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# **Editorial**

Dear Readers, welcome to the May Edition of the Long Furrow. Sadly due to Business and Personal Commitments we will be unable to continue as Editors after the August Edition.

So we are asking our readers to see if there is anyone willing to take over the editorship, it is quite a rewarding job and we have had a lot of fun putting the magazine together over the past two years if anyone is interested please contact ourselves or Ian Clarke at the number on the left, We hope to find someone before August if possible in order to continue the smooth transition from the August to the November Issue

Kind Regards
Simon
and
Steph Bradshaw

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# 1st East Goscote Brownies

Having had a very busy term, we finished last week with a chocolate themed evening.

Each game involved eating chocolate in some unusual way. The evening finished with us giving out chocolate rabbits to all the Brownies.

We are all getting excited as Pack Holiday is coming up at the beginning of May.

The plans are well under way, with our theme being Sea and Beach.

It would be nice if the weather is kind to us, as activities involve water slides and duck racing.

This is the first time some of the girls have been away without parents, so really exciting for them.

We are just starting plans for the new term.

The Brownies have picked lots of ideas, leading to our last evening of term, seeing us back at Rearsby brook for a night of fishing.

If your child would be interested in joining us, please contact me on 0116-2602912 or register on the Girl guiding website.

Regards Rosemary Fraser

**Brown Owl** 

## LIBRARY UPDATE

Due to a communication error East Goscote has a second chance to keep the library open. Registered volunteers were invited to attend a meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> April at which a management committee would be elected.

Some of the volunteers indicated that they still wish to assist in the library once it is up and running but would not sit on the committee. Fourteen volunteers did attend and a formal committee was elected. The committee now consists of Chairman – John Malpus; Treasurer – Liz Pizer; Secretary – Cathy Duffy and 5 other members.

Also in attendance was Amarjit Dhaliwal from Voluntary Action Leicestershire who will be assisting us in our mission. Amarjit has supplied information to help us get going; including a typical constitution which will be required for opening a bank account and to get charitable status. She also answered a number of questions about the way forward. It is hoped that the committee will take over the library fully in February if approved by Leicestershire County Council.

Of course we have to finance the library. Leicestershire County Council will initially assist but the amount of help will be reduced gradually over the first 5 years. Grants will be sought from a number of sources as well as sponsorship. We shall be holding some fund raising events over the coming months which we hope residents will support. If anyone has ideas for fund raising, please approach us because we need assistance in this.

Once we have achieved our aim, I hope that residents will use the library. We are considering holding a variety of events in the library to encourage attendance.

Contact us at eglibrary@mail.com

John Malpus

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Seasgrave Village Hall 1:30pm - 4:00pm

Friday 5th June Shepshed Community Ctr 10:00am - 12:30pm

Monday 8th June John Storer House, LE11 3HA 10:00am - 12:30pm

Syston Community Centre 1:30pm - 4:00pm

Tuesday 9th June Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall

10:00am - 12:30pm

Shuttlewood Clarke Manor, LE67 9QB 1:30pm - 4:00pm

Monday 15th June Quorn Village Hall 10:00am - 12:30pm

South Croxton Village Hall 1:30pm - 4:00pm

Tuesday 16th June The Wheatsheaf Inn, LE7 7JN 10:00am - 12:00pm

Sibson Road Car Park, LE4 4DX 1:30pm - 4:00pm Monday 22nd June

Rearsby Village Hall 10:00am - 12:30pm

Cossington Jubilee Hall 1:30pm - 4:00pm

Tuesday 23rd June Wanlip Hall, LE7 4PJ 10:00am - 12:30pm

Thurmaston Community Ctr 1:30pm - 4:00pm

Monday 29th June Sileby Library, LE12 7RS 10:00am - 12:30pm

Barrow upon Soar Library 1:30pm - 4:00pm

Tuesday 30th June Mountsorrel Memorial Hall 10:00am – 12:30pm

Anstey Jubilee Hall 1:30pm - 4:00pm

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#### **Crafty Crafters**

We are a group of ladies who Knit, Crochet, Sew for Charity. We knit teddies from a very simple pattern that are then sent to children who have nothing. We also knit cardigans for them. We support a charity called intercare who organise the distribution of all we knit. We also knit incubator bonnets for the local Neo-Natal Departments. We are a friendly group and would love you to come along and join us, we meet at the Church Centre Tuesday night 7-9pm we ask £3 Per session as we have to pay the rent for hiring the hall. Contact details as above





