

Your Chesterfield

Putting our communities first



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Welcome

In previous columns I have spoken about some of the big economic development schemes planned for the borough.



I know from talking to residents there is always a frustration about the time it takes from hearing about a proposal to seeing something happen on the ground.

Of course the reality behind the scenes is that detailed negotiations are required around planning issues, contracts and grants to make projects a reality. It's not stuff that makes good headlines but it is vital if a project is to go from concept to reality.

It's only when diggers roll on to a site that people believe that it will happen. So it's really pleasing to see that's happened on two big development schemes.

In September work began on the £320 million Waterside project to redevelop the area alongside the A61. I hope you have seen the progress being made to level the

site and build the development platforms and noise bund required so work can begin on the £75 million Basin Square phase and also the residential homes planned for next year.

And last month saw the University of Derby officially open its campus at the old St Helena School site. The university has been very impressed with the numbers of students taking up its nursing and health care, engineering, advanced manufacturing and logistics courses.

These schemes, and others due to start soon, show the confidence investors have in Chesterfield and its future.

Councillor John Burrows
Leader of Chesterfield Borough Council

Work begins on Northern Gateway scheme

Work has started on an ambitious project to transform the northern part of Chesterfield town centre.

Preparation work to refurbish and expand the Saltergate multi-storey car park has begun and we are currently appointing a contractor to carry out the main work in the New Year. This is expected to be completed by late autumn.

The car park has been in need of restoration for several years with the top two floors closed for safety reasons.

The work will see us restore and open these again to increase the number of spaces from 408 to 529 as well as to make the building more appealing for use by shoppers and commuters.

This is the first stage of the £19.9 million revised project, which also includes the £10.5 million redevelopment of the former Co-op department store on Elder Way by Central England Co-operative and developers Jomast.

Work will also be carried out to:

- Make environmental improvements to Elder Way and part of Knifesmithgate to create a terraced area, expected to take place next year
- Build an enterprise centre for small and medium-sized businesses on part of the site of the Holywell Cross (Donut) car park to complement our existing innovation centres, expected to be completed by summer 2019, subject to planning permission.

It is planned the Co-op development will include:

- Six ground floor restaurants
- A hotel on the first and second floors
- A health and fitness centre in the basement.

Premier Inn and Beefeater are two of the companies that will occupy the site.

The overall Northern Gateway scheme is funded by a Sheffield City Region Infrastructure Fund grant of £5.83 million with a further £3.5 million from the council.

The Co-op redevelopment is being paid for by the private sector.

An architect will be appointed soon to design the enterprise centre and the revised street layouts ahead of a public consultation.

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Chesterfield people have their say on devolution

Residents and local businesses recently took part in a public consultation about gaining devolution powers and funding for Chesterfield people.

In April our councillors voted that Chesterfield Borough Council should apply to become a full member of the Sheffield City Region Mayoral Combined Authority as part of a devolution deal with the Government.

This would see the region benefit from funds of £484 million over the next five years and £900 million over the next 30 years.

The consultation, run by independent polling experts Ipsos Mori, took place from 1 July to 12 August and asked people whether they felt that these powers and funding currently held by ministers and civil servants in London should be devolved to local decision makers.

These powers and funding streams are intended to support:

- Investment in regeneration and business development projects to create new jobs and protect existing jobs
- Skills and training programmes to ensure local people have the skills needed to get the jobs created
- Housing investment and
- Better integration of public transport services across the region.

Day-to-day decision making on existing local council services would remain with Chesterfield Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council, with the one exception of public transport in the Chesterfield area.

Chesterfield would remain a Derbyshire town and other public services such as police,

ambulance, fire and rescue and the Royal Hospital will all continue to run exactly as they do now.

In return for handing over powers and funding currently held in Westminster, the Government requires that an elected mayor post is created, who would be voted for by all residents in the area that the devolution deal applies. The first elections would be in May 2017.

The mayor would be supported by a cabinet made up of the council leaders from each of the councils involved in the combined authority.

The consultation asked people living in the region for their views on these proposals. People were able to fill in the consultation online or fill in a paper copy.

We held a variety of public events for people to find out more, including:

- A public meeting at the Winding Wheel
- Two drop-in sessions in Chesterfield market and one at the Healthy Living Centre in Staveley
- Presentations to the public meetings at Staveley Town Council and Brimington Parish Council
- Two consultation events with the town's businesses and
- Attending meetings of community groups in Chesterfield.

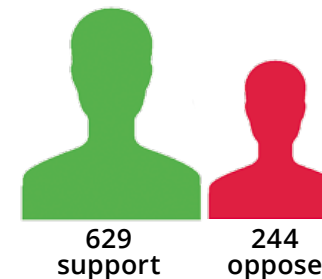
What people in Chesterfield said

In all 2,892 responses were received from all the areas which are currently part of the Sheffield City Region (Barnsley, Bassetlaw, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Derbyshire Dales, Doncaster, North East Derbyshire, Rotherham and Sheffield).

Of these, 978 of the responses were from Chesterfield residents and stakeholders.

