

# Delegate Pack Information

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## Leicestershire County Council – Forestry & Arboriculture Group

Parish Council Tree Management - Get tree management advice and support from our professional forestry and Arboricultural team. Landowners have a legal obligation and duty of care to ensure trees within their ownership or control are managed appropriately.

Our services can provide Parish Councils with the procedures and information required to fulfil statutory obligations. Our team of fully qualified arboricultural specialists can undertake inspections and advise on the most appropriate course of management to maintain a healthy tree stock and minimise risk.

Our procedures are based on existing statutes and recognised national standards for tree risk management. Services offered include tree surveys and tree safety inspections which are recorded on a specialist database to provide an auditable trail; advice on tree related development matters; advice on tree management near boundaries; advice on tree/building issues and tree planting specification and design.

Any works recommended from our tree surveys are costed and prioritized to enable parish Councils to budget for tree maintenance. Cost estimates are based on very competitive rates which have been procured from the County Council's specialist tree maintenance contract.

We can also offer a complete tree management package which provides tailored cyclic tree safety surveys, appropriate hazard assessment training for site staff, ongoing ad-hoc advice and management of tree maintenance works.

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## Voluntary Action Leicestershire

The Voluntary Sector Support Team is funded by Leicestershire County Council and the local Clinical Commissioning Groups, to support the local Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector. Whether your group is just starting out or has been around for over 50 years, we can provide the tools, advice and support you need for running your organisation, developing your staff, or finding new avenues of funding. We know that voluntary groups deliver vital services that often benefit the most vulnerable people in our local communities. We want to encourage a VCSE sector that is thriving, vibrant, and works in partnership to deliver social good across the city and county.

Tel: 0116 2575050

Email: [helpline@valonline.org.uk](mailto:helpline@valonline.org.uk)

Website: <https://valonline.org.uk/>

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## Leicestershire County Council – Environment & Transport

SHIRE Environment Grant 2022 / 23 Leicestershire County Council is committed to improving the local environment through waste prevention and reuse to minimise the amount thrown away, reducing carbon and improving biodiversity.

In order to help eligible community based organisations achieve this, the Council is offering up to £3,000 in the form of SHIRE Environment Grants. We are particularly interested in funding new and innovative projects that will meet one or more of the grant scheme outcomes:

- To reduce the amount of household waste produced in Leicestershire
- To reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions within communities
- To improve biodiversity and support the creation, protection, enhancement and management of sustainable green spaces
- To raise awareness and understanding on the above outcomes as well as providing necessary training and skills to manage and support projects.

We are keen to support projects that can maintain or build on some of the positive environmental benefits that have arisen from the current Covid 19 situation, such as; reduced carbon emissions, increased biodiversity, improved air quality, greater appreciation of nature and green spaces etc. Such projects could help support the Council in providing a 'green recovery' from Covid 19.

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## Rural Community Council



Our mission statement:

"Overcoming barriers to training, employment and well-being across rural Leicestershire through collaboration."

The Work Live Leicestershire (WiLL) project is committed to going the extra mile to meet the needs of rural communities.

Residents living in rural areas can face difficulties accessing the opportunities that lead to employment, training and education.

Work Live Leicestershire was formed to overcome these barriers and help people in the county solve these problems, through a specialist and personalised support network.

We are funded by the European Social Fund and The National Lottery Community Fund and proudly sit within the Building Better Opportunities programme.

Their ethos in tackling the root causes of unemployment, promoting social inclusion and driving local jobs and growth is a vision shared by the WiLL project.

We operate alongside our partner organisations for the same goal - that the personal development of our participants should not be stunted, no matter what their aspirations are. This approach has served us well since we launched at the start of 2019, with Work Live Leicestershire continuing until, at least, 2023.

We have already guided hundreds of participants towards a brighter future within their local environment, with many of those the furthest away from the labour market. We are Work Live Leicestershire - Overcoming barriers to training, employment and well-being across rural Leicestershire through collaboration. For further details about the project, how to get involved or for queries, please contact us at [hello@ruralcc.org.uk](mailto:hello@ruralcc.org.uk) or 01455 856 318.



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## Waste Initiatives



Leicestershire County Council's Waste Initiatives Team works to reduce waste and increase recycling in Leicestershire. We offer free talks to schools, community groups and other organisations; run workshops and classes and attend events throughout the county. We cover a range of campaigns including:

**SHIRE Environment Grant** – Grants of up to £3,000 are available to support community-based organisations to improve the local environment through household waste prevention and reuse to in Leicestershire. Find out more on our [Leicestershire Communities](http://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk) website.

**Home composting** - Composting at home is an excellent way of turning your kitchen peelings into a valuable resource for the garden, it saves them going to landfill and reduces methane emissions. You can buy a cut price compost bin at: [www.getcomposting.com](http://www.getcomposting.com) or phone: 0844 571 4444.

