

Leicestershire Cares

# **#TogetherWeCare**

## **Unsung Heroes**

### **2020**



# Community Heroes

The #TogetherWeCare initiative gave special recognition to the unsung heroes who have been providing outstanding support in the communities of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland during the current coronavirus crisis.

In total, 223 certificates were awarded to community heroes and were sent via email or post.

All names of the 'Community Heroes' are listed below.



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## 1 Key Solution

They have produced videos in various languages including; mental health support videos, coronavirus prevention videos, financial advice from experts. Alongside that, they dedicated a helpline for the self-isolated and needy to assist them with buying essentials.

## Adil Ismail

Created food packs and liaised with different businesses to make food parcels for those struggling with loneliness and isolation.

## Age UK Leicester Shire & Rutland

This charity have been amazing in supporting the older people with food parcels during the current pandemic.

## Ahmed Patel

Ahmed was nominated for making sure the family and the extended family from other households have everything they need including food and medication as some family members had to shield against Covid-19.

## Amanda McFarlene

Amanda works at Vista and is a part of the Fundraising Team, during the current pandemic within her team she has helped to secure over £50,000 for the charity, obtained PPE equipment and acquired digital equipment for residents.

## Angela Parkes

Angela was nominated for her ongoing support, time and dedication to provide a fitness programme for Leicestershire Cares staff and participants.



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## Angie Cain

She has worked tirelessly every day for the last 5 weeks, organizing the volunteers, answering phones, writing risk assessments, DBS and sorting food parcels.

## Arif Voraji

Arif and Help the Homeless Leicester continue to go above and beyond to help the most vulnerable people in Leicester during this crisis, delivering food packages, essentials and more to individuals and families in need.

## Athan Martin

Athan was nominated for his ongoing support, time and dedication to provide a fitness programme for Leicestershire Cares staff and participants.

## BAPS Shri Swaminārayan Mandir

This organisation were nominated for their commitment to supporting the community by delivering food and medicine and launching the 'Connect and Care initiative' to ensure the elderly and vulnerable are sufficiently cared for, safe and informed.

## Beauchamp College

Beauchamp have been recognised for their sterling effort in making visors for NHS frontline staff tackling COVID-19.

## Beauty Hilda Chipinduro

Beauty is a carer and has shown love and care to an individual she cares for and has stood by the family through the COVID-19 virus.



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## Bee Master

Bee Master, alongside Pratik Master has worked hard to support their local community by changing shop opening hours so that frontline workers can buy the essentials, provided free deliveries and has been agile in reaching out to people in need.

## Belgrave Business Association and Bushby Lions Clubs

Belgrave Business Association and Bushby Lions Clubs were nominated for delivering essential free food packages to the elderly and vulnerable.

## Ben Knowles

Ben has been supporting his local residents during the current crisis.

## Brocks Hill Primary School

This school have been recognised for their sterling effort in making visors for NHS frontline staff tackling COVID-19.

## Bruce Harrison

Bruce, alongside LEICESTER South Food Bank have been done fantastic work to support the most vulnerable, often at times of crisis. They did this with dignity and kindness and an impressive expediency.

## CAREGivers at Home Instead Hinckley, Burbage and Nuneaton

BThis team were nominated for going above and beyond caring for seniors in the community not just during this pandemic but all of the time.



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## Carers at Kingfisher

The team at Kingfisher were nominated for their hard work and sheer selflessness with supporting their service users during this challenging time.

## Carla Loughrey

Carla was nominated for the outstanding volunteering work she has done. She helped create a lovely video with a fun maths challenge to share with the primary school children she supports in their Number Partners group whilst the children are off school.

## Caroline Hart

Carla was nominated for the outstanding volunteering work she has done. She helped create a lovely video with a fun maths challenge to share with the primary school children she supports in their Number Partners group whilst the children are off school.

## Carolyn Parker

Carolyn Parker set up the Coronavirus Support Kibworth Facebook group for the Kibworth villages and surrounding area to provide support and advice on well-being during the coronavirus pandemic.

## Casey Armstrong

Casey has stepped up to raise the voice for care experienced young people to ensure care experienced young people are not forgotten by society during this challenging time and has set up a podcast with fellow care experienced young person, Diana, to talk about issues affecting them and peers.

## Castle Donington's Volunteer Centre

Castle Donington's Volunteer Centre were nominated for their exceptional hard work in looking out for the vulnerable in their local community.





*It is heart-warming to know that we are indeed making a difference to peoples lives even if its just a chat over the garden fence with somebody that we have never engaged with before – social distance being adhered to obviously.*

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### **Kibworth Isolation Relief Team Awardee**



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## Charlotte Tattersall

Charlotte was nominated for her hard work during the Covid-19 with the shut down of their dance school she has gone above and beyond in making sure all of her students still manage to do their dance lesson online and to keep the children smiling.