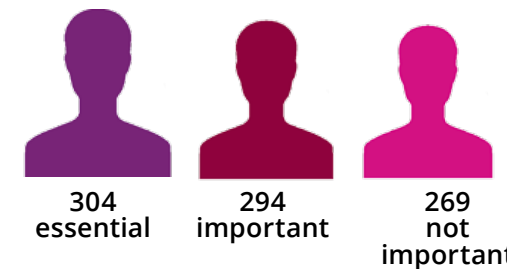
Here is how you responded to the survey in Chesterfield:

Q1. To what extent, if at all, do you support or oppose the principle of more decision-making powers being transferred from the government in Westminster to groups of local councils (on issues such as economic development, skills, transport, housing and infrastructure planning)?



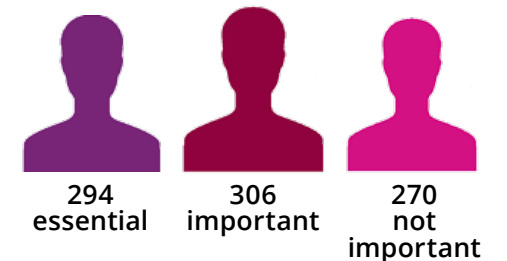
Nine people said they did not know and two did not state which they preferred.

Economic development



54 people said they did not know and 40 did not state their preference.

Skills and employment



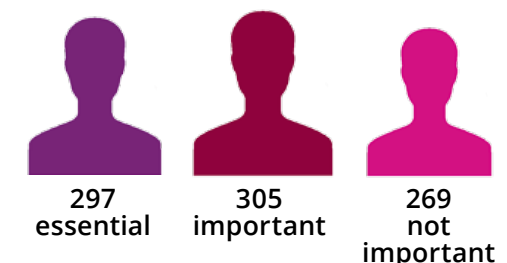
51 people said they did not know and 40 did not state their preference.

Transport



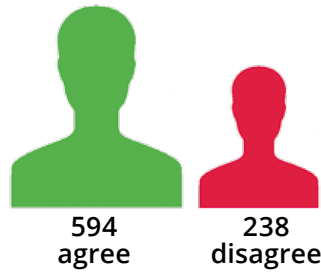
53 people said they did not know and 37 did not state their preference.

Housing and infrastructure planning



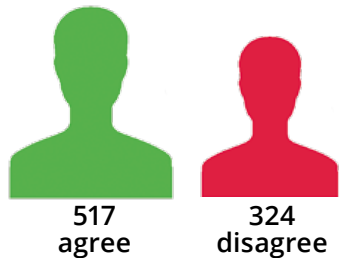
49 people said they did not know and 41 did not state their preference.

Q3. To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree that a directly-elected Sheffield City Region Mayor should be obliged to work with locally-elected Council Leaders on decisions relating to the local economy, skills, transport, housing and infrastructure planning?



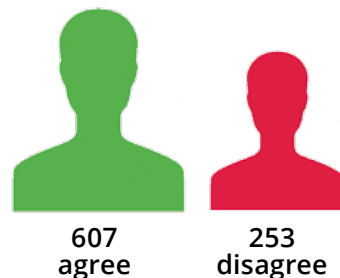
28 people said they did not know and 21 did not state which they preferred.

Q4. To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree that local authorities should work together formally where there are strong economic links with neighbouring areas?



19 people said they did not know and 18 did not state which they preferred.

Q5. To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree that people living in the areas listed above should be given a vote as to who the Sheffield City Region Mayor should be?



22 people said they did not know and 16 did not state which they preferred.

A copy of the full analysis of the consultation is available on the Sheffield City Region website: www.sheffieldcityregiondevolution.org.uk

Devolution deal: the next steps

As we went to press, Sajid Javid, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government was analysing the results of the consultation outlined on the previous two pages.

He was applying the relevant statutory tests to make sure that establishing the Sheffield City Region Mayoral Combined Authority will benefit people living in the Sheffield City Region, including Chesterfield.

He has to be certain that in approving the deal, powers and funding relating to transport, economic development, skills and training and housing and infrastructure planning would be better delivered if they were co-ordinated at a local level rather than in London.

Subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, the necessary Parliamentary Order to establish an extended Sheffield City Region Mayoral

Combined Authority is expected to be laid before Parliament within the next month.

If agreed, the first elections for a mayor to lead the Sheffield City Region Mayoral Combined Authority would take place on Thursday 4 May 2017.

If Chesterfield is confirmed by the Secretary of State as being part of the combined authority residents in Chesterfield will have an equal say in voting for the mayor. The mayor could come from any of the areas covered by the deal: Barnsley, Bassetlaw, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Rotherham or Sheffield.

