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"Burbage Parish Council has been grateful for the support of The Local Rock for more than 16 years"

The Local Rock team does more than just provide space for the Council to promote its work maintaining and enhancing facilities across the parish, it takes a genuine interest in the Council's efforts on behalf of the community. When The Local Rock heard recently that trees planted by the Council to mark the platinum jubilee of the late Queen Elizabeth II had been vandalised, it made space on a page just as the magazine was going to print, to allow the news to be included at the earliest opportunity. It is this shared concern for the community that makes the Parish Council and The Local Rock such good partners.



Parish Councillors in Burbage plead for people to respect their environment following damage to trees planted as part of the Queen's Green Canopy

Here in Burbage, we may not have a tree as iconic as the Sycamore Gap tree, but sadly it seems we do have people with the same mentality to destroy simply because they can.

As councillors, we work hard to create an environment that all residents can be proud of. In 2022, we commissioned the planting of 70 trees at the Far Lash Open Space to commemorate the 70 year reign of our late Queen, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Since then, our staff have carefully tended these young trees, ensuring that the sunnier and difficult conditions did not cause them to fail. For the past four years—a successful nurtured them and helped them thrive.

Over the weekend, however, a mindless act of vandalism destroyed one of these trees and left another well have boasted to friends about what they had done; each damage to these, a cannot be undone. A tree has been lost, and, with it, part of the symbolism of the 70th year, our community's commitment to the future.

Each year, our community gathers around the Christmas Tree to sing carols and admire the Christmas lights. These traditions would not be possible today if, back in the late 1950s, someone had sapling.

We may never discover who was responsible for this act. However, it is possible that parents or grandparents will only learn the truth, and they will have to pass on that knowledge. Perhaps, years from now, a grandchild asks, "Why are there only 68 trees here when the Queen reigned for 70 years?" Will they be as proud to explain the real reason?



Councillor Bob Bennett, Chair of Burbage Parish Council, and Lash Hill and Councillor David Glanville, who championed the Queen's Green Canopy project in the parish, stand next to one of the damaged commemorative trees.

We rely on the whole community to respect and support the steps we take to create lasting memories this town, and more importantly to act as a deterrent and cause but also to prevent any further acts of vandalism of this nature.

In response to this incident, Parish Councillors are discussing with officers from Hinckley and Boworth CTV's cameras within the park. The aim is not only to identify those responsible should further incidents occur, but, more importantly to act as a deterrent and protect the trees and facilities that belong to the whole community.

These trees were planted not just for today, but for future generations. They stand as a living memorial to a remarkable reign and as a reminder that the decisions we make today shape the environment we leave behind. It is our collective responsibility to ensure they remain for future generations to enjoy.

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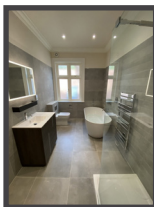
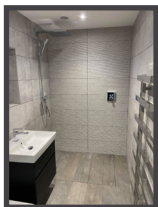
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Hinckley's Argents Mead is set to become a five day focal point of one of the town's busiest five-day periods as August begins.

First of all, one of Hinckley's most popular events returns to the town centre park on Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 August, as Feast and Families once again sets out its stalls of culinary wonders.

The popular food and drink festival takes place over the weekend from 10am to 5pm with over 45 vendors offering a range of national and international cuisine.

Visitors will also be able to enjoy live music performances and other attractions.

No sooner has the food festival been cleared away than the popular Snap Dragon Children and Families Festival is back with three fun filled days for all the family in Argents Mead.



The festival takes place from Monday 3 August to Wednesday 5 August from 11am to 3pm each day and is free to attend.

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St Francis Community Centre has thanked everyone who went along to the opening of its new Community Garden recently.

The Centre, in Tudor Road, Hinckley, has been working with the Borough Council and The Pierce Perspective over the past few months and the hard work and fruits of everyone's labour were on display, as shown by the photographs courtesy of Lee Glasgow.



A spokesperson for the community centre said:

"It was great to see people coming along to explore the new community garden, enjoy the stalls and take part in activities for all ages. Thankyou to everyone who joined us and helped make it such a fantastic community event."



The centre is always looking for more volunteers to help in the garden. Volunteering sessions are held every Tuesday, 10am-12pm at the centre.

