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Local Government Reorganisation

In December, the Government announced plans to introduce more powers for councils as part of a new Devolution White Paper. Their proposals include local government reorganisation, the creation of new unitary councils to replace the current two-tier system. This would mean that all nine councils in Nottinghamshire, including Nottingham City and district/borough councils would disappear, and new unitary councils would be created, but it is down to local agreement to determine what that will look like.

The Government has not been clear if any changes will require consultation with the councils affected but we want to reassure residents and businesses that we will continue to carry out our business as usual. Whatever happens, our residents and businesses will still need the same quality services that they get now.

Now, more than ever, we need to focus on the job in hand and we have a lot to achieve in 2025 and this has not changed. We are very proud of the work we are doing to serve people and improve lives in Gedling and we must continue to focus on this work.

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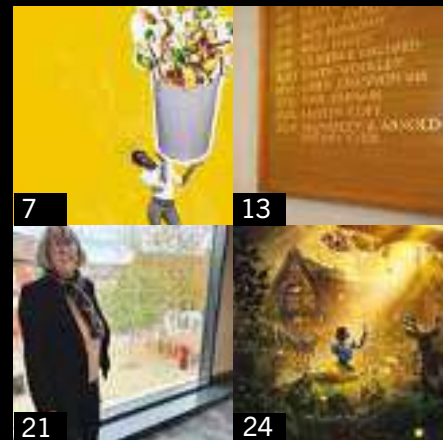
Leader's column

In December, the Government announced new plans to change how councils operate. The local government reorganisation aims to make councils more effective by dissolving two-tier councils and creating larger, unitary councils. These changes would mean dissolving Gedling Borough Council and merging it into a new, larger council. At the time of this magazine going to print, no decisions had been made about what that council might look like.

I have been meeting with leaders and the chief executives of all nine councils involved, and these meetings will continue to seek consensus on the best options for Nottinghamshire residents and businesses. The final submission to the Government is expected to be made in the autumn. We currently anticipate a response from the Government on these proposals around May next year.

We will ensure that residents, businesses, and council staff are kept informed about any decisions. For now, we must stay focused on delivering essential services for the people of Gedling.

In this magazine, we share some great examples of the good work taking place in our borough. You can read about the Pride of Gedling Award winners, where I had the honour of presenting a lifetime achievement award to Nat Puri.



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Simpler Recycling for Businesses —

Are you ready?

From 31 March 2025, new government regulations will require businesses to separate plastic, paper and card, glass, metals (cans, tins and foil) and food waste from general waste. This change applies to all businesses and organisations that have over 10 employees and produce waste, including offices, shops, restaurants, and schools.

The regulations are part of a national push to reduce waste, increase recycling and protect the environment. They mean that food waste will need to be collected separately from other rubbish and recycling.

Here in Gedling, we're taking steps to help local businesses adapt. We're expanding our trade waste service to include the new collections, alongside general waste and recycling collections. This means businesses can use one supplier for all their waste needs, avoiding the hassle of multiple providers.

What does this mean for your business?

If you already use Gedling Borough Council's trade waste service, you can add the new recycling collections to your current agreement. This will help you meet the new rules quickly and easily.

If you're not a current customer, now is a good time to switch. Our service is straightforward, reliable and designed to help businesses comply with the regulations.

**New
legislation
by 31 March
2025**



You can call Gedling Borough Council on 0115 901 3840 or visit www.gedling.gov.uk/simpler-recycling to find out more and get a quote.

County Council Elections



The elections for Nottinghamshire County Council take place on Thursday 1 May and anyone registered to vote can do so at their nearest polling station.

County Councillors are responsible for making decisions about services run by Nottinghamshire County Council which include education, social care and transport. There are currently 66 County Councillors who represent 56 areas across the County. There are 9 County Councillors responsible for 6 areas across the borough of Gedling.

How do I vote?

Every eligible person on the register will be sent a poll card about the election. The card will give information on where you need to go to cast your vote. Please read this carefully as some people's polling stations may have changed. Information on how to vote will be displayed in polling stations or you can ask the staff. If you cannot attend your polling station on Thursday 1 May, you can apply for a postal or proxy vote.

