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WINTER 2011

## *Blazing a trail to London 2012*



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## Welcome to the Winter 2011 edition of Voice.

Since my last column in this magazine, the world of local and national Government has continued to be challenged by a tough financial climate.

In Newark and Sherwood we've continued to restructure and revise the way our services are provided, always aiming to do more for less.

Having saved £1.7m in the last financial year, we're getting close to our target of saving another £1m in the next. Our work doesn't stop there however and, as an authority, we will continue to strive to be as efficient and effective as we can.

All is not doom and gloom however, and through these pages I hope you will see that there is a clear drive to improve the prosperity of the district.

In housing, a project to build the first new council houses in Newark and Sherwood for 30 years has concluded with homes in Southwell. Also, the Government has announced plans for changing the way in which council housing finance works, and new incentives to support the Right to Buy.

Looking forward to next year, 2012 brings a host of exciting events including the Olympic Torch passing through the district on its way to the Games in the summer.

It is of course the festive season and I hope we can all play a part in boosting the local economy by doing our Christmas shopping close to home.

In our larger towns of Newark, Southwell and Ollerton and indeed in some of our more rural village areas, we have countless independent traders offering the most wonderful and individual items which are perfect for gifts.

Christmas of course brings the traditional family entertainment that it the pantomime and there is still time to treat your family to a night with Aladdin at Newark's Palace Theatre.

And when those Christmas excesses get the better of us all, your local leisure centre offers great deals and special offers to get you back in shape in the new year.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Councillor Tony Roberts MBE**  
Leader  
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eventually link the newly-dualled A46 to the A1. Newark town centre is benefiting from a £50m investment to redevelop the Potterdyke site.

This is the town's biggest scheme in 20 years, creating 800 jobs, improved health facilities for 17,000 local residents, a new bus station and an Asda store which opened its doors for business in November. It will also bring new retail units, a doctors' surgery and housing in the town centre.

We're working hard to increase the profile of the district and attract investment into the area. For example, we've recently been talking to a company that is keen to relocate an expanding business into the west of the district.

We're also reviewing what we can do to bring more visitors into the area and to grow the jobs which are created by tourism.

Even in a cold global economic climate, there's a lot we can do to help our local economy grow.

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Over the last few months we have witnessed the worrying impact of the debt crisis across Europe.

A lack of confidence in the financial markets threatens the fragile economic recovery in the UK.

We have little influence over the global economic climate at a local level, but we can do things that will help to create growth, jobs and prosperity.

In November, the council's planning committee approved plans to develop land to the south of Newark.

This development is part of the council's commitment to foster sustainable growth in homes and jobs over the next 15 years and will include 48 hectares of employment land which could generate 2,500 new jobs.

The development will also bring critical infrastructure including a new road to the south of Newark which will

## Giving the market a boost

Better promotion, loyalty schemes, entertainment and improved transport and access are all proposals being put forward to help secure the future of Newark Market.

A market has been established in Newark since the 12th century and the council is looking at ways of ensuring the market continues to be viable and offers value for money.

The proposals also include discount schemes, improving advertising and marketing of the markets online and through social media, attracting more shoppers with themed markets and entertainment and improving access to the Market Place.

For further information on markets in Newark and Sherwood go to [www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/markets](http://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/markets)

## New ASDA heralds exciting retail era

The creation of 300 jobs at Newark's new Asda superstore marks an exciting landmark in the town's £50million Potterdyke regeneration programme.

Opened last month, the 32,500 sq ft store is the centrepiece of a scheme which includes a state-of-the-art new bus station, retail units and, eventually, more than 400 parking spaces.

The fully enclosed bus station, jointly owned by the district council and Nottinghamshire County Council, has five bus bays accessed via sensor-controlled doors, plus digital information screens, seating, CCTV, toilets, a baby changing area, vending machines and a staffed information point.

Phase one of the Potterdyke development – on the site of the former council car park and old bus station – saw a new health centre and primary care trust building open on Portland Street last year, replacing Newark Health Centre.



District council chairman, Cllr Keith Sheppard (l) and county council chairman, Cllr Keith Walker, open Newark's new bus station

Additional planned new retail units behind the historic former Robin Hood Hotel are on hold after the council resolved to refuse an application by developers to demolish three listed cottages which form part of the building.

