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# Christmas bin collection changes



If your bin is due to be collected on any of these Christmas dates please make sure it's put out by 6am on the revised date. We will take a maximum of 2 extra bags of black bin waste over the festive period between 16th Dec - 5th Jan and if you have extra recycling, please leave it in cardboard boxes next to your bin.

Usual collection day		Revised collection day
Mon 18 Dec	➡	Sat 16 Dec
Tues 19 Dec	➡	Mon 18 Dec
Wed 20 Dec	➡	Tue 19 Dec
Thur 21 Dec	➡	Wed 20 Dec
Fri 22 Dec	➡	Thur 21 Dec
Mon 25 Dec	➡	Fri 22 Dec
Tues 26 Dec	➡	Sat 23 Dec
Mon 1 Jan	➡	Sat 30 Dec

Sign up for bin reminder emails at [www.gedling.gov.uk/reminder](http://www.gedling.gov.uk/reminder)

## Printed bin calendars to stop

As part of the council's budget saving targets and to reduce our carbon footprint, we will no longer be sending printed bin calendars out to residents.

By offering digital instead of printed calendars, we will save the council thousands of pounds per year, as well as reducing our carbon footprint.

You can sign up to receive a bin reminder email alert and download and print a calendar from the council's website.

So far, over 17,000 residents have signed up to receive bin reminder email alerts and a recent survey, filled out by over 4,000 people, said that 95% of users found the emails were good or excellent, 60% found the recycling information useful and 78% said it had prevented them from having their bin missed.

You can sign up to bin reminder alerts at [www.gedling.gov.uk/reminder](http://www.gedling.gov.uk/reminder) where you can also download a calendar.



# Leader's column

Welcome to the winter edition of Contacts magazine. We have some great stories, events and updates in this edition. We are really excited about our Christmas events, including switch ons across the borough, which are always great community events that bring people together and support local businesses. You can read about them on page 5.

Talking about local business, we were delighted to welcome the latest tenants to the AMP in Arnold. Dice & Balls is not-for profit company who do great things in the community and it's great news that they will be working from our flagship business centre. You can find out more about what they do on page 8.

We all know how challenging it has been for so many people over the last few years during the cost of living crisis and we have been working with our incredible army of volunteers and community leaders to do what we can to help our most vulnerable residents. On page 11 you can read about how we are increasing the availability of warm spaces all year round. We wish we didn't have to do these things but the fact is, people need help more than ever, and especially around the festive period when money pressures increase.

We hope you enjoy this edition and that you enjoy the festive period.



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\*Please note all information in this issue was correct at the time of writing but may be subject to change

# **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

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# Christmas lights switch on events in Gedling

We are pleased to announce that a series of Christmas light switch-on events will be taking place across our borough throughout November and December.

Kicking off the festivities, join us on Friday 24 November at The AMP in Arnold Town Centre for a spectacular evening, sponsored by Robert Ellis Estate Agents, with music, local school performances, and the switch on of the town's Christmas tree lights. Last year, thousands of people took part in the events across the borough as families, friends, and local businesses gather to mark the beginning of the festive season. The Mayor of Gedling will be switching on the lights at many of the events across the borough and, in our town centres, we will be supporting local businesses by promoting extended opening times and encouraging people to shop locally.

Please visit our website for a detailed schedule of all the switch-ons happening near you.

**All details of the switch ons are available at**  
[www.gedling.gov.uk/events](http://www.gedling.gov.uk/events)



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# A plan that works

As we approach the end of another year, it's a good time to assess the Council's achievements. The conclusion of the Gedling Plan, spanning 2020 to 2023, coincides with a challenging historical period on local, national and global scales.

Despite adversities, the Council has achieved notable milestones, including supporting local communities through the pandemic. Projects like the development of Arnold Market Place and the opening of Gedling Access Road, now known as Colliery Way, stand out. Equally significant are initiatives such as tree planting and bee population enhancement, aligned with the newly introduced Carbon Management Strategy.

Responding to resident feedback, the Council has focused on addressing crime and cleanliness concerns. Investments in targeted CCTV cameras underline this commitment.

Housing construction has thrived, with 570 new homes completed in the past year, including 93 affordable units. The final quarter witnessed a remarkable completion rate of 234 homes, the highest in half a century, reflecting the borough's attractiveness as a residential destination.

Looking ahead, a new four-year Gedling Plan has been approved, projecting energy and optimism. This blueprint aims to enhance the lives of residents, visitors, and businesses, aligning with our pledge of serving people, improving lives. As we commemorate past achievements, the path forward holds promise and purpose, as the Council steers toward a transformative future.



