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# Welcome

to the latest edition of Your Chesterfield. For the first time it also incorporates Our Homes, the newsletter for council housing tenants.



Councillor Tricia Gilby

Ensuring our streets are clean and looking their best is something that you have told us in resident and tenant surveys is really important to you. We have listened and this edition shows some of the ways we are working to achieve this.

Tenants on the Barrow Hill estate told us the area needed a facelift to make it more attractive and easier to get around. So it's pleasing to see the £5 million project to transform the look and feel of the whole estate underway.

It was also great to see the community come together with the council to improve an area in the centre of the one-way system in Brimington. Thousands of motorists pass by this small garden each day and now, through the Chesterfield in Bloom project, it has become an attractive area the village can be proud of.

We are also working hard to improve our town centre. If you have been out early in the morning you will have seen our new road sweepers which enable us to clean the town centre pedestrian areas more efficiently.

The introduction of the Public Space Protection Order, which gives the police and our enforcement officers the powers to move on people who are causing problems, has reduced anti-social behaviour in the town centre.

And work has started to block off the recesses in the Pavements Shopping Centre walls so people waiting at the bus stops in New Beetwell Street do not face anti-social behaviour from people loitering there.

Finally, with the school holidays starting next week I hope you will take the opportunity to enjoy the many events taking place in the borough this summer.

**Councillor Tricia Gilby**  
Leader of Chesterfield Borough Council.



Chesterfield medieval fun day takes place on Tuesday 24 July. For more summer events see pages 28 to 29



## Enforcement and support to tackle anti-social behaviour

We are working with Derbyshire Constabulary and other public sector and voluntary organisations to reduce the amount of anti-social behaviour in Chesterfield town centre.

In response to complaints from shoppers and residents, the council is carrying out work at the rear of the Pavements Shopping Centre to prevent people from loitering by the bus stops on New Beetwell Street and committing anti-social behaviour.

Measures to tackle anti-social behaviour, known as Public Space Protection Orders, were introduced by us in December.

In the first four months of operation, authorised council officers and police officers issued 74 dispersal notices, requiring people to leave the town centre for 48 hours.

Most of these were successful with only nine breached, resulting in a £100 fixed penalty notice.

Councillor Tricia Gilby, the council's leader, says: "We introduced these measures after consulting with local residents and town centre businesses to

ensure people who live, work and socialise in our great and historic town centre feel safe."

Action to find longer term solutions to issues is being delivered by a range of partners through the Chesterfield town centre summit chaired by Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Hardyal Dhindsa.

As well as enforcement, the summit considers options to provide support for people to find access to housing and treatment for underlying issues such as drug or alcohol dependence.

Councillor Gilby added: "We are aware that there are many reasons why people may be on our streets and we are keen to help people get out of the cycle of committing anti-social behaviour and by working closely with partners, we are providing help for people to get the support they need."

If you see anti-social behaviour in Chesterfield town centre, please report it to Derbyshire Constabulary on the non-emergency number, 101.

In case of an emergency, or if you are in danger, call 999.

# New weapon in war on litter

We know that one your biggest concerns is the amount of litter you see on the streets. In the recent Are You Being Served? residents' survey 52.1 per cent of you said you were satisfied that public land in Chesterfield is clear of litter and rubbish.

Each year, our street cleaning teams collect more than 1,000,000 kg of rubbish from our streets. When most of us are tucked up in bed, Dave Haycox and his colleagues are out to tackle the litter on our streets.

We have five crews out each morning from 4am working in all parts of the borough to make sure our streets are kept clean.

Dave works on the town centre round collecting rubbish from the cobbled streets around the market place and the surrounding areas. We have invested in new equipment to improve the cleaning in this area.

Our new pedestrian mechanical sweeper allows Dave and his colleagues to pick up rubbish more easily. The larger, ride-on sweepers are too large to get into all of the areas meaning we have had to rely on a smaller sweeper which uses a large hose, similar to a vacuum cleaner and on hand sweeping.

Dave says: "It's much easier to use, it's made a real difference."

Councillor Chris Ludlow, the council's cabinet member for health and wellbeing says: "We know how important keeping the streets clean is to our residents. None of us likes to have to dodge litter on the streets which is why we have made this investment to improve the cleaning in Chesterfield."

Sadly, the work carried out by Dave and his colleagues is undone when people come along and drop litter in the town centre and other areas of the borough.

Councillor Ludlow continues: "Our staff do a great job, out very early in the morning and working into the evening to keep all of our streets clean and clear of litter and debris but it is important for all of us to take responsibility for keeping our area clear by making sure that litter goes into the bin and not on the floor."

This is why our enforcement officers will hand out fixed penalty notices of £60 to anyone seen dropping litter. Anyone who doesn't pay the fixed penalty notice or is a persistent offender can face a hearing in the magistrates' court where the maximum penalty is a fine of £2,500.

Councillor Ludlow added: "We don't take any pleasure in issuing these fixed penalty notices – we would much rather we didn't have to issue them at all but if it forces people to stop dropping litter, it will have done its job."

"The money raised from these fines will also go back into keeping the streets clean."

GREEN MACHINES

## Help us fight the war against litter

If you see litter or fly-tipping on the streets of Chesterfield borough, please report it to us through our website: [www.chesterfield.gov.uk/contact](http://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/contact) or you can call us on (01246) 345345.

You can also use these details to let us know if you think our street cleaners are doing a good job at keeping your area free from litter and debris.

# Dogs welcome in Chesterfield's parks

More information: [www.chesterfield.gov.uk/pspo](http://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/pspo)

Taking the dog for a walk is a great way for you – and your canine friend – to get exercise. With more than 988 acres of parks and open spaces in the borough, we have plenty of great locations for long dog walks.

