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Life in Nottinghamshire

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Pictured: Lady Marian, Robin Hood and Little John of Notts Outdoors, the council's outdoor education service.

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Mick Barton

Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council



Welcome to our new magazine. The aim is to provide you with the latest information about what is taking place within the council, straight from myself and my cabinet colleagues.

We were elected last year by a strong majority as we offer change, and change is what we intend to deliver for you. We have accomplished so much in such a brief period. I want to keep you informed about where we are, and and where we intend to be in twelve months.

On most of the pages is a helpful QR code for you to scan and watch the video behind the story. For helpful contact details for all areas of the council and beyond, turn to page 23.

Read our council plan here:



Budget and efficiencies

I know it has been getting harder to cope with rising food and energy bills. This is the reason we did not follow the Government's recommendation to increase Council Tax by the maximum 4.99%.

Our promise to you in Nottinghamshire was to keep taxes lower and that is exactly what we are doing.

We have delivered a 3.99% council tax increase this year, which is one of the lowest in the last decade. We've introduced more efficient ways of working and scrutinised budgets. This will deliver £44.2 million in efficiences actioned within our administration. Examining the budgets will be monitored monthly by our efficiency review team.

Highways

I know roads are currently at the top of most residents' list for improvement. Mine too. This was one of our first commitments to you to ensure the highways have significant improvements. Whilst I realise there is still so much to do, we do have a plan.

I have introduced a right first time approach, which has just been rolled out throughout the county.

We are looking into having new equipment that promises to be cost-effective and quicker with repairs.

We do have further finance in the highways' budget, more than ever before to ensure that you see a huge difference in the highways over the next 18 months and put right years of neglect. As you can appreciate this will not happen overnight, but be assured this is at the top of our list.

We are investing more than ever to prevent potholes from forming in the first place. This means doing even more surface dressing which costs between £6 and £8 per square meter, compared to much more expensive resurfacing repairs. We are also bringing in more work crews to fix more potholes with permanent repairs instead of temporary patches.

Getting out in communities

Currently, I hold weekly meetings with my cabinet where we discuss all aspects of the council. We've extended our meetings into the community; no organisation is too big or too small for us to visit. We are interested in visiting schools, charities, community hubs and churches where we will discuss the issues which matter to you.

Communities thriving

We are committed to health and wellbeing by being at the forefront of guidance and support.

This includes help with stopping smoking, quitting alcohol, weight loss, increasing exercise or socialising to boost your mental health. We can also help with employment and education needs. These early interventions can have a positive effect on health and wellbeing and have a real impact on residents' lives.

Children and families

Our aim is to encourage more people to become foster and kinship carers and promote adoption. This will help to ensure that children in care have the best chance to be part of a loving family. We will offer support to anyone interested in becoming a foster carer. Please look out for our campaigns at sporting grounds and adverts across the county. Read more on pages eight and nine.

Armed Forces

We are committed to our Armed Forces and veterans' community.

The Boots and Beret flagship event, now in its fourth year, acknowledges the support to the armed forces community and will be held again this September. We will host a reserve recruitment day at County Hall as part of the Defence Employers' Recognition Scheme.

One of the most exciting areas will be our proposal to engage with the Op Valour programme. We are pleased to be working with external organisations such as Nottingham Forest Community Trust and Futures. A partnership bid will request funding for a one-stop shop to support our work with veterans, and their families, ensuring no-one who has served feels isolated.

Adult Social Care

Adult Social Care (ASC) remains the council's biggest budgetary spend. As the population ages, demands are higher than ever. The key priority is to ensure people have a place to call home for as long as possible. Key schemes like Shared Lives and Extra Care, are all vital to this.

And these will continue and, indeed we hope will expand, as they are the best method of promoting independence and wellbeing.

We will continue to acknowledge all the hard work by providers in events such as 'Proud to Care, and campaigns such as the 'Big Conversation' help to formulate our strategy.

Maintaining standards in residential care and nursing care are vital elements going forward and my colleagues will continue to monitor care standards.

