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**October Festival
is back...**

**...BIGGER and
BETTER for 2016!**

Plus **Lots of FREE sport offers**



**Nottingham
City Council**

Welcome to the latest issue of the Arrow, the City Council's magazine for residents.

“ Crime has more than halved since a City division was introduced in Nottingham. In 2002, there were 73,885 crimes, but that number had dropped by over 43,000 to 30,133 in 2015. That's a huge reduction and it's one of the reasons the Council is so determined that Nottinghamshire Police reinstate the division after they decided to scrap it earlier this year, without even consulting the people of Nottingham.

When the City Council asked, 82% of Nottingham residents responding wanted a top cop looking after the City and 63% agreed that removing the division poses a risk to the progress we've made in reducing crime in our City. Other cities haven't taken this approach – Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, Sheffield, Birmingham, Newcastle and Bristol all have their own City divisions.

The City Council is committed to Nottingham and that's why we will fight this change. It's bad for residents, bad for businesses and bad for communities in Nottingham. ”

Councillor Jon Collins
Nottingham City Council Leader



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We're Council of the Year for the second time

The City Council has won Council of the Year at a national awards event and has become the first council to win the prestigious award twice after winning it previously in 2012.

The award, announced at the annual Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) Awards was given in recognition of the Council's leadership and innovation in service delivery.

In addition to Council of the Year, Nottingham also won the award for Best Public/Private Partnership Working Initiative for the 'Field of Dreams' project which saw the replacement of a derelict sports pavilion on Victoria Embankment through a £750,000 partnership involving Nottingham City Council, Nottinghamshire Cricket Club, Trent Bridge Community Trust, Notts Cricket Board and the England and Wales Cricket Board.

The City Council had been shortlisted for a total of seven awards by APSE which is dedicated to promoting excellence in the delivery of frontline services to local communities around the UK.

Nottingham City Council Leader, Councillor Jon Collins said: "Winning this award is a tribute to the people working for the Council in a wide range of jobs who are dedicated to providing the best possible services to local people.

"We know there is always more we can do make sure our services are as good as they can be. But it's good to know Nottingham is seen an innovator in the public sector, leading the way in areas such as green energy, modern leisure

centres, free and affordable city events and working together with partners to benefit local communities.

"The fact that all this is being done against a backdrop of ever reducing budgets due to Government funding cuts makes it even more of an achievement."

APSE chief executive Paul O'Brien said: "I am delighted that Nottingham City Council has been recognised for its tremendous achievements and contribution to excellence in public services.

"With over 300 submissions to our awards, it is a testament to Nottingham's frontline services that they are now recognised as being outstanding within local government."

How are we doing?



Last year, the Council produced the 2015-19 plan to deliver a range of key priorities for the city. Despite the budget pressures we continue to face, excellent progress has been made in delivering many of these already...

Ensuring every child in Nottingham is taught in a school judged good or outstanding by Ofsted...

Sixteen City schools have moved to 'good or outstanding' ratings, the highest proportionally in the East Midlands.

Over 4000 more children are educated in a 'good or outstanding' school compared to April 2015.



Build 2,500 new homes that Nottingham people can afford to rent or buy...

Over 500 new homes built that are 'affordable' to Nottingham people. New 'affordable' housing developments this year include the final phase at Stonebridge in St Ann's where 42 properties are due to be finished by February 2017 and Squires Avenue in Bulwell with 24 new affordable homes due to be completed this September.



Cut the number of victims of crime by a fifth and continue to reduce anti-social behaviour...

Victim based crime reduced by over 5% this year meaning we are well on track to achieve a 20% reduction by 2019.

Our RESPECT survey indicates a high degree of confidence in the Council and Police's ability to deal with anti-social behaviour, leading to a reduction in anti-social behaviour calls to the Police of 2.75%.



Tackle fuel poverty by setting up a not-for-profit company to sell energy at the lowest possible price to Nottingham people...

Robin Hood Energy set up by the Council in September 2015 to enable residents to access cheaper fuel. Over 20,000 customers acquired, all benefitting from reduced fuel prices.



Dual fuel customers saved, on average, nearly £250 a year by switching to Robin Hood Energy helping to make the East Midlands the cheapest region in England for dual fuel.

Guarantee a job, training place or further education place for every 18 to 24 year old...



Over 1200 young people supported through the 'Step into Work' Programme and 'National Careers Service' - leading to 240 starting employment since April 2015.

Unemployment reduced in 18-24 year olds in the City from 3% in April 2015 to 2.3%.

Transforming the Castle

Nottingham's much-loved Castle has undergone many changes over the years and is set to embark on its latest transformation if a new bid for £13m to the Heritage Lottery Fund is a success.

The funding would allow for much more than a makeover - it will see the Castle's dream of becoming a world-class visitor attraction move a step closer. In total £24m will be spent to build new galleries, a visitor centre and to improve access to the Castle's caves. Nottingham's history of revolt, rebellion and dissent will be celebrated, including local legend Robin Hood.

- And the city's pivotal role in innovation, craft and industry will also be featured, showcasing Nottingham's national importance in being creative and making things. The transformation will be a major boost for the local economy, bringing in £202m from visitors and creating around 3,700 additional new jobs over a 10 year period.
- Work is expected to begin on site in 2017, with the transformed Castle re-opening to the public in early 2020, if the Heritage Lottery Fund bid is successful. This is expected to be announced in November, 2016.

The submission of the Heritage Lottery Fund bid was celebrated by staging a photograph on the Castle steps featuring characters from the Castle's thousand years of history. How many do you recognise?

