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New Visitor centre at Gedling Country Park opens



Pride of Gedling Winners announced

Leader's column

Welcome to the summer edition of Contacts, in another bumper edition we have a number of very important announcements including the opening of the new visitor centre at Gedling Country Park. The new café, named Café 1899 after the year the pit opened is a fantastic facility and completes a hugely ambitious project to turn the former colliery into a destination country park.

We are delighted to announce the winners of this year's Pride of Gedling awards, I can say that judging this year's awards was a real privilege. We had some incredible nominees and the standard was so high that picking a winner was very difficult. The awards show itself was very special and it made me very proud, there were some very emotional moments and it has set the bar very high for future awards.

And finally, we are very proud of the work we do with other partners to help the most vulnerable in society and we've put together a feature on the services available to those who need it. Our civic centre is now a hub for support with the Jobcentre, the counselling service We R Here, the Citizen Advice Bureau and more who all offer their services right here at Gedling Borough Council every week.

Leader of the Council

Councillor John Clarke



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Contact us



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Waste & Recycling:	0115 901 3621
Public Protection:	0115 901 3832
Environmental Protection:	0115 901 3972
Licencing:	0115 901 3971

Service you need not listed? Call our switchboard on 0115 901 3901 or visit our website for help.

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Responsible for Environment



Cllr Gary Gregory
Responsible for Community Development

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Visitor centre

It's here! Yes, the new visitor centre has opened at Gedling Country Park. The centre has a stunning scenic view of the park with an outdoor seating area and a modern cafe serving high quality food and drinks as well as space for families to come and enjoy.

The visitor centre was officially opened at a special ceremony last month by Leader of Gedling Borough Council, Councillor John Clarke Deputy Leader, Councillor Michael Payne and the Mayor of Gedling, Cllr Viv McCrossen alongside Cabinet members and Vernon Coaker MP.

The centre design was inspired by the history of the former colliery site and its look and feel incorporates the coal shapes and the rural landscape. It was designed by Allan Joyce Architects with some inspiration from Nottingham Trent University students who helped shape some of the ideas for the centre.

Café 1899, named after the date the former mining colliery opened, will serve food and drinks and will have a wide ranging menu from breakfast to brunch. It will also be open 7 days a week and has disabled access and disabled toilet facilities.

The centre took just 35 weeks to build and will have 75 seats indoors and 50 outside on platforms looking over the beautiful Gedling skyline. The building is made up of a staggering 9,800 breeze blocks

and 2,500 bricks and was built by local firm G F Tomlinsons.

As well as the visitor centre, the park also has 240 acres of green open space, walkways and a children's play area which also incorporates the mining heritage of the site. The car park has also been expanded to meet the demand and with thousands of people visiting the park every week and the addition of the new centre we're sure it will be a huge success.

For more information about the park visit our website www.gedling.gov.uk or visit the Gedling Country Park Facebook page.

MENU

Here's a taster of the menu at Café 1899!



Mental Health Challenge

We've signed up to a national Mental Health Challenge to support positive mental health in our community, including in local schools, neighbourhoods and workplaces.

Councillors agreed to sign up to the challenge at Full Council and we've been working on ways to reduce inequalities in mental health, working with partners to offer support for people with mental health needs and tackling discrimination.

Earlier this year a new mental health befriending and support group opened in Arnold which has been very well attended. The drop-in sessions run every Friday between 11am and 2pm at Arnold Methodist Church.

