

Newtown Linford Magazine

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The Bradgate

Group Parish



About a decade ago I had the opportunity of interviewing a former Chief Constable of Leicestershire about his leadership practices, the habits he had, the things he prioritised. One thing which stuck with me from that day to this was the first thing he did on a Monday morning. Waiting for him on his desk when he arrived would be a list of names, passed up through the chain of command from every area of his patch, and he would sit and write thank you letters to everyone who had done something worthy over the previous week.

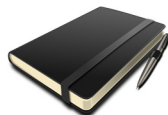
It struck me at the time, and sticks with me still, because it's something I'm not always very good at: saying thank you, taking the time to write the cards after a birthday or Christmas (the ones due following my birthday a fortnight ago are still unwritten). But a simple 'thank you', evidence that something you've done has been noticed and appreciated, whether that's by the Chief Constable or a relative, has significance and power. We all bloom when what we do is valued or enjoyed by other people. Receiving gratitude affirms our sense of identity and wellbeing.

'Thank yous are wonderful to receive and also very important to give. Gratitude is a habit which has well-researched benefits for those who give it as well. I remember when I was signed off work with depression, one of the first things suggested in the sheaf of papers the doctor gave me was to sit down each evening and think of three things which had happened that day which I could be thankful for.

Unsurprisingly, it's also something which features large in the Bible. We're entering wedding season and one of the passages regularly chosen at these services is from Colossians. Three times in three verses the encouragement is to do things 'with gratitude', be thankful' and 'give thanks'. Yes, to those around us, but ultimately to God from whom comes every good thing, including the greatest gift of all, Jesus. Something with which, in fact, that former Chief Constable would agree.

Richard Trethewey
Rector of St Peter's, Glenfield and All Saints' Newtown Linford
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VILLAGE DIARY



July

- 2nd Village Cricket Competition
8th Village Ramblers
18th Boules
19th Parish Council Meeting
25th Gardening Club Summer Party

August

- 8th Friend of Charnwood Forest Walk
13th Village Ramblers
22nd Gardening Club visit to Trentham Gardens

Regular events

Mondays

- 9.30 Slimming & Fitness, The Linford
1.30 Dance Fitness for 50+ Linford
5.30 Brownies at "The Linford"
8pm Bell Ringing at the Church

4th Tuesday of the month

Gardening Club

4th Wednesday of the month

Gentleman's Club Bradgate PH

Wednesdays

- 10.30 and 6.30 Bodyblast Classes The Linford
10am Art Club in Church
Quiz nights at The Linford 8pm start

Thursdays

- 11.15 Coffee Mornings Village Hall
6.15 Slimming & Fitness, The Linford

Fridays

- 9:30 Jolly Tots, The Church
AM: Fruit and Veg stall at Cooks Farm Shop

Saturday

2nd Saturday of each month - Village Ramblers

So did anyone spot the 'deliberate' mistake in last months Magazine? Due to an email being sent from 'The Park' which was linked into previous emails, your editor saw the attachment, downloaded it, put it in the magazine, proof checked it and published it!. Only to have two eagle eyes, Marilyn and James from the Park, email me with a question, "wasn't this published a year ago for the Platinum Jubilee!

COFFEE & CAKE ROTA May to June 2023

July

- 6th Maria Simms, Vicki Kerr & Friend 07974 085434: 07904 123603
13th Lesley Cook, Chris A, Ann Scrine 245208: 242432: 481928
20th Carol Ann, Jackie Brewin 243433: 243439

On the Lawn – Carol Ann's 32 Main Street

- 27th Bev Griffiths, Sue Dobby, Jennette, Lalita 01509
890264: 245366: 07930 955990: 07718 701614

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



August

- 3rd Janet & David Brunton, Angela & Adrian Mcnamee
242662, 07710 253231
10th Sue Morran, Sarah Brown, Teresa Calvert 07810 116641;
07811 166161; 07469 719018
17th Joe & Claire Costello with Bakers help 249613
24th Margaret Bloor, Sue Clarke, Sue Birkett 07713 457414;
242000; 244317
31st Jenny C, Sue Howard, Charlotte T, 245373; 07896 349977;
242959