In descending chronological order, down the Castle's steps are:

- William the Conqueror**
Who ordered the building of the Castle structure in 1067
- Matilda of Flanders**
Wife of William the Conqueror
- Robin Hood**
Nottingham's heroic outlaw
- Sheriff of Nottingham**
On hand to try and catch Robin and bring him to justice
- Friar Tuck** One of Robin's Merry Men, Tuck is found in ballads from as far back as the 17th century
- Colonel Hutchinson** Roundhead governor who petitioned Parliament to have the Castle demolished
- Lucy Hutchinson** Wife and biographer of Colonel Hutchinson
- William Henry Cavendish** 1st Duke of Newcastle, built the current Castle between 1674 and 1679
- William Elliott** Stocking trimmer living at Brevhouse Yard in 1732, inventor of a superior black cloth dye that made him one of the city's richest men
- Henry Pelham-Clinton** 4th Duke of Newcastle, his opposition to electoral reform led to the Castle being burnt to the ground during the 1831 Reform Bill Riots
- George Henry Wallace** The first Museum Director when the remodelled Castle was opened to the public as a museum of fine art in 1876
- Councillor Jackie Morris** The Sheriff of Nottingham (again) - in this case not a villain but a city ambassador and doer of good deeds
- The Hallam family** Present Castle visitors, looking forward to the transformation.



NOTTINGHAM OCTOBER

The UK's Festival City

October in Nottingham has always been BIG but now it's so huge that Nottingham is the UK's Festival City for October – with more fun and events than anywhere else! So roll out the airbed, invite your friends and family, and get ready for the most buzzing, awesome October ever...



THE SPIEGEL TENT

Old Market Square | 1 - 8 October
Tickets £4 - £15

The Spiegel Tent is back for eight days of shows and fun, with family theatre, comedy, live music, burlesque and more. Pop in daily for food and drinks too, and enjoy the atmosphere of this beautiful and historical travelling dance hall.

CANAL FESTIVAL

Castle Wharf | 1 October | FREE
Enjoy a free day out with the chance to have a go at lots of activities, including a trip on a canal boat, fishing and canoeing.

INDEPENDENTS FESTIVAL

City Centre | 1 October FREE
It's in Nottingham present the first Independents festival. Pick up one of our festival guides to discover what's happening, including Independent stages set up around the city to entertain and lead you on a road of discovery about Nottingham's amazing Independent businesses – with free entertainment and exclusive giveaways there is something for everyone!

GOOSE FAIR

Forest Recreation Ground
5 – 9 October | FREE entry
Experience all the fun of the fair as the famous Goose Fair returns to Nottingham! With more than 500 rides and attractions, from scary to family friendly, as well as games and stalls. Enjoy a drink and snack in the Moose bar too, and sample traditional Goose Fair food like mushy peas and mint sauce. Get all the latest info, including opening times and ride details at www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/goosefair or by joining the Facebook event.



NOTTINGHAM CAVES FESTIVAL

17 – 30 October
Get ready for the first ever celebration of Nottingham's amazing cave system!

Enjoy events taking place in caves across the city – including live music, food and drink events, special tours and storytelling events.

A Caves Festival hub (17 – 23 October) will also provide visitors with insight into the history of the caves, and interactive activities will bring the stories of the caves to life.

BIGGER AND BETTER

ROBIN HOOD BEER AND CIDER FESTIVAL

Nottingham Castle
12 – 15 Oct | Tickets from £10.80
The hugely popular Beer and Cider Festival is back – with over 1000 beers and 200 ciders and perries to choose from.

MAYHEM FILM FESTIVAL

Broadway Cinema | 13 – 16 Oct
Don't miss Nottingham's own film festival, showcasing the best horror, sci-fi and cult features and short films, plus special events and amazing guests.

HOCKLEY HUSTLE

9 Oct | Tickets £12
Hockley Hustle returns with fantastic line up of live music at venues including The Angel, Brewdog, Das Kino and the National Videogame Arcade.

DIWALI

Lakeside Arts | 15 – 16 Oct
Celebrate Diwali at Highfields Park and Nottingham Lakeside Arts with a variety of light and music events. Take part in museum activities, or enjoy a special production of Olli goes to Bollywood (extra charge).

HALF TERM

17 – 30 October
Find out what's on to do with little ones around Nottingham, with a focus on FREE and great value activities.
www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/halfterm

MALT CROSS FESTIVAL

21 – 23 October
Watch national bands on the historic Top Hat Stage, or enjoy up and coming acts in caves beneath. Other activities include family friendly craft workshops, film screenings, historical storytelling and exciting local food delicacies.

NOTTINGHAM INTERNATIONAL MICROFILM FESTIVAL

20 – 22 October | FREE
Discover the up and coming genre of microfilms – films of ten minutes or less – with a programme of screenings, talks, workshops and events.

NOTTINGHAM OKTOBERFEST

Forest Recreation Ground
26 – 30 Oct | Tickets from £13.50
Experience all the fun of Germany's famous beer festival right here in Nottingham! With delicious beers, hearty food and live music.



GAMECITY FESTIVAL

26 – 29 October
This October, Make Fun! as the world's best loved videogame festival returns. Nottingham becomes the capital city of videogames once again, with more new games per square-foot than anywhere else in the world! Plus the infamous city-wide Sheriff's Gauntlet will be taking place on Saturday 29 October, starting at the Old Market Square.

GLOBAL FOOD AND DRINK MARKET

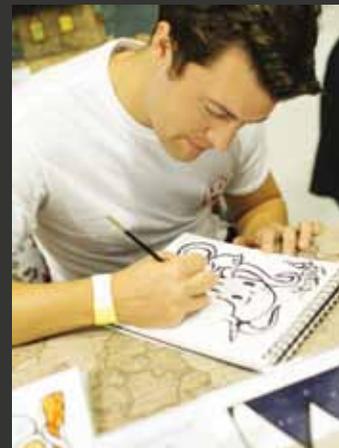
Old Market Square
26 – 30 October | FREE entry
A buzzing food and drink market with delicious street food and treats from around the world, plus crafts, gifts and a beer garden also serving wine and cocktails.

