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Welcome to County Life

Following the recent local elections, I'm delighted and proud to be writing this as the Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council. Over the coming years we recognise that there will be real challenges with reduced budgets and increased demand for our services, but we will be working hard for Nottinghamshire's residents, businesses and visitors in order to deliver value for money.

We are committed to keeping your Council Tax as low as possible, whilst ensuring that critical services such as social care have the funding they need. You can read more about where your Council Tax goes on pages 26-27.

This edition of County Life shows how the Council makes a real and positive difference and I'm extremely grateful to those who have shared their inspiring stories. I am humbled by the selflessness of our foster carers who do so much to provide children with a safe, loving home. You can also read how one young family have got so much from opening their home and hearts to other children.

Nottinghamshire is a vibrant county with a rich heritage and we are committed to making the most of our towns and villages. We need to make sure that we promote our proud past while building a strong future. The news section details some of the ways that we are improving our place by investing and building on this long and varied heritage.

With the school summer holidays coming up, the what's on guide in the centre pages is full of great ideas for days out, many of the attractions are free and all offer fantastic value for money. For details of even more events please visit nottinghamshire.gov.uk/whatson

For families wanting to get the very latest news and to find out what's on we have a new email bulletin called Family Life. The monthly emails are free and include more real life stories to help show how our services can help you and your family. To sign up for Family Life or any of our other free email topics simply visit nottinghamshire.gov.uk/emailme

I hope you enjoy this edition of County Life and find it useful, informative and inspiring. If you have any other ideas for County Life we would love to hear from you in our reader survey.



Kay Cutts

Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council

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The new **route** to good health and fun

Hugh McClintock has been a keen cyclist for over 40 years and is excited about the new West Bridgford Cycle Network, which will be completed this summer.

Hugh explains “My wife and I will make great use of the new network, we both cycle and regularly visit the shops and make social trips on our bikes. The network will make it even easier and safer for us to get around”.

Work on the 17 mile long network of routes has been carried out by Via East Midlands, which manages the County’s highway network on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council. The £1m project was primarily funded through external sources, including D2N2’s (Local Enterprise Partnership) sustainable transport programme and local developers.

Local residents and interested groups were consulted on the plans in 2016. Overall the consultation received almost 90% support for the improvements. There were some concerns about cyclists, pedestrians or motorists sharing certain parts of the route and as a result the plans were modified. Hugh explains “I discussed the route with Via and was pleased that they’ve listened to recommendations and made changes to parts of the planned route”.

Aged 70, Hugh is passionate about cycling and is a very involved member of Pedals, a Nottinghamshire volunteers group that promotes cycling and its benefits, “I am retired now, but when I worked I commuted by bike every day. The improved

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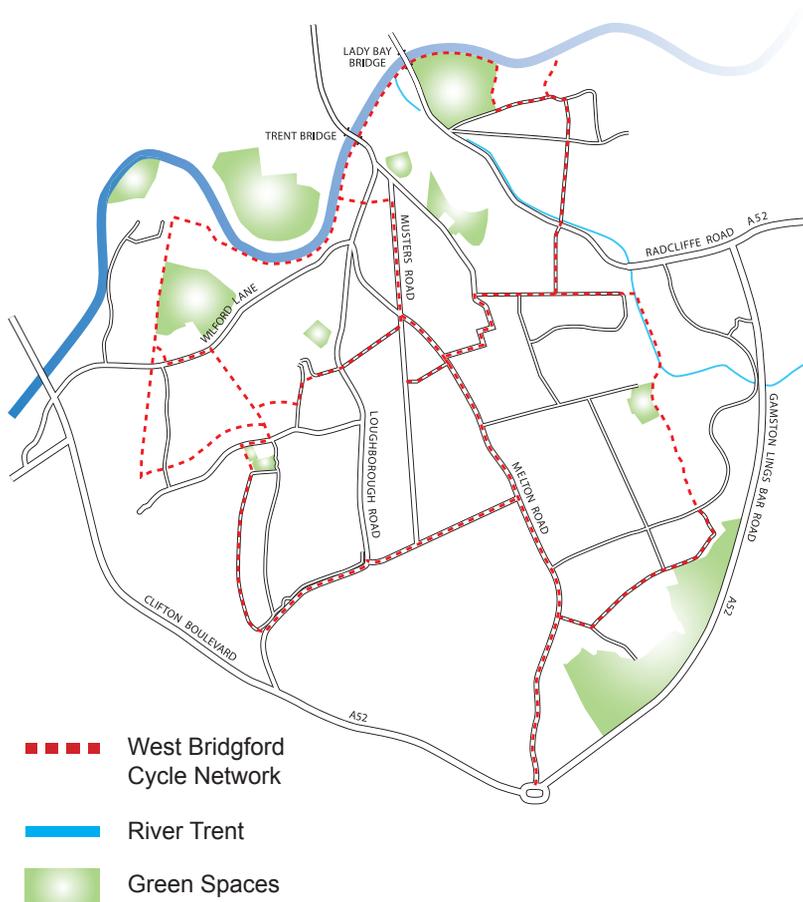
routes on the network mean that more people can cycle on a daily basis, to school, work or for leisure.

The link to Rushcliffe Arena and the tram stop in Compton Acres mean that people can access the leisure centre and city on a much better, safer route”.

If you haven't cycled for some time but fancy getting back in the saddle the new network could be the perfect place to start, and Hugh has some top tips for getting started: “Don't be too ambitious, just start slowly to build up your confidence and take your bike to a cycle shop to get it checked over so you know it's roadworthy”.

For more tips on cycling, Hugh recommends visiting ridewise.org.uk “They offer advice and training, so if you're not used to cycling, they can help you to cycle, use routes and handle traffic safely”.

New West Bridgford Cycle Network



For more information on cycling in Nottinghamshire visit nottinghamshire.gov.uk/cycling and pedals.org.uk



3rd - 10th Sept 2017

Tour of Britain 2017

The Tour of Britain will be coming to Nottinghamshire on **6 September**. This major international cycling event is one of the UK's biggest free to attend sporting events. Last year around 1.6 million spectators saw the Tour over the course of the event.

Find out where to watch the race:
nottinghamshire.gov.uk/tourofbritain

Your County News

New £9m Orchard School for Newark

After years of campaigning, the rebuilding of a special school in Newark has been given the green light, following confirmation that the project to help rebuild Newark Orchard School has gained the necessary funding to go ahead.

Nottinghamshire County Council will contribute £5m to the project, the Government's Special Schools Fund will provide £2.55m and a further pledge in excess of £1m has been secured from the Education Funding Agency.