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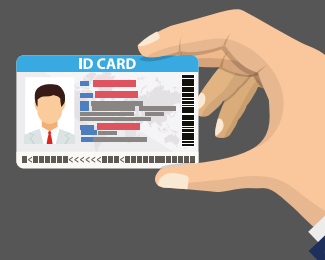
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The deadline for us to receive applications is 5pm on Monday 14 April. Postal packs for existing postal voters or new applications received before 28 March will be posted out on 14 April – anything applied for after this date will be sent out around 21 April.

Voter ID

The UK Government has introduced a requirement for voters to show photo ID when voting at a polling station at all elections in England. If you don't already have an accepted form of photo ID, or you're not sure whether your photo ID still looks like you, you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate.



Not registered to vote? You still have time.
Register at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or contact our Elections team on 0115 901 3917.

For more information about the Nottinghamshire County Council elections and the services they provide visit www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk



Market move confirmed

Eagle Square has been made the permanent home of Arnold Market traders. This decision follows extensive consultations with the traders and is part of the long-term plan to improve Arnold town centre.

The market temporarily relocated to Eagle Square in 2022 and has become a visible and active gateway for the town. Feedback from traders, businesses and residents highlighted strong support for the move, with many recognising the benefits of keeping the market in this central location. Retailers and market traders were especially supportive, citing the market's potential to drive footfall and boost local trade.

A recent consultation gathered input from over 130 stakeholders, including shoppers, business owners, and traders. While public opinion was mixed, with 48% of residents in favour, 62% of businesses and all market traders supported the permanent relocation. Suggestions included more variety in market stalls,

regular deep cleaning of the area and introducing specialist markets such as farmers' or artisan events.

The market area has also seen significant investment with over £20,000 agreed for new canopies, alongside recent changes to the landscape of Eagle Square to make it more accessible, funded by the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund.

The council's broader Ambition Arnold Masterplan, which aims to revitalise the town centre, also prioritised enhancing the market offer. A benchmarking review showed Arnold's market days bring higher footfall compared to similar towns, underlining its importance to the local economy.



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Carlton sensory garden



In February, some exciting new sensory elements were unveiled at The Garden for the Blind in Carlton Hill, as part of a development project supported by the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund.

This inclusive initiative aims to encourage wider use of the garden by the local community, shoppers, families and other visitors. The sensory garden is especially beneficial for blind and partially sighted people, children and anyone with sensory needs.

Additions to the garden include:

- ✿ Sensory planting with a wider variety of scents, colours and textures
- Harmony bells as auditory elements to engage with
- ✿ New benches
- ✿ Tactile rubbing plaques



Although the garden was closed to the public for a few days for the ground works to be carried out, the separate play area next to the garden remained open during the project.

Councillors attended the unveiling event along with Dr Luke Hewitt and his family, a visually impaired local man who originally opened the sensory garden in July 1990. Luke's name has remained on the commemorative plaque, which has been replaced to restore the Braille, which had deteriorated over time.

It is hoped that the Garden for the Blind will be enjoyed by the local community and visitors for many years to come with its new sensory elements, furniture and plants.



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Design code approved for borough

Gedling Borough Council has adopted a new Design Code Framework to guide good design for new residential developments. The framework, adopted in November 2024, sets out clear principles to ensure high-quality planning applications and must be used alongside other planning policies, such as the local plan and neighbourhood plans.

The Design Code addresses three themes; a Characterful Gedling, a Greener Gedling and a Connected and Healthy Gedling.

Proposals for new residential developments will be expected to reflect the character of the surrounding area and the Design Code includes specific design requirements that

'must' or 'should' be met, depending on the scale of development proposed.

Applications must include a completed checklist at the end of each Design Code document. This checklist explains how each principle has been addressed, supported by evidence. If an application does not meet a principle, applicants must provide clear justification or evidence. Non-compliance without justification may result in the application being refused.

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Cllr Jenny Hollingsworth in one of the new office spaces

AMP office space opened

The AMP office space in Arnold is now ready to welcome businesses, offering modern facilities designed to help startups and small-to-medium enterprises thrive.

