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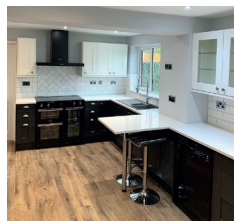
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Barwell is to follow in the footsteps of neighbouring villages and villages across the country, by hosting its own scarecrow themed event this month.



The first ever Barwell Scarecrow Competition will take place on Sunday, 28 June from 10am to 4pm.

That's when people will be able to go along and

see all the wonderful entries and vote for their favourites.

But before that people need to get their entries

in. Forms are available at the Barwell Parish Council website and from the parish council offices at 10 High Street and all entries must be in by Sunday, 21 June. The competition is free to enter.

It is also free to vote and maps and voting forms will be available from the parish council from Thursday, 25 June.

Organisers said: *"We hope lots of you take part. Your scarecrows can be any design but please give it a name."*

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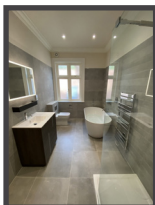
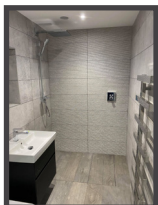
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# Can You Save a Special Prom?

A locally based SEN school has put out an emergency appeal for help to rescue its planned Prom for Year 11 and Post-16 students.

Students have been fundraising all year with bake sales and tombolas for the school's second ever prom.

Unfortunately, the school says it has been let down at the last minute by multiple businesses, losing most of their deposits in the process.

A school spokesperson said: *"Our students are incredible young people. Many are in care, from disadvantaged backgrounds, or are young carers themselves.*

*"We just want to give them a magical night to celebrate everything they've achieved.*

*"We're now working with a shoestring budget and holding the prom in our school hall, but we're determined to make it special!"*

Among the things they have lost are cars for a parade around town, catering, balloon arches and decorations and a DJ.

The school is looking for local businesses who can donate or offer services, anyone with decorations/Lighting, or catering skills, drivers who could help with a small car parade and any



kind of support at all!

The Prom is set to take place on Friday 26 June. The school has asked not to be named in print but offers of help can be made by emailing raykatey10@gmail.com or calling 07780463085.

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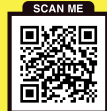
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# Bringing Back Beavers

Beavers could be coming back to parts of Leicestershire, with plans being drawn up for the semi-aquatic rodents to be part of efforts to prevent flooding and restore natural habitats.

Beavers were hunted to extinction across England by the 16th Century but recent restoration schemes have seen the animals' population rise to about 1,000.

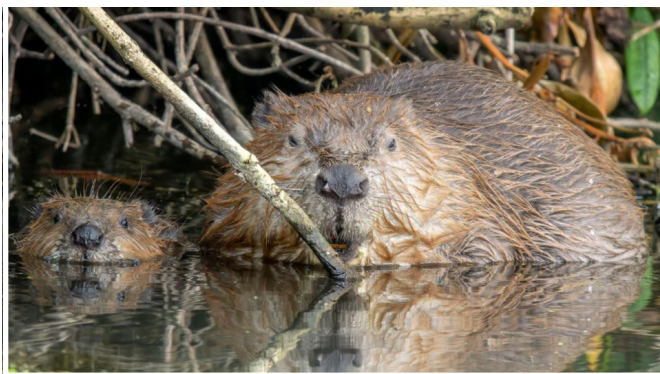
Adam Tilbury, the council's cabinet member for environment and flooding, said he was keen to see the creatures returned to sites across the county.

He said: *"We are at the very early stages of this but we all know Leicestershire is very badly affected by flooding and beavers are great natural engineers who could be one part of the solution."*

Dams built by beavers can slow down water flows reducing the volume of water entering flood-prone areas.

The dams also create wetland areas which allow other wildlife to flourish, according to the Beaver Trust charity.

