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*Merry Christmas
and a happy New Year*



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Inside **EBC** today

As we adjust to the latest government guidance, the council is working hard to keep people safe and well, manage the impact on our communities and navigate the social and economic costs of coronavirus.

COVID-19 continues to be an extraordinary challenge, with the council continuing to help our residents and businesses through council tax support and business grant schemes. We are adapting quickly to the unprecedented demands placed upon us by the virus and driving change in the way we work to help benefit our local communities at such a difficult time.

The council is working tirelessly to deliver a major slice of funding for Long Eaton as part of the government's Towns Deal and is looking at new ways to help fund

and support similar regeneration work for Ilkeston.

Our local parks and nature reserves are such important assets at this time for our residents to visit and I am extremely proud that the council has won a record five Green Flag awards for Ilkeston's Victoria Park, West Park in Long Eaton, Straw's Bridge Local Nature Reserve, West Hallam; Pioneer Meadows Local Nature Reserve, Kirk Hallam and for the first time Long Eaton's Forbes Hole Local Nature Reserve.

Without doubt, many of our residents have taken the opportunity to reconnect with their local environment and the great outdoors throughout coronavirus restrictions. We would also ask you to join our recycling campaign over the Christmas and New Year holiday period to reduce landfill and help protect and improve our local area.



**Carol Hart,
Leader of the Council**

We are living in difficult times and understand the sacrifices that people have made during lockdown, however I know that by working together as a community and staying safe we can beat this virus.

The increased restrictions have impacted on all our personal lives and I would like to thank the many people and organisations, including the NHS, that have been working round the clock to help make sure we can continue to support our residents and communities.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your families a merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Stay Safe

Mayor's Christmas message

We are all living in strange times at the moment and many of us are wondering when we will be able to get back to some kind of normality and this is particularly so as we approach the festive period.

At this special time, there is usually so much to think about but this year, we know, is going to be very different as we think of lockdowns, social distancing, social bubbles and those we cannot be with.

You may know of someone or a family who is battling with this dreadful virus for whom Christmas may never be the same or you may have a friend or relative who you have not spoken to for a long time.

Make this the time to get in touch and let them know that you are thinking of them.

I should like to thank all those who are working for us throughout the festive period - the NHS, the emergency services, our armed forces and all who keep us safe and secure. Not forgetting all of our key workers who have worked tirelessly throughout the two lockdowns, and also the volunteers and carers who give their time to make such a positive difference to the lives of so many of our residents.

On behalf of the officers and members of the Borough Council



I should like to send our very best wishes to you all. Let's hope that 2021 will be a lot kinder to us all.

**Councillor Sue Beardsley
Mayor of Erewash**

Remembering our heroes



Wreaths were laid, prayers were said and the borough fell silent to remember those lost in conflict at this year's Remembrance Sunday events in Ilkeston and Long Eaton.

Residents were encouraged to stay at home for the 11am remembrance because of the pandemic and thousands watched the ceremonies live-streamed by the council.

Photos 1 & 2: The Mayor, Councillor Sue Beardsley, at Long Eaton
Photos 3 & 4: The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Donna Briggs, at Ilkeston

Census start

Households across Erewash will be asked to take part in the 2021 Census, the nationwide survey that is carried out every 10 years.

The census gives the most accurate estimate of people and households in England and Wales and next year's will be the first to be run predominantly online.

Households will receive a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.

Census day will be on 21 March, but residents will receive letters with the online codes from early that month. Paper questionnaires will be available on request.

The results will be available within a year and help target services to meet local needs, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.

At the last census in 2011, 112,081 people lived in Erewash including 4,868 students.

Visit [census.gov.uk](https://www.census.gov.uk)



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COVID support continues



Discount payments were issued automatically to those already registered for CTS. By November over 5,000 had been awarded, with a total of more than £540,000 paid.

In a second scheme, Erewash residents told to self-isolate through the NHS Test and Trace scheme could qualify for a £500 support payment if they lose income because they are unable to work from home.

The scheme started on 28 September and claimants must meet certain criteria to be eligible for the award. So far 41 claimants have received the payment.

Full details at erewash.gov.uk. Residents need to register for a My Erewash account from the homepage. Those unable to apply online can call 0115 907 2244 to request a call back.

Residents hit financially by the pandemic can still apply for support from Erewash Borough Council through two government schemes.

Anyone who newly-registers on the Working Age Council Tax Support (CTS) scheme because they are facing payment difficulties could be helped with discounts of up to £150 for this financial year.