Gedling Borough Council has transformed the first floor of this flagship building into high-quality office spaces and a meeting room.

The redevelopment was funded by the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund, alongside council investment. The new facilities include parking, an EV charging point and a shower room, making sustainable travel easier for tenants. Businesses can rent these spaces on flexible terms, with competitive rates and the added benefit of being part of a vibrant business hub. The AMP's location, which also includes a Post Office, provides a central spot for collaboration and networking.

Since opening in 2022, The AMP has supported several small businesses on its ground floor. The completion of the first floor adds even more opportunities to boost local economic growth. This initiative aligns

with Gedling Borough Council's priorities to revitalise town centres, increase footfall in Arnold's shopping precinct, and support the success of local businesses.

The AMP office space stands out for its sustainability features. It's designed to reduce energy use and carbon emissions, featuring 51 solar panels, natural ventilation points, high-efficiency LED lighting, and rainwater retention tanks. Its Energy Performance Rating of 'B' exceeds the average for commercial properties, reflecting the council's commitment to achieving carbon neutrality by 2030.

This development forms part of the council's broader regeneration plans for Arnold, which include purchasing vacant units and creating a masterplan to attract further investment.

For more details about renting office space at The AMP, contact estates@gedling.gov.uk



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Funding Update:

Improvements to local sports facilities

Significant progress has been made on several sports facility improvement projects in Gedling Borough, supported by funding from the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF). These projects aim to enhance access to local sports facilities and provide more opportunities for residents to participate in sporting activities.

Here are the latest projects that have received funding:



Calverton Miners Welfare Football Club:

The new 3G pitch was funded with £100,000 plus £663,577 match funding from the Football Foundation. It is now complete and ready for use by teams and participants.



Arnold Leisure Centre:

Additional funding has been secured, bringing the total investment for plant room improvements to £35,386.



Conway Park Tennis Courts:

Renovation work began in January 2025, with a total project cost of £152,080. This includes £39,000 from Gedling Borough Council (secured through the UKSPF) and £112,935.17 from the Lawn Tennis Association.



The project will deliver four new courts, accessible booking systems and organised activities such as free weekly tennis sessions and local leagues.



Lambley Lane



Lambley Lane Recreation Ground:

New sports changing units have been installed, featuring solar panels and enhanced security measures.

These developments will support grassroots football and community programs run by clubs including Mapperley All Stars, who provide football coaching for children and adults. Total funding for project was from UKSPF £242,029 and the Football Foundation £91,279.



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Network that gets work



Small and medium sized businesses have been getting together on a regular basis to attend the Gedling Business Support Network. 90 businesses have attended at least one meeting since July 2024.

The networking events, delivered by East Midlands Chamber, are a popular way for local businesses to connect, share ideas and learn about practical and financial business support, available across Gedling Borough.

Each event has had an inspirational keynote speaker discussing a variety of current topics, including 'Smarter Selling', 'how Artificial Intelligence can be used in business' and 'how to do Champagne Marketing on a Lemonade budget'.

Feedback has been encouraging, suggesting that many businesses find the networking events beneficial in terms of gaining practical knowledge, building relationships with their peers and creating new opportunities for collaboration.

Following the January event, local business owners met with the organisers to discuss the future of

the network, preferred formats for the event and suggested topics they would like covered at future events.

This Business Support network is supported by the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund. For information about future business networking events visit: www.gedling.gov.uk/events



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Pride of Gedling Awards 2024

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The Pride of Gedling Awards are an opportunity for us to shine a light on the incredible achievements of residents, businesses and community groups across the borough, making a big difference to peoples' lives. Last November we presented the 2024 awards, after receiving over 120 nominations all of which were of a very high standard and we would like to thank everyone who nominated a friend, colleague, neighbour, local community or business for an award.

The nominations were incredibly difficult to judge and to be shortlisted was a remarkable achievement so congratulations to all of the winners and runners up,

who are fine representatives of our borough and really are the pride of Gedling.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors as, without them, we could not make this brilliant event happen every year. We really hope you enjoy reading about the winners over the next few pages and if you think there's someone in your community who deserves recognition, make sure you nominate them later this year.