As a result, the children and young people who attend Orchard School will soon have a school they are proud of, providing them with new, state-of-the-art facilities and increasing the number of pupils the school can accommodate from 101 to 140.



A bright future for our country parks

Days out at Rufford Abbey and Sherwood Forest Country Parks have been secured by the Council entering into new partnerships for their management. New arrangements will see significant investment in both parks to improve the visitor attractions whilst protecting and enhancing their unique heritage and natural beauty.

Parkwood Outdoors and Nottinghamshire County Council are now jointly running Rufford Abbey Country Park, one of Nottinghamshire's most popular tourist attractions.

At the world famous Sherwood Forest Country Park work has started on a new car park and improving access to the forest. Working with the County Council, the RSPB led consortium of Thoresby Estate, Continuum Attractions and The Sherwood Forest Trust continue to finalise details of the new £5.3m visitor centre.

Beautiful Bridgford Hall open for business

After a year-long £2.3m refurbishment, Bridgford Hall in West Bridgford has reopened as a wedding ceremony venue and apart-hotel. Funding from Rushcliffe Borough Council and the Heritage Lottery Fund was provided to modernise the 250 year old Georgian building, enhance the two wedding ceremony rooms and create seven short-stay suites.

This unique venue benefits from two attractive ceremony rooms, both with views across the picturesque Bridgford Park. The Garden Room with its two grand chandeliers and period feel seats 60, whilst the Drawing Room with its traditional library feel and impressive fireplace seats 20.

Both ceremony rooms can be booked for weddings and other celebratory ceremonies including baby naming and renewal of vows.



For information about getting married in Nottinghamshire visit celebrateinnottinghamshire.co.uk or call **0300 500 80 80**.

Regenerating Hucknall Town Centre

Shoppers, residents and traders in Hucknall are now enjoying an attractive, pedestrianised High Street following the completion of a £13.5m scheme.

Hucknall High Street is now fully pedestrianised between Baker Street and Watnall Road, providing a safer, more attractive environment for shoppers and which now also houses the market. Other improvements include a new relief road, opened in November 2016, a new bus link, junction improvements and flood alleviation measures in Hucknall.

The scheme was managed by Via on behalf of the County Council and funded by the Department for Transport, Nottinghamshire County Council and Ashfield District Council. It aims to help regenerate the town, attracting visitors and new businesses to Hucknall.

Latest milestone for new Gedling Access Road



Plans for the new £40m Gedling Access Road (GAR) have moved to the next stage, with the go-ahead given to start legal processes to acquire land to build the 3.8km new road.

The GAR will link the A612 to Mapperley Plains and reduce congestion in Gedling Village. The road is part of the Gedling Housing Zone and the redevelopment of the former Gedling colliery site, creating

employment opportunities and almost 1,000 new family homes. The main construction work is due to take place from spring 2018, with a completion date of spring 2020.

The County Council is working in partnership with the Homes and Communities Agency, Gedling Borough Council and Keepmoat Housing Limited, who are all helping fund the new road, with £10.8m from D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership.

Nominated Neighbour Scheme

Nottinghamshire County Council have introduced a new scheme to protect vulnerable people from unscrupulous doorstep callers and rogue traders.

People who sign up to the Nominated Neighbour Scheme can arrange for a trusted neighbour to speak to any doorstep callers on their behalf, checking the reason for their visit and verifying their identification. Once the caller has finished their intended business, the Nominated Neighbour can escort the caller off the premises.

If you, or someone you know, may benefit from the scheme, please call **03454 04 05 06**.



Get moving Nottinghamshire

An ambitious scheme to help more people to cycle, walk and use the bus to access work and training opportunities is set to go ahead in Mansfield and Newark.

'Get Moving Nottinghamshire' has been awarded £845,000 from the Department for Transport's Access Fund. The bid was supported by a range of partner agencies including local colleges, employers, district councils and D2N2LEP.

The planned package of measures aims to boost employment opportunities, reduce journey times, tackle congestion and address local air quality issues.

The County Council has also secured £150,000 from the Access Fund as part of a separate bid led by Nottingham City Council. This will be used to encourage Daybrook and West Bridgford residents to travel on foot, bicycle or bus and help improve air quality in these two areas.



Earn while you learn to start a career you love

Apprenticeships are proving to be the perfect path into work for Nottinghamshire 20 year olds Lauren and Chris, they have both found placements that they love, working with animals.

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Chris

Lauren Beazley, the latest apprentice at Stapleford Boarding Kennels, explains why she is now working in her dream job “I love dogs, looking after them and just giving them lots of attention. It’s even better than I thought it would be. I had worked in a kitchen, but it wasn’t what I wanted to do, I wanted a job in animal care, they are really hard to get without any experience though”. Lauren continues, “I’d been looking for an apprenticeship for two years when I saw this one advertised on the gov.uk website. I love everything about it, even the coursework. It’s not like school, it’s more laid back because you have more time to do the coursework”.

Looking to the future Lauren says “After I’ve qualified I want a fulltime job at a kennels. An apprenticeship is like a test run, you get ready for a full time job while studying, and you’re not just jumping in at the deep end with work”.

Kennel owner/manager Tracy Evans took on her first apprentice two years ago after looking at information on the Futures website, “We got an Apprenticeship Grant for Employees (AGE) from the Government and a Youth Employment Scheme (YES) grant from Nottinghamshire County



Lauren, Chris and Tracy

Council to help us be able to get an apprentice”.

Tracy recommends using an agency to handle the recruitment, “They advertise your vacancy, deal with applications and weed out any time-wasters, so you only meet people genuinely interested in working with you”.

Describing the other benefits of having an apprentice, Tracy says “It allows me to concentrate on my business, knowing the day to day work is being sorted. Apprentices also bring fresh approaches and new ideas, so you benefit from that too”.

Tracy’s first apprentice was Chris Charlesworth and she has seen a real change in him, “He was really shy when he first started, not confident with customers, but during his apprenticeship he really came out of his shell, he’s brilliant!”.

Chris explains how he came to be an apprentice, “I wanted to get a qualification but also to have money, plus I didn’t want to get up and do the same thing every day, so I looked around for an apprenticeship. I saw an ad online for a placement here and knew it was for me”.

“I finished my apprenticeship last June, got my animal care qualification, then was taken on as a fulltime kennel hand. I’m really happy here, every day is different and I’m still learning all the time”.

“ He really came out of his shell, he’s brilliant!

