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Welcome to our residents' newsletter from the Leader

As we begin a busy Spring period; I am pleased to say that, since the last edition of this newsletter, the Council has set its budget for the year ahead.

As well as freezing our share of Council tax for the second year running, there will also be significant investment in leisure, climate change, rural and environmental crime investigation, conservation, economic development, homelessness prevention, young people, affordable homes and support for the armed services.

In other news, we're busy organising our VE Day celebrations as well as this year's Classic Car Show which always brings thousands of people into the district.

Finally, I hope people get behind the Great British Spring Clean and, if you're not doing so already, perhaps volunteer to help spruce up your local area. We live in a beautiful district and the more we can do to enhance our environment, the better.

Views needed on Post Office plans

You are encouraged to have your say on proposals to move the current Post Office branch, situated at GT News in St Mary's Place, Market Harborough, to a new location at 17 Adam and Eve Street in the town.

The Post Office is asking for residents' views on the plans which will see the proposed new (currently empty) open-plan premises undergo a refurbishment to incorporate a convenience store and the relocated post office.

[Have your say as part of the consultation before 26 March via the Post Office website](#)

Travel back in time as classic car show makes welcome return to town



It's back! Market Harborough's hugely popular Classic Car Show is set to return – and registrations are **now open** to display a vehicle at the event.

The event, which is one of the most anticipated events in the town's calendar, returns on **Sunday 5 July 2020**, from 10am to 4pm.

Visitors to the event, organised by Harborough District Council, will be able to see amazing classic and vintage cars, motorcycles, scooters and commercial vehicles and soak up the atmosphere of bygone times. There will also be entertainment and activities for all the family.

Registrations are now open to enter a vehicle for display in the town centre.

It is **free** to exhibit a classic vehicle at the Market Harborough Classic Car Show, but due to the town centre location there are limited spaces and vehicle owners must register in advance at www.visitharborough.com/ccs2020

If you have any queries email business@harborough.gov.uk or call 07584 704264.



Village physical activity taster mornings help get residents more active



Harborough District Council's Active Harborough District team has been out across the district to deliver some physical activity taster mornings - most recently in Shearsby near Lutterworth (*pictured*).

The aim is to encourage more parishes to think about how they use their village hall more regularly throughout the day whilst providing extra physical activity opportunities for their residents.

We've offered a diverse range of activities including falls prevention, new age kurling and boccia sessions, which are great for people of any age and ability, and can easily be adapted for village halls across the district.

These sessions have proved extremely popular and shown greater need for more sessions around the district.

Not forgetting the added social benefit that has brought residents closer together; one resident said "We would love to have this as a more regular feature to our offering as a parish as it allows us to get to make new friends within our village."

If you are interested in hosting similar sessions in your area email activetogether@harborough.gov.uk

'Lucy's Law' being introduced to protect welfare of animals

When you purchase a kitten or puppy, it is important that we help protect the welfare of these animals.

In April 2020, new laws will be introduced in England



to help combat the illegal trade in pet animals and to ensure the welfare of puppies and kittens.

'Lucy's Law' requires animals to be born and reared in a safe environment, with their mother, and be sold from their place of birth.

The new Government rules are scheduled to come into force on 6 April 2020.

Harborough District Council, as the local licensing authority, will be responsible for enforcing the new law which will mean that, going forward, puppies and kittens can no longer be sold by a third party seller – such as a commercial breeder or pet shop – unless they have bred the animal themselves.

Anyone who finds that their new pet has been imported illegally, may have to pay for costly quarantine and veterinary bills.

[Read more on our website](#)



Join us in helping give district a 'Great British' spring clean



We are once again pledging our support for this year's Great British Spring Clean - and we're urging YOU to get involved too!

The campaign, run by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, runs from 20 March to 13 April 2020, and brings together individuals, community organisations, businesses and councils to show they love where they live.

Alongside this campaign, Harborough District Council works all year round with volunteers - including the South Leicestershire Wombles.

Currently, we have over 300 volunteers across the district and take away approximately 1,200 bags - that's about 8 tonnes of collected litter - on top of our day-to-day street cleaning!

The Great British Spring Clean provides an opportunity to galvanise support for maintaining a clean environment and anyone who would like to organise a clean-up event can request litter picking equipment from the Council; we will also be on hand to pick up the bags of rubbish which are collected.

Visit www.harborough.gov.uk/litter

Hosting a VE Day event? Read this!

Are you planning to host a VE Day celebration event?

If so, a handy guide is available for anyone intending to hold an event as part of the national celebration marking 75 years since Victory

Positive event brings clarity to planning

Working with construction companies to ensure planning rules are not broken was the key aim of an event held in Market Harborough – and further events with developers are planned.

Feedback from our 'Developer Forum', attended by a number of

Be an environment action volunteer

Could you give some of your time to help tackle environmental issues in the Harborough district?

[Find out here](#) how you could join other Environment Action Volunteers (EAVs for short)

in Europe Day (VE Day) over the weekend of 8 to 10 May 2020.

To mark the occasion, the Council is giving £500 to Parish and Town Councils across the district to help them host events in their respective locations.

Also, a celebratory event will be held in Market Harborough town centre on the bank holiday of 8 May 2020 with other commemorative events happening across the district.

If you are planning an event please view our step-by-step toolkit at www.harborough.gov.uk/event-toolkit

construction companies and Council planning officials, was very positive about how the event provided an opportunity to work collaboratively to ensure clarity on planning regulations.

The event highlighted the proactive work being done by the Council to ensure planning conditions are met by developers – with discussions around what has worked well, and guidance on what is, and isn't, acceptable.

In the last few months, Harborough District Council has taken enforcement action on a number of developers which have infringed planning conditions on construction sites across the district.

as part of a Leicestershire County Council scheme.

The role is about fostering positive behavioural change in people and communities.

Over the past decade, Harborough District Council has worked successfully to reduce its carbon footprint by over 40 per cent and last year joined other councils in declaring a climate change emergency.

A working group has been set up to look at how we, as a local authority, could become carbon neutral over the next decade.

World Village Market brings flavours of the globe back to town centre



It's back - bringing food, drink and unique clothing and accessories from across the world!

A colourful 'World Village Market' will take place in to the Town Square in Market Harborough for a third successive year on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 March 2020.

Hosted by Zoom Events, and supported by Harborough District Council, the unique street market will include some familiar stalls returning together with brand new additions offering a mixture of local, national and international foods, clothing, jewellery, handmade crafts and accessories.

Visitors will be able to choose from a selection of freshly prepared hot street foods including Chinese or Thai dishes, German sausages and the ever-popular pork or chicken souvlaki from Real Greek Food.

Groceries will include award winning waxed cheese truckles, French saucisson, olives, Turkish Delight and baklava, whilst Italian clothing, Indian rugs, garden furniture and fragrance lamps add to the line up of unusual home and giftware.

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