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Celebrating Rushcliffe Awards are online Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday this week



Celebrating Rushcliffe Awards are almost here with virtual ceremonies across three evenings this week each at 7.30pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday on Rushcliffe's You Tube Channel <http://www.youtube.com/user/RushcliffeBC>

The accolades will showcase some of the Borough's wonderful volunteers, businesses and environmentalists, clubs, organisations, and the best of its health and wellbeing and food and drink sectors, 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 a full shortlist is available [here](#).

Good luck to CHEFF, The Good Weigh and Musicworks (Heron Music Cafe) from Lady Bay.

Move into Tier 3 COVID-19 restrictions from Wednesday



Rushcliffe and Nottinghamshire will enter Tier 3 for restrictions from Wednesday 2 December.

The move is part of the Government's Winter Plan to reduce the spread of the virus following the end of the four-week national lockdown.

All of the restrictions and current Government advice can be viewed at www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/coronavirus and for any questions please email media@rushcliffe.gov.uk

The festive season has arrived in West Bridgford!



Brothers and local schoolchildren Rowan and Orion joined Mayor Cllr Sue Mallender and Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Community and the Environment, Cllr Abby Brennan, on Saturday (November 28) to turn on the West Bridgford Christmas lights!

In line with current COVID restrictions there was no wider event this year but the lights soon brought some festive feeling to Central Avenue, Gordon Road and Bridgford Road that includes a sparkling 20 foot Christmas tree.

Madam Mayor said: "We know it's so unfortunate we cannot switch on the lights in the usual fashion this year but we hope they can still bring some Christmas sparkle to us all.

"Please shop locally this yuletide and shop safely, all local businesses really need your help."

Local COVID Testing site being built at Arena car park



The staff section of the car park at Rushcliffe Arena, the area furthest away from the building, is now being converted by the NHS into a Local COVID Testing Site.

The Mobile Testing Unit that has been in place at times in recent months on the same site will now be switched to this larger facility.

It will have no effect on Arena user car parking with sufficient space for all, and is expected to be in place for around three months.

In similar fashion to the mobile unit, the new facility will not be a walk-on site with all testing taking place via appointment through the NHS's current channels or by calling 119.

Free trees now being delivered to residents' doors



Nearly 2,000 free trees are now being delivered to residents and groups for their homes and communities who applied earlier this year!

It means a staggering 7,500 trees will have been distributed by the end of the year since the start of the campaign in 2018.

The crab apple and hazel trees are now being

delivered to each applicant's doors in the Borough in line with safe COVID practices, avoiding the need for residents to collect the items from central locations amid the current restrictions.

It's part of the council's strategy to provide sustainable environments.

Look out for more on this later this week. In the meantime, please email media@rushcliffe.gov.uk with any questions.