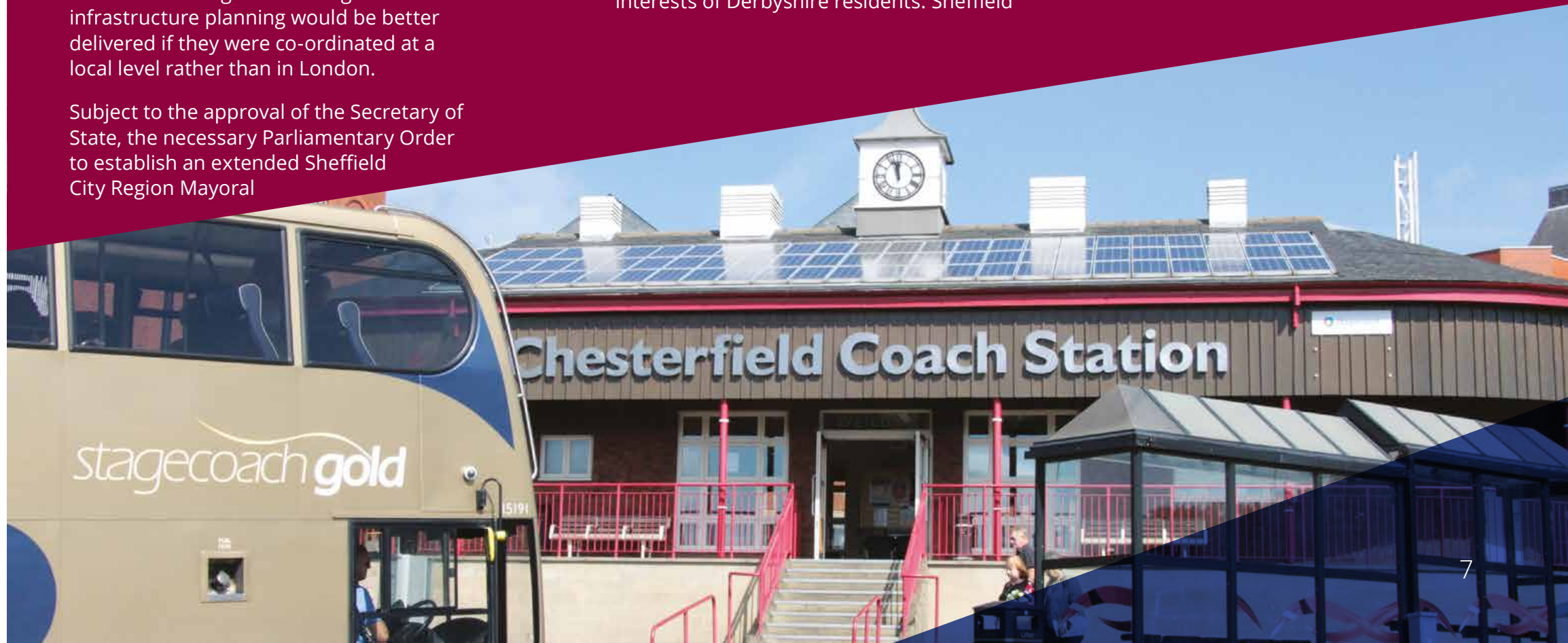
As we went to press, a High Court hearing was due to take place on 9 and 10 November to consider an application by Derbyshire County Council for judicial review of the city region's consultation process.

The county council feels the consultation was not robust enough and not in the interests of Derbyshire residents. Sheffield

City Region is defending the legal action as it believes the consultation process was robust and Chesterfield Borough Council has been named as an interested party to the judicial review.

The outcome of the court case could impact on timescales and any decision by the Secretary of State.

● As the situation may have changed since we went to press please visit www.chesterfield.gov.uk/devolution to get the latest position and updates on devolution.



Taking responsibility for rubbish

Fly tipping is a real problem for a number of people in our communities.

It's one Shirley McAngus knows only too well.

Shirley and her husband live in New Whittington and have suffered with more than their fair share of rubbish dumped near their home.

Shirley explains: "There is an unadopted road at the back of where we live, it's a mud track really and people just turn up there and dump bags of rubbish."

On average it happens once a month.

Shirley said: "We never know when we're going to get rubbish left – some people have no respect.

"I don't know why they do it, it's a nice village, there are plenty of bins around and people have dustbins at home so there's no reason for them to leave it here."

Whenever Shirley reports fly tipping to the council it is dealt with by our environmental protection team.

We have a team of dedicated enforcement officers who are highly trained in tracing people who dump rubbish.

Shirley says: "The council does its best, the team are very dedicated and very helpful but it's difficult when there are citizens out there who are so disrespectful - you don't want to stand there and argue with them."

Once a problem is reported the team try to trace the origin of the waste and when it was dumped before arranging for it to be cleared.

This can cost hundreds of pounds each time, which comes from the money Chesterfield residents pay in their Council Tax.

If we can trace the origin of the waste, we will take fly tippers to court. Anyone found guilty can be forced to pay the

full cost that it has taken to clear the rubbish and could receive a fine of up to £50,000 as well as up to five years in prison.

As well as people dumping rubbish, the team can also take action against people who have not made sure their rubbish is being disposed of legally.

Householders asking someone to take their waste away must check they are properly licensed; otherwise they could face prosecution if the waste is found to be dumped illegally.

You should ask to see their waste carrier's certificate or contact the Environment Agency on 03708 506506 or visit their website at www.environment-agency.gov.uk/publicregister to check they have the proper licence.

You should also keep a record of the details of anyone disposing of your rubbish in case it is found dumped or you could risk a fine too for not carrying out the necessary checks.