Although most dog walkers use our parks considerably, each week, we receive complaints from parks users about dog fouling and nuisance dog behaviour which is why we are introducing new dog control measures, known as Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs), which will make it fairer for everyone using the parks – including dog walkers.

Councillor Chris Ludlow, the council's cabinet member for health and wellbeing, says: "I'm pleased to reassure our residents that dogs can still be walked and exercised in all our council-maintained parks and open spaces in Chesterfield.

"We are, though, introducing new dog control measures in response to comments from our residents who have raised concerns about dogs in certain areas of our parks, particularly in children's play areas.

"This will make it fairer for everyone who uses our parks – both dog owners and non-dog owners."

The new measures will mean that certain restrictions are introduced in some areas of some of our parks.

Dogs are excluded from some – but not all – children's play areas.

In some areas dogs have to be on a lead, for example in cemeteries.

Dogs are not allowed on certain football/cricket pitches during sports season.

It is an offence not to pick up dog mess left by your dog.

The PSPOs replace the dog control orders which were previously in place.

Signs will warn park users of where the restrictions apply.

Anyone ignoring the orders will be issued with a fixed penalty notice of up to £100.

Councillor Ludlow added: "We are not introducing these fines to make money – we would much rather not have to issue any – but it is important to send a clear message that dog owners must clean up after their pet and keep their dog under control in consideration of other park users."

People persistently breaching the orders can be prosecuted. The maximum fine for this is £1,000.



# Don't put your home at risk

We're urging residents struggling to pay their housing rent to contact us as soon as possible or risk losing their home.



Since the introduction of Universal Credit in Chesterfield last autumn, more than 80 per cent of council tenants receiving the new benefit have fallen into rent arrears meaning they could face eviction unless they take action quickly.

Universal Credit was introduced for people of working age who are on a low income and replaces other benefits including Housing Benefit.

If your Universal Credit payment included help with rent and some service charges, you will have to pay it to your landlord, whether this is the council or a private landlord, rather than it being deducted as was previously the case.

If you need help, visit our Customer Service Centre. The team can help with making a claim as well as provide personal budgeting help and support.

Call us on (01246) 345484 or 345507 or call into the centre in New Square to speak to one of our advisors.

# Sports pitch application at Queen's Park site

Plans have been submitted seeking permission to install a multi-use artificial sports pitch on part of the former Queen's Park Sports Centre site.

Our plans would see the rest of the area landscaped with trees, shrubs, bedding plants and grass to extend the existing grade two star listed park.

If approved, the plans would see a 61 metre x 43 metre all-weather sports pitch built capable of holding seven-a-side matches or being split to use for two five-a-side games.

The pitch would be sited and designed to ensure the pitch, floodlights and fencing blend in with the park environment as much as possible, to reduce the visual impact from within Queen's Park and nearby properties.

Walls, railings and a new pedestrian entrance to the park would be installed at the point where the site joins Boythorpe Road.

The application follows a public consultation, held in late 2016, which supported an all-weather pitch being the preferred use of the site.

The plans will be considered by our planning committee once a public consultation period has been completed.

# Community cleans up Brimington

"A community project like this is really important, it brings people together, gives them a purpose and it makes the community look good."

Sandra Hume is one of the volunteers on the Chesterfield in Bloom committee, which organises projects to keep the borough looking green and clean.

She recently joined several other volunteers to spruce up the traffic island on the one-way system in the centre of Brimington.

She and her fellow volunteers tackled jobs which included: removing excess growths from the lime trees on the site, washing paving slabs, killing and removing weeds, cultivating and seeding the grass edges, replacing the litter bin on the site, replacing the seat, repairing and painting the planters, cutting back the vegetation on the island as well as preparing and planting new plants.

Chris Turner, the chair of the Chesterfield in Bloom committee was pleased with the results: "This area, pretty much in the centre of Brimington, hasn't received much attention over a good few years.

"As a consequence of that it's got quite overgrown so we've tried to clear out all the old growth and replant it, generally to make the place a nicer spot."

We can support anyone interested in setting up a community clean up in their area. To arrange this, please call (01246) 345123 and we can provide equipment such as litter pickers, bags and arrange for rubbish to be taken away after the event.

Councillor Ray Catt, the council's assistant cabinet member with responsibility for the Chesterfield in Bloom campaign: "We're trying to encourage more community teams in Chesterfield to carry out projects like this and to help enhance their own community."

For more information on Chesterfield in Bloom, visit: [www.chesterfield.gov.uk/bloom](http://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/bloom).



# Work set to begin on new Saltergate car park

Work is due to begin this autumn on constructing a new multi-million pound 24-hour, Saltergate multi-storey car park for residents, visitors and commuters.

The new car park will replace the former Saltergate multi-storey car park which was demolished earlier this year.

It will have 530 parking spaces, including a higher proportion of disabled and parent and child spaces than the old car park which was built in the 1970s and was no longer fit for purpose.

The spaces in the new car park will also be wider than in the old car park offering an improved user experience.

Councillor Terry Gilby, the council's cabinet member for economic growth, said: "After months of demolishing and preparing the site for the new car park, it is set to become a reality. We're proud

that work will begin in the next couple of months and is due to be completed next year.

"This has been a significant investment for the council but a worthwhile one which will offer safe, secure 24 hour car parking for shoppers and commuters using Chesterfield town centre and users of the new hotel being built at the former Co-op. I'm sure that people will value the new facilities which will be on offer."

The new car park is being built as part of the Northern Gateway development which will transform the northern approach to Chesterfield town centre.



Councillor Terry Gilby



A Premier Inn hotel is due to open this autumn

Work is set to be finished this autumn on transforming the former Co-op department store on Elder Way.