For more information visit www.mentalhealthchallenge.org.uk



County Council Election Results

On May 4 you voted on the Nottinghamshire County Council Elections and in Gedling there were nine seats contested. The turnout for the borough was 38% which was slightly higher than the county wide turnout of 36.47% (277,182 votes). Here are the newly elected members for the Gedling area:

Arnold North – Cllr Pauline Allan (Lab) & Cllr Michael Payne (Lab)

Arnold South – Cllr John Clarke (Lab) & Cllr Muriel Weisz (Lab)

Calverton – Cllr Boyd Elliot (Con)

Carlton East – Cllr Nikki Brooks (Lab)

Carlton West – Cllr Jim Creamer (Lab) & Cllr Errol Henry (Lab)

Newstead – Cllr Chris Barnfather (Con)

Nottinghamshire County Council is responsible for making decisions about services including education, social care and transport. For more information about the County Council election visit www.gedling.gov.uk/elections

General Election Results

The turnout in Gedling for the General Election was 73% (51,765 votes cast) and the result was that Vernon Coaker (Lab) is the elected MP for Gedling and Mark Spencer (Con) is the elected MP for Sherwood.

A statue in honour of the mining history of Gedling Country Park is to be built thanks to the Friends of Gedling Country Park who won £18,000 in funding.

The group won the funding from Nottinghamshire County Council's Supporting Local Communities Fund to commission an artist to create a permanent piece of art in the new memorial garden at Gedling Country Park.

We will be supporting the artist to work with local children and community groups to create the centrepiece. It will commemorate the miners who worked and died on the site and provide a focal point for anyone wishing to spend a few minutes in quiet reflection.

Look out for more information about the sculpture in the next edition of Contacts or visit the Gedling Country Park Facebook page.



The d'honneur of a Lifetime

The High Sherriff of Nottinghamshire and representatives from the French Consul presented Gedling resident Don Sutton with the Legion d'Honneur, the highest honour the French can bestow, for his service to his country during the Second World War, at a special ceremony at Gedling Borough Council in May.

Mr Sutton, who is 99 years old, was formally presented with the award by the French Consul in the East Midlands, M. Jean-Claude Lafontaine, for his part in the liberation of France in the summer of 1944. His regiment, the North Somerset Yeomanry, one of the last horseback regiments who fought on horseback, played a large role in the liberation of France.

Mr Sutton's family, carers and senior military officers including the Vice Lord Lieutenant were in attendance and a number of local press outlets were there to get the big story. Congratulations to Mr Sutton on receiving such a prestigious honour, he is a true hero.

Let's Get Digital

Over the past 12 months we've launched a new digital strategy aimed at reducing costs and improving services.

The digital strategy is a three year plan that sets out our aims to be more streamlined and easier for you to get in touch with us online. Here are some of the things we've done so far:

We're making digital the channel of choice.

We've launched not one but three new websites (see page 9) making it easier for you to do things online.

We're keeping you posted.

We now have over 25,000 people signed up to our email newsletter, Keep Me Posted. In April we sent out emails to 13,000 residents registered to receive information about their Council Tax bill was coming, reducing the number of calls made to the council and saving you time by making it easy to tell us online.

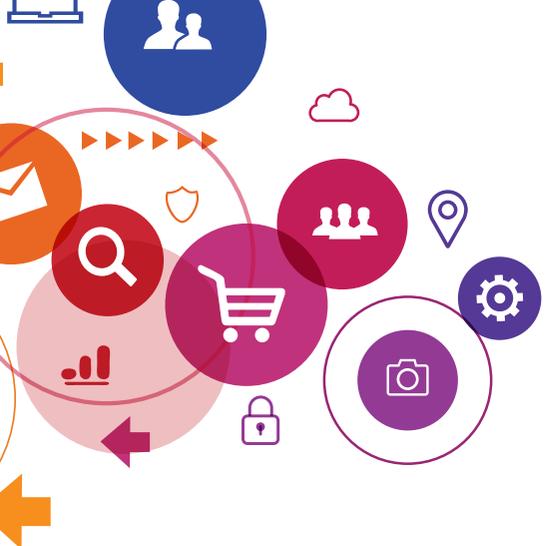
Bin Reminders.

You can now sign up to get an email reminding you the night before you need to put your bin out, no more checking if the neighbours have put theirs out. This will save money by reducing the number of missed bins and eventually reduce the number of paper calendars we send out. Go to our website to sign up

Don't call us, tweet us.

