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# Harborough *District News*



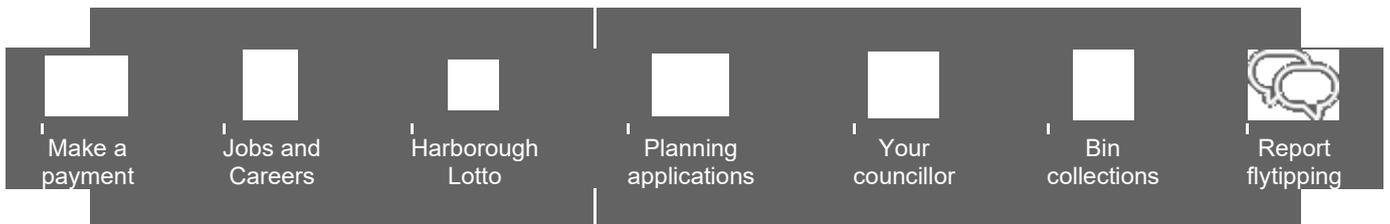
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**Councillor Phil King  
Leader,  
Harborough  
District Council**

## Welcome to November's newsletter

November is set to be an exciting month across the District, with lots of events planned in the lead up to Christmas.

It's fantastic to see a number of Harborough District Businesses shortlisted for the Leicestershire Tourism and Hospitality Awards.

We also introduce our community toilet scheme and celebrate the launch of a new social group in Lutterworth for residents with dementia, mobility, or rural isolation needs.

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## Autism Hour Continues

Following the great feedback after the Autism Hour held on the 5 and 12 October, **Harborough Market** will continue to hold an autism hour every Saturday 9am to 10am.

The radio and hand dryers will be switched off and lights dimmed to create a quieter, calmer shopping environment

are now holding drop in sessions every Tuesday in Market Harborough library to support over 18s to find work, set up a new business, find voluntary posts or free training.

Lastly, do have fun on bonfire night - and [stay safe](#).



## Community toilet scheme

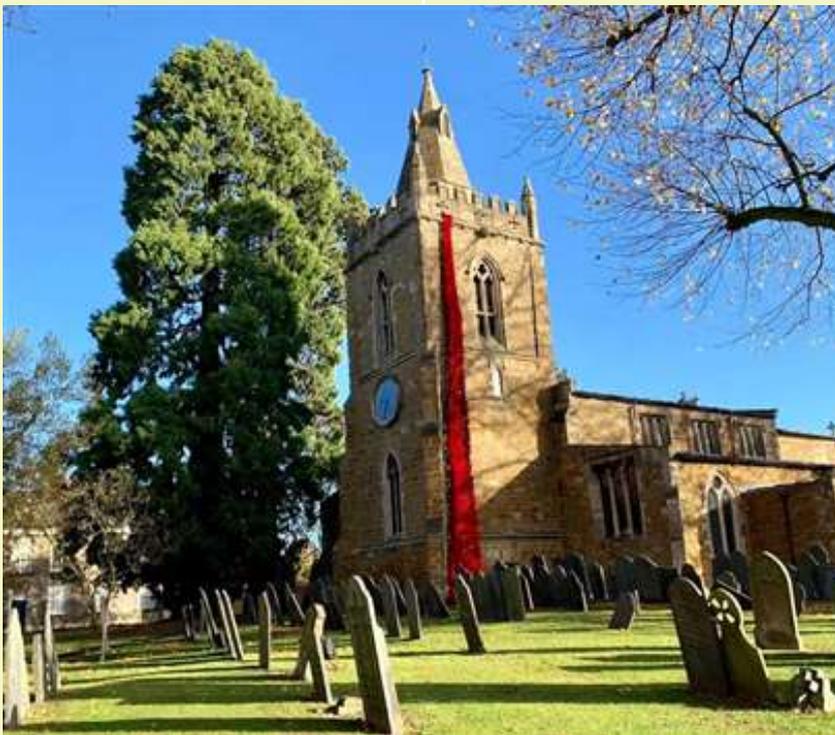
People are now able to pop in and use toilet facilities in shops and cafes in the Harborough District as part of a new scheme helping to boost business and increase footfall.

