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New facilities for Parklands and Brocks Hill

An exciting new partnership between Oadby & Wigston Borough Council and Everyone Active will see new developments and upgrades to the facilities at both Parklands Leisure Centre and Brocks Hill Visitor Centre this winter.

Find out more on page 10.

Refuse and recycling

Christmas holiday and New Year collections 2017/18

The last collection date for garden waste collections will be 8 December 2017. This service will resume on Monday 19 February 2018. Please refer to the new Refuse and Recycling Calendar which will be delivered to you early next year.

Please note: In the event of adverse weather conditions, services may be temporarily suspended. More information will be posted on the council website, at: www.oadby-wigston.gov.uk



REFUSE, RECYCLING AND TEXTILES COLLECTION

USUAL COLLECTION DAY

Thursday 21 December
Friday 22 December
Monday 25 December
Tuesday 26 December
Wednesday 27 December
Thursday 28 December
Friday 29 December
Monday 1 January
Tuesday 2 January
Wednesday 3 January

REVISED COLLECTION DAY

Thursday 21 December
Friday 22 December
Within the next 2 weeks*
Tuesday 2 January**
Wednesday 3 January**
Thursday 28 December
Friday 29 December
Monday 8 January
Tuesday 2 January
Wednesday 3 January

GLASS AND COOKING OIL COLLECTION

USUAL COLLECTION DAY

Thursday 21 December
Friday 22 December
Monday 25 December
Tuesday 26 December
Wednesday 27 December
Thursday 28 December
Friday 29 December
Monday 1 January
Tuesday 2 January
Wednesday 3 January

REVISED COLLECTION DAY

Thursday 21 December
Friday 22 December
Monday 8 January
Tuesday 9 January
Wednesday 10 January
Thursday 28 December
Friday 29 December
Monday 15 January
Tuesday 2 January
Wednesday 3 January

*Only recycling at communal flats will be affected.

**These dates are double collection dates, where we will collect up to six bags and unlimited recycling bags.

Collection of your real Christmas tree can be arranged by contacting Oadby & Wigston Borough Council on (0116) 288 8961 alternatively, you can take it to the Oadby Recycling and Household Waste Site located on Wigston Road,

Last chance to have your say on the emerging new Local Plan

During the autumn of 2016, the Council consulted with the public on the Preferred Options draft of the Local Plan which sought to recognise and tackle key issues within the Borough. The Council had a good response from members of public, as well as key stakeholders including local businesses and other organisations.

Having taken stock of the comments received last year, as well as taking into account further evidence that has been produced over the course of the past twelve months, the Council is now seeking further comment from the public and key stakeholders on the Pre-Submission Local Plan, up to 2031.

The consultation on the Pre-Submission Local Plan document began on Monday, 6 November, 2017 and will conclude on Monday, 18 December, 2017 at 5pm. The document is available in a range of formats and at a number of publicly accessible locations throughout the Borough, as well as electronically on the Council's website.



What will happen to my comments?

Once this final consultation has concluded, the Council will collate all of the submissions received and submit them, together with the Submission Draft Local Plan, to the Planning Inspectorate early next year.

The Council then expects the draft document to be independently examined in Spring / Summer 2018, and finally, pending approval by the Planning Inspectorate, the Council hopes to adopt the new Local Plan by the Summer 2018.

For further details, please visit the Council's website at www.oadby-wigston.gov.uk/pages/planning_consultations. If you would like further information about the Local Plan or would like to be notified about upcoming planning consultations please email your details to planningpolicy@oadby-wigston.gov.uk.

Residents' Forums and Community Engagement

Oadby & Wigston Borough Council has established three Resident Forums representing every ward in the Borough. The three Forums are: Oadby, Wigston and South Wigston. They were established to give residents the chance to:

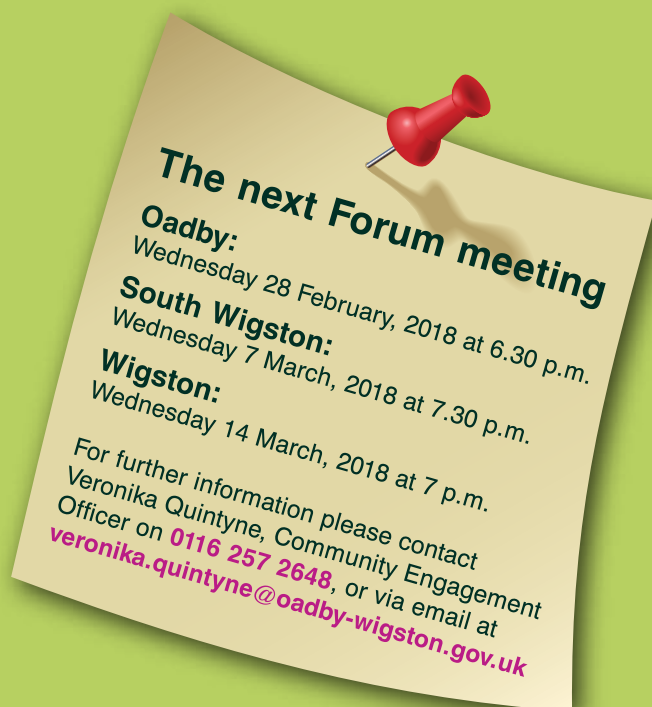
- find out more about local services
- put forward views about local issues
- find solutions to local problems
- help make the Council and other services work better for the benefit of everyone in the whole Borough.
- enable residents to participate and be involved in decision making.

Can I attend a Forum?

Each Forum is chaired by an Elected Member (Councillor). The attendance is made up of local people, Elected Members, groups and organisations and other partners that are active in the Borough.

Each Resident Forum meets quarterly, on an evening and everyone is welcome to attend. The Forums provide a half hour time slot for residents to speak confidentially to local Councillors and the Police before the full meeting begins. Oadby and Wigston Council offers each forum support and administers funding.

So why not come along to your local Forum and tell us what you would like to see improved in your area. Ultimately, It's all about being able to make a difference to where you live, work, rest and play.



Save time, do it online

New online options are being introduced for Oadby & Wigston residents, offering a wider choice for requesting Council services electronically.

MyAccount has been launched by Oadby & Wigston Borough Council for all residents eligible in the Borough to sign up and take advantage of what the service has to offer.

MyAccount

Residents who register for MyAccount will be able to view their Council Tax accounts to check their current balance, any discounts and exemptions awarded and payments made in the last three years.

Residents who are receiving Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support and who register for MyAccount will be able to view their entitlements, payments and awards made in the last three years.

Creating an account is easy and takes a few minutes; all you need to get started is an email address.

Save time, do it online



Online forms

The Council is also launching online forms across a wide range of services to allow residents to submit requests at a time that is convenient to them. Residents will be able to track requests made without having to contact the Council to check on progress.

This will include: reporting different types of issues such as cleansing and noise pollution, booking building control inspections, making requests for waste services, requesting a copy of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO), and many more.

More online forms will be made available to streamline our services in an ever-more digital world. However, we have a commitment to ensure vulnerable residents can still access our services over the telephone or face to face at our Customer Service Centre on Bell St, Wigston.

To register for MyAccount or to view our online services visit www.oadby-wigston.gov.uk.



Community Response Plan

Over the past 12 months, the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Resilience Partnership has been working hard to encourage local communities to become more resilient.

Experience shows that communities that are able to help themselves fare better, recover more quickly and are ultimately stronger. With this in mind, the Partnership has been working with local people to create Community Response Plans, which bring together a group of residents and/or community leaders who can assess the situation and agree how best to respond - limiting the impact on their community.

The Partnership are pleased to say that the Oadby Resilience Team have now completed their new Community Plan, and will shortly be receiving delivery of their 'community store', which includes lots of useful equipment that they will be able to put to good use if an incident does happen.



“A Community Response Plan for Oadby seems such a good idea. It is good to know that if something did happen here the community could help itself until the professionals arrived.”

Jo Knight, Oadby Resilience Team

If your local community would benefit from creating a plan, please contact llrprepared@leics.gov.uk.



Are you ready for a power cut?

As winter approaches, have you thought about how ready you are for a power cut? Despite the best efforts of our utility suppliers, severe weather can have a huge effect on the services we take for granted.

When Storm Desmond brought unprecedented flooding to Lancashire and Cumbria in December 2015, a flood at an electricity substation resulted in a blackout affecting more than 100,000 residents. It took nearly a week before the situation was back to normal, during which time:

- Most phone coverage was lost within an hour, and although most landline phone services were available, many people found their cordless phones wouldn't work
- Most internet service was lost but even where it was available in the street, electricity was not available to supply Wi-Fi hubs
- Electronic card payment systems and most ATM machines did not work
- The local TV booster station lost power which also affected digital radio (DAB) services
- Multi-storey buildings lost power for the lifts and some upper floors lost water supplies
- Electrically-powered special aids and medical appliances were affected
- Shops, schools, petrol stations and other businesses were forced to close
- Traffic lights didn't work
- Many people had no heating in their homes – even gas central heating won't work without electricity, and were unable to prepare hot food without their electric cookers, microwaves and kettles

Oadby & Wigston Borough Council has plans in place to deal with incidents like this. However, it is important that individuals and communities are also prepared to help themselves. Visit www.llrprepared.org.uk today for advice on preparing for emergencies.



Grow your own fruit and vegetables

If you enjoy gardening and would like to grow your own fresh fruit and vegetables then an allotment could be just what you're looking for!

All kinds of people enjoy allotment gardening for lots of different reasons. It is a rewarding pastime which could make a massive contribution to your wellbeing and quality of life.

Apply for an allotment

There are four allotment sites across the Borough;

- Brabazon Road, Oadby
- Wigston Road, Oadby
- Manchester Gardens, Wigston
- Aylestone Lane, Wigston.

We operate a waiting list for allocation of a plot but the wait for plots on the Aylestone Lane and Wigston Road sites is quite short at the moment and so you are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

To apply for a plot at one of our four locations you can log on to www.oadby-wigston.gov.uk/allotments and complete the application form online, or telephone **0116 288 8961** and ask for a form to be sent to you by post or email.

Only residents living within Oadby, Wigston or South Wigston can apply for an allotment in the Borough. If you live outside of the Borough then please contact your local Council about allotments in your area.



Winter work in the woods at Brocks Hill

At Brocks Hill Country Park, winter is a busy time. We have been thinning the trees in the woodland compartments to promote healthy growth from the remaining trees and create space for other woodland plants to grow.

The Forestry Commission have issued a felling licence to thin the woods: trees to be removed are those that have poor growth, are unhealthy, or growing too close to a tree we want to keep. It can look destructive when the thinning is being carried out, but it is an essential management technique for young woodlands.

By removing a proportion of trees, more sunlight can reach the ground, providing areas for wildflowers to grow and habitats for many insects. Thinning will also enable a diverse range of tree and shrub species to grow throughout the compartments, improving biodiversity. There are already tiny oak, ash and maple seedlings growing amongst the larger trees.

With the help of the conservation volunteers, we will make use of the timber by creating stakes to use in the park, woodchip for the muddy paths and log piles for wildlife. We ask that all visitors please leave log piles undisturbed, as they are a valuable habitat for invertebrates, fungi, small mammals and birds.

Raising money for DLRAA at Motor Fest



On Sunday 13 August, Anne Bond held a raffle at Oadby's annual Motor Fest event, to raise money for the Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance Service (DLRAA).

Organised by Sam Gutteridge of Epic Accessories, the classic car festival was a huge success, with thousands flocking to The Parade to see the very best vintage cars, and many local businesses taking part.

Thanks to the support of local residents and visitors at the Oadby Motor Fest, Anne Bond was able to raise £104 for the DLRAA service.

"I wish to thank all residents in the Borough for helping us to keep our helicopter flying so we can continue saving lives across Leicester and beyond."

Anne Bond.

Community Safety Partnership Strategic Plan 2017-2020

Every three years the Oadby & Wigston Community Safety Partnership is required by law to produce a Strategic Plan setting out its Community Safety Priorities for the next three years, and the approaches it will take in achieving them.

In October 2017 the Partnership approved, and adopted, its Strategic Plan for 2017-2020 which is now available to view on the Council's website.

It is the intention of the Partnership to be transparent and fully accountable to our community in its workings, and the publication of its Strategic Plan, as a blueprint for its work over the next three years, underlines this commitment.

The Strategic Plan demonstrates how the Partnership supports the 2017-2021 Police and Crime Plan developed by Lord Bach, Leicestershire's Police and Crime Commissioner, and has incorporated the outcomes of this plan into its own seven, viable strategic priorities.

Beneath each strategic priority sit a number of tactical actions that will be reviewed annually to better suit the needs of the community, and are a mixture of proactive and reactive approaches to reducing crime, disorder, and anti-social behaviour in the Borough, as well as improving community safety for all. These tactical actions are fully detailed in the Partnership's annual Delivery Plans which are also summarised on the Council's website.

To view the Partnership's Strategic and Delivery Plans please visit www.oadby-wigston.gov.uk/pages/community_safety_partnership.



Want to Lose Weight... For Good?



FREE weight loss sessions
at a venue near you

Friendly
supportive environment

10 week course:
Nutrition sessions with exercise classes

What is LEAP? **L**ifestyle **E**ating and **A**ctivity **P**rogramme

LEAP is a completely FREE 10 week weight management programme for adults in Leicestershire. It combines nutrition sessions led by a registered dietitian followed by an exercise session with an activity instructor. If you are fed up of "dieting", then this programme is for you. We have already helped hundreds of people across Leicestershire lose weight and keep it off.

Learn about topics such as:

- Balanced eating
- Portion sizes
- How to read food labels
- Eating out the healthy way
- Emotional eating
- Why "diets" don't work
- Which exercises suit you and your needs best



For more information call us on
0116 222 7154



YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

DO YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS,
COMMENTS OR WORRIES ABOUT THE
WIGSTON AREA IN WHICH YOU LIVE?

THEN WHY NOT JOIN THE WIGSTON CIVIC SOCIETY AND GET YOUR VOICE HEARD!

OUR AREAS OF INTEREST ARE: WIGSTON MAGNA, SOUTH
WIGSTON AND KILBY BRIDGE AND ESPECIALLY THE
CONSERVATION AREAS WITHIN THOSE BOUNDARIES.

Committee Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month from
7.00pm to 9.00pm at Age UK, Hawthorn House in Paddock Street, Wigston.

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME



*THE SOCIETY, FOUNDED IN 1978, STRIVES TO
MAKE THE WIGSTONS A BETTER PLACE TO
LIVE, WORK AND SHOP*

TO JOIN DOWNLOAD A MEMBERSHIP FORM FROM THE WEBSITE
OR TELEPHONE 07813 782899

www.wigstoncivicsociety.org.uk

FREE Fun, Food and Activity Group for Families



FLiC is an 8 week group for families
keen to learn more about becoming
fit, healthy and managing their weight

For
families with
children aged
8-13 years



Did you know that 1 in 3 children are overweight
and 75% of parents do not realise this.

We can help! Call the FLiC team to find out if your child is overweight or use the web link
for NHS Choices www.nhs.uk/tools and click on the BMI healthy weight calculator

FLiC groups start in January, May and October, to find your nearest group contact us on

FLIC@Inds.nhs.uk or **0116 222 7154**

(you can leave a message on our voicemail)

We are a friendly and very approachable team

Frequently Asked Questions about FLiC

What is FLiC?