Tracy

Supporting Chris’s recommendation for apprenticeships, Lauren explains her tip for getting started “If you’re thinking about being an apprentice, do some research, look online for placements and if you can’t find any offering what you want, get in touch with firms you’re interested in working for, don’t give up”.

Interested in becoming an apprentice in Nottinghamshire, or in having an apprentice placed with your organisation? Visit nottinghamshire.gov.uk/apprenticeships or call **0300 500 80 80**.

Ghosts, legends and a four poster bed

Take a wander back through time on this short, hilly route around Teversal. This walk offers great views including the settings for some famous literary works and tales of ghostly sightings.

Distance:

3¾ miles (6 km)

Parking:

Teversal Trails Visitor Centre

Refreshments and toilets:

Teversal Trails Visitor Centre, Carnarvon Arms pub and Teversal Grange in Fackley

Visitor Centre:

Open everyday 9am - 2pm
except Monday

1 From the car park of the Teversal Trails Visitor Centre, Carnarvon Street, Fackley, walk through the Coal Garden to reach a gateway. Through the gate, take the path immediately on your right, and in a few yards turn right again along a wider path running between trees. Follow this old railway line for about half a mile, passing under a bridge and walking in a cutting then on to an embankment. Eventually the path takes you over two bridges, at the second one turn left down the embankment via a flight of steps, then over a stile to follow a path downhill. At the bottom, cross the wooden footbridge over the stream.

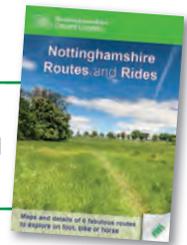
The network of Teversal Trails result from the railway boom in the Victorian era. With industry thriving in this area, various railway companies built their own lines and competed to carry goods and passengers. Even small towns could have three or four different railway stations on different lines! These became unprofitable and were closed, the last operating line finally closed in 1978.

2 Over the bridge, walk straight on towards the top left hand corner of the field, skirting the edge of Coppy Wood. At the corner of the wood, the path leads diagonally across the field to the left, heading uphill on a well-trodden path. At the top of the field, cross the stile to reach a road and walk straight on, passing the stone-built house to your left. After a short distance you reach Teversal Church entrance. Walk into the churchyard and follow the path along the edge of the churchyard to a gate at the far side.

The church of St Katherine has close links to the various Lords of Teversal Manor. The Molyneux family have had the greatest impact on the inside of the church, with a family pew that looks more like a four poster bed, and a family tomb under the floor of the church.

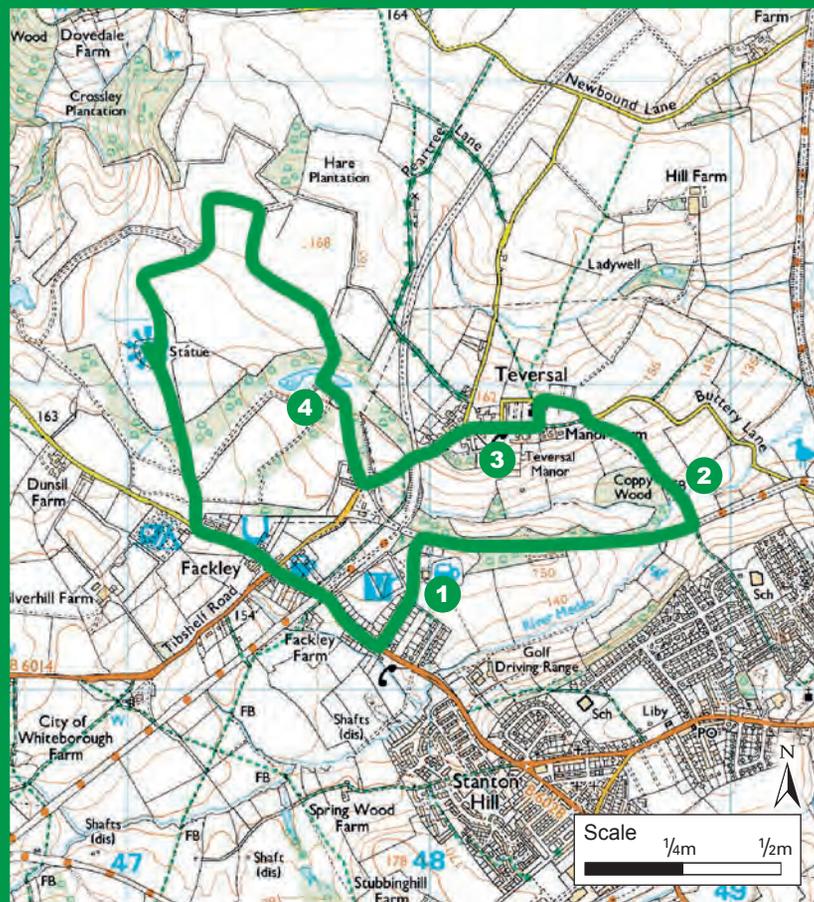
3 Passing through the gate, head right, through a gate and ahead you will see a tarmac path that leads to a gap in the stone wall. Walk through this gap and continue ahead on the pavement alongside a tree-lined road to a junction ahead. Veer left and follow the pavement, which soon narrows as the road heads downhill, passing beneath a railway bridge. Soon you will reach a white house where the road bends sharply to the left. Cross the road and pass through a gateway to the right of a house and up a wide tarmac track. At the top follow the track as it bends left, keeping the pond to your right until you reach a tall sculpture with information panels.

Find more **FREE** routes online at nottinghamshire.gov.uk/walking or to get a printed copy of 'Routes and Rides' call **0115 977 3169**.





Teversal is immortalised as the setting for DH Lawrence's 'Lady Chatterley's Lover'. Lawrence drew great inspiration from the Nottinghamshire landscape, many places are recognisable in his work, though sometimes place names are changed. Wragby Hall, home of Sir Clifford and Lady Chatterley in the novel, is recognisable as Teversal Manor and the woodlands on the edge of Hardwick Hall estate, visible from Silverhill are where Lady Chatterley and Mellors, her gamekeeper lover, met.



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4 Turn right and follow this track as it winds across the site until eventually the view opens up ahead, with Hardwick Hall on a wooded hill and the M1 motorway in the valley below. The track then bends sharply left and shortly passes another track on your right. Our route ignores the right hand track but you may wish to leave the route here to visit the miners' statue before rejoining the main path.

Follow the track that runs ahead over the top of the hill and straight down the other side to emerge on the road at a gateway. Turn left along the pavement to reach a junction of roads

at Fackley, by the Carnarvon Arms pub. Cross the road to pass in front of the pub and under the railway bridge. You will soon find Carnarvon Street on your left, which leads you back to the Visitor Centre.

