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## Father and son facing jail after High Street bar brawl in Leicester city centre - Leicestershire Live

A man and his 22-year-old son are facing prison after a drunken brawl in [Leicester city centre](#) that included assaults on two police officers and a serious bottle attack on a doorman by the son. Wayne Connolly, 45, and his son Jack appeared at [Leicester Magistrates' Court](#) on Wednesday.

The pair, of Birstall Meadow Road in [Birstall](#), had been out drinking at the Queen of Bradgate pub in Leicester's High Street in the early hours of Sunday, February 5, last year. Violence in the pub spilled out into the street and both men were later arrested.

Wayne Connolly was charged with assaulting a police sergeant and affray. He denied both charges but was found guilty on both counts after a trial at the magistrates court in May this year.

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His son, Jack Connolly, was found guilty at the same trial of assaulting a police constable. He had previously pleaded guilty to charges of affray and causing actual bodily harm to the doorman who was seriously injured in an attack involving a bottle.

Prosecutor Sally Bedford told the court: "It's late-night city centre alcohol-fuelled violence. A member of door staff was badly assaulted with a bottle.

"The brawl spilled out into the street and the police who attended were assaulted." She said the case could not be dealt with by the magistrates, who can only jail people for up to six months.

She said: "The starting point for sentencing for the actual bodily harm is 18 months in prison and for the affray is 12 months.

"There's also the aggravating factor of the significant impact on the member of door staff who was assaulted." She asked for the case to be sent to Leicester Crown Court for sentencing later this month.

Wayne Connolly was not represented by a solicitor in court and Jack Connolly was represented by Frank Dignan, who told the magistrates he had no objection to the case being committed to the crown court.

The magistrates agreed and the case is due to be sentenced at the crown court on Wednesday, July 24. Both men were released on unconditional bail until then.

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## Latest on man arrested over Leicester McDonald's 'stabbing' - Leicestershire Live

A man [charged over an alleged knife attack in a Leicester McDonald's](#) on Tuesday (July 2) has been remanded in custody until his next court appearance. Daniel Edgar appeared before magistrates yesterday (Wednesday, July 3) and the case was sent to [Leicester Crown Court](#) due to the seriousness of the alleged offence.

Edgar, 37, of no fixed address, is due to next appear at the city's crown court in August. He faces a charge of causing grievous bodily harm with intent.

His arrest by [Leicestershire Police](#) followed an incident at the Market Street branch of the fast food restaurant at about 5.10am on Tuesday.

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The incident led to Millstone Lane and Horsefair Street being closed to traffic for about five hours, causing morning rush hour travel issues. The police cordon was lifted at about 10am after forensics officers had completed their investigations and the restaurant re-opened a short time later.

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## Gardener's 'amazing' homemade fertiliser that boosts hydrangeas and tomatoes - Leicestershire Live

Both hydrangeas and tomato plants can benefit considerably from fertilisation, although tomato plants undeniably require a greater nutritional intake. While hydrangeas are capable of thriving even without fertiliser, there is the potential for garden lovers to witness a reduced number of blooms on their plants without it.

Tomato plants however, being hungry crops, necessitate more than what nutrient-potent potting soil can provide to maintain their health and rich yield. Regular fertilisation is therefore key.

Although numerous fertilisers specified for hydrangea and tomatoes are readily available in the market, creating homemade ones is a viable option. On discovering a homemade blend effective

for both types of plants, Grace Alexander, a gardening aficionado shared her secret formula on the Gardening UK Facebook page.

She posted a snapshot of her mix and introduced it as: "Good Morning all. This is my homemade fertiliser (used tea leaves and crushed eggshells)."

She testifies: "It works amazingly on my hydrangeas and tomato plants. I swear they have better flowers and fruit because of it. It's ready to be spread later in the garden.", reports [the Express](#).

Utilising eggshells is an excellent slow-release source of calcium for your hydrangeas and tomatoes and helps decrease blossom end rot in fruit crops. Comparable to coffee grounds, used teabags serve as an excellent fertiliser and mulch around your tomatoes and hydrangeas.

Synthetic fertilisers customarily comprise numerous elements among which nitrogen takes precedence, uplifting healthy leaf growth.

Tea leaves are a rich source of nitrogen, surpassing the levels found in typical plant fertilisers. They also contain potassium and phosphorus.

It's important to extract the tea grounds from their bags and let them dry before applying them to your plants.

Some gardeners prefer to utilise paper-based, compostable tea bags as a mulch or drainage layer.

Grace even shared that she occasionally adds potato peels to the mix, which she finds beneficial.

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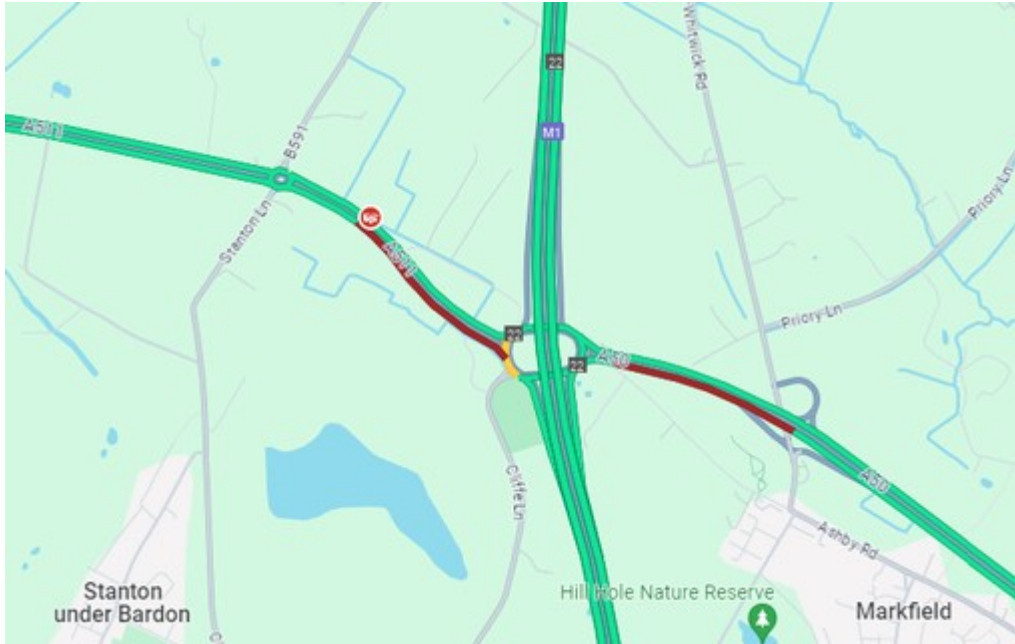
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## Markfield road partially blocked after crash - as it happened - Leicestershire Live

### Welcome to our coverage

Thanks for tuning in this morning. "Slow traffic" was being reported by INRIX on the A511 Shaw Lane this morning. However, the road has now been cleared and traffic has returned to normal.