You can find out more about the awards at
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**Business
in the Community Award**

Winner

Number 1 Sandwich Bar

This award celebrates the brilliant businesses which play
a big part in supporting their community in the borough of
Gedling.

For over 20 years, Melanie Wyatt has been a cornerstone of
the Netherfield community, running Number 1 Sandwich Bar,
while supporting local causes.

A breast cancer survivor, she has raised thousands of
pounds for the Breast Institute and Maggie's at City Hospital,
organising charity events like tombolas and raffles. Melanie
consistently goes above and beyond, making meals for those
in need, contributing to community events, and helping others
without seeking recognition.

**Runners up - Aqua Bliss Swim Ltd, Leah's Dance
Academy**



Community Hero Award

Winner

Ian West

This award recognises inspirational individuals or groups, from any walk of life, who have gone that extra mile, or above and beyond their role, to help others or to make life better in their community.

Ian is a true pillar of the Bestwood Village community, dedicating countless hours to enhancing the area and uplifting those around him. He selflessly engages in litter picking, clearing overgrown hedges and planting flowers, all at his own expense.

Ian has recently completed a sponsored walk to Portugal, to raise funds for Guide Dogs, having supported numerous charities throughout his life.

His infectious positivity and commitment to maintaining a clean and welcoming environment inspire residents of all ages.

Runners up - Catherine Sheppard, Helen Lloyd, Beccy Webster



Dylan Barker

Young Person of the Year Award

Winner

Kaysey Farnsworth

This award celebrates young people who make an outstanding contribution to their communities.

A few years ago, Kaysey's father was involved in a horrific fire while driving his van, resulting in severe burns to his hands, face, and leg. During her father's recovery, Kaysey stepped up in remarkable ways, providing him with the care and support he needed. She helped him eat, drink, and even get dressed, showing immense love and compassion throughout.

In addition to caring for her dad, Kaysey continued her efforts to honour the memory of two beloved teachers at Richard Bonington School by maintaining a garden in their memory.

Runners up - Malick McCartney-Bojang, Lillie Brennan, Phoebe Yates



Environmental Hero Award Winner

Erika Jones

This award celebrates any individual, group, school, club, organisation or business in the borough that have made a positive impact on conservation, the environment or community spaces.

Erika serves as a vital link between the Friends of Breck Hill Park group, the community and Gedling Borough Council. Over the past few years, she has contributed to several initiatives including the development of a new playground.

Erika's multifaceted role encompasses administration, leadership and hands-on work, including planting and weeding in the park. Her dedication has significantly enhanced the park's accessibility, leading to its recognition with a Green Flag Award for three consecutive years. Erika's efforts, alongside the Friends group, have transformed Breck Hill Park into a welcoming haven for both the community and local wildlife.

Runners up - Nick Baggaley, Richard Button



Inspirational Healthy Lifestyle Award Winner

Positively Empowered Kids CIC

This award celebrates any individual, group, school, club, organisation or business that have made a positive impact on health and/or wellbeing in the borough.

Positively Empowered Kids, led by Jackie, Claire and their dedicated team, is an innovative organisation committed to enhancing the wellbeing of children and young people in Gedling. Their annual festival connects local youth with vital support resources. They have organised intergenerational workshops, community fun days, and mindfulness activities, promoting health and happiness for all ages.

They empower young people to proactively manage their mental health. Their creativity and adaptability have made a significant impact on the community, ensuring that essential initiatives for children and young people continue to thrive in Gedling.

Runners up - Get Going in Gedling, Simply Dance Nottingham



Outstanding Community Project Award Winner



Mapperley and Arnold Rotary Club

For this award, we were looking for all those brilliant projects and groups which help their local community and improve the lives of those living in them.

The Club has made a remarkable impact on the local community over the past 18 months, supporting and funding a variety of initiatives including youth development through outward bound programmes, maintaining the gardens at Haywood House and running the Gedling Memory Café.

They have also contributed to mental health support via The Hike with Mike Foundation, literacy projects in local schools and providing resources for school teams. Their community outreach extends to Sharewear clothing collections, Arnold Food Bank support and more.