## Charnwood Food Poverty Group

This group were nominated for their sheer dedication to fighting food poverty throughout Charnwood. The group have opened up to new partnerships, selflessly dedicated time volunteering to this project and helped deliver over 10,000 food parcels.

## Chery Creese

Chery has done a fantastic job in running the centre looking after the kids and running the local food bank for the needy. Time has been sacrificed to ensure no kid goes away hungry including over the Easter break and helping bind most needy families together.

## Christchurch

Christchurch were nominated for the great support they have provided to the community in providing essential food and items during the coronavirus outbreak.

## Christ the King Church

This church were nominated for supporting the local community by providing a food bank three times a week to ensure no one is left behind.

## Cindy Mortimore

Throughout lockdown, Cindy has been keeping very busy helping the NHS and local areas by making scrubs, scrub bags, material masks and headbands. She has helped to provide well over 400 items.



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## Clive Weston

Clive was nominated for working hard to obtain funding from the Mark Master Masons for the delivery of 685 food packages across Leicestershire & Rutland. He's then worked every weekend to pack the parcels, and organise their distribution to vulnerable people.

## Coalville Food Bank

Coalville Food Bank were nominated for the outstanding support they have been providing the community by running their food bank.

## Coalville Rugby Club

Coalville Rugby Club were nominated for their tremendous efforts to raise funds to support NHS staff and volunteers.

## Cocoa Amore

Cocoa Amore, were nominated for donating a whole load of handmade proper chocolate Easter eggs and truffle making kits for Leicestershire Cares care leavers to help put together some Easter packages for them.

## Connect Blaby together

Connect Blaby Together were nominated for the work all of the volunteers have carried out and continue to carry out during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The team have been working daily to ensure that people's needs are met and the community is kept going.

## CoronaVirus Shakti Sewa

CoronaVirus Shakti Sewa have provided free or subsidised meal/ tiffin and delivered them to the elderly and vulnerable through the pandemic in the Belgrave Ward and across Leicester.



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## Covid 19 Community Care Helpline

Covid 19 Community Care Helpline have been nominated for their time and dedication to support the most vulnerable in need. Alongside that, they have worked hard to deliver food parcels effectively and efficiently to the community of Leicestershire.

## COVID-19 Leicestershire Muslim Funeral Support Group

This group were nominated for supporting Muslim families with funerals during the current coronavirus crisis.

## Darren Wallace

Darren has supported our young people and participants at Leicestershire Cares with online mock interviews, reviewing CV's and giving career talks on Zoom.

## Dave Butterworth

Monika and Dave Butterworth from The Allotment grocery on Queens Road. They continued to work very hard in spite of multiple family commitments and other challenges to provide healthy, plastic free and much in demand fruit and veg to households.

## Dawn Grantham

Dawn has been nominated for her work with the Markfield Community Association in setting up the Markfield 'Good Neighbours Scheme'. This now has over 70 local volunteers to support the vulnerable with food and medicine deliveries and mental health support.

## Dawoodi Bohra Community Mosque - Bath Street

This mosque was nominated for delivering food and essentials to those most in need during the Pandemic.



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## Diana Omokore

Diana has helped raise the voices of care experienced young people during the COVID-19 lockdown. Diana has produced a podcast with fellow care experienced young person Casey, where they talk about the issues affecting them and their peers.

## Drop of Compassion

This charity was nominated for organising food and essential supplies to food banks.

## Dylan Mistry

Dylan was nominated for providing our first virtual world of work tour for Leicestershire Cares' young people and supporting them to think about the variety of employment opportunities in this sector.

## E2 Online

E2 Online, were nominated for the emergency food delivery service they have provided for self-isolated or people suffering from the Coronavirus. Alongside that, they have been running a food bank and food pantry service.

## East Goscote Pharmacy

East Goscote Pharmacy were nominated for their incredible support to the local community during this crisis. They have been particularly helpful to local residents who have been self isolating by phoning twice a week and delivering medication.

## East Midlands Youth - Leicestershire & Rutland Youth & Family Services

This organisation were nominated for providing extensive support to young people, communities and families during the coronavirus pandemic.



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## Emma Taylor

Emma was nominated for providing support to our young people in participating in the CV clinic during the current pandemic.

## Evan Crosskey

Evan was nominated for helping create a video with a fun maths challenge to share with the primary school children he supports for Number Partners whilst the children are off school. He, also created an Employability video sharing his career journey and experiences.

## Eyres Monsell Club For Young People

This club were nominated for stepping up and delivering 100 food parcels a week to vulnerable people.

## Gareth Padfield

Since the beginning of lockdown Gareth has been tirelessly volunteering without a day off, to support and re-house Leicester's homeless, acting as vital lifeline during the Covid-19 pandemic.

## Gareth Parker

Gareth is a teacher at Gartree High School and he used the school's 3-D printers to produce some vital PPE equipment, specifically high-spec protective masks, which he then delivered to a local doctors' surgery.