We have set up a dedicated customer services Twitter account @GedlingBC_help so that you can now get in touch with us quickly, directly and cheaply. We have staff on hand to answer any queries which should reduce the number of calls made to the council.





This month we launched our new website. It is now mobile friendly, easier to use and much more customer focused. You can find the things you need quickly pay for things easily and report any issues instantly.

We've also designed new leisure and events sites that will be easier to navigate those important swimming lesson timetables or find out about the number of events we run around the borough.

We have spent months rewriting the web content to make it simpler to read. We've used guidelines provided by central government to make sure that the site complies with accessibility and reading levels and we've stripped out hundreds of pages meaning you will find the things you need a lot quicker.

Our principles for the creation of the site were pretty neat, no really! We used N.E.E.T as the principle for the site which was

- N – Necessary** – does it need to be here? If not, then it doesn't go on the site.
- E- Easy to read** – 80% of readers prefer short sentences, so we kept it simple
- E- Easy to find** – We made sure that the right pages are in the right place
- T – True** – Is the content up to date and accurate?

We hope you like the new site and if you want to give us some feedback please do so by emailing communications@gedling.gov.uk. To see the site go to www.gedling.gov.uk





It's Hot and Healthy

The Healthy Options Takeaway Scheme (HOT) encourages takeaways to offer healthier options and let customers know where they can get healthier food. Many local takeaways already offer healthy options but many more could make small, easy changes and get a HOT certificate.

To get a certificate, takeaways can apply online and then an Environmental Health Officer will go out and see if the takeaway meets the criteria for a HOT certificate. If you're a business and would like to apply then visit www.gedling.gov.uk/community/health/hot/

Support to bring empty homes back into use

We have recently appointed a new full-time Empty Homes Officer to work with the owners of long term empty homes to try to bring them back into use. Properties that are left derelict or disused can be an eyesore and cause problems for people living nearby. Our Environmental Health team work to get these properties back into use and, in some circumstances, can legally require the owners to get the property tidied up. If you know of a property that has been left empty for a long time and is causing problems, get in touch with our team 0115 901 3972 or email environmentalhealth@gedling.gov.uk and they can investigate.



Live your life with Lifeline

Safety, reassurance and peace of mind

Would you, or someone you know like a little extra reassurance when at home when no one else is around?



Disabled Facilities Grants can help meet the cost of adapting a property for the needs of a disabled person of any age. Grants can be provided of up to £30,000 depending on the applicant's financial situation.

Typical works include improving access to properties, installing suitable lighting, heating and ventilation or improving access and facilities within the property for cooking, sleeping and bathing. You can also apply for help improving the safety of the property.

To be eligible you must be an owner occupier, private tenant, a tenant in social housing or a landlord with a disabled tenant. Eligibility is based on financial circumstances and an assessment made by Nottinghamshire County Council.

To apply for this scheme, please contact Nottinghamshire County Council on 0300 500 8080 and request an assessment for a Disabled Facilities Grant.



Serving People, Improving Lives

Over the last few years our council headquarters at the civic centre in Arnot Hill Park has transformed into a central hub that supports local people with a range of different things from help getting employed, financial advice, support with housing problems and much more.

The number of free services now available at the civic centre is increasing all the time so we thought we would remind residents of the extra support available here at the Civic Centre in Arnot Hill Park, Arnold.

Monday – Friday 9am-5pm except Wednesday
10am-5pm

Jobcentre Plus offers a range of support to help people get into work. They provide a service that supports people of working age from welfare into work, and helps employers to fill their vacancies. They meet with hundreds of people every month to help offer them support and training to get them back into employment. You will need to make an appointment to see an advisor but you can also get more information about the centre by calling 0345 604 3719.