On the Lawn – Jenny & Alan Coles – Groby Lane

September

- 7th Judy Rowe, Felicity Manning, Marilyn Upstone 243989;
245298; 242715
14th Glennis M, Mary Clarke, John Castle, Carolyn T 242897;
0116 3190211; 249173
21st Janet & David Brunton Angela & Adrian McNamee 242662;
07710 253231

On the Lawn – Janet & David Bruntons

- 28th Lesley Cook/Chris A/Ann Scrine
245208; 242432; 481928

ON THE LAWN

We are back outside over the summer for 4 visits, one a month, by kind invitation of some of our villagers. A nice change of scene. If the weather is poor the gathering will be in the Village Hall.

Please swap with someone else if you are unable to do your duty. Pass on the hall key to the next people on duty.

An opportunity for everyone to catch up on Village news and activities and to meet your fellow neighbours

Rota Volunteers - If you are struggling with putting the tables and chairs out for your duty Joe Costello 249613 has offered to help if around and will ask someone else to help him as well.. **Carol Ann**





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Drop off at the Linford any time from Friday 4:30pm or Saturday 8:30am

Any queries, please contact:

Ann Jackson

07789 454 247

Theresa Calvert

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Vicky O'Callaghan (the Linford)

01530 244 012

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



Newtown Linford Gardening Club
(www.newtownlinford.org.uk/gardening-club.html)

Our Gardening Club has developed a reputation for inviting speakers who have a national or international standing. Many are household names through their appearances on television and we are delighted to announce more such visitors in the coming months.



In October we welcome Troy Scott-Smith, who is the head gardener at Sissinghurst in Kent. This garden was created by Vita Sackville-West and her husband Harold Nicolson and is one of the most renowned in the country.

Nick Bailey is the first of the two television gardeners to visit us and the other is Adam Frost. Nick will be coming in March next year and Adam will make his second visit when he comes in October. Both of these will be well-known to anyone who watches Gardeners' World regularly and we are delighted that they can find time in their busy schedules to come to our village.

In addition, next year, two nationally respected speakers will be making a welcome return. The first is Alan Mason, whose reputation as a garden designer is widespread both in this country and overseas.

The second is Arthur Parkinson, a protégé of Sarah Raven, who has gained a huge reputation despite his tender years.

Further in the future we can add Toby Buckland to the list who will travel all the way from Devon to be with us.

For people of such standing to be willing to travel long distances to Newtown Linford Gardening Club demonstrates that we have clearly developed a reputation as a fine club.

We will be inviting visitors to many of these events but they are all, of course, available to our members as part of their subscription of £15, along with all the other activities we organise.

Further details of our Club can be found on our website, shown above, or by email at 32couling@gmail.com or by telephone on 01530 242452

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On Sunday 2nd July from 11am through to 7pm come along to the cricket ground to see the 7th annual Village Cricket Competition featuring a host of neighbours and friends from Newtown. As well as a carnival of barely talented cricketers doing their very best to entertain us, the bar will be open and serving ale from Anstey Brewery. Food will be available and there will be children's play activities.

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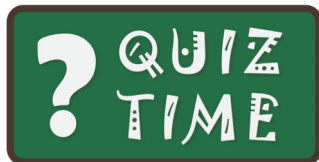
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Newtown Linford Biodiversity Group

Wild about nature – a summer quiz for children

Find out more about wildlife in our local area in a fun way, by getting out and about and taking part in our special wild-life quiz. There's one for under 10s, and one for 11-16 year olds. A prize will be awarded for the best entry in each age category and every entrant will receive a certificate. The best photos will be included in the Village Magazine.



The quiz will be available from Friday 7th July on Newtown Linford Biodiversity's webpage on the Parish Council's website:

<https://www.newtownlinford.org.uk/newtown-linford-biodiversity.html>

The closing date for entries is 31st August 2023.