This area is renowned for ghosts. There are many tales of strange happenings at the Carnarvon Arms, which stands at an ancient crossroads. Best known though, is 'Flat Cap', an old miner who wandered the workings of Silverhill Colliery, even talking to the miners.



Sign-up for **free** email bulletins

Now's the time for you to join the other 47,000 Nottinghamshire residents who currently receive regular email bulletins, which are free and packed full of useful information.

Nottinghamshire County Council's email bulletins cover a wide range of topics where you can find out first about a variety of Council services. Whether you're looking for a great day out, job hunting or just want the latest news, then email bulletins are perfect for you.

There are currently 20 topics, just a few of the popular ones include:

- What's on
- Latest news
- Jobs
- Health and wellbeing
- Waste and recycling
- Business advice

You can read the bulletins on any device, so you can get the very latest information in an instant and on the move.

Signing up for the bulletins of your choice is quick and easy: just visit nottinghamshire.gov.uk/emailme enter your email address, first name and postcode and tick all the email topics that you want to receive, it really is as simple as that. At any time you can unsubscribe from bulletins or sign-up for others.

Last year we carried out a survey with residents who have signed up for our email bulletins. The results showed people liked that the information is instant, bulletins are clear, concise and easy to read, it saved having to look things up online and over 90% said they felt more informed about the Council.

When you sign up for email bulletins you will see the full list of bulletin topics, so if you see something which you think would interest your friends or family then please spread the word, so they can also be first to know what's happening at their Council and across their county.

Don't miss our latest topic: **Family Life**

With news, events and competitions for Nottinghamshire families.



What's On

in Nottinghamshire

Summer 2017

**Pull-out
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**FREE and
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Don't miss

- Medieval fun at the **Robin Hood Festival**
- Animal Agents **Summer Reading Challenge**
- Bridgford Hall **Wedding Fair**

What's on?

Events and activities in Nottinghamshire
July to October 2017



Family Fun



Arts & Heritage



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Summer Reading Challenge 2017: Animal Agents



Saturday 15 July
– **Sunday 10 September**

Nottinghamshire Libraries
FREE

Join the Summer Reading Challenge and meet the Animal Agents - a whole host of clever creatures, ready to solve all kinds of crime! Sign up at the library then read six library books to solve the mystery, collecting rewards along the way. For children aged 4 – 11. (W)



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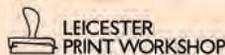
Exhibition – Library Landscape: A Myriorama for Nottinghamshire



Until Monday
4 September

Mansfield Central Library Gallery
FREE

Inspire and Leicester Print Workshop artist Sue Rowland have worked with groups of Nottinghamshire people in libraries and with young people in special schools to create a unique Nottinghamshire Myriorama. The series of printed artworks on display form a landscape scene. (W)



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Visual Stories Exhibition



Saturday 29 July
– **Thursday 7 September**

West Bridgford Library Gallery
Retford Library Gallery
FREE

Artists and storytellers have worked with students to explore visual literacy, make masks and create stories inspired by the Summer Reading Challenge Animal Agents. The resulting artworks are brought together in an exhibition alongside a display of craft made by library visitors as part of 2017 Libraries Craft Bomb. (W)



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31 July – 6 August
Sherwood Forest Country Park

Robin Hood Festival

11am – 4pm daily

The festival is alive with colourful characters and medieval fun-filled activities.

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/robinhood



FREE entry
£5 car parking

SMOKEFREE SUMMER

The Mill Summer Holiday Club

 **Monday 31 July – Friday 1 September**
8.30am – 5.30pm

The Mill Adventure Base
£25 per day

A holiday club with a difference for 8 – 12 year olds (weekdays only). Enjoy at least three adventurous activities each day such as canoeing, climbing, mountain biking. Advanced booking required, call **01623 556 110**. Find out more at nottinghamshire.gov.uk/outdoorclubs

For even more events visit nottinghamshire.gov.uk/whatson

Summer Street Dance School

 **Monday 31 July – Friday 4 August**
9.30am – 12.30pm
Junior Street Dance for ages 7 – 12 years
1.30 – 4.30pm
Senior Street Dance for ages 13 – 19 years

The Old Library, Mansfield
£5 for the week

A fun week of street dance with a professional choreographer and performer. Improve your technique or just have fun! For more information or to book call **01623 644 377** or email cya@inspireculture.org.uk



Summer Safety Roadshows

 **Monday 31 July**
Mansfield Central Library
Thursday 3 August
Workshop Library
Thursday 17 August
West Bridgford Library

12noon – 3pm
FREE

Join local firefighters, East Midlands Ambulance Service, Notts Road Safety, Ambulance Heritage Society, Notts Police, Nottinghamshire Blood Bikes and St John Ambulance for fun and education in the library – with hands-on activities for all.



Visual Stories – Summer Reading Challenge Art Workshops

 **Tuesday 1 August**
10am – 12noon
West Bridgford Library
Saturday 12 August
10am – 12noon
Workshop Library
Thursday 17 August
1 – 3pm
Mansfield Central Library
Friday 25 August
10am – 12noon
Beeston Library

FREE

Work with professional visual artists and storytellers and make masks to create stories inspired by the Summer Reading Challenge theme 'Animal Agents'. For full details and activities at other libraries, visit inspireculture.org.uk (W)



Exhibition – In Folds with Hayley Beckley

 **Saturday 5 August – Thursday 28 September**

Beeston Library
FREE

Crafts Council Hothouse 2016 artist Hayley Beckley worked with pupils from Round Hill School to explore the ideas of elation and escapism using textile structure to create the work for this exhibition. The young people's work is displayed alongside Hayley's own sculptured textile pieces. (W)



 **Talent**



The Spark Arts for Children presents: Sylvia South and the Word Catcher by Finegan Krukemeyer



Monday 7 August – Sunday 13 August
Touring various Nottinghamshire Libraries*

Library members: £3 child | accompanying adults FREE
Non-library members: £5 child or adult

After spotting something outrageous at her local library, Sylvia South is off on an adventure, navigating streets on a borrowed bicycle to chase a strange man with an armful of other people's books. New family theatre for children aged 5+. Booking advised. (W) *To find out libraries, times, dates and to book visit

www.inspireculture.org.uk/popup

the **spark**
arts for children



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Build a Bird Box



Tuesday 8 August
2 – 3pm

Rufford Abbey Country Park
£6 per box made

Join our park ranger team to make a nest box for your garden, helping our feathered friends set up home. For children aged 5+ (must be accompanied and supervised by an adult). Booking required, call **01623 821 338**.