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Citizens' Advice Bureau

Thursdays (appointment only)

Fridays drop in, first come, first served from 8.30am

The Citizens' Advice Bureau provides free, confidential and impartial advice. Their goal is to help everyone find a way forward, whatever problem they face. You may have money, benefit, housing or employment problems. You may be facing a crisis, or just considering your options. Appointments must be made in advance on Thursdays or it's first come, first served on Fridays. Please note that appointments are extremely popular and are limited in number.

British Legion

Friday drop in from 9.30am

Drop into if you want support from the men and women from the British Legion, they offer support and advice to armed forces members both past and present. For more information about the Arnot branch visit www.britishlegion.org.uk

We R Here

The Lodge, Arnot Hill Park (weekdays)

We R Here bring support to children, young people, their families and carers. Many people experience significant traumatic life events such as domestic violence, grief, loss and bereavement and We R Here provide support after such life-changing events. They team are based in The Lodge situated at the bottom of Arnot Hill Park near the entrance. For more information or to make an appointment to see someone visit www.werhere.org.uk

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Success on your Doorstep



A national project aimed at getting young people engaged with sport on their doorstep has been piloted in Newstead. Young people from the Newstead Village Youth Club were involved in the Doorstep Sport Club, a project funded by the national charity StreetGames.

The project uses sport and physical activity as an intervention to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. The sessions have proved to be very popular and have engaged over 50 young people in the area.

The sessions, which were organised by the young people, included Dodgeball, Badminton, Football as well as other team building exercises. The group also met with Neighbourhood Wardens who spoke with them about the importance of reducing anti-social behaviour and results so far in Newstead have shown that, since the project started, the number of incidents have reduced.

For more information contact our Newstead Locality Co-ordinator Deborah.widdowson@gedling.gov.uk

Newstead Micropub Opens

A new pub has opened in Newstead thanks to the will power of the local community. The Pit which is situated in the Sports Pavilion on Tilford Road was opened in February by the Mayor of Gedling and ward member Councillor Chris Barnfather who backed the campaign to turn the site into a pub.

The pub, which was due to be demolished, has a new lease of life thanks to the determination of landlady Lorraine Horrocks who gathered 1,150 signatures on a petition asking the council to think again about closing the site.

The Micropub, the technical name for a small pub with only one room, is open six days a week and has space for 60 drinkers and has locally sourced ales, ciders and wine. For the latest updates follow 'The Pit Micropub' on Facebook.

Tour of Britain – Race through Newstead Abbey

Nottinghamshire will host an entire stage of the OVO Energy Tour of Britain, the UK's premier road cycling race, this September including a pass through Gedling. Nottinghamshire is the only county in the Midlands to host one of the eight stages.

Wednesday 6 September will see 120 of the world's top cyclists racing a 175-kilometre stage from Mansfield to Newark-on-Trent. The route will take in Eastwood, Hucknall, Gedling and the

grounds of Newstead Abbey and the centre of Southwell.

After heading through Sherwood Forest and Clumber Park the stage will loop the north of the county and the towns of Worksop and Retford.

It will be the first time that Nottinghamshire has hosted a start and finish of a stage of the OVO Energy Tour of Britain. The race last passed through the county in 2015 when a stage finished in Nottingham.



Pride of Gedling 2017 Winners

The Pride of Gedling Awards is a showcase of the outstanding work of the people who live in this borough, especially those who make such a positive contribution to society. In March we hosted the third awards show and the entrants were some of the strongest yet.

A judging panel of councillors and Nottingham Post editor, Mike Sassi, had the difficult task of selecting a winner. On the night there was a huge array of emotions listening to the incredible stories of the people nominated. It really was a night where everyone was a winner.

Overall Pride of Gedling Award -

Jack Burrows

Jack won the prestigious honour of overall Pride of Gedling Award. He was nominated for his amazing achievements as a short track speed skater. Jack, sometimes known as Speedy, has won a number of events this year, set a British junior record and is part of the Great British squad hoping for glory at the next Winter Olympics.

Jack, 19, who lives in Calverton, had his name engraved on a special plaque which will be displayed in the council chamber at Gedling Borough Council.