**Plans to transform Newark's Old Magnus Buildings into a thriving museum, community hub and English Civil War learning centre are gaining momentum.**

A near-£3 million grant is being sought from the Heritage Lottery Fund to help transform the site into a museum with community meeting rooms, learning spaces, a shop and a café.

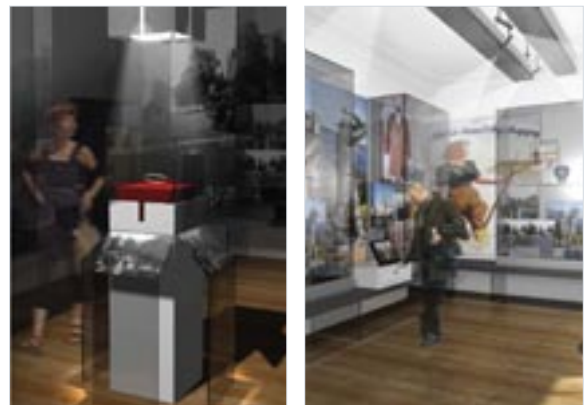
Offering adult learning, volunteering, music, drama, children's workshops and family fun days, the project also provides a chance for the local community to have a say in its development.

A focal point for local heritage, it will signpost visitors to our many tourist sites and provide exhibitions and activities in schools, community venues, leisure centres and supermarkets, putting Newark and Sherwood on the tourist map and bringing in many new visitors.

The council, which aims to open the centre in the summer of 2014, will discover next May if funding has been approved.

Have your say at:  
[www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/museums](http://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/museums)

## Lottery funding sought for museum project



# How would you prioritise co

Your feedback is needed to help us decide how best to spend your taxes to deliver the best possible services.

Our funding will fall by 14.2 per cent between 2010/11 and 2011/12, with a further cut of 12.67 per cent in 2012/13.

Efficiency-based savings have saved us £1.9 million during 2011-12 and we now look to save an additional £1.1m in 2012/13, as part of a four-year savings pledge.

- Do you support the council's approach to achieving savings?
- Where else should we make savings?
- The council wants to maintain frontline services – do you support this?

## Your views on future council tax levels

The council tax collected by Newark and Sherwood District Council is used to fund services provided by Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottinghamshire Police, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue, your parish or town council and of course, the district council.

For every £100 collected around £4.40 goes to the Fire authority, £10.11 to Nottinghamshire Police Authority, £10.15 to Newark and Sherwood District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council receives £75.34.

In the last four years, Newark and Sherwood District Council has frozen or reduced its portion of the council tax bill. We are asking you for your views on how we should set our council tax level next year.

The Government has confirmed it will make one-off grants to councils which freeze or reduce council tax bills in 2012/13, at a total national cost of £675m. While this would plug the £160,000 gap for Newark and Sherwood in 2012/13, it creates a potential problem the following financial year when the council would have to raise the £160,000 plus any other increases needed to fund services in the future.

To have your say on how council tax should be set in 2012/13 please respond with your preferred option (below) by emailing [pr@nsdc.info](mailto:pr@nsdc.info) or writing to Voice, Newark and Sherwood District Council, Kelham Hall, Newark, NG23 5QX.

- Cut council tax, even if this means big cuts to services
- Don't raise council tax, even if it means significant service reductions
- Raise council tax by up to 3% to reduce the level of service cuts
- Raise council tax by up to 5% if it means most services will be maintained

Give your views by writing to:

Budget Consultation,  
Voice magazine  
Newark and Sherwood District Council,  
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Email [pr@nsdc.info](mailto:pr@nsdc.info) or visit  
[www.newarksherwooddc.gov.uk/budgetconsultat](http://www.newarksherwooddc.gov.uk/budgetconsultat)

## Crunching the

A STREAMLINED new mail system is just one of the cost-saving initiatives introduced by the council in its drive to save £1.7 million this financial year.

Restructuring management and staff has also helped save £420,000 this year and, in the face of demanding financial challenges, it is exploring every potential money-saving avenue.