Jazz Steps Live at the Libraries Presents: Tina May with the Andrew Wood Trio



Thursday 10 August
7.30pm

West Bridgford Library
£15

Award winning international singer, Tina May teams up with the Andrew Wood Trio for an evening of great songs, jazz and stories. Composers include Gershwin, Cole Porter, Duke Ellington, Kurt Weill and many more. Adults only. Booking essential, call **0115 981 6506**. (W) To find out libraries, times, dates and to book, visit www.inspireculture.org.uk/jazz



Ravenshadow



Sunday 13 August & Sunday 24 September
12noon, 2pm & 3.30pm

Sherwood Forest Country Park
FREE

Meet some of the colourful costumed characters from the Ravenshadow Group as they demonstrate their medieval combat skills under the Major Oak! (W)



Butterfly Hunt



Thursday 17 August
10.30am – 12noon

Sherwood Forest Country Park
£2.50 children (accompanying adults FREE)

A butterfly stroll to see how many species we can find. Then create your own fluttery butterfly on a stick to take home. Family event suitable for children aged 7 – 12. Booking essential, call **01623 823 202**.



All outdoor events are weather dependent. Please contact the venue before visiting if in doubt.

Mansfield Town FC's Football in the Community Summer Football Spectacular



Friday 18 August
12noon – 3pm

Mansfield Central Library
FREE

Join Mansfield Town FC's Football in the Community for an afternoon of football madness and mayhem. Test your footy skills in the inflatable football pitch and get the chance to take a shot in the radar goal. Meet the mascot and players and get ready for an afternoon of fun!



Bat Walk



Monday 21 August
8.30 – 10pm approx.



Sherwood Forest Country Park
£5 per person

Join a ranger on this 1.5 mile walk to learn more about the bats of Sherwood Forest. Please bring a low powered torch and insect repellent is recommended. Booking essential, call **01623 823 202**.

Rock and Pop Bootcamp



Monday 21
– Friday 25 August
10am – 3.30pm

The Old Library, Mansfield
£10 for the week

A chance for 11 – 19 year olds to get on the ladder to stardom. Work with professionals on song writing, performance, recording skills and become the next big thing. Call **01623 644 377** or email cya@inspireculture.org.uk

Pond Dipping Adventure



Thursday 24 August
2 – 3pm

Rufford Abbey Country Park
£6 per child
(accompanying adults FREE)

Explore the murky depths of Rufford's wetland and learn to identify the



variety of aquatic life there. For children aged 5+ (children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult). Dress for outdoor play. Booking required, call **01623 821 338**.

Dementia Friendly Film Screenings



Thursday 24 August
Mary Poppins

Thursday 21 September
Pillow Talk

2 – 4.30pm
Mansfield Central Library
£1

Enjoy an afternoon film on the big screen in the library's auditorium. Open to the general public, but particularly suitable for people living with dementia, their families and friends. Doors open 30 minutes before the screenings. 20 minute interval with tea and coffee. Booking essential via www.inspireculture.org.uk (W)



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Living History Camp – The Falchions



Saturday 26
– Monday 28 August
11am – 4pm

Sherwood Forest Country Park
FREE

Visit the living history camp and meet the Falchions as they depict life in the 14th Century. Get up close to weavers, fletchers, armourers and woodworkers and (weather permitting) the armour-clad knights will do battle in the shadow of the Major Oak. (W)

Dotty The Dragon Children's Open Air Theatre Show



Wednesday 30 August
12.30 & 3pm

Rufford Abbey Country Park
£12 per adult or child. Family ticket (2 adults 2 children) £44

A delightful show about a friendly little dragon who decides to visit the nearby village. Lots of fun for younger children, mums, dads, grans - in fact anyone who's young at heart! Refreshments available from our cafe and vintage van. For tickets, call **01636 678 900**.



Please note a parking charge applies at Rufford and Sherwood Country Parks. Visit nottinghamshire.gov.uk/counyparks for more details.



Summer Forest Schools



30 August – 1 September
Perlethorpe Environmental Education Centre
Brackenhurst Environmental Education Centre

£60 for 3 days

Fun packed days of fabulous activities for 8 – 12 year olds. Activities include shelter building, cooking on camp fires, using wood working tools, pond dipping, minibeasts and tree identification. To book, call **01623 822 218**. Find out more at nottinghamshire.gov.uk/outdoorclubs

Doncaster Wheatsheaf Singers



Sunday 3 September
2 – 4pm

Rufford Abbey Country Park
FREE

Back by popular demand, this excellent choir has performed in many prestigious locations including St Paul's Cathedral. Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon of sweet harmonies.



All outdoor events are weather dependent. Please contact the venue before visiting if in doubt.



Nottinghamshire's People Exhibition



Thursday 7 September
– Thursday 9 November

Mansfield Central Library
FREE

Celebrate the stories discovered within locally-held family history sources. Details of the lives of people ranging from a former slave to a Duke are included. Come along and be inspired to find out more about your own heritage. **(W)**

Heritage Open Day Event: Local and Family History Surgery



Thursday 7 September
10am – 4pm

Workshop Library
FREE

Looking for help with family or local history? Come along to this free drop-in event, where local studies staff will be on hand to answer questions and show you resources that could help with your research. **(W)**



Native British Trees and their Folklore



Saturday 9 September
10.30am – 3.30pm

St Michael's Environmental Education Centre
£45

Join expert Patrick Harding for illustrated talks and learn to identify native trees out in the Peak District National Park.



Delve into the folklore of these ancient guardians and discover their range of uses. Booking required, call **01433 650309** or email stmichaels@nottsc.gov.uk

Nottinghamshire Archives' Revolting Open Day



Saturday 9 September
11am – 3pm

Nottinghamshire Archives
FREE

Join us for a day of stories of the men and women who rebelled, rebelled and said "No!". See original archives of suffragettes, soldiers, and people like you. Children can dress up as a Victorian urchin and play traditional games. **(W)**

Family Fun Day



Saturday 9 September
11am – 3pm

Beeston Library
FREE

Join us for a day of fun and festivities for the whole family to celebrate the reopening of Beeston Library following refurbishment. **(W)**

RSPB Mansfield Local Group



Sunday 10 September
10am – 3pm

Sherwood Forest Country Park
FREE

Meet the Mansfield Local Group of the RSPB and learn about birds and wildlife. Bird food, gifts, pin badges, books and pocket money goodies are available. **(W)**



Fungus Foray – Identifying Mushrooms and Toadstools



Sunday 10 September
10.30am – 3.30pm

St Michael's Environmental Education Centre
£45

During this hands-on day in the Peak District, fungi expert Patrick Harding will help you recognise the major families and some of the more common species. Booking required, call **01433 650309**, email **stmichaels@nottsc.gov.uk**

Nottinghamshire's People – Exploring Ancestry.com



Tuesday 12 September
2pm

Mansfield Central Library
FREE

Learn about some of the lesser known aspects of this family history research tool.



