

FOCUS ON BUSINESS



Welcome!

You may be thinking the newsletter looks a little different this edition...that's because we've got a new layout! The newsletter will still contain important updates and information from the team at Newark and Sherwood District Council (NSDC) but will have a new exciting look and feel for 2023.



As we head further into March, we have some exciting news and opportunities to share with you all, from securing funding through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) to free Cyber Security support through the National Cyber Security Centre. In addition, we will also touch on sustainability in business in conjunction with the workshop NSDC hosted today (28 February) at Hexgreave Hall.

If you would like to contribute your own story and be featured in the next newsletter, please contact us here: Economic.Growth@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk.

Keep a look out for the next newsletter.

Many Thanks,

From the NSDC Economic Growth & Visitor Economy team!

Sustainability for Business workshop 2023



At the end of February 2023, NSDC and Leed Associates hosted a free sustainability workshop at Hexgreave Hall. The aim of this event was to help local businesses gain insight on how being more sustainable can decrease operational costs while increasing the resilience of their business.

Attendees heard from Will Syme-Nicholson, Partner at Leeds Associates, a local sustainable energy consultancy. NSDC representatives also discussed what the Council is doing to support sustainability.

The workshop concluded with a live survey, during which businesses provided feedback on what sustainability meant to them. This information will help influence later initiatives and support provided by NSDC.

Following the success of this workshop, sustainability will be one of the key themes of our next Economic Growth Conference, currently scheduled for Thursday 12th October 2023. Further details of this event will be made available in due course.

More information on sustainability support available to your business can be found on the [Business Sustainability](#) page on our website.

NSDC funding to support community focused projects

Newark and Sherwood Community Grant Scheme aims to support District-based groups, charities and not-for-profit organisations with projects or initiatives that align with the Council's Community Plan objectives.

These projects will be aimed at supporting the community and residents' lives. Already, £100,000 of funding has been allocated to 32 community groups across the district from the first two rounds.



A further 24 groups were approved for the next round of funding at NSDC's Cabinet meeting on 21 February.

UK Shared Prosperity Fund



NSDC successfully secured £3.28 million from the government's [UK Shared Prosperity Fund](#) (UKSPF) to diversify communities and town centres, enhance local skills, improve infrastructure, and help to accelerate economic growth across the district. The allocation will be spent on projects taking place with key partners over the next three years.

Submissions are now closed for round one, thank you to everyone that applied. Please keep an eye on our website and social media for information about future rounds.

[Find out more](#)

Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP) for Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire

NSDC hosted a presentation by Natalie Gasson-Mckinley, Development Manager in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire at the Federation of Small Businesses on Wednesday 8 February.

The local skills improvement plan is designed to place employers at the heart of local skills system and help to develop the skills employers need. Natalie discussed the importance of the LSIP to assess and realign skills supply and demand across Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire and how this will affect employers.

For more information please contact Natalie Gasson-McKinley on natalie.gasson-mckinley@fsb.org.uk

Upcoming events

Public Sector Procurement and Sustainability Event 2023 – Nottinghamshire County Council

Nottinghamshire County Council will be hosting an event to launch the new Nottinghamshire Sustainable Procurement Policy. Information presented will include guidance on social value and ways to maximise economic, social, and environmental benefits in the delivery of goods, services and works, including an explanation of the model used by the Council and examples from existing suppliers.

There will be two identical events that run back-to-back one will be hosted in the south of the county and the other in the north.

- Day 1 - 21 March 2023 at Ransom Hall, Southwell
- Day 2 - 22 March 2023 at County Hall, Loughborough

Please visit the [Eventbrite website](#) for more information or to book your place.

Sustainability support and solutions



Flexible Plastic Fund

The flexible plastic fund wants to increase and incentivise flexible plastic recycling. Only 8% of the UK's produced plastic is collected and recycled. The flexible plastic fund hopes to drive change and encourage more people to be involved in the flexible plastic supply chain, collaborating to increase collections and boost the supply of recycled plastics.

The flexible plastic fund is collaborating with brands like Nestle, Unilever, Lotus and more, to help reduce plastic pollution with retailers and manufacturers.

[Find out more](#)



Octopus Energy

Octopus Energy is working together with NatWest to support NatWest customers on discounted rates for electric vehicle charge points. If you are a NatWest customer that drives an electric car or is thinking of switching over, Octopus Energy offers an easy application system to help you pick the right charge point for you and your vehicle.

[Find out more](#)



EV Charge Point Installation Scheme

The Electric Vehicle (EV) Charge Point Installation Scheme aims to help businesses install EV charge points for staff and their operations. To access the grant, you must register your business and be installer approved by the Office of Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV).

[Find out more](#)



NSDC and Business Sustainability

If you would like any more information on sustainability the NSDC website has compiled a list of useful links and information on where to start if you are trying to make more sustainable decisions for you and your business.