Jomast Developments is carrying out the redevelopment of the former store to turn it into an 89-bed Premier Inn hotel on the upper floors with six bars and restaurants on the ground floor and a fitness centre in the basement.

Councillor Gilby added: "It's fantastic to see the progress on the former Co-op building. Since it closed in 2013, the empty store has been a blight on the landscape of the town centre but now it's set to be a great new location for people to work, stay and socialise."

There will also be environmental improvements carried out on Elder Way and Knifesmithgate.

A planning application will be submitted soon for a new enterprise centre on part of Holywell Cross (Donut) car park. This will build on the success of our two existing innovation centres at Dunston and Tupton Park.

Councillor Gilby said: "One of our top priorities is to create a thriving borough and with both of our existing innovation centres running near to capacity, the new enterprise centre will offer great new opportunities for small and medium-sized local businesses, both for businesses which are just starting out and also for existing businesses looking for new premises.

"We estimate that the Northern Gateway scheme will create around 500 new jobs for local people. When you take this alongside the other developments in the borough including Chesterfield Waterside and Peak Resort, Chesterfield will be a world class resort for people to live, work and visit."

The Northern Gateway development is partly funded by the Sheffield City Region Local Growth Fund.

For more information on the Northern Gateway development, visit our website: [www.chesterfield.gov.uk/northerngateway](http://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/northerngateway).

# People like me

Many of us know we ought to take some exercise to help improve our health but taking the first step can be difficult.

Joining a gym can appear intimidating – thinking everyone will be fitter, stronger and more muscular than us.

Yet nothing could be further from the truth. Queen's Park Sports Centre and the Healthy Living Centre are full of people who are just like you.

Jackie Boyce became a member of the Healthy Living Centre in 2016 when she joined the health referral scheme after attending the pulmonary rehabilitation course at Walton Hospital.

The scheme is a partnership between the council and Derbyshire Community Health Service which helps people living with medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes, or at risk of developing them, to take more exercise to improve their health.

The results speak for themselves. Since taking out her membership, Jackie's health has improved immeasurably.

In 1999, she was diagnosed with type 2 diabetes, starting on tablets but quickly moving onto insulin injections later the same year.

Jackie explains: "I've gone from having five injections of insulin a day, gradually reducing the amount of insulin I need. Now my GP has taken me off the insulin completely."

Jackie is now classed as pre-diabetic and controls her condition with lifestyle and healthy eating. She has also lost two-and-a-half stone and no longer needs to use her inhaler.

"With small healthy lifestyle changes I have improved the quality of my life; I no longer use lifts and don't have to stop for a breather when using the stairs; this with the weight loss and no longer having diabetes means I feel better than ever."

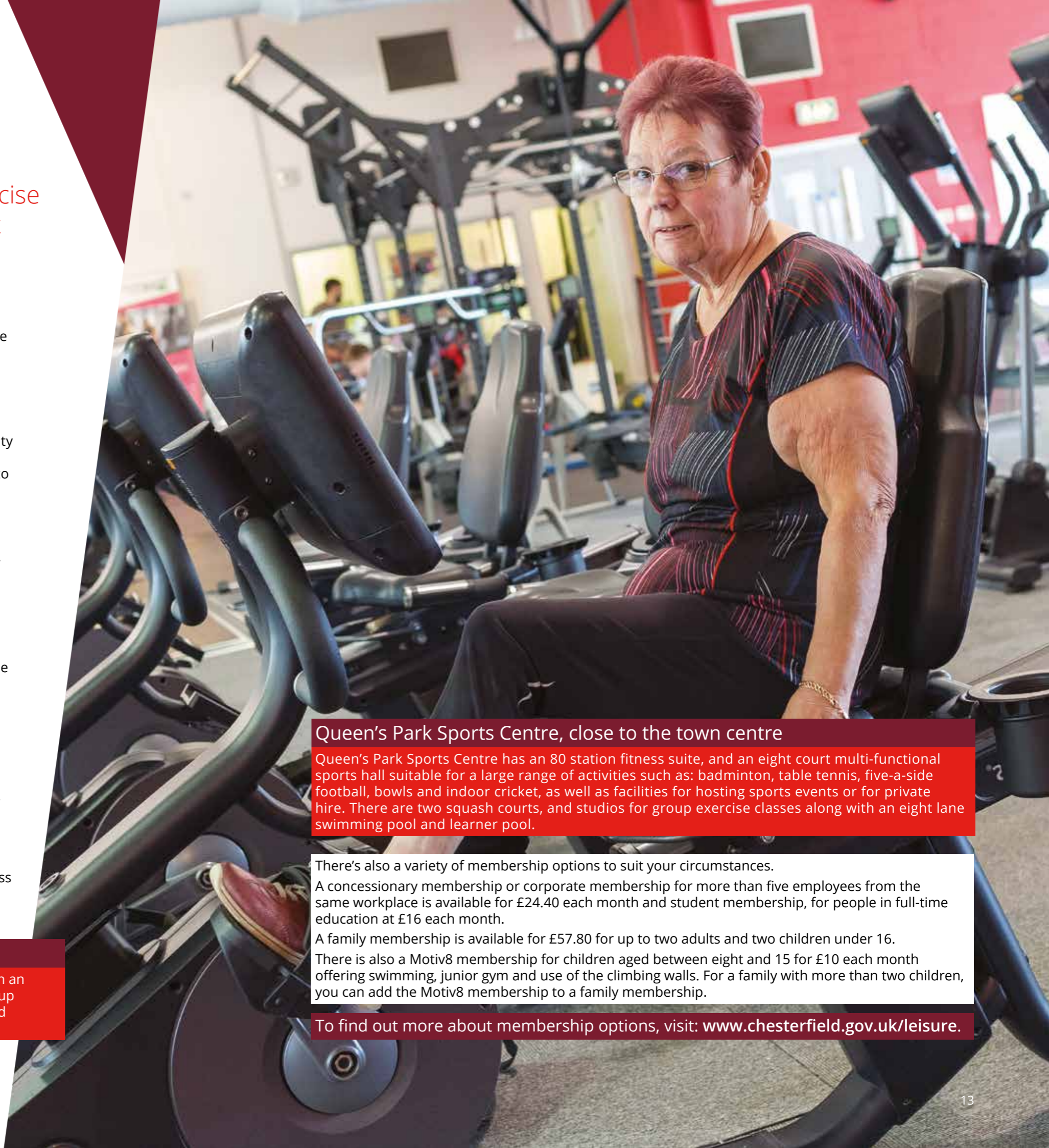
If Jackie's story has inspired you to take more exercise yourself, we have a variety of membership options available.