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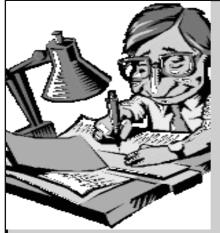
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If you are interested in applying to be on our PPG and can spare a few hours, please contact Glynis Shawley on 0116 2601007 or alternatively

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| September<br>24 <sup>th</sup> |   |  |  |  |  |
| October<br>29 <sup>th</sup>   | Annual Meeting /Elections<br>Hallowe'en Crafting<br>And Fancy Dress Competition   |  |  |  |  |
| November<br>26 <sup>th</sup>  | Bess of Hardwick, The First Lady of Chatsworth A talk by Julie Ede  |  |  |  |  |

# Welcome to The Charnwood Wigs!

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#### Join Us?

with cheques payable to 'Charnwood Wlgs.' This covers the cost of 11 meetings (Jan – Nov) and you will also receive 8 copies of WI Life magazine as well as regular newsletters and mailings to keep you up-to-date with all the news and events from your federation and the NFWI. One unforgettable event not to be missed is the Annual General Meeting, which brings together representatives from WIs all over the country to review the work of the organisation and vote on the resolutions that form the backbone of the NFWI's campaigns. This year is particularly special in that it is 100 years since the WI was first formed!

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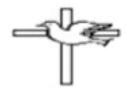
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# ST HILDA'S CHURCH NEWS

Sunday 1 February was a wonderful day at St. Hilda's as the church was 40 years old on that exact day. We had a thanksgiving service followed by a buffet lunch. The congregation of St. Michael's, Thurmaston joined us for our celebration as well as many past members of the church including the Rev. David Brewin and his wife Mary. David was vicar here in the 1980's. The Archdeacon gave the address and many people came dressed in red to celebrate the ruby anniversary! We hope to do it all again on the 50th anniversary!

We have had many good comments about the new windows at the front of the church and it does look a lot smarter now. Also we are very grateful to Geoff Hickling who keeps the garden looking so nice. I think it has been especially lovely this spring with all the daffodils and spring flowers on display.

Easter seemed to come and go in a flash. We had a Passover Meal on Maundy Thursday. It was a first for our vicar Tim! It was good to be reminded of the story in the book of Exodus when the Israelites were led out of slavery in Egypt to the promised land and to remember how Jesus celebrated Passover with his friends on the night before his crucifixion.

The congregation has grown considerably in this last year and it has been wonderful to see people who came 'now and again' becoming regular members of the congregation. There is always a welcome for everyone who comes. Our services are at 9.30 a.m. every Sunday except on a fifth Sunday. We now have two notice boards, a new one at the back of the building, with all the times and types of the services displayed. If you would like to know more about the Christian faith why not come along one Sunday morning. There is always someone here to answer any questions you may have and you will be assured of a warm welcome.

Jane Mercy – Church Warden





# Speaking in Pictures

I had the privilege of attending a Leicester Diocesan residential training event the other week in the beautiful setting of Launde Abbey, the weather was great too. If you haven't been it's well worth it and they do great lunches, morning and afternoon Teas too. Walking around the fields near to the Abbey there were many Sheep wandering around. As you walk near to them they inevitably decide to walk in the other direction. But when their Farmer, or *Shepherd* if you like, comes around with feed or to check on them they tend to 'flock' towards the Shepherd!

