

PARISH BRIEFING



Rutland
County Council

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Annual Report 2018/19



Rutland County Council has published its annual report for 2018-2019, setting out how local services have performed over the past 12 months.

The Council publishes data showing how it has performed against a number of key targets after the end of each financial year.

To help provide a clear picture of how the Council is serving communities, this data has been turned into a simple guide which people can read to see how well their local services are working.

The Annual Report highlights performance across a wide range of services, including: Health and Social Care, Children and Young People, Learning, Highways, Waste and Planning.

[Read the 2018/19 Annual Report online](#)

Brexit Update

Rutland is part of a regional and local resilience partnership of local authorities where we all have plans in place to ensure we are prepared around the services and support that we deliver.

These plans include support to communities and business. There is regular communication to check and test these plans remain robust.



Government has made provision for local authorities to support this, including resource for signposting and communication, business seminars and guidance through trading standards and support and advice through community organisations.

Chris Traill, Strategic Director for Places at RCC is representing us on these regional and local networks, and Holly Bremner, Head of Communications at RCC is linked into the comms cell.

Further information can be found using the following link:
www.gov.uk/euexit.

Make Sure Your Business is Ready

Businesses should take action and prepare for Brexit if they:

- Export goods to the EU
- Import goods from the EU
- Transport goods by road
- Export animals or animal products
- Export services to the EU
- Move goods between Ireland and Northern Ireland

We're working with local businesses and organisations to highlight the information and guidance that's been made available on the government's Brexit website.

As well as writing to all businesses in Rutland, we are publishing a series of information videos in which local business owners share their top tips on preparing for Brexit.

Watch the latest Brexit business video online at: www.rutland.gov.uk/brexit



Council Approves Targets to Help Fight Climate Change

Rutland County Council has agreed a raft of new targets, initiatives and actions to help in the global fight against climate change.

A Climate Change Action Motion was presented by Councillor Gordon Brown, Cabinet Member for the Environment, at Rutland's Full Council Meeting on Monday 14 October 2019.

Among the measures put forward as part of Rutland County Council's Climate Change Action Motion are commitments to:

- Make sure the Council's activities achieve a net-zero carbon footprint before 2050
- Achieve 100% clean energy across all council functions by 2050 or earlier
- Provide a climate change impact assessment on all relevant council decisions
- Request that scrutiny panels consider the impact of climate change and the environment when reviewing council policies and strategies
- Review council activities to take account of production and consumption emissions
- Set up a Climate Change Partnership Group involving councillors, residents, young people, climate experts, businesses, and other relevant groups



Full Council on Monday 14 October 2019 approved the creation of a new Task and Finish group to develop a Biodiversity Strategy for Rutland.

The frequency and timing of meetings to inform the development of the report will be decided by the Task and Finish Group at its first meeting.

For more information about the Climate Change Action Motion, or to view terms of reference for the proposed Biodiversity Task and Finish Group, please see the [Agenda and Reports for Full Council on Monday 14 October 2019](#).

Rutland Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

The Rutland Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Association is a registered charitable organisation that draws its membership from the Neighbourhood Watches of the towns and villages in Rutland.

The Association has been active for some 20 years or more, promoting, representing and supporting these NHWs and working with Leicestershire Police in the cause of crime prevention.

At the June Parish Council Forum meeting, we drew attention to the need for Town and Parish Councils to become more proactive in the cause of crime prevention.

Specifically, we asked that you promote downloading of our acclaimed Rutland NHW Smartphone App, which now claims approaching three thousand downloads and provides a unique means of reporting and hearing about crime in the community, as well as a range of additional useful features.

Information from the App can also usefully be transmitted through social media, newsletters and websites to your residents, where it is relevant to your individual locality. To download the App, go to Google Play Store (Android) or Apple App Store (iPhones) and google "Rutland Neighbourhood Watch App".

To continue to support and provide the app to the community, the Rutland Neighbourhood Watch ask for donations. To make a donation to the RHW Association: either send a cheque to David Wheeler, RNHWA Treasurer, 23 Ermine Rise, Great Casterton, Lincs, PE9 4AJ or make a BACS transfer to the HSBC Bank account 31258516, sort code 40-45-03, in both cases making payment to Rutland Neighbourhood Watch Association.