Standard memberships start from £28.90 each month.

For this you have unlimited use of the facilities at both our sports centres, access to more than 150 classes and free one-to-one support from trained instructors to ensure you get all the support and assistance you need.

## Healthy Living Centre, Staveley

The Healthy Living Centre is equipped with a large 150 station fitness suite with an extensive range of fitness equipment for all levels and abilities, studios for group exercise classes and a six lane swimming pool. There is also a climbing wall and bouldering wall, a large pirate themed soft play and a social area.



## Queen's Park Sports Centre, close to the town centre

Queen's Park Sports Centre has an 80 station fitness suite, and an eight court multi-functional sports hall suitable for a large range of activities such as: badminton, table tennis, five-a-side football, bowls and indoor cricket, as well as facilities for hosting sports events or for private hire. There are two squash courts, and studios for group exercise classes along with an eight lane swimming pool and learner pool.

There's also a variety of membership options to suit your circumstances.

A concessionary membership or corporate membership for more than five employees from the same workplace is available for £24.40 each month and student membership, for people in full-time education at £16 each month.

A family membership is available for £57.80 for up to two adults and two children under 16.

There is also a Motiv8 membership for children aged between eight and 15 for £10 each month offering swimming, junior gym and use of the climbing walls. For a family with more than two children, you can add the Motiv8 membership to a family membership.

To find out more about membership options, visit: [www.chesterfield.gov.uk/leisure](http://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/leisure).



## Blue bin changes

Thanks to our residents for continuing to use their blue bins for recyclable materials.

To help us maximise the amount of waste we recycle residents are reminded that, as reported in our last edition, plastic bags and plastic film such as ready meal packaging, magazine wraps and bubble wrap should now be placed in your black bin, not your blue one.

The changes are introduced as Ward Recycling takes on the contract to collect recycling in blue bins on our behalf.

For more information on what you can recycle in your blue bin, visit our website:

[www.chesterfield.gov.uk/bins](http://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/bins).

## Changes to bank holiday bin collections

Residents will see changes to bin collections over the forthcoming bank holiday.

Bins due to be collected on **Monday 27 August** will be collected instead on **Saturday 25 August**.

Please make sure your bin is out by 7am on collection day as crews may be collecting at different times.

This applies to **black, blue and green bins**.

We cannot accept any side waste with your black bin but we can accept extra recycling with your blue bin.

Please make sure it won't blow away - flatten and bundle up any cardboard and leave it tucked behind the blue bin. Extra loose recycling can be put out in a bag (not black sack) or plastic box. Please keep glass separate from the rest of your recycling.

If you have any small electrical items, such as alarm clocks, phones, radios or toasters, you can leave these on top of your blue bin.

You can check when your bins are due to be collected at any time by visiting our website:

[www.chesterfield.gov.uk/bindates](http://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/bindates).

# Our Homes

A newsletter for Chesterfield Borough Council tenants and leaseholders



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# £5 million to transform Barrow Hill

Work has begun on a programme of more than £5 million of works in Barrow Hill which will improve the environment for our tenants in the area.

The first phase of work, costing £1.6 million, is being carried out on the north eastern portion of the London Boroughs estate from Woodford Way to Campbell Drive which will not only improve the look and feel of the estate but will also make life easier for tenants.

The improvement work will see:

New car parking areas added for tenants closer to their homes

Paths on the estate renewed

New boundary fences and walls for tenants' homes

New and redesigned green spaces.

Councillor Helen Bagley, the council's cabinet member for homes and customers, says: "After being in the pipeline for the last few years, it is exciting that the estate improvements are now a reality.

"One of the council's key priorities is to improve the quality of life for local people and we've consulted with our tenants on these improvements and I'm confident that the works which are being carried out will make a real difference for people who live on the estate.



Councillor Helen Bagley

"These improvements will allow vehicles access to parts of the estate that are currently blocked off and provide new parking spaces which will make life much easier for our tenants as well as improving the look of the estate.

"At the moment, when people move into a house on the estate, it's not possible for the van to drive up and park outside the house and so they have to unload all of the furniture and carry it along the street. Sadly, if someone living on the estate dies, the funeral director is forced to carry the coffin a short distance to the hearse in the nearest parking space."

The work is being carried out by Casey Group, a contractor which specialises in making improvements to housing and social environments.

There is a site office at 3 Woodford Way for anyone interested to drop in, see the plans for the work which will be carried out and ask any questions.

Work on this first phase is due to be completed in summer 2019.

A planning application for the second phase of the improvements for the south eastern part of the estate will be submitted this summer.

Councillor Bagley added: "We expect that this work on the second phase will be carried out once the first phase of work is complete next summer and will make a real difference to tenants living in this part of the estate."

# Investing in older persons' housing

We are investing in extensive refurbishments to our older persons' accommodation in the borough.