Ancestry.com is FREE to use in Nottinghamshire libraries and at Nottinghamshire Archives. Booking essential, call **01623 651 337**. **(W)**

Pretty Muddy



Saturday 16 September
National Watersports Centre

FREE for spectators

Cancer Research UK is bringing their Pretty Muddy, ladies-only obstacle run event to Holme Pierrepont.



For even more events visit nottinghamshire.gov.uk/whatson

Major Oak Woodland Festival



Saturday 16
& **Sunday 17 September**
11am – 4pm

Sherwood Forest Country Park
FREE

A weekend of woodland crafts, traditional woodland skills and various demonstrations including chainsaw carving. Wander around the Major Oak path and encounter a wide variety of craftspeople including toy makers, hurdle makers and charcoal burning. **(W)**



Nottinghamshire's People – Weaving My Family Tapestry



Tuesday 19 September
2pm

Mansfield Central Library
£3

Jenni Dobson explores the threads of her family history beyond the basic facts outlined in birth, marriage and death registers. Be inspired and see where following your own family's story may take you. Booking advised, call **01623 651 337**. **(W)**





Jazz Steps Live at the Libraries Presents: Stuart McCallum



Tuesday 19 September
Worksop Library
01909 535 353

Wednesday 20 September
Southwell Library
01636 812 148

Thursday 21 September
West Bridgford Library
0115 981 6506

7.30pm

£10 / £8 concessions

Stuart uses three acoustic guitars to re-imagine and re-sculpt some well-known jazz standards. His use of loops, soundscapes and tunings creates music that is balm for the soul. Adults only. Booking strongly advised, call the numbers above or visit www.inspireculture.org.uk/jazz (W)

Sports Heritage Week



23 September – 1 October
Across Nottinghamshire
Cost dependent on event

A celebration of our county's sporting past through a series of events and activities at various Nottinghamshire venues. Find out more at nottinghamshire.gov.uk/sportsheritage



Outlaw Obstacle Course



Sunday 24 September
11am – 4pm

Sherwood Forest Country Park
50p per go

If you want to join Robin Hood and his outlaws in Sherwood you will need to prove that you can survive. Navigate yourself round the family-friendly obstacle course and complete tasks along the way.

'On The Home Front' 1940s Weekend



Saturday 30 September & Sunday 1 October
10.30am – 4.30pm

Rufford Abbey Country Park
£10 per vehicle

Experience the sights and sounds of wartime Britain with a fantastic weekend of living history. Take a walk down memory lane, dress up in your vintage finery, chat to knowledgeable re-enactors, or just stroll around and enjoy that 'Dad's Army' vibe!



Wedding Fair



Sunday 1 October
11am – 3pm

Bridgford Hall
FREE

Planning a wedding? Get expert advice from registrars, venues and other specialist wedding suppliers. Visit celebrateinnottinghamshire.co.uk/weddingfairs for a full list of attendees. (W)



Survival of the Fittest



Saturday 7 October
National Watersports Centre

FREE

10k extreme obstacle run, consisting of land and water based challenges. Not one for the faint hearted, come and have a go if you think you are hard enough!

Find out first with our What's On emails. Register at nottinghamshire.gov.uk/emailme

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Be inspired to learn...

Book
your place
today!

Short courses in your community

Have fun learning something new with our range of local short courses. Learn a new skill, socialise and have fun in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Community courses are happening at local venues across Nottinghamshire and are free if you are on certain benefits. There's something for everyone including:

- Health and Social Care
- First Aid
- Mindfulness
- Manual Handling
- Arts and Crafts
- And many more!

New course
prospectus
available in
libraries mid-
August!



Find out what is happening near to you

visit: www.inspireculture.org.uk/community

Call: **01623 476 830** or e-mail: learning@inspireculture.org.uk

Our **fostering** family

Six year old Lizzie Walker and her sister Gracie, aged nine, are growing up as part of a Nottinghamshire family that fosters children and they absolutely love it.

The girls' mum Jodie and dad, also Jody, have been involved in fostering for over 13 years. In that time they've cared for 11 children, including a mother and baby placement, siblings and teenagers. The family currently have 14 year old Ben* and 19 year old Lee living with them.

Jodie explains "I thought fostering was a good opportunity to use my parenting skills for other children, fostering full time has provided the opportunity to be at home with the girls and Jody has been able to go part time, so spends more

time with us too". Jodie continues "Nottinghamshire County Council's fostering service have given us fantastic support and from talking to friends who have been foster carers with other agencies, we've definitely made the right decision".

"Ben has been with us nearly two years and Lee has stayed with us past the age of 18 with the 'Staying Put' policy, which enables young people to remain in care until they are 21, giving them time to become independent. The girls love them both".

Lizzie and Gracie both enjoy other children coming to stay with them. Gracie says "We like being foster carers, it's really fun to meet new people". Lizzie adds "It's cool to have big step-brothers and that's what we call Ben and Lee. We go on bike rides and have lots of fun together, Lee is always giving me piggy backs".

“...it's cool to have big step-brothers.

Lizzie



Jody, Gracie, Lizzie and Jodie

“He’s very clever too and helps me with my homework.”

Gracie

Gracie continues “He’s really big so he’s always picking us up and making us laugh. He’s very clever too and helps me with my homework”.

Lizzie explains how she helps the children to settle in with the family, “When Ben first came to stay he was scared, but we showed him around, what to do and soon he was happy”.

Both girls are keen advocates of fostering; Gracie has done talks about fostering at her Rainbows group and in school. “One of my school friends is going to be fostering soon too, she’s asked me lots and I’ve told her it will be fun.” Lizzie is also happy to talk about fostering whenever anyone asks, “At school my best friend asked me about fostering and then more people came over and I ended up telling everyone about it and answering loads of questions”.

Lizzie and Gracie both think fostering is great and mum Jodie has seen other benefits to her daughters; “They’ve met people from different backgrounds with different histories, they’ve seen so much positive stuff that they are now even more open and positive about life”.