ROBIN HOOD PAGEANT

Nottingham Castle
28 – 30 Oct | Tickets from £6
Explore the grounds of Nottingham Castle as it's transformed into a medieval village encampment complete with a range of colourful characters allowing you travel back in time to the 12th Century. Watch knights joust and swordfight on horseback, wander around and meet colourful characters, and Robin Hood himself!

ROBIN HOOD DAY

Around Nottingham | 29 October
Join in the celebration of Robin Hood, with free activities and crafts for kids, plus take part in the Sheriff's Gauntlet as part of GameCity Festival or head to the Robin Hood Pageant.



NOTTINGHAM COMIC CON

Nottingham Conference Centre
29 October
Comic Con is back in Nottingham for the fourth year with talks from comic artists, live music, film screenings and more.



YOU CAN FIND OUT MORE AND GET TICKETS FOR ALL THE EVENTS AT OUR BRAND NEW FESTIVAL WEBSITE www.octoberinnottingham.co.uk

BBC Radio Nottingham are the official Festival radio station – give them a listen each Friday in October to find out more about what's coming up that weekend.

What's On!

A great autumn of events in Nottingham!



Robin Hood Pageant | Nottingham Castle | 28 – 30 Oct see page 7

October Half-Term 17 -30 Oct

See what's on to entertain kids big and little in the city, with a focus on free and great value half-term events on our website. nottinghamcity.gov.uk/halfterm



Bonfire Night

5 November | FREE

Enjoy Nottingham's best FREE Bonfire Night celebration! Enjoy a fantastic fireworks display, fairground rides and more. nottinghamcity.gov.uk/bonfirenight



Black History Month | 1 – 31 Oct

Black History Month has been celebrated across the country every October since 1987.

It's a chance to celebrate and recognise the contribution that African and African-Caribbean people have made to Nottingham and the UK over the many hundreds of years they've been a part of the country's social fabric. Nottingham's proud African/African-Caribbean heritage includes people like:

- **George Africanus**, a West African former slave who made his name as the city's first black entrepreneur in the 1700s
- **Viv Anderson**, the first black player to represent England and a key member of Nottingham Forest's European Cup winning side
- **Sheku Kanneh-Mason**, this year's BBC classical young musician of the year
- **Len Garrison**, cultural historian, voted one of the greatest 100 Black Britons
- **Lyn Gilzene**, local activist and campaigner
- Many ex-service personnel like **Oswald George Powe** who fought during the Second World War
- Olympic gymnasts **Becky and Ellie Downie**

A range of events will be taking place across the city throughout October as part of Black History Month.

For more information visit www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/whatson and www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk

The Becky and Ellie Downie and Viv Anderson pictures shown above are ©Nottingham Post

Exhibitions at Nottingham Castle

'Ada' by Karine Smigla-Bobinski 6 – 23 October

Inspired by Ada Lovelace, the world's first computer programmer, ADA is an artwork with a soul, an automatic drawing machine that visitors are invited to push, pull and prod. Contained within a temporary room in the Long Gallery, when put into action this large, charcoal-studded, helium-filled membrane slowly makes a series of marks, flecks, lines and points that act as a record or memory of its own movements.



Nottingham Castle Open 22 October – 8 January

Selected through open competition by a panel of industry experts, the Nottingham Castle Open returns for another year giving Midlands-based artists the chance to win £1500 in cash and many other prestigious prizes. With artwork that ranges from painting through to more experimental media, the best of local artistic talent is displayed in the Castle's oldest and best loved exhibition.

Alice Gale-Feeny 22 October – 8 January

An exhibition from Nottingham-based artist Alice Gale-Feeny, winner of the 'Nottingham Castle Open 2015 Solo Show Prize'.

Get more information about all these exhibitions at nottinghamcastle.org.uk

Please note, not all exhibition content is suitable for young children.

Visiting Nottingham Castle?

Pay once, get FREE entry for the next year!

Did you know? Entry to Nottingham Castle is now £7 for adults, £5 for children and £20 for two adults and up to three children, but you can use the same ticket to come back as many times as you like within the next year!

Looking further ahead...



Christmas Lights Switch On

Thursday 24 November from 5.30pm

Get set for the start of the festive season in Nottingham! See the twinkling Christmas tree and lights and explore the Winter Wonderland.

nottinghamcity.gov.uk/christmas

Nottingham Winter Wonderland

8 Nov – 1 Jan

Visit the ice rink surrounded by Christmas lights and trees, with cabins selling seasonal food, drink and crafts. Have a festive drink at the ice bar whilst enjoying live music, and explore the bigger, better market in the square and Smithy Row, selling a variety of gifts, decorations and culinary delights.

nottinghamcity.gov.uk/christmas



Be the first to know what's coming up in Nottingham!

You can pick up the latest **What's On!** guide from Nottingham Tourism Centre on Smithy Row, heritage sites including Nottingham Castle, Wollaton Hall and Newstead Abbey, your local library, and other venues around the city including cafes and pubs. Or download an electronic copy of the what's on at nottinghamcity.gov.uk/events

Get FREE weekly What's On! emails

Join over 25,000 other people who get our weekly emails bringing you the best events coming up in Nottingham. To sign up, just visit nottinghamcity.gov.uk/stayconnected and try it out – if you don't like it, you can unsubscribe at any time.



Find What's On in Nottingham on Twitter and Facebook Follow us @nottm_events on twitter and find us by searching 'What's On Nottingham' on Facebook to get the latest updates.

Or visit our NEW **What's On!** in Nottingham website nottinghamcity.gov.uk/whatson

What's On! in Parks



Twenty nine of our parks and gardens will be flying the Green Flag Award this year – seven more than last year and the second highest number of Green Flags in the country. Below is a selection of the many events coming up at a park near you – a full list of events is available on our website.