Tenants at Brocklehurst Court in Brampton are the first to benefit.

We have spent £1 million to carry out a complete refurbishment of each flat to bring it up to the same standard as the new build Parkside older persons' complex, which opened in autumn 2016.

Work carried out in each flat included a new kitchen and bathroom, complete rewiring, a new heating system, new windows and French doors with a Juliette balcony, plus full plastering and decorating throughout.

The old bedsits have been converted to two bedroom flats like those at Parkside.

The outside has new landscaping and cladding.

There is a new external scooter storage area and rubbish store.

Since Brocklehurst Court was completed, work has begun on Glebe Court in Old Whittington, which is due to be finished in the autumn. Work will then

start to refurbish Catherine Court in Brampton. That is due to be completed next spring.

Work is being carried out by Fortem Solutions. The team which completed the work at Brocklehurst Court was recognised with their company project team of the year award.

Effective partnership working between the company and the council has allowed us to create an impressive new space for our residents and has been completed on time and on budget.

For more information about accommodation suitable for older people in the borough, visit

[www.onthemove-cbc.org.uk](http://www.onthemove-cbc.org.uk)

or call the team at On the Move on

(01246) 345700.

You can also visit the On the Move office on Low Pavement.

# Peace of mind for tenants

Tenants may be liable for some repairs to their homes.

For example, if a neighbour upstairs left the bath running or if they had a burst pipe and the water caused damage to your decorations, it would be your responsibility to redecorate your home or if your keys were stolen, you would be liable for having the locks replaced.

We have teamed up with Thistle Tenant Risks as their Crystal Insurance Scheme offers cover against these risks. For more information, call: 0845 601 7007 (it may be cheaper to call 01628 586187 from a mobile) or email [tenantscontents@thistleinsurance.co.uk](mailto:tenantscontents@thistleinsurance.co.uk).

## Rufford Close update

Work is progressing well with the construction of four new council homes at Rufford Close in Boythorpe.

The work to design and build the new homes on the site of former garage plots is being carried out by the council's in-house team of architects and builders.

The roofs will soon be installed on the new homes and they will be ready for tenants to move in during the autumn.



## Working to tackle homelessness

A new law is giving us increased powers to tackle homelessness in our communities.

The Homelessness Prevention Act came into force in April and gives the council new powers to prevent homelessness and help more people who find themselves at risk of homelessness.

The new law extends the period people are threatened with homelessness from 28 days to 56 days and allows us to provide support over a longer period after this.

The council now has a duty to provide support to all care leavers in Derbyshire and also means that other public bodies, such as the county council or the NHS have a duty to refer people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to the council.

We have introduced a new IT system which is specifically designed to deal with these cases more quickly and efficiently.

If you are threatened with homelessness, please contact us as soon as possible. Call (01246) 345825. If we are busy please leave a short message with your name and contact details and we will call you back or you can email: [homelessness.prevention@chesterfield.gov.uk](mailto:homelessness.prevention@chesterfield.gov.uk).

# Newland Dale's golden anniversary

This spring saw a celebration of 50 years since the official opening of the Newland Dale estate. Tenants were joined by councillors and council officers in the community room on the estate to reminisce about the changes which have taken place over the years.

One person who has seen more changes than most is Brenda Holmes (pictured right) who moved into her flat on the estate when it was newly built.

Brought up in Tibshelf, Brenda looked for a flat in Chesterfield because she was working in the town centre at the time: "I worked for the National Farmers' Union, which was in the town centre. This was before the Pavements Centre was built - it was where Boots is now - in the days when all of the old shops were still there.

"I wanted to live in Chesterfield because I was tired of having to travel from Tibshelf every morning and going back every evening especially in the winter when it was dark so when the opportunity to move here came up, I took it.

"When I went to work for Spire Transport, I was able to walk to work from here."



Brenda remembers viewing the flat before moving in: "I remember coming to see the flat for the first time - it was the very last bit of the estate to be built. When I came, the stairs hadn't been finished and you had to tread very carefully.

"In those days, you weren't allowed a two bedroomed flat if you were on your own and I've always been happy here, so I stayed.

"People moved into the estate together, people on the ground floor and the first floor had been neighbours before while the top floor was taken up by younger people."

Brenda says she has been lucky with her neighbours over the years: "When I was out working, there was always someone around who would be able to take in a parcel for you and keep an eye out on the estate."

In an age where many people no longer know their neighbours, she feels fortunate that this is not the case for her: "I'm lucky to still have extremely good neighbours today. The lad next door will always fetch me a newspaper and bring me some shopping and a neighbour will always take me if I need to go out to the doctors."

Brenda remains happy to live on the estate: "Newland Dale is the best estate in Chesterfield. Some of my friends have tried to persuade me to move into a bungalow but I'm happy here. A friend of mine moved to Grangewood but I didn't feel it had the same spirit as here."

She continues to feel safe on the estate: "We don't have any problems with vandalism on the estate, there are sometimes a few kids messing about but nothing more than that.

"I don't have any worries about going out. Everywhere is well lit; I can go out and come in with no problems.

"We did have some problems with drugs in one of the flats but it was reported to the council and the police and they were evicted."

For more information on council properties on the Newland Dale estate, visit

[www.onthemove-cbc.org.uk](http://www.onthemove-cbc.org.uk)

or call the team at

On the Move on (01246) 345700



# Mobile office in your area

We are regularly out and about across the borough with our mobile office to offer advice and support to council tenants.

Our officers are friendly and approachable, speak to them about issues including: improvements for your estate, anti-social behaviour, services for older people and rent arrears. You can also speak to them about general council issues such as dog fouling.