Local businesses who take part will be given a blue sticker to display in their shop window to advertise free use of clean, safe and accessible toilets during normal working hours.

An [interactive map](#) showing which businesses offer this community service is available on the Harborough District Council Website.

Businesses can sign up to the Harborough Community Toilet Scheme by emailing [business@harborough.gov.uk](mailto:business@harborough.gov.uk)

## 2019 Poppy Appeal



The Royal British Legion, which provides help and welfare to the serving forces, ex-service community and their families, will be collecting for the Poppy Appeal at Harborough Market's Food Hall.

Poppies, brooches, badges, pins and crosses will be on sale to raise funds between Saturday 26 October and Saturday 9 November 2019.

There will be an opportunity for shoppers to contribute their own messages of support at Harborough Market from 10am to 3pm on Saturday 2 November 2019 and Council Chairman, Councillor Barbara Johnson, will be in attendance.

The public will also be invited to craft a poppy and write a note of remembrance, both of which will be used to create a Community Wreath which will be laid as part of the annual Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 10 November 2019 in Market Harborough.



## Christmas Lights and Winter Festival



It won't be long now until the festive season is upon us, and bookings are already flooding in for the **Market Harborough** Winter Food and Drink Festival.

The Harborough Winter Festival - supported by Harborough District Council - kicks off on the Square and Commons Car Park at 5pm on Friday 22 November with the Christmas tree and lights switch on, and continues over the weekend of Saturday 23 November and Sunday 24 November.

Similar to the Council's summer food and drink festival, the winter festival will feature great food, bars and entertainment, and promises a lively atmosphere guaranteed to get everyone in a festive mood.

The **Broughton Astley** Christmas Fayre is being held on Saturday 7 December 2019 on Main Street, Broughton Astley from 4pm – 8pm, with the Broughton Astley Christmas lights switch on at 5pm.



## £60k Funding Pot for Local Groups

Parishes, schools and community groups can now apply for a share of £60,000 to help fund projects within the Harborough District.

The inclusive fund, aims to meet a criteria - Enabling a healthy, inclusive and engaged community.

### Who can apply

- Town/ Parish Councils or constituted Parish meeting
- Any constituted community/voluntary group working in the Harborough District
- Registered charities
- Schools with projects providing a demonstrable wider community benefit

Projects must support one or more corporate objectives below:

- **Prevention of rural isolation**
- **Supporting arts and culture**
- **Improving the environment**
- **Improvements to rural facilities**

Applying for funding is very easy: simply register on the [website](#) and complete the online form.

If you are unable to complete the online form, please email: [grants@harborough.gov.uk](mailto:grants@harborough.gov.uk)

Of the £60,000 available, £50k comes from Community Grant Funding and £10k from Harborough Lotto.

Applications for the Community Grant Fund will be accepted until **Friday 20 December 2019**.

## Lutterworth Activities & Wellness Group



The Activities & Wellness Group, supported by Harborough District Council, has launched in Lutterworth with the aim of supporting people with dementia, mobility issues or rural isolation needs.

In October the group teamed up with Lutterworth Fire & Rescue Service and [The Lutterworth Little Food Project](#) to deliver a special session focused on nutrition and exercise.

Val Williams who runs the group said: "The special drop in session at [Lutterworth Fire Station](#) was really well received by our members and we enjoyed working with the Fire Fighters."

### Join a session...

**Where:** Wycliffe Rooms in Lutterworth

**When:** Every Tuesday, 10-11.30am

**Format:** Relaxed and Friendly. There is about 45 minutes of chair-based type movement, followed by a chat and a cuppa afterwards.

**Cost:** At the moment the sessions are free to attend.

**More information:** Val Williams

@val4youwilliams@googlemail.com  
Tel: 0775313301

For more information or to apply for funding from the Community Grant Fund please visit:  
<https://www.harborough.gov.uk/new-homes-bonus/>



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A poster for 'Drop In' sessions. The main text says 'DROP IN Every Tuesday 10am to 12pm The Library, The Symington Building, Adam &amp; Eve Street, Market Harborough. Why not come along?'. It lists services: 'Approachable staff providing 1-1 help and guidance', 'Support with CV writing and interview technique', 'Help to find work experience or volunteering', and 'FREE training courses and business start up advice'. It includes logos for RCC, Community Fund, and Work.Live.Leicestershire. A note at the bottom says 'No booking required or call Emma on 01455 856321 to find out more'.