## Ged Moss

Ged Moss has contacted a number of foodbanks and community services across Leicester city to pledge support, Ged is an active volunteer for Leicester Holy Trinity Triangle (homeless) mission and supports vulnerable individuals.



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## Gemma Meekings

Gemma has supported our young people and participants at Leicestershire Cares with online mock interviews, reviewing CV's and giving career talks on Zoom.

## Gifting Humanity

This organisation from the start of the pandemic have been supporting residents in Leicester. They have donated hundreds of food parcels daily, visited care homes, hospitals and homeless shelters, donating PPE across Leicester city and much more.

## Gill Coleman

Gill has supported the Homelessness Project 'Making Moves' by providing advice, knowledge and quick responses when needs arise. She has been a valuable support during the pandemic.

## Gill Potkins

Gill has been using her skills of sewing to help make hospital scrubs to support NHS staff in the local hospitals.

## Goldhill Adventure Playground

This charity have been nominated for providing essential food items to the community.

## Groby and Ratby Response Team

This team of over 70 volunteers have done a fantastic job of taking food prescriptions to vulnerable people and supporting people via telephone calls.



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## Guru Tegh Bahadur Gurudwara

Guru Tegh Bahadur Gurudwara were nominated for providing free vegetarian meals for the community, key workers and those who are isolated during the current pandemic.

## Hallam Fields Primary School

This school have been recognised for their sterling effort in making visors for NHS frontline staff tackling COVID-19.

## Helen Crouch

Helen was nominated for her superb efforts, on a purely voluntary basis, in supporting the residents of Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton under Bardon through the Coronavirus Crisis. Helen co-ordinates volunteers, delivers food and medicines to those in higher risk groups.

## Highcliffe Primary Academy

This school have been recognised for their sterling effort in making visors for NHS frontline staff tackling COVID-19.

## Hope Centre

The Hope Centre were nominated for supporting the local community by providing a food bank to ensure no one is left behind.

## Houghton on the Hill Primary School

The teachers and helpers at this school have been nominated for making it possible for key workers to go to work. They have supported the children during this difficult time.



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## Hugglescote, Donington – Le – Heath & Coalville Community Response Unit

This Facebook group were nominated for the support they provide to the vulnerable and elderly members of the community. The volunteers cover 70 streets across different villages and help residents with picking up prescriptions and emergency food drop offs.

## Humanity Without Borders

This charity was nominated for running a food bank locally and donating essential items.

## Humberstone Church Volunteers

These volunteers were nominated for providing support to the community since the start of lockdown. Each week they have been delivering food parcels to many households providing food to those that have had to self-isolate, shield or have been furloughed.

## Humphrey Perkins School

This school have been recognised for their sterling effort in making visors for NHS frontline staff tackling COVID-19.

## Ian Mallabone

Ian was nominated for showing agile and creative leadership that has resulted in Nylacast reaching out to essential community groups and supporting them in efforts to combat the impact of the pandemic.

## I'm not alright Jack Helping each other - Kibworth & surrounding villages

This Facebook group was set up with the aim to share vital information regarding coronavirus and for people to request help. They now have over 800 volunteer followers who also provide a community source of local businesses who are able to provide specific food or goods.



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*This has been a fantastic project  
and I have been amazed at the  
hard work that has been  
happening across the city and  
county.*

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**Keisha Coggins**  
**Leicestershire Cares**



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## Jacob Brown

Jacob was nominated for being flexible and agile in supporting young people throughout the lock down period. Jacob has been key in cascading important waves of relevant support for care leavers.

## Jade Hunter

Jade was nominated for delivering parcels to vulnerable families.

## Jalaram Sadavrat

Jalaram Sadavrat have provided free or subsided meal/tiffin and delivered them to the elderly and vulnerable through the pandemic in the Belgrave Ward and across Leicester.

## James Blackhall

James was nominated for the support he has provided to the Troon and Evington Councillors by delivering food parcels and helping with food deliveries to the food bank.

## James Howling

James took initiative to start producing PPE on his 3D printer. In just a few week he raised nearly £5000 and is supporting others who are doing the same. He has delivered over 1,600 visors supplying many hospitals, care homes and pharmacies.

## Jason Barnfather

Jason has been supporting his grandma who has dementia over the past few months. Jason has Cerebral Palsy and his grandma needs support 24/7. He has been recognised for the devotion and dedication that he has given to his Grandma.



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## Jason Joyce - Dairy 2 Door

Jason Joyce has without fail been delivering milk and other essentials early in the morning. The customer service has been second to none and has been willing to help out in anyway.

## Jennifer Griffiths

Jennifer was nominated for supporting our young people and participants at Leicestershire Cares with an online CV clinic during the current pandemic.

## Jennifer Taylor

Jennifer Taylor organised a Patio Parade where a little army of children in and around Blaby Village who, throughout the pandemic, have completed challenges to raise funds. In over three weeks they raised over £1000 and provided 91 food packages in the first delivery.