Free parking

This year's free Christmas parking in Erewash will be on Mondays and Tuesdays throughout December, aimed as a boost to town centre shopping in these challenging pandemic times.

All Erewash Borough Council car parks will be free from 10am on the following Mondays and Tuesdays – 7 and 8 December; 14 and 15 December; 21 and 22 December; and 28 and 29 December. Long Eaton Train Station car park is not included.

These are financially challenging times for everyone, including the council, and no-one can predict what restrictions will be in place. But the council felt it important to help by offering free parking from 10am two days a week.

Business support

COVID-19 grant support to help businesses is likely to continue following the end of the second national lockdown.

A Local Restriction Support Grant for eligible ratepayers was confirmed when Erewash entered Tier 2 restrictions on 17 October and was provided until 4 November when the recent lockdown started. If Erewash remains in Tier 2, this funding will resume.

Businesses that have had to close and those that stayed open but have been significantly financially impacted by restrictions may qualify for an Additional Restrictions Grant, including those that do not have rateable commercial premises. Up-to-date details at erewash.gov.uk

Councillor Wayne Major, Deputy Leader and Lead Member for Resources, says: "We remain committed to getting support out as quickly as possible. For details of all the business support available please do visit our website."



"We understand these continue to be difficult times for many and we are here to help."

Spirit of Erewash

Residents young and old still have a chance to submit creative artwork for a landmark community exhibition that will reflect on the 'spirit of Erewash' shown across the borough during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The council's Arts Development Team is creating an exhibition which will be launched in the new year called 'The Art of Remembrance - Time on our Hands' to showcase Erewash's creative residents in this extraordinary year of lockdown.

The exhibition will be recorded in Erewash Museum's historical archive as a record of the times we live in.

The Arts Development Team is working with a professional artist to create a stunning multi-media exhibition and is urging residents of all ages – or groups who have collaborated on a project - to send in their art contributions by Thursday 17 December.

They are keen to hear from anyone who has painted, written, drawn, sculpted, photographed, filmed, or even performed during this challenging year reflecting the spirit of Erewash during coronavirus.

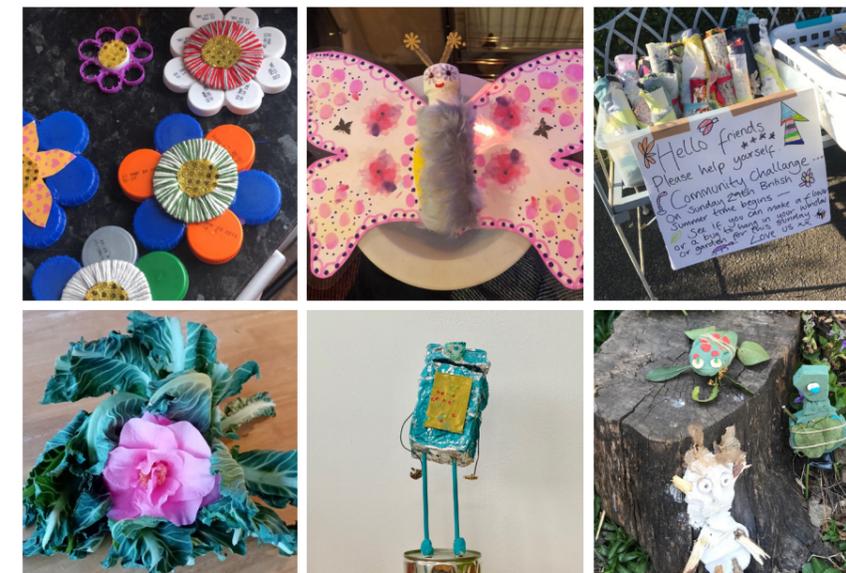
Councillor Mike Wallis, Lead Member for Culture and Leisure, says: "2020 will undoubtedly be part of history for generations to come. This exhibition will show how we can remember this year in a positive light and display the many ways in which, during lockdown, we used art as a form of expressing our feelings and emotions at such a difficult time."



The project curator is multi-media artist Graham Elstone. Anyone interested in taking part can submit their creative work to grahamelstone@yahoo.co.uk

Work submitted should ideally be in a high res jpeg format with no more than 5 pieces submitted. Physical artwork can be accepted by arrangement.

Please check for updates on the exhibition at Facebook/ ErewashMuseum or @Erewash_Museum on Twitter.



Some creative arts and crafts from Erewash residents during lockdown.