**You can read the report at [www.gedling.gov.uk](http://www.gedling.gov.uk) and search Annual Report.**

# Sherwood House

Choosing the right residential care home is a big decision, whether it's for you or for a loved one.

At Sherwood House we have a strong, committed, enthusiastic team of staff who take pride in creating a 'home from home'.

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## Real Christmas tree collections

You can use our Christmas tree collection service to recycle your real Christmas tree, once the festivities are over.

Instead of taking your tree to the tip, or trying to stuff it in your garden waste bin, for just £7 we will come and collect your tree from outside your home.

We launched the service in 2019 and hundreds of households have used the service already. We will recycle the tree, so not only are you saving yourself time, you are also helping the environment. The service, available to all Gedling Borough residents, will run in January and you can book your tree collection from 1 December.

To book, call  
**0115 901 3901** or visit  
[www.gedling.gov.uk/  
tree-collection](http://www.gedling.gov.uk/tree-collection)







## Dice & Balls are the latest tenants in the AMP

We are very pleased to announce the addition of Dice & Balls, a not-for-profit Community Interest Company, as the latest tenants to move into The AMP in Arnold.

Dice & Balls is an organisation dedicated to bringing people together through the joy of board games, events and circus skill workshops. The company's focus is to help those who may feel socially isolated – whether because of social anxiety, learning difficulties, neurodivergent conditions, or simply because they're new to the area and don't know anyone yet.

Dice & Balls' unique blend of board games and circus skill workshops promises to offer a diverse range of activities for people of all ages and backgrounds. Their engaging events will

provide opportunities for families, friends, and individuals to gather, play and learn together in an inclusive atmosphere. The AMP is owned by Gedling Borough Council.

As part of the council's plan to support local businesses and improve Arnold town centre, The AMP was opened in September 2022 and aimed at providing opportunities for new start-up businesses. The building is now home to several distinctive shops including a café, deli, post office, cat and dog accessory shop, skin care shop, wine tasting venue and now, Dice & Balls. All of the ground floor retail units are now let, ahead of the target date set by the council in its original business plan.



# New inclusive toilet facilities for Arnold Town Centre

A new public toilet block, including specialist “Changing Places” facilities is due to open at King George V Recreation Ground in Arnold in November.

The development cost a total of £191,500 with funding for the project coming from the Changing Places Fund, the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and match funding from Gedling Borough Council.

The Changing Places toilet facility is designed to help meet the needs of people with profound and multiple learning disabilities, as well people with other physical disabilities such as spinal injuries, muscular dystrophy and multiple sclerosis who often need extra equipment and space to allow them to use the toilets safely and comfortably.

The facilities include height adjustable changing benches, a tracking hoist system, space for disabled people and carers, a central toilet and a non-slip floor. The Changing Places toilets can be accessed with a radar key.

As well as the specialist bathroom, two accessible unisex toilets, both of which will include baby changing facilities, are also being built at the site and will be open during park opening hours.





## **Gedling Pet Cremation Services**

When the time comes to say goodbye to your pet, we will be there for you.

Find out more,  
call 0115 901 3713

[www.gedlingpetcremations.co.uk](http://www.gedlingpetcremations.co.uk)



## Warm Spaces bringing communities together

We have taken action in response to the national cost of living crisis, focusing on providing essential support to residents. We've introduced a local directory that connects people with a range of services, charities, and groups across the borough. This directory covers financial aid, food assistance and community hubs.

As part of our response, we set up a Warm Spaces scheme. This scheme aims to offer respite during the chilly winter months by creating friendly spaces in our local communities. These spaces provide warmth, companionship, and hot refreshments.

We collaborated with voluntary sector services and reached out to existing voluntary groups. Many groups were already providing warm spaces, offering food and drinks to those in need. Some even went the extra mile without additional funding, providing refreshments at minimal cost or for free.

A total of 32 venues and partners joined this initiative, including the Richard Herrod Centre and the Bonington Theatre, along with community groups like

Men in Sheds, Netherfield Forum and the Salvation Army.

The Warm Spaces programme has been a significant success, benefiting residents across the borough. Feedback from venues demonstrates its positive impact on people's health, finances and sense of community. The program has also facilitated referrals to financial support schemes.

Looking ahead, our plan is to continue supporting "Welcome and Warm Spaces" throughout the year. The revised name reflects how these spaces are available year-round.

