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Award for Lifesaver Andy

A grounds maintenance supervisor for Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council has been recognised with a community award after saving his workmate's life.

Andy McGreal gave lifesaving first aid to colleague Pete Battison late last year.

Pete, from the council's waste management team, had stopped breathing while at work early in the morning. Andy made sure his airway was clear and got him breathing again until paramedics arrived. Colleagues Ian Pinfold and Tony Cunnington cleared the office, while Liam Fisher called Pete's partner, Jade.

Andy's quick thinking, calm approach and decisive actions helped to save Pete's life. Cllr Robin Webber-Jones, the Mayor of Hinckley and Bosworth, presented Andy with a community award at a council meeting.

The Mayor read out a personal message from Pete. It read: *"My partner Jade and I would personally like to thank Andy, Ian, Tony and Liam for their fast and robust actions during my time of need."*

"I have a rare neurological disorder that can affect me at times. Due to the team's fast actions, robust thinking and teamwork all four of them managed to keep me alive during my time of need. Andy made sure my airway was clear and made sure I was breathing, which was no mean task. Liam called my partner to inform her, while Tony and Ian kept the office clear, always ensuring my dignity."

"The true spirit of friendship and teamwork was shown in my time of need by these four selfless individuals. I, my partner Jade and my



children would like to thank them all for their teamwork to save my life."

Now Andy and Pete are keen to make as many people as possible aware of the importance of first aid training so that others can be helped.

Andy said: *"I'm grateful I was able to help my colleague through the first aid training I'd received. I fully believe that first aid is the most important skill anyone can learn, and I would encourage everyone to take the time to learn at least the basics of first aid as you never know when you may need to employ it."*



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The Pierce Perspective – the Link Between Horticulture and Mental Health

Andy Pierce is a local man who established **The Pierce Perspective**, with a mission highlight the connection between horticulture and mental health, promote sustainable practices, and create spaces where people can improve their well-being.



The Pierce Perspective has established projects and partnerships in the area that include:

Wellbeing Garden in Burbage – continuing to grow with donations from local businesses and a £5,000 grant from East Midlands Railway (EMR). This space will be a sanctuary for people to connect with nature and find support for their mental health.

Workshops and Courses - designed to support individuals with low-level mental health concerns, catering to a variety of groups—including veterans, young people, and those looking to reconnect with nature. Latest addition is **'Nature Connection for Wellbeing,'** led by Alison Broughton, which includes forest bathing, nature journaling, and mindfulness exercises in a woodland setting at Burton Farm Café.

Station Adoption at Hinckley Train Station - gathering volunteers for the project, transforming the space using horticulture to create a more welcoming environment for the local community.

Alternative Provision & Mental Health First Aid for Schools - developing an alternative provision portfolio for schools. Alongside this,

working on a mental health education plan to equip school leavers with mental health first aid skills, helping them support themselves and others.

ACCEPT Research Project with Leeds Beckett University - a research project in partnership with the ACCEPT Project, Leeds Beckett University, and Alison Broughton. Research will explore the effectiveness of nature-based interventions in improving mental health and well-being, reinforcing the vital link between nature and recovery.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Days - recently working with Jaguar Land Rover during a fantastic CSR day, with another lined up with Wincanton. Always open to welcoming more businesses to get involved.

New Fundraiser: Build and Race the Lake - a unique fundraiser where teams will construct their own rafts and race across the Mental Health Lake at Burton Farm.

Every Donation Makes a Difference. Donations play a crucial role in keeping these projects running. Every contribution helps fund Mental health workshops, Community Wellbeing Garden initiatives, School mental health programmes and Research into nature-based interventions.

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This year marks the 80th anniversary of VE Day, a day to commemorate the end of World War II in Europe.

To celebrate this momentous anniversary, local community groups and organisations are encouraged to get involved by planning events, street parties and moments of shared celebration across the borough on or around Thursday 8 May 2025.

Eligible community groups, charities and parish councils organising events and projects can apply for funding up to £300 (with up to £100 for food and refreshments) to help make their local celebrations a success.

The scheme is now open for applications and will close at midnight on 22 April.

Cllr Michael Mullaney, Executive Member for the Voluntary Sector, said: *"I am so pleased to announce applications are now open for local groups to apply for funding to put on a variety of events to bring our communities together to honour and celebrate VE-Day across the borough. This year marks the 80th anniversary of the date the war in Europe and WWII*



ended, and by making this funding available we hope to see a good spread of entertainment taking place across Hinckley and Bosworth."

Communities across Leicestershire are invited to get involved in the commemorations by hosting parties of celebration throughout the day in the streets, gardens, churches, town halls, pubs, and clubs.