Restoration Rambles

5 Oct, 9 Nov and 7 Dec
Highfields Park | FREE

Find out more about the restoration of Highfields Park on this free walk.

Wild Food Walks

8 Oct at Woodthorpe Park and
9 Oct at Iremonger's Pond | FREE

Join the park ranger to find out what foods in the parks are good enough to eat.

Seed Safari

19 Oct at Highfields Park and
27 Oct at Clifton Grove | FREE

It's seed gathering season so come along to a Seed Safari! Use our identification sheet to hunt for the different types and then help to grow the trees of the future.

Victoria Embankment Memorial Gardens Guided Tree Tour

25 Oct | FREE

Come and discover the variety of trees in these historic gardens. This trail takes you on a walk around the gardens, and explores some of the significant trees which have been planted here over time.

Spooky Campfire Tales

28 Oct at Highfields Park
£5 per child

Join us for a feast of fearsome fairy-tales. With foul and gruesome snacks – griddled fly raisins, giants frozen bogey lollies, goblin blood sandwiches and dead fairy cakes!
Book on 0115 846 7777.

What's On! in Libraries

Discover Digital: Get Online Week
17 – 23 October | FREE

Learn digital skills and discover the world of social media: what it is and how to use it at free workshops on topics including Instagram, Skype, Facebook and Twitter.

Half-Term Mardi Gras 17 -28 Oct | FREE

Come dressed in your most colourful outfits to your local library, for crafty and games fun.

Expression 29 October | FREE

Join us at Nottingham Central Library to celebrate Black History Month showcasing the talents of young people in Nottingham.

Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Libraries Readers' Day

County Hall West Bridgford | 12 Nov

Join us for a relaxed and enjoyable day of author talks, discussions and much more at our annual Readers' Day! Booking essential. For more details email sandra.edis@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Find out more about all the great events happening at your local library at nottinghamcity.gov.uk/libraries or sign up for Libraries emails at www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/stayconnected

Get online for FREE!

Library members can enjoy unlimited computer use – for FREE.

Bookings can be made for up to two hours but after 3pm sessions are limited to one hour. Wi-Fi is also available to anyone visiting a Nottingham City library for a small charge.



HALL OF FAME HEROES



Nottingham to host Hall of Fame football celebration

A special celebration event is being organised to mark the induction of Notts County and Nottingham Forest into the National Football Museum Hall of Fame.

The Manchester-based museum will be recognizing the city's unique contribution to British football. Footballing heroes from the past and present will join together on 3 November at the Motorpoint Arena as the Nottingham Forest European Cup winning squads and players from the oldest professional football club in the world, Notts County, take their rightful place amongst the world's football elite.

Nottingham Forest's very own "Picasso of Football", John Robertson, who receives an individual induction into the Hall of Fame and Notts County's all-time highest scorer Les Bradd will be among the list of star names attending.

Fans will get the chance to meet the stars from past and present as they share their favourite goals and moments

- from Nottingham's rich footballing history as well as looking forward to the future of football in the City and the achievements of the Nottingham City of Football project.

- Councillor Jon Collins, Leader of Nottingham City Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Regeneration said: "We are delighted to be hosting such a prestigious event to celebrate football in Nottingham.

- "We have a proud history and are excited about the future of football as our status as the City of Football suggests. Participation in football across Nottingham is at an all time high and the City of Football project continues to break down barriers and get more and more people involved in the beautiful game."

Tickets for the event at the Motorpoint Arena are on sale priced at £10 for adults. For more information go to city-of-football.uk

Curtain up for Theatre Royal revamp

The £3.3m Royal Transformation Project, joint-funded with Arts Council England, is now underway.

The first phase, completed in September 2016, features a refurbishment of the Box Office and Concert Hall entrance foyer.

The second act will then start, making the Royal Concert Hall the go-to place all day long, with a new café and bar open from breakfast to midnight. The spectacular roof terraces will be brought back to life, meeting and conference rooms improved and a small-scale rehearsal space for community groups created. Both venues will be closed to the public in August and September 2017 - but the show must go on and plans to keep the popular Classic Thriller Season in Nottingham are being made. Watch this space!

Head over to trch.co.uk to keep up with developments on the new Theatre Royal and Royal Concert Hall website. It has been optimised for mobile phone use, so you can see what's on while you're on the go.



Visit nottinghamcity.gov.uk/whatson to find out more about what's on in your local park – or sign up for Parks emails at: www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/stayconnected

Are you feeling inspired by Rio? Get Active and save!



We can't all be gold-medal winners but everyone can get active at one of the City Council's eight leisure centres.

With swimming pools, gyms, health suites, personal training, more than 150 fitness classes, tennis, badminton, squash and other sport facilities there is something for everyone.



New mobile app

You can book fitness classes and swimming sessions on our new iPhone and Android App. It is FREE to download, just visit your App Store or Google Play and search for 'NCCSport'.

Where's my nearest centre...



Opening hours range from 6.30am - 10.30pm

Please contact the centre directly for specific opening hours or visit our website

www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/leisurecentres

...and what do they offer?