Congratulations Jack, you are the Pride of Gedling and we are sure you will gain plenty more awards in the future.



Good Neighbour Award – Lou Parr

Lou was a worthy winner after she saved pensioners Michael and Rita after a car caught fire just feet away from their flat in Arnold. Lou alerted the couple after walking home on her way from work in the early hours of the morning when most people were asleep. Lou's quick thinking ensured that Michael and Rita escaped the fire safely after she woke them up by banging on their back window. At the awards event Lou was praised for her bravery and courage and when asked about what went through her mind when the flames were surrounding her she calmly replied "I just had to do it didn't I?" Well Michael and Rita will be forever grateful that Lou was there, congratulations Lou, what a hero.

Runners up: Esther O'Brien and Joan McCondach



Community Servant Award – Gilbert Millar

Gilbert was nominated for his work keeping the streets of Daybrook safe with his tireless work with the local Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Gilbert, a retired Police control room manager has dedicated 14 years to the scheme and has helped reduce crime in the area. He co-ordinates a team of six who help to cover 126 households in Daybrook and he also produces a newsletter to keep the residents informed about latest information about crime and updates from the Police. Gilbert is the ultimate example of a community servant and is a very notable winner. Well done Gilbert, the borough is a safer place because of the work you do.

Runners up: Lorraine Brown and Emma Astill

Young Person of the Year Award –

Dylan Barker

The winner of the Young Achiever award is Dylan Barker, of Arnold, who has shown immense courage after being diagnosed with cancer for a fourth time – on his 20th birthday. Dylan received the devastating news on January 16 that chemotherapy treatment would not cure his secondary bowel cancer. Dylan has been told that doctors can only now try to stop the spread of the cancer – which affects his liver, lungs and back. Despite this, he has remained positive and he has raised money for many others in similar situations. It was an emotional moment for Dylan when his name was announced at the Pride of Gedling Awards ceremony. He attended the event with his mum Stacey, his dad Stuart and his step mum Michelle – and there were tears as the tribute to him was read out from the stage. “It’s difficult to hear about what has happened to me coming from someone else,” he said. “I didn’t think I’d win and when they read my name out, I couldn’t believe it.”

Runners up: Florence Orchard and Matthew Laird



Go Fund Dylan

Dylan’s family have set up a GoFundMe appeal to send Dylan on holiday. As we went to print he has raised nearly £2,000 towards a target of £4,000. If you would like to donate visit www.gofundme.com/get-dylan-to-new-york and Councillors will also be raising funds here at Gedling, keep an eye out on our social media pages for more information.



Business in the Community Award – Button Moon

The winner of the Business Community Award started in 2012 and is now a haven for crafters, knitters and started the ‘Yarn-bombing’ craze across the borough. Owner Teresa Burkin came up with the idea to brighten up the towns and centres in the borough by decorating lamp posts, benches, trees and shop windows with crocheted creations. The group meet every Wednesday and Saturday for crafternoons, knitting and are worthy winners of this year’s award for the way they have got the community involved in such an innovative and creative way! At the awards, owner Teresa said she was “shocked but so pleased” to win. Congratulations Button Moon.

Runners up: Wendy Yilmaz and Carrie Bird

Outstanding Community Project Award – Gedling Miners’ Reunion

On the 7 November 2016, three friends organised an event to mark the 25th anniversary of the closure of Gedling Colliery. They were expecting 50 men to come, 250 turned up. Francis Rodrigues, Graham Tavner and Rick Wilson were the worthy winners after they organised one of the events of the year. With the support from the council, the men organised a reunion at the former Gedling Miners’ Welfare Club for former workers from the colliery, some hadn’t seen each other for 25 years. On a day of huge emotions, the attendees were treated to a tour of the now Gedling Country Park, a beacon lighting, a specially made beer was even made called the ‘Gedling Tally’ and there was also very special service at the Gedling Lamp to remember the 131 men who died working on the pit.

