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A local charity set up by a Wolvey mum has received a donation of defibrillators from Warwickshire Fire Service, helping to increase the availability of public access of these potentially lifesaving devices.

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service recently donated 15 defibrillators to OurJay, a local charity dedicated to increasing the availability of public access defibrillators in memory of Jamie Rees.

The OurJay Foundation was established following the tragic death of 18-year-old Jamie Rees, who suffered a cardiac arrest in the early hours of New Year's Day 2022.

Despite a defibrillator being located nearby, it was inaccessible, highlighting the critical need for 24/7 access to these life-saving devices.

WFRS's Technical Department recently replaced all defibrillators used on their front-line appliances, resulting in a surplus of Cardiac Science G3 Defibrillators. Recognising the vital work of The OurJay Foundation, the team decided to donate 15 of these units, complete with batteries.

Naomi Rees, Jamie's mother and founder of The OurJay Foundation, expressed her gratitude, saying: *"We'd like to say a big thank you to Warwickshire Fire and Rescue, for this kind donation. This will enable the OurJay Foundation to place accessible defibrillators across many more communities and continue to raise awareness around heart safety and the vital need for 24/7 accessible defibrillators, in memory of our precious Jamie."*

The foundation plans to replace the defibrillators' pads and fully service them, enabling them to be



deployed as community accessible defibrillators across Warwickshire.

"It is our hope that this donation will support and strengthen the capability of the Foundation so that they can introduce more public access defibrillators into the Warwickshire area in order to better protect against and prevent tragedies due to cardiac arrest," commented Charlie Rudge from the Technical Department at WFRS. "We are delighted to have the opportunity to support such a fantastic Foundation, which in turn will help protect our communities."

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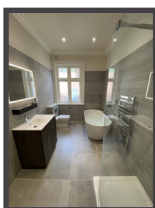
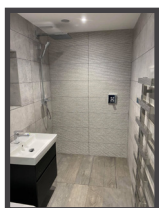
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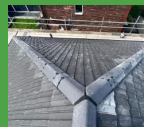
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Wednesdays see the Lunch Club Social from 10am until 1pm. Members pay just £6 for a two-course meal, unlimited tea and coffee and biscuits on arrival.

The Lunch Club Social also enjoys weekly entertainment and days out throughout the year. Call 01455 617185 or Email adminsfc@stfranciscom.co.uk to book on and give it a try.

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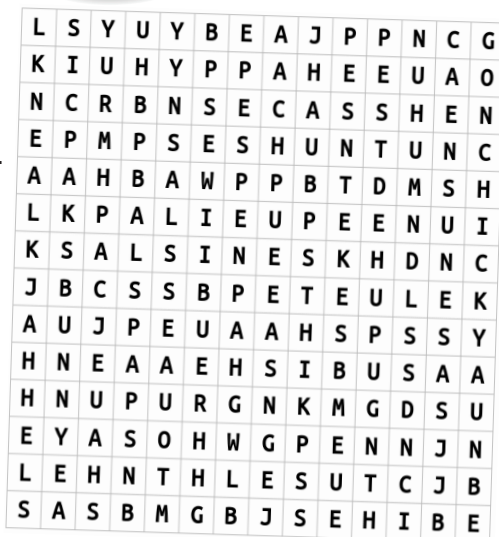
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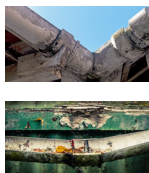
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Funding for Hinckley's Museum

The stunning thatched roof cottages of Hinckley & District Museum have been protected for the future after receiving £20,000 from the UK government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

The funding will help to improve current accessibility, while also preparing the thatched cottages for the future.

With the funding, an internal ramp and new mannequins – to help tell local stories – have been purchased. One of the new mannequins for this year is telling the story of Hinckley and Bosworth's town crier.

Funding has also been used to carry out a range of building surveys to assess the current condition of the cottages, and to facilitate the museum's long-term goal of an extension.

This extension would improve the facilities on offer, including a new and accessible entrance suitable for wheelchair and pushchairs, improved reception and shop area, installation of a lift and more.

