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## Gedling Borough Council By-election result

A By-election took place on 1 May in the Porchester Ward of Gedling Borough, following the resignation of Councillor Michelle Welsh. The result was:

**Pauline Annete Allan (Labour) 1,066**

**Mark Frederick Dillon (Conservative and Unionist Party) 363**

**John Thomas Semens (Reform UK) 621**

**Richard Sutton (Green Party) 244**

**Robert Andrew Swift (Liberal Democrat) 136**

Pauline Allan has been elected as Gedling Borough Councillor for the Porchester Ward.

Find out more about the election results at [www.gedling.gov.uk/elections](http://www.gedling.gov.uk/elections)

## Cabinet Members



**Cllr John Clarke MBE**  
Leader of the Council



**Cllr Jenny Hollingsworth**  
Deputy Leader  
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Portfolio Climate Change  
and Natural Habitat



**Cllr Kathryn Fox**  
Portfolio Life Chances  
and Vulnerability



**Cllr Lynda Pearson**  
Portfolio Communities  
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# Leader's column

Welcome to the summer edition of Contacts magazine. In this edition you will find the results of the recent Nottinghamshire County Council election and also the result of the Gedling Borough Council by-election for the Porchester Ward.

There are details of some exciting developments across the borough, including the unveiling of a wonderful mosaic celebrating the history of Netherfield, a newly refurbished playground in Carlton and a tree planting and wildflower meadow project at Digby Park in Mapperley. There is also news of the fabulous new 3G football pitch in Calverton, which is featured on the front cover and is part of the council's commitment to improve sports infrastructure across the borough. You can read more on page 20.

We are updating you on some recent successes too, with news of an illegal fly-tipping prosecution and on how we are returning empty properties back to being usable homes.

We are also launching this year's Pride of Gedling Awards and celebrating 10 years of these annual community awards. The awards recognise the very best of our community, so please do get nominating your friends, neighbours and local businesses that have made a real difference to their local areas. You can read more about this on page 8.



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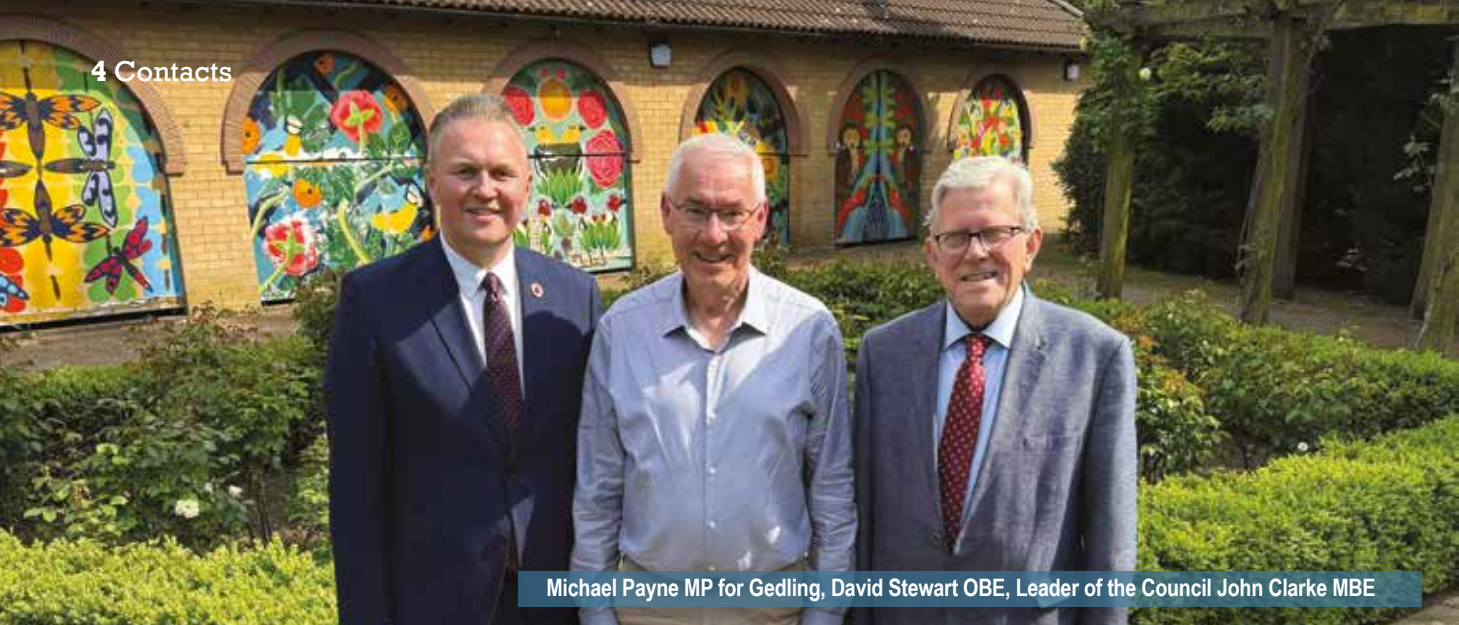
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Michael Payne MP for Gedling, David Stewart OBE, Leader of the Council John Clarke MBE

## New Chair appointed to lead £20 million Carlton investment plan

Gedling Borough Council has announced the appointment of David Stewart OBE as the new Independent Chair of the Greater Carlton Neighbourhood Board, the group overseeing the delivery of £20 million in government funding to improve Carlton and surrounding areas.