Up to £30,000 a year could be saved

# Council spending?

## Public have their say on theatre and local land plans

Future plans for the Palace Theatre and how best to use local land for housing and retail have been the focus of recent public consultations.

Theatre users and community groups were asked for feedback on council proposals to reduce its subsidy to the theatre by £99,000 a year to £288,000 annually. Part of the proposals included opening three nights a week (Thursday to Saturday) and reducing the number of performances from around 250 to 150.

The consultation on the Palace Theatre closes on December 9 and more information on the outcome will be available in the new year.

More information on the Palace Theatre is available at [www.palacenewark.com](http://www.palacenewark.com)

An in depth consultation into which areas of land in Newark and Sherwood can be used for what purpose was also held during the autumn months.

A supply of land for housing, employment and retail development has to be allocated for the future needs of the district and its residents. The council will use the information gathered during the consultation to define these areas and outline what kinds of development could take place there – giving local residents some certainty in how their neighbourhood may develop in the future. The process also includes the creation a series of planning policies against which future planning applications will be assessed.

More information on land allocations is available at [www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/planningpolicy](http://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/planningpolicy)

### Factfile:

**91,683** 737 wasp nests removed this summer:  
items posted between July and September

**23,000** telephone enquires dealt with by customer services (July-Sep):

People on electoral role in Newark and Sherwood: **85,821**  
**50,808** bins emptied each week:

## numbers

as a result of changing the former mail franking process for a 'cleaner' automated system, while a review of the council's licensing and environmental services functions has saved £175,000.

Restructuring the planning department has saved a further £215,000, after a fall in applications saw a core team put in place for day-to-day functions, with the capability to buy in expertise only when needed.

### Clipstone dance sessions

Dance sessions and a football competition organised in Clipstone helped tackle issues of anti-social behaviour around Vicar Water Country Park.

The activities were organised by the Bassetlaw, Newark and Sherwood Community Safety Partnership in conjunction with local councillor, Sheila Soar, Clipstone Welfare Colts, Pam Whitehead, who runs the local village youth club, local dance artist Karla Henry and Nottinghamshire Police.

The dance sessions were held in schools and Clipstone Youth Club and around 25 young people, aged 5 to 14, took part. The programme ended with a showcase of the new skills and routines to parents.

This is the second year that diversionary activities have been held in the area and the partnership is looking to run a longer-term project.

### Sporting best honoured

The district's finest sporting individuals, groups and teams were honoured at the Newark and Sherwood Sports Awards and Review 2011 recently.

Winners were: Junior Team:

**Jaguars U-15 Wheelchair**

**Basketball Team;** Junior

Sportsperson: **Dominic West;**

Junior Volunteer: **Beth Dickens;**

Junior Disabled Sportsperson:

**Oliver Pratley;** Disabled

Sportsperson: **Natalie Blake;**

Senior Sportsperson: **Adam Dixon;**

Senior Team: **Flowserve A bowls**

**team;** Coach of the Year: **Sally**

**Thomas;** Volunteer of the Year: **Tim**

**Burch;** Club of the Year: **Southwell**

**City;** Outstanding Contribution to

Sport: **Glenn Cobb** and Community

Event of the Year: **The Grove**

**School's Summer School**



Alex Jackson of Southwell fills out a form at the fair, watched by Vodafone sales manager Laura Thompson. (Photo courtesy of Newark Advertiser.)

## Job seekers fair well

Following the success of a jobs fair held in Newark in November, another job event is to be held in the new year.

Local businesses with job vacancies promoted their opportunities for work at a special free recruitment event organised by Newark and Sherwood District Council.

Contributors to the jobs fair included Nottinghamshire County Council's Making the Connection, Jobcentre Plus and Futures Nottingham & Nottinghamshire, to promote employment opportunities to local residents.

There were a number of different industry areas promoting permanent and temporary job vacancies through local businesses Vodafone, Timico, Phruit and The Enforcement Group.

Employment support services were on hand to provide careers advice, and support and advice on developing a CV, job applications and interview techniques. There was also information on courses provided by the local college and apprenticeship option, alongside volunteering opportunities.

