

BOTTESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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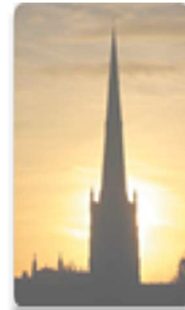
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Bottesford skate park

Many of you may have noticed the recent repairs to some of the ramps at the skate park. The wooden construction of the ramps means that rain, temperature and heavy use does result in deterioration over time and costly repairs are required. Much of the work to the ramps is the result of wear and tear but unfortunately there have also been incidents of vandalism in the area.

The Parish Council believes that the skate park contributes to the variety and vitality of our outdoor space. The park provides an accessible social space and promotes activity that is good for physical and mental health.

The cost of maintaining the Skate Park has risen over recent years. The Parish Council is also aware that wooden ramps do have a limited lifespan and that the cost of replacement is very high.

The Council would love to know what you think about this facility. How do you feel the Council should plan for the future of the park? What does the space mean to you? We would especially love to hear from children and young people as the main users of the area. Email clerk@bottesford-pc.gov.uk or drop a note in to The Old School, Grantham Rd.

Flood Wardens



A huge thank you to those who expressed an interest in the Flood Warden vacancy after receiving our last magazine. We now have two new flood wardens in the parish! The Parish Council is supporting the new wardens to ensure they have access to training and equipment for this important role and we would like to express our thanks for the crucial role we are sure they will play in any future flood events.



Could we take this opportunity to express our thanks for all the wonderful work undertaken by volunteers in our parish.

From those who pick up litter, maintain planters, drive people to appointments, run our library, support vital youth services and help in so many community groups and societies... **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

Cycle Route Improvements



We are delighted that Bottesford has finally been adopted as part of the NCN15 (National Cycle Network Route 15). There had always been a gap through Bottesford with no signage to show the safest and most direct route for people on bikes. Hard work undertaken by Parish Councillor Matt Reid, Damon Blackband (Sustrans Network Development Manager), David Martin (Sustrans volunteer), and Wendy Sheehan (local cycling enthusiast) has led

to new signage for the area. The signs have been paid for by Sustrans, who work for and with communities, helping them come to life by walking, wheeling and cycling to create healthier places and happier lives for everyone, at a cost of £500. Kind permission for the signage was granted by Leicestershire Highways and National Highways.

The National Cycle Network is a UK-wide network of signed paths and routes for walking, wheeling, cycling and exploring outdoors. The NCN15 includes a great route through the woods after Muston, and then at the Dirty Duck joins up with the NCN 64. NCN15 continues to Grantham along the canal towpath with NCN 64 heading south to Melton Mowbray. North of Bottesford the NCN splits with NCN 15 heading towards Nottingham and NCN 64 heading into Newark using a section of newly resurfaced cyclepath taking users directly to the main train station.

Cycle tourism is worth £650 million a year across the UK, so routes passing pubs, cafes, shops and hotels encourage much spending in the local area.

If you want to join local guided rides led by trained British-Cycling leaders or would like suggestions for routes locally please join the Bottesford Active Travel Campaign Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/share/HJh5DVR1Fks5Nmy9/?mibextid=K35XfP>). The group are also trying to improve the local cycling infrastructure including more cycle parking and safe routes for pedestrians, cyclists, wheelchairs and horses crossing the A52.



Where do I report a problem?

We are aware that it is sometimes difficult for residents to know who is responsible for addressing the issues that can arise in and around the parish. The County, Borough and Parish Council have assets and maintenance responsibilities in the area. The back page of this newsletter contains information regarding who is responsible for a number of common problems and includes details of how and where to report these issues. Please keep this page for your information. The details on this page refer to information available on the internet. If you are not able to access information this way please telephone the relevant authority on:

Leicestershire County Council

0116 2323232

Melton Borough Council

01664 502502

Bottesford Parish Council

01949 222478

Melton Borough Council The Work and Skills Project

The Community Support Hub (CSH) team now includes a Work and Skills Coordinator, Stefanie Petrouis, funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. This role aims to connect the community with businesses to support the recruitment process, helping employers find employees suited to their roles. Situated within Connected & Enabled Communities, part of Melton Borough Council's Integrated People Offer, the CSH leverages its team's expertise to ensure the Work and Skills Coordinator effectively supports local employers and service users seeking employment, training and courses. The CSH serves vulnerable individuals facing multiple barriers, and the multi agency approach and partner service network enhance this new role's effectiveness.

