**Issue 27** 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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**Please go and have a look at our** [**Parishes and Communities webpages**](https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/parishes-and-communities/news-and-consultations)**, all the information featured on these parish newsletters and more (information and guidance, useful links and applications) feature here.**

**These webpages are here for you, please let us have your feedback on how we can improve what we do via** **SpecialProjects@leics.gov.uk**

NEWS

**Winter Planning**

With the temperatures falling the gritting team work 24/7 to monitor the roads and the 23 gritters are sent out day and night when conditions dictate.

Although public finances are stretched, we’re committed to gritting our key routes – that’s around 1,300 miles of roads to help keep the county moving.

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

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REMINDERS

* **Structures licences**

For applications to place a structure/equipment within the highway, please complete the application form on our parish webpage.

<https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/parishes-and-communities/information-and-guidance>

Please make sure all relevant documents are attached, so that your licence can be processed without delay.

* **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+).

* **Flooding responsibilities**

**We are the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) which covers:**

* investigating reported flooding occurrences (mainly where properties have been flooded internally) after the event in priority of the flooding impact
* being the statutory consultee for Major Planning Applications
* issuing consents for works on watercourses and can enforce to ensure flow is maintained in the watercourse (under the Land Drainage Act)
* having a responsibility for strategic flood risk management planning (co-ordination role with other risk management authorities

**Other responsibilities are held by:**

* Land Owners – the owner of the land or property next to or over a river, stream, ditch or piped flow of water (culvert) that forms part of a watercourse, is legally termed a ‘riparian landowner’ of that section of the watercourse
* The Environment Agency – manages the risk of flooding from main rivers, reservoirs, estuaries and the sea, as well as being a coastal erosion risk management authority
* Highway authorities (LCC) – are responsible for highway drainage. We are the highways authority for Leicestershire Water and sewerage companies
* Water and Sewerage companies – are responsible for managing the risks of flooding from water and foul or combined sewer systems (Severn Trent Water and Anglian Water in Leicestershire

More information about flooding and who to contact can be found at [**Flood Risk Know What to Do**](https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/flooding-and-drainage) and [**Be Aware - Flooding**](https://www.llrprepared.org.uk/be-aware/flooding/).

* **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**