When picking up the award, former miner Graham said “We were just so happy that we’d got all these miners back together and they were all there with their arms around each other.”



Runners up: Daybrook Crew and Ugly Duckling Meeting Place

Volunteer of the year Award – Molly Bell

The community of Ravenshead owes a huge debt to Molly Bell, a former parish councillor, who has volunteered in her community for over 20 years. She set up Ready Call, a voluntary run service that provides essential transport to appointments and trips for a number of elderly people as well as being involved in the Ravenshead Cornwater Club who help older people with dementia.

When receiving the award Molly said she was “Honoured and very proud. We have a great team of volunteers and I’m collecting this award on behalf of them.” Gedling Borough Councillor, Chris Barnfather, who nominated Molly said “It works because Molly sits at the centre, devoting many hours of her time organising and fundraising.”



Runners up: Joyce North and Pat Fenton

Lifetime Achievement Award

— John Holmes

This year we introduced a new award, the lifetime achievement award and there was a very worthy winner. Many of you will have heard John Holmes on BBC Radio Nottingham and he has played a very important role in the community over the last 50 years. John has been a resident of the borough for many years and has championed Gedling throughout his career. The award was kept secret from John until it was announced by Leader of the Council, Councillor John Clarke who introduced John Holmes as a “smooth-talking gentleman and a brilliant ambassador for the area, working tirelessly for a number of great causes - particularly as founder and chairman of the Karen Clifford Skin Cancer charity.”

John was very pleased to win the award leaving him on a rare occasion, speechless “I’m not usually lost for words- this is fantastic. I’m just stunned.”

On behalf of everyone at Gedling Borough Council and the residents of the borough we take immense pleasure in awarding John with the Lifetime Achievement Award and would like to thank him for everything he has done and continues to do for the borough.



Thank You WREN!

We boast some of the best parks in Nottinghamshire and this is down to the hard work of our parks team and local volunteers but it is also thanks to external funders like WREN who provide thousands of pounds of funding every year to help improve our parks. We spoke with Cheryl Raynor, Grant Manager for WREN to talk about the great work they do.

Cheryl Raynor –
Wren Grant Manager



Cheryl, can you tell us a little bit about WREN and what your job is there?

WREN is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, biodiversity and heritage projects from funds donated by FCC Environment. Since 1997, WREN has provided over £200m to more than 7,000 community and environmental projects throughout the UK.

Over the last few years, WREN have supported a number of projects in Gedling, what is it like for you to see the work that has been done?

For me this is the most rewarding part of my role, to be involved in an opening event and see the excitement on the faces of local people who have often been working hard for many years to deliver a project is truly inspiring.

You will be aware of the difficulties many council's face to keep parks and open spaces supported, what can residents do to help?

It's the support and enthusiasm from local communities for their local park that makes things happen. They don't see their open spaces as simply places for children, but as community facilities and many hold fun days and events that encourage users into the park. People are becoming more proactive and working alongside local authorities to make things happen. Parks are being embraced by local communities for the benefit of everyone. It's great to see.

Here are just some of the projects that WREN has helped support through funding in the last few years;

- Children's play area at Gedling Country Park
- Multi-Unit Games Area at Muirfield Road Recreation Ground





Angela's Story

At all of our leisure centres we offer personal training sessions for members and there have been some fantastic results. We caught up with Carlton Forum Leisure Centre user, Angela, who, in her own words, has told us why joining the gym has changed her life;

In the last 18 months I've managed to lose over four stone and I feel amazing. My advice to anyone struggling to lose weight would be to not give up and find something you enjoy and take advantage of the DNA membership and everything it has to offer."

For more information about how you could benefit from a personal trainer at one of our leisure centres visit www.gedling.gov.uk/leisure or call us on 0115 901 3700 to make an appointment to speak to one of our trainers.

"It was after reaching a bit of a low point in my life I decided to join Gedling Leisure . I managed to find some classes that I liked and the weight started to drop off. The more weight I lost the more I enjoyed the classes and the easier it got.