Ann Crabtree, Hinckley & District Museum Trustee, said: *"The Trustees at Hinckley & District Museum have been very grateful for the UKSPF funding that has enabled us to improve access within the museum by way of an internal ramp for use by wheelchair and pushchair users and the addition of*



new mannequins which has improved our visual displays of some of the costumes in our collection, especially remembering the role of Town Crier, held by Mr Joe David."

Councillor Mark Bools, Deputy Leader of the Borough Council, said: *"I was delighted to hear the news that Hinckley & District Museum, a valued partner of the Borough Council, has received this funding from the UK government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund."*

"I can't wait to see the results once this funding has borne all its fruits. An extension to this already wonderful museum will bring so many great benefits to the community."

Hinckley & District Museum opens for 2025 on Easter Saturday (19 April). It will be open on Saturdays and Mondays, including Bank Holidays Mondays, from 10am until 4pm. The museum will close for the year on Monday 27 October.

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Councillor Deborah Taylor, cabinet member for children and families, said: *"The HAF sessions help young people build social skills and make new friends in a supportive and fun environment."*

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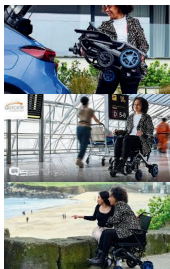
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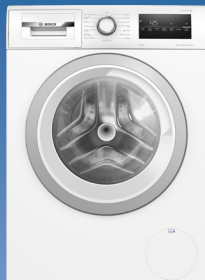
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Visitors will be warmly welcomed onto the beautiful public green at Hollycroft Park to enjoy the basics of playing bowls under the guidance and support of our coaches and club members. All equipment will be provided but you must bring flat soled shoes, a sense of fun and a willingness to enjoy yourself. The amount of time you spend on the green will be up to you, a swift try-out or a longer experience.



Gordon Smith the club secretary talking about the Play a Day in May events said, *"Bowls is a fantastic activity that helps with fitness, wellbeing and has a wonderful social network for all ages. At Hollycroft Park we provide the opportunity for pleasant social bowling or support for those who want to be more competitive."*

Everyone is welcome to join us on the two Sundays of the 4th and 25th May. All the family will find enjoyment and restricted movement, or age is no barrier to the benefits of bowling at Hollycroft Park. Come along and say hello and we will say welcome to our friendly club and our good for all sport."

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We will be advertising all forthcoming events that are coming up in the next few months, so please keep an eye out for them.

Our readers loved the last Competition from Hamletts Harvest by the amount of entries we received and the lucky winner has now been pulled, so we are now looking for our next competition for you all to enter.

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College Safer Driver Event

Words and Pictures by Kai Carter and Max Le Fevre

Last week Leicestershire Fire and Rescue, Police and Turning Point visited the Hinckley campus of North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College to raise awareness and talk to students.

The Safer Driver event saw students experience the use of a speed camera, an example of how a car is dismantled after a fatal accident and a VR experience of what would happen if you were to crash.

A large audience attended as the fire service cut open the roof of a “crashed” vehicle. The car was visually disturbing - broken doors, smashed windows and an injured civilian - leaving students shocked that this could be their reality.

The firefighters then proceeded to aggressively saw the roof and hurl the volunteer out on a stretcher.

One firefighter said: *“We do lots of things in our job, but we end up doing this procedure three to four times a month.”*

“From minor to fatal collisions, we must make sure everyone is safe. It costs us £1,000,000 every fatal accident.”

Dave Cooper, Leicestershire Road Safety Officer, said: *“The best advice is to drive slowly. It can*



be the most stressful part of life but you need to keep safe.”

Finally, the last safety experience was a VR simulation, which involved you in a passenger seat witnessing somebody sitting behind you go through the front window.

This was a very real experience to show students what could happen if you speed or are distracted.

Student Esme Stratton described the VR as: *“Very surreal. It was an eye opener for me and has made me more aware.” Emme Claire Said “It was like nothing I’ve seen before. It was scary and seemed very real.”*

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