## Jim Gannon

Jim was nominated for supporting our young people and participants at Leicestershire Cares with an online CV clinic during the current pandemic.

## Joanne Norwood

Joanne was nominated for using her creativity and enthusiasm to get her street dancing every day as a way of beating the lockdown blues, building a sense of community and staying fit.

## Joanne Sleath

Joanne has lead from the front, coming in on her days off to ensure the staff feel supported, she covers shifts, and all with a young family at home.



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## Joel Errawalla

During these challenging times, Joel and Sarah have decided to make a difference by giving away their favourite toys to our local charity and raise money for the NHS Heroes. They both have raised £710.00 in total by giving away their favourites toys to Local Charity.

## Jon Cloke

Jon has worked hard by picking up prescriptions, organising food parcels, supporting local people with mental health and wellbeing support and more.

## Jon Elks

Jon was nominated for supporting career talks at Leicestershire Cares during the lockdown.

## Jubilee Food Bank

Jubilee Food Bank, were nominated for supporting the local community by providing a food bank to ensure no one is left behind.

## Judgemeadow Community College

This school have been recognised for their sterling effort in making visors for NHS frontline staff tackling COVID-19.

## Julianna Tame

Julianna was nominated for co-ordinating other volunteers whilst delivering food packages to people in need. She helped set up the Facebook page 'Helping the vulnerable Le19 community' so people can ask for help or share best practice in dealing with hard times.



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## Kal Ruparell - 100&Six

Since the lockdown, Kal has been cooking traybakes that can feed a family for 4, and you can pay what you can. 20% of the food he makes he also gives away to people who need it. He also does a cocktail delivery service and a percentage of proceeds go to the Drink Trust.

## Katie Christmas

Katie has gone out of her way to offer online dance classes to all of her students and has even put on family sessions to keep the whole family fit and online parties for some of her students to keep them from feeling socially isolated from their friends.

## Keisha Coggins

Through this pandemic Keisha has been supportive in the work that has been delivered on the Making Moves Project and Leicestershire Cares, she has worked hard to accommodate anyone in need. No task is ever too much and her kindness is second to none.

## Kellie Bugby

Before lockdown, Kellie was looking at ways to entertain the public through her role at the council. She has been proactive in supporting the community and has displayed extraordinary levels of altruism, kindness and empathy to people struggling in this crisis.

## Kelly Grimes

Kelly has stepped up and put her name forward to be work as a nurse again by returning to the temporary register, she has been an asset to the nurse team, covering when nurse`s have had to self isolate.

## Kelly Ingram

Kelly was nominated for going above and beyond as a volunteer. She has done vulnerable peoples shopping more than once, packed and delivered food care packages, delivered Easter Eggs and picked up prescriptions within her local community.



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## Kerry Harlow

Kerry Harlow and her two sons have been nominated for cooking and distributing 'goodie bags' to residents in Charley who live alone or are vulnerable. Kerry also volunteers by shopping, keeping an eye on activity in the parish and protecting the isolated individuals.

## Kibworth Isolation Relief Team

Kibworth Isolation Relief Team is a Facebook group. The team offer a 24/7 landline telephone number, and backup line, for any resident, who cannot get a response from their street level contact.

## Kira Stafford

Kira was nominated for making fantastic cotton facemasks. She has been donating the proceeds to animal charities, with £100 already donated to Leicester Animal Aid in Huncote, and a further £50 to RSPCA Woodside Animal Centre.

## Kishor Mistry

Kishor was nominated for collating and delivery of food parcels across the city during lockdown.

## Kris Amliwala

Kris has been nominated for his sheer creativity and care he has taken to create a video about taking care of finances for Leicestershire Cares young people to use.

## Laksmi Datta

Laksmi, was recognised for her outstanding work with ESOL students in her role as Lead Tutor (ESOL).



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## Leicester Ageing Together

Leicester Ageing Together, were nominated for the various support they have been providing to older people during this current pandemic.

## Leicester City in the Community

Leicester City in the Community were nominated for the way the whole team worked tirelessly to ensure that our participants know that we are still there for them this time. They have sent out postcards to participants, delivered online mindfulness and much more.

## Leicester Covid-19 Mutual Aid

This team were nominated for doing an amazing job within the community by organising local volunteers to be active in their community, organised food parcels, picked up prescriptions and supported those most vulnerable during Covid-19.

## Leicester Islamic Academy

Leicester Islamic Academy were nominated for creating food packs and liaising with different businesses to make food parcels for those struggling with loneliness and isolation.

## Leicester LGBT Centre

Leicester LGBT Centre were nominated for stepping up and supporting the LGBT community through lockdown and the current pandemic.

## Leicester Young People's Council

This council were nominated for developing and sharing the #Quaranteens video clips, helping young people to manage life during lockdown by giving hints, tips and advice on staying busy, studying and staying connected.



