

**Notes From the Borough Council.
Councillor Daniel Grimley, Queniborough Ward**

I hope everybody is safe and well.

COVID Restrictions

Charnwood entered Tier 2 High Risk on 31st October 2020. The main change to the Tier 2 restrictions is the restrictions of households mixing indoors. However, on 31st October a national lockdown has been announced to start from 5th November 2020 and run for at least 4 weeks.

When more details of local grant aid to residents and community groups is available I will post on South Croxton Online.

The latest figures is that in Charnwood there had been 648 positives results throughout the borough in the seven days prior to 31st October through the whole borough.

Changes to garden waste service and bulky collections

We are having to pause the Council's garden waste collection service for two weeks due to staff shortages.

We have also had to cancel bulky waste item collections for today (Monday, October 26).

We apologise for any inconvenience.

The services are operated by the Council's waste partner Serco and a small number of staff have tested positive for Covid-19 and a number of employees are also having to isolate. This has impacted the service. Resources are being diverted to ensure the refuse and recycling services can continue.

Cancelling the garden waste service for two weeks will allow time for crews to return.

Garden waste

If your garden waste is due to be collected this week or next week (October 26-November 6) please DO NOT put your garden waste bin out.

If you cannot wait until your next collection, you can dispose of garden waste at a tip. Book an appointment by visiting the Leicestershire County Council website

How we are informing customers

An ambitious £32 million bid to transform Loughborough has been submitted to Government.

The Loughborough Town Deal is an exciting, once-in-a-generation opportunity to bring significant social and economic improvements for residents, communities and local businesses.

A Town Investment Plan outlining a range of projects has been drawn up that will seek to improve skills and boost job prospects, redefine the town centre to ensure it remains well-used and vibrant, improve the local environment and showcase the town's heritage.

The government invited Loughborough to submit a bid under the Town Deal scheme and a board was formed to lead the project.

The board involves a range of organisations, including Charnwood Borough Council, Loughborough University, Loughborough College, Love Loughborough, Leicestershire County Council, the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership, Charnwood Together Economy and Skills Group, local businesses and Loughborough MP Jane Hunt.

The Loughborough Town Deal investment plan proposes a range of projects which will:

- improve skills levels to boost job prospects
- redefine the town centre to ensure it is well-used and vibrant for the future
- improve links between the east and west sides of town, from the railway station through to the town centre through to the university and science and enterprise park
- improve flood defences for the town
- reduce carbon emissions by encouraging use of electric vehicles
- unlock areas prime for development for housing, leisure and commercial use
- build on Loughborough University's reputation as a centre for innovation, research and sport
- showcase the town's unique heritage to attract more visitors to the area by supporting Taylor's Bell Foundry, Great Central Railway and improving the canal environment
- improve job and life skills for 5,000 young people from disadvantaged backgrounds

The investment plan seeks to capitalise on Loughborough University's global reputation for sport and innovation and with the high-performing Loughborough College, weave these centres of learning more closely into the social and economic fabric of the town.

The Loughborough College Skills and Enterprise Hub in the town centre will be the first step in that direction and already the Towns Fund has awarded Loughborough Town Deal £750,000 to kickstart the joint-project with Charnwood Borough Council.

The Council has purchased the former Crawshaws Butchers building in Market Place where the hub will be located. The hub will offer guidance and support to people who want to boost their careers or get in to work. Loughborough University will also be involved by providing advice and mentoring to people wanting to start up their own businesses.

For more information on the bid, including the projects and some frequently asked questions, please visit www.loughboroughtowndeal.co.uk.

The Bid has been submitted to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government in October 2020. It will be assessed before a decision is made, which is expected to be in 2021.

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