Runners up - Dice and Balls CIC, The ARK Advice Centre, The CORE Centre



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Overall Pride of Gedling Award Winner

Mapperley and Arnold Rotary Club



Lifetime Achievement Award Winner

Professor Nathu Puri

Professor Puri embodies the principle of giving back and has made it his mission to improve the lives of others, both here in the UK and internationally, through his selfless dedication and steadfast commitment to charitable work. Through The Puri Foundation, which he established in 1988, Professor Puri has given generously to a wide range of causes, providing an average of £1 million per year to support to those who need it most and empowering organisations to make a difference.

His work spans many areas, including education and youth development. Thanks to Professor Puri's support, many schools and community projects in our region have been able to expand their resources and improve access to quality education. He has helped young people to achieve their potential, setting them on a path to success that not only benefits them but strengthens our entire community. His generosity doesn't end with education; Professor Puri has been instrumental in supporting key infrastructure projects in our borough, most recently, the installation of a new footpath at Breck Hill Park, which his foundation funded entirely.

Professor Puri was honoured by the late Queen with a CBE in 2015.





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Selective licensing success



Gedling Borough Council has reintroduced its selective licensing scheme in Netherfield, following a successful five-year programme that made private rental homes safer and better to live in. The new scheme began on 5 January 2025 and will run until 4 January 2030.

The selective licensing scheme requires landlords to apply for licences for their rental properties and meet specific standards to ensure homes are well-managed and safe. Applications are now open and can be completed online through the council's website.

The previous scheme, which ran from 2018 to 2023, proved highly effective. During that time, 662 landlords applied for licences, and over 81% of inspected properties were found to have hazards that needed addressing.

Selective licensing applies to areas with challenges such as deprivation, poor housing conditions, or high levels of crime and anti-social behaviour. It gives the council's Environmental Health team stronger powers to address these issues when landlords fail to act.

For more details or to apply for the scheme, visit the council's website at www.gedling.gov.uk/selectivelicensing

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Ambition Arnold masterplan approved

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The council has approved the Ambition Arnold Visionary Masterplan report, a strategic framework designed to revitalise Arnold town centre and address its long-term sustainability. Cabinet members met in December to discuss and approve the item. The report follows extensive public consultation, which revealed strong support for improvements across key areas.

The consultation, held in summer 2024, gathered feedback from over 650 residents and stakeholders. Findings showed clear backing for measures to improve the town's appearance, diversify its shops, enhance safety and create more appealing public spaces. Residents highlighted priorities including reducing vacant shops, tackling anti-social behaviour and providing better facilities for pedestrians and young people.

Key features of the masterplan include:

- **Upgrading leisure, cultural and retail offerings to attract more visitors.**
- **Enhancing public spaces, shopfronts and access to green areas.**
- **Developing a car parking strategy and safeguarding public transport links.**
- **Exploring a modern library facility and better access to council and healthcare services.**

The plan also responds to an independent benchmarking review, which compared Arnold to similar towns nationwide. While Arnold benefits from strong transport links and above-average footfall, challenges include vacant shops, limited market stalls and concerns about anti-social behaviour.

The delivery of the masterplan is subject to significant funding, either from government, private investors or a combination of the two.

You can find out more at www.gedling.gov.uk/ambition-arnold



Take part in our climate change challenge



In a world where climate change is an ever-growing concern, Gedling Borough Council is stepping up its game to lead the charge towards a greener, more sustainable future. And we are not doing it alone, we are inviting you, the residents of Gedling, to join us on this crucial journey.

We are taking proactive steps towards achieving our carbon net zero goal by 2030. As part of this initiative, we are launching a climate change challenge aimed at helping residents with practical insights and resources.

The challenge, developed in collaboration with Meritec, offers a 35-minute training course designed to enhance residents' understanding of climate change and its impact. Participants will gain actionable tips for leading a more sustainable lifestyle.

Feedback from the challenge will inform decision-making processes, ensuring that Gedling moves forward with effective measures to address climate change.

You can access the survey through the Gedling Borough Council website.