## Catch us at the following dates and times:

### Tuesdays 24 July, 25 September

- 10.30am: Wordsworth Rd, Newbold Moor
- 11.30am: Redhouse Close, New Whittington
- 12.30pm: Devonshire Close, Staveley

### Tuesdays 7 August, 2 October

- 10.30am: Eventide Restroom, Mastin Moor
- 11.30am: Tasty Bites, Chesterfield Road, Staveley
- 12.30pm: Neale Bank shops, Brimington

### Tuesdays 14 August, 9 October

- 10.30am: Churston Rd, Brampton
- 11.30am: Green Farm Close
- 12.30pm: Cauldon Drive, Holme Hall



### Tuesdays 21 August, 16 October

- 10.30am: Annesley Close, Hasland
- 11.30am: Opposite the Co-op, Grangewood Road
- 12.30pm: Cuttholme Road shops, Loundsley Green

### Tuesdays 28 August, 23 October

- 10.30am: Monkwood Road Community Room, Dunston
- 11.30am: Nisa Store, Station Lane, Old Whittington
- 12.30pm: Next to Memorial Hall, Barrow Hill

### Tuesday 4 September

- 10.30am: Markham Road Shop, Duckmanton
- 11.30am: Edensor Court Common Room, Middlecroft
- 12.30pm: Chantrey Avenue, Peveril

### Tuesday 11 September

- 10.30am: Top of Bacons Lane, St Augustines
- 11.30am: St Francis Community Centre, Hunloke Avenue
- 12.30pm: Cauldon Drive, Holme Hall

### Tuesday 18 September

- 10.30am: Talbot Crescent, Hasland
- 11.30am: Opposite the Co-op, Grangewood Road
- 12.30pm: Winnats Close, Loundsley Green

# Potential Gypsy and Traveller sites rejected

The council's cabinet has rejected six potential sites for Gypsy and Traveller pitches in the borough following consultation with residents.

The council is required to look for sites to provide two extra pitches for Gypsies and Travellers as it develops its new Local Plan.

Residents had the opportunity to comment on six potential sites during a six week period in February and March this year. We received views from 749 people and two petitions signed by 486 people as well as other interested parties.

Councillors ruled out the sites on the following grounds:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Miller Avenue, Mastin Moor – because the site is no longer available as the land is required for an affordable housing scheme.</li> <li>2. Bevan Drive, Inkersall – due to the potential impact on nearby ancient woodland and access problems due to on-street parking in the area.</li> <li>3. Brooks Road, Barrow Hill – due to access problems caused by on-street parking and difficulties in demonstrating the ability to promote peaceful and integrated co-existence between the site and the local community.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Birchwood Crescent, Grangemoor – there is sufficient use and demand to continue using the land as a garage site.</li> <li>5. Atlee Road, Inkersall – due to access issues and the degree to which the site would overlook existing properties.</li> <li>6. Keswick Drive, Newbold – due to access issues and overlooking existing properties.</li> </ol> |
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An alternative site was submitted as part of the consultation.

If this is not suitable, we will need to adopt a 'windfall approach', where the needs for Gypsy and Traveller pitches that have been identified are met purely through any planning applications that private landowners make, guided by policies in the Local Plan.

Since the consultation began, a planning application has also been received to create three additional traveller pitches on Hady Lane.



# Investing in the Winding Wheel

Work has begun to improve the facilities on offer at the Winding Wheel, which is owned and operated by the council.

Costing £745,000, the work will see the foyer entrance to the building transformed and some of the facilities inside the venue modernised.

One of the key improvements will see us extend into the former opticians shop next door which will allow us to create a new café bar area.

The attractive new foyer area will include a new bar which incorporates an information and ticket collection point. This will provide better facilities for customers before, during and after shows and for people attending conferences and other functions at the Winding Wheel.

Anna Sanderson is a regular at the Winding Wheel, visiting the venue once every couple of months.

She has seen a variety of West End musicals and also taken her grandma to concerts by artists including Joe Longthorne and Jane McDonald.

She is excited about the changes planned: "The Winding Wheel is a great venue and there's a great mix of shows on but it can get crowded in there at times.

"The new café sounds a great idea because it will give people somewhere to meet before the show and somewhere to sit during the interval, like you can in the bar area of the Pomegranate Theatre when you go to see a show or a film there."

The improvements will also see new toilet facilities installed on the ground floor and all the toilets on the first and second floors refurbished.

The auditorium and the ballroom will also be redecorated as part of the work, which is due to be completed by the end of August.



Anna Sanderson

Originally built as a cinema, the building was bought by the council and opened as a theatre, conference venue and exhibition space in 1987.

These works complement an extensive refurbishment in 2014 which saw improvements to the power supply, a new, larger, stage to attract bigger productions, new lighting, new stage door and dressing room to improve access for performers with limited mobility and new seating in the auditorium.

The latter improvement is something that Anna particularly values: "The thing I have found at the Winding Wheel is that no matter where you are sat in the auditorium, you can get a good view of the stage."

The Winding Wheel has played host to some prestigious shows including the West End productions of Joseph and the Amazing

Technicolor Dreamcoat, Dreamboats and Petticoats and Blood Brothers, which returns this November.

It has also hosted political party conferences, a talk by the Archbishop of Canterbury and was the venue for an edition of the BBC's Question Time earlier this year.

For more information on the current shows at the Winding Wheel and the Pomegranate Theatre,

visit: [www.chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk](http://www.chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk)

or call the box office on (01246) 345222.

The venue is also licensed for wedding ceremonies and is an ideal venue for a wedding reception, business or community event. For more information and for rates,

visit [www.chesterfieldvenuehire.co.uk](http://www.chesterfieldvenuehire.co.uk)

or call (01246) 345333.

## Welcoming our new mayor

Councillor Stuart Brittain became Chesterfield's 378th mayor in a ceremony at the Town Hall in May.

