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Greening campaign in Beeston Rylands

A PUBLIC meeting to introduce the idea behind a scheme for saving energy, based in Beeston Rylands, a 'Greening Campaign', was held in the New Venture Club on May 25.

Local resident Julie Jackson welcomed people to the meeting and outlined the agenda for the evening.

Ward councillor Steve Barber then gave a short presentation with details of energy saving measures already in place in the Rylands, such as the biggest river hydro-electric plant in England just below the weir on the Trent. Broxtowe Borough Council is also thought to be the first local authority to build

almost carbon neutral housing in Beeston four years ago. It hopes to participate in the BASF project at the University of Nottingham with a programme to build a further 17.

Cllr Barber also told the 20 or so people attending the Greening Campaign meeting about the well-advanced plans to build a wind turbine on the Boots site – close to the Rylands but within the city boundary. He reminded people that there was also often talk of a wind turbine on the weir field.

The meeting then split into groups to draw up a list of 10 money-saving measures

specifically for the Rylands, such as walking for journeys of less than a mile, turning lights off when you leave a room, etc.

The measures are printed onto a card, one of which will be delivered to every household in the Rylands. The householder pledges to follow four of the measures and, a few weeks later, a survey is carried out. In this way, that the money saved by the community can be estimated.

For more details, contact Mr Nigel Hamshere, Greening Campaign Co-ordinator, on tel: 07918 941 3097.

New tower hide subjected to 'mindless vandalism'

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"The vandalism at the hide may or may not be related to the tacks on the river bank, but we think it is. It may be that the person with the ongoing grudge against cyclists has upped his campaign of retribution, and we ask for the public's help."

As local residents, we are privileged to have the Attenborough nature reserve on our doorstep, an incredible wildlife area that people from far and wide come to share with us.

What is to be achieved by smearing engine grease over the surfaces in the tower hide is anybody's guess. Exactly who was this vandalism targeted at, and why?

People visiting the reserve for enjoyment are not going to be impressed. Indeed, they may well take their eyes off the birds to clock any humanoids that happen to be passing.

Let's hope they spot a rare one – and report it.

Police warn weather warning

POLICE are advising people to stay out of the county's waterways during the warm weather.

The warning comes after a number of individuals jumped into the River Trent, most after consuming alcohol, putting their own lives and that of anyone attempting to rescue them at risk.

Last week, a man who had been drinking on the riverbank decided to try and swim across to the other side; earlier in May, fixed penalty notices were issued to the two men rescued by police after a "race" across the Trent at Newark; Daniel Hulland from Bulwell drowned in April when he got into difficulty after getting into the water with friends near to Trent Bridge.

PC Paul Easter, from Nottinghamshire Police's Underwater Search Unit, said: "Warm weather attracts people to the river bank. Fast flowing water and alcohol is not an attractive combination and can be extremely dangerous. With added weight of shoes and clothing and the water still being cold, individuals may not be as good at swimming as they think.

"Alcohol impairs judgment and can make people think they are invincible. After a few drinks they jump into the river believing it to be a bit of fun. They don't think about the strength of the current or what will happen if they can't make it to the other side.

"Whilst we have seen some heroic rescues, it is not an ideal situation. Officers working with the Underwater Search Unit are extremely well trained, with specialist equipment to keep them safe, but the best solution for everyone would be for people to not take the risk in the first place."

Car park charges imminent

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Rylands councillor Steve Barber said: "Many of the people using our car parks are not residents of the borough and so pay nothing towards the upkeep of the car parks and contribute nothing to the economy. It is not right to charge people if they simply need to pick up a prescription or visit the Post Office.

"However, most authorities do now charge, and charge a lot more. The rates should not be so high

as to stop people from visiting Beeston."

Local shopkeepers, staff, office workers, council office staff and councillors will have to pay, although a lower rate season ticket should be available.

The first hour of parking remaining free of charge addresses the problem of 'nipping into Beeston to fetch something'.

Car park charging will be introduced at Eastwood and Stapleford at the same time, June 21.

News in Brief

Planning applications

THE following planning applications have been submitted to Broxtowe Borough Council.

Tesco has submitted an application to increase the floor area of the petrol filling station from 70 sq m to 84 sq m, and to raise the height of the service yard wall on Acacia Walk to 3.5 metres.

The owners of the hotel annexe building at 205 – 209 Station Road, Beeston, have applied for a change of use from Class C1 to dwellings Class C3, with alternations and extensions to the rear, and new vehicular access to both dwellings.

Evans Bros Ltd has submitted a proposal to build 87 dwellings on the former site of Long Eaton Textiles at 168 Bye Pass Road, Chilwell, and at Trowell, Dr Marcus Bicknell is seeking permission to build an outdoor swimming pool at Trowell Hall on Nottingham Road.

At 79 High Road, Toton (Toton News), Mrs Kaur seeks permission to construct two storey side and rear extensions to extend the existing retail unit and create two self-contained first floor apartments, and at the Japanese Water Gardens, Stapleford, Mr Abdula Ibrahim wishes to change the use of the car park to a car wash on the site at 251, Toton Lane.

Benefits of council services

HOUSING and Council Tax Benefits customers at Broxtowe Borough Council have reported increased levels of satisfaction, according to the latest survey results.

The fourth triennial Best Value Performance Indicator Survey found that customer satisfaction had increased to 88 percent, an improvement of eight percent between 2006 and 2009.

The survey examined certain aspects of the council's service, and revealed high levels of customer satisfaction reported by resident's visiting the council offices (90 percent) and dealing with council staff (91 percent).

A spokeswoman for the council said: "The results are particularly impressive given that the survey was conducted at the height of the recession and against an increased workload, which rose by 27 percent in the council's Benefit service alone, from 4800 claims in 2008/9 to 6100 the following year.