

## **Leicestershire County Council May 2024 Monthly Report**

### **Property Flood Resilience Grants**

Applications for Property Flood Resilience Repair Grants are now open. Full details including how to apply are available [here](#). The Council is administering the grants locally on behalf of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). The scheme is part of the Flood Recovery Framework, support made available by the Government to those affected by [Storm Babet](#) and [Storm Henk](#). The Council has already contacted customers who have reported internal flooding during these events.

Property Flood Resilience refers to any measures applied to a building to make people and property less vulnerable to flooding and its impacts. It can also improve recovery times, however there is always a residual risk that properties will still be flooded.

Please email [floodgrant@leics.gov.uk](mailto:floodgrant@leics.gov.uk) if you have any questions or queries

### **The Local Nature Recovery Strategy**

Two surveys have been launched to capture a wide range of views, ideas and suggestions on how nature can be improved.

People are being asked for their priorities to help shape an ambitious new nature strategy for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland.

The Local Nature Recovery Strategy will help to protect nature and allow it to recover by preserving and improving habitats and biodiversity.

Leicestershire County Council has been appointed as the 'responsible authority' to lead on the development of the strategy, working closely with the other local authorities, key stakeholders in land management, and the Department of Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs (Defra).

Organisations including landowners, farmers, parish councils, environmental and nature groups alongside the public are being asked to have their say to help draw up the priorities to be included in the strategy.

The strategy will identify locations to create or improve habitat and to provide the greatest benefit for nature and the wider environment.

The [surveys can be found here](#), and [more information about the Local Nature Recovery Strategy can be found here](#).

**The deadline for people to [have a say](#) on the development of this ambitious new nature strategy has been extended to the end of May.**

### **Record year for primary school first choices**

A record 99% of children secure a place at one of their top three primary school preferences.

With 7,012 applications received this year, a record 99% of children across the county have been offered a place at one of their top three school preferences.

94.6% of youngsters due to start school for the first time have secured a place at their first preference school, with 3.6% being offered their second preference and 0.9% being offered their third preference primary school.

The county council is also reminding parents that if a school place has been refused, the child will have been placed on the school's waiting list. If a place becomes available parents will be contacted automatically.

Find out more about [applying for a primary school place in Leicestershire](#)

#### Notes

Primary school offers for autumn 2024 were revealed across the country on Tuesday 16 April.

The admissions process in Leicestershire adheres to central government rules and gives parents the right to have an appeal heard by an Independent Appeal Panel.

Parents who applied on paper will receive a letter and those who applied online will receive an email about the decision.

#### **Bosworth Medieval Festival returns this August**

The hugely popular Bosworth Medieval Festival will be making a welcome return this August.

The two-day event – which attracts thousands of visitors, re-enactors and traders from across the UK and beyond – **will take place on Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 August this year**, at the Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre.

This year's event is set to be even more special as the Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre marks its 50th anniversary of being open to the public.

The full programme is still being confirmed and more attractions will be added to the line-up in the coming weeks, as Bosworth Medieval Festival returns with a bang.

[Tickets for the festival are now on sale.](#)

Keep an eye on the [Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre website](#) for updates to the programme and ticket details.