Mr Stewart brings over five decades of experience in education, community leadership and youth engagement. A former Head Teacher at Oak Field School for 27 years, Mr Stewart has also served as a school governor, university lecturer and charity trustee. His work across mainstream and special education, combined with strong ties to local institutions, brings vital insight into the needs of the community.

He replaces Sir John Peace, who served as the

interim chair during the board's early stages. The board will now continue its work to develop a 10-year Regeneration Plan to help shape a better future for Carlton and its surrounding areas.

The Greater Carlton Neighbourhood Board is part of the government's Plan for Neighbourhoods, which is investing £1.5 billion across 75 areas, over the next decade. Carlton is one of the areas selected to receive a £20 million share of this investment, aimed at "fixing the foundations" in places that have previously been left behind.

Board members include local community leaders, business representatives, and elected officials, including the Member of Parliament for Gedling, Michael Payne, and Leader of Gedling Borough Council, Councillor John Clarke MBE.



# UK Shared Prosperity Funding in Gedling

Between 2022-2025, Gedling Borough Council received £2.87 million from the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund to support local people, places and businesses. Below is a summary of how the funding was used.

## Our communities

The funding helped to improve streets, parks and public spaces. Over 80,000 sqm of public areas and 18,000 sqm of green space were upgraded. Events such as festivals, art projects and heritage activities brought communities together. New and upgraded CCTV cameras have helped to improve the safety of residents. Grants supported 69 local groups offering services such as food, mental health support and social activities.

## Supporting local businesses

More than 300 local businesses received help through advice, training and grants. Projects supported new and growing businesses, helping to create 14 jobs

and start 7 new businesses. The AMP and Hill Crest Business Park added over 800 sqm of workspaces. Energy-saving grants helped companies cut costs and go greener.

## Investing in people's futures

Hundreds of people received help to find work and improve their skills, including training in IT, life skills or English. HGV and forklift training opened up new job opportunities and the 'Transform Your Future' programme supported over 100 people to build confidence and find work.

This funding has had a positive impact on Gedling by improving places, helping businesses grow and giving people the tools they need to succeed. It has built stronger communities and helped create a brighter future for the borough.



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# Gedling Borough marks 80 years since VE Day

Gedling Borough Council proudly commemorated the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day with a poignant ceremony at Arnot Hill Park on Wednesday 8 May. The event, held outside the Civic Centre, brought together councillors, service personnel and community representatives to reflect on this historic milestone.

The ceremony began with a speech from Leader of the Council, Councillor John Clarke MBE, who reflected on the courage and sacrifice of those who served during the Second World War and the enduring importance of peace. A reading followed by Father Philipp Ziomek offered a moment of contemplation, before Lieutenant Jean Pardoe OBE delivered a moving address and raised the Union Flag.

To mark the anniversary in a lasting way, a tree was planted in Arnot Hill Park. An Acer Campestre 'Red Shine' tree was chosen for its symbolic value representing remembrance, resilience and hope for future generations.



Leader of the council John Clarke MBE and Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth

# County Council election result

On 1 May a local election was held for Nottinghamshire County Council. In the borough of Gedling, we had a turnout of 34.21%, with 31,449 votes cast from a possible electorate of 91,919.

Reform UK won 40 of the 66 Nottinghamshire County Council seats and therefore have a majority. The elected members for the Gedling Borough wards are:

**Arnold North: Wendy Lukacs (Reform UK) and John Semens (Reform UK)**

**Arnold South: John Clarke MBE (Labour) and Liz Clunie (Labour)**

**Calverton: Jody Stoll (Reform UK)**

**Carlton East: Mike Adams (Conservative)**

**Carlton West: Paul Brill (Reform UK) and Jim Vernon (Reform UK)**

**Newstead: Stuart Bestwick (Conservative)**

For more information about the election results visit [www.gedling.gov.uk/elections](http://www.gedling.gov.uk/elections)



# New units are ready for business

Deputy Leader, Cllr Jenny Hollingsworth at the new units

Work has now been completed on the construction of four new industrial units at Hill Crest Business Park in Calverton.

The Lindum Group carried out the work in partnership with Gedling Borough Council and built environment consultancy firm, Gleeds.

