

# PARISH BRIEFING



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## PASS PLUS SUBSIDY



Young people can continue to benefit from discounted driver training thanks to RCC's Pass Plus subsidy.

Pass Plus is a training course aimed at newly qualified drivers who want more confidence on the road. It usually costs £150 but RCC is subsidising the scheme by 50% for young drivers under 25 who live in Rutland.

For more information and details of how to apply, see the [Pass Plus Subsidy page](#) on the main RCC website.



## FIRE SERVICE RESPONSE VEHICLE

As part of the implementation of Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service's (LFRS) Integrated Risk Management Plan, a new Tactical Response Vehicle (TRV) has now been stationed at Oakham Fire Station to replace the second, traditional fire appliance.

The vehicle is a Mitsubishi L200 type vehicle and carries a range of equipment, including:

- A pump and water
- Emergency First Responder/trauma kit
- Breathing apparatus set
- Combi-cutter for use on vehicles.

In the first instance, the vehicle is crewed by the local 'On call' personnel who live in and around Oakham. The vehicle is crewed by a minimum of two appropriately qualified personnel and responds to the full range of fire service incidents in and around the Rutland area, including property fires and persons trapped incidents. Additionally, it responds to 'Emergency First Responder' (EFR) incidents on behalf of East Midlands Ambulance Service, where, for instance, people are suffering from breathing difficulties.

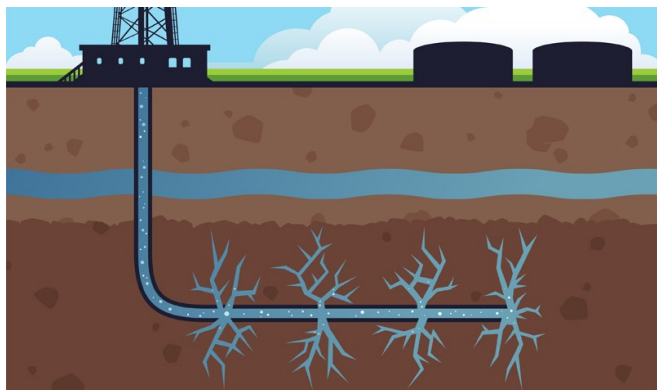
Following an allocation of funding from the Home Office, the Council is no longer making a financial contribution to support the deployment of TRVs in Rutland.



## FRACKING UPDATE

In the last round of Fracking Licenses issued by the Government in 2015 none were issued that covered Rutland.

If an area is not licensed it is not possible to make an application for fracking. Therefore, until the Government next considers licenses for fracking there cannot be any planning applications for the practice in Rutland.



## SIGNPOST 2 GRANTS

**Local businesses are being offered help to grow through a new grants scheme that contributes to the cost of new equipment and other capital investments.**

Signpost 2 Grants offers grants of £2,000 to £20,000 to SMEs that are looking to invest in new equipment, machinery, improvements to their business premises or other capital purchases. The money can be used to fund up to 20% of a total project cost.

For more information or to apply for funding, visit: [www.signpost2grants.co.uk](http://www.signpost2grants.co.uk)

## REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

**District councils in Leicestershire and Rutland County Council are working together to find suitable homes for refugees who will arrive in the country as part of the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme.**

The Government has agreed to expand this scheme to take a further 20,000 Syrians over the next five years across the UK.

Rutland, Blaby, Harborough, Hinckley and Bosworth, Melton, North West Leicestershire and Charnwood councils have all agreed to take part in the resettlement scheme.

Some refugees will arrive in late summer, while the first intake to Rutland is expected in September.

Rutland County Council will offer assistance and arrange accommodation to house refugees arriving in the county, with funding support provided by the Government.

Our intention is to take in 12 individuals over the next four to five years. These refugees will arrive from designated camps close to the Syrian border or areas around those camps.

If you have any questions about the resettlement process, please contact Paul Phillipson, Director for Places:

[PPhillipson@rutland.gov.uk](mailto:PPhillipson@rutland.gov.uk)

## CORPORATE PLAN 2016-2020

**Consultation is continuing around the Council's draft Corporate Plan for 2016-2020.**

The Plan includes a range of key aims and objectives and outlines the Council's vision for Rutland from 2016-2020. Priorities for RCC over the next four years include delivering sustainable growth, safeguarding the most vulnerable and ensuring that our medium term financial plan (MFTP) stays balanced.



The full Corporate Plan is published online and can be found on the main RCC website. Paper copies are also available at local libraries. Comments can be submitted by emailing: [corporateplan@rutland.gov.uk](mailto:corporateplan@rutland.gov.uk) and must be received by Friday 29 July.