Wildlife Walk Friday 7th July Bagworth Woods 2.30pm (or meet at Newtown Linford Village Hall 2pm)

Bagworth Woods is part of the National Forest and a reclaimed coal mine and tip. We hope to see Pyramidal Orchids and butterflies. The walk starts from Bagworth Heath Car Park (Grid Reference 468068). To help with coordinating transport, please contact the walk leader, Toby Manning, in advance (though this is not essential) on tel: 01530 245 298 or email: ptm@tobymanning.co.uk

Himalayan Balsam-pulling

Come and join us in pulling up this invasive non-native plant in and around the parish. The sessions are great fun and the plants are very easy to pull up. Meet outside the Village Hall at the times/days given below (apart from 20th July when we'll be meeting outside the Cricket Club). If you'd like more information, telephone Sue Dobby on 01530 245 366. We may be arranging additional sessions during July and into August, so contact Sue to keep informed of these. The dates so far are:

Monday 10 th July	4-6pm
Saturday 15 th July	10am – 12 noon
Thursday 20 th July	6:30-8:30pm
Wednesday 26 th July	6:30-8:30pm

Claire Costello

email: nlbiodiversity@gmail.com



THE FRIENDS OF CHARWOOD FOREST



Tuesday 8th August. Marilyn Upstone is leading a walk through the National Forest and part of the Ashby Canal at Moira, near Ashby-de-La-Zouch at 2pm. This will begin at Moira Furnace (parking available) with a description of this early nineteenth century iron furnace, now a Scheduled Ancient Monument, which was worked for a short time by Francis Rawdon-Hastings, Earl of Moira, to augment his depleted income. This was also where the mineral spring was discovered which became the basis for the spa at Ashby-de-La-Zouch. There will be an opportunity for anyone not doing the walk to visit the Furnace Museum (admission £3). There is a cafe and toilets nearby.

The Festival of Archaeology is running for the whole of July in Leicestershire, with some very interesting walks and talks. Information can be found on the website of the Leicestershire Fieldworkers, <http://leicsfieldworkers.org>. Some of these have to be booked in advance, so have a look soon!

Marilyn Upstone



Jolly Tots Playgroup

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PRESCHOOL CELEBRATES 18 YEARS

Caroline and Claire's preschool celebrated 18 years of being open in April.

Preschool Manager Caroline said "What an amazing 18 years it's been. It has gone by so quickly. It has been wonderful seeing so many children grow and flourish. We still see some of our first children who are now 21/22 around the village".

Joining Caroline along this fantastic journey is Jacqui, Sam and Janet who have been with her since the beginning. Over the past 3 years Amy and Tracie have also joined the preschool family.

In June this year Caroline and Claire's had their OFSTED inspection and are delighted to announce that they were awarded GOOD in all areas. The OFSTED inspector said she was overwhelmed by the positive feedback she received from the parents and referred to it as a "lovely little preschool as being like a little family".



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Village archive

The article this month is a continuation of the lecture given by Mr W J Waldron in 1919

“Again, to quote Potter: The house at Bradgate was inhabited by the family, until it was destroyed by fire and left in the state in which it now stands. Throsby mentioned that James I was entertained here, but there are no certain accounts respecting his visit. It is certain, however, that William III was here for some days; while there is a tradition that stables, which are on the opposite side of the brook, were erected in the short space of 19 days for the reception of the horses suite.

The story of the destruction of Bradgate House is thus told; It is said of the wife of the Earl of Suffolk, who last inhabited Bradgate Hall, that she set it on fire at the instigation of her sister, who then lived in London. Sometime after the Earl had married, he brought his lady to the seat at Bradgate. Her sister wrote to her, desiring to know how she liked her habitation and the country she was in. The Countess of Suffolk, wrote for an answer “that the house was tolerable, that the country was a forest, and the inhabitants all brutes “. The sister, in consequence by letter, desired her to set fire to the house and runaway by the light of it.