The new units expand the number of business units on the site from eight to twelve. They have been tailored to meet the needs of local small and medium-sized enterprises and will help to meet the growing demand for space at the business park, as well as creating spaces for businesses to thrive and offer employment opportunities.



The new premises have been designed to blend in with neighbouring facilities and fit seamlessly into the existing site. The eco-friendly facilities include 194 square metres of photovoltaic panels, low energy lighting, EV charging and a new planting scheme, to help boost the area's green credentials in alignment with the council's Carbon Management Strategy, which aims to achieve net-zero emissions by 2030.

The total cost of £1,430,000 has been supported by D2N2 LEP with £642k grant funding, alongside £146K from the UK Government Shared Prosperity Fund and further capital funding by the council.

If you are interested in renting one of the new business units, please email the council's properties team for more information; [estates@gedling.gov.uk](mailto:estates@gedling.gov.uk).





## Nominations now open for 10th annual awards

This year we are celebrating the 10th Pride of Gedling Awards.

The annual 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.

Nominations for the Pride of Gedling Awards 2025 are now open. If you know a friend, colleague, neighbour, local community or business from within Gedling Borough who have done something outstanding to help others, then get nominating them for one of the awards.

The six award categories are:

- Business in the Community Award
- Community Hero Award
- Dylan Barker Young Person of the Year Award
- Outstanding Community Project Award
- Environmental Hero Award
- Inspirational Healthy Lifestyles Award

The awards will be presented at a special event at the council's civic centre in November. Find out more about the awards and nominate someone for an award at [www.prideofgedling.co.uk](http://www.prideofgedling.co.uk)

### Sponsor an award

If you are a local business who would like to be a part of this special event and sponsor an award, please visit

[www.prideofgedling.co.uk](http://www.prideofgedling.co.uk) and find out more about our sponsorship packages.

# Mosaic celebrates the history of Netherfield



A community art project, supported by the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Funding (UKSPF), has been completed. The mosaic mural, installed to welcome visitors to the area, was unveiled in Jackie Bells Park, Netherfield.

The mosaic was designed by artist, Anna Dixon, who worked with local residents to create a mural that reflects the key themes, memories and locations they associate with the area, which has a rich railway heritage. Once a thriving railway town, Netherfield was home to the largest freight concentration yard in Europe, built by the Great Northern Railway in 1875. The yard was used to gather coal traffic from the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire coalfields and dispatch it to London.

Anna held workshops at Netherfield Primary School to teach school children how to make the mosaic. The artist also led making sessions with local youth groups and several adult workshops were held at St. Georges Centre and the Loco Centre in Netherfield for residents from Gedling borough to get involved in making the colourful mosaic.

Netherfield Ward Councillor Alison Hunt has been closely involved with the project, to engage the local community and is also supporting the Friends of Jackie Bell's Field working group.

Netherfield will also receive other improvements including new tree planting, new railings and bins. The local initiative aims to encourage more visitors to the park and local shops.



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## Work starts on new homes at Top Wighay

Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth, Deputy Leader of Gedling Borough Council, joined Nottinghamshire County Councillors and members of the Vistry Group, to celebrate the start of work on 763 new homes at Top Wighay, triggering the start of a £6 million investment to bolster local services.

Situated approximately 2km north of Hucknall town centre, the £191m development is an 86-acre site which will also include 21 acres of employment land and a local centre with retail offering.

269 of the new homes will be affordable properties, 97 will be available for private rental and 397 will be sold on the open market.

In addition to new housing, the development will also offer benefits to the wider community, with almost £6million designated to bolstering local services. This includes £4,750,000 for education, £800,000 for highways and bus improvements and £436,000 towards healthcare.

The scheme also includes new parks, sports facilities, wildlife corridors, pedestrian and cycle routes, a new primary school and an on-site Skills Academy in partnership with Chameleon School of Construction. This innovative training initiative will aim to encourage local people not in employment or training back into work.



# Planning for the future of Gedling

**Gedling Borough Council is delivering a number of projects that are helping to shape the future of the borough. These projects aim to protect the borough's heritage, enhance the look and feel of our high streets and public spaces and plan for the future needs of our communities.**

## A new Local Plan for Gedling Borough

Work has begun on a new Local Plan, which will guide how the borough develops. This follows recent changes to national planning policy and will help us manage future growth in a way that benefits residents and supports local prosperity.

The Local Plan will identify key issues and set out options for how much new development, including housing and employment, is needed and where it should go.

From late July, we'll be asking for your views on an Issues and Options document, including a range of topics from housing and jobs to the environment and infrastructure. Your feedback will help shape the next stage of the plan. Once adopted, the Local Plan will guide how planning applications are decided, alongside other local and national policies.

Find out how to have your say on our website:  
[www.gedling.gov.uk/have-your-say](http://www.gedling.gov.uk/have-your-say).



