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We're highlighting some of the amazing events coming up over the next few months especially as many celebrate the week's theme this year - Supporting Tourism, the Heart of our Communities.   There's something for everyone in 2024 with everything from crafty art installations to live music events and historical reenactments.  Kicking it off is [Lubbesthorpe Alive](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=6d7c4861d3&e=b35e37413a) and its LubbFest on Saturday 15 June, back with the third community music and food festival.  Then check out [Cosby Yarn Bomb](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=674faf7b3b&e=b35e37413a) summer festival from Wednesday 10 to Wednesday 31 July with this year's theme being Fun and Games, Mischief and Mayhem.  More tunes are on offer at [GlastonBlaby Charity Music Festival](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=62a5a93dc9&e=b35e37413a" \t "_blank) on Saturday 20 July, the annual charity music festival with fantastic live bands and singers.  Then take a trip back in time for [The Victory Show](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=db4e3fd7fd&e=b35e37413a) from Friday 30 August to Sunday 1 September,  the largest Second World War re-enactment weekend event of its kind in the UK.  To find out more about these events and more things to do in Blaby District use the link below: | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Visit Blaby District**](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=850a475468&e=b35e37413a) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **💻  Internet training** | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Internet image | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | If you feel you would benefit from brushing up on your digital skills then why not sign up for our free course - Get Internet Savvy.  There are two sessions running from 10am to noon on  Wednesday 10 and 17 April 2024 at the Adult Learning Centre, Townsend Road, Enderby.  The course will include information on how to stay safe using the internet, using websites and accessing information, using forward and back buttons and adding sites to favourites.  There will also be advice on finding out about services offered by Blaby District Council.  For more information and to book your free place call 0800 988 0308 and quote 23EN527N. Eligibility requirements apply. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **🍔 Check out who is meeting hygiene standards** | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Food hygiene rating sign | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Here are some of the latest hygiene ratings from our inspectors in the environmental health department:  **Rated 5 - Hygiene standards are very good**   * K and M Bakes, private address * Lilliput Montessori Day Nursery, The Thomas Boyer Centre, Forest House Lane    Leicester Forest East * Smiles Manorfield, Manorfield C of E Primary School, Station Road, Stoney Stanton * David Lloyd Leisure, Carlton Park, King Edward Avenue * Busy Bees at Leicester Meridian, Unit G, Meridian Leisure Park, Braunstone Town * The Old Vicarage, 123 Enderby Road, Whetstone * Oriental House, 81 Henley Crescent, Braunstone Town   **Rated 4 - Hygiene standards are good**   * Abduls Indian Cuisine, 4 Main Street, Huncote   For more information on hygiene standards and ratings use the link below: | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Food Standards Agency**](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=e53563c243&e=b35e37413a) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **🚮 Keep the District tidy for the Great British Spring Clean** | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Litter picking | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Today is the launch of the annual Great British Spring Clean (Friday 15 March to Sunday 31 March) and Blaby District Council is highlighting how we can all do our bit to Keep Britain Tidy.  Last year the campaign saw more than 400,000 bags of litter collected by volunteers up and down the country. As Keep Britain Tidy celebrates its platinum anniversary they're asking as many agencies and individuals as possible to help them beat last year's total. See: [Great British Spring Clean](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=7ad5ae1a4e&e=b35e37413a)  Millions of tonnes of litter are dropped every year, costing the public purse more than £1billion annually to clear up.  In the District an enthusiastic group of volunteers including the South Leicestershire Litter Wombles regularly carry out litter picking.  But anyone can get involved. We have equipment available and will pick up the bagged litter. For more information use the link below: | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Be a litter picker**](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=69e72a88cc&e=b35e37413a) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **🍂 There's still time to sign up to our garden waste service** | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Lawnmower on grass | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | There may have been a lot of rain recently but it's officially spring, the bulbs are blooming and the grass is growing. And there's still time to sign up to our 2024-25 garden waste service.  Garden waste is collected on the same day as recycling, every two weeks from March to November. The current subscription period ends on 31 March so anyone wanting to continue with the service or subscribe as a new customer is urged to take action.   The deadline to subscribe and make sure you are eligible for **all collections** is tomorrow, **Saturday 16 March.** So sign up now and get your garden waste collected from this month up until November.  However, you can still sign up after Saturday, it just means you will not be eligible for all nine collections, only those applicable from the start of the subscription.  This year the garden waste sticker is pink. Only bins with a valid sticker will be collected so stickers should be put in a prominent place where they are easy to spot.  There are two bin sizes available. Online prices for 2024-25 are:   * 140-litre small bin - £30 * 240-litre large bin - £44   Subscribers can pay online by debit or credit card. If you wish to pay by phone there’s an extra £2.50 charge.   