

## **RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL COVID-19 UPDATE and HELP INFORMATION**

Whilst we feel there is a great network of support within Cotgrave during these extremely difficult times, be aware that your local Rushcliffe Borough Ward Councillors, Butler, Healy and Jeffreys have access to a small Community Grant Scheme which can be used to support extremely difficult cases where residents may be financially struggling during the COVID-19 situation.

We also list below other areas of funding, help and support that is available through both Rushcliffe Borough Council and Nottinghamshire County Council and across all councils through Nottinghamshire.

### **Free parking permits for NHS and social care workers**

We have joined the County Council and all other Nottinghamshire district and borough councils to launch a free parking permit for NHS and social care workers.



It allows eligible staff to park for an unlimited time on single yellow lines, in residents parking areas, limited waiting bays, or council-owned car parks.

The new permit scheme recognises that NHS and social care staff are doing vitally important work to support the most vulnerable in our society during this unprecedented emergency. Many are relying on cars to get them to and from work, to minimise the spread of infection, and are working long hours.

As well as NHS staff and social care workers, the new council permit scheme is being extended to anyone providing direct support helping unwell and vulnerable people in their communities, including emergency service workers, community volunteers, frontline transport workers, and local authority staff.

The new permits are 'virtual', which means there is no need to display anything in vehicles. Instead, vehicle registrations will be logged using a secure digital system, marking them as exempt.

Eligible staff can apply for a permit at <https://secure.mipermit.com/Nottinghamshire>

### **Business owners asked to contact us on support grants**



We are asking business owners yet to receive a COVID-19 Central Government grant but unsure if they are eligible for the support to get in touch with us.

Over 350 additional businesses have been contacted by letter this week, but the Council is aware many business owners are not currently present at their premises due to COVID-19 meaning they are required to call us on 0115 981 9911.

In some cases, owners have not registered a contact number with us, meaning they need to make themselves known by phone or respond to the letter arriving at the registered business address.

We've now distributed over £10m worth of payments to businesses.

Eligible businesses yet to claim the grant are required to contact us to make their claim in line with safe financial protocols as soon as possible. The timing of payment received will be dependent upon a prompt return of information by businesses.

## Nottinghamshire COVID-19 Community Fund



A £1 million Nottinghamshire COVID-19 Community Fund has been created to help communities as they respond to exceptional challenges over the coming months.

Nottinghamshire County Council want to support local charities and community organisations that are delivering essential services to vulnerable Nottinghamshire residents impacted by COVID-19.

We're encouraging charities and voluntary groups in the Borough to apply for a grant of anywhere between £200 to £10,000 to deliver projects or services that meet the Nottinghamshire COVID-19 Community Fund criteria:

- Projects that directly help vulnerable people affected by the effects of COVID-19, such as by providing access to food, toiletries, necessities, as well as projects to help vulnerable people in isolation.
- Projects that are already set up and helping vulnerable people now.

Please visit the [Nottinghamshire COVID-19 Community Fund page](#) to find out more.

## Nottinghamshire Coronavirus Community Support Hub

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Nottinghamshire County Council are coordinating the Community Support Hub and they are continuing to work closely with all seven District and Borough Councils to further their COVID-19 Community and Support Volunteering Hub.

They have now further developed their support with increased features for residents to make contact with the support functions they need.

Lots of details are available on their [website](#), which welcomes emails or phone calls from volunteers, as well as those seeking support for free between 8.30am and 5.30pm, Monday to Friday: **0300 500 8080**.