Economic development and our assets

We are reviewing and improving the way land and buildings are considered prior to disposal and are working in a more commercial way to ensure best value for residents.

By thinking beyond traditional approaches, including development potential, partnerships, and alternative uses. We will maximise returns, save money and ensure our land and property assets are actively contributing to community benefit and long-term sustainability.

We are also focused on connecting local people to the jobs, skills and supply chain opportunities emerging across the county. Read more on page five.

And finally...

We know we have set ourselves a big challenge, but I am confident we will achieve our goals. Our efficiencies group will continue to identify further savings and monitor progress.

I hope you enjoy reading this year's new-look publication and the stories which show how we are using your money to build stronger families, thriving communities and a connected county.

Finally, I would like to thank our partners for their sponsorship of this publication:

Adventures, Arc Partnership, Foster for East Midlands Council, NottAlone, Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club, Nottinghamshire County Show, Veolia, Via East Midlands and Visit Notts.



Cllr Mick Barton
Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council.

A614/A6097 improvements set to begin from spring 2026

Major works on the A614/A6097 are scheduled to begin in spring 2026, with over **£47 million** invested to upgrade key junctions including Ollerton roundabout, White Post roundabout, Warren Hill, Lowdham Roundabout and Kirk Hill in East Bridgford. Funded by the Department for Transport, the county council, developer contributions, and the East Midlands Combined County Authority, the project aims to ease congestion and improve safety. Although some inconvenience during the works is unavoidable, every effort will be made to minimise disruption. Once completed, these improvements will deliver lasting benefits for all road users and the local community.

Key Dates

December 2025 - The final approval and funding confirmed.

Spring 2026 - Archaeological investigations will get underway in the spring at Ollerton, Lowdham and Kirk Hill.

Summer 2026 onwards - Meet the contractor events to take place. Main construction works are set to begin at Warren Hill and White Post Farm roundabout.

Autumn 2026 - Main construction works are set to begin at Ollerton roundabout, Lowdham roundabout and Kirk Hill, East Bridgford. All works are estimated to be complete by autumn 2028.



We're regenerating Nottinghamshire

Working with our partner, Arc Partnership, which designs, builds and manages our buildings, land and estates, we are building better facilities, new schools, supporting local supply chains, helping boost skills and creating job opportunities for young people.


Work continues at the Harmony House site


Horizons Academy


Chuter Ede Primary School

A new state-of-the-art school is providing 160 new SEN places (special education needs) for pupils between 7 and 19.

Horizons Academy in Mansfield, is a **£30 million** investment providing a specialist learning environment for children with social, emotional, and mental health needs. It is helping address the growing demand for more specialist school places.

Chuter Ede Primary School near Newark, is set to double its capacity this autumn.

These improvements come as part of an overall **£9.4 million** investment, which includes eight new classrooms.

Graduate Site Manager Lewis Hartshone, describes how the Chuter Ede project is helping his career.

Scan to watch Lewis's video

arcpartnership

We have ambitious plans for replacement fit-for-purpose buildings to help increase school places and improve learning environments. These include **South Wolds Academy** in Keyworth, **Leen Mills Primary School** in Hucknall and **Albany Junior School** in Stapleford.

A new temporary learning village for **St Peter's Junior School** in Ruddington is due to be ready by Easter 2026, with long-term plans being developed for a new permanent building.

Facilities for some of the county's most vulnerable young people will be improved thanks to the construction of **Harmony House**, a new, fit-for-purpose family contact centre in Worksop. Replacing the current facilities at Newgate Street, it will help deliver safeguarding services.

Hear more from Martha Constantinou, a Technical Apprentice who has been working at the Harmony House site and learning more skills.

Scan to watch Martha's video

Prioritising our roads







Our roads are essential for daily life - helping people get to work, supporting businesses and allowing vital services to reach those who need them. Like everywhere else in the country, years of wear and tear and tight budgets mean some roads need improving. We would need **£82 million** a year to maintain the whole network properly (nationally this would be **£16.8 billion**), but recent government funding has averaged **£45.6 million**. The issue is made worse by the impacts of winter weather which can affect already damaged road surfaces even further.