For more information, to check if you already have a subscription and to subscribe, use the link below: | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Garden waste collections**](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=0e3a877eb0&e=b35e37413a) | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **🐕 Nuisance dog barking prosecution** | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Barking dog | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A Kirby Muxloe couple whose dogs disturbed neighbours with a ‘frenzy of barking’ at all times of the day and night have been prosecuted.  The case against Monic Edwards and Andy Pedu Nelson, from Roundhill, was proved in their absence at Leicester Magistrates’ Court. They were ordered to pay almost £4,000 each for failing to control their noisy animals and so breaching a noise abatement notice.  The court heard Edwards and Pedu Nelson received an initial noise warning letter from the Environmental Health Team at Blaby District Council in March 2023. The letter followed neighbour email complaints and audio recordings uploaded on a Council reporting app.   Officers were satisfied the barking from the eight large dogs kennelled in the couple's garden was a potential statutory nuisance. When neighbour complaints intensified a noise abatement notice was issued. Despite this the couple failed to control the dog barking causing a nuisance and so Blaby District Council decided to prosecute.  To read more use the link below: | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Nuisance dog barking prosecution**](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=2c2f21890d&e=b35e37413a) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **🗳️ Police and Crime Commissioner Election** | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | People holding letters spelling vote | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | There may not be a General Election on the cards this May but voters in Blaby District will still be asked to go to the polls.  Thursday 2 May sees the next Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) elections across England and Wales, including in Leicestershire.  Like any election people will need to be registered to vote to be able to cast their ballot. If you are not registered it takes minutes to sign up here: [Register to vote](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=74e3bbf8cb&e=b35e37413a)  You can also apply for a postal vote if you won't be able to get to a polling station on Thursday 2 May. For more information and to apply visit: [Postal voting](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=9bf9eec839&e=b35e37413a)  Remember you also need a form of approved photo ID to vote in any election. For more details visit: [Voter ID](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=158476a06d&e=b35e37413a)  We'll share more details on the election in the next few weeks. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **🚚 Bank Holiday bin collection changes** | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Bins | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With Easter looming it's a good time to remind those customers with Monday bin collections that we now collect on bank holidays.  In previous years we asked you to put your bins out on a Saturday, but following feedback we now collect on bank holidays, as you can see on your bin hanger.  Please put out your bin by 6.30am on your collection day. This applies to refuse, recycling and, when applicable, garden waste bins. Monday collections now include the four Bank Holiday Mondays between April and August.  To find out what your collection day is use the link below: | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Bin collection dates**](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=3636c89d74&e=b35e37413a) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **⚠️ Let's ease your lower back pain** | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Someone with hands on their lower back indicating pain | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Back pain is a common complaint experienced by many at some point in their life. According to medical experts current prevalence in the UK is thought to be 46.5% and can range from single sharp pains to a chronic pain that impedes mobility or the ability to do day-to-day tasks.  Lower back pain is one of the most common forms of the condition and can be influenced by many different factors including ageing, injury, obesity and lack of exercise or too much exercise.  If you suffer from lower back pain why not join our friendly, specialised class with instructor Helen on Tuesdays from 3.45pm to 4.45pm at Enderby Leisure Centre. Sessions cost £5.  Spaces are available at these sessions which involve low impact cardio and Pilates style exercises tailored to improving mobility, strengthening your lower back and alleviating discomfort. All ages and fitness levels welcome.  To register, fill in the self-referral form you can find here: [Blaby referral](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=30a85baf07&e=b35e37413a) and select Back 2 It + from the programme options. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **🎈 Are you celebraing D-Day?** | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Union flags | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | This June 6 marks the 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings in Normandy, the Allied offensive which heralded the beginning of the end of the Second World War.  The landings were the largest seaborne invasion in history and marked the beginning of the liberation of France and Western Europe. There will be celebrations marking the anniversary with events in the UK and in Normandy on Thursday 6 June 2024, as well as with community events around the UK.  If you or anyone you know would like to join in the festivities and hold an event or street party then please be aware you need to apply to Leicestershire County Council if you want any type of street closure.  All fees associated with the legal application have been waived for the D-Day 80th anniversary and the application time reduced to seven weeks. The information you have to submit will also not need to be as in-depth as a usual application. The last day to apply is Friday 12 April.  For more information and to apply use the link below: | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**D-Day 80 celebrations**](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=8179844abf&e=b35e37413a) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Damaged bins graphic](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=8c97b19734&e=b35e37413a) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Blaby District Council graphic "A great place to live, work and visit" | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | |