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Councillors' Connection

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Latest COVID-19 update



Along with the rest of England, Rushcliffe is now under [national COVID-19 measures](#).

The current national advice is:

Stay at home

This means you must not leave or be outside of your home except for specific purposes.

These include:

- for childcare or education, where this is not provided online
- for work purposes, where your place of work remains open and where you cannot work from home (including if your job involves working in other people's homes)
- to exercise outdoors or visit an outdoor public place - with the people you live with, with your support bubble or, when on your own, with one person from another household
- for any medical concerns, reasons, appointments and emergencies, or to avoid or escape risk of injury or harm - such as domestic abuse
- shopping for basic necessities, for example food and medicine, which should be as infrequent as possible
- to visit members of your [support bubble](#) or provide care for vulnerable people, or as a volunteer

Stay safe outside the home

You should minimise time spent outside your home and when around other people ensure that you are two metres apart from anyone not in your household or support bubble.

Remember - 'Hands. Face. Space':

- hands – wash your hands regularly and for 20 seconds
- face – wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult, and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet
- space – stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings or increasing ventilation indoors)

Meeting with family and friends

You must not meet socially indoors with family or friends unless they are part of your household or [support bubble](#).

You can exercise or visit outdoor public places with the people you live with, your support bubble, or one person from another household (children under school age and those dependent on round-the-clock care, such as those with severe disabilities will not count.)

Outdoor public places include:

- parks and the countryside,
- public gardens and allotments
- playgrounds

You cannot meet in a private garden.

Businesses and venues

- To reduce social contact, the Government has ordered certain businesses and venues to close.
- These include all non-essential retail. They can remain open for delivery to customers and click-and-collect. Hospitality venues like restaurants, bars and pubs must close, but can still provide takeaway and delivery services.
- Rushcliffe Borough Council leisure centres and gyms and golf course at Edwalton are closed.
- All indoor and outdoor leisure facilities have closed.

Public buildings and parks

- Rushcliffe Council owned playgrounds will remain open.
- All Rushcliffe Borough Council's community venues are closed.
- Public buildings across the Borough are allowed to remain open for specific exempt activities, like childcare and support groups.

Business support

The Borough Council will be sharing details of a support package for businesses as soon as possible.

Further information for employers is available at:

- [Coronavirus Job Retention New Style Employment and Support Allowance](#)

COVID-19 guidance on playgrounds and outdoor gyms



New guidance from the Government means that outdoor gyms and fitness equipment across the Borough will be closed until December 2.

Outdoor playgrounds can remain open during national COVID-19 measures.

Should you have any queries on this update, please email media@rushcliffe.gov.uk or view the [Government guidance](#) for further details.

Recognising Remembrance Sunday safely (Update – 10 November)



Over the weekend, many councillors and residents took the time to recognise Remembrance Sunday safely with virtual celebrations, wreath laying and other COVID-secure activities

Mayor Cllr Sue Mallender met with Cllr Abby Brennan and local school children to plant a commemorative tree and remember those lost in war from Rushcliffe and further signify 75 years since the end of World War II.

The tree, planted on Saturday, commemorates all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice from the Borough in all conflict and marked with a plaque to reflect the 75 years since VE Day.

Cllr Mallender said: "We know so many Remembrance events and reflections are sadly absent in many cases this year due to COVID-19.

"Therefore, we wished part of our commemorations this year to include planting this tree to remind residents we should never forget.

"Thank you to everyone who played a part to remember those fallen at home last weekend."

Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Community and The Environment Cllr Brennan was delighted a local park should be the focus of one of the Borough's latest commemorations.

She said: "We know that so many residents love our parks, so what better way to mark this 75th Anniversary year than to provide a lasting monument to the sacrifice so many made in the second World War.

"We are living through difficult times for many now but it is important that we still take time to remember those who gave so much whether in world wars or conflict in more recent times.

"People can visit the tree safely under the COVID-19 restrictions as part of their daily walk or exercise."

Note re Remembrance Day in Lady Bay

There was a small, short, outdoor Remembrance Day event with wreath laying at All Hallows Church Lady Bay run according to government guidelines. It included organ playing from Richard Arblaster and the Last Post and Reveille played by Robert Parker.

This year, Councillor Sue Mallender, as Mayor, has arranged for all Rushcliffe Borough Councillors to lay non-plastic wreaths with a donation to the Royal British Legion of equal value. The wreaths are made of willow, felt and wood by Lady Bay Blooms.



National Careers Service Virtual Jobs Fair



Residents can once again take part on a virtual jobs fair this month, featuring a live Q & A with a qualified advisor to address a wide range of queries.

The online session is available on Wednesday, November 18 from 9am to midday. Attendees are

invited to check the [@CareersEMids](https://twitter.com/CareersEMids) channel on Twitter for more information on how to sign up in the coming days.

Shortlisted nominees announced for the Celebrating Rushcliffe Awards



The shortlisted nominees for this year's Celebrating Rushcliffe Awards have been announced!

The awards this year are celebrating the borough's wonderful volunteers, businesses and environmentalists, clubs, organisations, and the best of the health and wellbeing and food and drink sectors across the Borough, mindful of the impact COVID-19 has had on every part of the community and local enterprise.

Over 30 groups and individuals have been shortlisted for this year's accolades and all will in due course be invited to a virtual ceremony taking place over three nights from December 1 to 3 to showcase their achievements.

Lady Bay's Cheff, Musicworks (Heron Music Cafe) and The Good Weigh are all shortlisted for awards. Friends if the Hook were nominated but not shortlisted.

[Visit Rushcliffe's website to view the list of all the shortlisted nominees.](#)

Volunteers needed to sustain vital community support



Rushcliffe Community and Voluntary Service (RCVS) is stepping up its urgent appeal for more volunteers, to counter the impact of COVID-19 in Nottinghamshire.

Almost 800 vulnerable people have been supported by RCVS since the coronavirus lockdown started in March.

Services include helping with shopping or collecting prescriptions, transport for those who would otherwise be stuck at home, housekeeping, and telephone befriending to counter social isolation.

Almost 5,900 individual pieces of support have been provided in the Borough, Gedling and Broxtowe.

However, around 100 more volunteers are needed to meet ongoing demand. This is because two thirds of the 145 successfully recruited by RCVS earlier in the pandemic are no longer available.

As a result, the charity's voluntary transport scheme is providing essential journeys only, and there's a waiting list for the telephone befriending service.

Anyone interested in volunteering should call RCVS on 0115 969 9060 or email admin@rushcliffecvs.org.uk

All the latest information for residents is available on the [Coronavirus webpages](#) or over the phone on 0115 981 99 11.