Details of the new year event will be publicised in the local media, through posters and leaflets in Job Centres and on the council's website: [www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk](http://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk)

# BIN COLLECTION DATES CHANGE FOR CHRISTMAS

There are only two changes to your bin collections over Christmas this year.

## Christmas collection dates

- If your bin is normally collected on Monday 26th December it will be collected on Saturday 24th December.
- If your bin is normally collected on Monday 2nd January it will be collected on Saturday 31st December.

The annual bin collection calendars have been produced and can be downloaded from the council website:  
[www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/waste](http://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/waste)

You can also check your bin collection throughout the year with our online calendar: [www.nsdci.info/RefusePublic](http://www.nsdci.info/RefusePublic)

## Bank Holiday 2012 collection changes

<p>If your bin is normally collected on...</p> <p>Monday 9th April                  Monday 7th May                  Monday 4th June*                  Monday 27th August</p>	<p>It will be collected on...</p> <p>Saturday 7th April                  Saturday 5th May                  Saturday 2nd June                  Saturday 25th August</p>
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\*Jubilee weekend dates (4/5 June) are subject to change.

## Battery recycling to start in the new year

Batteries are the latest thing you can recycle in Newark and Sherwood.

The district council has teamed up with BatteryBack to bring kerbside battery collections to households in the new year.

BatteryBack is providing the council with collection bags which will appear on your wheeled bins early next year.

If you want to take part in the scheme, simply fill the bags with batteries (cover the contacts with sticky tape to help prevent any risk of shorting) and place the bag on top of the lid of your green/black bin on collection day.

Once collected, the batteries will be sent to a processing facility where they are recycled and separated into their metal and chemical components.

Similar schemes have resulted in excess of 12 tonnes of batteries being collected in a single year.

BatteryBack is a joint venture between Veolia Environmental Services and WasteCare services and operates more than 17,000 collection points throughout the UK, including major retail chains and thousands of council, NHS and school sites.

## ARE YOU BIN Smart?

### List of Acceptable Materials in your Recycling Bin

	Kitchen	Living Room	Bathroom	Shed/Garage
mixed paper & card	Cereal boxes	Newspapers	The box from around sanitary products	Card/paper packaging from DIY products
	Egg boxes	Magazines/Comics	The box from around the tube of toothpaste	
	Kitchen roll tubes	Writing paper	Toilet roll tubes	
	Washing powder boxes	Junk mail	Tissue boxes	
	Kitchen foil boxes and tubes - but not the foil itself	Envelopes - including the ones with the clear front	<b>All paper products are recycled to make newspapers &amp; magazines.</b> <b>The card and cardboard is recycled to make packaging for all of our day to day items.</b>	
	Cling film boxes and tubes - but not the cling film itself	Telephone directories, including Yellow Pages		
	Catalogues			
	Greeting cards			
food & drink cans	Clean food tins		Empty aerosol cans	
	Clean drink cans		<b>These metal items are recycled to make new tins and cans, as well as other items including cars and planes!</b>	
	Clean pet food tins			
plastics	Pop bottles		Shower gel bottles	Empty car shampoo bottles
	Milk bottles		Shampoo bottles	Empty slug pellet bottles
	Ketchup bottles		Conditioner bottles	Empty ant powder bottles
	Margarine tubs		Talcum powder bottles	
	Yoghurt pots		Deodorant bottles	<b>These plastics are recycled into new bottles, fleece jackets, park benches and even wheelie bin lids.</b>
	The 'friendly bacteria' drink bottles		Contact lens solution bottles	
	Washing up liquid		Bubble bath bottles	
	Fabric softeners		Bleach bottles	
	Kitchen cleaner products bottles		Bathroom cleaner products bottles	
			Make-up bottles	

**NO THANKS** Below is a list of common items that cause confusion, but are NOT allowed in your recycling bin:  
 Carrier Bags Coat Hangers Hosepipes Plastic meat, fruit, and ready meal trays Polystyrene Food Trays Tetra pak  
 Cling Film Crisp Packets Kitchen Roll Plant Pots and punnets Polythene Tissues  
 Clothing DIY items Plant Pots Polythene Toys

For more information contact your local Council or visit [www.recycleforntottinghamshire.org.uk](http://www.recycleforntottinghamshire.org.uk)

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Your local councillor can help if you have a concern about your local community or a problem that the council can fix.