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## LEICESTER South Food Bank

Bruce, alongside LEICESTER South Food Bank alongside Bruce, have been done fantastic work to support the most vulnerable, often at times of crisis. They did this with dignity and kindness and an impressive expediency.

## Leicestershire County Council

Leicestershire County Council were nominated for their agile and effective approach in supporting the community sector across the county with their community fund.

## Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service

The community safety team have been making phone calls to the most vulnerable, giving fire safety advice, Covid-19 information, arranging food parcels and helping to deliver medication. They are now going a step further by conducting socially distant home visits.

## Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust Youth Advisory Board

This advisory board were nominated for developing and sharing the #TenSecondTips campaign which has got young people across Leicestershire sharing their ideas about how to maintain wellbeing during lockdown.

## Lili Bottrill

Lili Bottrill, is a Nurse Associate, she was nominated as being an exemplary nurse and carer. She has been described as having such great energy, enthusiasm and leads by example. She goes the extra mile without complaining.

## Lisa Plumb

Lisa was nominated for all hard work during the Covid-19 with the shut down of her dance school she has been making sure all her students still manage to do their dance lessons online and that they are mentally and physically healthy during this challenging time.



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## Lloyds Pharmacy - Shackerdale Road

Lloyds Pharmacy were nominated for delivering medication to patients who are unable to come into the pharmacy, are housebound and have no family members who can collect it on their behalf. They are working at full capacity with all hands on deck!

## Lolly Basu

Lolly was nominated for picking up prescriptions, organising food parcels, supporting local people with mental health and wellbeing support and more.

## Loughborough Area Food Bank

Loughborough Area Food Bank were nominated for the outstanding support they have been providing the community by running their food bank.

## Louise Kyle

Louise was nominated for the hard work of delivering online fitness classes via Zoom to keep individuals all active and keeping the group connected and helping them stay connected briefly but consistently.

## Lucy Whitfield - Whitfields Grocer of Anstey

Lucy and Whitfields Grocer of Anstey were nominated for how tirelessly they have been working to deliver fruit /veg boxes along with food shopping from the coop and local Birds bakery to vulnerable customers in local area.

## Luke Dilkes

Luke and his team were nominated for being the unsung heroes who have and continue to provide outstanding support to the community during the crisis. They changed their tea rooms into a food and grocery and they did this despite having a young child in tow.





*I am totally speechless, and I  
can say that does not  
happen very often.*

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**Jim Gannon**  
**Awardee**



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## Manjit Rai-Taylor

Manjit was nominated for her resilience and support she has provided for her community especially through her business Buddhi. She has stepped up to the challenges everyone is facing with Covid-19 and is offering free advice to vulnerable groups all over the world.

## Manor High School

Manor High School were nominated for their contribution of vital equipment to hospitals in Leicester and for promoting this and getting other schools involved.

## Manor House Community Centre

This community centre were nominated for supporting the local community by providing a food bank to ensure no one is left behind.

## Maria Carroll

During the Covid outbreak, Maria has stepped up to cook for everyone at Park Manor Nursing and Residential home. Marie takes on additional tasks and supports the service users, Manager, nurses and her colleagues.

## Martin Hawksworth

Martin has set up a large group of 86 volunteers to help Kegworth residents during the crisis, who are housebound, self-isolating or in need. He has communicated effectively to the volunteers by keeping them up-to-date, sending out local information and newsletters.

## Martin High School

This school have been recognised for their sterling effort in making visors for NHS frontline staff tackling COVID-19.



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## Masjid Umar

Masjid Umar were nominated for providing food essential packs during the coronavirus pandemic.

## Matthew Wrisdale

Matthew is from Samworth Walkers Deli and Sausage Co and he provided his help with setting up and running the chocolate and marshmallow crispy cake session for young people at Leicestershire Cares via Zoom.

## Meera Naran

Meera was nominated for picking up prescriptions, organising food parcels, supporting local people with mental health and wellbeing support and more.

## Melton Care Services

Melton Care Services, have been nominated for the fantastic work they are doing, from going above and beyond for their clients and pulling together as a team during this difficult time.

## Melton Learning Hub

Melton Learning Hub have been working really hard to ensure that vulnerable people in Melton Mowbray have what they need. They have been very generous with their resources and premises.

## Mick Cank

Mick was nominated for his support in shopping for essential items for our food parcels.



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## Moat Community College

Moat Community College have worked hard to create visors for our frontline workers.

## Mohammed Parekh

Mohammed was nominated for the outstanding support he has provided to Aaminah and her family. Aaminah has a disability and Mohammed has gone out of his way to ensure the family have all the essentials including food and medication.

## Monika Butterworth

Monika and Dave Butterworth from The Allotment grocery on Queens Road. They continued to work very hard in spite of multiple family commitments and other challenges to provide healthy, plastic free and much in demand fruit and veg to households.

