

# HUNCOTE VILLAGE NEWS

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### Who Let The Dogs Out?!?

A special event is being held at Leicester Animal Aid to showcase dogs looking for their paw-fect homes and to give a unique insight into the work that goes on at the Centre.



'Who Let the Dogs Out' will see some of the residents searching for their fur-ever homes meet visitors personally in the informal and relaxed environment of our Education Centre.

The Centre's experienced staff will be on hand to give expert advice on all aspects of caring for a dog and will answer any questions you may have about the Centre or any of the resident dogs.

There will also be an exciting opportunity to go behind the scenes on an exclusive tour of the site which will include access to areas not usually open to visitors. This will include the purpose-built admissions building 'Grant's Inn,' where all new dogs have their initial health, temperament and behavioural assessments and is where 'happy tails begin.'

Becky Vickers, Kennel and Cattery Manager, said: "We believe that by bringing the dogs in individually to meet people is a brilliant way of letting their personalities shine through. It will also give the staff, who really get to know and love the dogs in their care, an opportunity to paint a picture of each dog's unique character.

"Whilst we try our hardest to make each dog's stay with us as enjoyable and stress-free as possible, the Centre isn't a substitute for a loving home environment and we want to give our dogs every opportunity of finding that forever home.

"We'd encourage anyone who is interested in re-homing a dog or wants to find out more about the work we do at the centre to come along. This will be a fun and informal event, there'll even be tea and cake!"



Whilst the Centre's feline friends won't be joining in with the event, the Cattery will be open.

'Who Let the Dogs Out' will be take place on Saturday July 8, 2017 in the Education Centre at 10am and will finish around 11.30am. Spaces are limited and can be reserved by sending an email to [info@leicesteranimalaid.org.uk](mailto:info@leicesteranimalaid.org.uk), via the website [www.leicesteranimalaid.org.uk/witdo](http://www.leicesteranimalaid.org.uk/witdo) or by calling 01455 888257.

# Community transport needs your help!

A call for volunteers has been made to help with community transport schemes within the District of Blaby.

Three organisations: Commbus, Braunstone Town Community Minibus and the Community Action Partnership Social Car Scheme currently serve the district, making over 18,000 passenger journeys during 2015-16.



Each scheme is a lifeline for many older, disabled or isolated residents in the district who otherwise would not usually get out and about. All three organisations rely on volunteers to keep the schemes going, with recruitment of drivers being one of the main challenges. No previous experience is necessary to become a volunteer driver, with the organisations offering support. There are opportunities for volunteers to drive a minibus or use their own vehicle for the Social Car Scheme.

Organisations also require admin help, including fundraising and taking bookings as well as assisting residents on and off minibuses.

Sarah Pennelli, Director of People & Finance at Blaby District Council, said: "We know that community transport is a really important issue for our residents. With demand only likely to increase for these schemes in future years, we have spent time bringing together operators and partners to strengthen community transport in our district.

"We'd encourage anyone who is willing to volunteer to get involved. This cause makes a huge difference to the lives of residents who would be isolated without these services."

To find out more, including an FAQ section, visit [www.blaby.gov.uk/community-transport](http://www.blaby.gov.uk/community-transport), e-mail [strategic.partnerships@blaby.gov.uk](mailto:strategic.partnerships@blaby.gov.uk) or call 0116 272 7566.

## Allotments sought in Huncote

The Parish Council would be interested to speak with any of the private allotment owners on Townsend Field (off Cheney End/Eunice Avenue/Forest Road) who are not currently using their allotment and would be interested to sell their plot, as a number of plots have not been regularly tended and there is a growing demand for allotments within the area.

If you are interested in selling/leasing your allotment, please contact Cllr Steve Crane or the Parish Clerk (contact details on back page).

## The Royal British Legion Croft and District Branch - Branch Community Support

There are many service personnel, Regular or Reservist, serving or retired, plus dependants of ex Service personnel residing in our catchment area i.e. Croft, Huncote & Thurlaston.

Our Branch would like to reach out to members of this Armed Forces community to make them aware of the services and help the Legion can offer and we can only do this if those members provide their details.

If you would like more information please contact the Branch Chairman at [briant.rbl@hotmail.com](mailto:briant.rbl@hotmail.com) or **01455 284967**.

Or leave your contact details and he will be in touch with you.

This is not a recruitment drive, but if you feel that you would like to offer your services to a worthy cause, please let me know, you would be very welcome.

## Leicestershire and Rutland Rural Achievement Awards 2017

We are delighted to introduce the Leicestershire and Rutland Rural Achievement Awards for 2017. The Awards are an extension of our work in promoting excellence in all aspects of communities and in highlighting Leicestershire and Rutland as an excellent place to live and work.

We are looking for nominations and applications from community groups, parish councils, charities, businesses and the general public. If you know of an excellent parish council, volunteer, business, community building, library, community service or group or an individual worthy of praise for their actions and contribution to the local community, we want to hear from you. Full details of the awards categories can be found on the parish council website. The Award categories for this year are listed below:

- ◆ Parish Council Award
- ◆ Unsung Heroes Award
- ◆ Best Community Building/Facility Award
- ◆ Best Community Service Award
- ◆ Best Community Library Award
- ◆ Best Community Engagement Award
- ◆ Enterprise Award

Further details on each category can be found on the parish council website News page.