The former part of the request, it is said, was immediately put into practice and this celebrated and interesting Mansion was consigned to the flames.

It was not wholly destroyed, as Nichols, writing in 1804, stated that he had spoken to an Ansty (*note the 1804 spelling*) man, aged 84, who had seen that house at Bradgate entire.

It is impossible to close any account of Bradgate without a reference to “Old John “Hill, about 700 feet high and commanding, beautiful views from all sides.

A windmill formerly stood here, and like the present building served as a distinguished landmark in the county. When the mill was in existence, an aged man, who usually went by the name of Old John among the villagers, was its occupant, and met his death in an unfortunate manner. At the coming of age of, probably, the eldest son of the fifth Earl, an immense bonfire was made in the park, in the middle of which was erected a large tree or pole, surrounded by tar, barrels, faggots, etc. The pole being burnt through at the bottom, suddenly fell among the surrounding crowd, and accidentally striking the poor old man, killed him upon the spot.

The present building was therefore erected and named after him”

Iris Sayer

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News from the Brownies

In Brownies we made bracelets. We got to choose from loads of different beads, they were really colourful and pretty. Not only that, but all of the Brownies made get well soon cards for Brown Owl. We got to be very creative with what we wrote or



draw on our cards.

Then a few weeks later, we got to be taught by a qualified guide leader. We've learnt how to do ARCHERY!

Brownies have learnt loads of new skills, we also found it so fun and amusing.

By Florence Gibson aged 7



In Defence of Cake'

The first of the year's Coffee and Cake in the Garden was held in the Upstone's garden on June 15th, the cakes being provided by Sue, Jeanette and Lolita in a combined effort to make the most of the sunny weather.



The same day, I came across an article, 'In Defence of Cake', in a magazine celebrating the 21st birthday of the Mills Archive in Reading which preserves a wealth of documents and images of wind and water mills in this country. I am sure that the editors would not mind my sharing some of this article with you. It dealt with what is described as a 'reassuring article' from an American journal, *The Northwestern Miller*, in 1942, not long after the USA joined the Second World War. The authors argued that cake was an excellent source of food energy - 'by giving an agreeable feeling of fullness and by stimulating the digestive juices, cake helps to condition the digestive tract for its normal function'. But was cake a luxury in wartime? Could the bakers and millers justify continuing to produce cakes?

The key point was that 'as morale builders, desserts have a value somewhat beyond their nutritional value. At a time when methods and customs of living are being upended on every hand, homes broken up and numerous inconveniences imposed on the civilian population, there is no point in extending these inconveniences beyond what is necessary. Adding cake restrictions on top of all this will make only make life harder for people, not improve war production facilities or materials'.

The author of this article, Liz Bartram, concluded that, although not entirely convinced of the nutritional value of cake, she was left with an increased awareness of the role of cake in raising people's spirits in a way she had never thought about before! So, we can continue to enjoy the weekly coffee and cake sessions, either in gardens or the Village Hall, and whether as bakers or consumers, and feel morally uplifted by doing so!

Marilyn Upstone

SUNDAY SERVICES July 2023



DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN
2 July Fourth Sunday after Trinity	8.30am Holy Communion	
	9.30am Breakfast Church	10am Holy Communion <i>John Woolmer</i>
9 July Fifth Sunday after Trinity	10am Morning Prayer	10am Morning Prayer <i>Ian Dutton</i>
	6pm Compline	
16 July Sixth Sunday after Trinity	10am Morning Worship	10am Holy Communion <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
23 July Seventh Sunday after Trinity	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
	4pm Crumpet Church	
30 July Eighth Sunday of Trinity	Bradgate Group Holy Communion <i>at All Saints'</i> <i>Richard Trethewey</i>	

Midweek Holy Communion

Newtown Linford	These services have been cancelled for the time being
Glenfield	10.30am, Wednesdays 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th July

SUNDAY SERVICES August 2023



DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN
6 August	8.30am Holy Communion	
Ninth Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Breakfast Church	10am Holy Communion <i>John Woolmer</i>
13 August	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer <i>John Woolmer</i>
Tenth Sunday after Trinity	6pm Evening Prayer	
20 August	10am Morning Worship	10am Holy Communion <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity		
27 August	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	4pm Crumpet Church	

Midweek Holy Communion

Newtown Linford	These services have been cancelled for the time being
Glenfield	10.30am, Wednesdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th August

Most 10am services at Newtown Linford are live-streamed on our Facebook page for all those who are unable to be present physically.