Work.Live.Leicestershire are offering free, tailored support for residents looking for training, volunteering or work. The project aims to support anyone over 18 years, who is not currently in work to help guide them towards achieving their goals and aspirations.

## Tourism and Hospitality Awards

A number of Harborough Businesses have been shortlisted for the Leicestershire Tourism and Hospitality Awards.

Taking place at the end of November, the entries including two of the Council's own events; the **Classic Car Show** and the **Summer Food and Drink Festival** which have been shortlisted for the Best Free Event of the Year.

Other Harborough District Businesses who have been shortlisted are:

- Nevill Holt** (best paid event)
- Bruntingthorpe Events** (Business Events Venue)
- Fifty Eight** (Best Night Out & Best Cocktail)
- Wistow Maze** (Best Small attraction)
- Bartford Top Campsite**

## Fuel Poverty

Fuel Poverty Awareness Day is on **29 November 2019**.

Harborough District Council is working with Harborough energy to support residents to access funding for energy efficient measures. Last year over 500 homes benefitted from loft or cavity wall insulation.

The Council also recognises vulnerable groups are at risk of fuel poverty, either due to ill health or hard to heat homes.

Services include free training courses, business start-up advice, and support to search, apply and secure work.

If you are lacking in confidence, stuck at a cross road with your future or finding it difficult to secure a job, why not drop in to Harborough library at The Symington Building on a Tuesday between 10am-12noon for support and guidance.

(Best  
Glamping/Caravan/Camp)  
**Foxton Locks Lodges**  
(Self Catering)  
**Farndon Fields Farm  
Shop** (Independent Retail  
Outlet)  
**Boboli Restaurant**  
(Casual Dining)  
**The Lighthouse** (Casual  
Dining)

Good Luck Everyone!



A report has identified those at risk, and enabled the council provide targeted support. So far, in 2019, 128 homes have received energy efficient measures to keep their home warmer.

Fuel poverty across the District has dropped over recent years and is now at 6.9%, down from 11.5% in 2011, but that still represents over 2,500 homes.

A Council endorsed, [Switch and Save Scheme](#) which aims to save you money on your energy bills is also still available until **16 November 2019**.

For fuel poverty support and advice please click [here](#)

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## Get into a 'pickle' with new park sessions

In October our [Active Harborough team](#) visited Welland Park in Market Harborough to meet Liz Adams who runs **Well Now fitness sessions**.

Find out what happened by watching [this video](#).

Liz is also running new sessions of 'pickleball' which is a fun sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis.

Played both indoors or outdoors on a badminton-sized court with a slightly modified tennis net. Two or four players use solid paddles to hit a perforated polymer ball, over a net.

To try your hand a pickleball or join a Well Now fitness session contact Liz: [lizadams.WellNow@hotmail.com](mailto:lizadams.WellNow@hotmail.com)

You can find a range of fitness activities across the District by using our online [search tool](#)

## Have your say in Governance Review

The Council has begun a [Community Governance Review](#) of the civil parishes of the Harborough District.

The purpose of the review is to enable the Council to consider if changes are needed to the parish arrangements within the District.

The Council is now conducting the first stage of the review process and is inviting residents and interested organisations to submit their views on existing arrangements

## What A Lotto Support

Harborough Lotto is a weekly online lottery created to support local causes in Harborough District.

All the good causes that are supported by the lottery will benefit with 60% of each ticket and you could win prizes up to £25,000.

This month there are 5 Entertainment Bundles up for grabs nationally with the chance to win an Amazon Echo, Fire stick, Echo Dot or Tablet.

In a time of increased community need, Harborough Lotto enables people to support the causes they care most about. It's simple - just buy one or more tickets before Saturday 2 November 2019 and you'll be entered into the draw.

Tickets are only £1 each. To find out more visit: [www.harboroughlotto.co.uk/](http://www.harboroughlotto.co.uk/)

together with  
any proposals  
for change.

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is 31 January  
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*If this sounds like you, why not send us an email with your current CV to Karl James at [karljames@everyoneactive.com](mailto:karljames@everyoneactive.com)*

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