It's a picture that is repeated all around the world every day of the week and has been for thousands of years. In John's Gospel Jesus uses the same picture to describe those who are looking to him for guidance and safety. Jesus the Shepherd and his followers as the Sheep, he isn't trying to be unkind to his followers, just to use a picture that will help them to remember his teaching, it's a great way of doing it. One verse in particular says this, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep'. In this verse Jesus is pointing towards the cross and his willingness to die to protect his sheep, which are those who put their trust in him. Of course he did just that in dying on the cross, and in doing so laid the foundation of the hope of the Christian faith, the promise of a place in his Father God's house for evermore. How and why that was possible is perhaps for another day. If you want to read the whole passage it is John chapter 10 verses 1-19 and it is full of the imagery of a Shepherd and his Sheep.

Reverend Tim Day, - St Hilda's Parish Church

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The run takes place at 7pm on Tuesday 7th July 2015 AT Watermead Country Park. Full entry details can be found at www.wreakevalleyrotary.org.uk.

Race Director Chris Battye said: "this is the fifth year we have held the run. Last year we had 300 entrants of all standards. We hope for at least that number this year. The route is flat and mostly off road around the attractive lakes of Watermead Park. There are both 3 mile and 5 mile routes offering everyone the opportunity to set a personal best time."

# News from The Jubilee Medical Practice at Syston Health Centre

Repeat prescriptions can now be ordered online and collected from a pharmacy of your choice.

Advance pre-book able appointments can now be made on line; codes and further details are available from reception.

Instant access clinic is now open between 8-10am. Patients with an urgent condition are guaranteed to be seen.

It is not for repeat prescriptions, sick notes and long standing conditions.

The Patient Participation Group [PPG] continues to flourish and would welcome more members.

Recently the group in conjunction with the surgery have helped facilitate donations from Pukka Pies, Tesco and an anonymous local donor, money used will provide hearing loops for each clinic room in addition to the one in reception.

The PPG is not a forum for complaints, personal problems or general fundraising; it is a liaison with the surgery.





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# JUST GENTS "HAIR RAISING" CHARITY EVENT WITH MIND MATTERS ON SATURDAY 4TH JULY

Just gents mens hairdressers have decided to work in partnership with Mind Matters charity in a one day extravaganza and donate its entire takings on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July towards this much needed charity !!!

Father and son Tony and Joe Clayton have provided the complete Barbers experience to its customers for over 5 years in Syston.

Just gents, (opposite the post office) is open 9-5.30 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and until 7pm Thursday, Saturday 8-5pm and even Sunday 10-2 wanting to give something back to the community they found mind matters charity close to their heart.

Being that Tony's customers are men these statistics are shocking:

British men are 3 times more likely to die by suicide than British women.

Suicide remains the most common cause of death in men under the age of 35.

We need to raise awareness of this and other mental health problems men face. Traditionally men are reluctant to seek help and have higher levels of isolation.

Often men are traditionally seen as the stronger sex and this can make it difficult for them to open up and talk about depression.

Money raised by mind shops helps us support the 1 in 4 people (male and female)in the UK who will experience mental distress.

After a conversation with assistant manager of mind, Melton road Natalie Collier the idea of a charity day unfolded.

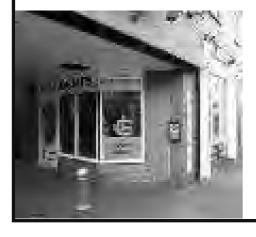
"Thanks to the generosity of Tony and the team at just gents vital funds will be raised for this much needed cause".

Tony and the team will work their entire Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July raising funds and instead of customers paying their usual reasonable prices, they will instead be asked to place a donation in one of the mind charity tins 100% takings will go direct to the charity.

Tony and Joe would like to welcome all their regular customers to pop in and support this event but also welcome new customers through its doors.

So why not come in have a great haircut and something for charity.

Also Mr R.sacher from The Body store in Syston has Kindly offered to donate 10% of his store takings that day.







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Hello from everyone at Bizzy Bees Preschool!

We ended the Spring term on a high with our annual Easter bonnet parade and sing song which we performed in front of our lovely parents, carers and families in St Hilda's

church.

We thought the children were fabulous and so did the audience judging from the lovely comments we received afterwards, Thank You.