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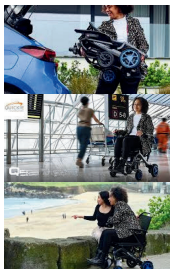
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The Borough Council is encouraging families to donate good quality school uniforms that are no longer required, as part of a scheme to support residents in saving money on school uniform costs. The scheme is designed to help and support those feeling the effects of the cost-of-living crisis.

The Uniform Swap Shop will run within local Co-ops and community venues across the borough throughout April.

Families who have good condition, clean, useable plain coloured clothing or have a school uniform with a logo that they no longer need can drop them into their nearest School Uniform Swap Shop venue. This includes school coats, jumpers / blazers, trousers, polo shirts / shirts, dresses,



Skirts, P.E kits (not personalised) including bags and shoes, school shoes and book bags.

Clothing will be displayed in the local venues and there will be collection boxes for items donated.

Families can then access free-of-charge school uniforms for their children from their local venue. You don't have to donate to take uniform.

School uniform swap shops will be opening across the borough, including in Newbold Verdon, Markfield, Hinckley, Market Bosworth, and Barwell to name a few locations. For an up-to-date list of locations, go to the HBBC Swap Shop webpage

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Indie Market for Hinckley

A new community 'Indie' market is coming to Hinckley town centre from the end of this month.

The market will boast more than 30 independent stalls in Market Place and The Borough, with plenty of unique and quirky products for sale.

They will include handmade, personalised, home-baked and 'not on the high street' goods, meaning there will be something for everyone.

Stalls will be operating on the last Sunday of each month from 10am to 3pm. The first will be on Sunday, March 30.

The market, run by local non-profit group All Communities Matter, will also have a community space offering different activities and freebies for visitors each month.

Emma Clue, chairperson of All Communities Matter, said: "All Communities Matter set up Indie Markets with the aim of bringing communities together.

"This means we encourage people to visit to spend time chatting to our stall holders.

"We also have our little trader community where we all help and support each other and enjoy each other's company during the events.

"This is a fantastic way to gain confidence because as a small 'indie' business, it can be a



lonely and difficult path to manage.

"With the support of All Communities Matter, we can help these small businesses make the big step to selling in person.

"It's these new small businesses that make where we live truly unique."

Council leader councillor Stuart Bray, said: "We are delighted to be able to welcome Indie Markets to Hinckley town centre.

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Prostate Testing Event for Hinckley Men

Men aged 40 and above are being invited to get themselves checked out for prostate cancer at an event in Hinckley next month.

The event, at the Mary Forryan Centre, in Leicester Road, is being organised by the Coventry and North Warwickshire Prostate Cancer Support Group - a patient-led support group that also promotes prostate cancer awareness and early diagnosis through PSA testing.

It is recommended that men aged 40 years and over have a regular PSA test carried out.

To that end, men in and around that age group are being invited to the Mary Forryan Centre on Saturday, 12 April from 10am to 1pm for a Prostate Health Awareness Morning and a quick and simple PSA (blood test).

Tests cost £20.



The tests enable men to have a simple blood test that may indicate whether or not they have a possible problem with their prostate and should take further action via their GP.

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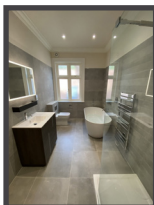
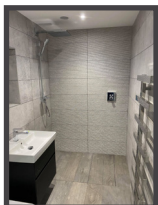
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Plans for the First Services on the M69

Plans for the first services on the M69, by the A5 at Burbage, have been approved by one of the two councils required.

Welcome Break wants to create petrol stations, a main building with fast food, coffee and convenience shops, a gaming zone, seating, toilets and showers, and units for drive-through businesses to use.

Despite traffic concerns, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council gave its blessing to the development, off the Stretton Baskerville Roundabout on the A5 at Burbage, at a meeting on 18 February.

The site, currently an unused former compound, sits on the border of Leicestershire and Warwickshire, so approval is also required from Rugby Borough Council.

Rugby council currently expects to rule on the plan by this month and the meeting heard the Warwickshire authority is set to approve the development “*shortly*”.

Welcome Break said the facility would create the equivalent of about 120 full-time jobs.

Businesses named in the plans include KFC, Starbucks, Burger King and Pret A Manger.

The services at junction 1 would have 272 car



parking spaces, picnic and dog walking facilities, and parking for HGVs, coaches, caravans and motorbikes.

These would include 37 charging stations for electric vehicles, Welcome Break said.

Some councillors expressed concerns over the impact on the A5.

The vote to approve the plans was almost unanimous, with only one councillor choosing to abstain.

The road, which links Leicester and Coventry, opened in 1977 but has never had a formal service station.

Currently, motorists using the M69 have to exit the motorway to find petrol and facilities, or wait to reach Leicester Forest East on the M1 or Corley on the M6.

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