Leisure Centres	Fitness Classes	Pool & Aqua Classes	Gym & One2One	Health Suite
Harvey Hadden Sports Village 0115 876 1600 Wigman Road, NG8 4PB	✓	✓	✓	✓
Clifton Leisure Centre 0115 876 1600 Southchurch Drive, Clifton, NG11 8AB	✓	✓	✓	✓
Djanogly Community Leisure Centre 0115 876 1600 Gregory Boulevard, Forest Fields, NG7 6ND	✓	✓	✓	✓
John Carroll Leisure Centre 0115 876 1600 Denman Street, Radford, NG7 3PS	✓	✓	✓	
Ken Martin Leisure Centre 0115 876 1600 Hucknall Lane, Bulwell, NG6 8AP	✓	✓	✓	✓
Nottingham Tennis Centre 0115 876 1600 University Boulevard, NG7 2QH	✓		✓	✓
Southglade Leisure Centre 0115 876 1600 Southglade Road, Bestwood, NG5 5GU	✓	✓	✓	✓
Victoria Leisure Centre 0115 876 1600 Gedling Street, Sneinton, NG1 1DB	✓	✓	✓	✓

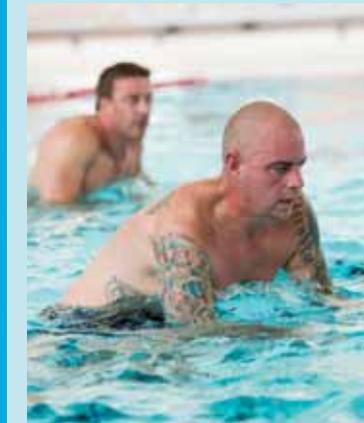
Join Active Nottingham and bag a £1 discount every time you book an activity. Pop into any leisure centre and ask a member of staff or call 0115 876 1600.

Other discounts of up to 50% are available to city residents with a disability, up to 18 year-olds, 60+ years or adults in receipt of certain benefits.

flexible

Regular leisure centre visitors can enjoy great savings by joining our Flexible Fitness membership scheme and use facilities at any of our centres – for details take a look at nottinghamcity.gov.uk/flexiblefitness

fitness



DID YOU KNOW, everyone enrolled with Nottingham Swim School can enjoy FREE access to public swimming at all our leisure centres!

Need some advice?

Then speak to us at on 0115 876 1600, pop into your local centre, visit www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/sportandleisure or drop us an email at sportandleisure@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Try for FREE!

See over the page

Try something sporty for FREE!

There is a world of sporting activities for you in Nottingham – and lots of them are available to you for FREE.

You can visit a leisure centre of your choice for FREE! Check out: nottinghamcity.gov.uk/freepass and download your pass.



Or why not sign up to have a **FREE Tennis Experience at Nottingham Tennis Centre?** Sessions are available for all ability levels – from newbies to old hands wishing to get back into the game. You can also take the kids for a FREE Junior Tennis Experience.



FREEsport is also offering a range of other sessions, including archery, badminton, tennis and netball, at indoor and outdoor venues across the city until March 2017. These sessions, for Nottingham residents aged 16 or over, take place at different times of the day and days of the week to be open to the widest possible number of budding sports people. To register call 0115 876 1600 or visit nottinghamcity.gov.uk/freesport

Swim fun for everyone
Swimming is great exercise, good fun and could save your life. We have lots of opportunities to learn to swim for all ages. Nottingham Swim School runs classes at all seven of our swimming pools across the city for all ages from six months. Everyone enrolled gets free swimming as often as they want at public sessions in any of our pools. For more information visit: nottinghamcity.gov.uk/swimming

Go ride your bike for FREE! There's still time to get on your bike and enjoy a FREE guided Sky Ride around some of our beauty spots and places of interest. The Nottingham Sky Ride programme, run in partnership with British Cycling and the City Council FREEsport initiative, offers rides at different ability levels on Sundays until 9 October.



Find out more or register for a ride at goskyride.com/nottingham

Big Cities have Police Divisions

- ✓ Newcastle
- Manchester ✓
- Liverpool ✓
- Leeds ✓
- Sheffield ✓
- Nottingham ✗
- ✓ Birmingham
- ✓ Bristol

So why abolish ours?

Nottingham City Council

Making sure every child reaches their potential

More than 4,000 extra city primary school places have been put in place since 2009 as a result of £41.9 million of investment.

Highlights of the programme include Basford's new £5.3 million Heathfield Primary School, which opened in October 2015 with room for 420 extra pupils and 52 nursery places, and Sneinton's £4 million Nottingham Academy, opening this academic year, with 420 new places.

Work to provide 1,500 new school places will be finished over the next few years, including:

- the new £5.7 million Bluecoat Academy Primary School, Bilborough, set to open in January 2017 and will admit an extra 420 children
- Mellers Primary in Radford will see a £3.35 million expansion of eight classrooms and a hall that will open in September 2017 to admit 210 extra children and doubling nursery places to 52
- the £2.25 million expansion of Fernwood Primary in Wollaton to be completed in spring 2017 increasing capacity by 210.



Councillor Sam Webster, Portfolio Holder for Education, Employment and Skills, said: "We are committed to providing Ofsted good-rated school places close to home for every child in Nottingham. This year we have been able to ensure that every child in Nottingham who will be starting school in September has been offered a place. The Council's school expansion programme has already seen an increase in children receiving their first or second choice school from 89.82% in 2012 to 92% in 2016."

Work has also been completed in other communities like The Meadows, St Ann's and Aspley. For the academic year starting in September 2016, 292 extra school places have been created.

Let NottinghamJobs work for you

NottinghamJobs has successfully supported thousands of city residents into work – you could be the next jobseeker or business to benefit from their support.

Whether it's accessing training opportunities, applying for job vacancies or getting support with applications, NottinghamJobs offers free advice and help to local residents. They run lots of programmes for jobseekers, such as the £6.8m Nottingham Works programme, part financed by the City Council and the European Union, that gives advice and support for 18-29 year old unemployed city residents who are looking for work. It also offers financial support for businesses who offer young city residents traineeship, apprenticeship or job opportunities.

So, if you know a local business looking to take a young person on, or someone looking for the next step in building a career, NottinghamJobs.com can help. Councillor Sam Webster, Portfolio Holder for Education, Employment and Skills, Nottingham City Council, commented: "Nottingham is a city that believes in making sure our residents have first access to the jobs and training opportunities that are being generated by the development and business growth we're seeing. We are committed to working with business, continuing to reduce unemployment and giving the best opportunities to Nottingham people."