Long Eaton bid

An innovative Investment Plan aimed at winning millions of pounds of funding for Long Eaton is now being finalised.

The Long Eaton Town Deal Board is studying the results of a recent consultation with local residents to help shape the final proposals that will be submitted in January for funding of up to £25m as part of the government's Town Deal initiative.

Residents were asked for their comments last month on suggestions that include possible design changes to the High Street, improvements to the busy town centre junctions, a new canal bridge from West Park and a range of new cultural ideas.

The bid is seen as a once in a lifetime opportunity for the town and the input of residents will play a vital role in the final Investment Plan and its success.

Richard Ledger, the chair of the Board, says: "We thank everyone for sharing their thoughts with us. We have listened to your views and they are crucial in our work now to put the Long Eaton Town Investment Plan together. Much hard work has been put in and continues to be as we close in on the January deadline."



The submitted bid will feature proposals totalling up to £25 million but the exact amount offered will depend on a government assessment on the viability of each project.

The Long Eaton Town Board consists of chair Richard Ledger, Borough Council Leader and Board vice chair Councillor Carol Hart, Erewash MP Maggie Throup plus other representatives from the council and partner organisations.



Rough sleepers' support



Erewash Borough Council has secured more funding to help rough sleepers over winter.

Working alongside all Derbyshire local authorities and Staffordshire Moorlands, the council successfully bid for £153,000 of government funding to secure accommodation for people who might otherwise sleep rough.

The latest award to the partnership will enable the provision of more support for people, help some into privately rented homes and enable the council to provide emergency accommodation in severe winter weather for people who would otherwise be sleeping on the streets.

Due to the pandemic, this winter will be more challenging as there will be no night shelters across Derbyshire or Derby to provide overnight accommodation for those sleeping rough.

So the council is appealing to residents to help reduce rough sleeping by contacting the council-funded Derbyshire Outreach Team run by the P3 charity if they see anyone sleeping rough in Erewash.

This can be done online at p3charity.org/DOT or by free phone 0808 196 8199. The outreach team can then go and locate them and find them somewhere to stay.

Councillor Val Clare, Lead Member for Community Engagement, says: "The council is committed to tackling homelessness and its extreme forms such as rough sleeping. It is by working together that we can end rough sleeping in Erewash."



Stay warm this winter

Householders across Derbyshire with broken or faulty boilers can now contact a free helpline.

Residents who are on a low income and in receipt of certain benefits can contact Warmer Derby and Derbyshire on 0800 677 1332 or email wdd@mea.org.uk to find out about government grants towards replacement boilers. This is a free energy helpline offering impartial energy advice on how to stay warm in your home.

Here are some top tips for everyone to keep warm, stay healthy and save money:

Wear several thin layers rather than one thick layer.

- Stay active, get up and walk around regularly, or move your limbs whilst sitting.
- Have hot drinks and hot meals.
- When in, heat your home to between 18°C and 21°C.
- Close your curtains at dusk.
- Cheap draught proofing products are available to keep you warm.
- Check on friends & neighbours.

If you rent your home contact your provider first to try to resolve issues. If this fails contact the council's Housing Renewal Team on 0115 931 6060, email environmentalhealth@erewash.gov.uk

Extended notice

To reduce the risk of people becoming homeless during the COVID-19 pandemic, the government has extended the minimum notice period landlords must give to tenants.

Landlords must now provide tenants with at least six months' notice prior to seeking possession, including section 21 evictions and rent arrears under six months.

The new temporary legislation was introduced at the end of August and remains in force until at least 31 March next year, except in the most serious cases, such as incidents of anti-social behaviour and domestic abuse.

Erewash Borough Council recognises the impact the pandemic has had on both landlords and tenants. Landlords can seek advice from the free Call Before You Serve project - telephone 01332 641 408 or email CB4YS@derby.gov.uk

Tenants worried they are at risk of losing their accommodation should contact the Housing Options Team as soon as they can by emailing homelessness@erewash.gov.uk

Green Homes

Green Homes Grants are available to provide homeowners with vouchers to use towards installing energy efficient measures in their homes, such as insulation or low carbon heating.

The government-funded initiative offers the chance to apply for vouchers that will cover around two thirds of the cost of measures up to a maximum of £5,000 per household.

For those on low incomes and in receipt of eligible benefits, the full cost can be paid up to a maximum of £10,000 per household.

For more information and to apply for a Green Homes Grant visit gov.uk

Flags for Erewash



Marion Bryce and Stuart Gilder from the Long Eaton Natural History Society.