If you have large items of waste which need disposing, you can use the council's bulky waste collection service by calling (01246) 345734.

Details of the costs can be seen at www.chesterfield.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling.

Alternatively, you can take them to the Derbyshire County Council-run household waste recycling centre on Sheffield Road. The centre is open from 8.30am to 6pm each day except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

The council also runs a commercial waste collection service for businesses. Details and costs are available at: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/business-waste.

Report fly tipping

Visit our website at www.chesterfield.gov.uk and click on the 'I want to report' button or call us on (01246) 345735.

Please provide as much information as you can, including:

- Registration details of vehicles
- Any markings such as business name
- Descriptions of people
- The date, time and location.

If you have a camera or phone camera please take photos – but only if it's safe to do so. Do not approach the culprits.

Tenants move into Parkside

Tenants have moved into Parkside, the new purpose-built older persons' accommodation in Stand Road.

The new Parkside replaces the old sheltered housing complex which was demolished in 2014 and offers homes for up to 44 tenants, some of whom lived in the old Parkside.

Costing £3 million, the complex has 22 two-bedroomed flats each with a kitchen and lounge, bathroom and hall with storage area.

Work has been carried out by A&S Enterprises Ltd.

We will meet some of the tenants of the new building in a future edition of Your Chesterfield.

Snow wardens required

We're asking for volunteers to help keep pavements and footpaths in Chesterfield clear in the event of heavy snowfall this winter.

Volunteers will receive training as well as necessary equipment including snow shovels and gloves.

Snow wardens also assist in providing information on local conditions and monitor and report empty grit bins.

For more information, please contact Sam Sherlock, senior emergency planning officer on (01246) 345407 or email sam.sherlock@chesterfield.gov.uk.

Future use of old sports centre site

Chesterfield residents recently had their say on plans for the future use of the old Queen's Park Sports Centre site.

As we went to press work on the demolition of the old building, in Boythorpe Road, was due to start within weeks. The building has been empty since the new £11.25 million Queen's Park Sports Centre opened in January.

While this happens all options for the future use of the site are being assessed against four criteria. These are that it should:

- generate income and not cost council taxpayers money
- help improve the quality of life for local people, support a thriving borough and deliver value for money
- fit in with the Queen's Park conservation area and facilities in the town centre and the borough
- be well used and give added value for our communities.

We asked people to comment on our preferred option of 3G all weather pitches which could be used for training and recreational use for a variety of sports including: football, hockey, rugby and athletics.

Thank you to everyone who took part. We are now analysing the responses and aim to make a decision on the future use in early 2017.

To see the consultation results and for more information, visit our website: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/qpscsurvey.

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS switch on

Chesterfield is set to be bathed with a magical glow at our annual Christmas lights switch-on event on Sunday 20 November.

The event gets underway with entertainment, stalls, games and rides in the market place and New Square. The Market Hall will also be open from 11am to 5pm on the day with selected traders open.

The stage show gets underway at 3.30pm with Peak FM providing the action as some of your favourite presenters take to the stage offering opportunities for you to join in the fun.

Stars from Aladdin, this year's pantomime at the Pomegranate Theatre, will perform on stage and will perform the switch on at 4.45pm with Chesterfield's mayor and Peppa Pig.

Chesterfield residents can use their parking disc to park for free in the following Chesterfield Borough Council off-street pay and display car parks:

- Albion Road
- Derbyshire Times
- Devonshire Street
- Durrant Road
- Hollis Lane
- Holywell Cross
- Queen's Park
(North and South)
- Spa Lane
- Station Road
- St Mary's Gate
- Theatre Lane
- West Street.



ROLL UP, ROLL UP Christmas bargains

If you are looking to shop local for your Christmas presents and supplies – look no further than Chesterfield market.

We will have a market taking place each day from Thursday 8 December until Christmas Eve, Saturday 24 December including the usual general markets, flea markets and farmers' markets.

Chesterfield Market Hall will also be open each day including Sunday 11 and Sunday 18 December.

The Market Hall will also host Santa's grotto upstairs on the mezzanine level overlooking the sales area. Children can visit Santa and receive a gift for £3.50. There is no need to book in advance. Dates and times are available at www.chesterfield.gov.uk/christmas.

Since it began at the beginning of 2015, the monthly artisan market in association with The Market Co. has proved extremely popular with visitors to the market. The artisan market will be taking place as usual on Sunday 27 November and there will be a Christmas special taking place on Sunday 18 December.

The artisan market offers the very best produce from local providers as well as exclusive gift and craft items.



ATOMIC panto time

There's an atomic vibe to this year's pantomime at the Pomegranate Theatre.

Starring in this year's show, Aladdin, is Liz McClarnon from the successful girl band Atomic Kitten, known for the hit singles Whole Again, Eternal Flame and The Tide Is High (Get the Feeling).

Liz plays the beautiful Princess Jasmine. She says: "You should definitely come and see Aladdin, it's going to be the most magical pantomime this year and Chesterfield is the most magical place."

Joining Liz is Lee Brennan, the lead singer from the late 90s boy band 911, who had hits including Love Sensation, Don't Make Me Wait and A Little Bit More.