FLiC (Family Lifestyle Club) is a fun club run by NHS Family Dietitians and local District Council Physical Activity leaders. It is an 8 week programme (meeting once each week) for children aged 8-13 years and their families.

Each week will involve:

- A fun games session for the children.
- An informal friendly food based discussion for example food labels, portions sizes & fat/sugars in everyday foods
- A practical food preparation and tasting session for parents and children together

Can I bring my other children along to the group?

Yes, this is a family club.

Is there a charge for this service?

No there will be no charge to you and your child/children.

Places are limited

to book a place or to find out more
information please telephone the
FLiC Team on

FLIC@Inds.nhs.uk

or call

0116 222 7154

(you can leave a message on our voicemail)

"the whole family
enjoyed attending FLiC,
we found the leaders very
friendly and were given
lots of practical and useful
information to help us
make the changes we
needed"



Health and wellbeing



Help doctors and nurses treat you quicker in an emergency.

Consent to have an 'Enhanced Summary Care Record' at your GP practice today.



Patients living in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland are being encouraged to share more information about their health and preferences to help doctors and nurses treat them by consenting to an Enhanced Summary Care Record.

Most patients in England currently have a 'core' Summary Care Record, which makes limited information from a patient's GP record - current medications, allergies, and bad reactions to medicines - electronically available to other health professionals.

Now, health and social care leads across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland are recommending that all patients consent to an 'Enhanced Summary Care Record'; which can also include details of illnesses and health problems, past operations and vaccinations, treatment preferences, information about the kind of support needed, and who should be contacted if more information is required.

Consenting to an 'Enhanced Summary Care Record' means patients can receive better, quicker care if healthcare is needed away from their usual GP surgery, such as in an emergency, on holiday, when their normal surgery is closed, at hospital clinics and when visiting a pharmacy.

Kim Marshal-Nichols, Chair of The Hedges Medical Centre PPG, said: **"As patients it is frustrating to have to repeat our stories every time we have an appointment. I think it is a very good idea to consent to an 'Enhanced Summary Care Record'."**

Over 40,000 patients have signed up to share more information across the NHS in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, and the rate at which patients are consenting has also shot up.

Dr Andy Ker, Clinical Vice-Chair at East Leicestershire and Rutland Clinical Commissioning Group said: "It's really pleasing that more patients are signing up for an Enhanced Summary Care Record.

"Doctors and nurses treating you in hospital do not routinely have access to your GP medical record. By consenting to an Enhanced Summary Care Record you can help us treat you quicker and more effectively. Completing the form will only take a couple of minutes but it could end up saving your life."

The information will be managed securely in line with the NHS Care Records Guarantee. The Record will only be accessed by doctors and nurses if consent is provided by the patient, unless they are unconscious or unable to communicate and they believe that accessing the record is in the patient's best interest.

For more information speak to your GP Practice, or log onto <https://digital.nhs.uk/summary-care-records>.



Completing the form will only take a couple of minutes but it could end up saving your life.



Quicker access Quicker diagnosis Quicker treatment

New webpage for residents



The Oadby & Wigston Health and Wellbeing Board aims to encourage residents to improve their health.

With this in mind a dedicated webpage has been set up by Active Oadby & Wigston for residents, GP's and health professionals to provide up-to-date information on the range of support services and health programmes available locally, based on the Health and Wellbeing Boards identified priorities.

You can find out more by visiting the Active Oadby & Wigston website, at: www.activeoadbywigston.org.uk/health

No better time to learn to swim

With two fabulous swimming pools in the area, what better time to learn a new life skill or to improve on one you have already?

Everyone Active at Parklands Leisure and Wigston Pool and Fitness Centre offer award winning swimming lessons from babies through to senior citizens, with age certainly no barrier.

With fully qualified and experienced teachers available and a wide range of times at a very reasonable price you could be learning a skill that could one day save your life or that of someone else.

Following the structured ASA swim program swimmers will learn the basic's right through to advanced techniques and who knows, someone out there could be the next Adam Peaty or Rebecca Adlington!

Call Parklands on **0116 272 0789** or Wigston on **0116 288 5346** for further information.



Leisure centres Christmas closures

Parklands Leisure Centre and Wigston Pool and Fitness Centre will both be open throughout the Christmas holidays, with the following amendments. More information can be found at www.everyoneactive.com

	Parklands	Wigston
23 December 2017	normal	normal
24 December 2017	7 a.m. - 1 p.m.	7 a.m. - 1 p.m.
25 December 2017	Closed	Closed
26 December 2017	Closed	Closed
27 December 2017	6.30 a.m. - 7 p.m.	7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
28 December 2017	6.30 a.m. - 7 p.m.	7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
29 December 2017	6.30 a.m. - 7 p.m.	7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
30 December 2017	6.30 a.m. - 7 p.m.	7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
31 December 2017	7 a.m. - 1 p.m.	7 a.m. - 1 p.m.
1 January 2018	Closed	Closed
2 January 2018	Normal	Normal

The Brocks Hill Visitor Centre will be closed for business over the Christmas period from Saturday 16 December, 2017 to Wednesday 27 December, 2017, and on Monday 1 January, 2018. All other dates will be open as normal.



