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Councillor Phil King

Welcome to September's newsletter

This month finds great opportunities to celebrate the achievements of our District by nominating sporting heroes and growing businesses for awards.

There's a fantastic, innovative Dementia project launching in Lutterworth as a result of grant funding and opportunity for local groups and individuals to pitch to experts in the Dragon's Den. Organised by the council, previous Dragon's Den style events have proved very successful, leading to a number of local projects obtaining funding. It's exciting to see what new projects will flourish from this.

Also - Remember to have your say about the future of Market Harborough town centre at the Roadshow Exhibition on 14 September.

Day in the Life of a Customer Service Advisor

As part of our ongoing 'Day in the Life' Series find out what happens in our Customer Services team as they speak with the public on a daily basis.

[Read a Day in the Life of a Customer Service Advisor](#)

Harborough District Business Awards

Is your business deserving of an

Innovative Dementia Project in Lutterworth

A unique project encouraging

Who is Your Local Sporting Hero?

award?

Entering the Harborough District Business awards and becoming a finalist is an amazing boost for any business, offering excellent marketing and PR opportunities, helping your business stand out from the crowd, sending a great message to your existing customers and attracting new business.

Judges know exactly what to look for in the entries to identify the winner, the business that has that perfect mix of a great social media presence, a website, excellent customer service and good testimonials.

A range of categories are available to enter for, including **Apprentice of The Year** which is sponsored by Harborough District Council.

If your business is based within the Harborough District you are eligible to enter.

See the [website](#) for more details.

Closing date for entries:
30 September 2019



Market Harborough Master Plan

Come and tell us what you think of Market Harborough at our **Roadshow Exhibition**.

We want to know what you think the strengths and weaknesses of the town centre are.

What do you think the future of Market Harborough town should look like?

people with dementia to re-learn skills in a relaxed and friendly environment has taken a major step forward thanks to a funding boost.

Harborough District Council is working with Lutterworth Share and Care, Northampton University, Gazeley and Lutterworth College on the project which provides a 'classroom' environment for people with dementia to re-learn skills, as a group, to help improve memory and reduce the decline in mental capacity associated with the disease.

It is believed the project is one of the first of its kind in the UK having been trialled in Europe.

Harborough District Council has allocated £58,000 to help develop facilities at the Estates House at Lutterworth College to provide an accessible venue for the project.

Funding has been allocated from Section S106 money provided by developers for community projects and social infrastructure in locations where development has taken place.

People are invited to submit grant applications during the next round of funding; details will be made available on the council's website at www.harborough.gov.uk/grants



Nominations Now Open

Harborough District Sports Awards are organised by Harborough District Council and the Local Sports Alliance, to recognise and celebrate the great sporting achievements and physical activity projects that are taking place across the District.

From **athletes** competing at a high level in their sport, to our **Active Inspirational Seniors** participating in their later years to the tireless **volunteers** that make sure that the pitch is ready and the administration is done. We also want to celebrate our invaluable **coaches** and **instructors** going the extra mile to ensure sessions are worthwhile and enjoyable. All of which contribute to making Harborough a great District for sport and physical activity.

Get your nominations in by 13 October 2019 via the [website](#)

Street theatre festival Arts Fresco returns



There's open air entertainment for all ages when **Arts Fresco**, one of the largest, free street theatre festivals in the UK, returns to

Accessible play in Lutterworth

Mulberry Close play area in **Lutterworth** has re-opened after a project financed by Harborough District Council to rejuvenate a number of play areas across the District.

Exciting new accessible equipment has been installed, along with new surfacing.

Join us at **Harborough Indoor Market, General Hall, Saturday 14 September 2019, from 11am-4pm** for this exciting opportunity to have your ideas considered as part of an action plan identifying short, mid and long term goals for the town.



Market Harborough on **Sunday 15 September 2019.**

Taking place in the streets of the town from **11am to 4pm**, it will feature some intriguing, exciting, fun and interactive performances from professional UK and international street artists.

New for this year is an **Arts Fresco app** to help you to find your way around the programme of performances.

The app, developed by Market Harborough-based software and app development company, [Infonote Datasystems](#), is available for Apple and Android phones from 6 September 2019.



Play areas in **Thurnby** and **Broughton Astley** are also being improved as part of the programme.

Enter The Dragon's Den

Have you got a great idea for a project in the Harborough district but need funding to get it off the ground? If so, this event could be for you!

The next Dragon's Den style event could help bring exciting projects in the Harborough district to fruition – with some major funders ready to offer support.

The Harborough District Council organised event invites local groups and individuals to submit projects to be pitched to a panel of funding experts.



The event is being held at The Symington Building in Market Harborough on **Thursday 19 September 2019** from 9.30am to 4pm.

Places are limited but anyone interested should contact Alison at grants@harborough.gov.uk emailing the details of the project.

Merchant Navy Day

3rd September marks the anniversary of the outbreak of World War 2. Did you know it also marks the first major British maritime casualty?

Just a few hours after hostilities were declared in 1939, the merchant ship SS Athenia was torpedoed with a loss of more than 110 passengers and crew.

Although many hundreds of merchant ships and seafarers would meet the same fate in the years to come, 3 September is now enshrined as **Merchant Navy Day** in honour of the brave men and women who kept our island nation afloat during both World Wars. Who, even during peacetime face - and continue to face - the perils of mountainous waves and stormy seas

These days by volume, 95% of our trade comes by sea, and the Merchant Navy continues to be a vital part of our economic future.

To show our support, Harborough District Council will be flying the Red Ensign flag outside The Symington Building on Merchant Navy Day, 3 September.

2019 Recycle Week

To mark **National Recycle Week** local businesses are invited to come along to the Harborough Innovation Centre on **Friday 27 September** to receive advice on how to make their business become more environmentally friendly.

Hear from the Council's Waste and Recycle Team and Beth, a local business owner who runs [Refill Revolution](#).

Friday 27 September, 12noon-2pm.

To register your interest email: business@harborough.gov.uk

Free lunch will be provided.



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