LET US
HELP YOU
SOURCE TRAINING
FIND EMPLOYMENT

Are you aged 18+, unemployed and ready for work?

We offer:

- Access to training
- Links to local employers
- Careers advice
- Upskilling
- Advice tailored to your own needs

Find out how our Work and Skills coordinator can help you:



Phoenix House, Nottingham Road
Melton Mowbray
LE13 0UL



workandskills-CSH@melton.gov.uk



01664 502342



Service users will receive comprehensive support, from creating CVs and cover letters to preparing for employment., they receive in-work support to ease their transition, benefiting both employees and employers. With an established system of partner services and local teams, the Work and Skills Coordinator is fully operational and accepting referrals in Bottesford and surrounding villages of Melton Mowbray.

If you are 18+, unemployed and need help or if you know of any businesses who are struggling to fill roles and expand their workforce, then contact Stefanie directly on **01664 502342** and via email

spetrouis@melton.gov.uk .

Residents of Bottesford Parish commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Normandy Landings

Residents walked to the Beacon from The Old School accompanied by the ringing of the church bells. At 9.15pm the beacon was lit by Cllr Donger and the tribute read by Alistair Fensom (Acting Town Crier).

Thank you to those who helped in any way on this special occasion to honour the sacrifices made on D Day.



Photo provided by Ashley Waterfall

LCC = Leicestershire County Council

MBC = Melton Borough Council

BPC = Bottesford Parish Council



Grass Cutting

Grass verges are usually the responsibility of LCC. You can check the LCC grass cutting map and report any issues at <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-maintenance/grass-cutting> . BPC is responsible for some grass cutting around the village (visit <https://www.bottesford-pc.gov.uk/assets-and-responsibilities> for details and report issues to clerk@bottesford-pc.gov.uk)



Trees and Hedges

The safety and maintenances of trees and hedges is usually the responsibility of the owner of the landowner. If a tree or hedge is overgrown and affecting the highway it can be reported at <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-maintenance/report-a-road-problem> . If you believe an overgrown tree/hedge to be the responsibility of BPC (visit <https://www.bottesford-pc.gov.uk/assets-and-responsibilities> and report to clerk@bottesford-pc.gov.uk



Bins

Emptying household and road side bins is the responsibility of MBC. To check collection dates visit <https://www.melton.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/household-waste/bin-collection-dates/> . Uncollected bins can be reported at <https://missb.forms.melton.gov.uk/MissedBinFormYA/launch> . If you are unable to put your bins out for collection request an assisted bin collection at <https://www.melton.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/household-waste/assisted-bin-collection/>



Fly-tipping

MBC is responsible for cleaning up and investigating illegally dumped rubbish from council owned land and verges but they will not collect rubbish dumped on private land
<https://www.melton.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/environmental-waste/report-fly-tipping/>



Roads

Most problems with county roads, pavements and public rights of way can be reported to LCC online at <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-maintenance/report-a-road-problem>, this includes potholes, kerb damage and blocked drains. The A52 is the responsibility of Highways England and issues can be reported at <https://report.nationalhighways.co.uk/>



Cars/Parking

Parking illegally or on someone's driveway can be reported to the police at <https://www.leics.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/>. LCC is responsible for enforcing on-street parking restrictions such as parking on; yellow lines or on dropped kerbs, find out more at <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/cars-and-parking/parking-enforcement> . MBC is responsible for the removal of abandoned vehicles, more information can be found at <https://www.melton.gov.uk/environmental-issues/report-an-environmental-problem/report-an-abandoned-vehicle/>



Street Lights

Most street lights in the parish are maintained by LCC or BPC. To clarify who is responsible visit <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-maintenance/report-a-road-problem>. If the lamp is not LCC's responsibility please contact clerk@bottesford-pc.gov.uk



Signs

LCC is responsible for signs relating to the highway and problems can be reported at <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-maintenance/report-a-road-problem> . The responsibility/maintenance of street name signs falls to MBC who can be contacted at <https://forms.melton.gov.uk/GENERALENQUIRYFORM/launch>



Planning

BPC is a consultee for all planning applications within the parish but all decisions are made by the Lead Planning Authority which is MBC. For undecided planning applications, and access to the planning portal for detailed information and the ability to submit a comment, visit <https://www.bottesford-pc.gov.uk/planning-apps>