## Gedling Village Conservation Area

Following public consultation, the Council has designated a new conservation area for Gedling Village. Conservation areas help protect the special character of places with historical or architectural importance. Gedling Village, which is mentioned in the Domesday Book, now joins other areas like Lambley and Papplewick with this protected status. More information is available online:

[www.gedling.gov.uk/conservation](http://www.gedling.gov.uk/conservation).

## Improved guidance for shopfront design

We've adopted a new Shopfronts Supplementary Planning Document, shaped by public consultation. This gives clear guidance on how shopfronts and signs should complement the building and the area they're in.

## Murals guidance now available

Murals can be a creative, low-cost way to improve public spaces and celebrate local identity. New guidance is now available to support the creation of murals in Gedling Borough, including advice on approvals. Search for 'Murals' at the council's website [www.gedling.gov.uk](http://www.gedling.gov.uk) to see the guidance.

**Find out more about these projects on the Planning Policy pages of the Council's website.**



Before



After



Before



After

# National Empty Homes Week

As part of this year's National Empty Homes Week, Gedling Borough Council highlighted the vital work it does to bring long-term empty properties back into use. With a dedicated Empty Homes Officer, the council is committed to tackling the issue of vacant homes and ensuring they contribute to the local housing supply.

A long-term empty property is defined as one that has been unoccupied for six months or more. While some of these properties may appear derelict, many look lived-in and well-maintained, making it crucial for residents to report any suspected empty homes. The Empty Homes Officer can then investigate and work with property owners to find solutions.

Gedling Borough has a long-term vacancy rate of 0.79%, which is below both the East Midlands average of 1.1% and the national rate of 1.03%. Total vacancy in the borough is currently 1,652 properties, equivalent to 3.3% of all homes, which is lower than the national average of 3.9%. The council actively monitors these figures and works to bring as many empty homes as possible back into use.

There are many reasons why properties remain empty, including sentimental attachment, probate issues,

financial difficulties, or waiting to pass the home on to a beneficiary. The council works directly with homeowners to provide practical solutions, including:

- **Property Matchmaker Scheme – connecting empty homeowners with investors who can purchase or lease properties for refurbishment.**
- **Property Consultants – expert advice and bespoke solutions to help owners sell or renovate their homes.**
- **Lendology Loans – low-interest loans for owners of empty homes struggling financially to refurbish their properties.**

In 2023/2024, the council successfully brought 114 empty properties back into use, with some homes having been vacant for more than 26 years. That number continues to increase with the hard work of the council's dedicated Empty Homes Officer. When homeowners are unwilling to engage, the council has legal tools at its disposal, including Compulsory Purchase Orders, Empty Dwelling Management Orders, and Enforced Sales.

Residents who suspect a property is empty can report it to the council's Empty Homes Officer by calling 0115 901 3826 or email [enquiries@gedling.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@gedling.gov.uk)

# Newly refurbished playground opens to local families



Valley Road Playground in Carlton, has reopened, following the completion of a major transformation, made possible by a £100,000 grant from FCC Communities Foundation.

The new-look playground features an exciting range of equipment including a 30-metre zip line, swings, monkey bars and a wheelchair-accessible seesaw. It also boasts two DDA-compliant trampolines (meaning that people with disabilities can use them), a basket swing and interactive play panels, ensuring the space is accessible for children of all abilities.

To celebrate the reopening, local families, members of the Friends of Valley Road Playing Field group and representatives from FCC Communities Foundation gathered at the park to try out the new facilities and mark the occasion.

Outgoing Mayor of Gedling, Councillor Ron McCrossen, who officially opened the play area, said: "This park has always been popular with families, and thanks to the funding from FCC Communities Foundation and the dedication of the Friends of Valley Road, it's now better than ever. It's great to see such an inclusive space where children of all ages and

abilities can play together and enjoy being outdoors."

Marie Spinks, Chair of the Friends of Valley Road Playing Field, said: "This has been a real community effort and we're incredibly proud of what we've achieved. We're so grateful to everyone who supported the project – this new space will be a real asset to local families for many years to come."

Penny Horne, FCC Communities Foundation Grant Manager, added: "It's fantastic to see the transformation of Valley Road Playground now complete. The new equipment is not only fun but inclusive, and we're proud to have played a role in creating a space that brings people together and promotes active outdoor play for everyone."

The project has been delivered in partnership with Gedling Borough Council, the Friends of Valley Road Playing Field, FCC Communities Foundation and Nottinghamshire County Council.





# Carlton Leisure and Wellbeing Community Centre

## A vision for the future

Plans are taking shape for a brand-new Carlton Leisure and Wellbeing Community Centre - a modern, inclusive facility to replace the existing Carlton Forum Leisure Centre and Richard Herrod Centre.

