**Issue 26** of our Parish and Communities update can be found below.

Please continue to let us know what you think, your feedback is important to us and will allow us to improve our services to you.

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NEWS

**Muddy roads**

Farming work is an important part of our rural economy in Leicestershire, but ongoing poor weather conditions can make it difficult for farmers to avoid leaving trails of mud on roads throughout the autumn and winter months.

Muddy roads can be difficult for road users, and we want to reassure you that the National Farmers’ Union regularly provides advice on this issue to farmers directly. They encourage the use of ‘Slippery Road Surface’ and ‘Mud on Road’ warning signs, cleaning vehicles before driving them on public routes, as well as including road sweeping and cleansing in their routine ploughing, spraying and harvesting operations.

Where required, district councils will cleanse muddy roads as part of their environmental duties. The county council may provide additional warning signage for motorists when needed and may even serve notice to those who continually muddy roads as a last resort, as well as recovering expenses incurred, in line with the Highways Act 1980.

If you notice a muddy road which has not been cleansed in your area, please contact us via [‘Report a road problem’](https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-maintenance/report-a-road-problem) online form or by email cscparishes@leics.gov.uk  so that an assessment can be carried out.

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REMINDERS

* **Recycling and Waste**

All of the recycling and household waste sites close at **4pm** over the winter months (on the days they're usually open) last admittance is at 3.55pm. As always, please check our [website](https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/waste-and-recycling/find-a-recycling-and-household-waste-site) in preparation for your visit as some sites are unable to accept certain materials and in extreme cases sites may have to be closed until there is sufficient capacity to run them safely.

Disposal of batteries – reminder that discarded batteries can cause fires.  Information on how to recycle batteries correctly can be found on the [Take Charge site](https://www.takecharge.org.uk/).   General information on recycling can be found on our Welcome to [Lesswaste site](https://www.lesswaste.org.uk/).

* **Free Fare Super Saturdays**

People across Leicestershire can take advantage of free bus travel this autumn, details below:

* + WHEN – All Saturdays between 19th October and 30th November 2024 inclusive people can travel for free.  You can travel from the first timetabled service of the day to the last bus.
	+ WHO – No age restrictions, if you already qualify for free travel, board the bus the usual way.
	+ HOW - To qualify for free travel, passengers on the participating routes and services will need to start or end their journey in [Leicestershire](https://mapit.mysociety.org/area/2231.html)
	+ WHAT - Types of journey included: single journeys (and return journeys where applicable) in Leicestershire. ‘Tap on, tap off’ will be excluded. Some services are excluded from this scheme, for details of these please visit <https://www.choosehowyoumove.co.uk/public-transport/enhanced-bus-partnerships/leicestershire-buses/schemes-and-projects/leicestershire-ticketing-schemes/free-fare-super-saturdays/>

This free fare scheme is brought to you by [Leicestershire Buses](https://www.choosehowyoumove.co.uk/public-transport/enhanced-bus-partnerships/leicestershire-buses/) and funded by the Bus Service Improvement Plan plus allocation (BSIP+).

* **Winter Planning**

The Winter gritting teams are in place from now until the end of March preparing for the winter weather.  The grit barns are full, and the 23 gritting lorries are ready.  Road temperatures are monitored round the clock.  An interactive gritting map showing all first priority and second priority road gritting routes is available [here](https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/winter-weather/gritting-and-travel-this-winter).  See LCC’s winter plans by following the council’s face book page or Twitter account @LeicsCountyHall

* **Property Flood Resilience Grant**

If you have experienced internal flooding to your home or business during Storm Babet (October 2023) or Storm Henk (January 2024), you may be eligible for a grant of up to £5,000 (inclusive of VAT) through the Property Flood Resilience (PFR) Repair Grant Scheme.

To see if you are eligible have a look at the information on our website.

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/flooding-and-drainage/property-flood-resilience-repair-grant>

* Details of weekly planned roadworks throughout Leicestershire can be [found here](https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/parishes-and-communities/useful-links). This is updated every Monday and shows the following 10 days, please note this is only up to date at the time of creation and will not contain information on emergency works, however you can find this on the [one.network](https://one.network/) site.  If you need help or guidance on one.network please contact the Special Projects team.
* **Causeway One.Network guide**

Have you tried using One Network for finding details of changes to roads and temporary disruptions such as roadworks?

One Network is a unique digital web-based road management platform that connects road operators, utilities, contractors, traffic management teams and the public with an aim to reduce disruption, keep traffic moving and improve journeys.

To assist users in setting up an account and finding locations we have developed a simple guide

Please click the following link to view the guide <https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/sites/resource/files/2024-09/one-network-step-by-step-instructions.pdf>

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**Information on local services, latest news and events can also be found on our** [**Information for parishes and communities webpage**](https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/parishes-and-communities/information-for-parish-councils-and-communities/news-and-updates) **and** [**LCC website.**](https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/)

**For enquiries relating to problems or defects on the roads or pavements please use the** [**https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-maintenance/report-a-road-problem**](https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-maintenance/report-a-road-problem) **or email** **CSCParishes@leics.gov.uk**

**Information on traffic schemes can be found via this** [link](https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/traffic-management-schemes) <https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/traffic-management-schemes>

**Contact the Special Projects Team, Environment and Transport Department on 0116 305 5186 or at** **etdspecialprojects@leics.gov.uk**