Despite this, we have already secured more than **£46.9 million** of capital funding from East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) for highway maintenance and we are providing a further **£20.4 million** of revenue funding. EMCCA still has some unallocated funding, so we are looking to get more money towards road and pothole repairs.

Better and safer repairs

Keeping people safe is our priority. Repair teams work 24/7 on urgent issues. We're also shifting towards more permanent, long lasting repairs by improving planning and upgrading equipment. Temporary fixes will always be needed to make roads safe, particulary in bad weather, but the aim is to reduce repeat visits. Lower priority issues are often handled as part of larger resurfacing schemes.

More improvements than recent years

Via East Midlands, our highways company, continues to perform strongly, fixing **99%** of the most urgent defects on time.

This year has also seen a major increase in improvements:

- **141** miles of road resurfaced or patched (compared with 38 miles in 2020/21).
- **57** miles treated with surface dressing - almost double the total of the last five years combined.

This proactive approach keeps roads in better condition for longer and makes funding go further, but we know we need to do more.



How we fix potholes

Some potholes need an immediate temporary repair to keep the road safe. We usually return at a later date to complete a permanent fix, unless the road is already scheduled for resurfacing. If you report a pothole online and leave us your email, we'll update you as soon as we can.

Highways in numbers

Total miles of roads treated include a full range of resurfacing, surface dressing and patching treatments.



Other ways we maintain roads

- **Planned maintenance:** jobs we know about in advance.
- **Surface dressing:** a preventative treatment that's cheaper and helps a road last longer.
- **Full resurfacing or reconstruction:** for roads that are too worn to repair.

You can watch short explainer videos on our website.

Highways assets we manage

Our funding maintains all of the following:

- **45,000+** trees
- **369** bridges
- **158,000** drains
- **96,000** streetlights
- **2,760** miles of road

How you can help

- Report flooding or road issues online.
- Call **0300 500 8080** for emergencies.

Report a pothole.

Could you be a **foster carer?**

We always need more people to join our fostering community and help care for Nottinghamshire's children and young people. When you foster with us, we provide comprehensive training, great benefits and extensive support. The fostering community in Nottinghamshire really is something special.


Laura

Nottinghamshire foster carer Laura has three children of her own and works full time:

"Fostering has opened many doors for me in terms of my own personal development. I have had hours of training and worked alongside some fantastic professionals to help support the child.

"I feel my own parenting has improved, which is invaluable when you have four girls in the house, three of them teenagers!

"Foster care offers vulnerable children a second chance and I recommend it to friends, family and colleagues.

"I hope to continue to foster more young people in the future. The vocation is as rewarding as it is challenging."

We want every child and young person to have a safe, loving, home to thrive in, and foster carers are vital to making that happen. We welcome foster carers from all backgrounds, there are lots of different ways to foster.

You can find out more by getting in touch with Foster for East Midlands Councils. Call **03033 132 950** or visit **fosterforeastmidlands.org.uk** to learn more.

FOSTER for EAST MIDLANDS COUNCILS





Together, let's shape a brighter future for every child.



Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire councils need you.

Find out more and enquire at fosterforeastmidlands.org.uk

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Technology that helps keep people independent at home

More than 5,000 people in the county are benefiting from technology enabled care that keeps them safe and independent at home, including:

- Telecare systems which link sensors for common risks, such as fires or falls, from homes to a 24-hour call centre. This ensures that people get help in an emergency.
- Standalone technology and devices that help people with memory problems remember daily tasks such as taking medication, locking doors at night or hydrating regularly.
- Support for carers living with a loved ones, including alerts if they leave home in the middle of the night, experience night time incontinence or try to walk unaided, risking a fall.

Everyday smart speakers and smartphones can also help meet social care needs. We have developed some guides about using your own smart device for support, including calendar reminders, GPS location tracking if someone is lost due to memory problems, or specialist medication reminder apps.

You can find these guides and learn more about technology enabled care by scanning the QR code

or visit **www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/TEC.**

Have things been feeling a bit heavy?

It's OK to not be OK.

NottAlone
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If you need advice or someone to talk to, visit **NottAlone.org.uk** - the place to go if you're feeling low.

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REAL TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

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Good news! You can recycle more

From 31 March 2026

Just follow these simple steps:

1. Rinse out your items and replace all lids, including trigger and pump sprays
2. Make sure your items are clean and dry
3. Pop your items in the recycling bin (loose)

Please do not put loose trigger and pump sprays in the recycling bin.

Remember **glass bottles and jars** go in your separate glass recycling container.

Yes please	No thanks
✓ Plastic bottles, pots, tubs, trays and tubes	✗ Food waste
✓ Paper and card	✗ Nappies and sanitary waste
✓ Tins, cans and aerosols	✗ Polystyrene containers and packing
✓ Clean foil and metal food trays	✗ Plastic film including crisp packets, pet food pouches and plastic bags
✓ Cartons and Tetra Pak®	✗ Textiles and clothes

Do not put batteries, vapes or electrical items in any of your kerbside bins.
If in doubt use the free Recycling Checker at
www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/recyclingchecker

Find out more about the changes at:
nottinghamshire.gov.uk/recycle

Nottinghamshire recycles

We Notts

Try our Notts-themed **wordsearch**

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Robin Hood, Major Oak, Sherwood Forest, Rufford, Bramley, Tarmac, MRI, Castle, Football, Cricket.

Words are forwards, backwards and diagonal.



Competition time!

From world-class sports to high-flying high ropes courses, you can find it all right here in Notts.

We've teamed up with Trent Bridge and Adventures, so you can enter one or both competitions for a chance for a day out to remember.



Vitality Blast

Win one of five pairs of tickets to see Notts Outlaws and The Blaze at a Vitality Blast double-header at Trent Bridge.

The iconic ground has hosted some of the greatest cricket players in the world, and now's your chance to see the action live! Winners will receive two tickets to a Vitality Blast T20 game of their choice.

To be in with a chance of winning, email **competitions@nottscc.gov.uk** by Friday 1 May 2026 with the subject line '**Life in Nottinghamshire – Outlaws**' and tell us your name, email address and the answer to this question:

Notts is the home of the original outlaw, Robin Hood, but which animal was Robin in Disney's 1973 animated film?

Visit **trentbridge.co.uk** for more information about the cricket ground and upcoming fixtures.

Adventures

Win one of five £100 gift vouchers to experience Adventures.

At Mill Waters, on the shore of Kings Mill Reservoir, you can leave the everyday behind as you zip, climb, bounce, paddle and play. With high ropes, water-based activities and a net park perfect for little ones, you can enjoy a day of family fun right here in Notts.

To be in with a chance of winning, email **competitions@nottscc.gov.uk** by Friday 1 May 2026 with the subject line '**Life in Nottinghamshire – Adventures**' and tell us your name, email address and the answer to this question:

If you were looking for a prehistoric-themed adventure in Nottinghamshire, where would you visit?



Hint: take a look at page 15 and you might spot just the place

Visit **adventures.nottinghamshire.gov.uk** to find out more about the activities available and book your adventure.

We Notts

Nottinghamshire is home to some fantastic places to visit from historical gems to glorious country parks and green spaces. Here's just a few of the attractions which are on your doorstep.



Rufford Abbey

An ideal family day out with picturesque grounds, places to relax and eat, and fun seasonal activities throughout the year.

Rufford Abbey Country Park, near Ollerton, NG22 9DF

Scan for more information



Sherwood Forest

Enjoy this beautiful ancient woodland, home to the legend of Robin Hood, suitable for all ages, abilities and interests.

Edwinstowe, NG21 9RN

Scan for more information



Holme Pierrepont

Home of The National Water Sports Centre

Everything from white water rafting, a relaxing camping hotspot, to world-class training facilities as well as amazing outdoor activities.

Adbolton Lane, Holme Pierrepont, NG12 2LU

Scan for more information



Bestwood Country Park

Country Parks

Destination for nature lovers, dog walkers and morning joggers.

Bestwood Country Park
Park Road, Bestwood Village, NG6 8TQ

Scan to find out more

Gedling Country Park
Spring Lane, NG4 4PE

Scan to find out more

Cotgrave Country Park
Hollygate Lane, NG12 3HE

Scan to find out more



Creswell Crags

Have you visited these gems?

Creswell Crags
Explore caves, prehistoric gorge and museums

National Civil War Centre
Find out more about 17th century life

Sherwood Observatory
Experience the wonders of space

D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum
Award-winning museum and gift shop

Clumber Park
Immerse yourself in nature and history

Welbeck Abbey
Country estate set in 15,000 acres of forest

Bassetlaw Museum
A little gem in historic market town Retford

Southwell Minster
Explore the Cathedral, gardens and Palace

Scan here for information on these and many more attractions in Nottinghamshire

Creating more special school places



A continued rise in the number of education, health and care plans means creating school places for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) is a priority.

We've exceeded our target of **490** additional specialist education placements: as of March 2026, we have delivered an additional **570**, with a further **284** planned.

- Yeoman Park Academy in Mansfield Woodhouse. Our **£2.31 million** contribution secured an additional **28** places.
- The new Horizons Academy in Mansfield is providing an additional **160** places (see page 5).
- Expanding existing maintained and academy special schools has provided an additional **278** places.
- A satellite special school in Mansfield with **24** places.
- Creating **10** new enhanced provision units at mainstream schools across the county has generated an additional **80** places.



A further four projects are expected to develop additional places by September 2027:

- Expansion of St Giles Special School, Retford, will incrementally create up to another **50** places.
- Expansion of Foxwood Academy, Bramcote, with a potential **150** places.
- Development of a SEND unit in Mansfield with a potential **24** places.

St Giles Special School

Executive Principal, Matthew Rooney, said:

"We've been growing year-on-year since 2020 and our additional capacity means we can welcome even more children and young people into our school family and provide them with the exceptional education they deserve.

"There is a huge demand for high-quality special school provision, and our expansion helps us play our part in raising aspirations and improving outcomes for even more children with SEND, now and in the future."

Supporting families and young people

From the very beginning we are here to help children and young people thrive.

Family hubs offer a range of help and support from pregnancy including preparing for a baby, child development, parenting support, health and wellbeing, relationships and communication, finances and employment.

We have 32 council-run hubs where families can access support, join activities with their young children and benefit from local groups in their community.

if you are a parent or carer who is unsure where to get help, then contact your local family hub who will support you in trying to navigate to the right services.

Our **youth service** offers vibrant, friendly centres across the county where all young people can enjoy fun activities and feel supported. When extra care is needed, our fantastic youth workers are on hand to provide guidance and help.

Young people can also take part in Youth Parliament, youth councils and forums, and be nominated for a 4Uth Award to recognise their remarkable achievements.

With hundreds of free and low-cost courses, events, activities, creative workshops and performances, **our libraries** are a welcoming space at the heart of communities.

We are committed to investing in our libraries as they are as popular as ever with more than **1.9 million** visitors over the last year and more than **2.9 million** books, audio and e-books borrowed.

With 2026 being the National Year of Reading, libraries will continue to have a packed programme of reading and learning activities. Our early years initiative, Bookstart, helps introduce babies and toddlers to books and storytelling from an early age.

Nottinghamshire libraries, delivered by Inspire, have even been recognised nationally for being a trusted place where residents can get online, learn new digital skills and receive support.







Your Council Tax



We know families are still finding it tough with the cost of living and ever rising food and energy prices, so we've kept Council Tax as low as possible at 3.99%, one of the lowest figures for the last decade.

Setting a balanced budget is the foundation of a well-run and financially sound council and this year's budget concentrates on the services that matter most to residents and where there is the greatest need.

