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Welcome to June's newsletter

As the new Leader of Harborough District Council, I would like to welcome you to the latest residents' newsletter. Following the recent elections, we have another very busy month ahead with a variety of exciting events - plus opportunities to learn new skills, have your say, try new food and drink, celebrate our lottery success, enjoy some exercise, or find out more about neighbourhood planning at an innovative new conference.

Councillor Phil King

Election results

You can find all the results for the recent European Elections held on 23 May, and the District and Parish Elections held on 2 May on the [Council's website](#).

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Top planning advice

Did you know that we have 20 adopted neighbourhood plans in the Harborough district?

If you would like to know more about neighbourhood planning Harborough District Council is holding a free Neighbourhood Planning Conference on **6 June 2019**, from 9.30am-4pm, at the Three Swans Hotel in Market Harborough.

You will be able to learn about how to prepare a Plan, and how to make sure your plan has influence.

Workshops will be provided to assist in preparation for referendums, and for understanding how Planning Authorities use policies to determine planning applications.

[Register for the event here](#)

Project gives Richard a fresh opportunity

As an ex-offender, Harborough District resident Richard was struggling to find paid employment making it challenging for him to make better life choices and return to the work place.

That was until he was offered a work opportunity at the Grow on Space project thanks to construction company Willmott Dixon, Harborough District

Pay to park by phone

If you would like to spend more time shopping in town, or stay on to have a bite to eat at a café or restaurant, you will soon be able to top up your parking time remotely without having to return to your car.

Harborough District Council has teamed up with [PayByPhone](#) to introduce the option after listening to feedback from residents and businesses.

You will soon be able to pay to park in Council-owned car parks by phone, either through the PayByPhone app or by calling a telephone number displayed on signs in the car park.

The app also enables you to top up your parking time remotely, if you choose to do so, and can remind you by text when your parking time is due to expire.

Town plan moves on

Thank you to everyone who came along to our drop-in session to discuss the Lutterworth Masterplan. There was a lot of excellent discussion and ideas and these have been collated and will be included in the final masterplan which will be presented to district councillors for their input and consideration this summer.

Popular event is back

App to tackle noise

Did you know there is now an app for your phone which can help us work with you to investigate noise issues?

Excessive noise can be a nuisance, but it can also be damaging to health.

The [NoiseApp](#) is free to download for android or IOS phones. It will offer a smarter way of collecting noise evidence and allow Council officers to easily listen to noise recordings prior to further investigation.

Updates on the investigation can be provided via the app and residents can use it to explain how the noise is affecting them.

[More on noise nuisance here](#)

Day in the life - parking officer

A Civil Enforcement Officer? You may be asking yourself what this job title actually is, we are more commonly known as parking wardens or traffic wardens.

This article will follow a typical day in the life a Civil Enforcement Officer looking at the different tasks I have to deal with on a daily basis.

Council and charity Leicestershire Cares.

Impressed by Richard's dedication he was offered a paid job for the remainder of the build and invited to attend a fork lift truck driving course, to improve his employability skills further.

[Read full story here](#)

Don't miss the next Holistic Harborough event on **Saturday 22 June 2019**, from 10am to 4pm, on Market Harborough's Square with vegan, veggie, gluten free food, vegan bar, crystals, Fairtrade products, clothing, incense, yoga teachers, vegan cosmetics and more.



Civil Enforcement Officers are often thought of as people who just give out parking tickets and make people's life harder when trying to park. In reality our main purpose is the total opposite; we are there for the benefit of the public and businesses.

[Read full day in the life.](#)

Hop on the digital van

The 'Digi-van' is heading to a place near you helping to improve the digital skills of older people as well as offering some fun activities.

You can [hop on the 'Digi-van' and get free advice](#) on anything from downloading a mobile phone app to learning how to Skype. You can also ask about cyber security. Equipment is provided, but you are welcome to bring your own.

There's also the chance to join in fun physical activities, including seated exercise, boccia and new-age kurling, suitable for all abilities.

The 'Digi-van' will arrive at Houghton Pavillion (9.30am-11am), Fleckney Sports Centre (12noon-1.30pm) and Lutterworth Sports Centre (2pm-3.30pm) on **Thursday 30 May**.

Keeping areas safe

Residents will soon be asked to share their views as part of a review of special 'controlled zones' which help prevent anti-social behaviour.

Since 2016, Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) have been in place covering Market Harborough and Lutterworth town centres.

In these areas, Police have the power to tell a person to surrender their alcohol for disposal if that person is behaving in an anti-social manner. It is not an offence to drink alcohol in these areas, but people can be fined up to £500 if they refuse to surrender their alcohol.

A consultation later this year will ask if residents would like to see these orders continue or extended to other areas of the district.

Full details will be outlined in future editions of this newsletter.

Lottery - one year on

We need you to help us [celebrate one year](#) of the hugely successful Harborough District Community Lottery at The Symington Building on **Wednesday 12 June, 6pm – 8pm**.

We're inviting all the Lotto good causes to come along – plus any not-for-profit organisation interested in signing up as a good cause. We'll also be giving away a big cash prize on the night!

Let us know if you are coming at lottery@harborough.gov.uk

Play or find out more at www.harboroughlotto.co.uk

60p from every £1 lottery ticket sold will go direct to [local charities, voluntary organisations and other good causes](#).

More than 40 good causes are regularly benefiting from the Lottery.



MARKET HARBOROUGH CLASSIC CAR SHOW 2019

Sunday 7th July 2019

10am to 4pm

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Vintage vehicles

Fantastic food & drink

Live music

Shops & stalls



New equipment for play area planned

A play area in Lutterworth is set for a revamp as part of our rolling programme of improvements.

Plans are underway to introduce some exciting new equipment to the Mulberry Close play area in Lutterworth before the school summer holidays.

Last year, play areas in Fleckney, Great Glen and Market Harborough received a makeover as part of £250,000 worth of ongoing play area improvements.



Thanks to parishes

Thank you to all the parishes across the Harborough district that responded to our annual survey earlier this year. We have collated all the feedback and will be visiting some parishes to discuss how we can further improve the work we work with parishes to improve communities for our residents.

Big boost for tourism

In June, we'll be launching a new venture to support local tourism businesses to promote the district as a great place to visit. As well as a new tourism website, a new tourism guide will be published. Tourism contributes over £125m into our local economy every year. We'll have an update on tourism in the next edition of this newsletter.

Spring into action to clear up litter

We had an amazing response from people wanting to get involved in Keep Britain Tidy's Great British Spring Clean during March and April.

Nearly 30 groups across the district collected about 1,260 bags of litter – equating to 4.5 tonnes.

The Council has loaned out over a thousand pieces of equipment to various groups and individuals and around 460 people have taken part in the Great British Spring Clean so far. A huge thank you to all.

We have also successfully secured Government funding to buy equipment for both Lutterworth Environment group and Market Harborough River Pickers to continue their good work in cleaning up our towns and river banks.

[Contact us if you'd like to organise your own litter pick.](#)

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