To find out how NottinghamJobs and its Nottingham Works programme can help you or your business call 0115 876 4508 or visit www.nottinghamjobs.com



"It's working for me"

Don't miss out on your child's school place in 2017!

If their 5th birthday is between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 then you need to register now.*

Date of Birth:
01/09/2012 - 31/08/2013

- Go online at www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/schooladmissions
- or visit any Nottingham City primary school

Once you have registered we will send you application information at the end of November 2016 to help you to apply for a place in Reception at a primary school.

*Please note that if your child already attends The Nottingham Nursery School or a nursery attached to a Nottingham City school you don't need to register as we will already have your child's details. However, if you change your address or nursery before 30 September 2016 you will need to tell us. Your child will be due to start at a primary school in September 2017.

Need more help?

Email: schooladmissions@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

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Thousands of first-time and returning students arrive in the city this autumn as our universities open their doors for the new academic year.

With over 60,000 students at the two universities, students play a massive part in the life of the city. Did you know:

■ It's estimated that between the University of Nottingham itself and what its students spend in the city, £884m is added to the local economy

■ The Universities are major employers - 1 in every 24 local jobs is provided by the University of Nottingham

■ 660 suppliers in Nottingham benefit from selling goods and services to the universities and their students.

Young graduates are also vital to the local economy. Growing businesses, are supported by students providing fresh thinking and technical expertise.

Both universities have programmes to provide local businesses with student placements, even helping towards the cost of employment for small businesses.

Grads4Nottm

Grads4Nottm, an initiative that places graduate interns with local employers, say 90% of employers wanted to implement ideas within their business that they had come up with.

Many graduates also choose to set up businesses of their own in Nottingham, creating more jobs as they employ others.



Get Smartcard

For just £270 university students can buy a Robin Hood smart travel card to save money and enjoy joined-up, unlimited bus, tram and train travel all over Nottingham until 31 July 2017. On sale at Broadmarsh and Victoria Travel Centres

www.robinhoodnetwork.co.uk

Students in the community

Nottingham City Council works with students so they can be positive members of their local communities.

We work with the two universities and student unions to educate students on rubbish and recycling, staying safe, being a good and respectful neighbour and also on how they can get involved with volunteering in the local area, as many students do every year.

If you're a student new to the city, there's lots of helpful information at www.nottmstudents.com

Fending off fraudsters

Organisations across the city and county have come together to help residents avoid becoming victims of fraud.

The City Council, Age UK Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire, Notts Police and the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner have teamed up with Experian and Outreach Solutions to deliver a community outreach campaign offering advice to people on how to spot fraudulent activity and stop it happening to them or people they know or care for.

Aimed at those aged 55 plus, the campaign will look at the most common scams, and what people can do to protect themselves from becoming a victim.

Some of the tips include:

- Never give your bank card or PIN to anyone
- Never send money to anyone you don't know or pay fees to claim prizes or lottery winnings
- Don't be afraid to put the phone down to cold callers or to end the call with a brief "No, thank you"
- Take your time and don't be pressured into a commitment – ask questions or seek a second opinion from someone you trust
- Don't call unfamiliar numbers or reply to unsolicited texts as these may charge at premium rates.

For more information please call Age UK on 0115 844 0011 or contact info@ageuknotts.org.uk

City's transport is buzzing...

With a 34km tram network, the UK's largest fleet of electric buses and £6.12m of Go Ultra Low City funding, Nottingham's electric transport is definitely moving in the right direction.

As a Go Ultra Low Company, the City Council is investing in its fleet of vehicles and where it can replacing petrol and diesel vans and cars with electric alternatives. In the long run this will save money and help improve the environment, especially air quality.

As part of the Go Ultra Low programme, the Council and its partners will be investing in electric vehicle charging points, opportunities to try electric vehicles before you buy and holding events to show that electric vehicles are great for business and domestic users alike. It may even be possible to use your Robin Hood travel card to pay for charging vehicles.



Do you use electric vehicles for your business or domestic travel?

The City Council would like to hear from electric vehicle users willing to become green travel champions and help raise awareness of how great low-emission vehicles are.

Take part in the city's low-emission journey and feel the benefit of Nottingham's electric investment.

For more information visit goultralownottingham.org.uk or email goultralow@nottinghamcity.gov.uk



All-electric buses on the streets

The City's fleet of all-electric buses will make their bow on the city's streets from September.

You may notice the new blue buses being trialled on the Centrelink service, the Park & Ride and Medilink routes or being tested on other city streets. The 13 new buses will be the UK's first all-electric Park & Ride bus service, boosting the electric bus fleet to 58, and are funded with a £1.4m grant from the Department for Transport Green Bus Fund with an additional £2.1m raised from the City Council's Workplace Parking Levy.

Electric buses will reduce noise, improve air quality and be cheaper to operate than traditional diesel powered buses. The existing Linkbus service is already the largest electric bus fleet in the UK, saving the City Council around £18,000 in fuel costs each year. The vehicles produce zero emissions, apart from their diesel-powered heaters.

Save energy and save money

Nottingham has hit its climate change target early and the fact that people are using less energy to heat their homes is a big part of this success.

As autumn arrives and you are tempted to crank up the thermostat, why not take a look at our ten tips on keeping warm and saving money.

- **Insulate your home** – loft and wall insulation, like the Council's Greener Housing scheme, make a huge difference but smaller steps like secondary glazing film will help too
- **Use central heating** – it is often cheaper than heating one room with a gas fire
- **Close internal doors** – keep heat in
- **Turn the thermostat down** – and put on a jumper!
- **Switch your energy provider** – this could be an instant big money saver
- **Ask for a smart meter** – get in control of your energy
- **Use a timer for your heating** – turn on 15 minutes before you need it and turn off 30 minutes before you go to bed.
- **Check the label** – buy energy efficient appliances and save pounds on your bills
- **Turn off lights** – when not needed and switch to energy saving bulbs
- **Get the benefit** – households on low incomes or in receipt of benefits may be eligible for £140 warm home discount – ask your energy provider if you qualify.