## Mr. Alex Easton

Mr. Easton called and checked in his students and their family. He has ensured he is easily available during the crisis. He has adhered to the government rules and delivered activity packs and musical instruments for those who wish to learn a new skill during the lockdown.

## Naeem Brisco

Naeem's passions for helping people has been demonstrated as he assisted people in Leicester to have access to a helpline and food parcels which he has been delivering to the most vulnerable during this difficult time.

## Nanisile Ayanda Ndlovu

Nanisile was nominated for her commitment to being an exceptional carer. She has supported the family she supports through the highs and lows and during the current pandemic she has helped the individual she cares for integrate his schedule at home.



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## Narinder Singh

Narinder was nominated for picking up prescriptions, organising food parcels, supporting local people with mental health and wellbeing support and more.

## Nazir Mafani

Nazir was nominated for supporting deliveries in Troon and Evington to the elderly and vulnerable, whilst being a health worker.

## Neetu Squire

Neetu has shown great commitment to the young people she works with. She has collected food donations and dropped off food and essentials items to those in most need. She has been out on the road almost daily to ensure that those in need aren't going without.

## Newton Linford Community Action Response (CAR) Volunteers

These volunteers were nominated for responding rapidly to daily requests for help from those in isolation. Volunteers have been assisting residents with picking up shopping, posting mail, collecting prescriptions, other urgent supplies and for a friendly phone call.

## Nicki Lygo

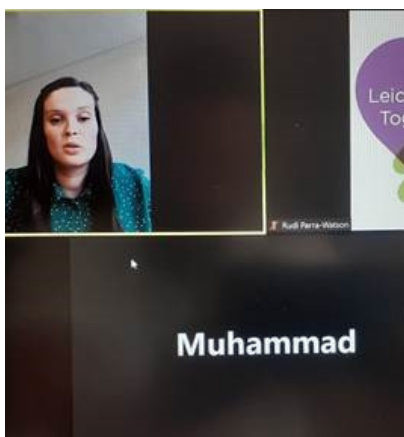
Nicki is a doctor and was self-isolating due to her own underlying health conditions. She has been proactive in giving medical advice to others and also set up a Crowdfunder page "Scrubs for Leicester" in an attempt to protect her colleagues and fundraised over £14,000.

## Nick Tooley

Nick was nominated for supporting career talks at Leicestershire Cares during the lockdown.



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## Nicola fox

Nicola was nominated for providing for care experienced young people reflexology sessions to support mental health and well-being during lock down.

## Nylacast

Nylacast were nominated for stepping up at a time of need and supporting the vital work of key community groups so they can tackle the impact of the pandemic.

## Oadby Food Bank

Oadby Food Bank were nominated for providing a essential food items during this challenging time.

## Oadby Mutual Aid Volunteers

The Oadby Mutual Aid team have been nominated for how they have supported the community in picking up prescriptions, organising food parcels, supporting local people with mental health and wellbeing support and more.

## One Nation

One Nation were nominated for their incredible support in providing PPE supply for front line staff.

## One Roof

One Roof were nominated for their incredible supporting in helping house fifteen people.



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## Orchard Mead Academy Pastoral Coordinators (PASCOS)

This team were nominated for doing such fantastic work from keeping in touch with our most vulnerable children, making sure they're safe and delivering food parcels to them.

## Pathways

Pathways were nominated for supporting the local community by providing a food bank to ensure no one is left behind.

## Patrick Dowling

Patrick Dowling has volunteered at Leicester Shire & Rutland Age UK and has been shopping and making home deliveries for vulnerable people around Loughborough. He also volunteered in the Age UK office to take phone calls and put food parcels together.

## Pauline Robertson

Pauline has been using her time to make facemasks for a local dance school - Footloose. Masks have been made for students, parents and other friends, family and her own family members. Pauline has also delivered these masks to members (socially distanced).

## Paul Tayllor

Paul works at Vista and is a part of the Fundraising Team, during the current pandemic within his team he has helped to secure over £50,000 for the charity, obtained PPE equipment and acquired digital equipment for residents to keep in touch with family.

## Peace Centre Food Bank

This food bank have been nominated for providing essential food items to those self-isolating with coronavirus symptoms and those over the age of 65.



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## Peepul Centre

The Peepul Centre, were nominated for providing free vegetarian meals for the community, frontline keyworkers and those who are self isolating.

## Penny Appeal

Penny Appeal were nominated for providing food and hygiene packs to those self isolating and the elderly.

## Personalized Care

The team at Personalized Care have come together as a family during this time and support the patients they work with in such an incredible way. They have been selfless in coming to work despite the risk to themselves and their families.

## Peter Swift - Daybreak Services

Peter during this crisis has helped the elderly, isolated and people in need. He has been picking up fresh fruit and veg and delivering bread and eggs to people, during these difficult times he has been a godsend to many in Packington and surrounding areas.

## Pratik Master

Pratik Master, alongside Bee Master has worked hard to support their local community by changing shop opening hours so that frontline workers can buy the essentials, provided free deliveries and has been agile in reaching out to people in need.