The Warm Spaces programme highlights our commitment to reducing loneliness and isolation, promoting community connections, and providing essential support to residents.

**To find out more about warm spaces visit [www.gedling.gov.uk](http://www.gedling.gov.uk) and search for Warm Spaces.**



# Gedling Borough's newest inspiring Freemen

In a ceremony held this September at Gedling Borough Council, we celebrated the exceptional contributions of three remarkable individuals to our community. Peter Barnes, Bob Sansom and James Mellors were bestowed with the prestigious title of "Freeman of the Borough."

The title of "Freeman" is an age-old tradition, dating back centuries. It is an honorary title granted to people who have demonstrated outstanding service and dedication to their community. Those who receive this honour are recognised as trusted and respected leaders in the borough.

Peter Barnes was awarded the title for his 50 years' of service to his community as a local Councillor.

Bob Sansom, the owner of Frank Key Builders Merchants is a true pillar of our community, he has played an integral role in supporting the local economy.

James Mellors, was awarded the Freeman title thanks to his contributions to the borough's local economy as the

owner of The Mellors Group.

These remarkable people embody the spirit of community and selflessness that defines Gedling Borough. The title of "Freeman of the Borough" is a well-deserved recognition of their outstanding contributions.

Congratulations to our new Freemen of Gedling Borough.



# Age Friendly Carlton

Age Concern Carlton and District have launched a new campaign across Carlton high streets to help make life better for people in older age and to tackle loneliness and isolation.

In 2005 the World Health Organisation launched the Age Friendly Movement to develop local strategies to support people to remain independent in older age.

As part of the movement, Age Concern Carlton and District held a number of focus groups across Carlton to find out what “Age Friendly” meant to residents and what could be done to help improve the area for older residents.

The overwhelming response was that many older adults have lost confidence in doing their own shopping, running errands, visiting the hairdresser, and generally going out into the community.

With this in mind, Age Concern Carlton and District met with a number of business owners and

started ‘Age Friendly Carlton’, which is designed to highlight businesses who pledge to be welcoming and patient, assist with shopping where required and to go the extra mile in supporting older adults.

There are now 33 businesses across Carlton who have signed up to the scheme and can be recognised by the bright pink “We are Age Friendly Carlton” sticker on display.



For more information visit  
[www.ageconcern-carlton.co.uk](http://www.ageconcern-carlton.co.uk)



# 2,500 trees to be planted at Digby Park



Following a successful application for grant funding from Nottinghamshire County Council's Greenwood programme, 2,500 trees will soon be planted at the Digby Park Green Lung development near Gedling Country Park.

The initiative aims to enhance the local ecosystem, combat climate change, and promote a greener, healthier community.

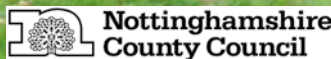
Proposals for the site were developed in partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council and Trees for Climate, and as part of the funding criteria the council held a consultation and asked residents to have their say on the designs.

The tree planting initiative will not only enhance the local environment but also provide numerous benefits such as improved air quality, increased shade and habitat for wildlife. Additionally, the initiative aligns with the broader goal of creating a more sustainable and resilient community in the face of climate change.

Gedling Borough Council has made a pledge to become net zero carbon by 2030 and this scheme will make an important contribution to this commitment.



Pupils from Carlton Digby School at a tree planting session in Digby Park







## GEDLING GREEN

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A collection of zero carbon ready  
2, 3 & 4 bedroom homes



Deputy Leader, Cllr Michael Payne and Leader, Councillor John Clarke MBE with Keepmoat's Tristan Willis

# New homes fit for the future

Keepmoat is delivering the first development of new homes that will produce up to 80% less carbon emissions than standard homes. The homes at Gedling Green, a new development comprising of 33 new homes at the site of the former colliery, will be on the market by January 2024.

Located in the village of Gedling, the development forms part of the larger Gedling Partnership Scheme with Homes England and will deliver sustainable, energy efficient new homes to area. The development will be the first to be built in the UK where every home fully complies with the Future Homes Standard.

The 33 homes at the development will feature air source pumps, solar PV panels, increased levels of insulation and EV charging points to achieve the new future homes regulations which is set out to replace

traditional Building Regulations for new dwellings.

This latest phase is set across approximately 36 acres of land, and will provide two, three and four bedroom homes at the site. Forming part of Gedling Borough Council's ambitious housing development strategy, the new homes contribute to the delivery of 950 new homes to the local area by 2028.