Councillors decide on the council's key policies including the budget and the level of council tax.

Find your local councillor here.

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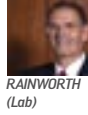
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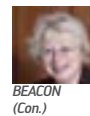
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# 'WE MUST LISTEN TO PUBLIC' – NEW POLICE CHIEF



New Divisional Commander, Chief Superintendent Ak Khan, says public safety and confidence in the police are his key priorities.

It's 25 years since he swapped his traffic warden uniform for a police one to begin his career with Nottinghamshire Police.

Based at Mansfield Police Station, he will lead operations in Newark, Sherwood, Bassetlaw, Mansfield, Ashfield and South Notts.

Having risen through the ranks, Ch Supt Khan says tackling crime and anti-social behaviour begin with listening to the public.

"I would like us to assume less and know more and that means listening to our communities. That way we can get to the root of the actual problems and, through collaborative work with our partners, solve them," said Ch Supt Khan.

Since 1986 he has been an Inspector, Detective Chief Inspector, Superintendent and Chief Superintendent, and also spent time as the Divisional Commander for Division A.

Before taking up the new role, he spent the last two years as Divisional Commander of the Operational Support Department.

## First new council homes built in decades, completed

*Southwell saw the final bricks laid in a £4m project to build 52 new council homes in Newark and Sherwood - the first in the district for more than 30 years.*

Completion of three 2-bedroom houses and four 1-bedroom apartments at Norwood Gardens in Southwell marks the end of a programme providing affordable, sustainable and carbon-reducing

housing across the district.

Two phases of 26 homes, varying in style and size and situated in rural and urban locations have been built in Clipstone, Bleasby, Boughton, Balderton and Newark.

With 5,500 applicants registered on the housing waiting list, the project – delivered with the council's housing management organisation, Newark and Sherwood Homes and the Homes, and Communities Agency – will help meet a significant housing need.



Left to right: Tony Straw, Newark and Sherwood Federation of Tenant and Resident Associations, Cllr Bruce Laughton, district council portfolio holder for Health and Homes, tenant Neil Simpson, Richard Tracy, vice-chairman of the board of Newark and Sherwood Homes and district council Chief Executive Andrew Muter.



The new toilets were officially opened by Catherine Dwan (centre, front) and district council leader, Cllr Tony Roberts. Also pictured are representatives from the district council, Nottinghamshire County Council, Newark Town Council and Mencap.

## New modern toilets cater for all

'Spending a penny' in Newark is now a much more comfortable experience after the opening of a new ultra-modern public toilet block.

With state-of-the-art disabled and baby-changing facilities, plus information boards, the new toilets are among the most modern and accessible in the country.

Built by the council and Oakgate Group, owners of St Mark's Place, the toilets are situated on the corner of the NCP building, behind Cartergate and St Mark's Place.

People with profound and multiple learning disabilities unable to use standard toilet facilities will benefit from having enough space for them and their carers, and equipment including a height adjustable changing bench and hoist.

The new toilets also have public notice boards and digital signage, highlighting leisure and cultural offers, Christmas opening hours and other information for shoppers and tourists.

There is a small charge of 20 pence to use the facilities, and opening hours are based around normal shopping hours, extended for special events.

## Visions of a better future for Bridge Ward

The public is having its say on major regeneration plans by the council to improve life on a Newark estate.

Various proposals are on the table for providing Bridge Ward with improved housing, sport and leisure facilities and employment opportunities.

The Bridge Ward Neighbourhood Study, carried out by the council with its housing and regeneration partners, also includes plans for better links between the Yorke Drive and Winthorpe Road estates.

Proposals include improved houses and a choice of housing opportunities, new pedestrian facilities, better integration with the local public transport network and new green areas through a series of 'pocket parks' linking neighbourhoods and the countryside.

If ultimately successful, this ambitious 'master plan' for the ward could be used to help other areas or even extended across Newark. It followed local concerns, particularly on the Yorke Drive estate, about increased anti-social behaviour and crime.

Public consultations are continuing and a report with recommendations will go to the council's Cabinet before Christmas.