No specific sites have been determined for beavers to be re-introduced but it is thought that the reintroduction of beavers could attract nature enthusiasts to Leicestershire boosting tourism.



Dr Roisin Campbell-Palmer, the Beaver Trust's head of restoration, said: *"Bringing beavers back is quite a complicated process which requires licensing but it is well worth it. It is a species we really want to see back."*

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- **Admin & Finance**  
June 22
- **Planning**  
June 29
- **Parish Council**  
July 13

## Contact us ...

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## Big Summer Bash – Coming soon!

Get ready for some summer fun at the first **Burbage Big Summer Bash** to be held on **Sunday June 28, from midday until 5pm at Britannia Road recreation ground**.

There will be live music, food and drink, commercial and community stalls, plus attractions for small children and a tug-of-war contest for bigger people!

Organised by the newly-formed **Burbage Events Group**, the bash is being backed by the Parish Council and supported by **Burbage RFC, Hinckley Lions and Hinckley Sea Cadets**, whose members will be helping on the day.



## On the Beat

Burbage PCSO Darren Stretton will be holding a beat surgery, with crime prevention items for sale and a member of the Rural Community Council mental health team on hand to chat, at the **SPAR on Lutterworth Road from 3pm – 4.30pm on Tuesday June 16**. He will also be running a stall at the Big Summer Bash.



## Farmers' Market

There will be bunting fluttering and **Nuneaton Ukulele Jam Band** playing to mark the 250th anniversary of the American Declaration of Independence at the next Farmers' Market, on **Saturday July 4 on Burbage Methodist Church car park, Windsor Street, from 8.30am – 12.30pm**.

## Take a nature safari from your doorstep

Green spaces across the parish are a boon for biodiversity, from small areas of grass deliberately left to grow long on Council-managed parks, to the wild acres of Burbage Common and Woods - and the school summer holiday will soon offer the perfect opportunity to get out and about and explore.

The Council supports a page on the Leicestershire & Rutland **Naturespot** website **[www.naturespot.org.uk](http://www.naturespot.org.uk)** where people are invited to submit photos and records of wild flora and fauna found around the parish.

And if you don't know what it is that you've come across, whether insect, grass, bird or mammal, there are lots of photos on the site to help you identify them.

The Naturespot team says: **"We would like more wildlife observations from the parish. So, if you've seen a species you recognise, from a blue tit to a bluebell, please follow the links to submit your sighting."**

Data about even the most common species is important to build up a picture of what plants and creatures are doing well and what is in decline and will help to inform ongoing conservation efforts.

**The Burbage Neighbourhood Plan**, which is currently being reviewed for an update, recognises the importance of the natural environment and includes policies to protect and enhance green spaces across the parish.



The plan says: **"A shared positive understanding and experience of the local environment supports the development of a healthy and united community across the generations."**

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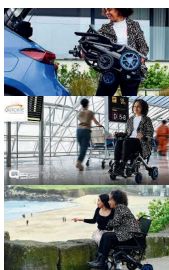
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# Village Micro Businesses Urged to Apply for Grants

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Blaby District Council's new Blaby Business Grant Scheme to support micro businesses trading from premises across the District is now open for applications.

The one-year pilot project has a total pot of £25,000 to help local businesses grow. The scheme offers two grants:

- Shop Front Improvements Grant - A total pot of £5,000. To improve the appearance, accessibility and safety of local business premises.
- Decarbonisation and Business Growth Grant - A total amount of £20,000, granting up to £3,000 per business (with a requirement for 50% to be match-funded), to help cut carbon emissions, or support a business to improve products, services or ways of working.

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To be eligible, businesses must: Employ fewer than 10 full time equivalent staff; Have turnover or a balance sheet total of no more than £2 million; Trade from premises in Blaby District.

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The pilot scheme is open for applications until 30 June 2026.