Lizzie and Gracie

She continues “Fostering has added so much value to our lives, our children benefit, the fostered children benefit and we do too”.

The girls enjoy other benefits from being part of a fostering family; Gracie had fun on the trip for carers’ children to Cadbury World last year and both girls are looking forward to appearing in the annual ‘Fostering’s Got Talent’ show.

Jodie recommends that more people should foster older children, “It’s really lovely and actually easier fostering teenagers, they have more independence – they get themselves up and feed themselves, giving me time to get the girls ready for school”.

“People ask if it’s hard to say goodbye when they leave, but we know how long they are going to be here for and know there is always another teenager waiting for help.” Jody

“We’ve definitely made the right decision.”

Jodie

adds, “Just go for it, I didn’t have any background in children’s care, I was a car mechanic, now I’m an electrician and a foster carer”.

The Council needs more foster carers, particularly for older children and siblings. Find out more about fostering with us, the support we offer and how you can join Lizzie, Gracie and their family to help change young lives across Nottinghamshire.



Visit [nottinghamshire.gov.uk/fostertoday](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/fostertoday) or call **0300 500 80 80**.

*name changed to maintain confidentiality.

Reader Survey



If possible please fill in this survey online at nottinghamshire.gov.uk/countylife - it'll be simpler for you and saves the Council money. If you need to return the survey by post, send your completed form to:

FREEPOST RTCU-CTYJ-XXKA (County Life readers' survey), County Hall, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP. All completed forms must be submitted by **Thursday 10 August 2017**. No stamp required.

Did you find this issue of County Life:

- Interesting
 Parts of it were of interest
 Not interesting

Do you like the look and layout of the magazine?

Yes No Don't know

Which features do you like?

- What's On pages
Yes No Don't know
- Your Council Tax
Yes No Don't know
- News
Yes No Don't know
- Stories about real people
Yes No Don't know
- Competition / prize draw
Yes No Don't know

What else would you like to see?

What would you like to see less of?

In the future how would you prefer to read County Life?

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Did you know this publication was produced by Nottinghamshire County Council?

Yes No

Do you have any other comments on County Life?

The Council is committed to ensuring that our services are delivered fairly. To enable us to check that what we are providing is fair and effective, we would be grateful if you would answer the questions below.

What is your age?

Under 16 16-25 26-35
 36-45 46-55 56-65 66+

Do you consider yourself to be disabled? Yes No

Are you: Male Female

What is your ethnic origin?

White Black Asian
 Chinese Mixed
 Other (please specify) _____

What is your postcode?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

WIN cricket tickets

TRENT BRIDGE
EST. 1838

We have five pairs of tickets up for grabs for the NatWest T20 Blast match between Nottinghamshire Outlaws and Leicestershire Foxes on Friday 18 August at the historic Trent Bridge Cricket Ground in West Bridgford, Nottingham.

T20 cricket is an exciting, short form of cricket. Each side has just one innings of 20 overs and one action-packed match usually lasting around three hours.

There is a great, family friendly atmosphere at T20 matches, plus with Nottinghamshire playing Leicestershire, there will be the added element of a local rivalry.

To enter the free draw to win a pair of tickets, either complete the survey online at nottinghamshire.gov.uk/countylife or fill out the version above and post your survey using the freepost address at the top of the page.

Closing Date is 5pm, Thursday 10 August 2017.



Name

Address

Daytime phone

Email

Admissions to schools

If you live in Nottinghamshire it will soon be time to apply for your child's school place for September 2018.

The easiest way to apply is online at nottinghamshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Online applications will be acknowledged straight away and then on the offer date (shown in the table opposite) you will receive a decision by email. Alternatively you can apply by phone on **0300 500 80 80**.

We advise you to include your top four preferred schools on your application. Visit the website to search for schools near your home. All applications must be received by the closing dates shown.

Primary to secondary transfer - year 7		
Apply online from	Closing date	Offer date
7 August 2017	31 October 2017	1 March 2018
Admission to 14-19 schools (studio schools and UTC)		
Apply online from	Closing date	Offer date
7 August 2017	31 October 2017	1 March 2018
First admission to school - reception		
Apply online from	Closing date	Offer date
6 November 2017	15 January 2018	16 April 2018
Infant to junior transfer - year 3		
Apply online from	Closing date	Offer date
6 November 2017	15 January 2018	16 April 2018

Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service

You are safer at home, work and on the roads than ever before thanks to Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) and here we show you how we use your money to achieve that.

For more information about NFRS and how we use your Council Tax to make you safer and protect you if you need us in an emergency, please go to www.notts-fire.gov.uk

Total Income 2017/18 **£40.3m**



Government Grant **£7m**

Business Rates **£10.1m**

Council Tax **£23.2m**

Where the money comes from...

In 2016 we...



10,722 emergency calls attended by firefighters



Value for **money** for all the family

What is Council Tax?

Local services provided by County and District Councils, plus the Police and Fire services, are all paid for by Council Tax and Government grants, and in some cases through charges for services. The amount you pay for Council Tax is based on the value of your property.

The County Council charge

This year the County Council will spend an extra £14.8m to protect under-pressure social care services. This is due to main Government funding for the Council being reduced by £22m in 2017/18 and demand for care services set to continue rising.

The extra investment in social care has, in part, been funded through a 3% Adult Social Care Precept and 1.75% increase in Council Tax, in line with Government expectations. This added an additional 99p per week to the average Council Tax bill in Nottinghamshire.

The County Council receives dedicated grants from Government to fund public health and schools. All other income for the Council (including Council Tax) is used to deliver high quality services.

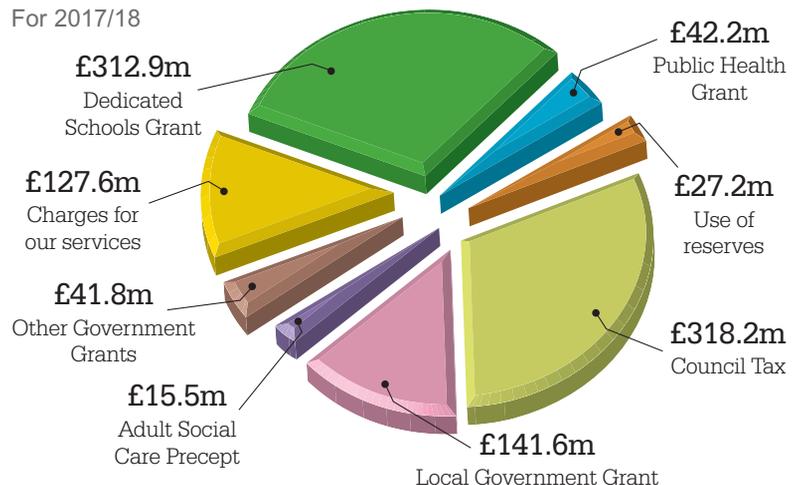
Your Council Tax payment 2017/18

Band A	£ 858.95
Band B	£1,002.11
Band C	£1,145.27
Band D	£1,288.43
Band E	£1,574.75
Band F	£1,861.07
Band G	£2,147.38
Band H	£2,576.86

The actual amount you pay will depend on your individual circumstances (whether you receive single person discount, student or disability exemptions etc) and additional amounts for your District or Borough Council, Fire and Police services.