Find out more



Good News Stories- The NSDC Business Growth and Resilience Programme

NSDC's Business Growth and Resilience Programme offered support and guidance from industry specialists to local businesses in four key sectors.

Businesses participating in the courses received mentoring and the opportunity to apply for a discretionary grant to boost recovery and growth. Continue reading to discover another fantastic story from a business that completed the scheme!

Homeopath, Wendy Jackson

Wendy has been a qualified Homeopathic practitioner (alternative health options) practicing since 2006.

Wendy joined the Newark and Sherwood Business Resilience and Growth Programme and has received business mentoring and support. As well as being awarded a grant that she used to purchase new IT equipment and a phone to help support her "on the go" business, she has also gone on to run 21 successful online workshops from February to December 2022.

Wendy received training in Business Strategy Development; Marketing Strategy Development; Customer Engagement as well as many more training opportunities. A new business plan developed as part of the Business Resilience Action Plan alongside new ways of working allowed Wendy to facilitate the launch of virtual online workshops.

The new IT equipment, alongside the expertise and support of the mentors, has given Wendy the knowledge and encouragement to keep going which Wendy said was "a life affirming experience". Wendy has new and exciting projects in the pipeline for 2023.





Free Business Events - March 2023

WED 08, 13:00, Intellectual Property Clinic

Online one-to-one with Peter Vaughan, Nottingham Law School

THU 09, 13:00, Intellectual Property Clinic

Online one-to-one with Jason Teng, Potter Clarkson

TUE 14, 11:00, What to do with HMRC?

Webinar with Paul Gayton, Wren Accountants

WED 15, 09:00, Accountancy Clinic at Beeston Library

Online/In person one-to-one with Paul Gayton, Wren Accountants

TUE 21, 09:00, Website Clinic at Beeston Library

Online/In person one-to-one with John Richardson, Champagne Webs

MON 27, 09:00, Intellectual Property Clinic

Online one-to-one with Georgia Carr, Potter Clarkson

WED 29, 10:00, Defining my Brand's Look & Feel

Webinar with Tina Brown, Summit Creative

To find out more visit nottinghamcitylibraries.co.uk/bipc
or to book your place scan here



Cyber Security Funding for Businesses

All modern businesses face a threat from cyber-attack, but some organisations have a particularly increased risk. This might be because they hold sensitive information about the people that they work with, or they are perceived as an easy target by cyber criminals. For those sectors most at risk, the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) is launching a Funded Cyber Essentials Programme. This

scheme aims to provide vulnerable organisations with help to implement baseline security controls to prevent the most common types of cyber-attack.

The programme will be aimed towards small organisations with low level security capabilities, if you think you may qualify apply through the link below.

[Find out more](#)

Business support

For even more information on the latest support available to businesses in Newark and Sherwood, please visit the [Invest Newark and Sherwood website](#). This website covers a wide range of support options from [finance](#) to guidance on [recruitment and training](#), and has been put together to help you identify what you need to help your business grow.







Boxpod

The Boxpod commercial property website features approximately 20,000 properties throughout the UK to rent and sell, they have 1,000s of potential tenants searching on Boxpod every day so if you want to find out more about Boxpod or NSDC's commercial, office or retail listings please visit their website.

<https://boxpodcommercialproperty.co.uk/>

Newark and Sherwood District Council properties on Boxpod

 NEW Industrial Unit To Let Industrial Unit With Yard To Rent Mansfield NG21 0RU 6330 sq ft Available	 NEW Storage To Let Versatile Industrial Unit To Rent Blidworth, Mansfield NG21 0RY 2045 sq ft Available	 NEW Retail/Shop To Let Versatile Industrial Unit Blidworth, Mansfield NG21 0RY 2045 sq ft Available	 NEW Industrial Unit To Let Versatile Industrial Unit Blidworth, Mansfield NG21 0RY 2045 sq ft Available
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Dates for your Diary 2023

D2N2 Business Support Surgery: **Tuesday 21 March 2023** at Edwinstowe House

[Find out more](#)

Nottinghamshire County Council – Public Sector Procurement and Sustainability Event 2023

- Day 1: **Tuesday 21 March** at Ransom Hall, Southwell
- Day 2: **Wednesday 22 March** at County Hall, Loughborough

[Find out more](#)

Lincolnshire Business Expo: **Tuesday 25 April 2023** at Lincolnshire Showground

[Find out more](#)

Newark Business Awards: **Friday 9 June 2023** at Newark Showground

[Find out more](#)

Economic Growth Conference: **Thursday 12 October 2023** at Boughton Pumping House

For future enquiries please contact Will Parkinson.

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Future First Expo 2023: **Wednesday 15 November 2023** at Newark

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