

Stocking Farm



NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter has been prepared by Leicester City Council to update local residents and stakeholders with the latest information about our Stocking Farm neighbourhood centre proposals.

Public Engagement Stage Two - Thank you!

We wrote to you in October 2021 because we wanted to share with you our initial proposals for Stocking Farm Neighbourhood Centre, which we hope will inject fresh life and make lasting improvements to the area. We would like to thank everyone who took part in the second stage of engagement and for the excellent responses we received from the local community. These are still being assessed and will go on to inform more detailed proposals for the site. We will share these with you in the new year, hopefully at an event in the new Community Shop as well as online. ●

Community Shop update

Community Shop, opening in the Stocking Farm Youth Centre building, will provide an indoor community space available to everyone for hire and a new community café offering low price hot meals and refreshments. The shop will be available to Community Shop members. Membership criteria/eligibility will be confirmed in the new year. Works to create the Stocking Farm Community Shop will start early in the new year and we hope to see it open in Spring 2022.

Despite the last year, with the COVID-19 pandemic, Community Shop have managed to successfully open five brand new shops across the country. Their success was recently recognised by being awarded The Queen's Award for Enterprise, which the team collected from Buckingham Palace! ●



(LEFT)
Example of a
Community
Shop.

Don't feel the cold this winter

Did you know that it is estimated that around 26,000 households in Leicester will face fuel poverty this winter? If you find yourself struggling to afford heating or need help with other bills, a new scheme has been launched which you may be eligible to receive financial help from. For more information and how to apply please visit: <https://news.leicester.gov.uk/news-articles/2021/november/new-support-fund-opens-to-help-those-on-a-low-income/> or contact Citizens Advice Leicestershire on 0808 278 7970 (9am – 4pm, Monday to Friday).

St. Luke's Church - Vicar Update

The new vicar of St. Luke's Church Revd. Robert (Rob) Hinsley has shared with us a few words: "I have been the new Vicar at St. Luke's Church since 30 September having moved from Ipswich, but originally an East Midlands lad. So, it feels like I have come home. I am grateful for the welcome so many have given to me. I am slowly learning my way around and meeting lots of people, but if you see me out and about, please introduce yourself and say hello! You will always be welcome at St Luke's, and I particularly invite you to join us over Christmas". ●



(ABOVE) St. Luke's Church
Revd. Rob Hinsley

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. LUKE'S:

SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER Carol Service 5pm

CHRISTMAS EVE Christingle Service 4pm | Midnight Communion 11.30pm

Stocking Farm Memories

Although many of you were kind enough to share your memories from Stocking Farm during our recent public engagements, we're still on the look out for more. So, if you would like to share any memories, for example of school, playing out, groups (football, Brownies etc) or memories of the construction of the current Neighbourhood Centre; or if you have any old photos that you'd be willing to share, then please email them to us at: development-team@leicester.gov.uk or call 0116 454 2902. ●



(ABOVE) Stocking Farm Youth Club under construction (1968)
in the soon to be Community Shop.

Finally, Leicester City Council would like to wish all the residents of Stocking Farm a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year!**