



Residents' parking schemes update

From March to May this year, Leicester City Council invited residents and businesses in the Woodgate and Tudor Road areas to give their views on the potential introduction of residents' parking schemes in those areas.

Residents and businesses were able to give their views by completing the online consultation, as well as by attending public exhibitions where they could talk to the ward councillors and council officers about the proposed schemes and traffic issues.

The data and feedback is currently being analysed with a view to formulating more specific proposals in consultation with ward councillors. These proposals should be made public in the autumn.

Improving privately rented accommodation

From 10 October, most landlords of all kinds of privately rented housing in Fosse ward will have to apply for a licence from Leicester City Council. They will also have to prove that they are acting responsibly on issues such as gas and electrical safety, smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, and dealing with repairs and problems about waste disposal, tenancy management and anti-social behaviour.

This scheme is much needed in our area, as we have received many complaints from tenants and their neighbours about 'rogue' landlords who neglect their properties and the management of their tenancies. This often results in problems for tenants and the wider neighbourhood, which can be difficult to resolve.

This 'selective licensing scheme' will operate in the parts of the city which have suffered from the most problems and will allow the council to inspect and force bad landlords to take action and improve housing standards.



Councillors' surgeries

Cllr Ted Cassidy and Cllr Sue Waddington hold surgeries on the second Saturday of each month at Woodgate Resource Centre, and the third Saturday of each month at Fosse Library.

All surgeries run from 11am-12noon



Fosse Ward

This newsletter has been prepared by Leicester City Council to update local residents and stakeholders with the latest information

Woodgate Community Food

During the first wave of the pandemic in early 2020, we formed the Fosse Mutual Aid Group to support residents with food and prescription collections, dog walking and other activities.

It soon became clear that there were many people struggling to eat as well as pay their bills. So, with the help of volunteers, Woodgate Community Food launched in June 2020, based at Rally House at the end of Bonchurch Street.

Since then, Woodgate Community Food has helped more than 3,000 people and the numbers grow each week – from around 30 families a week initially to around 130 now.

Through fundraising, donations and financial support from the council, the foodbank is open on Saturday mornings and provides people with weekly top-ups of food. Furthermore, it is entirely volunteer-run.

If you'd like to find out more, or have an idea for how Woodgate Community Food can help more people in the community, you can get in touch. Call **0116 403 0146**, text **07520 634584** or email **woodgatecommunityfood@gmail.com**. You can also search for Woodgate Community Food on Facebook.



Vernon Street gardens reopens

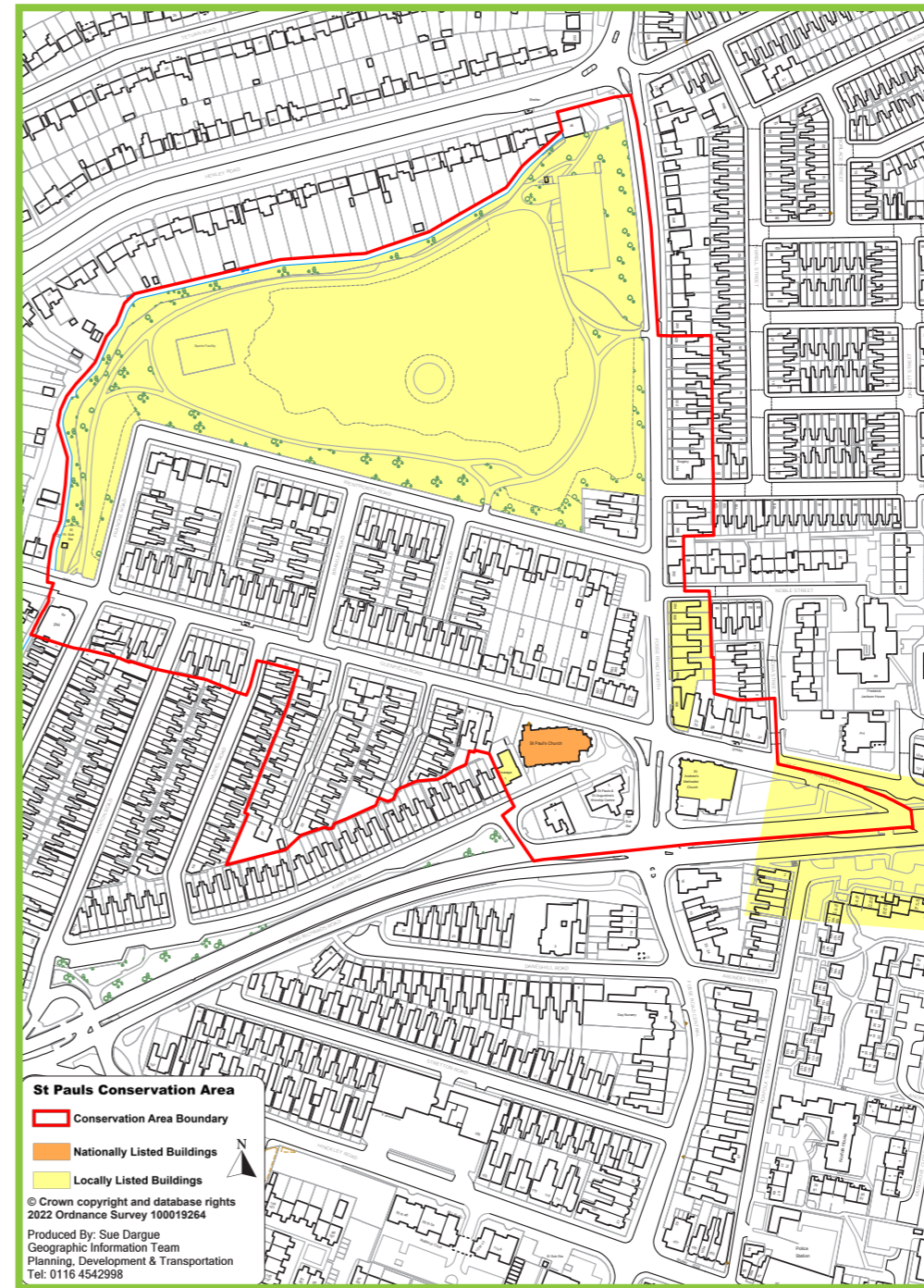
Your Fosse ward councillors Ted Cassidy and Sue Waddington at the recent reopening of the Vernon Street gardens.

Ward funded platinum jubilee events

A range of activities supported by community ward funding took place in the ward to celebrate the platinum jubilee.

These included a free picnic at Rally House, to a Mad Hatter's tea party for families at the Woodgate adventure playground.

Ward funding is available to support small community groups to stage events of this type throughout the year, as well as other small projects. You can find out more information about ward funding, including guidelines, at leicester.gov.uk/communitymeetings



St Paul's conservation area designation

We carried out a public consultation last year on the potential designation of a new conservation area in Fosse Ward. The proposal was supported by 95% of people who responded.

The area in question is shown on this map. It sits close to the north of the West End conservation area and features part of the Victorian suburban expansion of the city out to the west.

The council has now designated this area as St Paul's conservation area. This means

that there are now some restrictions on development rights to help ensure that change is managed in a way that maintains and enhances the special qualities of the conservation area. All properties in the new conservation area will receive a letter that explains the changes.

You can find out more about what this means at leicester.gov.uk/planning-and-building/conservation/heritage-conservation/conservation-areas