The start of the summer term certainly delivered us some glorious sunshine which we have been making the most of, going on nature walks and observing the "natural world" in our local surroundings, visits to the park (which as you can imagine went down very well).



In our own garden at the school bungalow we have been busy playing in the role play garden centre and tea room planting runner beans, lettuces and flowers to name a few.



As always this is an extra busy term with our annual sports day to look forward to, school induction visits for school leavers and induction visits for new children who will join us in September. The term will end with a tinge of sadness as we say farewell to our children who progress towards school. We wish them all the very best with their

Until next time lets hope we can continue to enjoy the sunny weather for a few more months to come.



continued learning.

# EAST GOSCOTE VILLAGE PRE-SCHOOL

A big hello from all the staff and children at Pre-School.

So what have we been up to?

# **Spring Term**

- We explored our village with trips to the shops and the secrect garden. This also helped us learn about road safety.
- We developed our problem solving and concentration skills by exploring our new construction toys. These produced some amazing creations,
- The children loved using their imaginations to create their own role play area, this gave them freedom to express themselves.
- We had a fantastic morning creating interactive DVD's with kidsklub making lots of superstars.

Our children explored all the 7 areas of EYFS learning, making excellent progress in development whilst having great fun along the way.

# Summer Term

This term has just begun and we are looking forward to our holidays and places we will visit. So our theme will be "Our World'. We will be camping in our role play, eating foods from around the world, looking at people and animals. We will also be working closely with all surrounding schools to ensure all our September 2015 school leavers are ready for "BIG SCHOOL".

# Training

**Lisa** - Sen training has been updated to come into line with new requirements. Extended speech and language training with surestart. Ensuring specialist support is available within the setting.

**Sally & Lisa** - Transition - we are a pre-shool taking part in a pilot scheme working alongside County Hall developing strategies to ensure all children get quality support when starting school.

# Ofsted

Ofsted report December 2014 said "Staff are skilled in teaching and actively support children in their learning and development and create a good learning environment".

We look forward to meeting you and helping your childs learning journey begin.

If you would like to know more, come and join us, give us a call or visit us any morning 9am-12pm Monday-Friday.

Sally Lander (07756312171), Lisa, Leigh and Vicky.

# Police Report

I really do like this time of year. A time when the cold months of January to April have finally passed by and we can all look forward to the warmer, sunnier times that lay ahead.

I am sure that by now you will all be aware that Syston police station finally closed in February meaning that the local team of beat officers would be based at Loughborough police station. Thankfully the Syston town council offered us a base to work from and is proving a very suitable location for us all.

My colleagues are as follows...and we are all here to help, protect and safeguard you from becoming victims of crime.

Ps 1206 Jamie Osborne based a Loughborough Police.

Pc 2995 Ian Mundy – Syston., Pc 4289 Claire Howarth – Syston.

Pcso 6612 Jo Freeman – Syston., Pcso 6392 Thomas Lloyd – Syston.

Pcso 6507 Brian Geeson – Syston.

Any of the above officers can be contacted by email by typing their name followed by @leicestershire.pnn.police.uk.

In June this year it will be 300 years since the Battle of Waterloo which took place in Belgium in 1815. The Duke of Wellington 'Sir Arthur Wellesley' lead his troops to victory over the French army lead by Napoleon Bonaparte. Does anyone know why Sir Arthur was nicknamed by his soldiers 'Nosey'? He had a bit of a prominent hooked nose which his troupers found amusing.

Not everyone has a prominent nose like Sir Arthur, but the reason I mention it is that I would encourage East goscote residents to be `Nosey` and be aware of anything which may appear suspicious then ask the question: Why is he or she there? Why has he or she been sitting in that vehicle paying attention to properties in my street? I don't recognise him. He doesn't live around here. Why did he look in that window after delivering that leaflet through the door?

Please phone the police on 101 to report suspicious activity in the area and help us help you in keeping the village safe and crime free.