Participation in the survey is encouraged as Gedling residents collectively work towards building a greener and more sustainable future.

Together, Gedling residents have the power to make a real difference in the fight against climate change. Join the movement today by taking the climate change challenge and let's build a greener, more sustainable future for generations to come.

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
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Training course puts Nick in the driving seat

Nick Norman, from Arnold, took part in a Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) Skills Bootcamp, with HGVC, in September and got a job within the same month. Nick is now employed as a car transporter and says that he couldn't be happier.

The course was supported by the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund, which is being used to increase employment skills, especially in areas where there are employment shortages, including HGV driving.

Nick described the feeling of being able to drive the lorries as "awesome" and said that gaining employment has "taken a lot of stress of financial worry away and I'm already planning holidays with my kids".

For more information about training available as part of the council's economic growth work, visit www.gedling.gov.uk/recruitment-training

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Thursday 3 April, 7.30pm
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HER SPIRIT

Gedling Leisure joins forces with Her Spirit

Gedling Leisure are working in partnership with Her Spirit to launch new weekly strength training classes for women at the end of March.

Her Spirit is a community-driven sport and fitness app, designed to help women access safe, inclusive sports and physical activity.

Women often face more insecurities and anxiety than men when it comes to exercising.

The new strength training classes aim to empower women with additional support and knowledge to help them gain confidence to be more active.

As well as launching the new classes, women can get a free premium membership for 12 months to the Her Spirit app, using a unique link from the Gedling Leisure website. The Her Spirit membership encourages women to connect with a community of like-minded people, take part in challenges and online workouts, access expert advice on fitness and much more.



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The new 'Couch to Kilos' classes will take place at Calverton, Carlton Forum and Redhill Leisure Centres. They will be dedicated to coaching women and girls aged 16 and above in strength training. The instructor-led classes will teach the basics of lifting weights and help to build women's confidence to exercise and a chance to meet new people.

Strength training has many health benefits, including helping to build bone density, increase muscle mass and improve balance, helping to reduce the risk of injury and falls. This type of exercise is ideal to do alongside regular cardio exercises like going for a brisk walk, swimming or dancing.

Women of all fitness abilities, who are looking for a new way to get active with the support of others, in a safe environment, are welcome to join the classes at the Gedling Leisure Centres and to sign up to the Her Spirit app.



Find out more on the Gedling Leisure website: www.gedling.gov.uk/Her-Spirit

Where does your waste go?

Ever wondered where your waste goes after it's collected? In Gedling Borough, we manage household waste collection, while Nottinghamshire County Council handles recycling, treatment and disposal.



Recyclable Waste

Your recyclables (paper, card, cans and plastic bottles) are taken to the Mansfield Materials Recovery Facility. Here they're sorted and sent to reprocessors in the UK and abroad to be made into new products.

Non-recyclable Waste

Non-recyclable waste from Gedling is transported to the Eastcroft Energy from Waste Facility in Nottingham. There it's incinerated to generate energy, with the heat contributing to the city's district heating scheme.

Bulky Waste

For large household items, we offer a collection service. Items like fridges, sofas and bedframes can be collected for a fee. You can book a bulky waste at any time online or by calling the council.

What you can do

Proper waste separation is crucial. Place recyclables in the correct bins to ensure they can be processed efficiently. Avoid putting recyclables in your general waste bin, as they won't be recycled.

By understanding where your waste goes and following these guidelines, you contribute to a more sustainable Gedling Borough.

Flytipping

Flytipping is a blight on our community and we have taken several measures to reduce it happening, however, residents may not be aware that they have a responsibility to ensure they dispose of waste correctly and use a registered waste provider. Failure to do so could result in them being prosecuted, even if they didn't dump the fly tip, residents have a duty of care to ensure they use a registered provider.

How to get rid of your waste?

If you have large items that can not go in your normal bins, there are several ways that you can dispose of them:

If it's a large item, we offer a bulky waste disposal service, prices start from £22 and we can collect up to three large items such as sofas, fridge freezers and from your doorstep.

You can also dispose of many common waste items at Nottinghamshire County Council's Calverton Recycling Centre, but you need to register your vehicle. Visit

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk for more information.