We will now be ending our coverage.



Traffic on the A511 earlier today (Image: Google)

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## ITV Coronation Street fans all say same thing about Toyah's tragic storyline twist - Leicestershire Live

Fans of ITV soap Coronation Street have been left unimpressed with Toyah Battersby's recent saga. Viewers have followed Toyah, portrayed by Georgia Taylor, through some turbulent times in recent weeks.

Her sister Leanne, played by Jane Danson, is entangled with The Institute, a supposed "self-improvement group" steered by the ominous Rowan Cunliffe, brought to life on-screen by Emhrys Cooper. And earlier this year, it was revealed that Toyah had been pregnant at just 19

years of age. Tragically, the baby was stillborn and Toyah buried her at the local red recreational ground.

The secret was disclosed to Leanne and Nick Tilsley, enacted by Ben Price, before Toyah found herself arrested following an anonymous tip-off to the police who subsequently discovered the remains of her infant, Rose.

Although she was set free without being charged, it wasn't hard for viewers to identify the likely whistleblower: Rowan. Complicating the plot further, Toyah has also been covertly seeing Nick, unknown to her sister, reports [the Express](#).

Events took an unexpected twist in Weatherfield on Wednesday, 3rd July, when Toyah found herself rushed to hospital and receiving news of her pregnancy.

Clearly taken aback, Toyah was left speechless whilst Nick looked on in disbelief. However, fans at home were all repeating a similar sentiment.

On social platform X - formerly known as Twitter, a viewer voiced their theories saying: "Chuffing 'eck! I could write this! Knew that Toyah would be pregnant! And of course she'll keep it because that's all that she's ever wanted."

One viewer commented: "I thought this the moment they slept together."

Another chimed in: "So I said I liked Nick and Toyah and you gave them a baby! ? A baby doesn't even make sense toyah couldn't get pregnant I swear ARGHH Corrie you ruin everything."

Some fans highlighted a potential plot hole, reminding others that Toyah has previously been portrayed as unable to conceive. On a Reddit thread, a user posted: "I hate this. Toyah's story for the longest time has been her inability to have a child. This would ruin that."

Another disgruntled viewer added: "I am so f\*\*\*\*\* sick of the "barren woman eventually falls pregnant to an affair partner" trope, Christ it wasn't that long ago the exact same happened to Leanne and even that wasn't enough hysterical female misery, they had to kill the kid off."

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## Martin Lewis' 'perfect' saving method he says is 'not for most people' - Leicestershire Live

Martin Lewis has shared his top tip for savvy savers, although he concedes it's best suited to those who are prepared to "be constantly on top of it".

On BBC Radio 5 Live, Martin reminisced about using rows of champagne glasses and the "cheapest possible pomade" to illustrate his optimal savings strategy for those keen to maximise their returns.

He likened the process to a tower of champagne glasses being filled by a bottle of bubbly. Savers

should aim to fill the top glass - the account offering the highest return - before letting any excess spill over into the next-best option.

During the Martin Lewis Podcast, he detailed: "The perfect way to save is you pour your money into the account that pays the most. It might be tax-free, it might be because it only allows a small amount."

"Once you fill that, you trickle down to the next level then trickle down to the next level..", reports [the Express](#).

However, Martin also acknowledged a significant caveat with this approach. He stressed that the effectiveness of saving in this manner relies heavily on "how hard you want to work" and recognised that his trickle-down method is "not for most people because it takes too much work".

He further cautioned: "The biggest sin in savings is that most decent rates only last for a year or so and then you have to be on top of it to ditch and switch when it ends."

"It's only for the type of people who will be constantly on top of it, maybe even modelling it through a spreadsheet to manage it well."

"Most people want a simpler solution with 2, 3 maybe 4 accounts at most but not going into 10 different accounts."

He also offered some essential advice for those who don't necessarily wish to spend too much time managing their savings.

Martin highlighted a few key principles for savers to remember: "Savings is one of the simplest things to sort out. You go and check your rate, unless you're locked into an account all you simply need to do is move your money to another savings account. Only slight caveat is if your money is in an ISA when you do a transfer and not a withdrawal."

"Let's start with the bog standard thing you look at, easy access savings. There's normal savings that usually pay better and cash ISAs. Cash ISAs are a tax-free savings account, where your



interest is never taxed. You can put £20,000 in an ISA each year, if you're lucky enough to be able to max it out."

"The problem with cash ISAs is normally the top rates are worse than the top normal savings rate."

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## Remove stubborn toilet limescale with cheap and effective household item - Leicestershire Live

Limescale is a chalky substance that has a tendency to attach itself to any surface it comes into contact with, from toilet bowls to shower screens and taps.

Removing limescale from below the waterline in a toilet can be quite challenging, as any cleaning products added to the toilet are diluted by the water.

While one could turn off the water supply and let the toilet fully drain for access, there's an easier method that works without having to remove the water from your toilet bowl.

In an effort to assist fellow cleaning enthusiasts in their fight against toilet limescale, one woman shared her top tip on the Mrs Hinch Army Cleaning Tips Facebook page.

Jasmine Folly posted a before picture showing her toilet bowl completely brown from limescale, and an after photo showcasing a pristine, limescale-free toilet, reports [the Express](#).

To achieve these "incredible" results, Jasmine used just one inexpensive item - citric acid.

She explained: "Right, so I've seen quite a few people ask about cleaning limescale from toilets, so I thought I'd sacrifice my pride and post a before and after photo of just how well it works when you use citric acid."

"You just boil water, wait until it's just about to boil, pour it into the toilet water so you don't crack the bowl, sprinkle citric acid and leave."

"Someone else posted you can put citric acid in the kettle too which is a great idea."

"Below is after a few minutes of leaving the citric acid to sit in the bowl without scrubbing."

After trying bleach along with other products, Jasmine asserted that "nothing has worked better" to eliminate the limescale efficiently.

Several group members chimed in with their experiences, claiming to use citric acid for their

toilets and even kettles.

Lis Dunning penned: "I often use citric acid for things like the kettle and my toilet."

Abigail James remarked: "I do that with the kettle after I realised that the stuff that I'd been buying specifically for it had the exact ingredients as plain old citric acid. It's the same with Oven Pride - the Poundland one is exactly the ingredients."

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## ITV Coronation Street's Institute 'to be destroyed' as legend 'makes triumphant return' - Leicestershire Live

A Coronation Street legend is set to make a comeback, and fans are speculating that she's going to dismantle the eerie Institute. Earlier this year, the audience was introduced to the enigmatic "self-improvement group" known as The Institute.

The cult, led by Rowan Cunliffe (Emhrys Cooper), piqued the interest of Weatherfield resident Leanne Battersby (Jane Danson).