New facilities for Parklands and Brocks Hill

An exciting new partnership between Oadby & Wigston Borough Council and Everyone Active will see new developments to the facilities at both Parklands Leisure Centre & Brocks Hill Visitor Centre this winter, as part of a £1.2 million investment.

Brocks Hill Visitor Centre

Work is underway to create a large activity area, with a sprung wooden floor and improved lighting.

Brocks Hill are also redecorating their café and making some other minor improvements around the centre.

It is hoped that these improvements will increase both the participation at the Centre and community awareness of the service, which will focus on a larger range of activities and education.

Parklands Leisure Centre

As part of the improvements to Parklands Leisure Centre, we will be installing some brand-new indoor facilities, including a soft play area and adventure climbing walls, scheduled to open in February 2018.

Featuring slides, foam ball shooters, trampolines and more, the soft play area will be a monster 4 level structure with something for children of all ages.

The adventure climbing walls will be a mix of fun, colour and challenging climbs – a great introduction to climbing, as well as fantastic fun for parties.



“These improvements at both Brocks Hill Centre and Parklands Leisure Centre will be wonderful additions to already popular and successful facilities, meaning this will be a real focal point and a family destination for unique and exciting activities for people in the Borough and beyond.

This ‘leisure village’ appeal will increase participation and help to achieve a healthier community, which we can all be proud of.

The commitment of the Oadby and Wigston Council to continually support and make improvements to the local facilities is testament to their desire to make the Borough a healthier and happier place to live”

James Naylor, Parklands Leisure Centre Manager.

What's powering your kids?

At Food for Life, they believe that every child has the right to enjoy healthy, tasty and sustainable food, to learn about where the ingredients come from, how they are grown and cooked, and to understand the importance of well-sourced produce.

Working with over 150 schools across Leicestershire, Food for Life has presented over 70 Bronze, Silver or even Gold Awards to schools who have helped pupils to reconnect with where food comes from.



The Food for Life School Awards scheme encourages schools to grow their own food; organise trips to farms; source food from local producers; hold community food events; provide cooking and growing clubs for pupils and their families and serve freshly prepared food from local and ethically sourced ingredients.

Getting children interested in 'good food'

Teaching children to cook is so important. It equips them with the skills and knowledge to lead a healthier life now and in the future, and it has been shown that pupils in Food for Life schools are twice as likely to eat their five-a-day than pupils in comparison schools.

You can find out if the schools in your local area are involved in Food for Life by going to <http://www.foodforlife.org.uk> where you can also download our pack for parents about how Food for Life could benefit a child and their school.

Schools currently involved in Food for Life

- All Saints Church of England Primary School
- Beauchamp College
- Brocks Hill Primary School
- Brookside Primary School
- Glenmere Community Primary School
- Langmoor Primary School
- Launde Primary School
- Parkland Primary School
- South Wigston High School
- St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy
- The Meadow Community Primary School
- Thythorn Field Community Primary School
- Water Leys Primary School
- Woodfield Grange Primary School

If you don't see your child's school here talk to the school's head teacher about getting involved in Food for Life. If you want to hear more, or have any questions please get in touch with Joanne Plater, Leicester Local Programme Officer.



Need educational support?

If you are a resident of Wigston or South Wigston and you or a family member need educational support, the Norton Salisbury Brailsford Educational Foundation may be able to help.

The foundation provides small grants to help with text books, school trips, musical instruments and other various educational needs.

To apply contact the NSBEF secretary Mrs J Charlesworth at: **2 Midland Cottages, Wigston, LE18 2BU.**



News from your local societies

History of our street names

Did you know that Cottams Close off Newton Lane, Wigston was named so after a factory which stood on the site previously?

The Civic and Historical Societies of Wigston are interested in finding out why our streets are named as they are, and so are carrying out a project to identify the stories behind the street names in our areas.

In some cases the name of a street has changed over the years with the old name being lost, a good example would be Freehold Lane which is now Granville Road off Leicester Road. The societies would also like to hear about any nicknames for streets or locations in Wigston and the reasons for themes of names on more modern estates.

If you think you can help with their projects, please email Helen on hrhay@outlook.com or call **07813 782899**.

www.wigstonhistoricalsociety.co.uk/Street_Names.html

Your community needs you!

Wigston Civic Society is looking for new members.

If you have concerns, comments or worries about the area in which you live join us and get your voice heard. We try to make Wigston a better place in which to live, work and shop.

We are interested in the areas covered by Wigston Magna, South Wigston and Kilby Bridge and especially the conservation areas within those boundaries.

Look at our website for more information and a membership application form:

www.wigstoncivicsociety.org.uk



Hedges overhanging the footpaths

Wigston Civic Society is campaigning for action to be taken about privately-owned hedges that overhang footpaths. This is a serious problem which can often result in pedestrians having to walk on the road to get by.

The Society has already had some success in their campaign, but if you know of an example where overhanging hedges are causing a problem, please get in touch on chairman@wigstoncivicsociety.org.uk or phone **07702 127313**.



Rotarians with tabards

Oadby Rotarians with tabards, bin bags and picker sticks volunteered to clear the London Road in Oadby from the A6 traffic lights to St Peter's Church.