## Project Beacon Leicester

Project Beacon Leicester have been amazing in supporting the community by providing 20 food parcels on a daily basis.



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## Project Hope

Project Hope have been outstanding in supporting the community with general shopping, baby and food supplies during the current pandemic.

## Raheema Caratella

Raheema, has helped to identify a variety of community groups across the city and county that Leicestershire Cares participants can call on for support during the current crisis. Raheema has also been proactive in helping the Oadby Community.

## Richard Wood

Richard has been supporting Leicestershire Cares' young people and participants with online mock interviews, reviewing CV's and giving career talks on Zoom.

## Riddhi Karia

Riddhi was nominated for being a fantastic nurse, she goes up and beyond in supporting her patients and never complains. Her can do attitude never makes anyone feel as they are causing her trouble.

## Rhiann Pugh

Rhiann has been supporting Leicestershire Cares' young people and participants with online mock interviews, reviewing CV's and giving career talks on Zoom. She has also been innovative in providing Maths support to some of the children at Croft Primary School.

## Riverside Primary Academy

This school have been recognised for their sterling effort in making visors for NHS frontline staff tackling COVID-19.



## Community Heroes



*It was inspiring to see so much great work carried out by such a diverse group of people and organisations. It was a real reminder of the skills, creativity and agility that is within our community. We are keen to build on this goodwill and to work with the community, business and local councils to further unlock this potential to ensure nobody is left behind.*

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**Kieran Breen**  
**CEO of Leicestershire Cares**



# Community Heroes

## Rock Kitchen Harris

Rock Kitchen Harris were nominated for stepping up and sharing skills and knowledge with community groups and young people.

## Rukhsana Hussain

Rukhsana was nominated for many reasons including supporting so many people in the community, collaborating with other agencies and sharing information.

## Sai Shraddha Saburi

Sai Shraddha Saburi have provided free or subsidised meal/ tiffin and delivered them to the elderly and vulnerable through the pandemic in the Belgrave Ward and across Leicester.

## Salim Sidat

Salim has been nominated for helping distribute food to three food banks on behalf of one of our members Samworth Brothers – Walkers Deli and Sausage. Salim has helped the people in our society that need it the most at this challenging time.

## Sally Romankiw

Sally, has been incredibly supportive to Leicestershire Cares during this time, she has been innovative in helping set up and run the chocolate and marshmallow crispy cake session with Leicestershire Cares young people.

## Sam Dawson

Sam works at Vista and is a part of the Fundraising Team, during the current pandemic within the team Sam has helped to secure over £50,000 for the charity, obtained PPE equipment and acquired digital equipment for residents to keep in touch with family.



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## Samiya Umer

Samiya, massively supports her community and plays a huge role working alongside Christ the King Church who have helped support Leicestershire Cares and the homelessness project.

## Sam Shields

Sam Shields was nominated for supporting the local community with cooking and providing hundreds of free hot meals every week to children and vulnerable residents who have been referred. Money was also raised to enable the meals to keep being cooked.

## Sandie Vara

Sandie, has provided incredible support to our young people by running an online cookalong session for the young people at Leicestershire Cares.

## Santosh Community Centre

Santosh Community Centre have been going above and beyond providing freshly made Gujarati vegetarian meals on a daily basis for vulnerable adults during the coronavirus pandemic.

## Sarah Errawalla

During these challenging times, Sarah and Joel have decided to make a difference by giving away their favourite toys to our local charity and raise money for the NHS Heroes. They both have raised £710.00 in total by giving away their favourites toys to Local Charity.

## Sharon Trantum

Sharon, does a fantastic job in running a local centre and food bank and helping the most needy families during this challenging time.



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## Shashi Mistry

Shashi was nominated for being a dedicated keyworker whilst working at the St Matthew's Post Office and providing a community service during lock down.

## Shed Youth Club

This youth club were nominated for stepping up, being creative and offering support to young people through the pandemic.

## Shelley Smith

Shelley was nominated for making a short video during mental health awareness week 2020 reviewing a great book to boost motivation and confidence in young people during these difficult times.

## Shree Hindu Temple

Shree Hindu Temple were nominated for providing food for those who are most in need in the local community.

## Shree Lohana Mahajan Leicester

Shree Lohana Mahajan Leicester have provided free or subsidised meal/ tiffin and delivered them to the elderly and vulnerable through the pandemic in the Belgrave Ward and across Leicester.

## Shree Sanatan Mandir

Through the pandemic they have offered a social isolation helpline and shopping delivery service for essentials. This service is run by the volunteers of the organisation.



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## Sir Jonathan North Community College

This school have been recognised for their sterling effort in making visors for NHS frontline staff tackling COVID-19.

## Sonal Pattani

Sonal has provided support to her community during the crisis by doing essential shopping, picking up prescriptions and so much more. Despite working three days a week, Sonal has been doing a fulltime volunteering job for the greater good for the people and our country.