The feelgood factor! Erewash achieved a record five Green Flags in the 2020 awards.

Long Eaton's Forbes Hole Local Nature Reserve (LNR) has achieved the prestigious honour for the first time, while the four other popular leisure sites in the borough have retained the national award – West Park in Long Eaton; Straw's Bridge LNR, West Hallam; and Ilkeston's

Victoria Park and Pioneer Meadows LNRs.

Councillor Mike Wallis, Lead Member for Culture and Leisure, says: "Our parks and open spaces are important for well-being, but especially so this year when we have all faced such difficult times. Thank you to all our team and our Friends group volunteers who have helped achieve this tremendous result."



The Green Flag is the benchmark national standard for England and Wales and is presented to high quality parks, green spaces and nature reserves that have excellent facilities and are well-managed.

Sign of the times



Parkrun signs and surface markings are in place at West Park in Long Eaton in readiness for the weekly 5km event restarting once coronavirus restrictions are relaxed. In the meantime, the course is available for casual users providing safety guidance is followed.

The signs include 'Start' and 'Finish' and kilometre markers. More details: parkrun.org.uk/longeaton/

Orchid Wood

Members of the council's Green Space team celebrate Orchid Wood, between Breaston and Wilne, becoming an official Local Nature Reserve.

The rural site is next to Church Wilne Reservoir and close to several wildlife sites. It is popular with walkers and those who enjoy woodland settings and birdlife.



Park heaven

People have described their love for Ilkeston's Victoria Park in a satisfaction survey, with one resident calling it 'a little piece of heaven'.

The summer survey followed the completion of a £749,800 Heritage Lottery Funded project to restore the park's historic features, including the bandstand and bowls pavilion.

The results, compared to a previous survey seven years ago, show high levels of praise and a huge improvement across all areas, with the number of people visiting the park a few times a week increasing from 6% to nearly 24% this year.

Comments about the park paint it as an important oasis that is beautiful, peaceful and safe. One resident said: "It makes all ages happy. I, and many others have always said what a wonderful job the council does to keep our park looking so nice. So well done to all and a big thank you. Long may it last."

Fly-tipping warning

Everyone is responsible for ensuring their waste is properly disposed of - if fly-tipped waste is traced back to a particular household then that resident could be fined up to £5,000.

People should ask the waste carrier to provide full contact details and ask to see their Waste Carrier Licence. Contact the Environment Agency directly on 03708 506 506 for a free instant validation check. Alternatively, visit Environment Agency at the gov.uk website. Please beware of unauthorised 'tip run' offers on social media.

Report fly-tipping online via your My Erewash account or call 0115 907 2244.

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Report environmental crime in confidence
text-alert: 07792 701583

The gallery - Mayor's Awards

Mayor honours caring citizens

Residents and groups have been presented with their Erewash Mayor's Award by the Mayor, Councillor Sue Beardsley, during COVID-secure personal visits. The awards honour the selfless work they do for others in the borough.



The Canaan Trust

The Long Eaton-based charity which helps the homeless celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, but events to mark its work had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. Despite all the pandemic challenges, it continues to work 24/7, 365 days a year to reach those in need of help.

Tracie Bilbie

Tracy runs her Bilbo's Animal Rescue charity to rehome unwanted pets, many needing veterinary treatment before doing so. Tracy, of Long Eaton, also fundraises for other local organisations.



WELL FOR WINTER

The winter months can be tough, perhaps this year more than ever. Dropping temperatures and shorter days can lead us to stay indoors more, move less and COVID means things we normally like to do, such as seeing friends or being active can feel like a struggle. For many the pandemic has presented new challenges, fears and a whole host of uncertainties and the months that lie ahead may feel daunting.

The **#WellForWinter** campaign aims to inspire you and your community to take steps towards improving your wellbeing, keeping positive and supporting each other throughout the coming months. Together we can adapt, look ahead and make positive changes!



Jean Lupton

Jean is a stalwart of the Breaston community and carries out many voluntary roles. For 12 years she was the driving force for Breaston Gala. She produces the Breaston and Draycott Village News each month, is treasurer of Breaston Community Forum and an active member of St Michael's Church.

Everyone Eats

Community organisation tackling food poverty and social isolation in Erewash.



Joey Fletcher and Owen Reynolds



Joey and Owen are students at Kirk Hallam Community Academy and raised funds for the Alzheimer's Society with their Care Home Crawl 10km walk. They visited eight care homes and spent time talking with the residents. They have also raised money for the charity through a cake stall at school.

