

# FOCUS



YOUR LIBERAL DEMOCRAT COUNCILLOR FOR MUSTERS WARD

**Councillor Sara Dellar**

## Get in the know about proposed Local Government change

### The future of Rushcliffe Borough Council

The future of Rushcliffe Borough Council is in question.

On 6th February all Councils in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire were asked by the government to come up with interim proposals on ending the two levels of local authorities. Did you know that the Borough Council are responsible for maintaining some areas of grass, whilst the County Council are responsible for others?

### Proposed advantages

It is argued that larger, combined local governments would be a better use of public money, whilst being clearer who is responsible for which services. It would also better enable decentralisation from central government.

### Disadvantages

There are concerns about the cost of reorganisation and the inheritance of other local authorities debt, which would have an impact on the finances available for local services.



*Sara and Nancy discussing the value of a town council*

### Town council

The Liberal Democrats prefer services to be delivered as locally as possible.

Currently, West Bridgford does not have a town council, as a place where local people can decide what's best for their local area. Past proposals for a town council were resisted by the Rushcliffe Conservatives.

If the authorities decide there is sense in changing, we continue to support having a Town Council for West Bridgford.

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## Liberal Democrats — Working hard for you



### Sara finds out more about local Police initiatives

Sara recently met with local police to find out more about what residents can do to reduce crime in Rushcliffe. The main ask was for residents to report all crimes, so that they can target their use of resources.

They also recommend using a good quality D lock to secure bicycles as Rushcliffe is a target area for bike theft.

### Hand your used inhalers or unused medicines into the Pharmacy.

Did you know that you can take used inhalers for recycling?

They can be recycled into new products such as coat hangers and waste bins.

You can also return unused or expired medicines.

Sadly the Pharmacy on Loughborough Road has closed. That leaves two unused shops now in the area.

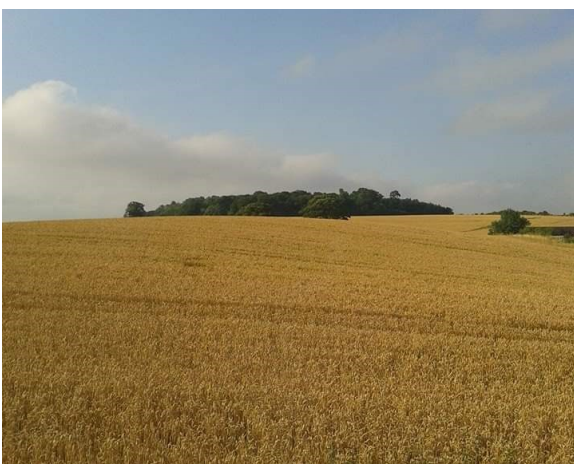
Fortunately the helpful pharmacy staff moved to the existing Pharmacy shop on Melton Road.



*Sara recycles some inhalers*

### Update on Sharphill

Residents' concerns about the Sharphill development heard some answers to shared questions at a meeting of Councillors and interested parties in December. We raised some issues in our Autumn 2024 focus. A summary of the response is:



*The view uphill 2015*

1. All the common land on the estate including the Community Park is currently managed by Vistry. The plan is that it will be transferred to the ownership of a management company - in this case, First Port. The ownership of the Council's Community Building and the allotments would transfer to the same company but leading Councillors may try to change that.

2. Maintaining the land drainage (existing and new) at the rear of Peveril Drive / Dorchester Gardens / Bracey Drive is likely to be the same management company but only to land in their ownership. However, Vistry have yet to provide full details of the site drainage plan.

3. The plans show an important wildlife hedgerow corridor across the ridgeline from the Wood to the Spinney. We are told that there is currently no timescale for the planting of the hedgerow. So much for looking after local wildlife!



# Liberal Democrats — Local services matter

Nottinghamshire County Council Election—Thursday 1 May 2025

## Your Lib Dem candidates



Nancy Smith-Mitsch  
WB South



Rod Jones  
WB West



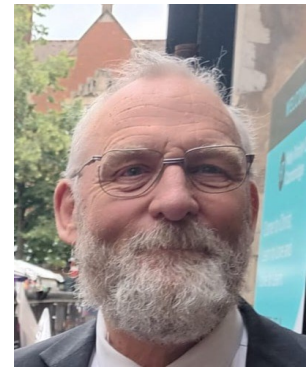
Keith Jamieson  
WB North



Sara Dellar  
Cotgrave



Linda Abbey  
Keyworth



Mike Wright  
Leake and Ruddington



## Sara makes musical memories

In March, Sara visited the Memory Café at St Pauls Church on Boundary Road. The café is every Friday morning from 10.30am-12.30pm and offers visitors the chance to talk about their memories. Towards the end of the session, people are encouraged to move to music. Sara said: “I really enjoyed visiting the café. I particularly liked seeing the joy that the old time music and movement brought to the visitors faces”.

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# Vote Liberal Democrats — It makes sense

## Tories BREXIT resulted in obstacles to trade

Ed Davey called on the Government to establish a deal to create a new UK-EU Customs Union. This would improve growth, remove trade barriers and be good for farmers and businesses.



The UK cannot depend on the President of the United States to be a reliable partner on security, defence, or the economy.

So we must strengthen our relationships with our European neighbours, whose economic and security interests are so closely intertwined with ours.

## Historic vote for Proportional Representation

Liberal Democrat MP Sarah Olney's bill to introduce proportional representation in England passed by just 2 votes! All Liberal Democrats and 59 Labour MPs voted for the change. Sarah called on the government to allocate time for the Bill to be debated. We will see.

In Europe, only England and Belarus have first past the post elections. Over 40 European countries use a form of proportional representation.

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Votes  
Matter**

## Lib Dem MPs opposed the rise in Employers National Insurance Payments

It will have a dire impact on Care providers, Hospices, the NHS and small businesses, educational establishments amongst others. Ed Davey said these should be exempt. The government loaded too much on jobs. We recognise the need to properly fund public services but those with the broadest shoulder should pay more.



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