## Panto stars set to shine



### Look out, he's behind you!

Yes folks, it's Panto time again at Newark's Palace Theatre – and this year's production Aladdin promises some true comedy genie-us...

Riding into town on his trusted ostrich to play Wishee Washee is funnyman Bernie Clifton. Known to millions from his appearances on TV's Crackerjack, and who can forget his show-stealing appearance in the Show Me the way to Amarillo Comic Relief video?

Bringing menace as Abanazar, an evil 14th Century Chinese sorcerer, will be Marshall Lancaster. Yet time travel will be no problem for the star of the cult BBC series Ashes to Ashes and Life on Mars as DC Chris Skelton.

Finally, taking the title role is Rob McVeigh, fondly known as Rob the Builder in the hit BBC programme, Any Dream Will Do. In the TV talent show to find a Joseph, he sang his way into the nation's living rooms and many a girl's heart.

Aladdin runs from December 7-31 and tickets are already flying out – oh yes they are!

Book now at [www.palacenewark.com](http://www.palacenewark.com) or call **01636 655755**.

### Don't give the same old gifts - give something different...a gift of fitness

Treat family, friends or your partner with a gift voucher for your local leisure centre.

You can buy anything from a week to two months' access to gym, swim and workout classes.

The gift cards can be redeemed at Dukeries Leisure Centre, Blidworth Community Centre, Grove Leisure Centre and Southwell Leisure Centre.

Gift cards are available at any time of year but also make a great Christmas present – better than another pair of socks or a reindeer jumper...

Coming up at your local leisure centre in 2012:

- Olympic challenges
- More free offers for you to bring your friends
- Exciting holiday programme for kids
- New online bookings
- New classes

More information at:  
[www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/leisure](http://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/leisure)  
Terms and conditions apply.

## Free parking for shoppers

Newark and Sherwood District Council is providing free parking in the Newark Livestock Market car park on Saturdays to help businesses and shoppers in the run up to Christmas.

Parking will be free on December 3, 10, 17 and 24 all day in the car park which can be accessed from the Great North Road (B6326) approach into Newark, just before the level crossing.

The council's cabinet member with responsibility for car parking, Cllr Bruce Laughton, said: "This is just something we have decided to do which we hope will encourage people into the town centre.

"We now have plenty of car parking available in the town centre but if people are prepared to take a short walk from the car park to the shops, they could take advantage of this great offer."

Also, the former Netto car park on London Road is now open as an additional pay and display car park, called London Road West.

The long-stay car park has the same tariffs as the existing London Road car park - £1 for one hour, £1.60 for one to two hours, £2.50 for two to four hours and £4.50 for four hours or more.

# COMPOST FOR CHRISTMAS



Do you want to give a unique and useful gift this Christmas? A compost bin is the perfect green gift that allows you to do your bit for the environment.

This perfect and original gift makes a great present for a keen gardener or anyone who has an interest in green issues or the environment. It's definitely an improvement on socks or handkerchiefs.

You can put a compost bin to use almost immediately by composting all the vegetable peelings from your Christmas dinner. This will enable you to start your new compost heap off and by next autumn, you'll have lovely free compost for your garden as a result.

Not only does it make a great Christmas gift, but it's a positive way to start the new year by helping to significantly reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill, whilst reaping the benefits for your garden.

To get your special offer compost bin and see other great recycling and energy saving products that could make great gifts, simply go to [www.getcomposting.com](http://www.getcomposting.com) or call **0844 571 4444**.

Compost bins start from as little as £15 (plus delivery if applicable).



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 **recycle**  
compost at home

## New Year, New You

If you overindulge at Christmas, make up for it with a new health regime, while saving money on your first cash payment. Between January 3rd January 31st, all our leisure centres are giving away half price memberships.

At the same time, join in with the Gold Challenge – test your fitness in a number of disciplines with an Olympic theme.

