



STAMP SUCCESS
... Katherine Sinfield posts the first instalment of stamps to Leukaemia Care.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Blood bikers to ride into shopping centre

LIFE-SAVING blood bikes will be in a Burton shopping centre today to demonstrate the importance of donating.

The blood bikes, which transport blood, breast milk and other emergency items across Burton and South Derbyshire, will be in The Octagon centre between 10am and 4pm.

With the demand for blood to increase in the run up to Christmas, shoppers will be encouraged to do their bit to help save lives.

Ray Debar, committee member and rider for Derbyshire Blood Bikes, said: "I hope that the people of Burton venture down to The Octagon to come and visit us to learn what we are all about and what they can do to help.

"Who knows, maybe we could be part of someone's New Year's Resolution to help others?"

"Our charity is run entirely by volunteers, so anything that people can do to help is appreciated and we are so grateful to those that have already donated their time and money."

Last chance for say on development in the area

A DRAFT document setting out development in the area for the next 20 years has now been put out for public consultation.

The East Staffordshire Borough Council Local Plan was put out in draft form yesterday morning, and residents are now being invited to have a look through it and share their views on its contents.

The document covers areas such as housing, education, employment and green spaces, and how the council plans to address changes in these areas over the coming years.

It is the second time the authority has gone out to consultation on the document, after collecting responses following a consultation into the preferred options for the borough.

Councillor Julie Jessel, deputy leader for regulatory services, said: "The Local Plan is an important strategic document, which sets out the development strategy for the next 19 years. Now is your final opportunity to let us have your views on it. Whether you live, work, shop or run a business in the borough, or just come here to enjoy its many facilities we want to hear from you."

The document is available on the East Staffordshire Borough Council website, in Burton and Barton libraries and the customer services centre on Burton Market Place, and at the mobile library run by Staffordshire County Council.

First class support for Katherine's charity call

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READERS are being thanked for their donations of used postage stamps for charity by leukaemia sufferer Katherine Sinfield.

The reception class teacher from Balfour Street, Burton, had been urging Mail readers to save used postage stamps to help boost various cancer charities.

This first batch of stamps has been sent to Leukaemia Care, a charity which helps patients and families affected by leukaemia, but the 33-year-old is still urging people to keep on sending in their stamps.

She said: "We have spent the past few weeks sorting the stamps and I am happy to announce that the first batch has now been posted.

"This is an ongoing campaign so please keep collecting the stamps for me.

"The next batch will be sent to Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research."

Katherine is now only days away from returning to hospital to bring a week long course of treatment before she undergoes a bone marrow transplant.

She added: "Used stamps are a valuable resource for charities.

"A single stamp on its own may not appear very much, but if we all saved them and bundled them together, we would be raising vital funds for charity.

"This type of fund-raising costs you nothing to do.

"You don't have to pledge your own cash or a monthly direct debit.

"All you have to do is hang on to some tiny scraps of paper which you would stick in the recycling bin anyway.



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"Staff at the Burton Mail have been collecting used stamps for years to support various charities and I'm thrilled that they are now going to start saving them for these leukaemia charities."

The amount charities receive per kilogramme of stamps varies, but typically they can expect a return of between £4 to £5 for UK stamps and significantly more for foreign stamps.

People collecting used stamps for charity need to follow a few simple guidelines to ensure the charities receive the maximum price per kilogramme.

Typically, stamps should only have a 4mm to 8mm border of paper around the edges, as excess paper lowers the value.

UK stamps should be separated from foreign stamps.

Readers or businesses wanting to help should drop their used stamps off at the Burton Mail's High Street offices.

Police reissue appeal for missing Swadlincote teenager

POLICE have reissued their appeal for information about a teenage girl who has been missing from her home in Swadlincote for two weeks.

Paige Hibbs was last seen in the town on Friday, October 4, but she has not been in touch with family since then.

It is thought she may have been heading towards Derby, and was last seen in the city on Wednesday, October 9.

There have been a number of unconfirmed sightings of the 16-year-old in the

last two weeks.

Paige, pictured, is 5ft 6in tall, with straight, shoulder-length brown hair.

She has family and friends in the Alvaston and Chaddesden areas of Derby,

Missing person officer PC Tony Wilson said: "There have been a number of potential sightings of Paige in the Derby area since her disappearance, which is encouraging.

"We are following up this information

and continuing to work with colleagues from partner agencies to try to find her.

"I would urge Paige, or anyone with information about her whereabouts, to contact us to let us know she is safe."

An appeal to find Paige has been posted on social networking site Facebook, and has been shared around the UK.

Officers are appealing to Paige to contact them on 101. They would also like to hear from anyone who has seen her or who knows where she is.





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