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# Teenage Market in Town

Nuneaton's first Teenage Market will take place in the town on Sunday 22 March from 10am to 4pm in Market Place.

Warwickshire County Council is supporting the rollout of Teenage Markets across Warwickshire.

It's an exciting initiative that gives young people the chance to showcase their creativity, entrepreneurial spirit and talent.

The event encourages skills development and helping young people gain confidence, business know-how and real-world experience.

There has already been a strong, positive response from local young people to the opportunity, with a number of applications to take part already received – and more young people are being encouraged to sign-up to get involved, which they can do at <https://theteenagemarket.co.uk/>.

The Teenage Markets are a fantastic way to engage young people in their local communities and help them to develop skills and entrepreneurship, as well as help to boost footfall and vibrancy in town centres.

The Teenage Market concept is delivered by Place for Youth CIC, a not-for-profit social enterprise that puts young people at the heart of creative placemaking in towns and cities across the UK.

The organisation works with local authorities, businesses and community partners to deliver youth-led programmes, events and engagement activities that empower young people to turn the places they live into places they love.

Councillor Nicky King, Portfolio Holder for Business and Regeneration at Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, said: *"It's brilliant that Nuneaton town centre will be filled with such enthusiasm, activity, and creativity by the young people involved."*

Joe Barratt, Executive Director of Place For Youth CIC, added: *"This collaboration reflects*



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The event raises much needed funds for the upkeep of the six Revel Group Church buildings.

Last year the day enjoyed glorious sunshine and a huge attendance of more than 2,700 adults and around 600 children.

Daffodil Sunday will this year feature woodland and lakeside walks amongst the beautiful daffodils, a host of children's activities an array of entertainment, including live music and dance.



There will also be an impressive selection of gift plant and craft stalls and food and drink stalls.

Another highlight will be a Vintage Car and Tractor Show.

Organisers said: *"We're incredibly grateful for the help of all the volunteers that come together to make Daffodil Sunday, and without whom this event would not be possible.*

*"We'd also like to thank our Commercial supporters who've*

*very gratefully donated to support Daffodil Sunday."*

Tickets are available on the gate at £8 for adults, with under 16s going in for free.

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There'll be a chance to experience a magic lantern show and find out more about Victorian Life from Captain Wyatt, a veteran of the Boer Wars and now employed as Her Majesties bodyguard.

Plus, you will be able to handle museum objects to explore new inventions of the Victorian age, such as the incandescent light bulb and technological advances such as steam power.

*Free children's activities will also be returning for the Easter holidays:*

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- Thursday, 2 April - Make a party hat (inspired by the museum's 109th birthday).
- Good Friday, 3 April - Help make some bunting to celebrate!
- Thursday, 9 April - Make a cosmonaut mask, inspired by the anniversary of the first human to go into space!
- Friday, 10 April - Decorate your own fiery rocket.

There is no need to book, just drop in.

Activities are free but donations are welcomed, all children must be accompanied by an adult. At busy times you may be asked to wait.



These events follow what was a busy half term for the venue.

There were 771 visits in three days, up 263 visits (more than 50 per cent) on last year's total of 508.

The number of children taking part in the free activity also more than doubled from last year to 114, a rise of 64 on the previous year.

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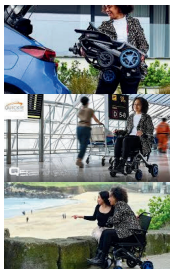
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# Nuneaton Officers Invited to Meet King and Queen

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Two officers from Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council were among invited guests.

Matt Wallbank, Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance, and Sara Warne, Environmental Health Officer, were among the 350 guests from local authorities across Great Britain and Northern Ireland invited to St James's Palace to recognise the contribution of local and regional government and public service employees to communities across the UK.

The reception brought together representatives from a wide range of public service roles, including head teachers, social workers, and public health professionals.

The event provided an opportunity for attendees to meet the King and Queen and to reflect on the important role local authorities play in supporting residents and delivering essential services.

Cllr Steve Hey, Leader of Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, said: *"This was a proud moment for the Council and for our Borough.*

*"Matt and Sara represent the dedication*



*and professionalism of our workforce, and it is fitting that their work, and that of local government officers across the country, was recognised at this event."*

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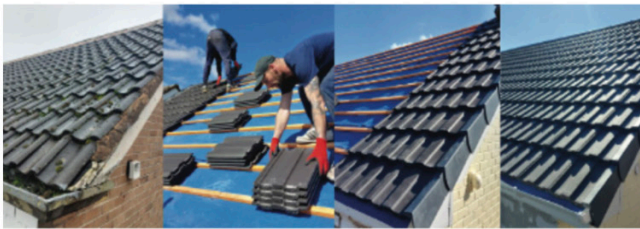
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Councillor Brady Hughes, Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Health, said: *“Wildflower meadows are one of the rare habitats, not just in our Borough, but the entire United Kingdom.*

*“Native insects and mammals will all benefit from these meadow areas.*

*“We are delighted that this is happening and it will boost our environment for our residents for many years to come.”*

The costs of all the works have been funded from ‘biodiversity offsetting’ payments made to the Borough council by developers.

The preparatory works will take place this Spring. The meadow creation will involve fully



removing the existing grasses and cultivating the ground before sowing the meadow seed mix.

This will mean the soil will be visible for a while.

The meadow areas will be cut in the late Summer/Autumn and the cuttings will be removed to encourage the natural seeding and regrowth of the meadow in the next year.

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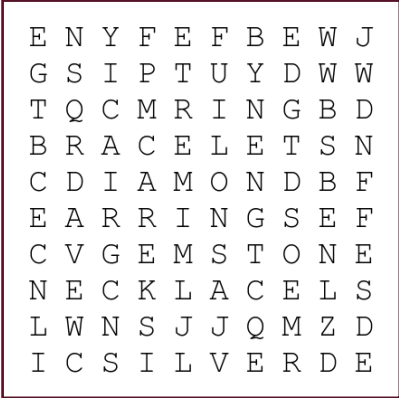
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Once all clues are completed, participants can head to The Birdie Bunker in the Britannia Centre. Completed entry forms can be posted there in exchange for a free chocolate treat.

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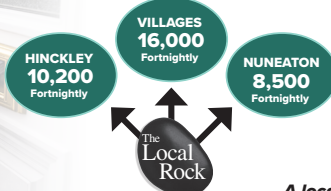
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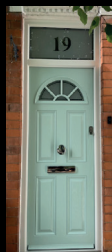
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