

WOLLATON EAST & LENTON ABBEY WARD COUNCILLORS' MONTHLY UPDATE AUGUST 2018

August is always a relatively quiet month with fewer meetings, however we have some positive news to report.

Official Opening of Highfields Park

On Friday we both attended the official opening of Highfields Park which was an opportunity to thank the National Lottery and everyone involved in the work that has taken place. The whole lake is now open for boating following the de-silting and the restoration of many of the historic features has been completed. There is still work to do, in particular around the old paddling pool area and we will be pressing for that to be carried out. Lots of activities were on offer in the afternoon, and it was good to see some local residents getting involved

Children's Summer Holiday Activities with AJ Sports

We were happy to again support the summer holiday activities at Lenton Abbey Park organised by AJ Sports. This year the City Council has been providing packed lunches as part of efforts to reduce holiday hunger and large numbers of children have been turning up regularly and having a great time. They've actually split into two age group sessions so they can cope!

Parking Consultations

Consultations are under way about introducing residents' parking schemes and in various roads in Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey. This is in order to reduce problems caused by displaced parking from the University and QMC. Please give feedback on the proposals if you have received a survey form, we want to know your views before we give the go ahead or not. If you have any particular questions about how it might affect you please don't hesitate to get in touch. It is also likely that parking restrictions will be introduced on Radmarsh Road, near the Three Wheatsheaves Public House following requests from the landlord.

Friday Breakfasts at Sheila Roper Centre

For sometime a fortnightly coffee morning has happened at the Sheila Roper Centre, organised by Nottingham City Homes. This was re-launched as a weekly event for August and we have been funding and serving breakfast. This has grown in popularity during the month, with more 50 people coming along by the middle of the month. It's been lovely to have a chat and listen to what people have to say. We hope to continue with the breakfast offer after the school holidays but it will revert to fortnightly for the time being.

Delivering 70th Birthday Card to the NHS

We went along with Lilian Greenwood to hand over 70th Birthday Cards signed by lots of people to Cripps Health Centre and Porters, who do the vital job of continually moving patients around the hospital at the QMC. Cripps Health Centre on the University Campus is moving into a fantastic new building, perhaps you may not be aware that many local residents can register there.

Wollaton Park Over 50s Coffee Morning

We are delighted to report that, thanks to the intervention of our NDO, Lylse-Anne Renwick, the coffee morning is moving back to Wollaton Park Community Centre and will be regularly on a Thursday from 6th September, all welcome.

Abbey Lodge

We have been hearing concerns from residents of Abbey Lodge in Lenton Abbey. The Council is taking up these issues with Stonewater.

New Co-op Store

Sam was lucky enough to cut the ribbon at the official opening of the new Co-op Food store on University Boulevard close to the West Entrance of the University of Nottingham. Around 20 new jobs have been created by the store which have been filled largely by local people.

Casework

Despite it being the quietest month of the year we have taken up 34 new issues on behalf of residents during August. Please get in touch if you have anything we can help with.

Debt and Benefit Advice

Don't forget, every Tuesday morning, Meadows Advice Service hold a drop in session at the Sheila Roper Centre, Tenants Hall Close. We have maintained support for the Advice services in the City and as a resident you are entitled to go along for free confidential help. They have supported many people in WELA who have been struggling with paying their bills or the benefits system. They can support you through the application and appeals process. If you cannot get to the Sheila Roper there are other ways to see them, give them a call on 0115 986 0197.

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