A Labour councillor, he has represented Rother ward as a member of Chesterfield Borough Council since he was first elected in 2003.

He is also a Derbyshire County councillor, representing the communities of Brimington, New Brimington, Brimington Common, Hollingwood and Tapton since 2013.

Born in Dronfield, he spent most of his working life in the south east as a transport manager for Royal Mail before returning to Chesterfield in the late 1990s.

He is married to Anne and they have two children and four grandchildren. Mrs Brittain serves as mayoress.

Councillor Brittain says: "Our town is a great place to live and work. I look forward to playing my part to help make it an even better one in our mayoral year."

During their year in office, they are supporting two charities: Ashgate Hospicecare and Citizens' Advice Chesterfield.

Councillor and Mrs Brittain replace Liberal Democrat councillor Maureen Davenport and Mrs Liz Archer who served as mayor and mayoress in 2017/18.



## Hire our smoothie bike

Our smoothie bike, which allows people to use pedal power to make a healthy drink has proved very popular with people who have visited our events. It's so simple:

**Step 1:** Choose the fruit you want in your smoothie and toss it in the blender.

**Step 2:** Jump on the bike and pedal. This will turn the blender to blend your fruit.

**Step 3:** You've got a smoothie – enjoy.

The bike is available to hire for your community event at a cost of £25 per day. For booking and more information contact Louise Rach by email: [louise.rach@chesterfield.gov.uk](mailto:louise.rach@chesterfield.gov.uk) or call (01246) 345728.

## New website to promote your events



Working together with partners, we have introduced a new website offering a one-stop shop of the best attractions and places to visit and stay in the Chesterfield area.

The Visit Chesterfield Area website covers Chesterfield and the surrounding area, including Bolsover and North East Derbyshire.

It also offers suggestions for great days out in the area such as: finding out how the Crooked Spire got its twist, bargain hunting on Chesterfield Market every Monday, Friday or Saturday, a taste of history at Chesterfield Museum or an evening at the theatre.

Take a short break and explore the area - Chatsworth, Hardwick Hall, Bolsover Castle, Renishaw Hall and Gardens and the Peak District are just a few of the things to see in this part of Derbyshire.

The website also allows groups planning events to submit their events directly to be displayed on the website.

Submitting an event is simple, just complete the required fields. Your details will be assessed against the submission criteria before it can be displayed on the website.

To submit your event, visit:

[www.visitchesterfield.info/information/submit-event](http://www.visitchesterfield.info/information/submit-event)

### Dementia-friendly film

We have a special dementia-friendly showing of The Glenn Miller story at the Winding Wheel on Wednesday 12 September from 1pm.

The showing is geared for people who have memory problems and includes tea or coffee and cake as well as activities.

Tickets cost £3 and each person with dementia is able to bring a carer along free of charge.

To book, visit [www.chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk](http://www.chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk) or call the box office on (01246) 345222.

## Events to mark First World War anniversary

We have launched a website with a list of events planned to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War this autumn.

The anniversary falls on Sunday 11 November and there are a variety of events planned across the borough during October and November.

These include a poppy cascade from the balcony of the Town Hall, Rose Hill for which residents have knitted or crocheted thousands of woollen poppies and a trench experience at Chesterfield Museum allowing visitors to find out what life was like on the Western Front.

Visit [www.chesterfield.gov.uk/ww1](http://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/ww1) for more details.

# Sizzling summer events in Chesterfield

As the weather warms up, we have a fantastic series of events happening in Chesterfield this summer.

## Custom Solar Festival of Cricket

Howzat! County cricket returns to Queen's Park again as the annual Custom Solar Festival of Cricket, in association with Chesterfield Borough Council, gets underway.

Derbyshire take on Northamptonshire in the four-day Specsavers County Championship match from **Sunday 22 July to Wednesday 25 July**.

Following last year's sell-out event, Derbyshire Falcons will also face Yorkshire Vikings in the traditional local NatWest T20 Blast derby on **Saturday 28 July**.

Tickets are available from £12 for adults and £4 for children from Chesterfield Visitor Information Centre in Rykneld Square, opposite the Crooked Spire church. To book, visit:

[www.visitchesterfield.info/cricketfest](http://www.visitchesterfield.info/cricketfest)

or call (01246) 345777 or 345778.

## Chesterfield Pride

The popular Chesterfield Pride event this year takes place at Stand Road Park on **Sunday 22 July**.

Now in its fourth year, the event is bigger than ever with a star-studded line up of acts including MOBO award winning Big Brovaz, who will be performing their hits "Nu Flow", "Favourite Things", and "Baby Boy".

Also performing is noughties pop star Lolly and international dance act Booty Luv as well as a mix of X Factor stars, Pride favourites and the best in local performers.

The event also has food stalls, large market area, licensed bar and fairground.

The event is free although donations on the gates are welcome.

For more details, visit:

[www.facebook.com/chesterfieldpride](http://www.facebook.com/chesterfieldpride)



## Well dressing

Our popular well dressing festival returns from **Saturday 8 to Saturday 15 September**.

We have wells on display by the town pump in the market place and in the porch of the Crooked Spire church.

You can come along and see the wells being dressed from **Monday 3 to Friday 7 September** in the Pavements Shopping Centre or at the church and there is a blessing service at the church at **10am on Saturday 8 September**.



## Medieval fun day

We're preparing to remember the Middle Ages in our annual medieval fun day on **Tuesday 24 July**.

There will be a variety of events happening across Chesterfield town centre including stalls in the market place, Medieval themed entertainment, knights in battle in the grounds of the Crooked Spire church, a Medieval potions event at Chesterfield Museum and an open day at the Crooked Spire with the opportunity to climb to the top of the tower for spectacular views of the town.