Online Services

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CHURCH REGISTERS



WEDDINGS

None



BAPTISMS

None

FUNERALS

1st June - Malcolm O'Shea



We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends, and pray that they may find peace through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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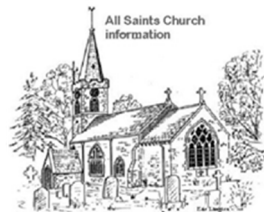
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Village Ramblers

On Saturday 10th June a group of seven took a scenic stroll to Bradgate Park from Anstey. Dropping down to the ruins and then up to an elevated section overlooking the reservoir our return journey allowed us to take in the summer fair before heading home-



ward. Bustling and sun dappled the park was its usual glorious host.

The next walk takes place on Saturday 8th July 2023 departing from the village hall at 2pm.

Rebecca and Jason Hale

CANCELLED NEWTOWN LINFORD SCARECROW FESTIVAL September 2023

It has been decided that the Scarecrow Festival has been postponed until next year.

After much discussion, the organisers believe it will be a better event if we hold it every 2 years and hopefully that way we get more volunteers on board to boost the success of the event and raise funds for our village organisations.



For any information, please do not hesitate to contact me, Jacqui Marsh on 07876 897256 or email Forestfitstudio@gmail.com and put Scarecrow Festival in the subject line.

Newtown Linford Tennis Club Danny Sapford 'Bright Ideas' Charity Day June 11th



An amazing day was had by all at the Club. What an opportunity for us all to take part in lessons by ex Davis Cup Players, raising money to provide free lessons for local Woldale School Tennis in Anstey.

Our competitors in the tennis league will be in major trouble from what we learnt! Danny and Luke give up their time for free country wide to help raise funds for this cause. Thank you to all who supported.





Mix In Afternoon & BBQ -

Saturday 17th June

A last minute Club get together due to the lovely weather forecast, all ages at the courts.

Thank you to Jason for organising the Tennis and those who did the BBQ. Those who supported get the greatest thanks.



Saturday Lessons are back including Juniors, Beginners Adults Express Tennis Course (6 Weeks no membership required), Improvers, Cardio and Team

A great opportunity for Mums and Dads to have a go and keep up with their kids!

For more information please call 01530 243433 or online at Newtown Linford Tennis Club Clubspark



NEWTOWN LINFORD BOULES



A grand total of 19 players took park in June's boules evening at the Blue Bell in Hoby. We also had 2 players from Sweden which I think is a first. A close competition with Adam Lever- Par- kin winning the cup for the second month in a row. As usual a fantastic meal finishing off the splendid evening from Mike and Clare.



Anyone wishing to play in the coming months please **contact Stuart Wardle 07891 444440.**

Rest of 2023 SEASON

Tuesday 18th July Tuesday 15th August Tuesday 12th September
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From the Park

It has been some time since I wrote a Bradgate Park update here so there are a number of exciting projects to report on this month.

Most recently we have held the Summer Fayre on the Park, which was a huge success for the Trust and stallholders and had a friendly, family feel to it. I hope you enjoyed it if you did visit as we aim to offer this type of event annually. Looking ahead to the summer holidays, the Visitor Centre will open daily from Saturday 15th August and we will have our usual selection of walks, talks and events on over this period – please see <https://www.bradgatepark.org/Events/>



Work on reviewing our carbon footprint continues and most recently we have purchased a cargo e-bike for use on the carriageway thanks to a Choose How You Move grant. This will replace some of our petrol and diesel vehicle journeys, be it for repairs, litter picking or meeting visitors at the gate. Look out for it on your next visit!