*If you sign up for the full Activo membership you'll receive:*

- Personalised programme
- Unlimited use of the state of the art fitness suites
- Access to over 35 exercise classes including Zumba, Spinning, aqua-spinning and hula hooping
- Unlimited public swimming
- Squash and badminton\*

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Blidworth Community Leisure Centre – 01623 466266  
Dukeries Leisure Centre – 01623 862469  
Grove Leisure Centre – 01636 655780  
Southwell Leisure Centre – 01636 813000



**Membership**  
share good times, feel healthier, enjoy life

## Would you like to make new friends?

Age UK Notts Membership is developing throughout Newark & Sherwood and with our support you can enjoy a range of activities, or try something new, all in the company of new friends

**Dancing, walking, coffee mornings, interest groups, holidays, theatre, exercise classes, swimming – and lots more**

Call us on **0115 841 4473**  
for more information



## Map points to area's collieries

*A new circular map has been placed atop a former colliery spoil heap pointing people in the direction of local colliery sites and other well-known landmarks.*

The map sits on top of the reclaimed spoil heap in Vicar Water Country Park – formally part of Clipstone Colliery.

The circular table is positioned correctly to the points of a compass and shows the direction of more than 40 collieries in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, some of which are still visible from the vantage point, such as Pleasley and Clipstone where headstocks still stand. Thoresby Colliery near Edwinstowe is the only remaining working mine in Nottinghamshire after Welbeck Colliery closed last year.

Local landmarks which are visible are also marked, including Cotham and West Burton power stations, Lincoln Cathedral and the Lindhurst wind turbine farm.

The council's Business Manager - Parks and Amenities, Phil Beard, said: "We hope users of the park will find this map of interest, showing as it does the mining heritage of the area. With wonderful views from the top, it certainly gives people a further incentive to walk to the top and enjoy the views."

The Friends of Vicar Water Country Park secured a Local Improvement Scheme grant from Nottinghamshire County Council to pay for the map.

## Charges introduced for planning application advice

Developers must now pay a fee for taking advice from council planning officers before making an application.

As well as generating valuable extra income, the council says the scheme – which applies to new applications only – will help curb speculative proposals and filter out poorly thought-out schemes.

Information submitted by applicants for the service has always varied, ranging from detailed layouts to general questions about what can be built on a piece of land.

Fees will vary depending on the size and type of development, ranging from a £40 charge for a householder asking for confirmation on whether they need planning permission, up to £1,000 for residential developments of 200 or more dwellings.

The council's cabinet member for sustainable development and regeneration, Cllr Roger Blaney, said: "It will also help to save the council time and money in making sure staff time is used appropriately and economically – something which is becoming more and more important in the current financial climate." More details are at

[www.planning.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/](http://www.planning.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/)

## Developers' levy will fund community projects

Millions of pounds could be raised through a landmark new levy on developers to help pay for vital community facilities over the coming years.

The council is the first authority in the country to introduce a charge on development, the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

CIL is now chargeable on the net increase in floor space, with charges dependent on the type and location of development. Retailers for example will be charged £125 per square metre in the Newark urban area. Residential developers' charges will vary from zero to a maximum of £75 per square metre.

An estimated £35 million generated over the next 15 years could fund projects such as rural road improvements and a new Newark secondary school.

More information at:

[www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/cil](http://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/cil)

# Village hall's new lease of life

Councillors, volunteers, residents, community groups – they've all been involved in helping turn a flagging community facility into a vibrant village hub.

Rainworth Village Hall has gone through a major transformation. It was facing difficult times and closure was a real possibility.

However, a small group of local people including Rainworth district councillor, Linda Tift, decided that they were not prepared to lose such a fantastic community resource and went to work.

The hall has benefited from thousands of hours of voluntary support. Volunteers now give up their time to clean and maintain the hall, look after the accounts and mow the lawn, as well helping to promote the hall as a venue for a range of events.

The appointment of a new management committee signalled the start of an upturn in the hall's fortunes. The hall's diary now includes bookings into 2012 and even 2013. Old groups have been re-established and new groups attracted. From live music, sequence dancing and ballet to wedding receptions, parties and fun days, the diverse use of the hall has to be seen to be

believed. Zumba classes and Jive nights make use of the hall's popular sprung floor, and 'Wrecking Days', where volunteers paint, clean and tidy the hall, are all now regular occurrences.

Cllr Tift has been involved in the hall herself since 1999 and worked alongside her late husband, Cllr Allen Tift, in ensuring the facility remained in the village.

