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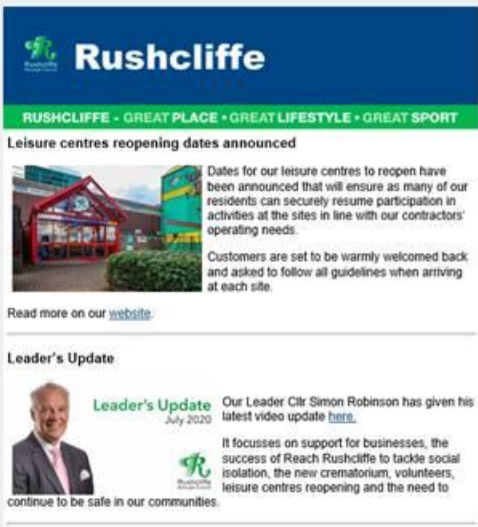
# Councillors' Connection

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## Council news and updates direct to inboxes



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**Leisure centres reopening dates announced**

Dates for our leisure centres to reopen have been announced that will ensure as many of our residents can securely resume participation in activities at the sites in line with our contractors' operating needs.

Customers are set to be warmly welcomed back and asked to follow all guidelines when arriving at each site.

Read more on our [website](#)

**Leader's Update**

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Our Leader Cllr Simon Robinson has given his latest video update [here](#).

It focusses on support for businesses, the success of Reach Rushcliffe to tackle social isolation, the new crematorium, volunteers, leisure centres reopening and the need to continue to be safe in our communities.

From today Rushcliffe are set to launch the GovDelivery email service, a free subscription service providing news and updates on services direct to residents' and stakeholders' inboxes.

Many local authorities use this as another way to connect with residents who are not on social media or may not be in the habit of visiting websites.

This channel forms part of the borough's external communications strategy 2018-21 that highlights taking further steps to giving residents the information they want, in the format they wish to receive it, as our digital audiences continue to grow.

Updates will initially be weekly and this will be reviewed with more topics introduced as we continue to adapt to a post COVID-19 world

## Commemorations for the 75th anniversary of VJ Day



Whilst VE Day marked the end of the war in Europe in May 1945, many thousands of Armed Forces personnel were still engaged in bitter fighting in the Far East.

Victory over Japan Day therefore marks the day Japan surrendered on August 15, 1945.

A wreath was laid on the Embankment War Memorial in Nottingham in a ceremony attended by the Mayor Cllr Sue Mallender on

behalf of the residents of the Borough.

The borough interviewed Rushcliffe resident and treasurer of the West Bridgford British Legion Pete Cunniff, pictured above, whose father served in the Royal Navy in Asia until 1946 and was awarded the Burma Star for his services. A video of the interview can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/4Ny8kFIWF9I>

Mr Cunniff said: "It's 75 years now since the end of the War and I think it's important to acknowledge it wherever we can because there was a lot of brave men and women who risked their lives.

"They did a lot for us so we could have the freedom that we now enjoy."

"It is incredibly important to remember those who made a great sacrifice in the Far East and ended the War 75 years ago on August 15

## Swimming pools reopen from September 1



Keyworth, Rushcliffe Arena, Bingham and Cotgrave pools will reopen on September 1.

In order to keep everyone safe, lane swimmers are asked to book their session in advance online or via the app.

Those going for a swim need to arrive changed and ready to go, and also need to make sure they shower before entering the pool.

Parkwood are also asking swimmers to ensure they have read the updated swim etiquette advice before entering the pool and take note of the directional signage for lane swimming

## Book a free place on Business Support Programmes



Businesses can book their free place on a range of online workshops as part of the council's Business Support Programme, designed to provide free training, guidance and advice to help them reopen or continue to trade securely and successfully following COVID-19.

Each online workshop is completely free for high street

businesses thanks to support from the European Regional Development Fund.

The sessions get started from next week on August 20, with a wide range of topics for business owners to choose from, including training on using Instagram for business use, advice on delivering an excellent customer experience during COVID-19 and discussion of the 10 steps to retail success from author and 'retail champion' Clare Bailey.

To view the full range of support available, please visit [the Business Resources page](#) on Rushcliffe's website, where free spaces on any of the sessions can be booked via Eventbrite.

## Make sure your vehicle is not an easy target



As the warm weather continues, Nottinghamshire Police are reminding us it is important vehicles are not an easy target for criminals.

Remember to:

- Make sure your vehicle is left with the doors locked and windows closed, as this will deter opportunist thieves
- Do not leave valuable items

such as any electric devices, bags, clothing or cash on display

Criminals are not just targeting vehicles parked on the street, but also in driveways and in car parks.

For more advice, please visit:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice/prevention/vehicle>

## Domestic abuse support update



The guidance for the public on how to get help if they or someone they know is a victim of domestic abuse during COVID-19 has been updated by central government.

It includes information on help for children and young people and also how those in need can call Refuge's [National Domestic Abuse Helpline](#) for free and confidential advice, 24 hours a day on

0808 2000 247.

## Emergency fund to help Nottinghamshire groups support residents



A reminder that an emergency fund to help Nottinghamshire groups support residents who are struggling to afford essentials due to COVID-19 has been launched by Nottinghamshire County Council.

The Emergency Assistance Fund offers a share of £858,000 of emergency funding to groups and organisations already helping communities through the crisis.

Established local charities and community organisations who have been delivering essential COVID-19 related services can apply for grants towards the cost of getting food and other essentials to those who need it the most.

To apply and find out more, please direct applicants to:  
[nottinghamshire.gov.uk/assistancefund](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/assistancefund)

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