The new building won't just be a leisure centre. The vision is to create a vibrant hub where people can stay active, connect with others and access health and wellbeing support - all in one welcoming space in the heart of Carlton.

Over the last few months, hundreds of residents, local groups and organisations have taken part in surveys, focus groups, drop-in sessions and community workshops to help shape what the centre should offer. Feedback from the consultation will directly inform the facility mix, design and services that the centre will offer - ensuring it reflects the needs and aspirations of the local community.

Initial plans include swimming pools, a gym, group exercise studios, multi-use community rooms and a cafe. The council is also exploring the opportunity to house health and wellbeing services within the centre - creating a one-stop destination for the community.

Sustainability will be a key part of the design, with the building planned to meet high environmental standards and deliver lower energy costs.

Construction of the new hub could begin in 2026, subject to funding and approvals.



# Update on Local Government Reorganisation Plans

Earlier this year, Nottinghamshire's nine local councils – including Gedling Borough Council – took a step forward in discussions about Local Government Reorganisation (LGR), following an invitation from Government to consider creating new unitary authorities.

At a meeting of council leaders and chief executives on 5 March, the councils reaffirmed their commitment to working together on a collective response that would ensure the best possible outcomes for residents and businesses across the county.

Between 17 and 20 March, each council held a Full Council meeting to consider an interim submission to Government, ahead of the 21 March deadline. This submission outlined three potential options for reorganising local government in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

Under the Government's proposals, the current two-tier structure – with county and district/borough councils – could be replaced with unitary authorities responsible for all local services. The goal is to improve efficiency and reduce duplication.

The three core options that were tabled included:

- A new unitary authority combining Nottingham, Broxtowe, and Gedling, with another authority covering the remaining districts.
- A similar option, but with Rushcliffe replacing Gedling in the first grouping.

- Nottingham remaining a standalone unitary authority, with a new single unitary for the rest of Nottinghamshire.

No final decisions were made at this stage. The March submission was an early step in a longer process, with councils agreeing to carry out further analysis and community engagement before submitting detailed proposals by the Government's deadline of 28 November.

While some councils may continue exploring alternative proposals, the overall aim remains to ensure any new structure delivers better services and outcomes for local people. Leaders also recognised that changes to current boundaries may need to be considered as part of this process.

Gedling Borough Council remains committed to ensuring that any future decisions put the needs of its residents first.



# Illegal fly-tipping prosecution

Gedling Borough Council is urging residents to remain vigilant and report fly-tipping after securing a conviction against an individual who failed to meet their legal responsibilities when disposing of waste. The case supports the council's zero-tolerance approach to environmental crime and its commitment to ensuring neighbourhoods remain safe and clean for all.

A Nottinghamshire-based man has pleaded guilty at Nottingham Magistrates' Court to failing in their duty of care regarding the disposal of controlled waste. They were fined £500 and ordered to pay £200 towards prosecution costs.

The case followed a report of fly-tipping in a secluded area of Ravenshead in March 2024. Gedling Borough Council Neighbourhood Wardens investigated and were able to trace a large quantity of dumped waste, including household rubbish, tyres and furniture, back to its source.

Enquiries revealed that a local resident had paid a small sum to have the waste removed by someone advertising gardening and waste removal services online. They had claimed to be a licensed waste carrier, but further investigation found this was not the case. Despite repeated attempts to engage with them, the offender failed to cooperate with the council's Public Protection team, which ultimately led to legal action and their arrest.

Fly-tipping is a serious offence that harms the environment, endangers wildlife, and places a financial burden on local taxpayers due to the cost of clean-up operations. The council is encouraging all residents to check that anyone they pay to remove waste holds a valid waste carriers' licence and to report any fly-tipping incidents via the council's website.





# New trees and wildflower meadow at Digby Park

Councillor Viv McCrossen with Director of Operations, Sarah Troman with the new trees



A major tree planting project at Digby Park, Mapperley, has now been completed, marking another step forward in Gedling Borough Council's commitment to enhancing green spaces and tackling climate change.

The latest phase of the project has seen over 1,200 new trees planted at the site, supported by Defra with a grant through the Trees for Climate grant, administered by Nottinghamshire County Council's Greenwood Community Forest. The grant, totalling £34,416, also covers ongoing maintenance to ensure the long-term health of the newly planted trees.

In addition to the tree planting, the project will also see the creation of a wildflower meadow. The meadow will provide vital habitat for pollinators and other wildlife, further enhancing biodiversity within the park.

This initiative builds on the original tree trail, launched during National Tree Week, which saw over 500 trees planted and new park features introduced, including

benches, improved drainage, and QR-coded plaques providing information about different tree species.