**Love Food Hate Waste** – The campaign tackles household food waste and the impact it has on the environment, providing information and guidance on effective ways to reduce your own food waste.

**Contamination in the recycling** – This campaign helps residents recycle more and recycle right. Putting the wrong things in recycling collections can cause problems for the processors and spoil a whole load of good materials.

**Love Your Clothes** – Textile production is a major contributor to climate change. This campaign looks at what we can all do to reduce our own environmental impact around clothing.

**Real Nappies** – We offer Leicestershire residents the opportunity to trial Real Nappies for free with our re-useable nappy kits.

To enquire about any of the waste initiatives, book a talk or if you'd like us to come along to your event, please email: [wasteprevention@leics.gov.uk](mailto:wasteprevention@leics.gov.uk), call 0116 305 7005 or visit: [www.lesswaste.org.uk](http://www.lesswaste.org.uk). Facebook: @LeicestershireRecycling

We also run and manage volunteer programmes. Contact us to find out how you can become a volunteer or visit our [Volunteering page](#).

Sign up for our quarterly Environment Matters Newsletter here:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/sign-up-for-environment-matters>

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## Fareshare Midlands

At FareShare Midlands we save good food from going to waste. We redistribute fresh, tasty, in-date food and store cupboard staples from some of the UK's top food companies to more than 550 frontline charities reaching more than 35,000 vulnerable people every week.

Volunteers are critical to the success of Fareshare Midlands they provide priceless support with driving the vans, helping to sort and store food in our warehouses, and performing administrative tasks in the offices. Whatever you're doing, as a FareShare Midlands volunteer you are getting our good-to-eat surplus food to where it's truly needed.

Our volunteers tell us their time at FareShare Midlands helps them build new skills, develop confidence, make new friends and feel like they are doing something great, while giving back to their community. Come and talk to us today about joining the FareShare Midlands volunteer family and help us feed vulnerable people across Leicestershire.

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## Public Health – Local Area Coordination



Local Area Co-ordination is a community based preventative offer from Public Health at Leicestershire County Council. In line with the LAC network, we work in accordance with 10 powerful principles that shape our approach to people and communities. The team are based in targeted communities across the County and aim to be a first point of contact for any resident that lives there, across a wide range of issues. By removing barriers to support and providing easily accessible, timely conversations, we see true prevention in action. The result of this means that residents have increased independence and control over their lives and are connected to their community to meet any needs and use their skills. We also see community capacity building and an increase in resilience in these areas and ultimately prevent people reaching crisis and needing formalised services – preserving them for those that need them most.

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## Work and Skills Leicestershire



Work & Skills Leicestershire is a completely free service run by Leicestershire County Council.

It offers support with skills, training and employment and since its launch last June, has helped over 460 people, including 58 to find a job. To read our case studies visit [Karen's Journey on the Leicestershire County Council's website](#)

### **What we can support with**

CV writing skills, Job search, Learning, training or volunteering opportunities, Interview techniques, Digital training, Self-employment advice and business support

### **We can support you over the phone, online or at our Employment Hubs**

Loughborough Library	on Tuesdays 10am and 12noon
Wigston Library	on Wednesday 10am and 12non
Coalville Library	on Wednesday 2pm and 4pm
Hinckley Library	on Fridays 10am and 12noon

For details visit <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/jobs-and-volunteering/skills-for-jobs/work-and-skills-leicestershire> or call 0800 988 0308.

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## **Communities Team**



Leicestershire County Council's Communities Team works across multiple areas and with many partners to help communities to thrive. We are committed to working in partnership with communities to improve the lives of people living or working in Leicestershire. Amongst other things, we support Parish and Town Councils, neighbourhood planning, promote social value projects, as well as coordinating a community network, and volunteering opportunities run by the Council.

Come and visit our stall to find out more about the opportunities we have on offer and ways you can get involved with your community:

- Have a look at our volunteering opportunities on offer
- Join our community network to hear about upcoming events and be part of a local network
- Ask about strength/asset-based training
- Find out about what other groups are doing.

You can also find out more on our website [www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk](http://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk)

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## **Trading Standards**

The Trading Standards Service is here to ensure a fair and safe trading environment, which protects the wellbeing of Leicestershire people and supports legitimate businesses grow. We can provide advice and guidance to Leicestershire businesses on all the legislation we enforce, please see below. Most of our advice is free but some is chargeable

Product Safety, Food businesses, Animal feed, animal health and welfare, Weights and measures, Age restricted sales, Counterfeit goods and Trading fairly, Scams & Doorstep crime

[www.leicestershire.gov.uk/business-and-consumers/trading-standards](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/business-and-consumers/trading-standards)