The event runs from 10am to 4pm.



## This autumn - 1940s Market

Our annual 1940s market takes place on **Thursday 1 November**.

You can rummage through the stalls at our flea market and enjoy 40s music, entertainment and exhibits and meet the stall holders in fancy dress.

There will also be live music from the Kalamazoo dance band in Rykneld Square, 1940s singers outside Chesterfield Market Hall, classic cars, military vehicles and displays in Market Place and Thwaites Brewery shire horses at the Crown and Cushion pub.



# What's on

## Chesterfield Market

Open air market each Monday, Friday and Saturday. Flea market each Thursday.

## Farmers' market

Thursdays 9 August, 13 September, 11 October

## Artisan market

in association with The Market Co. Sundays 29 July, 26 August, 30 September, 28 October

## Chesterfield medieval fun day

Tuesday 24 July

Lots of activities taking place across the town centre – see page 29



## Queen's Park

## Festival of Cricket

Sunday 22 to Saturday 28 July  
See page 28 for fixtures



## Band concerts

Sundays 5, 12, 19 August, 2, 9, 16 September, 2pm

## Chesterfield Museum

Open each Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10am to 4pm. Admission free to exhibitions and events but donations are welcome.

Tel: (01246) 345727  
www.chesterfield.gov.uk/museum

## Park life

until 15 September

An exhibition celebrating Chesterfield's beloved parks

## Reincarnated rubbish

Endangered and extinct until 29 September

Artist Val Hunt presents animal artworks created from recycled rubbish

## A walk down Chatsworth Road

22 September to 8 December  
Personal stories and social history of this well-loved area of Chesterfield

## Revolution House

The historic house is open each Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday from Saturday 31 March until Sunday 30 September. Admission free but donations are welcome.

Tel: (01246) 345727  
www.chesterfield.gov.uk/revolutionhouse

## A touch of glass

until 30 September

Exhibition showing the history of glassmaking in Chesterfield

## Pomegranate Theatre

www.chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk  
Box office: (01246) 345222

## Bing! Live

Thursday 2 August, 10am, 1pm, 4pm

Bing and his friends are coming to Chesterfield in the first ever Bing stage show.

## Summer Play Season: Gaslight

Tuesday 14 to Saturday 18 August, evenings 7.30pm, Wednesday matinee 2pm, Saturday matinee 3pm

The superb mystery thriller and masterpiece guaranteed to have you on the edge of your seat.



## Summer Play Season: Relatively Speaking

Tuesday 21 to Saturday 25 August, evenings 7.30pm, Wednesday matinee 2pm, Saturday matinee 3pm

Alan Ayckbourn's fascinating satire on middle-class English life.

## Summer Play Season: Jamaica Inn

Tuesday 28 August to Saturday 1 September, evenings 7.30pm, Wednesday matinee 2pm, Saturday matinee 3pm

Daphne du Maurier's classic and chilling tale set in Cornwall.

**\*\*OFFER\*\*** Summer Play Season – book three plays for the price of two. Available from the box office, call (01246) 345222.

## The Snail and the Whale

Saturday 8 September, noon and 2.30pm; Sunday 9 September, 11am and 2pm

Join a tiny snail on her trip round the world in Tall Stories' magical, musical production.



## The Nightmare Room

Thursday 13 to Saturday 15 September, evenings 7.30pm, Saturday matinee 3pm

Wicked contemporary thriller based on Arthur Conan Doyle's classic mystery thriller.



## Persuasion

Monday 24 to Saturday 29 September, evenings 7.30pm, Wednesday matinee 2pm, Saturday matinee 3pm

Brand new version of Jane Austen's final novel.



## Winding Wheel

www.chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk  
Box office: (01246) 345222

## G4 Live in Concert

Saturday 8 September, 7.30pm  
The UK's number one classical vocal harmony quartet are back.

## The Simon and Garfunkel Story

Monday 10 September, 7.45pm  
50th anniversary tour direct from its success at London's Lyric Theatre.

## Dementia Friendly Film: The Glenn Miller Story (U)

Wednesday 12 September, 1pm  
Screening for people living with dementia and memory challenges, their family and friends.

## Jason Donovan - Amazing Midlife Crisis Tour

Friday 28 September, 7.30pm  
A unique opportunity to see Jason like you've never seen him before.

## Joe Pasquale

Saturday 29 September, 7.30pm  
The squeaky-voiced comedian on his 30th anniversary tour.

## The Shaolin Warriors

Sunday 30 September, 7.30pm  
Live show direct from China.



## Darren Harriott – Visceral

Friday 12 October, 8pm  
Edinburgh Comedy Award best newcomer nominee returns with his new show.

## Celtic Country

Friday 19 October, 7.30pm  
The very best Irish and Scottish artists with their own style of Country music.



## Pomegranate Screenings

Highlights from film and satellite broadcast at the Pomegranate Theatre

## Film: Mamma Mia: Here we go Again! (TBC)

Friday 20 July to Thursday 2 August, various times  
Musical sequel based on the songs of ABBA.

## Satellite: Andre Rieu

Saturday 28 July, 7pm; Sunday 29 July, 3pm  
King of the Waltz André Rieu performs his hometown shows with a celebration of love.

## RSC Live: Romeo and Juliet

Friday 3 August, 7pm  
Classic love story presented by the Royal Shakespeare Company.

## Film: The Greatest Showman Singalong (PG)

Saturday 4 August and Sunday 5 August, 1.30pm  
Sing along to this bold and original musical celebrating the birth of show business.



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(01246) 345777 or 345778

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[onthemove@chesterfield.gov.uk](mailto:onthemove@chesterfield.gov.uk)

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