You can find out more at www.gedling.gov.uk/rubbish



Country park car parking charges

Gedling Borough Council Cabinet members have approved plans to introduce car parking charges at Gedling Country Park. Members also confirmed that all revenue generated from the new parking charges will be reinvested directly into the maintenance, upkeep and development of the award-winning park.

Cabinet members discussed the plans at their meeting on 9 January, following a public consultation. The feedback received has helped shape the plan, which includes the introduction of a £2 daily parking fee from 1 April 2025, and a permit for regular visitors, as well as passes for members and volunteers of the Friends of Gedling Country Park group and park run volunteers.

Blue badge holders will have three hours of free parking.



Cashless payment options will be available as an additional convenience for users, but you will also be able to pay with cash.

Across the borough people will be able to pay using a mobile app or card at selected machines, but cash payments will continue to be accepted across all car parks.

The parking charge is expected to generate up to £200,000 annually, which will be used exclusively to ensure the park remains one of Nottinghamshire's best-loved green spaces. Funds will go towards essential maintenance, such as repairing potholes in the upper car park, and broader park improvements to benefit the community and visitors.

Youth Mayor

As Youth Mayor of Gedling, Stella Clarke has had a busy year, representing young people across the borough at community engagement and events.

One of Stella's key commitments has been her involvement with the Gedling Youth Council, where she has regularly attended meetings in the Civic Centre Council Chamber. The Youth Council tackles issues important to young people, from education to mental health, ensuring their voices are heard. These meetings, attended by Councillor Kathryn Fox, Portfolio Holder for Life Chances and Vulnerability and council officers, also featured inspiring guest speakers, including Hilary Brown from Phenomenal Futures and Jackie Wilson from Positively Empowered Kids.

Stella has also taken on a strategic role as part of the Carlton Town Board, contributing to vital decisions about how central government funding can best benefit the community.

Beyond council meetings, Stella has been a passionate advocate for key issues. She spoke at a White Ribbon Day event, held in collaboration with Phenomenal Futures, where Ryan Hart delivered a powerful keynote address. This event highlighted the importance of taking a stand against domestic violence and promoting safety and respect.



Stella was also busy over the festive period joining the Mayor of Gedling Councillor Ron McCrossen and Michael Payne, MP for Gedling, at the Arnold Christmas Lights Switch-On, where she helped illuminate the town for the season.

These highlights represent just a few of Stella's important contributions as Youth Mayor.

As her year as Youth Mayor comes to a close, we look forward to seeing the continued positive impact Stella Clarke will have on Gedling Borough.



Mayor's news

Mayor of Gedling, Cllr Ron McCrossen with Mayor Patrice Donati

As Mayor of Gedling, I was honoured to host a delegation from our twin town, Vandoeuvre-lès-Nancy, France. This visit strengthened our long-standing bond and explored new ways to collaborate, particularly for young people in our borough.

Welcoming French MP Stéphane Hablot, Mayor Patrice Donati, and their team, alongside Mayoress Viv McCrossen, MP for Gedling Michael Payne, and Gedling Borough Council's Cabinet, we engaged in events and discussions to deepen our partnership.

Our twinning is built on cultural exchange and shared learning. A highlight of the visit was Patchings Art Centre in Calverton, where we explored collaborations with Gedling Art Society. Both communities have a passion for the arts, and I'm excited about future creative projects.

The delegation was also impressed by the Bonington Theatre in Arnold, a thriving venue for theatre, cinema, and live music. Inspired by its success, they hope to

replicate a similar model in Vandoeuvre, demonstrating how Gedling's achievements can influence positive change abroad.

We also discussed strengthening sporting ties, with plans for exchanges between Gedling Southbank Football Club and Outlaws Wrestling Club in Arnold. Sport is a powerful tool for bringing people together, and I look forward to seeing these partnerships develop.

Our relationship with Vandoeuvre creates real opportunities for residents and allows us to learn from each other. I'm excited to see how our friendship continues to grow and what future projects emerge from this special connection.


Together, we're building bridges that bring our communities closer and make Gedling an even better place to live, work and thrive.

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