The 2026/27 budget sees an increase in overall of spending of **£138.4 million** with investment focused on protecting frontline services for the elderly and vulnerable children in the county.

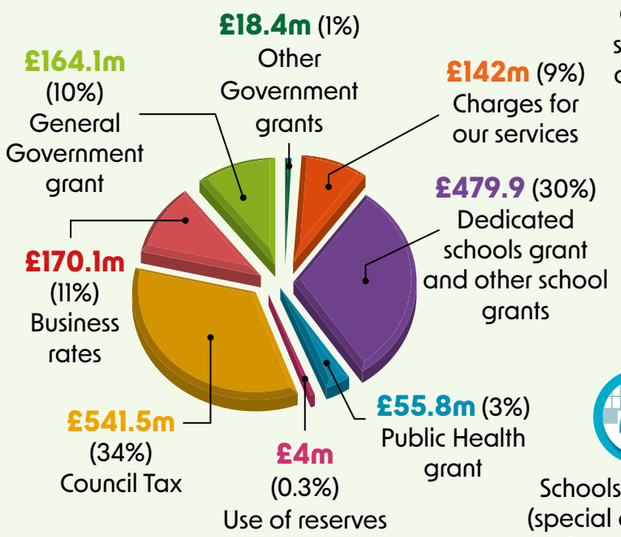
Maintaining our highways and making sure key infrastructure projects like the A614/A6097 are up and running this year is why we've ploughed an extra **£12.5 million** into our highways spending.

An additional **£76 million** will be invested in education and special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) with new schools, extra school places and SEND provision at the heart of our financial planning.

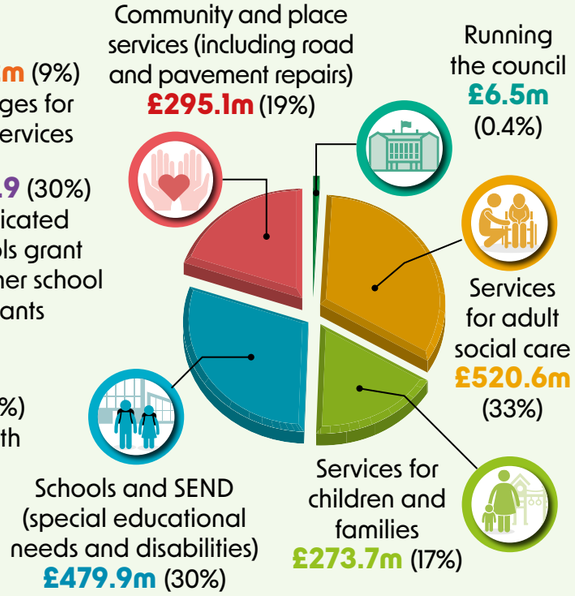
We're also committed to an efficiencies programme that will see **£44.2 million** of savings over the next three years, **£18 million** of which will be realised in 2026/27. That is our way of showing best value and prudent financial management for the Nottinghamshire taxpayer.

This is a budget that delivers for the people of Nottinghamshire – it protects key services, it invests in the services that matter most to residents, and it saves the taxpayer millions of pounds.

Where the council's budget comes from



How the council's budget is spent



At the time of going to print, these figures are accurate.

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Local Government Reorganisation
What will it mean for you?

This is a national programme led by the Government looking at how councils are structured. The aim is to make local services simpler to understand, easier to access and more joined-up for residents and businesses.

Right now in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, some services come from the county council and others from your district or borough. LGR could change that to a simpler, single-tier system where one council looks after everything.

Our joint proposal with Rushcliffe Borough Council is to have one unitary authority covering Broxtowe, Gedling and Nottingham City and another covering Ashfield, Bassetlaw, Mansfield, Newark and Sherwood and Rushcliffe.