All the instructors are so nice and very encouraging; it's like having your own team of personal trainers.

Having a DNA membership is fantastic, you can book online and in advance meaning you never have to wait at the desk or miss a class because it's full. There are so many activities to choose from and you can go to any of the four different Leisure Centres.



- Skate Parks at Burton Road Jubilee Park, King George V, Arnold and Joshua Dale Park, Colwick
- Children's play area at Valeside Gardens, Colwick

If you would like to find out more about how WREN could improve the parks in your local area visit



Planning Update

There are a huge number of planning projects taking place across the borough and we thought it would be a good idea to update you on some of the major works happening in Gedling. of the major works happening in



The Chase is On

Works to build 1,000 new homes on Chase Farm is now underway. The 33 acre brownfield site is part of the council's target to deliver 7,250 homes in the borough by 2028. Full planning permission has been granted to build 506 homes with outline permission granted for the remaining properties. Plans are also in place for a new primary school, health centre, local shops and public open space to provide services for the new residents and the wider community.



End of Chesterfield

The former Earl of Chesterfield pub is to be demolished and turned into a three storey building with three retail units and 14 two bedroom flats. Planning permission was granted to turn the eyesore, which lies in Carlton at the corner of the junction between Carlton Hill, Southdale Road and Southcliffe Road, into a modern building. The renovations are part of the council's long term plan to revitalise Carlton town centre, look out for more new in the coming months.

Gedling Access Road Update

Gedling Access Road, a road to help relieve traffic going through Gedling Village and help support the new homes being built on Chase Farm, is due to commence in Spring 2018 . The road will run from Mapperley Plains to the A612 at the Burton Road/Nottingham Road and Trent Valley Way junction. There will be two roundabouts connecting with Arnold Lane and the future development area on the former Gedling Colliery site.

Funding for the £40 million road has come from a mixture of public and private sector funding, which includes Nottinghamshire County Council, Gedling Borough Council, the HCA, Local Enterprise Partnership D2N2 and Keepmoat.

Sainsbury's store for Colwick

Sainsbury's has confirmed they will be pushing forward with plans to build a new superstore in Colwick after listening to calls from the council to invest in the borough.

The retailer was contacted by our Chief Executive, John Robinson, Leader of the Council John Clarke and Vernon Coaker MP requesting that they rethink plans to delay the building of the new store on the Colwick Industrial Estate near the Netherfield Retail Park. After the consideration of the council's concerns Sainsbury's have now confirmed that the site will go ahead as planned and will be built by 2020.



Sainsbury's

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What's on in Gedling this **Summer**



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Mayor's News

Councillor Sandra Barnes



The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Sandra Barnes has raised a staggering £17,000 for her chosen charity, Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund. With the help of her husband, Councillor Peter Barnes, she raised the money through a number of events throughout the year ranging from quiz nights to civic dinners. We would like to say a huge thank you to Councillor Barnes for her year in office and for the amazing charitable work she has done during her term.

The new Mayor of Gedling for 2017/18 is Councillor Viv McCrossen. Labour Councillor McCrossen represents the Woodthorpe ward and was voted in as Mayor at the Annual General Meeting of Councillors in May. Councillor McCrossen's chosen charity is the Motor Neurone Disease Association and she hopes to raise awareness of this terrible disease and the excellent work of the national charity and the local branch. Cllr McCrossen's first engagement as the Mayor was to attend a Tea Party at Buckingham Palace. We wish the incoming Mayor all the best for her year in office.

If you would like the Mayor to attend your event or to arrange a school visit or just to come to the Mayor's parlour for a cup of tea and a chat, please contact the Elections and Members' Services Team on 0115 901 3673, email civic@gedling.gov.uk or write to The Mayor of Gedling, Gedling Borough Council, Civic Centre, Arnot Hill Park, Arnold, Nottingham NG5 6LU.

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