Switch and save

Switching to a new provider, such as Robin Hood Energy, is one of the best ways you can save money on your energy bills – you could save hundreds of pounds a year.

Nottingham City Council's Robin Hood Energy supply company is committed to tackle fuel poverty and help customers cut their energy bills through low and transparent tariffs. The process is very easy, they will take the worry out of switching. If you're unsure about who to switch to, use USwitch or another comparison site.

Don't be tempted by gimmicks, go with the energy supplier you can trust and that offers the best all round deal.



Get smart with your meter

Smart meters are the new generation of gas and electricity meters that show you how much energy you are using in near real time - bringing an end to estimated bills.

Everyone in Britain will be offered a smart meter by their energy supplier. With your smart meter, you'll also get an easy-to-understand in-home display unit, so that you can work out which appliances are guzzling the most energy. Or show the kids the difference it can make when they remember to turn the lights off!

For more information about smart meters go to smartenergygb.org



Fly the flag for Nottingham in Parliament Day

An action-packed celebration of Nottingham is heading for the capital.

Nottingham in Parliament Day will take place on Tuesday 25th October 2016 when over 60 Nottingham institutions and businesses, led by The University of Nottingham, will come together to shout about their city. From Robin Hood to Boots, Speedo and Sat Bains, the people, institutions and businesses that make the city great will be showcased in a one-day takeover of Westminster. Robin Hood Energy – the City Council's not-for-profit energy company will be represented at the event.

The University of Nottingham Vice Chancellor Professor Sir David Greenaway said: "We are celebrating our heritage but this is also about the future we want for Nottingham. We also want to help Nottingham shout louder about its successes, to celebrate it as a seat of economic investment and growth in the home of the Midlands Engine – itself powered by collaborative research and industry initiatives such as Midlands Innovation.

Paul Southby, Chairman of Marketing Nottingham and Nottinghamshire said: "This is all about putting Nottingham and the wider county on the map as a highly desirable place to locate your business, pursue your career and spend your leisure time – ultimately helping to drive economic growth and create new jobs in the region."

www.nottinghaminparliamentday.uk/
[@Nottingham_Day](https://twitter.com/Nottingham_Day)

Urgent reminder to complete your voter registration form

Reminders are going out to Nottingham residents who haven't yet completed the Household Enquiry Forms (HEFs) they received recently as part of the process of registering to vote.

HEFs have been sent to every household to show residents who is currently registered at their address and ask them to confirm or update the details by responding to the form. Responding to the HEF is a legal requirement as the information is needed to publish a complete and accurate Electoral Register on 1 December each year. Anyone not responding to the form could be fined up to £1,000.

The quickest and easiest way to complete the form is online at:

- www.householdresponse.com/Nottingham
- Alternatively, you can ring Electoral Services on 0115 876 4111 or
- returning the form by post

If there are no changes to make to the form, you can confirm this by:

- ringing 0800 197 9871 (automated service) or
- texting NOCHANGE followed by your security code to 80212

The individual security codes provided on each HEF need to be provided when responding online or by phone. Households not responding to the form are required to receive a personal visit, a process that can be very costly.

Why register to vote?

Being registered to vote will:

- allow you to be able to vote
- improve your credit rating
- make it easier to access some council services
- help you avoid a fine of £80

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

MAKE SURE YOU'RE IN





Looking After Each Other

A huge push to get more people Looking After Each Other is getting under way this autumn.

We're encouraging people to do more to help others. It's not just the big things – sometimes it's the small acts of kindness that can make the biggest impact. We want people to take pride in our city and in the way we treat others.

Along with partners at the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group and the Nottingham Community and Voluntary Services, we're asking people to find different ways of making a difference.

We want you to be:

- Looking after yourself
- Looking after your city
- Looking after each other

We believe we can build a better Nottingham through our actions, not just through bricks and mortar.

And the reason is simple: we can change lives – both young and old. Taking time to help could be about contributing to a book gifting scheme like Dolly Parton's Imagination Library; or it could be pulling out the bin of an elderly neighbour every week. All of these acts make a difference.

How you can make a difference

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library gives a free book to a child's home every month from birth until the age of five.

www.dollybooksnottingham.org

Safe Families for Children needs second-hand equipment or toys to give to families in crisis. You could also share your practical or parenting skills with families that might be struggling. SFFC also provides befriending, mentoring and support services to help parents through times of crisis.

www.safefamiliesforchildren.com

Rally Round lets you sign up to give small amounts of time to look after a neighbour by looking in on them, doing their shopping or giving them an occasional lift to a medical appointment or social activity. www.rallyroundme.com

Click Nottingham is looking for people who can offer their skills to reduce loneliness and social isolation in Nottingham. Through one to one coaching and peer support it helps to grow confidence and self-esteem. www.clicknottingham.com

Super Kitchen is a social eating space set up to feed the whole person; belly and heart – making a positive impact on food waste, food poverty and social isolation. There are Super Kitchens throughout the city. www.superkitchen.org

NYAS provides advocates for children, young people and vulnerable adults, supporting them with any difficulties they face and helping resolve issues concerning them. www.nyas.net

Fostering is the ultimate way to change a child's life – perhaps you and your family could provide a Nottingham City Council looked after child with a temporary foster care placement or the stability of a permanent loving home for a child in need of adoption? www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/foster

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Get More Nottingham

More Nottingham is a new city centre loyalty scheme launched by the Nottingham Business Improvement District, Nottingham City Council and Nottingham City Transport.