Leanne quickly became a member, much to the worry of her fiancé Nick Tilsley (Ben Price) and sister Toyah Habeeb (Georgia Taylor), who have both expressed their concerns about her involvement. Despite their objections, the Institute has managed to maintain its grip on Leanne, who is now introducing Amy Barlow (Elle Mulvaney) into the fold.

In Monday's episode (July 8), Toyah and Leanne attend a new recruits session at the Chariot Square Hotel, where Leanne is thrilled to see Amy among the attendees, reports [the Express](#).

However, fans now believe that a certain someone, show icon Tracy Barlow, is set to return to the cobbles to "bring The Institute down". Viewers will remember that the soap icon, portrayed by Kate Ford, bid farewell to the show earlier this year.

Tracy departed, leaving her daughter Amy behind, to move to Spain with her new partner, Tommy Orpington, due to his work commitments. In June, it was suggested by The Mirror that fans may see Tracy return briefly before heading back in the latter part of the year.

Speculation is now rife among viewers that Tracy's homecoming could see her rescue Amy from a cult. Fans have been expressing their theories on a Corrie Reddit thread, where one user stated:

" It has been confirmed that Kate Ford (Tracy) is to return to Weatherfield sometime next month."

The same fan speculated: "My guess is she will be back not just to see Steve or her new boyfriend Tommy O, but her daughter Amy will be in a sticky situation as she gets involved with the Institute. Please god no! "

Another chimed in: "Hope Tracy ends the Institute."

A third contributor echoed these sentiments: "That's what I'm hoping for."

While another theorised: "I think Ken or Steve will raise the alarm regarding Amy giving Deirdre money away and that's what brings Tracy back."

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## Police appeal after woman 'groped' in Coalville nightclub - Leicestershire Live

A woman in her 20s was reportedly groped at a nightclub in [Coalville](#) and police are now appealing for help finding the man responsible. [Leicestershire Police](#) today released two CCTV stills of a man they wish to identify in connection with their investigation.

The force said in their appeal: "Do you recognise this man? Detectives would like to speak to him following a report a woman was touched inappropriately in Coalville.

"A woman in her 20s was touched while in a club in Belvoir Road on the night of Saturday 13 April."

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Detective Constable Amy Bradley-Greer, the investigating officer, said: "From enquiries carried out since the incident occurred, I believe the man pictured may have information that could help. If you recognise him and know who he is, or that person is you, then please get in touch."

Anyone with information is asked to call 101 quoting reference 24\*214798 or get in touch via the Leicestershire Police website.

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## Leicester City rival Everton for Moroccan midfielder and son of NBA star - Leicestershire Live

Leicester City are keen on Moroccan international Amir Richardson, according to claims in France. [City](#), Everton and Udinese are the three teams leading the chase for the 22-year-old Reims midfielder, [L'Equipe report](#).

While Richardson still has three years remaining on his contract at the Ligue 1 club, he is said to be considering his future after being handed just 14 starts last season.

Richardson has a release clause of €10m (£8.5m) but so far that has been deemed too high by those interested. Strasbourg have even pulled out of the race because of it.

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The son of former New York Knicks basketball star Michael Ray Richardson, and standing at 6ft 5in himself, the defensive midfielder certainly has an interesting profile. He looks to be a good carrier of the ball and, naturally, is strong in the air.

The season before last, he was named in the Ligue 2 team of the season after helping Le Havre to the second-tier title, and now he has a campaign of top-flight football under his belt too, even if he didn't start regularly. What may help his cause is that the incoming manager at Reims, Luka Elsner, was his boss at Le Havre.

If City were to make a move for Richardson, they wouldn't see much of him in pre-season. He's been selected in the Morocco squad for the Olympic Games in Paris, with the tournament running from July 24 to August 10.

City are short on midfielders [after Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall's departure](#), but it's attacking options they really need in the centre of the park at the moment. As things stand, Steve Cooper has three

senior central midfielders to work with in Harry Winks, Hamza Choudhury, and Boubakary Soumare.

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**Is Richardson the type of player City should be looking at? [Click HERE to have your say](#)**

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## **Six midfielders Leicester City could target for Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall transfer replacement - Leicestershire Live**

Now that Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall is a Chelsea player, Leicester City will have to sign a replacement capable of filling the 25-year-old's sizeable boots.

[Finding an exact replacement is impossible, of course.](#) Because of Dewsbury-Hall's rise through the City academy, no incoming signing will be able to replicate the connection the homegrown player had with supporters at the King Power Stadium.

But there will be plenty of players around who could provide what [Dewsbury-Hall](#) did for the club from a technical standpoint. Here, we have listed six potential players for [City](#) to take a look at as the club's transfer business takes a serious turn....

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### **Callum O'Hare**

City may not need to look any further than down the M69 for their Dewsbury-Hall replacement. There they'll find Callum O'Hare, who would be the most convenient of the potential signings in attacking midfield.

The 26-year-old's departure from Coventry was announced this week after the Sky Blues unable to convince him to sign a new deal. That means he's available for free. And growing up in the Midlands, having come through the ranks at Aston Villa, he may want a new club that's reasonably close to home.

City could offer him that, and a place in the Premier League. Would he be good enough for the top flight? There's enough there to say the answer is yes. Once he'd recovered from an ACL tear

last term and built his fitness again, the 26-year-old went on a run of nine goals and four assists in 15 outings during the winter, including a brace against the Foxes.

However, he didn't end the season in the best of form. He contributed to just one goal from mid-February onwards, albeit it was in the FA Cup semi-final against Manchester United.

### **Gabriel Sara**

Another Championship star to take a closer look at would be Gabriel Sara. Along with Dewsbury-Hall and Southampton's play-off hero Adam Armstrong, Norwich City's Brazilian was one of just three players to reach double figures for goals and assists in the Championship last season.

He was the only player in the division to rank in the top 10 for key passes, passes into the final third and passes into the penalty area, while he's got a decent set-piece delivery on him as well. City would have to act quick if they wanted him though, as it seems he's being eyed by Roma.

### **Cameron Puertas**

Looking overseas, 25-year-old Swiss midfielder Cameron Puertas stands out after a terrific campaign in Belgium for Union SG. He was named the division's player of the year, an award previously won by Youri Tielemans, after a superb 11 goals and 19 assists in 40 matches. He impressed in Europe too, contributing to six goals in 12 games, including a winner against Liverpool.

As well as racking up big goals and assist numbers, Puertas is an excellent dribbler. Plus, he's only got a year left on his contract at Union SG, albeit they do have the option to add another 12 months. Union SG are in Champions League qualifying later this summer, but a move to the Premier League may be a bigger draw.

### **Mario Stroeykens**

Another midfielder from the Belgian top flight who may be on the City radar is Mario Stroeykens. He may not have the output to match Puertas, but he does have age on his side.