Gedling Borough Council has made a commitment to become net zero carbon by 2030 and by meeting the Future Homes Standard, Keepmoat will ensure that the homes built on the site will produce 75-80% less carbon emissions than homes being built under current regulations.

**To find out more about the council's commitment to become net zero carbon visit [www.gedling.gov.uk/climate-change](http://www.gedling.gov.uk/climate-change)**

# Safer Streets

for Netherfield and Colwick

## CCTV and ANPR cameras

Five static automatic number plate recognition cameras (ANPRs) have been installed across Netherfield and Colwick, as well as one mobile ANPR fitted to a police car for the area.

The ANPR cameras are fitted either to police cars or on roadsides so that they can automatically read the number plates of any passing cars and flash up on a display if they have any motoring offences, or intelligence markers about criminal activity linked to that car. They can also tell if a vehicle is untaxed or uninsured.



A high-tech camera, capable to 360 degree viewing, has been put up at the entrance to the site, near the new Sainsburys, off Colwick Loop Road, It comes in response to a series of incidents where car enthusiasts have organised unlicensed gatherings which have caused road safety, noise and antisocial behaviour concerns from local residents and businesses.

Operation Triplefin – an initiative launched in October last year - aims to prevent and reduce antisocial behaviour and criminal activity associated with the car cruises. Impact has already been seen with eight people facing fines for breaching public spaces protection order and seven other warnings given.

## New Laptops

New laptops are helping PCSOs stay out on the streets for longer fighting crime and antisocial behaviour. The devices mean the officers don't have to spend as many hours inside police stations and can instead offer more of the reassuring high-visibility presence they are known for in the community and help victims more efficiently and effectively.



Investing £750,000 to make our communities safer

So far we have delivered:



Shopwatch scheme



Street Wardens



Improved ways of working



Improved car park safety



CCTV installed



Environmental improvements



Burglary prevention



Youth provision



Automatic number plate recognition cameras

Scan to see full list of projects and news



To receive monthly updates from the Police and Crime Commissioner, visit [www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk)



Look out for a survey on your feelings of safety following Safer Streets – coming soon online and door-to-door.

# Safer Streets in Colwick thanks to new state of the art CCTV camera

A new 360-degree CCTV camera has been installed on Balmoral Road, Colwick, to help tackle anti-social behaviour and support the new Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) which is active in the surrounding area.

The camera provides high-quality images to the council's CCTV control room and will be used to assist the police with investigations, as well as aiding the council's Community Safety Team and Neighbourhood Wardens in tackling anti-social behaviour.

The new facility also helps support the recently launched PSPO which has been introduced in parts of Netherfield, Colwick,

and Trent Valley wards to address issues of car cruising and associated anti-social behaviour.

Funding for the camera, which cost £24,000, was provided by the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner as part of the Safer Streets fund. The funding was specifically allocated to parts of Netherfield and Colwick and can be invested in measures that support the council in addressing issues such as neighbourhood crime, anti-social behaviour and violence against women and girls.



**60% of ticket sales supports your local community.**

## The easy way to help good causes

Work for a charity, volunteer group, sports club or other not-for-profit organisation in Gedling Borough? Find out how Gedling Lotto can help them to raise vital funds for free!







Volunteers and officers from Gedling Borough Council at Arnot Hill Park

# Green Flag Awards for our parks

Five Gedling Borough parks (Gedling Country Park, Arnot Hill Park, Burton Road Jubilee Park, Bestwood Country Park and Breck Hill Park), joined a record number of parks and green spaces collecting the 2023 Green Flag Award - the international quality mark for parks and green spaces.

Arnot Hill Park retains the award for the 17th consecutive year, Gedling Country Park for the 8th year in a row, Burton Road Jubilee Park received the award for the 8th time and Bestwood Country Park received the award for the 4th year in a row since the maintenance of the park was taken over by Gedling Borough Council. Breck Hill Park also received the award for the 2nd year in a row after successfully being awarded the accreditation for the first time last year.

The Green Flag Award scheme, managed by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy under licence from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, recognises and rewards well-managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of green spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world.



# Stay informed about your local council

Stay connected and up-to-date with all the latest happenings in Gedling Borough by signing up for our exclusive council newsletter emails. In just a few clicks, you can unlock a wealth of information tailored to your interests and needs.

Receive timely updates on local news, community events, and important announcements directly to your inbox. Topics include the latest news, jobs, leisure updates, what's on listings, bin reminder alerts and much more.