Lee is playing Aladdin. He describes his character as "a cheeky chappy with no money."

"He meets Princess Jasmine but her father isn't happy that a poor boy is coming to take away his daughter."

You'll have to watch the show to find out if they overcome these obstacles.

The show is written and directed by Keith and Ben Simmons who also star as the Chinese Policemen.



Completing the cast are Christopher Howard as the Emperor, Greg Ashton as the hilarious Dame Gladys Twankey and James Dangerfield as Wishee Washee.

Aladdin runs from Friday 2 December to Tuesday 3 January.

Book your tickets

W www.chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk/panto

T Box office (01246) 345222

Win panto tickets

We're giving away a family ticket for two adults and two children to see Aladdin on Saturday 3 December.

To enter, please answer the following question: Lee Brennan was a member of which boy band?

Email your answer to: chesterfield.theatres@chesterfield.gov.uk

Alternatively you can post this coupon complete with your answer to: Pantomime competition, Visitor Information Centre, Rykneld Square, Chesterfield S40 1SB.

Answer:

Name:

Address:

Tel no:

Entries must be received by noon on Friday 25 November.

CHESTERFIELD festive entertainment



Festival of Christmas Trees

Chesterfield Parish Church

18 to 27 November

Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm; Saturdays 10am to 6pm; Sundays noon to 6pm

Over 90 Christmas trees will be displayed in their spectacular glory at the Crooked Spire Church.

www.chesterfieldparishchurch.org.uk

Santa Specials on the Chesterfield Canal

Tapton Lock and Hollingwood Hub

Meet Santa on the Chesterfield Canal, there is a present for every child and a drink and mince pie for the adults.

Trips on the John Varley from Tapton Lock are every Saturday and Sunday from 19 November to 18 December.

Trips on the Madeline, are every Saturday and Sunday from 3 to 18 December and on Wednesday 21, Thursday 22, Friday 23 and Saturday 24 December.

www.chesterfield-canal-trust.org.uk

Hady Miniature Train Santa Special

Hady Hill (next to St Peter and St Paul School)

Sunday 4 and Sunday 11 December - noon to 3pm

Accompany Santa on a train on the miniature railway with Chesterfield and District Model Engineering Society.

www.cdmes.co.uk



Festive Brass

Chesterfield Parish Church

Saturday 3 December at 6.30pm

Enjoy a festive concert from the Ireland Colliery Chesterfield Band in the Crooked Spire Church

www.iccbb.co.uk

Rudolph's Christmas Cracker

The Rose Theatre

Monday 12 to Saturday 24 December

It's Christmas Eve and catastrophe! Someone's stolen all the jokes from the Christmas crackers. The performance lasts 25 minutes and afterwards the audience can see Santa and receive a Christmas gift.

www.rosetheatrechesterfield.co.uk

Meet the Reindeer

Vicar Lane Shopping Centre

Saturday 17 December, 10am to 4pm

Mistletoe and Chester the Reindeer will be available throughout the day for photos and cuddles.

www.vicarlaneshoppingcentre.co.uk



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Christmas at Revolution House

Residents can visit Revolution House in Old Whittington to see the house decorated for a traditional Christmas.

The house, where the plot to overthrow King James II was planned, is open from Thursday 15 to Saturday 24 December and Tuesday 27 to Saturday 31 December from 11am to 4pm.

It hosts a carol concert on Thursday 15 December from 6.30pm with Holymoorside Band playing a variety of well-loved Christmas carols.



Council services over the festive period

There will be changes to our bin collections over the Christmas and new year period.

Residents should receive a calendar with their bin collection dates for the coming year – please check to make sure you are not caught out and miss a collection.

You can also check when you will receive a bin collection – and which bin is due to be collected – at any time by visiting our website. Visit www.chesterfield.gov.uk/bindates and enter your postcode or street name.

Our Customer Service Centre in New Square, call centre and the Town Hall, Rose Hill will all be closed on Monday 26 December, Tuesday 27 December and Wednesday 28 December. They are open as usual on Thursday 29 December and Friday 30 December and closed on Monday 2 January.

The easiest way for you to make payments is by direct debit. To set this up, call (01246) 345138 or 345171. You can also pay at PayPoint outlets such as shops or Post Offices.

For the latest information, visit our website: www.chesterfield.gov.uk.

Green Flag success

Five of Chesterfield's parks and open spaces, maintained by the council, have retained their prestigious Green Flag awards, meaning they are among the top in the country.

They are:

- The grounds of Chesterfield and District Crematorium, Brimington
- Eastwood Park, Hasland
- Holmebrook Valley Park
- Poolsbrook Country Park
- Queen's Park (*shown below*).



Have your say on new Local Plan

Chesterfield residents can have their say on the council's new Local Plan.

This sets out where new developments should take place over the next 20 years and guides planning officers and councillors when making decisions on planning applications. It will replace the existing Local Plan, published in 2013.

The Local Plan will set out:

- How many new houses need to be built and where they should be built
- How much floorspace is needed to provide new jobs, shops etc and where these should be located
- What areas should be protected from development for their wildlife, landscape or heritage value
- How we will assess the impact of new development on matters such as highways, flood risk, design and amenity.