Proposed dates

November 2025 to February 2026
Government reviews proposals

February to March 2026
Government's statutory consultation

March 2026 onwards
Government assesses consultation feedback

Summer 2026
Government due to reach a decision on proposed option(s)

May 2027
Residents due to vote in elections and new council(s) start to take shape

1 April 2028
New council(s) set to be fully operational

Take a look at all the proposals on the LGR website



Meet our community flood signage volunteers



We are proud of our award-winning community flood signage scheme which allows residents to volunteer to support their community should flooding or severe weather hit.

A 650-strong team of fully trained flood signage warden volunteers across Nottinghamshire are able to help keep those around them safe when needed. This can include putting out road closure signs to stop vehicles driving through flood water. All volunteers are fully trained on water safety and risk control in partnership with Via East Midlands and Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service.

We met some of our amazing volunteers below who told us about their experiences in the scheme.



Volunteer
Mike, Pleasley

"I have been a volunteer for two years and still remember the call when I was first alerted to the possibility of flooding." I enjoy playing a role in keeping the village safe whilst making friends at the same time!"



Volunteer
Nik Alexander, Colwick

"I wanted to volunteer because when my local area flooded for the first time in decades, I felt quite helpless. I was there trying to stop cars from driving through the flood water, and many ignored us."

"When we found out that we could create a scheme and have the power to properly close the road I wanted to sign up to try and make things better for those affected as it's nice to be able to help those who need it."



Volunteer
Abby Booker, Colwick

"In Storm Henk we saw that the watercourse backed up and this meant that the road and some of the houses were flooded. During this storm, a lot of residents really wanted to help and so we got together to distribute sandbags and create makeshift road closures."

"The county council were great at helping us to understand what we could do about it as local residents, and one of the things was the Community Flood Signage Scheme."

"We wanted to set up a scheme so that in the event of another storm we are able to close the road with the proper signage and cones, and hopefully this will stop cars from driving through the flooded street."

Hear more stories from volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering to be a flood signage warden, please contact our flood risk management team by emailing: **flood.team@nottscc.gov.uk.** No previous experience is needed and you'll get full training, personal protective equipment and access to refresher courses.

TRENT BRIDGE
EST. 1838

TRENT BRIDGE IS WORLD-FAMOUS FOR THE REMARKABLE CRICKET THAT HAS OCCURRED OVER THE YEARS ON ITS TURF.

BUT DID YOU KNOW IT OFFERS SO MUCH MORE?

A variety of spaces, with the biggest capable of holding 200 people and complete with sweeping views of the field of play, make the stadium an ideal host for any event, all year round.

Whether at midsummer, Christmas, or anything in between, Trent Bridge is the perfect place for your event, where tradition meets modernity, and complete with high-quality catering.

Naturally, the nation's summer sport is the main focus, with no fewer than 51 days of cricket set to grace the 188-year-old turf in 2026.

Trent Bridge is one of only ten grounds across the country, and the only one in the East Midlands, to host men's international matches.

This year, New Zealand and India face England, before cricket's greatest rivalry returns to Nottingham in 2027 when Australia visit to contest the Ashes.

Domestically, Nottinghamshire and The Blaze call the venue home, playing a wide range of formats, from fast-paced T20 clashes to the more sedate, tactical County Championship.

However, even once the nights draw in, the venue continues to maintain a buzzing presence, hosting football fan zones, local beer and cider festivals, and firework displays.

Trent Bridge is proud of its history and has seen many an unforgettable moment unfold on the field, but is now a year-round, vibrant venue open to all.



Are you scam aware?
Scammers don't discriminate.

Whether it's by email, text, post, social media, dating apps, fake websites or doorstep callers, there are so many ways that scammers can target you and taking just a few minutes to stop and think could help you to avoid a scam.



Here's our top advice on protecting yourself from scams:

Know how to report different types of scams.
Emails, text messages and postal scams can be reported in different ways. Find out more at the bottom of this page.

Make sure to take a moment to check.
Whether it's asking someone who appears on the doorstep for identification or researching a company you've been contacted by to check they are legitimate, taking a few minutes to stop and check is important.