Club members wanted to show their support for the "Pride in the Borough" Group entry in the national "Britain in Bloom" competition. So with eight bags full of weighty rubbish they joined forces with the Oadby & Wigston Borough Council refuse collection cart.

It was a case of 'brothers in arms' as the friendly crew offered to take on board all the bags and save the volunteers a trip to the local tip.

Wigston history website



The Greater Wigston Historical Society has a recently revamped website containing a wealth of information about the Society and the area around Wigston.

As well as pages about the history of Wigston, the new site has:

- Several archives of information, documents, articles
- Copies of all the Society bulletins issued since 1980
- An index of the photographic archives, containing currently over 6,000 historical photographs

There is also a section of unidentified photographs which, when identified, will be added to the ever-growing database. Members access is free, and non-members can request up to three copies per year of the documents or photographs.

The site contains full details about the Society monthly meetings with guest speakers, and the several outings they run each year to places of historical interest.

The Society, founded in 1980, now has well over 100 local members. To join visit:

<http://www.wigstonhistoricalsociety.co.uk/Membership.html> or telephone 0116 2810431.

Three wishes, three witches, three sisters, three pigs...

Spark Arts presents *Three*, a musical fairytale brought to life with original sing-a-long songs, live music and spellbinding storytelling of Rumpelstiltskin, Goldilocks and Grimms' Three Wanderers.

- Wigston Library - Sunday 10 December 11am
- Oadby Library - Sunday 10 December 3pm

Suitable for children aged 3-8 years. £3 per ticket, booking essential.



News from the Borough

A traditional Christmas

Oadby & Wigston Borough Council will be hosting a traditional Christmas carol service to be held in the council chamber, Bushloe house, station road, Wigston, on Wednesday 13 December.

The Water Leys Primary School choir will be in attendance, along with musical accompaniment.

The event begins at 6.30 p.m. – refreshments will be available and everyone is welcome.

Over 60's Christmas dinner

Residents of South Wigston aged over 60, you are warmly invited to join the free annual Christmas Dinner 2017, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday 16 December. Held at Elliot Hall, Albion Street, South Wigston (the old needle works factory), the event will include a festive meal with seasonal music and a gospel choir.

To book your free place and arrange transport from within South Wigston for just £2.05pp, call 0116 278 6604, or drop into the Basset Street Community Hub transport department.

Hosted by the Community Action Partnership and supported by Step Out, TVC, South Wigston Chamber of Trade and Commerce and Tesco.

Hire Elliot Hall, South Wigston

Elliot Hall in South Wigston is now available to hire for community groups courses, children's parties and business conferences and meetings. The new hall has two rooms on offer:

The largest room (upper floor) is fitted with Wi-Fi, projector and built-in PA system and is ideal for business or meeting use. A large catering kitchen is also available.

The smaller of the two rooms (lower floor) is more suited to groups and small parties - this room is fitted with a small kitchenette.

Elliot Hall also hosts a range of weekly activities, listed below. For more information, please email rcelliott@btinternet.com, or find us on Facebook at: [/elliotthallsouthwigston/](https://www.facebook.com/elliotthallsouthwigston/)

Refuse and recycling consultation update

The waste consultation results have been fed into the ongoing service review we are undertaking and further consideration of our waste services will go to full Council in December. From this, a further consultation will take place in early 2018.

Step Out Youth

Elliott Hall, Albion Street, South Wigston, LE18 3SA

- Tuesday from 5:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.
- Friday from 5:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sports - activities - trips - arts and crafts cooking - games rooms and lots of fun. For more information, email stepoutsouthwigston@gmail.com, call **07880 715656**, or follow us on Facebook, at [/stepoutsouthwigston/](https://www.facebook.com/stepoutsouthwigston/)

Open Hearts support group

As most parents of special needs young people will know, it can often feel isolating and you may struggle to discuss the issues and problems that occur seemingly every day. Your children may have trouble 'fitting in' with their mainstream peers, usually due to a lack of understanding and poor coordination.

'Open Hearts' is a youth group set up by parents of special needs youngsters to help support those who generally struggle with abilities, skills, understanding and making new friends, and their parents. They will be working with qualified youth workers, alongside other groups, such as Step Out youth group, when it is thought to benefit the young people.

A parent or carer will also be on site to give parents a sounding board to discuss any concerns or problems they may have with others who understand. Through group discussion it is hoped that parents will leave Open Hearts better equipped and with new, supportive friends. Open Hearts meets at Elliott Hall, Albion Street, South Wigston, LE18 3SA on the following dates:

- Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, please email 2017openheartsgroup@gmail.com.



Holocaust memorial service

Oadby & Wigston Borough Council invites you to attend the annual Holocaust Memorial Commemorative Service on Monday 29 January 2018.

The event will take place at the Council Office on Station Road from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. – refreshments are included and all communities are welcome.

For more information, contact Veronika Quintyne, Community Engagement Officer on **0116 257 2648** or email veronika.quintyne@Oadby-wigston.gov.uk.

Mayor's Civic Service

On Saturday 21 October, the Mayor, Councillor Samia Haq held her Civic Service at Oadby Mosque and Community Centre, Sandhurst Street, Oadby, with representation from the Jewish, Hindu, Sikh and Christian communities in the Borough who each read a prayer of their own.