Over the winter we planted over 5,000 tree and hedgerow plants at Albaster Hay (the field adjacent to Roeclyffe Road, south of Swithland Wood) thanks to National Forest grants. We hope this mixture of wood-

land, hedgerows and parkland trees will provide an important wildlife habitat in the future as well as a pleasant landscape to walk through en route to the existing woods – we hope you will enjoy watching it develop as you cross the public footpath over future years.

Plans for visitor experience improvements at the Park continue and recently you may have seen that the Trust submitted a planning application for resurfacing an existing track across the park from Newtown to Old John and down to the Deer Barns. Thorough studies show this won't have any negative visual or historical impacts and the use of crushed gravel will improve the very poor, eroded surface that currently exists in many areas.

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The ruins are open

every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday again this season and thanks to a Historic England grant, a series of surveys and studies are taking place at the moment to better inform us of areas where repairs are needed – you may have noticed some of the areas currently closed to the public. We hope to have these costed by the autumn so that we can seek funding for the works required. We are also looking at repairs to the exterior of Old John Tower so watch out for works up there later this year.

I hope you have been enjoying the sunshine on the Park lately – let's hope we don't get the same level of heatwave as last year and if you do see anything untoward in hot weather (particularly barbecues and discarded cigarettes) please do let us know straight away, thank you.

***James Dymond, Director,
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**Information from David Snartt...
Borough Councillor for Forest Bradgate.**

Charnwood Borough Council Election.

Further to the information I shared last month about the recent Charnwood Borough Council election on 4th May 2023, I thought you may be interested in the current position at the Council.

At the Annual Council Meeting it was confirmed that an arrangement had been agreed between Labour and the Green Party that they would form the next administration at Charnwood Borough Council, with Councillor Jewel Miah the new Leader of the Council. Therefore, although the Conservative Party has the largest number of Councillors within one group they now sit in opposition.

Markfield Lane Development.

I have been corresponding with the case officer for the planning application for up to 150 dwellings south of Markfield Lane, Newtown Linford. I understand the case officer is waiting for the biodiversity information to be submitted, which will possibly dictate the number of dwellings that can be achieved at the site. The number of dwellings is also fundamental to the traffic generation. Once all the relevant documentation with the number of dwellings is confirmed, it is proposed to carry out a further consultation with all third parties and neighbours. Please remember any further objection letters or e-mails, are sent direct to Development Control at Charnwood Borough Council (development.control@charnwood.gov.uk), not direct to the case officer.

Lady Jane Mobile Home Park.

You may recall that planning permission was granted to develop bungalows on this site, plus the replacement dwelling for 532 Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford.

The developer has now submitted a new application for the demolition of 532 Bradgate Road and the erection of 7 dwelling houses with associated parking, landscaping and amenity space.

I have 'called in' this application to be decided by a Plans Committee at Charnwood Borough Council. I have offered these initial details. I note that the previous application was amended to erect 5 two bed bungalows, 2 three bed bungalows and one replacement dwelling house at 532 Bradgate Road. This was stated to be a suitable mix for the housing market and created dwellings of appropriate scale, respecting the site local context. From the previous approved application it was also stated: 'The pre-application advice letter referred to comments from a local Councillor requesting consideration of providing bungalows on the development site, and indicating that there was evidence of demand for such homes

within the village. As a result of the Councillor's comments on the proposal, the two storey homes were replaced by bungalows'.

In my view, this development is replacing mobile homes, which I understand were no more than 2 bed homes. Therefore, I agree with the comments made during the previous planning application, that the change to bungalows was appropriate to this sites setting. I also believe bungalows would complement the adjacent Bracken Hill development.

Five Year Housing Land Supply.

I have received details about the latest position with the annual update of the five-year housing land supply for the Borough of Charnwood. Being able to demonstrate a five-year housing supply is important because the National Planning Policy Framework says that local plan housing policies should not be considered up-to-date if the Local Planning Authority cannot demonstrate a five-year supply of deliverable housing sites.