Why do we need a new plan?

Since the last Local Plan was published, there have been changes to the planning system and new evidence has also become available.

We have also assessed around 300 sites that were put forward by residents and landowners for consideration as development sites.

While not all will be suitable, many of these will go on to be allocated for development in the new plan.

We have also been looking at which areas should be protected because of their value as open spaces, or their role in giving our settlements their distinctive identities.

Why do we need more development?

More houses need to be built because the population is growing, mainly as a result of more babies being born and people living longer. Also, more people live alone now or in smaller households, which creates a need for more homes in the borough.

We also need to build extra houses for working age people who are moving into the borough from other parts of the UK in order to maintain our current labour force and keep businesses in the area.

We also need sites for new businesses, for existing businesses to expand, and for the community and health facilities needed to serve the growing population.

It is important that we allocate enough sites to meet these needs but the borough council remains in control of development.

What big sites are in the pipeline?

Staveley Works

The site of the former chemical works will be our biggest development site in the borough over the next few years with around 1,500 new homes, new businesses and a proposed depot to serve the new HS2 rail line. We are working to try and make sure this major brownfield site is developed in a way that maximises the benefits to the borough. We expect the first planning application in early 2017.

Chesterfield Waterside

Preparatory work is now underway on the Basin Square phase of Chesterfield Waterside which, as a whole site, will deliver up to 1,550 new homes over ten to 15 years, alongside new jobs and a new leisure and retail destination. *Artist's impression below.*

Northern Gateway

This will see new business start-up units on the Holywell Cross roundabout and new homes around the town centre on vacant sites.

Peak Resort

The development of Peak Resort at Unstone will deliver a national standard leisure destination to draw more people to visit Chesterfield and the Peak District.

Ideally, we want to make the best possible use of 'brownfield' sites to meet future development needs but we know that on their own these will not be enough, particularly as some of them have complex issues, such as contamination and flood risk that will take time to resolve.



Preparatory work has already started on the Basin Square Phase of the Waterside scheme

As well as these brownfield sites, it is likely, therefore, that some large greenfield sites will also be needed for new housing.

Some are expected to be at areas that were identified in the 2013 plan, such as the Regeneration Priority Areas of Duckmanton, Holme Hall, Mastin Moor and Poolsbrook.

Others will be sites that already have planning permission, such as Dunston Lane. However there will need to be some others too, it may be on one or two very big sites, or on a larger number of smaller sites.

We will be asking for your views on all these types of sites.



When is the next public consultation?

We intend to publish a draft Local Plan for public consultation in the next few weeks, which will be available for comment by members of the public and local businesses for at least six weeks.

After this, our planning officers will make any changes to the plan resulting from the consultation, and then publish a final plan for consultation in spring 2017.

If this does not raise any unexpected new issues the Local Plan will then be sent in to the Government, who will appoint an independent planning inspector to hold a public examination of the plan, which will consider any objections.

How can I get involved?

To be informed of public consultations we can add you to our mailing list.

You will need to send us your name and contact details, preferably with an email address (your details will not be used for any purpose other than consultation on local planning issues).

Alternatively, we will be arranging a series of public consultation events, details of which will be published on the council's website www.chesterfield.gov.uk along with the draft plan and the evidence that has been prepared to support it.

For general enquiries or to find out a bit more about the Local Plan, you can phone 01246 345790 or email forward.planning@chesterfield.gov.uk.

We've won blooming gold

Chesterfield has won a gold award for the first time in the East Midlands in Bloom competition.

The judges were impressed with our clean streets, floral displays and community involvement, particularly with the Chesterfield in Bloom committee.

In their report, they said: "The tour showcased many key areas of Chesterfield and it was great to see that the community and local businesses were working together.

"The Chesterfield in Bloom group is well supported by Chesterfield Borough Council – a combination that has taken this entry from strength to strength.

"The children we met on the tour were a real highlight and their enthusiasm was infectious. Congratulations to all involved as Chesterfield achieves its first gold award."

The judges gave a special award to the Rufford Close Allotments community group for having a 'very clean and well organised site'.



Derek Edwards, head gardener at Ringwood Hall Hotel.



Nigel Masters, secretary; Valerie Thompson, allotment holder and Rob Nash, chair of Rufford Close Allotment committee

Ringwood Hall Hotel, which is the main sponsor of the Chesterfield in Bloom competition also won the best hotel/pub garden or display category.

To get involved, contact John Ramsey on (01246) 345097 or email john.ramsey@chesterfield.gov.uk.

Skills for local businesses

One of the council's main priorities is to make Chesterfield a thriving borough.

By being part of the Sheffield City Region, we are able to share in funding to provide apprenticeship and job opportunities for local people as well as offer support to local businesses to help them expand.

Janine Mannion Jones (*shown above right with apprentice Laura*) is one Chesterfield business owner who has benefitted from Sheffield City Region's Skills Made Easy fund.

Enjoying working with clay since she was eight years old, she set up her own business, JMJ pottery, 20 years ago with the aim of saving Chesterfield's historic pottery industry from being consigned to the history books.