## Speedel

Speedel, were nominated for stepping up and supporting the community and charitable sector to get essential items to vulnerable people who are isolated as a result of the pandemic.

## St Mary's Church

St Mary's Church were nominated for the great support they have provided to the community in providing essential food and items during the coronavirus outbreak.

## St. Matthews Estate - Big Local

This charity have been nominated for providing essential food items for their local residents.

## Stoke Golding Village Volunteers

The group of volunteers have been nominated for their hard work in leafletting every house on the village and all helping in their respective lanes and roads. They are readily available to assist any isolated or vulnerable people that need help.



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## Stoney Stanton Good Neighbour Scheme

The Stoney Stanton Good Neighbour Scheme have provided incredible support to their community in collecting and delivering prescriptions, taking people to appointments and helping people meet friends to reduce social isolation and a raft of other good works.

## St. Peter's Church

St. Peter's Church were nominated for making hospital scrubs for frontline staff.

## Sukh Sangha

Sukh was nominated for picking up prescriptions, organising food parcels, supporting local people with mental health and wellbeing support and more.

## Support and Connections

This organisation were nominated for all of their hard work both before and during the Covid-19 pandemic. They managed to adjust quickly in order to continue to safely support adults with disabilities, learning difficulties and complex needs across Leicestershire.

## Suraj Govind

Suraj was nominated for donating his van and time in the collection of bakery items for Evington and Troon wards of Leicester East constituents.

## Team at Dolly's Tea Rooms in Great Glen

The team at Dolly's Team Rooms and Luke Dilkes were nominated for provide outstanding support to the community during the current crisis. They transformed their tea rooms into a food and grocery within a matter of days.



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## TEAM PM

TEAM PM, were nominated for the dedication they have shown as a team during this challenging time and have worked hard to support all service users.

## The Cedars Academy

This school have been recognised for their sterling effort in making visors for NHS frontline staff tackling COVID-19.

## The Centre Project

The Centre Project were nominated for providing food, essential items and support for those in need during the pandemic.

## The Coffee Shot

This shop have provided a delivery service for the local community, this has been crucial for the elderly folk isolating. They expanded their range to include more groceries, adapted their shop to include more fridges to stock up on essentials and provide take away foods.

## The Hope Clinical Trials Facility

The staff at The Hope Facility were nominated for working hard to keep treating patients as safely as possible and now also running COVID clinical.

## The Lancaster Academy - Visor Team

The team at Lancaster Academy were nominated for making and visors and fundraising to produce more.



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## The Linnett Family

The whole family have worked together to make much needed PPE visors for the frontline NHS staff through using 3D printers at home. From fundraising for the funds for the materials to the production and delivery of the much needed equipment.

## The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army have been nominated for providing essential food items during this challenging time.

## The Well

The Well a charity based shop in Kibworth have been agile in changing their shop to be a pop up food bank by referral only. A team of volunteers have been distributing dozens of hot meals; all of which have been generously cooked by a local pub using donations.

## Tim Marren

Tim, has provided invaluable support to the young people at Leicestershire Cares by contributing to the online career talk.

## Tracie Myring

Tracie, has been providing support for those who are unable to get out during the pandemic by collecting shopping and medicine when needed. Tracie has also provided and delivered food to vulnerable families in the local area who are relying on

## Velash Mistry

Velash was nominated for delivering free, virtual Bollywood fitness classes available to all during the lockdown.



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## Vijay Mistry

Vijay was nominated for supporting local artists and bringing together the Leicester community through providing the free music event: Festival2Funky virtual festival.

## Vista

Vista have worked hard during this challenge time to support the local community and launched their volunteering programme.

## Waterfall Charity

This charity have been nominated for their outstanding support in the community by providing food parcels and deliveries.

## Wayne Haynes

Wayne has provided incredible support to the young people at Leicestershire Cares by participating in the CV clinic during the current pandemic.

## Wayne Tranmer

Wayne has worked exceptionally by looking out for the vulnerable in his local community by providing prescription and shopping deliveries and telephone calls.

## Wigston Academy

Wigston Academy have worked hard to create visors for our frontline workers.



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## Wigston College

Wigston College have worked hard to produce protective masks for the local community.

## Wigston Mutual Aid Volunteers

The Wigston Mutual Aid team have worked together to pick up prescriptions for those in need, organised food parcels, supported local people with mental health and wellbeing support and much more.

## Women 4 Change

Women 4 Change were nominated for providing language support and assistance to families during the current pandemic.

## Worker's Educational Association - LLR

WEA were nominated for stepping up and offering a diverse range of remote learning opportunities through the lockdown.

## Zinthiya Trust

The Zinthiya Trust have supported to people in need during the pandemic and showing creativity and resilience to keep on delivering advice, information and emotional support as well as getting essential items and food to isolated and vulnerable people.



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