

PARISH BRIEFING



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NATIONAL VILLAGE HALLS NETWORK

'The Voice of Village Halls'



The National Village Halls Network provides its members with an opportunity to air views and develop policies that support village halls and similar rural community buildings.

Members consist of volunteers managing these buildings, County-based village hall associations, groups with an interest in village halls and others who appreciate the important role that community halls have to play in the provision of facilities for the delivery of services across rural England.

To find out more about the network, including details of how to join, please visit:

www.acre.org.uk/our-work/village-halls-network

Developer Prosecuted for Tree Works

Rutland County Council has brought a successful prosecution against a developer and a contractor responsible for cutting down protected trees.

David Miller Homes Limited and contractor Robert Jarrom appeared at Leicester Magistrates Court on 31st August 2016 and pleaded guilty to cutting down two protected ash trees that had been subject to a tree Preservation Order (TPO) since 2006.



The trees were illegally felled as part of development work undertaken by David Miller Homes Limited on Braunston Road, Oakham in March 2016.

The developer and contractor stated this was the result of a misunderstanding when communicating about trees on the site. However, the developer confirmed that he was aware of the TPO trees and failed to make clear which ones were protected.

It is a criminal offence to cause or permit any unauthorised works to a tree that is protected by a TPO and consent to cut down the two trees would not have been granted had it been applied for.

As a result, David Miller Homes Limited was fined £3,700, including £1,500 in costs. The contractor received a smaller fine of £506.

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Prepared Week 2016

As part of this year's LLR Prepared Week, a package of resources has been designed for use by clubs, schools and individuals to help people think about a range of different emergency scenarios and the actions they can take to improve community resilience.

Quizzes to test your knowledge, scenarios and group discussion exercises and video clips with links to articles of interest are all available via the LLR Prepared website:

www.llrprepared.org.uk/emergency-planning



KEY APPOINTMENTS

Updates regarding changes to Heads of Service and other key appointments made by the Council:

Rutland County Council is pleased to welcome two new Heads of Service who have joined the People Directorate in recent weeks.

Rebecca Wilshire has replaced Steve Tanner as RCC's permanent Head of Safeguarding and Service Improvement. Rebecca joins us from Cambridgeshire County Council where she was Head of Service for Children for three years.

John Adamson has also joined RCC as our new Business Intelligence Manager having previously held roles both inside and outside of local government.



Rebecca Wilshire
Head of Safeguarding
and Service
Improvement



Jon Adamson
Business Intelligence
Manager

HOUSING AND PLANNING ACT

The following link provides a guide to the Housing and Planning Act 2016 that has been produced by the Local Government Association (LGA).



The guide summarises the impact of legislation on local government and the work of the LGA in influencing the legislation as it passed through Parliament:

www.local.gov.uk/get-in-on-the-act

CHANGES TO THE WEBSITE

You may have noticed some changes to the homepage of the RCC website in recent weeks and this new layout is intended to make it easier to access our key services with a single click.

We have also improved the information available on our '[Contact Us](#)' and '[Find Us](#)' pages, with further improvements planned to the rest of the site in the coming months.

As part of the new homepage layout, you can navigate direct to the Council Meetings, Minutes and Agendas section of the website by way of the calendar icon.



Follow our Economic Development Team on Twitter

The Council's Economic Development Team provides advice and support to local businesses in order to help them grow and assist in the development of Rutland's local economy.

The team have recently set up a Twitter account and regularly tweet the latest information about grants and loans, networking, training opportunities and general business news.

Follow [@RutlandBusiness](https://twitter.com/RutlandBusiness) today to stay up-to-date and contact the team to find our more or take advantage of any opportunities you see advertised.