The expansion of tree planting at Digby Park aligns with Gedling Borough Council's wider Carbon Management Strategy, which aims to reduce the borough's carbon footprint and take action in the fight against climate change. It also contributes to the Government's broader environmental goals, including the target of reaching net-zero emissions by 2050. Trees play a key role in this strategy, with DEFRA working towards the Environmental Act's target of halting nature's decline by 2030 and increasing tree canopy cover in England to 16.5% by 2050.

The Trees for Climate grant is funded through DEFRA'S Nature for Climate Fund, which supports large-scale tree planting projects to help meet these ambitious environmental goals.

# Annual Delivery Plan

The council's Annual Delivery Plan for 2025/26 is now in place, setting out the key priorities for the council, for the year ahead. The Annual Delivery Plan will help us focus on the objectives of the Gedling Plan and ensure that we continue delivering services effectively while making improvements that benefit both staff and residents.

A major part of this year's plan is the transformation programme; a set of projects designed to modernise the council, improve efficiency and provide better services. These changes will help us make smarter use of our resources, strengthen financial resilience and deliver on our commitments to residents.

By the end of 2025/26, we will have:

- Focus on customer services and communities – a new system to improve how we manage resident interactions, starting with waste, revenues and benefits. We'll also launch new tools to make online services easier to use.
- Smarter ways of working – we will make processes more efficient and improved cyber security and ICT systems will strengthen resilience.
- Depot modernisation – services like waste, streets and parks will have improved processes. A new waste management system will be introduced, alongside the Simpler Recycling reforms and a food waste trial.
- Gedling Growth – we'll continue progress on key sites like Killisick and Hillcrest, and create new housing opportunities. Funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund will be aligned to council priorities.
- Leisure transformation – we'll determine the future of leisure centres, carry out feasibility studies for new leisure and cultural facilities and engage with communities on how these services should evolve.

These changes ensure we stay focused on the Gedling Plan's priorities; improving services, making the council financially sustainable and strengthening our communities.



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## Gedling Leisure Centres Open Days

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Bring your friends and family along to try out the gyms, swimming pools and exercise classes at one of the Gedling Leisure open days!

**Carlton Forum -**  
**Monday 25 August, 9am-2pm**

**Redhill and Arnold -**  
**Saturday 20 September, 9am-3pm**

**Calverton -**  
**Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 September,**  
**9am-4pm**

Chat with fitness advisors on the day about how to get started with exercise, flexible contract-free memberships and swimming lesson options.



Find out more nearer the time:  
[www.gedling.gov.uk/leisure](http://www.gedling.gov.uk/leisure)

<b>Arnold</b>	<b>0115 901 3690</b>
<b>Calverton</b>	<b>0115 901 3800</b>
<b>Carlton</b>	<b>0115 901 3660</b>
<b>Redhill</b>	<b>0115 901 3630</b>



# New 3G football pitch



Councillor Henry Wheeler on the new 3G pitch

A brand-new, all-weather 3G football pitch at Calverton Miners Welfare Football Club is now complete and ready for use, thanks to support from Gedling Borough Council and funding from the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund.

The state-of-the-art facility, based at the club's grounds in Calverton, features a high-quality artificial surface and newly installed floodlights, enabling matches, training sessions and community events to take place all year round, including during the darker evening hours.

The project was part-funded by a £100,000 contribution from Gedling Borough Council, with additional match funding helping to unlock further investment from the Football Foundation, bringing the total value of the project to over £500,000.

The upgraded pitch is already supporting the club's growing number of youth and adult teams. It is regularly used for training, coaching sessions and community events, with a particular focus on providing quality facilities for junior football development and encouraging more young people to get active and involved in sport.

The pitch is part of Gedling Borough Council's wider strategy to improve sports infrastructure across the borough, using UK Shared Prosperity Fund allocations to deliver community-focused projects that promote health and wellbeing.

This investment is one of several initiatives being delivered across the borough to improve sports participation, support grassroots clubs, and create a healthier, more active community.



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# Gedling and Hucknall Dementia Directory

The Gedling and Hucknall Dementia Directory offers valuable information and support for people living with dementia and their families and carers.

The directory includes details about local activities and support groups, such as Memory Cafés, social groups, and day centres. It also provides practical advice on benefits and entitlements, support for carers and much more.

To view the directory and explore a wide range of other health and wellbeing resources, visit: [www.gedling.gov.uk/health-wellbeing-support](http://www.gedling.gov.uk/health-wellbeing-support).

## Breastfeeding Friendly Scheme



Gedling Borough is part of a countywide effort to support breastfeeding mothers through the Breastfeeding Friendly Scheme. This initiative, led by Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust, Nottinghamshire County Council and all local councils, encourages businesses and venues to create welcoming spaces for breastfeeding mothers.

