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| |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Blaby District Council graphic "Your Blaby District. The latest news from your District Council" | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | In this issue... | | | | |
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It was suggested their designation be revoked. The Government has now approved the report allowing these sites at Narborough Road South, the B4114 in Enderby and Narborough and Enderby Road in Whetstone to be removed as AQMAs.   All are on busy stretches of road and were initially declared due to being 'pollution hot spots’ where harmful nitrogen dioxide levels from traffic emissions were above Government-set limits.   Aligned to our report findings, a new, small AQMA is set to be declared around the junction of Narborough Road South and Lubbesthorpe Road in Braunstone Town, due to levels of nitrogen dioxide being above target limits for the last two years.  Further investigations into the cause of the breach will follow the declaration and we will be consulting local residents as well as working closely with other bodies such as Leicestershire County Council to tackle the issue.  Further information on air quality and the Annual Status Report use the link below: | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Air quality**](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=f6e302daeb&e=8744b8a0f2) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **📱 Win top tech** | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | iphone titanium pro | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Fancy winning some top tech? Then get your ticket **now** for this Saturday's Love Blaby Lottery Super Draw. For just a £1 ticket you could bag yourself a lottery cash prize plus an iPhone 15 Pro Titanium.  Love Blaby Lottery is our weekly online lottery helping local good causes. From every £1 ticket purchased 60p goes directly to charities, community groups and sports clubs which serve Blaby District.  You choose which good cause to support with the purchase of your ticket or tickets and you get the chance to win a weekly jackpot of £25,000 or one of several other weekly prizes. Saturday 27 April is a Super Draw so we have the latest iPhone up for grabs too - or £1,000 cash - on top of the usual lottery winnings..  **Tickets must be purchased before midnight tonight - Friday 26 April**. Players must be aged 18 plus and be resident in the UK. Please gamble responsibly. If you need advice about your gambling visit: [**Gamble Aware**](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=b5e29bbfdc&e=8744b8a0f2)   To find out more about the promotion and to buy tickets use the link below: | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Love Blaby Lottery**](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=ee40abaf0c&e=8744b8a0f2) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **🍔 Check out who is meeting hygiene standards** | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Food hygiene rating sign | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Here are some of the latest hygiene ratings from our inspectors in the environmental health department:  **Rated 5 - Hygiene standards are very good**   * The 1:1 Diet with Sandra, private address * Paint Pots Day Nursery, 3 Riverside Court, Croft * Floys Golf Club, Chapel Lane, Cosby   **Rated 4 - Hygiene standards are good**   * Danemill Primary School, Mill Lane, Enderby   **Rated 0 - Hygiene standards need urgent improvement**   * Sharnford Post Office and Village Store, 41-43 Leicester Road, Sharnford   For more information on hygiene standards and ratings use the link below: | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Food Standards Agency**](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=86b12fd57e&e=8744b8a0f2) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **🗳️ Police and Crime Commissioner election looms** | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Police | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Remember it's the Leicestershire Police and Crime Commissioner election next week on Thursday 2 May so make sure you use your vote. Polling stations are open from 7am to 10pm, check your poll card for details of your local polling station or visit: [Find your polling station|Where Do I Vote](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=af012ced47&e=8744b8a0f2)  You will need to take an accepted form of ID to be able to cast your vote in the polling station. To find out what counts as accepted ID visit: [Voter ID requirements](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=51be6c7530&e=8744b8a0f2)  For more information on the candidates visit: [Choose My Police and Crime Commissioner - Information from the UK Government](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=673f9ae02d&e=8744b8a0f2)  If you have a postal vote please complete it and post it through Royal Mail. If you choose to hand it in at a polling station you will now need to complete a form. If you don't your postal vote will be rejected.  To find out more about the election use the link below: | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**PCC election**](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=eacb468a22&e=8744b8a0f2) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **🌱 We're giving away free trees!** | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Apple tree | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Schools, community groups and Parish Councils are being reminded they can boost their biodiversity by being part of this year's Blaby District Council Big Tree Giveaway.  Local organisations are asked to get in touch by Friday 24 May to request their saplings with rthe trees expected to be distributed in the autumn. A variety of species are on offer in a selection of sizes to suit the space available. Groups can choose their favourite species from fruit trees to traditional native species such as oak, birch or hazel.  Thanks to funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, we can offer ten to 15 trees free of charge to allow organisations to create a small woodland area or orchard.  