Our newsletter emails also keep you connected with the vibrant community spirit of Gedling through our Community topic. Discover volunteer opportunities, local projects and ways to make a positive impact in your community.

You can also get access to training opportunities and information to support local businesses. If you sign up to our Business Support topic, we will update you with the best training courses, events and

community meet ups that are being organised around the borough.

You can stay informed about our ongoing projects and initiatives that shape the future of Gedling. Your input matters, and our newsletter ensures you're part of the conversation.

Subscribing to the email topics is simple and hassle-free. Just visit our website, enter your email address, choose your preferences, and you're all set!

Don't miss out on being in the know – sign up for Gedling Borough Council's newsletter emails today and enjoy the benefits of staying informed, engaged, and connected with your community.



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# How Gedling Borough Council is tackling air pollution

Air pollution affects us all. It is associated with impacts on lung development in children, heart disease, stroke, cancer, exacerbation of asthma and increased mortality, among other health effects. That's why Gedling Borough Council is taking action to improve air quality in our area.

We also regulate some industrial activities that can emit harmful pollutants, such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs), sulphur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter (PM). We issue permits for these activities and inspect them regularly to make sure they comply with the conditions. Some examples of these activities are petrol stations, dry cleaners, vehicle respraying, crematoria and animal incineration.

Another way we protect our air quality is by enforcing the Clean Air Act 1993, which bans smoke from chimneys in smoke control areas. We also investigate complaints about smoke from garden bonfires and other sources that could be a nuisance to neighbours. We have also introduced an Idling car campaign, where Neighbourhood Wardens will visit hot spots such as schools and give advice to drivers asking them to turn off their engines whilst parked and issuing fines for non-compliance.

By doing these things, we are fulfilling our legal duty to monitor and improve air quality in the Borough. But we can't do it alone. We need your help to reduce air

pollution and its impact on our health. Here are some simple steps you can take:

- Use public transport, cycle or walk instead of driving whenever possible
- If you're walking or cycling, you can easily avoid the worst pollution by travelling along quieter streets.
- One of the worst places for pollution is inside vehicles on busy roads where levels inside the car are typically as high as just outside.

If you are thinking of installing a solid fuel burner, make sure you know the rules about what you can legally burn. Check to see if you live in a smoke control area, if so make sure the appliance is certified/ approved for use in a smoke control area; buy a DEFRA approved, SIA Ecodesign Ready model.

**Together, we can make Gedling a cleaner and healthier place to live.**

Pupils from Ernhale Junior School with the council's Climate Change Officer Sim Duhra



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## Taxi driver who fled is convicted thanks to body cam footage



The council has successfully prosecuted a Nottingham City taxi driver who fled from officers when approached for a safety check.

In December 2021, a Gedling Borough Council Licencing Enforcement Officer approached a Nottingham City Council taxi being driven by Mr Manzoor Alam of Arnold.

Private Hire Vehicles such as the one driven by Mr Alam, can only take bookings by prior appointment and cannot pick up fares who flag them down or approach them at the roadside. If a driver does carry out any of these actions, it is known as “plying for hire” and is a breach of licencing conditions and a criminal offence.

The officer approached the vehicle and announced that they were going to perform a routine safety inspection, at which point Mr Alam drove off, ignoring the officer's request.

Working in partnership with Nottingham City Council, officers reviewed body cam and CCTV footage to identify the driver before taking legal action through the courts.

Mr Alam was convicted of wilfully obstructing a Gedling Borough Council Licencing Enforcement Officer, fined £336 and ordered to pay a £34 victim surcharge as well as £720 in prosecution costs.



The link to the video is

# Making customer service more accessible for residents in Gedling Borough

Across the borough we hold a number of customer service outreach sessions, so that residents can speak to an advisor in person, without having to visit our main offices in Arnot Hill Park, Arnold.

Advisors at outreach sessions can offer help and advice for a number of services including:

- Benefits enquiries and applications
- Support with Council Tax issues
- Homesearch applications
- Document scanning
- Issuing food bank vouchers
- Logging fly tipping and other environmental reports
- Advise on cost of living support options

Gedling Borough Council Customer Service Advisers will be available to speak to residents at community hubs in Calverton, alongside partners from Calverton CORE Centre, in Carlton with partners from Hope Nottingham Carlton Community Hub, and at St Mark's Church in Bestwood Village.

**Find out more at [www.gedling.gov.uk/outreach](http://www.gedling.gov.uk/outreach)**

The partner agencies we work alongside also offer a range of support services for residents such as hosting community groups, running foodbanks, offering health and wellbeing classes, help with completing job applications and more.

