

Costock Village News August 2023

Volunteers Required!

Litter Pick – Sunday 17th September 9.30 – 11.30 Pickers and bin liners available from the village hall, please bring a high visibility jacket if you have one

The annual grass cutting at the Nature Reserve is due on Saturday 9th September.

Volunteers are needed to assist in raking from **Saturday 23 September am/pm (weather permitting), please commit to one hours work and bring your own rake and gloves. The raking will continue on Sunday 24th if this is more convenient.** Many hands make light work!

By doing this work we promote the continuation of the wild flowers for next year.

Pinfold – the Pinfold is the brick enclosure in Main Street which was originally used to keep stray animals. It now makes a pleasant area to sit and has been planted with shrubs and roses. A **volunteer** is needed to remove weeds and cut back the plants occasionally. Please contact Kath Owen if you would be willing to do this.

Welcome to Angela Hoyle who has volunteered to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council

Harvest Thanksgiving

In the heart of our village we have a beautiful church dedicated to St Giles whose patronal day is in September. Many of you visit the church for weddings and funerals and some attend services regularly on Sundays or for special occasions. The building dates from the 11th century and has many interesting features which you may not know about – have you spotted a saxon cross engraved on the outside of the building?

On Sunday 24th September we have an open day to celebrate **Harvest Festival**. We would love you to join us for some part of the day:

- 11.30 – 4.30 **Church open for drop in visits**
- 11.30 until 4.00 **tea/ coffee and cake** available
- 2.00 – talk about **St Giles and the history of the church**

- **3.00 Service of Harvest Thanksgiving**
- **Organ music**
- **Exhibition** of our church treasures
- **Display** of church records
- Information about the history of the church
- Learn about St Giles – who was he and what did he stand for?
- Talk to us about what happens at the church and what we know about the building

There will be a collection plate for donations for the upkeep of the church building.

You are also asked to bring tinned food or dry goods which we can pass on to the Friary in West Bridgford which supports homeless people.

Message from Rushcliffe Borough Council

Local residents in Rushcliffe are being warned not to lose their voice on matters that affect them by completing their annual canvass form when it arrives through the post in the coming weeks.

With elections set to take place in the Borough next year, this is an important opportunity for residents to make sure they can vote and have their say. The form ensures that we can keep the electoral register up to date and identify any residents who are not registered to vote so that they can be encouraged to do so.

All residents are asked to follow instructions on the form and respond where required.

Where a response is needed, please complete the form online at www.householdresponse.com/rushcliffe.

Those who have moved address recently are particularly encouraged to keep an eye out for the form and ensure the details are correct and up to date.

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Costock Parish Council

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