Stroeykens is only 19 and yet he's already played 93 first-team matches for Anderlecht. Last season, he contributed to 12 goals in 38 league matches, while he's another good dribbler of the ball and looks capable with both feet. If he continues at his current rate of development, he could be a household name in a few years' time.

### **Kenneth Taylor**

After Ajax's underwhelming season in the Eredivisie, City may be able to lure one of their players to the Premier League. Kenneth Taylor has grown into a key member of their squad in the past two years and is now contributing more to the attack.

Coming through as a defensive midfielder, the 22-year-old was used more often in an attacking role last season, and he finished with eight goals and six assists, including a couple in the Europa League.

### **Rodrigo Zalazar**

Uruguayan international Rodrigo Zalazar is another excellent technician that City could look at. The 24-year-old Braga man has the dribbling and passing qualities you would expect of a

midfielder at a Champions League club, but he's not afraid to do the hard work going backwards either.

After taking some time to get going in his first season in Portugal, Zalazar finished last term with eight goals and 10 assists. But given it has only been one year since he signed from Schalke, Braga may be reluctant to part with him so soon, driving up his price.

**Any of these grab your fancy? Or is there another option out there? [Click HERE to have your say](#)**

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## Wetherspoons' red plate 'mystery' explained - Leicestershire Live

Wetherspoons enthusiasts were left scratching their heads after a social media post highlighted the discovery of an unusual item at the beloved pub chain.

Known for its distinctive blue floral-patterned plates, Wetherspoons has become a staple in the UK's hospitality scene.

Yet, a recent Reddit post on the r/mildlyinteresting subreddit drew attention to the apparently rarely seen red variant of the iconic plate.

OK - so it's not the biggest issue the country is dealing with at the moment, but we think there is room for a little silliness in these challenging times.

So, back to Reddit. A patron shared a photo of the rare find, captioning it: "My BF got a red plate in Wetherspoons."

They continued: "Spoons plates are always blue, never seen a red one before.", reports [the Express](#).

This customer wasn't alone in this experience; others also claimed to have been served with a red plate in the past.

The revelation sparked surprise among users, with one commenting: "YOU GOT THE RED PLATE! "

Another added their two pence, saying: "If you get the red plate in 'Spoons, take it to the bar after and you get a free drink'."

Even a former Wetherspoons worker weighed in, noting they had never come across a red plate during their time with the company, underscoring the rarity of such an occurrence.

Meanwhile, another commenter humorously suggested: "I think you've accidentally wandered into an alternative dimension."

However, the mystery was eventually solved when Wetherspoons cleared the air regarding the peculiar plates.

Speaking to Fabulous, they explained: "Wetherspoon did trial a red plate in a small number of pubs for use for children's meals, to ensure all children's meals were served on a cold plate. The

company has moved on since then and just launched a melamine plate for the whole children's menu which is in line with the design of the children's menu.

"But there will be stock of the old red plate in circulation, until they break. No plan to change from the standard blue patterned plate any time soon. "

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## How to remove bathroom sealant mould in 15 minutes using two common household items - Leicestershire Live

The silicone sealant around bathtubs and showers, despite its water-resistant nature, is often a hotspot for mould growth. However, with the right products, this can be easily cleaned.

Over time, if not regularly cleaned, the silicone sealant may detach from the surface and accumulate moisture - perfect conditions for mould to thrive in the humid bathroom environment.

Cleaning silicone mould can be quite challenging since it is designed to resist various chemicals, rendering multiple common cleaners ineffective in killing mould spores.

Karl Coppen, a mould removal specialist from Mould Men, suggests using natural products over strong chemical cleaners to eliminate sealant mould.

He stated: "The way in which silicone sealant dries and its positioning creates problems for effective spot removal. Luckily, removing black mould from silicone sealant requires products that are commonly found around the house.", reports [the Express](#).

How to remove silicone sealant mould.

Two everyday household items - white vinegar and baking soda - are deemed the most effective in expunging silicone sealant mould.

Vinegar, containing acetic acid, can penetrate the sealant while also possessing antifungal properties which can exterminate the mould.

Baking soda is slightly abrasive, enabling it to scrub away mould physically, all the while

boasting antifungal properties which help eradicate the mould and prevent future outbreaks.

### **Here's what you need:.**

White vinegar.

Baking soda.

A small basin or bowl.

Old toothbrush or hard-bristle brush.

Clean cloth.

### **Method:.**

Before tackling mould, ensure you're wearing rubber gloves to shield your hands from the spores.

Combine 240ml of vinegar with two or three tablespoons of baking soda in a small bowl to form a paste.

Use a cloth to apply this paste onto the sealant surface, layering it thickly over the mould.

Allow it to sit for at least 10 minutes, though leaving it for an hour will yield better results as the vinegar needs time to break down the mould spores.

After the waiting period, use an old toothbrush or a hard-bristled brush to scrub the paste off the sealant.

Use a sponge to clean and rinse the sealant, then thoroughly dry it with a cloth.

Repeat these steps until all mould stains are gone and your bathroom is sparkling clean again.

### **How to prevent silicone sealant mould in the future.**

Silicone sealant mould is incredibly common, but maintaining a clean, dry, and airy bathroom can help prevent recurring mould issues.

Karl stated: "Black mould growth in silicone sealant cannot always be avoided, however, minimising the humidity levels and moisture build-up can lower the chances significantly."

Ensure regular ventilation in your bathroom by keeping a window open for at least 30 minutes after showering or bathing.

Regularly cleaning bathroom walls and the shower, as well as avoiding leaving damp clothes or towels in the bathroom, can help keep it mould-free and easier to clean in the future.

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## Kasper Schmeichel linked to Celtic as Brendan Rodgers connection reignites transfer interest - Leicestershire Live

Kasper Schmeichel is being linked with a move to Celtic to reunite with his former Leicester City manager, Brendan Rodgers.

But if the deal does materialise, the Denmark international wouldn't treat Celtic like a retirement home - because he knows all about Scottish football from his time at Falkirk, according to an old rival who played against him during his last stint north of the border 17 years ago.

Schmeichel, the 37-year-old who was between the stick for Denmark at Euro 2020, was linked with the Hoops a year ago but nothing came of it then, with Joe Hart still installed as Rodgers' No 1.

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He signed for Anderlecht instead, where he made 32 appearances but left when his one-year deal expired. That means the big keeper is looking for a new club.

Schmeichel showed at Euro 2024 he's still got it, and [the idea of a reunion with his former Leicester boss](#) was put to Mark Wilson on Clyde 1 Superscoreboard. Wilson played for Celtic when Schmeichel enjoyed an impressive loan spell under John Hughes at Falkirk in 2007. And

he reckons that experience means a move could be a goer - while the Dane's prior relationship with Rodgers, and the fact he's a free agent, wouldn't hurt either.

Wilson said: "I like that, it's a sensible suggestion. At 37, he's probably pushing it a wee bit. But still, if he's kept himself in shape, which you'd like to think he would, he's been a fantastic goalkeeper throughout the years. The link there is of course with Brendan Rodgers.

