

Your Chesterfield

Putting our communities first

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Welcome

To the summer edition of Your Chesterfield



It's been another busy few months across our borough, with many of the ambitions we have set out for our communities taking great strides forward.

In Chesterfield town centre, our multi-million pound regeneration work has officially started on site with the first phase of improvements now underway in the upper half of Market Place.

The Revitalising the Heart of Chesterfield project has been made possible thanks to external government funding which we secured for the borough – supporting our historic market to thrive for generations to come.

We want to improve the look, feel and flow of key public spaces – while revitalising the outdoor market – over the next 18 months. You can find out more on pages four and five.

Meanwhile work on the major refurbishment of Stephenson Memorial Hall, which houses the Pomegranate Theatre and Chesterfield Museum, is progressing well. We strive to make sure local communities benefit from the opportunities created by ongoing construction projects, and on page 11 you can read about local students.

In Staveley, plans for another town centre regeneration scheme are also moving ahead, with planning permission granted for a new landmark building. The latest phase of the Chesterfield Canal restoration has started in Staveley too – as part of our investment in this area. Find out more on pages 24 and 25.

We also continue to invest in the grassroots facilities and projects which benefit people across our communities. Find out more about four new play areas which have recently opened as part

of our investment in parks (page three), and turn to page 23 to read about how dozens of local groups are benefiting from over £170,000 worth of funding from our Community Grants Fund.

Our work to provide decent and affordable homes for local people is also making progress – underpinned by our new three-year housing strategy (see page 16). This is brought to life when you see new homes springing up in our communities, like the creation of 22 new properties in Staveley and Middlecroft, which is showcased on page 13.

Our housing projects are closely linked to our climate change commitments too, and we continue to invest in energy efficient home developments and adaptations to contribute to our target of becoming a carbon neutral council by 2030. You can read more about our work to tackle climate change on pages 21 and 22.

Finally, as we head into the warmer months, this summer promises to be packed full of memory-making events across the borough.

From music events and family festivals to speciality markets and food and drink experiences, there's so much to do right here on our doorstep. We've rounded up some of the highlights of summer in Chesterfield on pages six to nine – take a look, and enjoy!

Councillor Tricia Gilby, Leader of the council

Investing in play



As part of more than £1 million of investment in our parks, we've opened four new play areas across the borough.

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Councillor Tricia Gilby, Leader of the council



Cottage Close, Tapton Park, Thirlmere Road and Devonshire Avenue North, have all benefited from upgraded play equipment, replacing play areas that were no longer fit for purpose.

The new play areas include a range of equipment and have been created in consultation with children from local schools.

Councillor Tricia Gilby, Leader of the council said: “It is great to see our planned investment in play areas across the borough being delivered. We are proud of the fantastic green spaces we have throughout the area and our commitment to further investment in these spaces aims to ensure our parks are a feature that our residents will be able to enjoy for many years to come.

“We'll be continuing to deliver our parks and play delivery plan over the next three years, and this will see even more investment across the borough.”

Subject to funding, further play areas will be upgraded over the next three years. A review in 2020 identified the play areas most in need of upgrades based on the age of existing equipment, the quality of the equipment and the other nearby facilities.

Funding for the new play areas has been secured through a combination of funding, including the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, the Valencia Communities Fund and the Community Infrastructure Levy which is a charge on certain developments in the borough.



You can find out more our parks and play strategy by visiting: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/explore-chesterfield/parks-and-green-spaces/parks-open-spaces-and-play-strategies-and-management-plans

Revitalising the
Heart of Chesterfield

Town centre regeneration work now underway

Work on the next phase of the multi-million pound regeneration of Chesterfield town centre has officially started on site – working in partnership with experienced contractor, Thomas Bow.

The first phase of the Revitalising the Heart of Chesterfield scheme is making improvements to the upper half of Market Place. It's part of an 18-month scheme to improve the look, feel and flow of key public spaces, and revitalise our historic market.

We're creating a new market layout with new stalls and enhancements to paving, seating, planting and lighting. Work will move on to New Square later in 2024 – to create an attractive and flexible space that will complement the main market and speciality markets, but can also be used to host festivals, events, cultural celebrations, and community gatherings.

Rykneld Square will also be transformed to create a green and welcoming space from which to enjoy our much-loved Crooked Spire.

Separately, G F Tomlinson will carry out improvements to Corporation Street to create a new gateway to the refurbished Stephenson Memorial Hall, which houses the Pomegranate Theatre and Chesterfield Museum.

Councillor Kate Sarvent, cabinet member for town centres and visitor economy, said: "We're all immensely proud of our town centre and historic market, and we're investing in its future to help it thrive for generations to come.

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“It’s fantastic to see work begin on site, and we all look forward to seeing the improvements take shape over the summer. The town centre is very much open for business, although inevitably there will be some short-term disruption and we thank people for their patience.

