



# #ExploreNotts

## Summer 2022



Bestwood County Park • Holme Pierrepont Country Park  
Inspire Culture Learning Libraries • Notts Outdoors  
Rufford Abbey Country Park • Sherwood Forest

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# This summer, there are a host of fantastic venues and events taking place right here on our doorstep

Councillor John Cottee  
*Cabinet Member  
for Communities*



Why not take a tour of the Winding Engine House, finishing up with a coffee and cake in the Dynamo House Cafe at **Bestwood Country Park**? Or perhaps white-knuckle adventures are what you're looking for – **Holme Pierrepont Country Park** is the place for you! Fancy travelling back in time this summer? A trip to **Rufford Abbey** can take you back through the years with their fun and educational Abbey Tales experience. Or perhaps it is getting up close with nature that interests you most? **Sherwood Forest** is not only a haven for bird watchers and nature enthusiasts, but also the perfect destination for families this summer as they host the Robin Hood Festival.

For adventurous activities for children and young people. **Notts Outdoors** are hosting events throughout the summer. Plus, there is a whole world of adventure to be had at your local library, with the **Summer Reading Challenge** running throughout the school holidays as well as lots of exciting events for families at local libraries.

We've also got some incredible events lined up across the county.

We'll be celebrating **Nottinghamshire Day** on the 25 August. This is an opportunity to celebrate the identity, heritage, culture, and local traditions of our county. It is a way to champion our local communities, to better understand and celebrate the histories and traditions of the places we live,

work and enjoy in our leisure time. We'll also be celebrating the lives of individuals who brought people together in Nottinghamshire

We're delighted to be hosting the first-ever **Nottinghamshire Day Festival** on 27 August, working closely with Inspire Arts, RSPB and Notts Outdoors. It promises to be a great day out to celebrate all things Notts, with live music performed by some of the most exciting acts from across the county. The day will be hosted and headlined by local soul and pop singer/songwriter Rob Green. You'll also enjoy time in the medieval camp of Robin Hood, Lady Marian and their band of Outlaws, and watch them do battle against the Sheriff and Prince John in an exhilarating two-part combat show Lionheart. You can even try your hand at axe throwing, crossbow shooting and catapulting.

The fun doesn't end with the summer holidays! Looking ahead to September, we'll have the **Tour of Britain** passing through many towns and villages dotted along the route between West Bridgford and Mansfield as the fifth stage of the race takes place. We're encouraging Nottinghamshire residents to create eye-catching land art along the route - I can't wait to see Notts get creative and once again make it a sporting spectacle to remember.

I hope you'll enjoy all that our wonderful county has to offer this summer!

# A summer of cycling for **everyone**



**Bikeability is today's cycle training programme in schools. It's like cycling proficiency, but better!**

From learning the basics of riding on balance bikes, all the way through to navigating busy roads and junctions, our cycle training programme supports young people in their journey to become safe and active cyclists.

In addition to Bikeability training in schools, Via in partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council, are now offering Bikeability Plus Family. A new course which helps families cycle more together.

The courses are FREE if you live in Nottinghamshire. Your family group must include at least one over 18-year-old and one under 18-year-old. You don't have to all live in the same household or be related but you do need to be keen to get everyone together on their bikes!

## How to Book

Full information on all the courses on offer can be found at [viaem.co.uk/bikeability](http://viaem.co.uk/bikeability) or by calling **0115 9774373** or by email [cyclesafety@viaem.co.uk](mailto:cyclesafety@viaem.co.uk)

If you like cycling, have you spotted the Tour of Britain is visiting the county on **8th September**? To find out if it will race past your house or school and how to get involved visit [nottsc.gov.uk/nottstob](http://nottsc.gov.uk/nottstob)

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Friends of Bestwood Country Park 



# Bestwood Country Park

Hidden Gem

**Dynamo House Community Cafe  
celebrates 10 years**

**Open Sats 9:30-12:30 & Suns 2-4pm**

**Free Tours of the Winding Engine  
House Saturdays 10am - 12pm**

Bestwood Country Park was once a royal hunting ground: the site of Richard III's last days before the Battle of Bosworth and Charles II's trysts with Nell Gwyn. Later, it housed Bestwood Colliery. The restored Winding Engine House and Dynamo House are open on Saturday mornings: a cafe run by volunteers from the Friends of the park group serves homemade cakes, raising funds for projects in the park to promote and enhance the area for people and wildlife. 700 acres can be explored on foot, cycle or horseback. The old pit tips offer amazing views of the surrounding area. Come and see what you have been missing.