"The stature and experience he's got, that's everything you need in a keeper. If you get a year or two years out of him, then great if he does a job for you.

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"I don't think that with every player you sign, the end goal has to be money. The end goal should be the performances and trophies they help deliver. Joe Hart, you have to say, ticked every box. Of course Celtic didn't get any sell-on from him, but they did get a period of success and stability from a keeper who made mistakes, of course, but more often than not was there to help the team get over the line.

"Schmeichel, you could do worse than him, if he's a free agent." Asked if he played against Schmeichel back in 2007, Wilson added: "I did! He doesn't need to pick the phone up to Joe Hart - he already knows what it's like up here, he knows the intensity of the football. He played against Celtic, he knows how big both clubs are, what's expected by the fanbase. It wouldn't be a stranger coming in and thinking 'this is a nice little retirement pay.

"He'll understand that Celtic are playing at the top level, and European football is a massive draw as well. It will be interesting to see if that is one that Brendan Rodgers is interested in. Last year it was on the radar. This year, he's a free agent, so you'd think it would be easier to get over the

line, especially when he's not playing second fiddle to Joe Hart. There's a number one spot up for grabs."

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## Lawn mowing technique will stop weeds say experts at RHS - Leicestershire Live

As the summer weather arrives, gardens across the UK are in full bloom, but with the growth of new flowers also comes excellent conditions for other types of plants to grow. Weeds can be a headache for gardeners, especially if you want your garden to look picture-perfect.

And if your lawn is the centrepiece of your outdoor space, weeds can make things look unkempt and messy, no matter how much effort gardeners put in. The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) advises gardeners to try and stay away from chemical-based weed killers and pesticides where possible to benefit their garden and the wider environment.

Though pulling weeds out at the root is one way to tackle unwanted growth, the experts revealed that how you are mowing your lawn could be the reason weeds are springing up. "Avoid mowing the lawn very short, especially in summer, as this can weaken the grass and lead to bare patches that allow weeds in," said RHS.

"In summer, with a conventional lawn, mow once a week on average, dropping to once a fortnight, or longer, during periods of drought."

"Flower-rich lawns can be mown every four to six weeks. Long-grassed lawns are best cut once or twice over the summer, usually not before June.", reports [the Express](#).

During the summer, the experts advise mowing your lawn to no less than 13 mm in length. They recommend maintaining an average length of between 13 and 25mm.

Mowing any shorter can weaken the grass plants and encourage shallow rooting, all of which encourages weeds and moss.

"Close-mown lawns also need more frequent maintenance and feeding," stated the RHS.

For lawn care to be effective, it must be regular this halts weeds before they can even begin to sprout. "Feeding, aerating and scarifying your lawn will encourage the grass to be more

vigorous, so it's more difficult for weeds to get established in the first place," recommended the RHS.

A well-aerated lawn is achieved by creating small apertures in the soil beneath it.

Moss, one of the leading problems in lawn care, is combatted through aeration. This is because it declogs thatch build-up in high-maintenance lawns and reduces lawn compaction. Simply put, scarifying a lawn involves removing dead thatch.

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## Gardeners told to hang CDs in garden now to stop annoying issue - Leicestershire Live

Garden enthusiasts are being encouraged to repurpose their old CDs this July by hanging them in their gardens. Remember CDs? Those shiny, music-encoded discs that were all the rage before Spotify took over?

Now, they're being given a new lease of life as garden protectors. It doesn't necessarily have to be a CD - an old DVD will do the trick too.

The aim is to safeguard fruits and vegetables from pesky birds. Despite their reputation for being attracted to shiny objects, birds are actually deterred by CDs.

They won't dare to snatch your strawberries or nibble at your raspberries if you've lined your raised beds with CDs. The reflected light startles them, especially when a breeze causes the discs to spin and reflect in random directions, reports [the Express](#).

Gardening page Food For Trees and Africa shared this tip, stating: "Did you know that by hanging old CDs around your food garden, you'll startle birds with the reflecting light and keep them



away from your vegetables and herbs. It's a trick we've put into action at the Food and Trees for Africa food garden."

They suggest hanging the discs loosely so they can easily catch the sun's rays and spin in the wind. To keep the birds on their toes, it's recommended to change the location of the CDs around your beds every now and then.

The CDs will instantly trigger birds' flight response, causing them to swiftly flee.

It's important to occasionally change the location of the discs to prevent birds from becoming accustomed to their source.

This way, you can cultivate strawberries, raspberries, tomatoes and other crops without the worry of avian intruders, while guiding birds towards safer areas like lawns where they can feast on slugs and worms instead.

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## Get Leicestershire election results first and follow events as they happen on LeicestershireLive - Leicestershire Live

Over recent weeks, we have [interviewed Rishi Sunak](#) and [Sir Keir Starmer](#), [grilled candidates on key issues](#) and [spoken to local residents about what matters most to them at this General Election](#). We have brought you [messages from all of your parliamentary hopefuls](#) and given you [insights into how their campaigns are going](#).

We have filled you in on [changes to your constituencies](#) and provided you with [all the information you need to cast your vote](#) tomorrow, and spoken to lots of Leicestershire voters, including [a single mum](#) and [a teenager who will be voting for the first time](#). But the work is not done yet.

We want to take you, our readers, with us on election night as we go behind the scenes at counts across the city and county. Our reporters will be on the ground in key constituencies, bringing

you the latest news, the results as they happen and keeping you up to date on all the election drama.

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We will talk to our local candidates to get their reactions as the night progresses. We are local journalists – our first duty is to keep you informed about the local issues which matter to you.

But this is a national event – one that those in the political know are referring to with words such as “landmark” and “historic” – so we will also be bringing you headline announcements from across the country.

Will our [Prime Minister](#) hold his seat? Will Nigel Farage take a place in Parliament? Are the polls correct and will Labour end up with a super-majority? We will be bringing you the answers throughout tomorrow night and into Friday and the weekend.

If you want the results first, LeicestershireLive is the place to get them. We will have a team of reporters on duty from 9.30pm, ready to launch our coverage when [the polls](#) close at 10pm - and we will be staying with you until long past all of Leicestershire's results are in.

Our journalists will be at counts in the city and county, and bringing you live updates from, and the results of, the three Leicester counts, as well as the counts for Harborough, Oadby and Wigston, Mid Leicestershire, Loughborough, North West Leicestershire, Hinckley and Bosworth, Melton and Syston and South Leicestershire.

Our coverage throughout Thursday night and into Friday morning will be comprehensive, accurate and fast. You can find it on our website through our live blog and breakout articles on

the biggest headlines of the night. You can also follow along on our social media pages and our journalists' X accounts.

And of course, stay tuned throughout the weekend as we mop up the most dramatic changes and speak to new and returning MPs. We hope you've enjoyed our coverage so far. We'll see you tomorrow night.