## Our outreach hubs

- **Hope Nottingham** - Carlton Community Hub (former Carlton Methodist Church)  
88 Carlton Hill, Carlton, NG4 1EE  
Every Tuesday, 11am – 2.30pm
- **Calverton Core Centre**  
Collyer Road, Calverton,  
NG14 6JX  
Every Thursday, 9am – 3pm
- **St Mark's Church**  
School Walk, Bestwood Village, NG6 8UU  
Every Tuesday, 9 – 11am





# What's on at The Bonington

## Cinema

Elf (20th Anniversary)  
Napoleon



Priscilla  
Typist Artist Pirate King  
Nobody Has To Know  
Saltburn  
The Bikeriders  
Wish  
Wonka



## Cinema tickets

£6.80 | £5.80 (concessions)  
£4 16-25 members  
£5 Film tickets on Tuesdays

Book online or call the box office.

## Event Cinema

**Andre Rieu's White Christmas**  
3, 6, 7 & 8 December  
£15 | £12.50



**Royal Opera House Live: The Nutcracker (Ballet)**  
Tuesday 12 December, 7.15pm  
£15 | £12.50



**Royal Opera House Live: Rusalka (Opera)**  
Wednesday 24 January, 6.45pm  
£15 | £12.50

**Royal Opera House Live: Manon (Ballet)**  
Wednesday 7 February, 7.15pm  
Sunday 11 February, 2pm  
£15 | £12.50

**Royal Opera House Live: Don Quixote**  
Tuesday 7 November, 7.15pm  
£15 | £12.50

**Royal Opera House Live: Madama Butterfly (Opera)**  
Tuesday 26 March, 7.15pm  
Sunday 31 March, 2pm  
£15 | £12.50

## Theatre

**Copper Studios: Legally Blonde The Musical**  
Thursday 16 – Saturday 18 November  
£15 | £12



**New Youth Theatre: Aladdin Jr**  
Saturday 25 November – Saturday 2 December  
Tickets available from New Youth Theatre.

**Tony Stockwell: Psychic Medium**  
Wednesday 6 December, 7.30pm  
£24 | £21.50

**Flying High Expressive Art: Peter Pan**  
Friday 22 December, noon, midday, 3pm, 7pm  
Saturday 23 December, 3pm, 7pm  
£10 | £8

**Bonington Theatre**  
High Street, Arnold  
NG5 7EE , 0115 901 3640

[www.boningtontheatre.co.uk](http://www.boningtontheatre.co.uk)

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## Live Music

**Jazz in the Bar**  
Third Sunday of each month, 7.30pm (unless otherwise stated)  
£8

**Nottingham Organ Society**  
First Monday of each month, 7.30pm (unless otherwise stated)  
£8 | £7

**Jazz Steps: Luke Bacchus Quartet: Windrush Celebration**  
Thursday 7 December, 7.30pm  
£15



**Five Star Swing at Christmas**  
Wednesday 20 December, 7.30pm  
£18 | £17

**Live & Local: Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman**  
Thursday 22 February, 7.30pm  
£12 | £10



**Rebel Rebel: David Bowie Tribute Show**  
Saturday 24 February, 7.30pm  
£15 | £13



# Gedling food clubs and pantries

Food clubs and pantries have been set up across the borough to improve people's access to affordable nutritious food, whilst reducing food waste.

Residents can become a member of their local food club for as little as £1 a year, allowing them to purchase a bag of food on a weekly basis from £3.50.

The food provided at the food clubs and pantries largely comes from surplus food providers and local supermarkets, which would otherwise be going to waste therefore having a positive impact on the environment.

## Calverton CORE Centre Food Pantry Club

Calverton Working Men's Club, Collyer Road, Calverton  
 Tuesday (not bank holiday weekends) 9.30am-11am  
 Contact: 0115 847 0551/ 07305109358

## Carlton Community Hub Food Club

Carlton Community Hub, 88 Carlton Hill, Carlton  
 Thursday 12pm- 2pm  
 Contact: 0303 040 1110 / hope@hopenottingham.org.uk

## Netherfield Food Club

Bethesda Community Hall, Netherfield  
 Thursday 2 - 4pm  
 Contact: 07394 596938 / foodclub@bethesdaupc.com

## Newstead Community Food Pantry

Newstead Centre, Tilford Road, Newstead Village  
 Tuesday 10.30am – 12.30pm  
 Contact: 01623 720 140 / admin@newsteadcentre.co.uk  
 Food clubs and pantries are also being set up in Arnold and Killisick later in the year.