The service was about love, peace and living in harmony and all the prayers from the different religious groups reflected the same message. Two groups of children took part in the service, children from Beauchamp College read a poem and two of Samia's own children and a friend from the Muslim School sang a hymn.

The event was attended by over 100 people and amongst the guests were Lady Gretton, Lord Lieutenant, Councillor Rashmikanth Joshi, Lord Mayor, Councillor Janice Richards, Chairman from Leicestershire County Council and representation from other local councils.

The event raised over £200 for the Mayor's charity which is the Leicester Children's Hospital. The Mayor will be fundraising throughout the year to raise money so they can continue with the tremendous work they do in providing care for poorly and special needs children.



Pride of the Borough

Community Bulb Planting

Over the past four years members of Pride of the Borough have joined forces with individuals, clubs and societies and have planted more than 25,000 bulbs in verges, parks and open spaces in our Borough.

This autumn we held a special community event when we planted 4,000 daffodils in William Gunning Park, South Wigston and were ably assisted by members of Oadby Launde and Oadby Rotary clubs. The bulbs were purchased through funds raised from the Pride of the Borough Membership card, and volunteers from around the Borough planted the bulbs.

We are looking forward to a splendid colourful display of daffodils in spring 2018, along with the 10,000 purple crocuses, which were planted last year in this park.



Blooming achievements

It has been another golden year in the East Midlands in Bloom campaign, with Oadby & Wigston achieving its 8th consecutive Gold Award. The judges were enthralled with all they saw during their visit in July, and particularly the community activities and spirit shown. They were so impressed in fact that the Borough was awarded 96% in that section of the criteria, an almost unheard of high mark.

Oadby and Wigston has also been on the national stage representing the East Midland region in the prestigious Britain in Bloom competition. A team from Pride of the Borough travelled to Llandudno, Wales, at the end of October where Oadby and Wigston was awarded a Silver Gilt Award in this competition.

Bloom co-ordinator for Pride of the Borough, David Carter, said "To be one of the top 74 entries is an honour, to walk away with a Silver Gilt is a tremendous achievement and reflects on the hard work of so many volunteers working in partnership with officers and staff from Oadby & Wigston Council. We hope the residents of our Borough can be proud."

These achievements added the icing on the cake at the 'end of season awards and celebration evening', held on October 30, where the winners of the annual Floral Displays Competition received their certificates and trophies in front of a packed hall of friends, councillors and supporters.



Pride of the Borough



Pride of the Borough (Oadby & Wigston)

Membership Card

The Pride of the Borough Membership Card is a discount card which entitles residents and visitors to the Borough to large discounts across 49 local businesses.

In 2017 over 720 people who purchased the Membership Card benefitted from large savings on shopping and eating in Oadby and Wigston, with many buying it as a Christmas gift for friends or family.

Cards cost £5 each and can be purchased and collected from the Council Service desk in Oadby Library, the Customer Service Centre in Bell Street and Brocks Hill Visitor Centre. A leaflet containing all offers can also be found at these locations.

The 2018 card is now available for purchase and can then be used immediately.

Membership discounts

In Oadby, Grange Farm give 25% and Paul's Kitchen 20% of the total bill, Monday to Thursday when dining. Cheikhos give 2 for 1 on mains.

In Wigston, Cuisine of India give 2 for 1 on mains and Two Steeples give 20% off the total bill when dining Monday to Friday. The recently opened Rockies Dessert House gives 10% off the total bill all week.

Popular with our members are Henry Smith & Hamylton Ltd who give 15% of complete spectacles and Ken Bailey at Wistow who gives 10% of all goods. Edinburgh Woollen Mill and Ponden Home Interiors are giving 10% off, as are Oadby DIY shops and Wigston DIY if you spend over £10.

Motorists can get discounts at K.Tee Motor Centre in South Wigston and at Epic Accessories in Oadby.

Other businesses offering discounts are:

Avon Cosmetics, Brocks Hill Cafe, Chestnuts Coffee, Leics. Chauffeurs, Mobility, Newton Fallowell, Parklands Cafe, The Cafe and Zeph's in Oadby. Fins, Furs & Feathers, Floors by Design, Kids & Totz, John Heath Seafood, Mercury News, Mr. Beanbags, Navigation Inn, Pennywise, Health Store and Ramada Stage restaurant in Wigston and Home Power DIY, Hunter's Estate agents, Lord's Electrical, Treehouse Cafe and Venture into Vintage in South Wigston.

Restrictions may apply to all offers.



Hunters Estate Agents, South Wigston



Epic Accessories, Oadby



Zeph's, Oadby

Pride of the Borough Membership Application Form (please fill in CAPITAL letters)

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms Name Surname.....

Address

Post Code..... Telephone Number

Email.....

I enclose £5 membership fee signed

Cheques made payable to Pride of the Borough (Oadby & Wigston)

Please send your completed form with payment to:

PotB Membership, Brocks Hill Country Park & Centre, Washbrook Lane, Oadby, Leicester, LE2 5JJ

Contact Pride of the Borough

If you would like to know more or get involved, please contact Pride of the Borough via email: potb.oadbywigston@gmail.com or visit our website: www.prideoftheborough.org.

