

News from Sue & Richard Mallender

Rushcliffe Borough Councillors for Lady Bay

Thank you to all Lady Bay residents and businesses that have worked so hard and been so helpful to one another during the Covid pandemic, especially those who volunteered for the West Bridgford Community volunteers. Thank you everyone for your cooperation caring for one another and the local environment. Many of the Lady Bay events have been virtual, including the VE Day 75th anniversary commemorative “garden parties”, Lady Bay Festival and Open Gardens and we have all become used to meetings online.

Rushcliffe Community Support Scheme

So far this year we have used our Community Support Scheme for the following:

£1,000 to Lady Bay School Association for the provision of portable, flexible kit for children with Special Educational Needs, anxiety or additional needs.

The school has recently renovated a space; 'The Nest', & the kit will enhance & enrich this space & also be used in the wider school setting.

£500 to Young People of the Year Dementia Befriender Rushcliffe, which trains & supports young people in year 12 from Rushcliffe Academy to relate to people who have dementia.

£375 for the production of a high-quality self-guided walk of Lady Bay by a local historian, to be used by individuals, groups & families. It will be a good way of exploring the local area while still under Covid-19 restrictions.

We have only £125 remaining. So –if you or your local group needs funds for a project then please drop us a line specifying the amount you would like and what you want to use it for. Applications can be for:

- Improvements to community facilities
- Community events, activities or infrastructure
- Support to religious organisations and schools where the project/event benefits the ward
- Support to an individual who is part of a team or representing the community at an event
- A section of the community with a specific need

Please note that they can't be used for

- On-going financial commitment
- The sole benefit of an individual or religious group, the direct employment of staff, rent, running costs or refreshments

Mayor

Sue was voted in as Mayor of Rushcliffe Borough for 2020-1 by all the other councillors. Sue is the longest serving opposition councillor and widely respected for her work. The post of mayor, which in Rushcliffe is purely ceremonial, is usually held for one year. But given that so many events have been cancelled or deferred due to Covid-19 it is possible that Sue will serve for longer. The mayor – making meeting was in July rather than May as intended and all meetings of the borough council are online. Sue is committed to being carbon neutral and zero waste in the role and is committing to travel on foot, bicycle or by public transport to events. With zero waste in mind at Sue's behest all Remembrance Wreaths laid by councillors at memorials and churches throughout Rushcliffe this year were made of biodegradable, natural materials. A donation for each was still made to the British Legion who are still regrettably behind the times in this matter. Like all Rushcliffe Mayors Sue supports charities during her term in office, her chosen charities are:

Notts Wildlife Trust, partners with Friends of the Hook in caring for the Hook nature reserve

Trent District Community First Responders who are volunteers that provide emergency care in collaboration with the East Midlands Ambulance Service

Music Works, helping musicians and running activities such as The Heron Music Café (now online) helping people who are lonely, have dementia, learning difficulties or mental health conditions or caring responsibilities.

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