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A Plaque to Honour Local Legend Bill Joy

A plaque is being installed at Hinckley Police Station in memory of a much-loved former local police officer – and a former mayor of the town.

Bill Joy sadly passed away last year and many people will have fond memories of chatting to the jovial chap on his beat.

Bill was heavily involved in charity work, setting up his charity to help abused children, raising money for CCTV for Hinckley and running a contact centre for over 20 years.

Bill's daughter Michelle posted on social media: "*This plaque has been handmade to honour*

my dad, the one and only Hinckley legend, Bill Joy, the best dad who served his community for 32 years, as a local policeman.

"He did so much for the Hinckley town centre, and so many other places too. I want him to be remembered and not forgotten. This will be put up at the Hinckley police station for that very reason. Me and my family will have the pleasure of seeing it being put up.

"Thank you to the Hinckley sergeant at the Hinckley police station to get this all okayed, who escorted my dad in a police car at my dad's funeral."







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Power of Community for Mental Health Sponsored & Supported by The Local Rock

As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, organisations from across Hinckley joined forces to host a drop-in wellbeing event at the Britannia Shopping Centre.

The aim was to connect local people with new support offers and activities to celebrate the theme of 'Community': Being part of a safe, positive community is vital for our mental health and wellbeing'.



Organised by Leicestershire Partnership Trust's Neighbourhood leads for Hinckley and Bosworth, the event was supported by local voluntary sector partners, the local GP practices and NHS staff, in addition to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council.

The Hinckley and Bosworth Medical Alliance; the local GP service providers, brought their social prescribing team and their clinical director, Dr. Kerrie Spaul, who is a champion of social prescribing. Social prescribing works to connect patients to local social and community activities rather than the usual physical health support that they receive from the practice.

Several people came to the event and shared how their health and wellbeing has been transformed through the team's social prescribing. This included Janet, an 80-year-old resident, who needed support at Christmas: "I had a stressful family Christmas and just couldn't cope. I then was put in touch with the social prescriber Fi Foote and she has been brilliant, like a friend to me. She has helped me to relax and cope and understand that I am not being stupid or overreacting to things. She has made me make sense of everything."

Sunny, a 40-year-old resident from Barwell, had been invited to come to the event by her social prescriber, Clara. *"I had depression and needed* a way out of it without medication. I spent my first two sessions with Clara in tears as it all poured out and she just listened. I as having a difficulty with one of my children and she gave me coping tools. She also helped me negotiate with the school and sort things out, she has been so kind. I still have challenges but now i can deal with them."

One attendee, 76-year-old Sue from Barwell left the event uplifted: "I lost my husband last year and had started to become agoraphobic. I have had some positive conversations today and have found out about craft sessions from the U3A, learnt about a coffee morning, met a dog walking group and found information about pilates. I am definitely going to start making changes and glad I came today."





Work-Link celebrates one year on Trinity Lane

Written by Adam Clarke. Volunteer of Work-Link

The Work-Link Project, a charity known for helping local individuals gain hands-on work experience and delivering essential items to those in need, alongside selling and restoring second-hand furniture, moved into its new retail premises one year ago. Founded in 1987, the charity has been operating for thirty-eight years, serving the Leicestershire community from its base of operations in Hinckley.

"I am really proud of what we have achieved this year," said Project manager Mandy Chapman, "On June 23rd we opened our doors to the general public where we sell good-quality reuse furniture We also sell new and graded appliances as well as new beds and mattresses in our bed showroom upstairs. Because we are a charity we wanted everyone to benefit from being able to purchase items such as appliances at a very reasonable





cost. Buying from us means that you as a consumer are also benefiting our charity."

Over the last year, the Work-Link Project has delivered essential furniture and appliances to over 1,530 individuals and families in need



around the county. It has also helped local people gain work experience and build confidence.

Mandy went on to say "If anyone hasn't already been in to look around, please do as I think you will be surprised. We are always looking for good-quality donations too.

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Your Museum and Gallery Needs You



Hinckley and District Museum and Atkins Gallery are teaming up to create an exhibition marking 80 years since the end of the Second World War, with Victory in Europe (VE) Day on 8 May 1945 and Victory over Japan (VJ) Day on 15 August 1945.

The exhibition, from 8 September to 26 September 2025 will aim to capture local people's memories and family stories of VE and VJ Day. There will be a particular focus on VJ Day, the sometimesoverlooked aspect of the Second World War.

The Museum and Atkins Gallery are urgently seeking items which can be displayed.

Did you or any of your family fight in Europe, or alongside or as part of the Commonwealth forces across the Asia-Pacific Region?

Did you or a member of your family spend time in a prisoner of war camp? Do you have any photos from VE and VJ Day celebrations across the years?

Do you have any memories, photos or objects from when Forces personnel returned home to Britain after the war had ended? If you did, the Museum and Gallery would like to hear from you.





Armed Forces Champion at the Borough Council, Councillor Dawn Glenville said: "We invite you to contribute to our upcoming exhibition by submitting artefacts, photographs, and books as an example that will help showcase our community's involvement in these two historical dates.

"Your treasured items will help create a meaningful display celebrating our shared heritage. Please consider participating in this special exhibition. Thank you for your support."

If you would like to contribute

to the exhibition, please contact info@ atkinsbuilding.co.uk or telephone 01455 247070.



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Great Fun at this Years Mallory Mile

Well done to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and Mallory Park Racing Circuit Real Motorsport Limited, the team running cycling at the Mallory Circuit for a great evening of fun at this years Mallory Mile on Monday 9th June to celebrate National Bike Week.

The event held at Mallory Park Circuit in Kirkby Mallory was our first time at the event and what

a great evening of fun it was, surrounded by hundreds of people we set off for our first mile around this much loved track and we enjoyed it so much we ended up doing ten.

It was great to see so many people in attendance in a lovely friendly atmosphere, the BMX stunt riders provided great entertainment throughout the evening, their tricks and skills had everyones attention.





Afterwards the children were awarded a certificate, glow in the dark safety bands and a water bottle. All in all a brilliant well organised event that has now become a firm fixture on our family calendar and best of all it was all FREE.

Look out for next years Mallory Mile details in the The Local Rock



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Nuneaton Pride will be opened this Saturday, 5 July at Riversley Park by the borough's new mayor Cllr Bim Saru, along with his wife, Mayoress Sharmila.

The ribbon cutting will take place at 12 noon and the event will go on until 6pm, with an after party taking place at Popworld in town.

Organisers said: "We would proudly like to announce that the Mayor for Nuneaton and Bedworth will be opening our 2025 Nuneaton Pride this year! Our Mayor and Mayoress will be the only dignitaries opening Nuneaton Pride this year.

"We are so excited to be welcoming them for the ribbon cut."

The event promises a full day of 19 back-to-back acts and performers by the bandstand, including



Brenda Marie, Amy Laqueefa, Elvis performer Andrew, Keith Clarke and PJ Taylor.

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