Friendship Hub

Marian Robinson and volunteers offer lots of activities at The Friendship Hub, Petersham Estate, Long Eaton.



David Allen

Popular presenter and volunteer at Erewash Sound since the start.



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Be Active

Go for a family walk or ride. Exercise is good for your physical and mental health and boosts your immune system.

For support, contact Active Erewash on 0115 907 2244.



Take Notice

Be aware of the amazing things around you that you might normally pass by. Why not watch a sunset and enjoy the nature around you. Share your stories on Facebook @WellForWinter



Connect

...with the people around you. Looking after others as well as ourselves and ask for help where needed. For support, contact Erewash Voluntary Action on 0115 946 6740.



Learn

Try something new. Learn to play an instrument, cook something you've not tried before. Learning new things can make you more confident and shine a light on skills you didn't know you had! For support, contact Erewash ACE Centre on 01629 531 807.



Give

Be kind! Do something nice for a friend or a neighbour. Thank someone. Smile. Volunteer your time. Think about how you could support someone close to you or your community. For support, contact Erewash Voluntary Action on 0115 946 6740.



Get organised

... with your health, finance and life admin. Think about what is important to you, prioritise, set goals and plan ahead. Pay a bill, start a saving account or update your CV. It's time to tackle the to do list you've been putting off. For support, contact Citizens Advice Bureau on 0300 456 8390.

#WellForWinter

How to get started...

Start with you

Visit the website shift-together.co.uk to download the Personal Plan template or simply start scribbling on a sheet of paper! Explore the 6 topics of Be Active, Take Notice, Give, Get Organised, Connect and Learn and what they mean to you. Think of little things you can do under each.

Invite others

Share your ideas with others and encourage them to do the same, maybe set some goals or timescales together.

Share stories

Use the hashtag #WellForWinter to share your stories with us on social media or simply share them with others.

Visit us on Facebook /WellForWinter or join us on Instagram @Shift_together

Connect

With schools, workplaces, friends and communities to promote good habits throughout the winter months.

Support

It's ok to want some help to do this. We will be sharing more information on the local organisations that can help you get started on this.

Love music - Love Erewash



Erewash Sound is now making waves across the whole borough after the radio station signalled it has a second frequency on 103.5 FM alongside its original 96.8FM.

The award winning station broadcasts 24 hours a day and can also be listened to online at erewashsound.com, on the free to download app and on a smart

speaker - just ask it to "play Erewash Sound".

Councillor Carol Hart, Leader of Erewash Borough Council, says:

"All local media platforms are important and I am delighted that Erewash Sound now has a clear reach across our borough.



"A station that is dedicated to representing and covering this borough has got to be good."

It was a donation from a supporter that helped the station put a second frequency on air.

Station Manager Jeff Martin, says: "I was surprised and delighted when someone who really values the station and the work of the Erewash Sound Academy donated the money. That means so much to our team of volunteers. Our listening figures have increased and show that local radio is as relevant as ever."

Erewash Sound hopes to be live on Christmas Day and most of the festive season, particularly reaching out to lonely and isolated listeners.



Connect Erewash

People are being urged to take part in an online survey as part of a project to reduce isolation in Erewash communities.

Erewash Voluntary Action is leading the Connect Erewash project on behalf of Derbyshire County Council Public Health. The aim is to work with communities and groups to identify activities to help improve or reduce isolation and loneliness.

The short questionnaire can be found at erewashvoluntaryaction.org.uk/news and will only take a few minutes to complete.

If you would like a copy of the questionnaire emailed or sent in the post, contact Lee Tivey at Erewash Voluntary Action, lee@erewashcvs.org.uk

Connect Erewash helps ensure people live happy and healthy lives and know where to get help when required. Four Erewash Community Networks have been established in Sawley, Kirk Hallam, Petersham and Cotmanhay.

Contact Catriona Paterson at Erewash Voluntary Action for more information.

Email catriona@erewashcvs.org.uk or call 0115 946 6740.

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- Links with local; GP, chiropodist, optician, dentist, hairdresser and minister.
- Daily scheduled activities.

'At this very difficult time, we continue to work with our NHS colleagues, to deliver safe high quality care, following Government guidance.' We have received relatives compliments on the extra levels of care given and enabling effective contact with residents during restrictions.