Application deadline: **5pm Wednesday 12th July 2017**

Awards Dinner: **Thursday 26th October 2017 at The King Power Stadium, Leicester**

For further information or to request a nomination form, please go to the RCC's website: [www.ruralcc.org.uk/awards](http://www.ruralcc.org.uk/awards) or e-mail the RCC: [awards@ruralcc.org.uk](mailto:awards@ruralcc.org.uk). If you wish to discuss the Awards please call Allyson Jeffrey on 0116 278 1443 or 07803 126807.



## Opinions Requested from Huncote X84 Bus Users

Cllr Roy Bailey would be interested to hear opinions from any users of the X84 bus route between Rugby and Leicester, via Huncote. Contact details on back page.

## Dog Owners Reminded to Clear Up After Their Dogs

Aggregate Industries who own Croft quarry and who offer a permissive path around Croft Hill have been faced with a significant increase in dog fouling around the hill. The problem has been noted across the Croft hill site, but has been a particular issue near the top of the hill, where a damaged household bin was placed by dog walkers, which was filled with dog waste and nappies and abandoned. Other bags were just thrown into trees and hedges.

This was not an official bin, and no arrangements had been made with Blaby DC for the bin to be emptied as it didn't meet the requirements for a bin in the public realm.

Aggregate Industries have now removed the bin and have reminded users of the Croft hill site and the nature walk, that bins are provided at the entrance to the site or users can take rubbish home with them.

Please do not force the quarry to close this well used facility by not taking care of your rubbish. You can be fined up to £1,000 for littering if spotted not clearing up after your pet.

## Upcoming Parish Council Meetings

The next meetings of Huncote Parish Council are due to be held on Thursday 6th July beginning at 7.00 pm in St James the Greater Church Hall, Narborough Road.

There isn't a meeting scheduled for August, with meetings set to resume on 7th September. All residents are invited to attend Parish Council meetings, with up to 15 minutes set aside at the beginning of each meeting for you to air your views about local issues/services and meet with the District and County Councillors for the area.

## Leicester Animal Aid - Community Pet Support Scheme (CPSS) Are you struggling to care for your companion pet?



Our referral based 'free to use' community outreach scheme was launched in July 2016 to provide elderly, physically disabled and housebound pet owners with support to help them care for their cherished pets in their own home.

The scheme currently operates for residents in the districts of Blaby, Hinckley and Bosworth and Oadby and Wigston.

If you know of someone that may benefit from this scheme, please contact Sarah Moakes, Co-ordinator, by email at [CPSS@leicesteranimalaid.org.uk](mailto:CPSS@leicesteranimalaid.org.uk) or alternatively telephone our Centre on 01455 888257.

We will arrange for an appropriate referral partner such as a vet, GP, community nurse, Age UK representative or Good Neighbourhood Scheme to provide us with the information we require to include someone onto the scheme. We will personally meet with the client to assess their need for support such as dog walking, transportation to the vets and/or grooming. Our animal care team are fully trained and DBS checked.

We would also like to talk to you if you can offer a temporary foster home for an owned companion pet as some of our clients may need respite care or temporary hospital stays. The CPSS will fund the full cost of fostering.

This scheme is funded by Leicester Animal Aid, Mars Pedigree, Edith Murphy Foundation, People's Postcode Trust, The Kennel Club Charitable Trust and Support Adoption for Pets.



### How to Contact Your Local Councillors

Should you have an issue to raise or a question about something going on in your community that you would like answers to, please don't hesitate to contact the Clerk or one of your local Councillors for help, support and advice.

**Cllr ALEC KNIGHT (Chairman) - (0116) 284 1285 or [alecjanet@aol.com](mailto:alecjanet@aol.com);**

**Cllr STEVE CRANE (Vice Chair) - (0116) 286 4525 or [stevecrane93@hotmail.com](mailto:stevecrane93@hotmail.com);**

**Cllr CHRISTINE MEADOWS - (0116) 286 4718 or [christinemeadows@intamail.com](mailto:christinemeadows@intamail.com);**

**Cllr CLIFF BROWN - (0116) 286 5052 or [brown.cliff@sky.com](mailto:brown.cliff@sky.com);**

**Cllr JILL CHEESMAN - (0116) 319 3991 or [jccheesman@gmail.com](mailto:jccheesman@gmail.com);**

**Cllr FAY PITTAM - (0116) 286 4186 or [f.pittam@btinternet.com](mailto:f.pittam@btinternet.com)**

**Cllr ROY BAILEY - (0116) 286 6773**

**PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY - SEE EXISTING PARISH COUNCILLORS OR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS OF WHAT'S INVOLVED AND HOW TO APPLY**

**Cllr MAGGIE WRIGHT (District Councillor) - (01455) 888 306 or [cllr.m.wright@blaby.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.m.wright@blaby.gov.uk)**

**Cllr ERNIE WHITE (County Councillor) - (01455) 272 136 or [ewhite@leics.gov.uk](mailto:ewhite@leics.gov.uk)**

**Contact the CLERK (STUART BACON) on (01455) 844 539, 07875 291 366**

**or [clerk@huncote-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@huncote-pc.gov.uk). Find us on the web at [www.huncote-pc.gov.uk](http://www.huncote-pc.gov.uk).**

Would you like to know more about what is happening locally?

Have you been keeping up to date with the Parish Council and what's happening in the village on Twitter or Facebook? Why not look us up and 'Like' / 'Follow' us to be kept up to date with the latest news and info from the Parish Council and links to other helpful, informative and important news from our partners.



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