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## General election: When Leicester and Leicestershire election results are expected - Leicestershire Live

Leicester and Leicestershire [will go to the polls tomorrow](#) along with the rest of the country. This General Election is stacking up to be a historic one, with a huge majority predicted for Labour and devastating losses for the Conservative Party.

Changes are also predicted across the city and county, with a number of new MPs expected to be announced tomorrow night. But when will people start to hear about the results?

Here is what you can expect:

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### Thursday, July 4, 7am to 10pm

[Polling stations across the city and county open at 7am on Thursday](#), July 4, and close at 10pm. The name of the polling station will be on your poll card which you will have received through the post. Don't forget to bring photo ID with you when you go to vote.

If you chose to vote by post, your completed application will be sent to the count on the night. Polls close at 10pm. Once closed, the count will begin.

### Overnight Thursday, July 4, into Friday, July 5

[There are ten constituencies across the city and county](#) whose votes need to be counted. This will happen overnight on Thursday, July 4, and continuing into the morning of Friday, July 5.

We are expecting the first results from [Hinckley and Bosworth](#), who have said they anticipate the constituency's result to be declared around 3am. LeicestershireLive will be reporting live throughout the night, bringing you the results as they land.

Most areas have given an estimated time for when the count will be completed and the results will come in, but these are subject to change. [Find out when your constituency is declaring](#)

[below](#).

- [Hinckley and Bosworth](#) is set to declare first, with results estimated to come in around 3am on Friday, July 5.
- [North West Leicestershire](#), has said results are estimated to be announced between 3am-4am on Friday, July 5.
- [South Leicestershire](#) results are estimated to come in around 4am on Friday, July 5.
- [In Harborough, Oadby and Wigston](#), results are estimated to be between 3am and 5am on Friday, July 5.
- [Mid Leicestershire](#) results are estimated to be announced around 6am on Friday, July 5.
- [Loughborough](#) results are estimated to be around 6am on Friday, July 5.
- [In Leicester East](#), no time has been given as to when we can expect the results.
- [In Leicester South](#), no time has been given as to when we can expect the results.
- [In Leicester West](#), no time has been given as to when we can expect the results.
- [In Melton and Syston](#) no estimated time has been given as to when we can expect the results.

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## Two in hospital after Humberstone Gate 'attack' leaves pavement covered in blood - Leicestershire Live

Two men are in hospital this afternoon (Wednesday) after a "violent attack" in [the city centre](#) this morning. [Leicestershire Police](#) cordoned off an area of Humberstone Gate after the assault by "a number of attackers", according to witnesses, just outside the Subway restaurant.

Police said in a statement this afternoon: "Shortly after 10.20am today a report was received that two men had been assaulted in Humberstone Gate. Officers attended but the suspects had left prior to their arrival.

"The victims have been taken to hospital for treatment. Their injuries are not believed to be life-threatening or life-changing and enquiries are continuing.

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## incident'

"No arrests have been made at this time. A closure which was put in place has since been lifted." A member of staff at a shop nearby described seeing a "large pool of blood" on the pavement.

The incident led to a cordon being put up in the area that forced the Subway branch to close temporarily. A member of staff told LeicestershireLive: "There was a fight or something. There were two people who seemed to be bleeding. There were lots of police around and the whole area was cordoned off for about an hour, so people couldn't get in here."

An employee at the Hansom Cab next door said: "The police put a cordon up outside our front door so we couldn't go outside. I didn't see anything but there were two men outside bleeding afterwards. The ambulance came and left and I assume it took them away."

The incident comes just one day after [an attack that shut the McDonald's takeaway in Market Street](#), Leicester. Police attended an incident at about 5.10am on Tuesday.

The restaurant was shut until about 10am yesterday as police forensics teams carried out an investigation. Police later said a man in his 20s had been stabbed and another man, Daniel Edgar 37, had been charged with causing grievous bodily harm.

He appeared at [Leicester Magistrates' Court](#) this morning and the case was sent to Leicester Crown Court due to the seriousness of the alleged offence. A second man, aged 33, was arrested

in connection with the McDonald's incident but no further action was taken against him and he was released.

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## Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall sent clear message as Leicester City and Enzo Maresca take flak for Chelsea transfer - Keith Wales - Leicestershire Live

Leicester City have a habit of selling their better players to Chelsea, or at least players that the Stamford Bridge hierarchy believe to be decent.

As [Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall](#) settles into life at the Bridge after his £30m move from the King Power Stadium, he might do well to reflect on the success - or otherwise - of previous Leicester City midfielders to make the move.

On the one hand you have [N'Golo Kante](#), the marauding enforcer of the Foxes' title-winning team who moved on weeks after the Premier League crown had been claimed - and then won it again a year later with the London Blues.

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Then there is [Danny Drinkwater](#), another midfielder who followed Kante to West London, but with a less successful outcome. In fact, it is fair to say that Drinkwater was never the same player again.

We posed the question, will [KDH be the new Danny Drinkwater at Chelsea or N'Golo Kante reborn?](#) in confirming his exit from Leicester on Tuesday, and Foxes fans responded in their droves.

That said, not one of them cared to compare Dewsbury-Hall to his title-winning Leicester predecessors, instead preferring to wish him well, lambast the City hierarchy for selling him, criticise the Premier League for their baffling PSR rules or comment on the style of play Chelsea are likely to witness under [the Foxes' promotion-winning manager Enzo Maresca](#) - while commiserating with KDH on his chances in London once the Italian is sacked.

**Here is what some of them had to say in response to our story...**

**Mattfox7777:** Kiernan is a hard worker and has a good head on his shoulders. He is going to be fine and very rich. He's made a super move, as has Maresca. The fact is the grass is indeed greener, whereas the grass at Leicester is presently looking far from green. Both clubs show scant

respect for rules and both have to change, but Chelsea are a far bigger club and have the resources to ride it out, whereas Leicester don't.

**Sploggon:** Don't want to read anymore about KDH. What has happened is old news now. We all have our opinion about it, but now is the time to look into the future. It seems that now we have a manager who will not be involved too much in the signings and departures. Good Luck to him - cos he's gonna need plenty.

**Superfox19:** It's hard to understand anyone loving Maresca's joyless football but good luck to KDH. If Maresca gets the sack he may find himself warming the bench.

**Kev Coley:** We all feel like a new player as well.

**Molly moo:** Grass greener on the other side and all that. Now that we have Cooper and the Welsh connection, will he be playing Danny Ward?

**Fez64nit:** Enzo will be gone by Xmas, then where will KDH stand? Out of the frying pan into the fire...

**Jaypee16:** 'As a kid born in Leicester, who grew up in Leicester watching Leicester play as often as I could there was only one team I wanted to play for, LEICESTER'. I guess when you get to play at the level KDH has achieved getting paid megabucks, you're going to say what the fans of the club you're playing for want to hear. Money talks.