### The scheme aims to:

- **Help mothers feed their babies in comfort and safety.**
- **Highlight venues where breastfeeding is supported and welcomed.**
- **Normalise breastfeeding across local communities.**

Businesses that join the scheme commit to creating a clean, comfortable environment for breastfeeding mothers and ensuring staff are supportive. Participating venues will display a Breastfeeding Friendly sticker and certificate to show they are part of the initiative.

Find out more about the scheme at [www.gedling.gov.uk/breastfeeding-friendly](http://www.gedling.gov.uk/breastfeeding-friendly).





Sim Duhra, the council's Climate Change Manager, with Councillor Viv McCrossen

# Gedling is going greener

Residents and businesses across Gedling borough are embracing greener ways of living and working and their inspiring efforts were recently showcased at a free event at The Bonington Theatre in Arnold.

Held on World Environment Day (5 June), the event featured a screening of the climate-positive film 2040, alongside talks and short films highlighting real changes being made across the borough to support a cleaner, more sustainable future.

Andis lives in an eco-friendly new build home with high insulation and solar panels. His energy bills are lower, the house stays warm in winter and cool in summer and he's proud to be doing his part to fight climate change.

Wheldon's Garage in Carlton, a long-standing family business, has been upgraded with support from a council-arranged sustainability grant. The changes

have cut energy costs, helped future-proof the business and created new opportunities to serve more local customers.

Pat has retrofitted her home with solar panels and an electric heat pump. She's passionate about protecting the environment and the upgrades have helped reduce her outgoings.

Charlotte, another local resident, drives an electric vehicle and says she's pleased to see more EV charging points across the borough.

Councillor Viv McCrossen regularly cycles for work and leisure. She recently completed a charity bike ride from Gedling to Skegness with her husband, the former Mayor, raising over £11,000 for Parkinson's UK.

Find out how you can go greener at [www.gedling.gov.uk/climate-change](http://www.gedling.gov.uk/climate-change).



# Local Area Energy Plan

Gedling, Broxtowe, and Rushcliffe are taking a giant leap towards a sustainable future with the Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP). This innovative project, led by IES and Mott MacDonald, aims to make our region a leader in the UK's transition to net zero carbon emissions.

The LAEP will create a detailed strategy to reduce carbon emissions and boost energy efficiency. Using cutting-edge digital twin technology, the project will simulate and monitor the energy performance of buildings, ensuring we use energy wisely and efficiently.

Some of the key focus areas for the plan will include finding the best spots for heat pumps to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and improving building insulation to save energy and cut costs.

This project isn't just about the environment—it is about our community! By attracting investment in green technologies, the LAEP will create jobs, support local businesses, and stimulate economic growth.



The LAEP for Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire was approved by the East Midlands Combined County Authority in August 2024 and is expected to be one of the largest of its kind in England running in Gedling until July 2025.

The work is part of the council's ambitious plans to become carbon net zero by 2030.

For more information about our work visit [www.gedling.gov.uk/climate-change](http://www.gedling.gov.uk/climate-change)



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# What's on at The Bonington



## Cinema

Downton Abbey: The Grand  
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Smurfs



Superman

The Bad Guys 2

The Naked Gun

The Roses

Wicked: For Good

## Event Cinema

**André Rieu's 2025 Maastricht  
Concert: Waltz the Night  
Away**

Saturday 30 & Sunday 31  
August  
£15 | £12.50

**National Theatre Live  
Broadcast: Inter Alia**  
Thursday 4 September  
£12.50 | £10



**Royal Ballet & Opera:  
Tosca (12A)**

Wednesday 1 & Sunday 5  
October  
£15 | £12.50

**Royal Ballet & Opera:  
La Sonnambula**

Tuesday 21 October  
£15 | £12.50

**Silents Synced: Nosferatu  
(1922) x Radiohead**

Thursday 2 & Friday 31  
October  
£12.50 | £10



## Live Theatre + Comedy

**Attic Theatre School:**  
Matilda Jr  
Saturday 9 August

**Quentin Blake's Mrs  
Armitage on Wheels**  
Sunday 24 August

**Comedy Hotspot**  
Friday 29 August, 25  
September, 21 November  
£15

**Nottingham Academy of  
Performing Arts:  
And Then There Were None**  
Saturday 20 September  
£12 | £8



**The Bonington Players:  
It's Never Too Late**  
Wednesday 15 - Saturday 18  
October  
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## Live Music

**The Bootleg Shadows**  
Sunday 27 July  
£20



**American Highway Classic  
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Saturday 16 August  
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**Everlys & Friends**  
Friday 12 September  
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**Revival**  
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# Gedling Country Park turns 10

Gedling Country Park opened in 2015 and celebrates its 10th anniversary this year. The award-winning 276-acre park is built on the site of Gedling Colliery and celebrates the mining heritage of the area.