To find out more or to get involved, please get in touch or pop into the centre – everyone is welcome. Tel. 01455 617185 or E: adminsfcc@stfranciscom.co.uk



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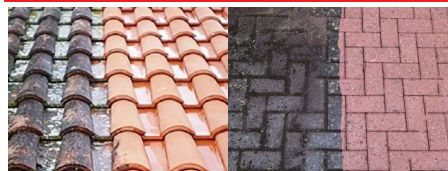
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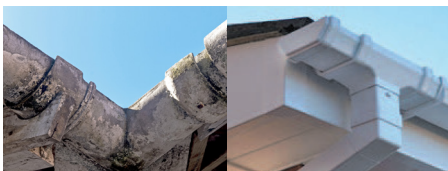
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A Hinckley family who lost their young son after a routine operation have turned their grief into a powerful force for good, helping other families facing unimaginable loss.



to make sure his name lives on in a way that brings comfort to others."

The cause has become even more meaningful for the family following the arrival of Reggie's younger brother, Ralphie, who was born in May.

Gemma Whittle and Mitch Gaskin tragically lost their two-year-old son Reggie in November 2023, after complications following what was expected to be a routine hip operation.

Since then, the couple have channelled their heartbreak into raising awareness and funds for The Bodie Hodges Foundation, a charity that supports bereaved families.

At the heart of their efforts is Reggie's Forever Loved Fund, a dedicated fund within the charity that specifically supports children who have lost a brother or sister.

The family and their supporters have raised more than £12,000, ensuring that other families receive vital emotional and practical support during the most difficult times.

Gemma said: *"Reggie was such a special little boy, full of joy, kindness and love. We wanted*

As part of their ongoing fundraising, Mitch, joined by friends and family, recently took on a Wolf Run challenge at Stanford Hall in Leicestershire.

The physically demanding course saw participants tackle mud, water and obstacles across rough terrain, all in aid of raising further funds for Reggie's Forever Loved Fund.

Gemma has also written and illustrated a children's book inspired by him. Titled 'The Boy with the Magic Smile', the story is based on a true story and follows a special young boy who visits Earth to help his animal friends navigate a world filled with hope.

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The work is expected to take approximately 12 weeks and started on 29th June, scheduled over summer when demand for inpatient beds is lower. During the closure, the 19-bed ward will also be redecorated with dementia-friendly design principles, creating a calmer and more reassuring space for older people and those living with cognitive impairment.

Improvements will include calming colour schemes, non-slip flooring, enhanced lighting to support orientation, and clear, accessible signage to promote independence and confidence.

Additional upgrades will include the replacement of tap fittings and a full modernisation of the fire alarm system. Around 50 light fittings will be



replaced. The neighbouring 28-bed East Ward has not been affected by the drainage issues and will remain open.

Patients will continue to receive safe and appropriate care within Leicestershire Partnership Trust's (LPT's) wider network of community hospitals across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Sarah Morley, a deputy director at LPT, said: *"These improvements will ensure that, when North Ward reopens, it offers a significantly enhanced environment that better supports recovery, wellbeing, and dignity."*

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NWSLC Art and Design Showcase Displays Students Achievements

by Isabella Paton, Pictures by Abe Miller

The NWSLC's Creative Arts and Media Showcase, Fully Loaded Exhibition, marked the end of term at the Hinckley campus, showing pieces of art from students studying courses ranging from levels 1-6.

The event included a fashion show attended by the Mayor of Hinckley and Bosworth, Cllr Cathie Gibbens and Consort Scott Gibbens, and the Mayor of Nuneaton, Cllr Colin Cape and Mayoress Julie Cape, as well as models and detailed art created by the students.

The exhibition was a display of final pieces created by the students in courses such as interior design, fine art and journalism to showcase their achievements, helping them progress in the future.

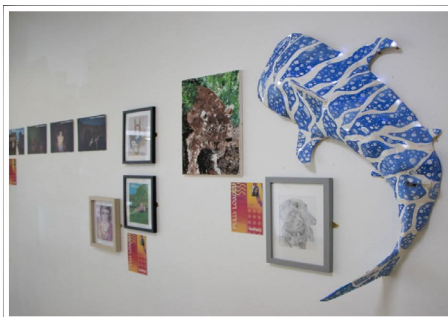
Their art featured symbolism, mythology, mental health and empowerment of minorities reflecting the diversity within the college and their variety of skills.