North Zone

Christmas & New Year refuse collections 2020/21

Changes to regular North Zone collections

Breadsall, Cotmanhay, Dale Abbey, Kirk Hallam, Ilkeston, Little Eaton, Morley, Ockbrook, Stanley, Stanley Common, Stanton by Dale, West Hallam

Normal Collection Day



Revised Collection Day



Collections 2020/21

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Collection Key

- Kerbside recycling and garden waste
- Kerbside recycling (no garden waste)
- Black Bins
- Kerbside recycling & LAST garden waste
- No refuse / recycling collections

Brown Bins

After your last garden waste collection of the year is completed during the week commencing 30th November 2020 you can use your brown bin for presenting recycling. The last recycling collection from brown bins will be during the week commencing 8th February 2021. After this collection recycling can only be presented in blue bins, brown bins with a blue lid and/or in green bags. Garden waste collections will resume during the week commencing 22nd February 2021.



South Zone Christmas & New Year refuse collections 2020/21

Changes to regular South Zone collections

Borrowash, Breaston, Draycott, Long Eaton, Risley, Sandiacre, Sawley

Normal Collection Day



Revised Collection Day



Collections 2020/21



Collection Key

- Kerbside recycling and garden waste
- Kerbside recycling (no garden waste)
- Black Bins
- Kerbside recycling & LAST garden waste
- No refuse / recycling collections

Brown Bins

After your last garden waste collection of the year is completed during the week commencing 7th December 2020 you can use your brown bin for presenting recycling. The last recycling collection from brown bins will be during the week commencing 15th February 2021. After this collection recycling can only be presented in blue bins, brown bins with a blue lid and/or in green bags. Garden waste collections will resume during the week commencing 1st March 2021.



Carry on recycling!



Recycling rates rocketed in Erewash over the summer months compared to the same time last year.

In the three month period from July to September 2020 Erewash Borough Council's crews were handling just over 27 per cent more mixed recycling and garden waste compared to the same period last year increasing recycling rates from

49 per cent in 2019 to 55 per cent in 2020.

The increase is thought to be, in part, down to more people working at home during the pandemic.

Councillor Garry Hickton, Lead Member for Environment, said: "These are great figures and I hope that everyone will carry on helping us to achieve a greener borough over the festive period."



"I would also praise the efforts of our refuse teams who have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic to ensure refuse and recycling collections continue."

Head to the council's social media channels over the coming weeks as we launch Erewash Recycles, a campaign which will provide tips, myth-busters and videos on recycling in the borough.

You can like Erewash Borough Council on Facebook facebook.com/erewashbc or follow us on Twitter and Instagram @erewashbc.

You can also find an A-Z of what can and can't be recycled at erewash.gov.uk

Brown bins can be used for dry mixed recycling during the winter months when garden waste collections have ended. Collections have ended in Ilkeston with the last collections in Long Eaton the week of 7 December.

Sports mentoring

Creating positive opportunities for vulnerable and at-risk young people in Erewash is the aim of a new sports mentoring programme.

The project is a partnership that has been forged between the council's Sport and Health Development team, charities and community groups.

The mentoring programme has been made possible through funding from the Youth Endowment Fund.

The team will work with the national doorstep sport charity StreetGames, Derby County Community Trust, Parkside High and Derbyshire County Council's Early Help Team.

Each provider will deliver 12 week one-to-one sports mentoring sessions to targeted young people.

The aim is to support them in this period of adjustment, build positive relationships, help them to be more confident, resilient and make positive life choices.

They will work with ten young people over six months, meaning that 30 young people in total will access this opportunity.

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Washing my hands helps protect me.

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Your views matter

Erewash Borough Council wants to refresh its Corporate Plan for the next 3 years. This is an important document which sets out the council's key priorities and what is being done to achieve the goals.

Now residents are being urged to work with the council by sharing their views on the plan in a public consultation that is open now and runs until 4 January.

The Plan will continue to drive the work of the council across all its service areas over the next few years. The council has developed four priorities and is keen that residents have the chance to share their views on them –

- that Erewash is a welcoming borough, that is clean and safe;
- that the council supports its communities;
- it plans for the future;
- and is a well run, efficient council.

The short survey, which will take less than 10 minutes to complete, is at erewash.gov.uk

Residents can ensure they stay informed of future consultations by joining the council's online panel. Links to consultations are sent as they go live. Sign up by visiting erewash.gov.uk and log into My Erewash or email the Consultation and Engagement Officer colin.handley@erewash.gov.uk

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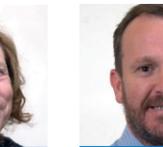
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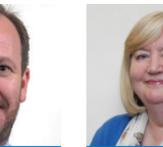
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