Work began to create a new country park in February 2014, including building the play areas and a visitor centre, which houses Café 1899, named after the colliery's opening year. Extensive landscaping and tree planting has taken place during the last 10 years, to create a variety of wildlife habitats and several trails and gardens for visitors to enjoy. There are also two viewing platforms offering views as far as Belvoir Castle.

The park has been awarded Green Flag status every year since it opened. In recent years the park has hosted events including the beacon lighting for HM Queen Elizabeth II's Jubilee and Peace in the Park, as well as being part of the Queen's Green Canopy national tree planting scheme.

The 10th anniversary will be celebrated at a special event in the park on Saturday 6 September. Details will be available nearer the time on [www.gedling.gov.uk/whatson](http://www.gedling.gov.uk/whatson).



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# How to safely dispose of batteries and electronics

Batteries and electrical items should not be put into kerbside bins as they can cause fires in our waste collection lorries.

We can collect used batteries (not including car or commercial batteries) and small electrical items (the size of a toaster or laptop) from your home. Put your batteries in a bag and any small electrical items in a separate untied bag and place them on top of your black or green bin on collection day and we will take them away.

Larger electrical items will need to be disposed of at the Calverton Household Waste Recycling Centre, Hollinwood Lane, NG14 6NR. You can also book a bulky waste collection by visiting [www.gedling.gov.uk/bulkywaste](http://www.gedling.gov.uk/bulkywaste).



For more information about recycling in the borough and to try out the online recycling tools, visit: [www.gedling.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.gedling.gov.uk/recycling)



## Recycling tips for everyday items



### Recycling checker tool

If you are unsure on how to dispose of specific items, or you want to check if an item is recyclable, try Nottinghamshire County Council's online recycling checker tool.

You can search for hundreds of items and the tool will tell you which bin the item can go in or if it will need to be disposed of at the recycling centre.

### Recycling at your local shops

Many supermarkets and other retailers offer recycling facilities for various items such as plastic bags and clothing and textiles.

The Recycle Now website has a handy online recycling facility tool where you can check which items can be recycled at local shops: [www.recyclenow.com](http://www.recyclenow.com).





Youth Mayor Lydia Yates with Mayor of Gedling, Cllr Robinson-Payne

## New Youth Mayor vows to amplify young voices in Gedling

Gedling Borough Council has named Lydia Yates as its new Youth Mayor, succeeding Stella Clarke, following a successful year of youth leadership.

Lydia will now lead the Gedling Youth Council and work closely with elected members, officers and local organisations to advocate for young people across the borough.

In her acceptance speech, Lydia said: "I'm humbled to accept this role as a responsibility and a promise to young people in Gedling. Youth representation is imperative and as Youth Mayor I promise to represent young people no matter their background, interests or challenges. Most importantly I will listen because true leadership isn't about who speaks loudest, it is about making sure that every voice gets heard. And I will do exactly that."

Lydia steps into the role previously held by Stella Clarke, who was widely praised for her contributions

to youth engagement and her role in shaping local initiatives during her term as Youth Mayor.

Councillor Kathryn Fox, Portfolio Holder for Life Chances and Vulnerability, said:

"I'm really looking forward to working with Lydia in her new role as Youth Mayor. She's already shown a real passion for making a difference, and I know she'll do a fantastic job representing young people across the borough. I also want to extend my thanks to Stella Clarke, who has been a brilliant Youth Mayor over the past year and brought incredible energy and insight to the role."

The Youth Mayor plays a vital role in ensuring that young voices are heard and considered in local decision-making, and Lydia's appointment marks an exciting new chapter for youth leadership in Gedling.

# Mayor's news

Gedling Borough Council has officially appointed Councillor Kyle Robinson-Payne as the new Mayor of Gedling. The announcement was made at the annual council general meeting in May.

Councillor Robinson-Payne succeeds Councillor Ron McCrossen, who raised more than £11,000 for Parkinson's UK and the Parkinson's UK Nottingham Branch during his term. His work was praised by councillors and community members alike for making a significant impact in Gedling borough and beyond.

In his first address as Mayor, Councillor Robinson-Payne paid tribute to his predecessor and said, "It is an absolute honour and a privilege to be given the opportunity to serve this wonderful borough and the people that call it home. We are so fortunate to live in an area that is so friendly and welcoming to everyone no matter what your background or who you are. I want to send a message that this council is here for everyone and focus on the values and hopes that bring us together."

The newly appointed Mayor will be supporting the Motor Neurone Disease Association and MNDA Nottingham Branch, which is based in Gedling, as his chosen charity for the year. His theme for his term as Mayor will be inclusivity, aiming to promote a borough that celebrates diversity and unity.

Mayor Robinson-Payne will attend community events, support local initiatives and act as an ambassador for Gedling throughout his year in office.

If you would like the Mayor of Gedling to attend your event or visit your local school, please email [civic@gedling.gov.uk](mailto:civic@gedling.gov.uk).





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