Where the Council's budget comes from

For 2017/18



Adult Social Care Precept

In addition to the increase in Council Tax the County Council has also approved an additional Government precept solely for Adult Social Care of 3%, the impact of this is:

Band A	£42.36
Band B	£49.42
Band C	£56.48
Band D	£63.54
Band E	£77.66
Band F	£91.78
Band G	£105.90
Band H	£127.08

Investing in Nottinghamshire

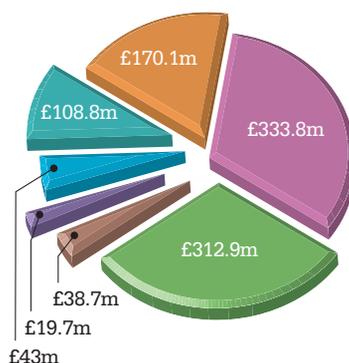
Major schemes for the Council's 2017/18 investment programme, which is worth £103m, include:

- **Ongoing investment of £37m** until 2018/19 to fund the School Places Programme to ensure that sufficient school places are provided across the county.
- **Continuing investment of £13m** until 2017/18 to improve the condition of school buildings.
- **£25m** to finance road maintenance and improvements and investment in cycling, walking and public transport schemes.
- **£5m** to fund rebuilding the Orchard Special School in Newark.
- **£4m** investment in the Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire Project which aims to ensure that 98% of Nottinghamshire premises are able to access high speed fibre network capable of delivering superfast broadband.
- **£4m** to fund the development of a new Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre.

For further information visit nottinghamshire.gov.uk/counciltax or call 0300 500 80 80.

How the Council's budget is spent

For 2017/18



Care for vulnerable adults and the elderly	£333.8m
Care and support for young people	£170.1m
Roads, waste and the environment	£108.8m
Cultural services, inc libraries	£19.7m
Public Health	£43m
Other services	£38.7m
Schools	£312.9m

Just a few examples from over the last year



All information correct at the time of print, June 2017.

How **care** makes a difference

Traditionally, many associate adult social care with going into residential or nursing care. At Nottinghamshire County Council we are working to change this.

We currently arrange services to help over 6,600 local people live independently in their own homes or regain their independence and reduce the amount of support needed in the future. The following stories are just a few examples of how residents benefit from this support.

Supporting people through **Shared Lives**

Terri-Ann Davies, 27, spends short breaks with Jean Bere on her farm in Everton, Bassetlaw as part of the Council's Shared Lives scheme. 58 Nottinghamshire households are currently taking part in the scheme and offer long-term accommodation and support or short breaks for older people, people with a physical or learning disability or with mental health needs.

Terri-Ann, who is partially deaf and has a learning disability, lives with her parents in Mansfield. Her father Gary explains: "Shared Lives is a godsend. Terri-Ann stays over at a proper working farm so experiences different things, it also gives us time to do things we aren't able to do when Terri-Ann is around".

Terri-Ann says: "I have been to many different places within Shared Lives but meeting Jean and her family is the best I've done. We do things like feed the animals and collect the eggs from the chickens in the woods and when I stay for a longer period of time, we do other things".

Jean explains that she has also benefited from the scheme:

"I've previously worked with people with autism in a care home, so Shared Lives seemed the perfect challenge for me and the farm. I get just as much out of it as Terri-Ann".

Jean continues, "It is so rewarding to see her grow in

confidence and she has a great sense of humour and a lively character. She helps out on the farm, but we also do other fun activities like swimming and baking cakes".

More Shared Lives carers are needed across the county. All carers receive training and ongoing support, and are paid according to the needs of the people they care for.

If you are interested in becoming a Shared Lives carer, visit [nottinghamshire.gov.uk/sharedlives](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/sharedlives)



Terri-Ann and Jean



Lillian

Short term support to return to independence

Lilian Hemsley, age 86, was admitted to hospital in late December last year after illness and shortness of breath. After a week, Lilian was medically fit to leave hospital but she needed some support to return to her Chilwell home.

The County Council's Short Term Assessment and Re-ablement Team (START) supported Lilian for four weeks with three visits a day to help her get back on her feet. Lilian explains: "They were very good. They came in the morning for 45 minutes to help me wash and get dressed".

Lilian still needs long term care due to problems with her shoulder, but now only has one visit a day from a

private home care agency. She can get around her house ok and make herself a sandwich for lunch – then her daughter helps to look after her when she has finished work.

Describing the additional support she continues to receive, Lilian says, "The Council's support team help in building up my confidence. I've got some exercises to do from the occupational therapists so hopefully I'll be able to go out by myself in the future".

i: For more information on START, call **0300 500 80 80**.

All providers must be registered with the Care Quality Commission, which inspects the quality and safety of services. Our Shared Lives and START services are all rated as 'good'. You can find out about other care providers by visiting www.cqc.org.uk



Meals at Home

Jean Higgins, 83, is one of 1,500 Nottinghamshire residents currently receiving hot or frozen meals delivered to their homes from Nottinghamshire County Council's meals at home service.

This year County Enterprise Foods is celebrating its 30th anniversary of producing and delivering tasty, nutritious meals to older and disabled people across the county.

Jean enjoys the meals five days a week, along with sandwiches for tea and says: "My favourites are the desserts, especially the ones with custard, and I also like the pork".

Jean's daughter Gail Tomlinson describes how the service has provided other benefits. "My mother once had a fall and the meals at home service rang me to let me know she wasn't answering the door. She was fine in the end, but she could have been left for hours if I wasn't alerted by the service". Gail continues "This has given me a great deal of peace of mind, as I run my own business so it is really reassuring to know there is a delivery driver who will check on my mum when they drop off the meals".



Jean

i: To find out more visit countyenterprisefoods.co.uk or call **01623 490015**.

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