The students took inspiration from the world around them such as Level 3 Graphic Design student Bethany Shipley who was inspired by Hello Fresh and made Breeze, a student meal kit, 'to create a solution that makes cooking feel less intimidating while encouraging healthier eating habits and reducing food costs'.

Another was Extended Diploma Art and Graphic Design student Sophie Knee who explored the theme of street art and jazz, taking 'inspiration from Revok and jazz musicians who use improvisation' as well as artists such as Futura due to his free form techniques.

John Watson, film and TV lecturer, expressed how important the show is for the students.

He explained how he believes that the event allows students to showcase their work and platform a portfolio but, also receive feedback allowing them to improve.



He further explained how he enjoys the show and seeing the student work. The students' art and effort throughout the exhibition was outstanding. It was a very successful exhibition.

Daniel The Jewellers Competition Winner

Congratulations to Mrs Winters of Nuneaton for winning the competition. Thank you to James the owner of Daniel The Jewellers based in Abbey Gate Centre, Nuneaton for picking the winner. James was overwhelmed by the response of competition entries he received. Thank you to everyone who entered!



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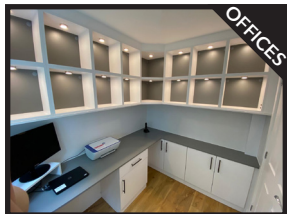
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Britain's first astronaut inspires Hinckley School

Hinckley School students were inspired when Britain's first astronaut, Helen Sharman, visited to share the story behind her historic journey into space.

Helen visited The Hinckley School, delivering an inspirational talk, hosting an extended question-and-answer session and meeting with members of the school's Science Busking Club. More than 250 students took part in the visit.

During the day, students heard how a chance decision to respond to a radio advert transformed Helen's life.

More than 13,000 people applied, but she was selected to become the first Briton in space, travelling to the Mir Space Station in 1991.

Helen shared the story of the 18 months of intensive training that prepared her for the mission before spending eight days in orbit.

She spoke about life aboard the space station, the excitement of



launching into space and the unforgettable experience of feeling weightless, using photographs and personal stories to bring her experience to life.

Helen also spoke about the future of space exploration, including the possibility of missions to the Moon and Mars. She encouraged students to embrace opportunities, stay curious and never assume that extraordinary achievements are beyond their reach.

Year 9 student Libby said: *"Hearing Helen speak was really interesting and I learnt a lot from it, especially about the experiments she conducted in space. I found the talk very inspiring; it shows that you should always go after your dreams."*

Kate Grocock, Head of School, said: *"Helen inspired our students with the extraordinary story of her journey into space."*

"Helen's message of determination, resilience and ambition encouraged our students to believe that anything is possible."

"She really brought to life the impact of space exploration on the developments in science that enhance our lives here on Earth. We're very grateful to Helen for sharing her experiences with our students."



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SAVE THE DATES



Burbage Farmers Market

Held on the 1st Saturday of every month. We have live entertainment provided by the Burbage Arts & Community Festival which is running then. Then the following subsequent first Saturdays of every month up to and including December, 2026. Location Burbage Methodist Church Carpark and Windsor Street, Burbage.

Saturday 15 August 2026

Burbage Gardening Club

To include The Burbage gardening Club Dahlia Championship at Hastings High School, St. Catherine's Close, Burbage, LE10 2QE. Sections - Floral art, cut flowers, pot plants, fruit and vegetables, homecrafts, photography, young exhibitors, handicraft and art. Admission free to public at 4:30pm. Bar and refreshments available. Show contacts Bob Gwynn 07583 371804 email showmanager@bgclub.uk or Trevor Allcoat 01455 613119. This year's charity is LOROS Hospice.

Saturday 8 August 2026

Cadeby Fete & Fun Dog Show

Held at Market Bosworth Rugby Club on Cadeby Lane, starting at 2pm. Fete admission will be £1 for adults, with accompanied children free, plus free on-site car parking. Entries to classes for the popular dog show cost £2 each. There will be the traditional stalls and side-shows, including Cadeby pre-loved clothes and jewellery, white elephant, home-made cakes, books and games, a raffle with a top prize of £100 cash, and teas served in the clubhouse, where the Rugby Club will also be running a bar. All money raised will help to keep Cadeby Church well cared-for and open daily for all.



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