For more information about the scheme, please contact the relevant club.



# Gedling Leisure news



## Never miss a booking with app reminders

The Gedling Leisure App now sends reminders 24 hours before any class or swim session booked via the app. This means not only are customers reminded they have a work out coming up, if they can't go, they are prompted to cancel, freeing up the space for somebody else to use. Find out more about the app at [www.gedling.gov.uk](http://www.gedling.gov.uk).

## New personal trainer

Pel Williamson has joined the team offering personal training sessions in partnership with YOUR Personal Training. Pel joins personal trainer Nora and both are available to book for sessions at Carlton Forum, Calverton and Redhill Leisure Centres. Find out more [www.gedling.gov.uk](http://www.gedling.gov.uk).

**Sign up for leisure emails to stay up to date with the latest Gedling Leisure news:** [www.gedling.gov.uk/leisure](http://www.gedling.gov.uk/leisure)



## Swimming lessons prize draw

Sign up for swimming lessons in December to be entered into a prize draw to win a free children's party at the Gedling Leisure Centre of your choice. Find out more at [www.gedling.gov.uk/swim-promotions](http://www.gedling.gov.uk/swim-promotions)

## New bike storage facilities in Redhill



Secure bike lockers will soon be available for customers to use while working out at Redhill Leisure Centre. The lockers each hold two bikes, so if you've cycled in with a friend (a great way to warm up pre-gym session or exercise class) you can store your bikes together.

## Coming soon

- New treadmills for Calverton gym
- New exercise studio space at Carlton Forum Leisure Centre (including new fitness equipment and a space for classes)



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Calverton  
0115 901 3800

Carlton  
0115 901 3660

Redhill  
0115 901 3630





# 'Tis the season for sustainability: recycling tips for a green Christmas

As the Christmas season approaches, Gedling Borough Council is spreading a festive message with a green twist - embracing the spirit of Christmas while also prioritising recycling and sustainability. This year, residents are encouraged to make recycling a part of their festive traditions, helping to reduce waste and conserve valuable resources.

**Decorative Delights:** From twinkling lights to glittering ornaments, the magic of Christmas decorations can shine even brighter when we opt for eco-friendly choices. Choose LED lights that consume less energy, and consider crafting ornaments from recycled materials or nature's own treasures.

**Wrapping with Care:** Beautifully wrapped gifts are a joy to give and receive, but often contribute to excessive waste. Opt for reusable gift wraps or craft your own from old newspapers, maps, or fabric scraps. Say goodbye to glossy, non-recyclable wrapping paper and embrace the charm of a creatively wrapped present.

**Tree-cycling Tradition:** Christmas trees bring a touch of nature indoors, and when the season ends, they can continue to serve the environment. For £7 we will collect and recycle your Christmas tree.

## **Feasting Responsibly:**

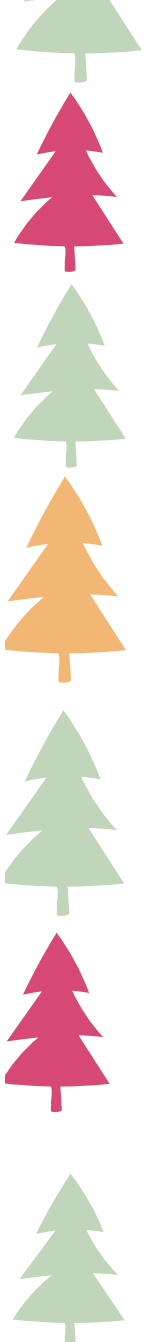
The festive feast is a hallmark of the Christmas season. Reduce the environmental impact by opting for locally sourced, organic ingredients. Composting food scraps is another way to minimise waste and create nutrient-rich soil for your garden.

## **Gifts of Thoughtfulness:**

Consider giving gifts with a sustainability theme, such as reusable water bottles, cloth shopping bags, or even experiences that don't produce physical waste.

By embracing these eco-friendly practices, Gedling borough residents can enjoy a Christmas that sparkles with both joy and responsibility. Let's make this Christmas season a true celebration of community, caring for our planet, and ensuring a greener future for all.