**Highlanderfox:** If we'd had more time we could have probably pushed for £35 million. As it is, Leicester valued him at £30 million and there wasn't time to haggle. It's not a bad result for the club under the circumstances and it is a stunningly good result for Kiernan. The good thing is there won't be more departures because we have no players a top club could want.

We will probably go down but we could then go back up again quickly. Top must then do the right thing or the next time it could be a decade in the wilderness. Far better to follow the rules clubs voted for and which most others comply with. Then if we do have a future valuable player we can hold out for the maximum fee.

**Slyasafox:** This will be a good fit for KDH. He knows and likes the system he will be playing in and he has a manager who believes in him. Best of luck. I look forward to LCFC beating you, and I expect you will be welcomed to the KP when you play there as an away player.

**Ridge007:** Good luck lad, all the best! When is the club going to make a statement? Where is the plan?

**Cayless92:** I am going to miss KDH. He was one of the constants in the team last season. Now he's gone to greener pastures, I wish him the best luck. But why is it always Chelsea? Chelsea

reminds me of a buzzard flying in circles over the KP Stadium waiting to see who they can pick off at the end of each season.

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**Itsagoal:** Aged 25, He deserves his big money move to a team that can challenge for trophies. He's worked hard for the team and helped Leicester get out of the Championship.. Now it's his turn to benefit from his efforts.. Well done, KDH. Can't wait to see you develop even more.

**2foxesinyorkshire:** Probably the best thing for him to do, carry on playing insomniac football with Mr Boring. I hope we'll be playing a more positive game next season that the fans will enjoy.

**Paularizona:** Chelsea buying everything that moves and we have to sell. Please explain how FFP helps anyone but the rich teams?

**Hathernfox:** Wish him the greatest luck. Cracking lad who never let us down. Fell on his sword for the club to stop extra points being deducted, and remember - he's one of our own.

**Citybear:** I wish him all the best - not sure he had too much choice.

**Director9:** Can't see the Chelsea players taking to Enzoball... or the fans.

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## Leicestershire voters reveal their General Election priorities - Leicestershire Live

Residents of [Leicester and Leicestershire](#) have made clear what they believe are the main priorities for the country as the General Election looms. We ran a poll asking readers for their views on nine key areas: crime; conflict in the Middle East; education; the economy; the environment; housing; immigration; public transport; and the NHS.

Immigration was most frequently chosen as voters' top priority, with 38 per cent of respondents saying it was their key concern. Next was the NHS, at 30 per cent, followed by the economy, at 14 per cent. With regard to the NHS, an overwhelming majority - 84 per cent - said they believed it [had declined in the past decade](#).

In addition, 62 per cent of respondents said they would not be voting for the same party they backed in the 2019 General Election, and even more - 79 per cent - said they did not think [Rishi Sunak had done a good job as Prime Minister](#).

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People were also asked how happy they were with life in Leicestershire compared to five years ago on a scale from 1 to 10, with 10 being most happy. Nobody chose 10, with one (least happy) and five (about the same as five years ago) gaining the highest number of votes, and around 20

per cent each. The next highest numbers of votes went to 2, 3, 7, 6, 8 and, finally, 9, with 3 per cent.

[With regard to transport](#), when asked which area people felt most needed to be improved in Leicestershire out of buses, roads, light rail, trains and cycling, 58 per cent said roads, and buses came in second with 29 per cent.

More than half - 55 per cent - of people completing the survey said they feared being a [victim of crime](#) as they went about their daily lives. The same proportion said they did not feel they had enough money to live on.

Nearly half - 49 per cent - said they felt Brexit had made life worse, while 35 per cent said it had not made any difference. Leicester was one of the few areas of the country which wanted to stay in the EU.

You can complete the survey below, or if it isn't showing for you, [click here](#).

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## How the Leicester City squad reacted to Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall's Chelsea transfer - Leicestershire Live

Leicester City are losing a “role model” to their academy prospects by saying goodbye to Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall.

[The midfielder joined Chelsea in a £30m transfer on Tuesday](#), ending a 17-year association with [City](#). Dewsbury-Hall grew up locally and joined the club aged eight, progressing from talented youngster to first-team star.

That journey is an inspiration to those making their way through the youth ranks at the club, Kasey McAteer has said. The winger, who stepped up into the first team last season, has been one of a number of players to wish [Dewsbury-Hall](#) well after his move was announced.

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He said: “A role model for every young boy in our academy to look up to. I can honestly say that it’s been a pleasure to share a pitch with you, and to build a friendship away from it too. Go and smash it brother.”

Jamie Vardy, Wilfred Ndidi, Conor Coady, Patson Daka, Tom Cannon, and Luke Thomas were among the other players to wish Dewsbury-Hall well, but Hamza Choudhury had a particularly

heartfelt message for the departing midfielder. The pair have come through the ranks at City together, playing alongside each other in midfield at every age group.

Choudhury said: “My brother, I can’t start to tell you how much you’ll be missed! Years and years of hard work went into us being able to live out our childhood dreams together! I wish you all the very best brother and I’ll see you very soon.”

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## Elderly man pushed over and kicked by 'youths' in park - Leicestershire Live

An elderly man was pushed to the ground and kicked by a “group of youths” in a Leicestershire park. Police said the 76-year-old was walking his dog through the recreation ground in Coventry Road, in [Lutterworth](#), when the incident happened.

The victim came across a group of “teenage boys” kicking a bin at around 3.35pm on Monday (July 1). He asked them to stop and as he walked away, he was pushed to the ground and kicked, [police said](#).

The man suffered a cut to his head, but did not require hospital treatment, the force added. Officers are appealing for anyone who witnessed the incident to come forward.

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The suspects have been described as being aged around 14 to 16. One was wearing a black tracksuit, trainers and a gold necklace, the force said. Police have not issued any other details about the suspects.

Anyone with information is asked to contact PC Reece Breslin on 101 or submit it via the force’s website, quoting crime number 24\*388159.

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## General Election in Leicestershire: where, when and how to vote - Leicestershire Live

Polls open at 7am on Thursday, July 4, with Britons up and down the country set to decide who they want representing them in [Parliament](#). This year’s [General Election](#) is expected to end with

a historic victory for [Labour](#) with talk of Sir Keir Starmer leading his party to a super-majority.

Huge losses have also been cited as the likely outcome for the [Conservatives](#). Some polls have predicted Rishi Sunak's party could come away with less than 100 seats.

Changes are also afoot in Leicester and Leicestershire. A number of our 2019 MPs [could lose their seats this time around](#) and we also have [a brand new constituency in the mix](#) which will get its first MP on Thursday night.

**READ MORE: [Leicester and Leicestershire General Election candidates tell you why they believe they deserve your vote](#)**

But before the results can be announced, however, you need to cast your vote. We have pulled together a breakdown of everything you need to know for polling day.