Never share your personal details or bank details with anyone you don't know.
Legitimate companies won't contact you out of the blue asking for this information so don't give it to them or individuals you don't know.

Be wary of links and attachments.
Emails and texts can contain links to scam websites. If you receive an email or text which doesn't look right, never click on the links or attachments.

Speak to family and friends
Check with family and friends before accepting offers of help and support. Those who are genuine will be happy to wait for your response.

If something seems too good to be true, it probably is.
If in doubt, don't be afraid to hang up, bin it, delete it or shut the door!

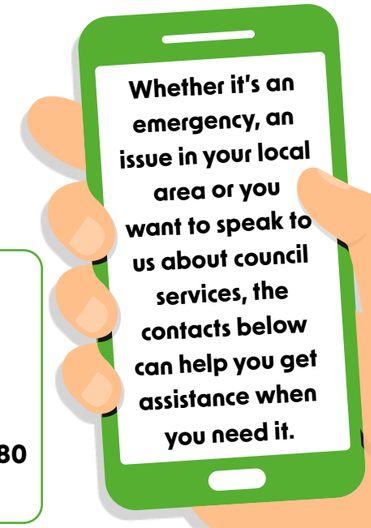
Ways to report scams

If you think you've spotted a scam, you can report it to the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133.

Scam text messages can be forwarded for free to 7726.

If you've received a scam email, also known as phishing emails, you can forward them to: report@phishing.gov.uk

Who you gonna call?



Nottinghamshire County Council:

Contact our customer services centre: **0300 500 8080.**
Report a highways issue, including potholes:
www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/highways-hub

For urgent issues with highway drains contact: **0300 5008080**
If out of hours, contact: **01253 502776** (First Call)

In your local area:

Including queries on clearing leaves and drain blockages

Ashfield District Council: **01623 450000**

Bassetlaw District Council: **01909 533533**

Broxtowe Borough Council: **0115 917 7777**

Gedling Borough Council: **0115 901 3901**

Mansfield District Council: **01623 463463**

Newark and Sherwood District Council: **01636 650 000**

Rushcliffe Borough Council: **0115 981 9911**

Emergency services and health:

Police, fire and ambulance: **999**

For medical advice: **111**

Non-emergency police queries: **101**

Domestic violence support:

Juno Women's Aid 24-hour helpline: **0808 800 0340**

Respect Men's Advice Line: **0808 8010327**

For help with scams:

Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline: **0808 223 1133**

Utilities:

If there's a power cut, contact the National Grid on: **0800 6783 105**

For sewer issues contact Severn Trent Water on: **0800 783 4444**

Alternative provider for specific areas:

Anglian Water: **03457 145145**

Smell gas or suspect a gas leak? Call National Gas: **0800 111 999**

Environment Agency (responsible for rivers) Incident hotline **0800 80 70 60** (24-hour)

Mental health:

Crisis Sanctuaries for a mental health crisis: **0330 822 4100**

NottAlone: **nottalone.org.uk**



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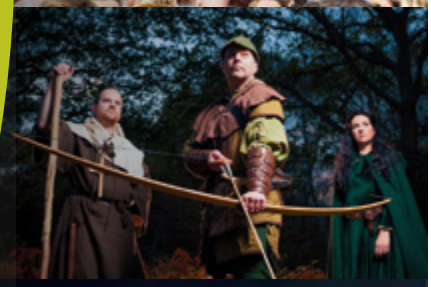


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9 MAY
NEWARK SHOWGROUND

BEYOND VAN GOGH & BEYOND MONET
18 JULY - 7 AUGUST
MOTORPOINT ARENA NOTTINGHAM



SPLENDOUR FESTIVAL
18 & 19 JULY
WOLLATON HALL & DEER PARK



ROBIN HOOD FESTIVAL
1 - 31 AUGUST (VARIOUS DATES)
RSPB SHERWOOD FOREST

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE DAY
25 AUGUST

GOOSE FAIR
END OF SEPTEMBER - EARLY OCTOBER
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