Calculating five-year housing land supply is the system by which Councils demonstrate that they have enough land in their planning system to meet the requirements for new homes within the next five years. Supply is assessed as part of a rolling annual review process. This is designed to ensure Local Planning Authorities continuously meet their required contribution to national Government house building targets. A review is published annually after 31st March each year.

The latest data on deliverable housing land supply shows Charnwood has a total of 4.27 years of supply against the recently updated nationally set housing need figure of 1,105 homes a year. This is an increase in the figure published last year of 3.04 years of supply. This means the Council cannot demonstrate a five-year supply of housing, as of 31st March 2023. This has been the position since November 2020 and will continue to have consequences for the way planning decisions are made.

Commercial Anaerobic Digester.

I understand from information supplied by local residents, that it is likely that a proposal will be coming forward to develop a commercial anaerobic digester on land adjacent to Charley Road, Ulverscroft. Already there has been a public meeting to discuss the impact of this proposal with local residents.

Although this proposed site is situated just outside the administrative area of Charnwood Borough Council, in my view, it will certainly impact on residents living in my Forest Bradgate Ward, especially living close to the proposed site. Therefore, I will keep you up-to-date if and when a plan-

ning application comes forward.

Carillon Tower.

Loughborough's iconic Carillon Tower will be the focus of events to mark its 100th anniversary. Charnwood Borough Council will be marking the occasion with a weekend full of events and activities in Queen's Park on Saturday 22nd July and Sunday 23rd July.

The tower located in Queen's Park is one of the most well known landmarks in Loughborough and pays tribute to Armed Forces personnel who lost their lives in the First World War and subsequent conflicts. The musical instrument which is the Carillon plays the 74 bells at the top of the tower and is the only free-standing Carillon in the UK.

An open-air civic service will take place on Saturday 22nd July at 2.00pm, marking exactly 100 years since the tower was completed. Members of the public are invited to attend. A special recital will be played prior to the civic service at 1.00pm by the Borough's Carillonneur, Caroline Sharp, who will also be giving demonstrations of the Carillon and explaining how it works.

Full details about the Carillon Tower events can be found on Charnwood Borough Council website.

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Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



We'll start this month's NHW report with an important message from the NL56 Beat Team:

"Dear Residents,

We have received quite a few complaints of e-scooters being ridden throughout the villages. The main concern is that they are being ridden dangerously on pavements and putting other pedestrians at risk.

I would like to take this opportunity to confirm that at this time the use of e-scooters on a road or public space is not permitted within Leicestershire and indeed illegal.

You can have your e-scooter seized & crushed. Additionally you could be prosecuted for driving without a driving licence, MOT, road tax, insurance amongst other offences and as a result will be heavily fined, and receive points on your licence (if you do not yet own a licence because you're a child or never applied for one, the DVLA will create a ghost licence for you and endorse it with the points and history).

It is also really dangerous, as the majority using e-scooters do not understand the rules of the road/highway code and as such this can lead to a very serious collision, resulting in life changing injuries and fatalities. Don't let your children use these as it is really irresponsible. Protect your children and know when to say "no". This is one of your responsibilities as a parent/guardian.

You only have to google 'e-scooter collisions' and you will see the devastation that can be caused.

Stay safe and please share this message.

**Kind Regards,
NL56 Beat Team"**

Newtown Linford crime statistics as reported at the June Parish Council meeting are as follows:

Vehicle Crime – 1 x moped stolen and 1 x car stolen. There are no suspects at this time.

Criminal Damage – 1 x damage to car park ticket machine.

Anti-Social Behaviour – 1 x report of motorbikes riding anti-socially in Bradgate Park and 1 x report of ebikes being ridden anti-socially in Bradgate Park.