Oadby & Wigston Community Safety Partnership

The Oadby & Wigston Community Safety Partnership is comprised of a range of organisations who work together to make the Borough a safer place to live, work, and visit.

These organisations, including Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service, Leicestershire Police, and Oadby & Wigston Borough Council, recognise that by combining resources, experience, and knowledge, the Partnership can offer an enhanced approach to tackling issues and concerns in the Borough, and offer a greater level of value for money within the work it undertakes or commissions.

The Partnership is committed to listening to your views so we can improve our services, and tackle the concerns that are most important to our community. To do this the Partnership undertakes a survey each year designed to provide guidance on where its resources, and focus, would be best placed for 2018/19, as well as allowing its component organisations an opportunity to understand and assess the impact their current work has had on crime, anti-social behaviour, and safety within Oadby, Wigston, and South Wigston.

Results from last year

Last year's survey showed us that your most important concerns were 'Littering and Fly-Tipping', 'Groups causing Nuisance', and 'Vandalism and Graffiti', each of which were incorporated as priorities into the Partnership's delivery plans for 2017/18.

The survey also found that the majority of respondents (57%) felt 'Very Safe' or 'Safe' in the Borough, whereas only 13% of respondents felt 'Unsafe' or 'Very Unsafe'. The Partnership is very keen to see if this statistic has continued, or improved, over the last 12 months, alongside hearing from our community about emerging concerns and how the Partnership can improve your outlook on life in the Borough.

How to take part

If you wish to take part in this year's survey you will find a copy of its questions overleaf, including details on how to ensure your feedback reaches the Partnership.

Alternatively you may wish to complete the online version of the survey that can be found, alongside more information on the Partnership, on the



Council's website: https://www.oadby-wigston.gov.uk/pages/community_safety_partnership.

This survey is open to anyone who lives, works, or studies in the Borough, as well as anyone who routinely visits the Borough, and will remain open until midnight on Wednesday, 31 January 2018.

Community Safety Partnership Survey 2017/18

1. Please tell us which Council Ward you identify with the most.

- | | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Oadby Brocks Hill | <input type="checkbox"/> | South Wigston | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Oadby Grange | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wigston All Saints | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Oadby St Peters | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wigston Fields | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Oadby Uplands | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wigston Meadowcourt | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Oadby Woodlands | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wigston St Wolstans | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2. In your opinion, how strong is the sense of community in your Council Ward generally?

- | | | | |
|-------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Very Strong | <input type="checkbox"/> | Weak | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Strong | <input type="checkbox"/> | Very Weak | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unsure | <input type="checkbox"/> | If you answered 'Weak' or 'Very Weak', please tell us why in the space below. | |

(Continue on a separate sheet if required)

3. Do you have any current concerns about Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour or Community Safety in your Council Ward?

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|-----|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|-----|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|

4. If you ticked 'Yes' for Question 3, please tell us the nature of your concerns. (Please select all that apply.)

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Groups causing Nuisance | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hate Crime (i.e. prejudice or discrimination) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Drugs or Drug Related Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> | Drunk or Rowdy Behaviour | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Noise Nuisance | <input type="checkbox"/> | Vandalism or Graffiti | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Domestic Abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> | Deliberate Fires | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Burglaries and Distraction Thefts | <input type="checkbox"/> | Motor Vehicle and Traffic Concerns | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Littering or Fly-Tipping | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Please specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please use this space to provide any additional details you feel are relevant to your concerns above. (Continue on a separate sheet if required)

5. In your opinion, how has the level of Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour in your Council Ward changed over the last 12 months?

- | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Increased | <input type="checkbox"/> | Decreased | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Stayed the Same | <input type="checkbox"/> | Not sure | <input type="checkbox"/> |

(Continue on a separate sheet if required)

Continued overleaf.

Community Safety Partnership Survey 2017/18

6. Generally, how safe do you feel in your Council Ward?

Very Safe
Safe
Neither Safe or Unsafe

Unsafe
Very Unsafe

If you feel 'Unsafe' or 'Very Unsafe'. please tell us why in the space below.

(Continue on a separate sheet if required)

7. How satisfied are you with the way local public services, including Leicestershire Police and Oadby & Wigston Borough Council have dealt with Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour, and Community Safety issues in your Council Ward over the last 12 months?

Very Satisfied
Satisfied
Neither Satisfied or Dissatisfied

Dissatisfied
Very Dissatisfied

If you feel 'Dissatisfied' or 'Very Dissatisfied'. please tell us why in the space below.

(Continue on a separate sheet if required)

8. Have you been a victim of Crime or Anti-Social Behaviour in the Borough?

Yes

No

9. Please make any further comments you may have on Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour, or Community Safety issues below, including any suggestions you may have to address them.

(Continue on a separate sheet if required)

Completed copies of this survey can be returned through the following routes:

By Post:
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Oadby & Wigston Borough Council
Council Offices, Station Road, Wigston,
Leicestershire LE18 2DR

Via Email:
Mark.Smith@oadby-wigston.gov.uk

By Hand:
Customer Service Centre
40 Bell Street, Wigston, Leicestershire LE18 1AD