

# RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL'S TOWN AND PARISH UPDATE

**Tuesday December 17, 2019**

## General Election 2019



The General Election saw over 365 staff help us operate 70 polling stations and count and verify over 50,000 votes.

It contributed to the sixth consecutive turnout increase in a Rushcliffe constituency parliamentary election, up 0.6% from the 2017 poll to 78.85%.

The full results can be viewed here: [bit.ly/2sonMNW](https://bit.ly/2sonMNW)

## Flooding recovery update



Following severe weather in November, 44 properties in Rushcliffe were confirmed flooded, in addition to three businesses.

So far, 37 of these households have received £620 in the form of both the Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) Hardship Fund and the government Community Recovery Grant. Two businesses have also been awarded business recovery grants of £2,500 via Nottinghamshire County Council.

DEFRA have announced a new grant scheme, the Property Flood Resilience Recovery Support. We are waiting for full details of what the scheme will cover and how it will be administered.

This grant of £5,000 would be available to households and we expect it to be for flood protection items such as flood gates, air brick covers and non-return valves. As soon as we have full details available, we will be updating the communities affected.

Residents can apply for support here: <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/flooding/business-recovery-grant-application>

We have a dedicated flood recovery support page on our website for more information: <https://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/environmentandwaste/emergencyplanning/flooding/>

## Extend your festive shopping parking with RingGo



We're advising motorists to use Ring Go cashless parking as the easy way to extend their parking stay when out shopping or enjoying a bite to eat during the festive period.

With thousands set to descend on our car parks in the coming weeks, those who need to extend their car parking a little longer to purchase gifts, enjoy a meal or get those last-minute essential items can do so easily via their mobile using the Ring Go service.

Alerts to motorists' phones ensure they're always aware a parking period is due to finish and it takes a few easy steps to extend their parking time.

The easy to use facility has been used over 31,000 times since it was introduced by us in November last year.

When arriving at a car park, motorists should download the Ring Go app, call, text or pay online at [www.myringgo.co.uk](http://www.myringgo.co.uk) across the Council's seven Pay and Display car parks at:

- West Bridgford: Bridgford Road, Gordon Road and Nursery/Albert Road car parks
- Rushcliffe Country Park
- Keyworth: Bunny Lane car park
- Bingham: Needham Street and Union Street car parks

Where we offer a free period within its pay and display car parks, the motorist can obtain a free voucher from the parking machine to take advantage of this free period.

RingGo offers the easy alternative to carrying cash for parking at Rushcliffe Country Park when you want to walk the dog or enjoy a winter walk.

The service is also available at Bunny Lane car park in Keyworth, where it's just £1 for three hours parking.

## Ensure you get in a licensed taxi this Christmas



If you're using a taxi in the Borough over the festive period always ensure it's a black licensed hackney carriage or licensed private hire operator.

We are advising everyone to never get into a vehicle unless you have pre-booked it through a legitimate operator.

As we near Christmas and the New Year, taxis are harder to find so booking early is a must.

Using a licensed taxi cab by pre-booking your ride home or using a recognised taxi rank means that the vehicle will have met specified

standards, the driver is a fit and proper person to drive you home and that the vehicle roadworthy and insured.

Our Executive Manager for Neighbourhoods Dave Banks said: "To ensure you get home safely after a night out, always pre-book your journey home with a reputable local licensed firm for collection at a prearranged time and location.

"If you haven't booked your taxi then use a Rushcliffe Hackney cab which are black and can be found at recognised taxi ranks.

"Never get into a private hire taxi without pre-booking as you will not be covered by the driver's insurance meaning the driver may be committing an offence by picking you up, leading to the loss of his or her licence."

All licensed drivers can be identified by photographic identity badges that must be worn at all times.

All Rushcliffe Hackney carriages are built specially to carry disabled passengers and some Private Hire companies have similar vehicles for hire.

Visit [www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/taxis/](http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/taxis/) for a list of wheelchair accessible vehicles and private hire companies who can provide a vehicle.

## Residents invited to donate food and clothes to The Friary

**Friary Collections**

**MOST NEEDED ITEMS**

Food and drink	Clothes and bags
Bottled water	Hats
Cartons of juice	Scarves
Coffee	Gloves
Tea	Socks
Nuts	Mens' jeans (30,32 or 34 waist)
Seeds	Boxer shorts (size medium)
Crisps	Knickers (size 10-12)
Cereal bars	Mens' trainers (any sizes)
Chocolate bars	Rucksacks
Biscuits	Sleeping bags
Pot noodles	
Tinned fish	
Tinned meat	
Tinned puddings	
Tinned fruit	
Tinned tomatoes	
Tinned custard	

the Friary Working locally to end homelessness

Please donate whatever you can.

We're once again asking residents to kindly place non-perishable food and clothes donations out with their bin to help local homeless charity The Friary.

Last year, residents donated an astonishing 12 tonnes of goods to the charity, with items going directly to those in need.

Our waste teams will collect donations left on the edge of properties across the borough in line with collecting bins as usual from **January 6-10, 2020**. Items can also be deposited at the Council's Customer Contact Centre on Rectory Road

in West Bridgford.

Residents should place items in carrier bags for the council to collect at the same time they place their grey or blue bin out for collections.

The charity have asked wherever possible to donate items from their 'most needed list' below. These really help vulnerable people at this time of year and the items will be stored thanks to Concept Accommodation.

### Food and drink:

Drinks: Bottled water, cartons of juice, coffee, tea.

Snacks: Nuts, seeds, crisps, cereal bars, chocolate bars, biscuits, pot noodles.

Tins: Fish, meat, puddings, fruit, tinned tomatoes and custard.

**Clothes:**

Hats, scarves, gloves, socks, mens' jeans sizes (30,32 or 34 waist), boxer shorts (size medium), knickers (size 10-12), mens' trainers (any sizes).

**Rucksacks and sleeping bags**

Visit @theFriary88 on twitter, [www.the-friary.org.uk](http://www.the-friary.org.uk) or call 0115 982 5448 to find out more about the charity's services, how to contact them and how you can become involved in supporting their work.

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