**[www.gedling.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.gedling.gov.uk/recycling)**  
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Waste Services Manager Mick Morley with pupils from Warren Academy

## Spreading the word about Climate Change

As part of our work to raise awareness of the importance of recycling and the impact it has on Climate Change, we have been visiting schools with our refuse trucks. Pupils from Warren Academy met with our Climate Change Officer and our Waste Services Manager, to talk about what they can do to help make sure their parents are doing their bit. We took our new bio-fuel vehicles, which has reduced our vehicle carbon emissions by 90%. The children also took part in talks and exercises about Climate Change. This year, we have visited several schools as part of our commitment to becoming net zero carbon by 2030. One of the many actions in our plan is to educate the young people of the borough about Climate Change.

You can find out more about our commitment by visiting [www.gedling.gov.uk/climate-change](http://www.gedling.gov.uk/climate-change)

# Green Rewards winners

Gedling Borough Council has received the award for Best Collaborative Working Initiative at the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) awards.

Shortlisted against eight other public sector organisations, Gedling Borough Council won the award for the environmental collaborative work it has carried out as part of the Green Rewards campaign, helping residents take action to reduce their carbon footprint and help tackle climate change.

Green Rewards encourages residents to record activities they do to help reduce their carbon footprint such as cycling or taking public transport instead of driving, litter picking, recycling and other green projects. Green Rewards is a joint initiative with several councils across the East Midlands including Gedling Borough Council, Broxtowe Borough Council, Rushcliffe, Nottingham City Council, Mansfield District Council and Bassetlaw District Council.

You can sign up for Green Rewards at [notts.greenrewards.co.uk](http://notts.greenrewards.co.uk)





# Join Gedling Youth Council and make a difference

Are you a young person living in Gedling Borough? Do you want your voice to be heard and contribute to positive changes in your community? Look no further – the Gedling Youth Council is calling all enthusiastic young people to join the council and make a difference.

The Gedling Youth Council is a fantastic opportunity for young individuals aged 11 to 19 who live or attend schools in Gedling Borough to get involved in local decision-making and have a real impact on the issues that matter most to them. As a member, you'll have the chance to voice your opinions, share your ideas, and work together with other passionate young minds to shape a better future for our borough.

So, what's in it for you? Joining the Youth Council means more than just being heard; it's a chance to gain valuable leadership skills, develop teamwork abilities, and enhance your understanding of how local government operates. You'll get to interact with Gedling Borough Council members, learn about

community projects, and make lasting connections with like-minded peers.

But that's not all – being a part of the Youth Council can also bolster your CV and further education applications. It shows that you're proactive, committed, and dedicated to making a positive change. Plus, it's a great way to boost your confidence and develop public speaking skills through discussions, workshops, and community events.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to shape the future of Gedling Borough while gaining valuable skills and experiences.

**Join the Gedling Youth Council today and be a driving force for positive change in your community!**

**To find out more and apply, contact [communities@gedling.gov.uk](mailto:communities@gedling.gov.uk)**



# Mayor's News



The Mayor of Gedling, Councillor Julie Najuk, has announced her chosen charity for her term as Mayor, selecting Anthony Nolan as her cause.

Anthony Nolan was set up in 1974 and established the world's first stem cell donation register. The register was created to match potential stem cell donors to blood cancer and blood disorder patients in need of stem cell transplants. It also carries out pioneering research to increase stem cell transplant success and supports patients through their transplant journeys. Thanks to the work they do, they estimate that they give, on average, three people a day a second chance at life. They have over 900,000 people on the stem cell register but more needs to be done to save lives.

Throughout her term as Mayor, Councillor Najuk will be raising awareness of the charity and the work they do, as well as holding a number of events to raise funds for the organisation.

The Mayor selected Anthony Nolan as her chosen charity because of the support they provided for a family friend, Samantha Clift, who was diagnosed

with Leukaemia in 2010. After being matched with a donor through the charity's stem cell register, Samantha underwent her first stem cell transplant in 2011, followed by a second one in 2012.

As a result of the Leukaemia, Samantha's weakened immune system made her more vulnerable to further illnesses and in 2017 Samantha was diagnosed with an infection in her lungs known as Aspergillosis. Despite undergoing treatment, Samantha sadly passed away in 2019 at the age of 34.

**You can find out more about Antony Nolan at [www.anthonynolan.org](http://www.anthonynolan.org)**

## **Article correction – Outgoing Mayor raises £10,800 for his charity**

In the previous edition of Contacts Magazine, we included an article about the outgoing Mayor, Peter Barnes, raising £7,000 for his chosen charity. The final total raised was actually £10,800.

# Christmas in Arnold

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