She said: "Seeing the hall in freefall was the wakeup call we needed. Closure was on the table but we just said 'no', that can't happen. Too many people had worked too hard to see the hall close, so we did something about it."

"The volunteers brought so many skills to the hall and the balance of those skills has contributed to a solid group who work well together.

"Rainworth now probably has one of the best village halls in the county. The community should be proud of this and make full use of it.

"This has all really been a big team effort. Everyone has contributed and it's a real uplifting success story. If the Government

## History of Rainworth Village Hall

The village hall was built in 1929, originally as The Drill Hall which was used by organisations like the Girls' and Boys' Brigades, who were taught to march by first world war veterans.

Gymnastic equipment was used by boys who were instructed in the art of boxing and Indian club swinging. Girls were taught dancing.

The hub of village life was almost lost completely to a fire in 2004 but the parish council and management committee rallied and the new hall re-opened in August 2006, like a Phoenix from the ashes, to a grand gala opening

is keen on its Big Society, it would struggle to find a better example of this in action than Rainworth Village Hall."

The council's cabinet member for culture and leisure, Cllr Roger Jackson, said: "What has been achieved in just six months is quite remarkable and it proves that if there is a will to succeed, there is a way.

"The management committee should be justifiably proud and I am sure they will continue to grow the business of the hall and recruit more community volunteers to further develop the excellent contribution they are all making to the village."

Any existing or new groups looking for a venue can contact the bookings clerk for a show round on **01623 490382**.



Cllr Linda Tift (centre front) with volunteers and committee members, from left, Martin Atherton, Anita Mason, John Clarke, Jackie Turton, Janet Clarke and Peter Zachariah-Ball.



Olympic hopefuls Natalie Blake and Adam Dixon help launch the Torch Relay along with council chairman, Cllr Keith Sheppard and the chairman's lady, Mrs Sheila Sheppard.

## District on Olympic Torch route

Six communities in Newark and Sherwood have been announced as part of the route taken by the Olympic Torch Relay, where people from across the area can welcome the Flame.

The torch will arrive on June 28 next year at Kirton before calling at Boughton and Edwinstowe. The relay will call at Kelham and Newark, before travelling through Balderton and leaving the district, heading for Grantham.

Residents from the communities on the route, as well as those from the whole of the district, are being encouraged to join in the fun and show their support to the lucky people nominated and chosen as

Torch Bearers on the day.

The locations in Newark and Sherwood are six out of 1,000 villages, towns and cities announced by the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) through which the Olympic Flame will be carried by Torchbearers.

The council is planning a host of activities throughout the Olympic year to promote and encourage local participation in sport, the arts, culture and performance, which the event will engender.

These include sporting challenges and learning Olympic sports, coach recruitment and teaching values

through leadership – a workshop recognised as part of the London 2012 Inspire Programme. Also planned are a swimming gala, archery taster sessions, basketball taster sessions, sports days and volunteering promotions.

Pictured left, Newark-born England and Great Britain hockey player, Adam Dixon (25) is hopeful of representing his country at London 2012.

Adam, a former pupil of The Grove School in Balderton and a junior player for Newark Hockey Club, said: "It's great for the whole of the nation to be able to get within touching distance of the Olympic Flame – I'm absolutely delighted it will be coming through Newark and Sherwood on what should be a great day of celebration for all.

"Hopefully I will be at the Olympics. Ever since my childhood, playing hockey for Great Britain in the Olympic Games has been a dream of mine and I hope I can do the people of Newark and Sherwood proud."

Also pictured is Natalie Blake (28). Natalie took up power lifting in 1999 after switching from athletics. She competed at the 2000 Paralympic Games in Sydney where she was the youngest member of the GB power lifting squad. She finished 5th in Sydney but went one better in Athens in 2004, finishing just off the podium in fourth.

The 70-day Olympic Torch Relay starts at Land's End on 19 May 2012, before arriving at the Olympic Stadium on 27 July 2012 for the Olympic Games Opening Ceremony.

For information on events in Newark and Sherwood, or for help and support with your own events, contact the council's sports development manager on **01636 655709** or email **alexis.knock@nsdc.info**