

THE PARISH BRIEFING



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THE BETTER CARE FUND

The Better Care Fund (BCF) is a government-funded, single-pooled budget to help transform integrated care on a local level. It provides financial support for councils and NHS organisations to jointly plan and deliver local services. The BCF aims to develop integrated working between Health and Social Care services, in partnership with the wider community, with the aims of preventing avoidable admissions to hospital and residential care, preventing delayed discharges from hospital and supporting people to regain their independence after a hospital admission.

In the Rutland plan we have a number of schemes that have been developed over the past year or two, these include doing more to prevent the risk of people over 65 having injuries due to falling, developing our Reablement service, having 24 hour 7 day a week services to support older people at home times of crisis rather than them

ending up going into hospital or residential care, providing more support to people with memory problems and support for their carers. We are currently reviewing and refreshing the plan to ensure the schemes are delivering the outcomes we need them to. Generally things are going well and we are working in a more integrated way and meeting the targets that were set but we want to do more.

One way of us delivering the plan is through the Community Agents Scheme. Our Community Agents provide free, confidential information, advice and assistance and signpost people to local services that can help people across Rutland. They can help with home safety checks and guidance, information about social events and befriending, support to live independently at home, access to specialist legal advice from Citizens Advice Bureau and much more. They are also always looking for people who want to volunteer to help others at a local level. Tel 01572 756851.

Another innovative scheme that has been developed through BCF is our Assistive Technology Service which is provided jointly between the Council and Spire Homes. Technology enabled care includes; a combination of alarms, sensors and other equipment to either monitor someone who may be at risk e.g . falls, wandering or temperature extreme detectors that will alert either a lifeline call centre or a mobile phone of a neighbour or relative if someone becomes at risk; Stand-alone technology that helps people to live more safely and independently, such as night lights, intruder alarms and orientation clocks; Information technology to help people stay healthy such as various apps or skype that can be used to help prevent isolation.

Further information is available on the [Council's website](#) by searching 'Better Care Fund'.



LOCAL BUSINESS GRANTS

A new LEADER rural development scheme worth £1m is now accepting applications for projects which support farmers, growers, foresters and other local rural businesses in the Rutland.

Projects must support the rural economy or increase access to rural services and help grow the local economy. Grants from £2,500 to £50,000 are available. For more information on the programme, which runs through to 2020, please visit: www.leaderfunding.co.uk
To discuss a project idea, simply email: sheila.o'brien@opportunitypeterborough.co.uk

Rural businesses and farmers in Rutland can also benefit from a Business Development Grant of between £50,000 and £140,000 through the Greater Cambridge and Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership. For general details about the growth programme including the eligibility criteria, handbook and application process, please visit: www.gov.uk/guidance/applying-for-grants-growth-programme



COMMUNICATING WITH YOU

Parish or Town Councils are the first level of government in England. Councillors have an active interest and concern for their local community.

Parishes represent local people and work with different branches of government and others when necessary. They help facilitate the provision of local services and facilities and take decisions that form the policy of the Council.

Communications between Rutland County Council Officers and Parish Councils will normally be through the Parish/Town Council Clerk. If there are any changes to the Parish/Town Clerk please let us know by emailing: corporatesupport@rutland.gov.uk.

Day to day business communication with Parish/Town councils will be via post, email or telephone. The Council also distributes this quarterly newsletter to all Parish Councils, Parish Meetings and Town Councils across Rutland. Many Parishes also display the newsletter on their notice boards for the local community.

Rutland County Council also maintains communication with Parish/town councils using the Parish Council Form meeting. This is a quarterly meeting used to brief Rutland Parish/Town Councils on relevant issues and events we are working on. If you would like more information regarding the Parish Council Forum please visit our website or contact **Marcelle Gamston** - Corporate Support Officer on **01572 720 922**

Opening Hours for Civic Amenity Sites

Don't forget, the opening hours for Rutland's Civic Amenity Sites (local tips) change from Friday 1st April 2016.

Winter GREEN Bin Collections return to fortnightly collections from March 2016 onwards.



Months	Cottesmore Open 7 days a week	N Luffenham Open Fri to Mon (inclusive)
April to September	10am to 6pm	10am to 6pm
October to March	10am to 4pm	10am to 4pm