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# Holme Pierrepont Country Park



**Summer activities for the whole family**

Looking for something to do with the family over summer? You can do it all in one place at Holme Pierrepont Country Park. There's a whole heap of water and land based outdoor activities including Lagoon Wipeout, Sky Trail, Mini Golf, Archery Combat, Kayaking and Paddleboarding. Whether you are looking for a day pass, party or group activity, school holiday club or a short break there is something for everyone. Book now: [www.nwscnotts.com/hpcp](http://www.nwscnotts.com/hpcp)



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**Inspire**  
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# Be a Gadgeteer this summer



**Summer Reading Challenge**  
**Saturday 9 July - Sunday 4 September**  
Join for **FREE** at all Inspire libraries

Libraries in Nottinghamshire are ready for a summer of fun with a science themed Summer Reading Challenge. Produced by The Reading Agency and in partnership with the Science Museum Group, the Gadgeteers are challenging children to keep reading over the summer break. Children aged 4-11 are invited to read six library books of their choice, collecting rewards along the way. PLUS! FREE Library Lab workshops packed with smart sketches and science facts give children the chance to work with an artist and author. Visit [inspireculture.org.uk/summerreadingchallenge](http://inspireculture.org.uk/summerreadingchallenge)



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## N<sup>O</sup>TTS Outdoors

# Notts Outdoors Summer activities



Join Robin and Marian to experience Sherwood Forest like never before

Discover the secrets of Sherwood; how the Outlaws lived in the forest and avoided capture by the Sheriff of Nottingham and his men with three fantastic family events.

**Sherwood Forest Outlaw Day** - 10 August

**Den Building & Orienteering Adventure Day** - 16 August

**The Secrets of Sherwood: Outlaw Tour of the Forest** - 23 August

Booking required – visit [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/summeroutdoors22](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/summeroutdoors22)



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**RUFFORD ABBEY**  
COUNTRY PARK

# Rufford Abbey Country Park



**Offering Summer Fun for all the Family**

Enjoy free Punch and Judy shows every Tuesday, Teddy Bear Picnics every Thursday, and White Post Wednesdays, where you will be able to get hands on with our friends from White Post Farm! Shoot some arrows like Robin Hood in our archery range, hire a boat on Rufford Lake and get a hole in one in our Adventure Golf. Or simply take a blanket, sit back and enjoy a pizza or a delicious ice cream!  
Open daily 10am - 5pm (late night opening until 6pm every weekend in August)  
All Day Parking: £5 per vehicle



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**SHERWOOD  
FOREST**  
WHERE LEGENDS GROW

# Robin Hood Festival Returns to Sherwood



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**Robin Hood Festival**  
16 July – 29 August

RSPB Sherwood Forest is bringing back the Robin Hood Festival, and this year it's all summer long. Enjoy medieval jousting and combat displays from the Knights of Nottingham (23-24 July) and the Cavalry of Heroes (4-7 August) and a Viking Invasion from re-enactment horde Regia Anglorum (13-14 August). We celebrate the work of the RSPB before the Sherwood Outlaws bring the Robin Hood legend to life for the Bank Holiday, when Sherwood also hosts the Nottinghamshire Day Festival.



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Celebrating all things Notts!

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## SEPT

### Tour of Britain 2022

Thursday  
8 September



Nottinghamshire is  
proud to welcome the  
Tour of Britain

The biggest  
cycling event  
in the UK!

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*The first ever*

### Nottinghamshire Day Festival

Saturday 27 August  
11am-8pm  
Sherwood Forest



Hosted and headlined by  
singer/songwriter Rob Green

Local live music  
Free to attend • Family friendly

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