Janine specialises in producing traditional stoneware pottery at her studio in Brampton.

She explains: "Brampton has a long association with the pottery industry with different skills and techniques being passed down from one generation to the next."



Janine contacted the Skills Made Easy programme for help not only to expand the business but also to ensure these skills and techniques, which have taken her a lifetime to master, wouldn't be lost.

Help was close at hand in 21-year-old Laura Davies, from Ashgate, who was a student in Janine's pottery classes.

Laura had already completed a level 3 BTEC qualification in art and design and asked Janine for some work experience.

She is now working towards a level 3 advanced apprenticeship in ceramics where she is learning the art of clay throwing and glazing. She is also inspiring others by helping to run the weekly workshops that first sparked her own interest in the industry.

Janine says: "In Laura I saw someone who not only had a natural flair, but also shared my passion for all things pottery-related.

"She is progressing well in her apprenticeship and I'm sure she's got a bright future ahead of her in the ceramics industry."



Another company which has benefitted from the Skills Made Easy programme is Krantech Holdings Ltd which produces components for the oil and gas industry.

Since the company began trading in 2006 it has grown from just three members of staff to a workforce of more than 50.

Keen to expand the business, but recognising that the company could soon face a skills shortage, Krantech approached the Skills Made Easy programme for help, in a bid to recruit new members of staff who were keen to forge a career in engineering.

The company appointed eight apprentices in the first two years of the programme.

Company chairman Mel Myronko explains how this has benefitted the business: "In recent years we have enjoyed a significant period of growth and expansion, however at the same time, we also realised that many of our long-standing employees were reaching retirement and that the business needed to adapt.

"Through the support of Skills Made Easy we've not only been able to create new skilled jobs in the local market but our apprentices have been able to work alongside those who are reaching the end of their careers, meaning that skills developed over a lifetime will be passed on to the next generation."

Krantech Holdings also received a £300,000 grant from the Sheffield City Region's Regional Growth Fund allowing the business to expand and build a new factory in Staveley creating 15 new jobs.

To find out more about apprenticeships visit:
www.getingofar.gov.uk

More information about skills made easy is available at:
www.skillsmadeeasy.org.uk

To see how you can benefit from Skills Bank visit:
www.sheffieldcityregionsskillsbank.co.uk



What's on

Chesterfield Market

General market each Monday, Friday and Saturday. Flea market each Thursday.

Sunday 20 November
Chesterfield market and Christmas lights switch-on
Market from noon, Christmas lights stage show from 3.30pm.

Sundays 27 November, 18 December, 29 January, 26 February
Artisan market in association with The Market Co.

Thursdays 8 December, 12 January, 9 February
Farmers' market

Chesterfield Museum

Chesterfield Museum
Open each Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10am to 4pm. Admission free.
Tel: (01246) 345727
www.chesterfield.gov.uk/museum



Until Saturday 17 January
Rites of Passage
Exploring milestones in life including births, marriages and deaths.

Saturday 19 November, Thursday 1 December, Saturday 3 December, 11am and 2pm on Saturdays and at 2pm on Thursdays
Behind the scenes tours
Free but must be booked in advance.

Fridays 25 November, 30 December, 27 January, 24 February, 11am to 3pm
Children's craft activities

Saturdays 3 December, 7 January, 4 February, 11am and 2pm
Story telling

Revolution House

The historic house is open from Thursday 15 to Saturday 24 December and Tuesday 27 to Saturday 31 December, 11am to 4pm. See the house decorated for a traditional 17th century Christmas. Admission free.
Tel: (01246) 345727
www.chesterfield.gov.uk/museum



Thursday 15 December, 6.30pm
Carol concert
All your favourite carols with Holymoorside Band

Winding Wheel

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

Thursday 24 November, 7.30pm
TV psychic Tony Stockwell
An evening of mediumship. Tony Stockwell is investigational and his show is for the purpose of entertainment.



Friday 25 November, 7.30pm
Roy Chubby Brown
For ages 18 and over - not for the easily offended.

Sunday 4 December, 7.30pm
Chesterfield Symphony Orchestra
A light-hearted selection of catchy tunes from all corners of the globe.



Tuesday 6 December, 7pm
Cinderella and The Snowman
Presented by Carrot Productions featuring music from some of the UK's top musicians.



Thursday 22 December, 8pm, doors open at 7.15pm
Spotlight Comedy Club Christmas Special
With Shazia Mirza, Bobby Mair and Philip Simon.

Sunday 8 January, 3pm.
A New Year Viennese Gala Concert
Celebrate the new year in style with the Sheffield Symphony Orchestra.

Pomegranate Theatre

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



Saturday 19 November, 11am and 2pm
Father Christmas Needs a Wee
Musical adaptation of Nicholas Allan's much loved book.



Tuesday 22 to Saturday 26 November; evenings 7.15pm, Saturday matinee 2.15pm
Anything Goes
Amateur production by Chesterfield Operatic Society.



Friday 2 December 2016 to Tuesday 3 January, various performance times
Pantomime: Aladdin
Starring Atomic Kitten's Liz McClarnon and 911's Lee Brennan.

