road user's visibility. Our approach will be reviewed regularly to ensure that we are continuing to meet the national guidance on safe working and social distancing, whilst meeting customer expectations and highway safety requirements

The start of the urban grass cutting programme was delayed so that we could ensure that the appropriate levels of equipment and resource were in place to enable compliance with social distancing requirements. The urban grass cutting programme will now commence on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May. Due to the delay and the current rate of grass growth it will take us longer to complete our first cut than normal and the quality of the cut might not be up to the usual standards.

We are currently unable to specify cutting dates for individual areas and are therefore unable to respond to queries of this nature. **Please be patient whilst our Operatives work hard to get around the whole County.**

All arrangements that have been put in place with Parishes who have applied to be part of the wildflower verge scheme will still apply.

Further updates on future cuts can be found on the grass cutting webpage [www.leicestershire.gov.uk/grass-cutting](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/grass-cutting).

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**Community Care County-wide Recruitment Campaign**

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Your journey to a career in social care



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Leicestershire County Council would like to ask you to help us to spread the campaign messages through your community networks.

Inspired to Care (part of LCC) are working with private social care providers to recruit new community care professionals to help protect the most vulnerable people during the coronavirus pandemic. We have created an online application and fast-track recruitment and training process to enable us to get people into roles as quickly as possible. This will help to fill the gaps in the social care workforce. Our aim is to keep people safe and well at home during the pandemic and support the NHS to ensure they have enough capacity in hospitals.

These roles do not require prior care work experience or any qualifications. We will be recruiting based on [values and behaviours](#) and will be providing full training to all successful candidates.

The roles we are recruiting for are paid positions. We have vacancies across the county and can offer people permanent or temporary work on full-time, part-time, or flexible contracts. This means that these opportunities are ideal for people who are looking to earn money during the pandemic but may have a business or previous job to return to once it is over (although we hope that some will find their vocation in adult social care).

We are particularly keen to reach out to people who have expressed an interest in community volunteering opportunities, but are also in a position to take up a paid role. These people are likely to have the essential values of compassion, kindness, patience, and a commitment to helping others. By becoming a care professional, they are able to make a huge difference to the lives of vulnerable people in their communities, whilst also earning a salary.

We are signposting people to [www.inspiredtocare.co.uk/jobs](http://www.inspiredtocare.co.uk/jobs) where they can complete an enquiry form or skip straight to the [online application](#).

We would be grateful if you could share the campaign messages on all of the platforms and community groups/networks that you are involved in.

Thank you in advance for your help with this campaign. Please get in touch if you have any suggestions or questions.

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