Best wishes, **Hannah Shaw, Parish Council
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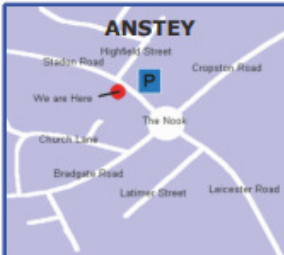
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News from Newtown Linford Parish Council

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Summer is finally here and what a glorious spell of weather we have had during June.

As previously reported, Newtown Linford Parish Council are investigating the possibility of adopting a small area of land by the river on the corner of Markfield Lane and Main Street.

The land is currently unregistered and over many years, residents have occasionally reported issues with tree branches overhanging the foot-path, overgrown vegetation and retrieving items that have washed down the river.

Newtown Linford Biodiversity have expressed an interest in managing this small area of land but in order for the Parish Council to progress this further, we are in need of Statements of Truth from residents who can recall work being undertaken there when needed over a period of the last twelve years at least. We have been told that the late Mr. Stan Clarke regularly attended to this area. Can you recall local residents helping out? For instance, when branches have overhung the pathway or vegetation has needed cutting back or even retrieving items from the river? If so, **please contact me** as you maybe able to help by providing a statement of evidence for submission to HM Land Registry as part of a possible application for Adverse Possession of unregistered land. Without evidence, we may not be able to progress this any further.

Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs)

In recent weeks, a number of residents have been informed of Tree Preservation Orders made on trees within the parish, both within and outside of the conservation area.

A Tree Preservation Order is a legal order which prevents certain trees from being cut down, uprooted, topped/lopped or purposefully damaged without permission. Borough Councils do this to protect trees which may visually enhance the quality of the borough's environment or trees which are a benefit to the community.

Other factors such as the importance of a site as a wildlife habitat may be taken into consideration which alone would not be sufficient to justify a TPO.

If you think that there are trees in need of protection, you can contact CBC to give details of the tree(s) and the reasons why you think the tree

(s) should be protected. Officers will then assess the amenity value and can make a TPO where appropriate.

Trees in conservation areas

By law, anyone planning to cut down or carry out work to a tree in a conservation area must give CBC six weeks written notice of their intention to do so. The notice must describe all plans and include enough information to allow Officers to identify the tree/s.

Tree owners should first consider discussing their ideas with an arboriculturist or CBC's Landscape Officer. Carrying out work without consent is an offence and may lead to a fine of up to £20,000.

Trees covered by planning condition

When planning permission is granted on land containing trees, it is usual for a condition to be imposed to safeguard the trees. The existence of a TPO will not necessarily prevent development but CBC will consider the risk to protected trees when deciding planning applications.

Once a detailed planning permission has been granted, any felling may be carried out which is directly required to enable the development to go ahead.

You can find out whether your tree has a TPO or is within a conservation area by checking the Property Notices section of the Local Information page on My Charnwood at <https://my.charnwood.gov.uk/>

Can people appeal against decisions on applications for consent under a Tree Preservation Order?

Following an application to a local planning authority for consent to cut down or carry out work on a tree subject to an Order, an applicant can appeal to the Secretary of State. The various grounds on which an appeal may be made are set out in Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012. These appeals are handled by the Planning Inspectorate on the Secretary of State's behalf.

If the local authority has not decided an application for consent within 8 weeks from the day it is received, then the applicant may appeal on grounds of non-determination.

The appellant may withdraw their appeal at any time.

The authority may issue a decision more than 8 weeks after it receives an application, but cannot decide the application once an appeal has been made and remains outstanding.

Further details on all the above topics are available from Charnwood Borough Council by calling 01509 634570 or by email to:

trees@charnwood.gov.uk

On with the news....

Bob Bown Memorial Field

Thank you to everyone who made contact following last month's article. Councillors and I are very grateful for the support shown and will bear in mind the comments received with regards to future expenditure at the park.

Cemetery and Churchyard

A faculty application has now been submitted for the installation of a new bench and hard standing within the Churchyard. The bench will be purchased by the PCC in memory of Janet Neaverson and is supported by the Parish Council.

Stay well, stay safe.

Best wishes,

Hannah Shaw

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