Thursday 12 January, 7.30pm
Ballet Theatre UK: Romeo and Juliet
A new production to celebrate 400 years of William Shakespeare.



Friday 13 January, 7.30pm
The Pitmen Poets
North-East England's coal mining tradition told in an evening of music, song and spoken word.

Spring Play Season:

Tuesday 17 January to Saturday 21 January; evenings 7.30pm, Wednesday matinee 2pm and Saturday matinee 3pm
Look Who's Talking
Written by Derek Benfield, presented by Rumpus Theatre Company.

Tuesday 24 to Sunday 29 January; evenings 7.30pm, Wednesday matinee 2pm, Saturday matinee 3pm, Sunday matinee 2.30pm
Treasure Island
Classic Robert Louis Stephenson story, presented by Rumpus Theatre Company.

Tuesday 31 January to Saturday 4 February; evenings 7.30pm, Wednesday matinee 2pm, Saturday matinee 3pm
Sleuth
Written by Anthony Shaffer, presented by Tabs Productions.

**** OFFER ** Spring Play Season - book three plays for the price of two. Available when you call the box office on (01246) 345222.**

Pomegranate Screenings

Highlights from film and satellite broadcasts at the Pomegranate Theatre



Tuesday 15 November, 10.30am; Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 November, 1.30pm
Film: Free State of Jones
(Cert TBC)
Starring Matthew McConaughey.
Thursday 17 November, 6.15pm
Royal Opera: Les Contes D'Hoffman (Cert TBC) Offenbach's fantastical operatic drama.



Saturday 19 November, 5pm
Andre Rieu's: Christmas with Andre
A festive celebration, featuring a 90 minute recorded Christmas concert.



Wednesday 11 January, 7pm
RSC Live: The Tempest
A bold reimagining of Shakespeare's magical play.

See full Pomegranate Screenings listings at:
www.chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk/pomegranate-screenings

Handy guide to keep

This guide explains which services your council tax helps provide and how to contact the organisations providing them.

Chesterfield Borough Council receives 10 per cent of the Council Tax you pay

Contact us about:

- Abandoned vehicles
- Anti social behaviour
- Benefits advice
- Bin collections or damaged bins
- Building control
- Bulk collections
- Business rates
- Business support
- Caravan sites and illegal encampments
- Car parks (except privately run ones)
- Cemeteries
- Commercial waste
- Conservation areas
- Council Tax
- Crematorium
- Dog fouling
- Dog wardens
- Electoral registration
- Economic development
- Energy advice
- Environmental health
- Fly tipping
- Graffiti
- Homelessness
- Housing benefits
- Leisure centres (Queen's Park Sports Centre and Healthy Living Centre, Staveley)
- Licensing

- Litter problems
- Markets (indoor and outdoor)
- Museum
- Noise pollution
- Parks and open spaces
- Pest control
- Planning applications (making or commenting on one)
- Planning enforcement
- Pollution control (air, noise, odour and smoke)
- Private housing advice
- Recycling
- Street cleaning
- Stray animals
- Theatres (Winding Wheel and Pomegranate Theatre)
- Visitor Information Centre
- Welfare benefits

Council house issues

- Adaptations
- Choice based lettings (On the Move)
- Community involvement
- Decent homes
- Estate management
- Housing solutions team
- Rent payments and arrears
- Repairs/improvements
- Right to buy
- Sheltered housing

Contact us by:

- Visiting www.chesterfield.gov.uk
- Ringing (01246) 345345
- Texting 07960 910264

Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service receives 5 per cent of the Council Tax you pay

Contact them about all fire and fire safety related issues:

- By visiting: www.derbys-fire.gov.uk
- Ringing 01332 771221 for all non-emergency calls
- Ringing 999 for emergencies only

Derbyshire Police receives 11 per cent of the Council Tax you pay

Contact them about all crime issues:

- By visiting www.derbyshire.police.uk
- Ringing 101 for all non emergencies (24 hours a day)
- Ringing 999 for emergencies only

Derbyshire County Council receives 74 per cent of the Council Tax you pay

Contact them about:

- Adoption and fostering
- Adult care (including support in the home)
- Adult community education
- Blue badge scheme
- Bus shelters
- Care homes
- Care for people with disabilities
- Children's centres
- Children and family services
- Gritting of roads
- Lampposts
- Library books and services
- Pavements
- Potholes
- Public transport (although services are run by private companies)
- Records office
- Recycling and waste collection centres (rubbish tip)
- Registry services (birth, marriages, deaths)
- Roads – condition
- Roads – safety and changes to road layout
- Schools
- Street lighting
- Tapton Lock Visitor Centre
- Trading standards
- Trusted Trader Scheme
- Youth centres

Contact them:

- By visiting www.derbyshire.gov.uk
- Ringing 01629 533190
- Texting 86555

For residents of Brimington and Staveley only

Brimington Parish Council

Contact them by:

- Visiting: www.brimingtonpc.co.uk
- Ringing 01773 833805

Staveley Town Council

Contact them by:

- Visiting www.staveleytowncouncil.gov.uk
- Ringing (01246) 473132