By planting these trees people can contribute towards combating climate change, encourage wildlife and improve local habitats as well as provide a natural haven everyone can enjoy.  Organisations may already have received letters with details of the giveaway. Responses are requested by Friday 24 May and people can email [climate.change@blaby.gov.uk](mailto:climate.change@blaby.gov.uk) to express interest in the scheme, stating tree preference and brief outlines of the proposed planting project. | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **🐦  Dawn chorus walk** | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Songbird | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The glorious sounds of birds welcoming a new day with their dawn chorus songs must be one of the most enchanting experiences in nature.  So why not put a date in your diary and remember to set your alarm clock to join us on an early morning walk around beautiful Fosse Meadows.  Hosted by our volunteer David the walk is from 5am on Saturday 4 May. It's free and all ages and abilities are welcome. And if you need that extra caffeine kick to get you going then the coffee van will be open for early morning drinks. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **📄 Enderby Logistics Hub appeal** | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Enderby Logistics Hub | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Developers have appealed Blaby District Council’s refusal of outline planning permission (19/0164/OUT) for a logistics hub on land at St Johns in Enderby.  The appeal has been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate and an independent hearing will be held on Tuesday July 9 in the Chamber at the Council’s offices on Desford Road, Narborough. Anyone who wishes to make comments must contact the Planning Inspectorate directly at [Planning Inspectorate](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=a65bc4cfb7&e=8744b8a0f2)  The Council has already forwarded all representations made to us on the original application to the Planning Inspectorate and the appellant. These will be considered by the Inspector when determining the appeal. All representations must be received by Friday 17 May and must quote the appeal reference APP/T2405/W/24/3342111. If you don’t have online access you can write to Kerr Brown, The Planning Inspectorate, Major Casework, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN.  The outline planning application from the Drummond Estate and the Inverock Trust was refused by Councillors at a planning committee meeting in October. The application sought to create a storage and distribution centre alongside St Johns, featuring four warehouses, offices, gatehouses and, potentially, a training and education centre. Access was off Leicester Lane.  For more information use the link below: | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Enderby Logistics Hub appeal**](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=c2ed6c5fd0&e=8744b8a0f2) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **🖊️ A new local plan for Blaby District** | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Land planning | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The Council is preparing a new Local Plan that will guide how the area is developed up to 2041. The Plan making process involves working with landowners, developers and infrastructure providers, talking to the public and other stakeholders and gathering evidence to inform what the District will need in the future.   Local Plans are important because they help identify areas for housing, employment, shops and infrastructure (like roads, shops, community centres, open spaces and schools) the District needs to support the growing community.   To create the Local Plan, research is undertaken to understand how many new homes and jobs are needed, where there is suitable land for potential development and what facilities are needed to support them. Based on this information a plan is prepared to meet these needs in the most effective and sustainable way possible.   Land earmarked in the Local Plan will require planning permission before development can happen. The Local Plan allocates land for development and contains policies that serve as criteria to assess planning applications against.    Right now, we are drafting the new Local Plan after looking at the feedback from the public consultation carried out in 2021 (called Regulation 18).   There will be another chance for everyone to give their thoughts on the draft Local Plan (at Regulation 19 stage). This is expected to happen later in 2024 when we will share details of the land that could be earmarked for future development. We are working to submit the new Local Plan for consideration and examination by the Planning Inspectorate by June 2025. If approved, we expect to adopt it by March 2026. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **🛍️ Fashion show success** | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Fashion show audience | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A fun fashion show held at the Council offices earlier this month raised £750 for Leicester Animal Aid, the chosen charity of Blaby District Council Chairman, Councillor Cheryl Cashmore.  The sell-out event featured a catwalk showcase with the chance to buy items shown, as well as a range of other outfits on sale with up to 75% off. Top brands on offer included Zara, Next, New Look, River Island, M&S and ASOS.  The successful event was organised in partnership with SOS Charity Fashion Shows. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **DIARY DATE - June Job Fair, Wednesday June 5, from 3pm to 5.30pm at the Blaby District Council offices** | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Sign up to our garden waste service graphic](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=8c27a5c8ab&e=8744b8a0f2) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Blaby District Council graphic "A great place to live, work and visit" | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | |
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