Just recently a Blue Ford Galaxy has been in East Goscote fly tipping garden waste in the area of the Warren Ind estate. On 21<sup>st</sup> April it unhooked its wooden trailer in a dangerous position in Broome Lane . Trailer was left full of large rocks and bricks. The weight of it caused the trailers tyres to burst. I am very keen to find out who owed the vehicle who abandoned his trailer. Fly tipping is unacceptable and offenders if traced can be prosecuted by the local county council. If anyone has any information then please contact me.

Keep safe & stay safe,

Pcso 6507 Brian Geeson,

Charnwood Police.



#### **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT – MAY 2015**

#### East Goscote Parish Library:

You may recall that in June last year the County Council held a public meeting in the East Goscote Village Hall and announced that there was a proposal to withdraw funding from 36 libraries due to a reduction in funding – East Goscote was one of those libraries facing possible closure. The Parish Council decided to conduct a resident survey regarding the library. This survey was sent to every household. It was also available on the Parish council website, in local shops, the parish council offices and in the library itself. A total of 269 responses were received which is 9.4% of the population (2866) based on the last census count in 2011. Cllr. John Malpus has since called a meeting of resident volunteers and to date has over 17 volunteers. Cllr. Malpas has also since arranged for a 'Management Committee' to be established and a meeting to formally create this committee was held in the Village Hall on April 15th. I am very pleased to have been accepted as a Member of the Management Committee, along with 8 other volunteers who are willing to give their time on the committee. Cllr. Malpas was elected as the Chair, Mrs Liz Pizer as Treasurer and myself as Secretary. The committee will be working very closely with Voluntary Action Leicestershire, whose support is crucial. I consider it a privilege to be working with all of the volunteers who are prepared to help out and keep the doors of the library open to residents.

#### East Goscote Parish Council:

In my last report, and in my Election Leaflet, I stated that it would be my intention to reapply for the position of Parish Councillor in May so that I can help in the management of the library and keep this valuable facility for the village. An election for Parish Councillors for the East Goscote Parish Council Ward has since taken place and 6 Councillors have been duly elected without a contest, myself included.

### **COUNCIL TAX 2015/16:**

Charnwood Borough Council is responsible for collecting Council Tax from all residents across the Borough; this also includes collecting on behalf of Leicestershire County Council, the Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service, Leicestershire Police and local Town and Parish Councils. The team pays Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support to 18000 residents and also collects Business Rates from shops and businesses. For 2015/16 the Fire Authority, Police and Leicestershire County Council have increased their charge by 1.99%. The Annual Council tax bills only have the capacity to display to one decimal place so this will show as an increase of 2.0%. Charnwood Borough Council has decided not to increase their part of the Council Tax for another year.

#### Charnwood Core Strategy:

The Core Strategy outlines how the borough could grow in terms of new homes up to 2028. More than 3,200 comments were received by CBC during a major consultation on a plan which outlines how the borough will be shaped over the next 15 years. The Planning Inspector has written to the Council to say that the Core Strategy can move forward. Mr Ward, who has been examining the strategy, says in his letter to the council that the Core Strategy is unsound, but can be made sound with some modifications. Four weeks of public hearings were conducted at Loughborough Town Hall. Mr Ward will then consider the comments received during that consultation before finalising his report for the Council.

## **Building New Homes:**

Charnwood Borough Council launched a 3-week consultation to ask people's views and comments on the latest options in meeting its target on building new homes. The Borough of Charnwood has a requirement to build 17,380 new homes between 2006 and 2028. The Council has already given permission to, or completed, 7,671 of that total and officers have previously recommended a

#### In conclusion:

I have listed just some of the issues that I have been dealing with on behalf of residents throughout these past years, and for the village as a whole: As well as just some of my Committee & Panel Memberships (past & present).

Planning Issues and Appeals

Working with the Police and other Agencies in relation to anti-social behaviour as well as neighbourly disputes

Home Repairs & Adaptions

Village repairs: Cleansing/Road Drainage/Street & Road Signage, etc.

Graffiti Removal

Parking issues

Dog Fouling

Keeping residents regularly informed via the Long Furrow Magazine and monthly reports to the Parish Council

Administration Assistant to the Parish Clerk

Supporting events happening in the village & St. Hilda's Church, e.g., Remembrance Sunday/ Investiture of the new Vicar, Revd. Tim Day, etc.