It will boost city centre businesses and reward people that work, study and travel in the city by offering a special offers and deals in shops, restaurants, bars and pubs. So far over 80 businesses in the city centre have signed up to deals that could save you as much as 50% off your restaurant bill and 10% off your shopping at leading city centre stores. To be eligible for More Nottingham discounts, you need to have either a Robin Hood Transport card, a More Nottingham card, a student card or a Nottingham City Transport Easy Rider card.

Details of all the offers can be found at: itsinnottingham.com/morenottingham



Green light for Eco Expressway

Buses, bikes, electric vehicles and taxis will get priority along one of Nottingham's busiest routes as it is turned into the new Eco Expressway.

The 10k route will run between the city centre and Vale Road in Colwick, via Manvers Street and Daleside Road. Work is expected to start in the autumn. The aim is to encourage more people to travel sustainably around Nottingham, with the route funded through the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership, who are providing £6.1m for the bus priority measures.

The Eastern Cycle Corridor will be delivered at the same time and together will provide high capacity, high frequency east west low emission transport options for Nottingham. The proposed Eco Expressway will create new bus lanes in both directions to improve journey times, new and improved bus stops and pedestrian crossings. The Eastern Cycle Corridor will provide a two-way Cycle Superhighway on the north side of the road, segregated from traffic and pedestrians. The existing shared path from the Racecourse to Vale Road will be resurfaced and cyclists will also have priority at side roads.

To find out more go to transport.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/ecoexpressway

Nottingham's first Cycle Superhighway

The Cycle Superhighway, running from Castle Road to Gregory Street, will soon be complete.

It offers cyclists a segregated, safe, fast and smooth route and forms an exciting part of the Cycle City Western Cycle Corridor which will be entirely completed this autumn.

The City Council's Cycle City Ambition programme, funded by the City Council and a £6.1m investment by the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership gives all cyclists a two-way cycle track fully segregated from other traffic, dedicated cycle crossing on Abbey Bridge, improved traffic signalling and side road arrangements that give cyclists priority over other road users. So, why not get on your bike and give the Cycle Superhighway a go!



Become a Clean Champion

Make a difference to where you live – join our Nottingham Clean Champions scheme and help us to keep your neighbourhood clean.

Community groups, faith groups, businesses, schools, tenants and residents associations or individuals can join in this scheme and get support from the Council to make a real difference to your neighbourhood.

The Council will give you a handy Nottingham Clean Champions welcome pack that offers:

- Advice on how to report cleanliness issues in your neighbourhood
- Information on how you can help us support new residents to get bin collection calendars and recycling guides
- A range of equipment available for you to carry out a litter pick in your area

We will keep you up to date with all the latest Clean Champions' news and how their work is benefiting neighbourhoods.

We will also put up an 'Adopt A Street' sign in your neighbourhood to show everybody that your street is part of the Nottingham Clean Champions movement.



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Find out more at nottinghamcity.gov.uk/cleanchampions
email clean.champions@nottinghamcity.gov.uk or call 0115 876 3311

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Garden waste collection on hold

If you have a brown-lidded brown bin for your garden waste collection, the service will be paused from the end of October until the start of April.

Look out for your new waste and recycling calendar that will be sent to all households in November. The calendar will feature an update on your Christmas and New Year bin collections and will tell you exactly when your garden waste collection service will start up again.

Details will also be available at nottinghamcity.gov.uk/bin-and-rubbish-collections

Have you been to a Super Kitchen?

Founded in Nottingham in 2014, the Super Kitchens network aims to encourage more and more people to eat good food, together.

They are open to everybody to come and socialise at mealtimes over an affordable dinner. And the number of Super Kitchens in Nottingham is set to grow over the coming year giving everyone the chance to eat, talk and get together.

A recent report found that a surprisingly high number of people said they had never eaten a meal with a local community group or club, or even a neighbour. As one customer said "when people find out about it, they tell their friends and more people come down. It's just a really sociable atmosphere. The food's great, it's a cheap and it's supporting a good cause."

"We evolved to eat together," says Marsha Smith of the Super Kitchen Project. "People should come together at mealtimes not only for good quality food but also for the social bonding that impacts on health and well-being and even determines how long we live."



How does Super Kitchen work?

Super Kitchen is about eating together at a mealtime, from one menu, like a family to maximise social benefit, using surplus food to provide environmentally-friendly and affordable, freshly-made meals.

All sorts of groups have set up and run social eating spaces. Support is given to set up the space, the model to use and putting food safety first.

Super Kitchens must be charitable not commercial enterprises and they must agree to uphold our social eating ethos.

Find out more about your nearest Super Kitchen at www.superkitchen.org



Safe Places in the city

The city is being made even safer for vulnerable people with the creation of a network of Safe Places, provided in partnership with Smile! Stop Hate Crime and Nottingham Mencap.

The idea is that vulnerable sign up for a Safe Places Help Card and if they feel frightened, lost or are being bullied when they are out and about, they can go to a Safe Place for help and support.

The Safe Places have been set up in public places, such as shops, libraries, leisure centres and pubs and offer a safe, calm, welcoming environment and place to sit. Trained staff are able to help and where necessary call the individuals emergency contact or the Police if required.

Safe Places can be recognised by the special sticker displayed in their window.

To get a Help Card or become a Safe Place call 0115 920 9524 or visit nottinghammencap.org.uk and search for safe places for more information.



Choose well and get the right NHS care

Feeling unwell? It's easy to get the right care, first time.

Self Care - Hangover, grazed knee, cough, sore throat



Pharmacy - Fever, stomach upset, aches and pains, headache

GP - Ear pain, back pain, symptoms that won't go away



111 - Surgery closed? Not sure what service you need? Call 111

Urgent Care Centre - Sprains, fractures, minor burns, skin infection



A&E - Loss of consciousness, severe breathing, heavy bleeding – this is an emergency!

For more information about NHS services please go to www.nhs.uk



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