## **When and where do I vote?**

Polls open at 7am on Thursday, July 4, and close at 10pm. If you have opted to vote in person, you should have received a polling card in the post which will include the address of the polling station where you need to cast your vote.

## **What do I need to take?**

Photo ID is now required for you to vote in an election. Accepted forms of ID include passports and drivers licences. You can use:

- Passport
- Driving or provisional license
- Blue badge
- Some concessionary travel cards
- Identity card with PASS mark (Proof of Age Standards Scheme)
- Biometric immigration document
- Defence identity card
- Some national identity cards
- Free Government Voter Authority Certificate

You can use your ID even if it is out of date, so long as the picture is recognisably you. The name on your ID should be the same name as you used to register to vote.

Your polling card can speed up the process for you, but taking it is not a requirement when it comes to voting. Polling clerks will have a list of people who can vote and will be able to look up your name.

When you're in the polling station, you will be given a ballot paper and you will find a pen or

pencil in the voting booth, so you don't need to take those with you.

## **Do I need to remove face coverings to vote?**

If you wear face coverings for religious, personal or medical reasons, you may be asked to briefly remove it so the polling clerks can check your ID. At last year's local elections, [the city council provided privacy screens for this purpose](#) and women wearing veils can ask for a female clerk to assist them.

## **How do I vote?**

When you arrive, the polling clerk will ask for your ID and then will check your name off on the list of people who are able to vote in this election. They will give you your ballot and direct you towards an empty booth.

Your ballot paper will list the names of everyone standing in your constituency and which party they represent. Choose the candidate you wish to support by putting an X in the box by their name.

Don't worry if you make a mistake, you can ask for a fresh ballot sheet. Once you are happy with your choice, fold your slip and pop it in the ballot box provided. And that's you done.

## **Who can I vote for?**

In UK elections, you vote for one candidate standing in your local area. While many use this as an endorsement of the party they feel most represents their values, you are not voting specifically for the party itself or its leader – so you won't see Rishi or Sir Keir's name on your ballot slip.

You [can find a full list of candidates standing in your constituency here](#). Over recent weeks, LeicestershireLive has given each of our parliamentary hopefuls the chance to tell you why they believe they deserve your backing. [You can find out what they had to say here](#).

For voters in Leicester East, don't forget about the LeicestershireLive and Local Democracy Reporting Service Hustings which took place earlier this week. We grilled six of the candidates from the constituency on the NHS, economy, immigration, housing and crime. [You can find the hustings here](#).

## **How do I know my constituency?**

For some, boundaries will have changed for this year's election – and Leicestershire has a brand new voting area. You can find your constituency name on your polling card and [we have a full breakdown of the changes for you here](#).

## **What is voter fraud?**

It is illegal for anyone to influence another to vote against their will. This can include pressuring them into voting a certain way, offering them something in exchange for their vote, pretending

to be them at a polling station, and filling in a postal vote for them. You can report electoral fraud to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or at [crimestoppers-uk.org](http://crimestoppers-uk.org)

## When will we find out the results?

Polls close at 10pm and then the counts start. In Leicestershire, we are expecting results to start coming in from around 2am. We will have reporters on the ground at counts in the city and across the county from around 9:30pm. You will be able to follow all the action, breaking news and election night drama on our live blog which will be published on the LeicestershireLive homepage.

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## Enzo Maresca has given Leicester City an impossible task with transfer problem he predicted - Leicestershire Live

As Enzo Maresca has played a part in taking Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall out of Leicester City, it's worth a reminder of what the Italian said the next step needed to be in such a scenario.

[Speaking on the final day of the Championship season](#), the then [City](#) boss said: "I don't care about this (selling players for financial reasons). But if we lose important players, it's important that we bring in important players.

"It's not a problem if we need to sell players to solve any problems. But it's important that we can then bring players in. We need to be competitive. I don't want to be, this time next year, where we were a year ago. This has to be the main focus."

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So, in short, [Dewsbury-Hall's](#) departure doesn't have to be an issue as long as he is replaced. Of course, that's easier said than done.

First, City need to decide what they're missing without Dewsbury-Hall in their team. Most obviously, it's goals and assists. Dewsbury-Hall was one of only three players to hit double figures for both in the Championship last season, along with Adam Armstrong and Gabriel Sara, the 25-year-old central to their attacking play.

It's not clear how those numbers would have converted to the Premier League. Dewsbury-Hall's most prolific top-flight campaign saw him register just four goal involvements, but by playing in a more advanced position in Maresca's side, he made great strides tactically and technically. It



would not have been unreasonable to expect him to reach at least 10 combined goals and assists in the coming season.

Dewsbury-Hall provided far more than that, though. His stamina and energy levels were unmatched, and he pressed extremely well. He carried the ball into the final third at speed and built up an excellent combination with Stephy Mavididi, making the left winger more effective. He could whip in dangerous crosses.

There's a lot of attributes there that need finding in a new signing. Because, right now, City don't have any players in their ranks that could do what Dewsbury-Hall did.

Dennis Praet and Yunus Akgun, two of the other advanced midfielders used by Maresca last season, have left. Wilfred Ndidi may not return, and even if he does, [he may drop back into his more natural defensive role now that City are back in the Premier League.](#)

As things stand, City's midfielders are Harry Winks, Hamza Choudhury and Boubakary Soumare. They're either tough-tackling defensive shields or deep-lying metronomes. Collectively, they've played 682 games in their careers and scored 11 goals, one fewer than Dewsbury-Hall managed in the Championship last season.

Look deeper into the squad and City do have a more natural replacement for Dewsbury-Hall in Will Alves. But the teenager has not even played a senior league game yet. To expect him to fill Dewsbury-Hall's boots would be unreasonable, and possibly detrimental to the talented youngster's career.

The qualities that City are missing also have to be balanced against what Steve Cooper needs for his squad. [At Nottingham Forest, his central midfielders tended to be defensive-minded, with a focus on protecting the back line.](#) Then there was Morgan Gibbs-White, a number 10 who was

sometimes asked to play wide. Cooper didn't really play with box-to-box number eights like Dewsbury-Hall.

So there's a lot for Martyn Glover and the recruitment team to think about, especially with budget constraints. But even if City can find a player to match Dewsbury-Hall from a technical and tactical perspective, completely replacing all of his qualities is impossible.

He may have quite liked Manchester United growing up, but he loved Leicester City too. He grew up in the county, joined the academy aged eight, and over 17 years developed an incredibly strong bond with the club and the fans.

In nearly every match he played, that connection with City was evident in his performance. His love for the club materialised in his feistiness in the tackle, the lung-busting sprints in added time, the way he lapped up the celebrations.

There was a commitment to the cause in his play that can only come from such a long relationship with the club. Seeing that love for City on the pitch brought out the best in the fans too. That is what will be impossible to replace no matter who is signed this summer.

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