Temporary Co-Option as Parish Councillor by CBC following my request for assistance due to the Parish Council's collapse

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Elected East Goscote Parish Councillor (April 2015)

East Goscote Village Hall Management Committee

East Goscote Library Management Committee (Secretary)

**CBC Code of Conduct Committee** 

CBC Member Reference/Member Development Committee

CBC Section 106 Panel

CBC Highways (reserve)

**CBC Overview Scrutiny Committee** 

**CBC Policy Scrutiny Committee** 

**CBC** Regulatory Committee

GCR/Council Liaison Panel

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Kindest regards,

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#### THE GREENER GOSCOTE PAGE - MAY 2015

A VERY MOVING EXPERIENCE We have just moved house after 30 odd years. If you are considering moving, start decluttering very early if you want to make it a green affair. A combination of the lesswaste and Leicestershire freeuse websites (see Contact Us below), ebay, car boot sales, charities, recycling centres e.g. Merchants Common, East Goscote (behind the shops) and Recycling and Household Waste Sites e.g. Melton and Mountsorrel should crack it. But all this takes time and to achieve the greenest solution, most of us will need to start early – very early!

GREEN JOHANNA COMPOSTER Moving house obviously means moving garden and leaving behind my beloved New Zealand box composters and my Green Cone - the mainstay of my kitchen and garden waste management for many years. It would have been possible to move them but they may not have survived the move so better to leave them working where they are. The new garden is a bit smaller so time to try a new system. I was given a Green Johanna Composter by someone who couldn't get on with it and it seems to be working well for me. Unlike the familiar "Dalek" type composters (still available via Leicestershire County Council at bargain prices- see Contact Us), the Green Johanna is a closed hot composter. Dairy, fish, meat and bones can be processed by it as well as the usual fruit and vegetable garden waste. Again unlike the "Dalek" type, Johannas need to be put in a shady spot to avoid the risk of getting too hot. At £99.99 plus £5.99 delivery, they are expensive and I probably wouldn't have tried one had I not been given it but I will report whether I think it's worth it in future editions.

**STICK AND CARROT**? I like to think I am fairly green in my outlook but I have to come clean and confess that money has an effect. I have had a water butt for ages and not managed to get it plumbed in. Now there is a water meter and a south facing garden to consider, suddenly the thing is connected. Now why couldn't I do that before? If we applied the same idea to refuse collection, I wonder what the result would be? A small charge for refuse and a credit for recycling with silicon chips on every bin? It would be a brave politician – I can't see it happening any time soon. What do you think?



**VOLUNTEER VACANCY AT COMPOST CORNER** which is about to re-open at the newly refurbished Green Place, 6 Cossington Road, Sileby. The Master Composter (me) is getting on a bit and we need to think about succession. We are looking for a younger person (shouldn't be too difficult) with an interest in environmental issues to volunteer alongside me. This is currently Friday afternoons but can be flexible. Contact me and see the Complete Wasters website for more information.

**CONTACT US:** Master Composters and Waste Action volunteers promote home composting and sustainable household waste management on behalf of the Leicestershire Waste Partnership made up of Leicestershire County Council and the seven Districts of Leicestershire with Leicester City Council as an associate member. For free, impartial information and advice on composting and recycling, contact David on 2600239, 07724891627 or <a href="mailto:david.cannon9@btinternet.com">david.cannon9@btinternet.com</a> . **Other useful links:** <a href="mailto:www.lesswaste.org.uk">www.lesswaste.org.uk</a> , <a href="mailto:www.recyclenow.com">www.recyclenow.com</a> , <a href="mailto:www.recyclenow.com">www.recyclenow.com</a> , <a href="mailto:www.recyclenow.com">www.recyclenow.com</a> , <a href="mailto:www.leics.gov.uk">www.leics.gov.uk</a> ,

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| Organisation                         | Person                         | Telephone                    | Organisation                           | Person                           | Telephone                    |
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