Councillor Nick Chapman, Blaby District Council Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, said: *"We are proud that thousands of micro businesses choose to make their home in Blaby District and want to provide them with support to grow and flourish."*

*"If you're a micro business looking for a financial boost in Blaby District then I would encourage you to look at the eligibility criteria and to apply."*

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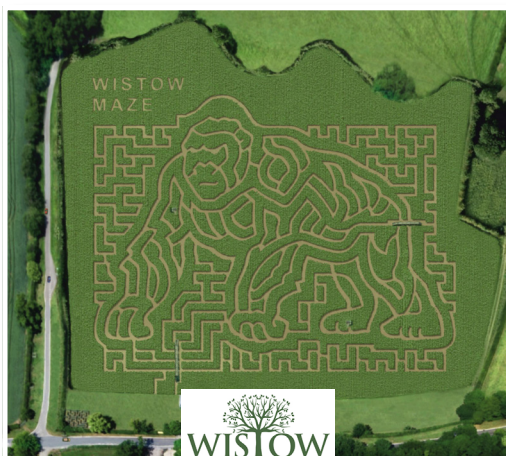
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As the nation celebrates the 100th year of Sir David Attenborough, a special maze has been created here in Leicestershire – the county where the great man developed his love of nature.

Leicestershire's famous Wistow Maze has been designed in the shape of a Mountain Gorilla, which he famously filmed in Rwanda in 1978 for the iconic BBC series 'Life on Earth'.

The giant eight acre maize maze has a fun Quiz Trail hidden amongst three miles of pathways, with high-level bridges and towers giving stunning panoramic views.

Visitors have to find 12 quiz boards, featuring animals from his pioneering nature series, as well as interesting facts about this famous



naturalist and broadcaster.

Visitors can also take part in a variety of mini mazes and games in the Activity Funyard, which includes a space-hopper track, hoopla, beanbag throwing and a football shooting game.

Across the road is the Wistow Rural Centre with its cafe, garden centre, art gallery, model village and numerous shops,

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The maze opens Mon 20 July – Sun 6 Sept (daily), and the weekend 12/13 Sept, 10am – 6pm Free Parking.

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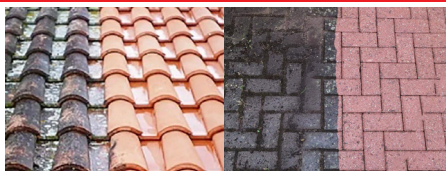
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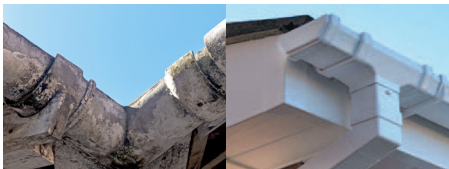
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Ashley Jacques won a four-bedroom luxury home, a Rolls Royce, a Lamborghini and cash - totalling £1.4 million in value - when he entered a prize draw run by Elite Competitions.

The 29-year-old who grew up on a council estate, said: "my daughter is going to have everything I always wanted" after scooping the prize.

Ashley told Elite Competitions: *"Things were quite difficult growing up. We had a hard life. My dad has multiple sclerosis and me and my sister had to look after him a lot.*

*"My parents split up when I was two and we moved to a council estate on the outskirts of Hinckley.*

*"We got by, dad put clothes on our back, he looked after us and made sure we were safe, warm and fed. But there were lots of things that my friends around me had that I didn't.*

*"I didn't have nice clothes, or nice trainers. My friends went on holidays with their families. We couldn't go away on family holidays.*

*"All I ever wished for then was to have a few of the things that other people had. It really was quite tough."*



Ashley spent £50 on tickets to bag the prize bundle.

He said: *"I know that my daughter is now going to have everything that I always wanted. I'm going to put some money away for my daughter, to invest in her future.*

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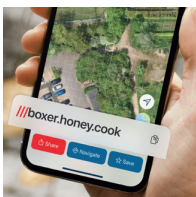
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