

Community

Beeston Air Cadets hit the airwaves

1359 (Beeston) Squadron, Royal Air Force Air Cadets, were recently invited to go live on BBC Radio Nottingham's Gareth Evans Show to talk about the activities the Corps has to offer young people.

CI Mike Hill and Cadet Sergeant (Sgt) Sophie Gibson went along on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 8 to speak to Gareth and to publicise the Squadron's Recruitment Open Evening, which was due to take place the same evening.

Gareth's questions gave CI Hill and Sgt Gibson plenty of opportunity to promote the activities offered to young people and to talk about their experiences as part of 1359 Squadron and the Corps as a whole.

Afterwards, Sgt Gibson said: "I was so nervous, I could hardly speak to start with. But I quickly composed myself and really enjoyed the experience."

If you are aged between 13 and 17 and are interested in joining as an Air Cadet and would like to find



Radio Nottingham's Gareth Evans and 1359 (Beeston) Air Cadet Sergeant Sophie Gibson outside the studio.

out more about 1359 and the Royal Air Force Air Cadets, then visit www.1359squadron.com.

If you are aged over 20 and would like to get involved as an volunteer Adult Instructor, then please

contact 1359 via their website (see above) for more information.

Savings to be made as cash-strapped County Council proposes reduction in number of printed guides published

PLANS to save £178,000 a year by reducing the number of publications sent to Nottinghamshire households, whilst improving communications with residents, are being proposed by the County Council.

The Council's quarterly newspaper, County News, and its annual council tax leaflet, which are distributed to 346,000 households across the county, will no longer be produced as part of the proposals.

Both publications will be replaced by an annual guide that will be sent to Nottinghamshire households and will feature events

listings, councillor details and information on the council's budget along with news on its services.

It is also proposed that the twice-yearly What's On Guide, which lists the authority's events and is available in key locations such as libraries and children's centres, will be discontinued.

The authority is looking into the possibility of producing separate guides aimed at older people and families and an events leaflet at key times of the year.

Residents are being encouraged to access more news and information on

council services via its website and through email alerts and social media, all of which will be improved.

Feedback was sought from a representative sample of local residents across the county, many of whom are keen to receive information on their local area, councillors' contacts and the authority's events.

The plans will be considered by the council's Policy Committee on Wednesday, October 16.

Cllr Alan Rhodes, Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council, said: "We are planning to target our limited resources more effectively to communicate

with residents, given the current budget constraints we are facing with reduced Government grants and increasing demand for key services.

"As more people are using the internet for news and information we are encouraging residents to access our publications, guides and service information online.

"We are introducing an annual guide which will be delivered to all local households to keep them informed about our services and events, how we are spending their council tax and how they can contact their local councillor."

More free microchipping for dogs this winter

DOG OWNERS can microchip their pets for free at three additional drop-in events across Broxtowe Borough over the next three months, following two successful events over the summer.

Three more events have been organised for October, November and December, to give more residents a chance to get their dog's microchipped and so increase the chances of being reunited with their pets should they get lost.

Last year, Broxtowe Borough Council's dog wardens collected 261 dogs. Of these, only 16 were reunited with their owners from an identification tag, compared to 112 because of a microchip. 72 dogs were never reclaimed by their owners and were placed up for adoption at Babbington Hall rescue.

So far this year, 72 dogs have been microchipped at two similar events in Stapleford and Nuthall.

The next events will take place on:

- Saturday, October 26 at Coronation Park, Plumpton Way Eastwood, (10.30am-1.30pm);
- Thursday, November 14 at Beeston Fields Park, Central Avenue, Beeston, (10.30am – 1.30pm);

- Saturday, December 7, at Manor Farm Park, High Road, Toton, (10am – 1pm).

Dog owners do not need to make an appointment to microchip their dog, simply turn up on the day. Dogs are required to wear a collar with an identification tag and be kept on a lead. No harnesses are to be worn on the implant area for a short period after the actual microchipping. This event is open to Broxtowe residents only. Microchipping has many benefits, including:

- Helping to reduce puppy farming, infectious disease and inherited defects;
- Deterring dog theft;
- Rapid return of lost pets;
- Easier identification of owners culpable of animal cruelty;
- Easier for vets to contact dog owners for emergency procedures.

It is hoped that microchipping will be compulsory for all dog owners in England by April 2016, following an announcement made by central government.

For more information and to report incidents of stray dogs, dog fouling and dangerous dogs in the borough of Broxtowe, please contact Broxtowe Borough Council on tel: (0115) 917 7777.

October Half Term Holiday Club at the Pearson Centre for Young People

The Pearson Centre for Young People, Nuart Road, Beeston is delighted to announce its

October Half Term Holiday Club

running from 9am to 4.30pm

Monday, October 21 to Friday, October 25 with activities for primary school children aged 6 to 11. We will be doing all sorts that the kids love – cooking, arts and crafts, cinemas, sports, quizzes, athletics and team games and much more!

Spaces are limited and are on a first come-first served basis with payment needing to be received before a place can be confirmed.

For more information about the holiday club or to book a place, please contact:

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