“We’re working closely with our market traders and town centre businesses, and will keep people to date as the project progresses – please sign up to our regular monthly email newsletter and also keep an eye on the council’s social media channels.”

What’s happening to the cobbles?

One of the most common questions we get asked is about the cobbles – love them or hate them, they are an important part of our town’s history.

Many residents tell us they find them difficult to navigate and they can cause accessibility issues for some people such as wheelchair and mobility scooter users, and people with prams. The plans aim to strike a balance by providing some more even pathways through the market, and levelling and relaying some sections of cobbles, while also keeping cobbled sections.

Got a question? Contact the project team at RHOCEnquiries@chesterfield.gov.uk

For more information or to sign up for project updates by email, please visit: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/revitalise

We’re open for business!

All town centre businesses and market stalls will be open as usual during the regeneration work. Some market traders have temporarily re-located to either the lower half of Market Place, New Square, or other areas of the town centre nearby – but the market will run as usual on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday (and speciality markets as usual on Sundays).



Experiences to share this summer in Chesterfield

Families, foodies, and music lovers are in for a treat this summer in Chesterfield with a wide range of experiences to share, taking place across the town

“Chesterfield will be a hive of activity this summer, with a whole range of activities, events and experiences taking place in the town centre and in our lovely parks. “There are lots of opportunities for people to make lasting memories, and to come out and show their support for our amazing local businesses.”

Councillor Kate Sarvent, cabinet member for town centres and visitor economy



Visit: www.chesterfield.co.uk/summer for more information

Share your summer experiences on social media using the hashtag **#LoveChesterfield**

Peddler Market - Friday 19 and Saturday 20 July

The much-loved Peddler Market is returning to Chesterfield town centre with its unique mix of mouth-watering street food, delicious craft drinks and an excellent entertainment line-up. This is the last Peddler event planned for 2024, so be sure not to miss it!



Chesterfield Pride - Sunday 21 July

Chesterfield Pride is back in Stand Road Park on Sunday 21 July. The family friendly event includes a headline performance by Liberty X as well as other artists including the Cheeky Girls, Nathan Moore, local singer songwriter Lexi Whiteside and lots of other fantastic performers.





Chesterfield Children's Festival - Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 July

After a huge success last year the Chesterfield Children's Festival will be returning to Queen's Park.

Organised by Junction Arts there will be activities to suit the whole family including Block Buster Factory, and an award-winning immersive street show where you get to be part of a live movie set. There will also be an interactive catwalk, family drawing workshops and an aerial workshop for babies and their parents.



Award winning parks

Our borough has a selection of award-winning parks and green spaces with fantastic play areas, outdoor walks and the Queen's Park mini train, Puffin' Billy, will be running through the summer holidays.

There is also a fantastic range of countryside walks on the doorstep, and why not take part in the Art Trail and see some great sculptures from a range of acclaimed artists.



Chesterfield Canal boat trips and paddleboarding

Chesterfield Canal Trust are running trips along the Chesterfield Canal from Tapton Lock or the Hollingwood Hub throughout the summer, including special trips with fish and chips on board. The Trust will also be hosting paddle sport sessions on the canal.





Soak up our history and heritage

Visit Chesterfield's most famous landmark with a Crooked Spire Tower Tour on Fridays and Saturdays throughout the summer. Learn about the history of the church, see the bells, and from early July enjoy stunning views over the surrounding area.

If you're interested in trains, why not visit Barrow Hill Roundhouse? Britain's last surviving railway roundhouse with a working turntable was built in 1870 and is now a fantastic museum with a great selection of trains from different eras.

Food, drink and shopping

Brampton Brewery will be opening its doors to provide tours for the public including a talk from their head brewer about the history of the brewery and how they create their fine ales today. The tour includes two pints of their award-winning beer.



Pub tours

Over the summer the Chesterfield Great Historic Pub Tours will be covering the town centre and Brampton Mile each month. The tours include the history of local pubs and the chance to get a drink at each stop.



Markets and events

Speciality markets including the Vegan Market, Artisan Market and Record Fair will be held on Sundays throughout the summer. Offering a range of unique products it's a great opportunity to support local traders and small businesses.



Independent retailers

In Chesterfield town centre and just outside on Chatsworth Road and Whittington Moor are well-known chain stores, and a fantastic selection of independent retailers who are happy to offer gift advice where needed.

Take in a show at the theatre

The Winding Wheel Theatre has a packed programme of entertainment for all the family – see our what's on listings on pages 26 and 27 for more information.



Summer holiday activities at our leisure centres

Both Queen's Park Sports Centre and the Healthy Living Centre in Staveley will be open throughout the summer holidays, with some special activities planned – visit: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/leisure for the latest information.



New public art project aims to animate Chesterfield

A new public art project will create new artworks and activities for visitors and residents over the next two years.

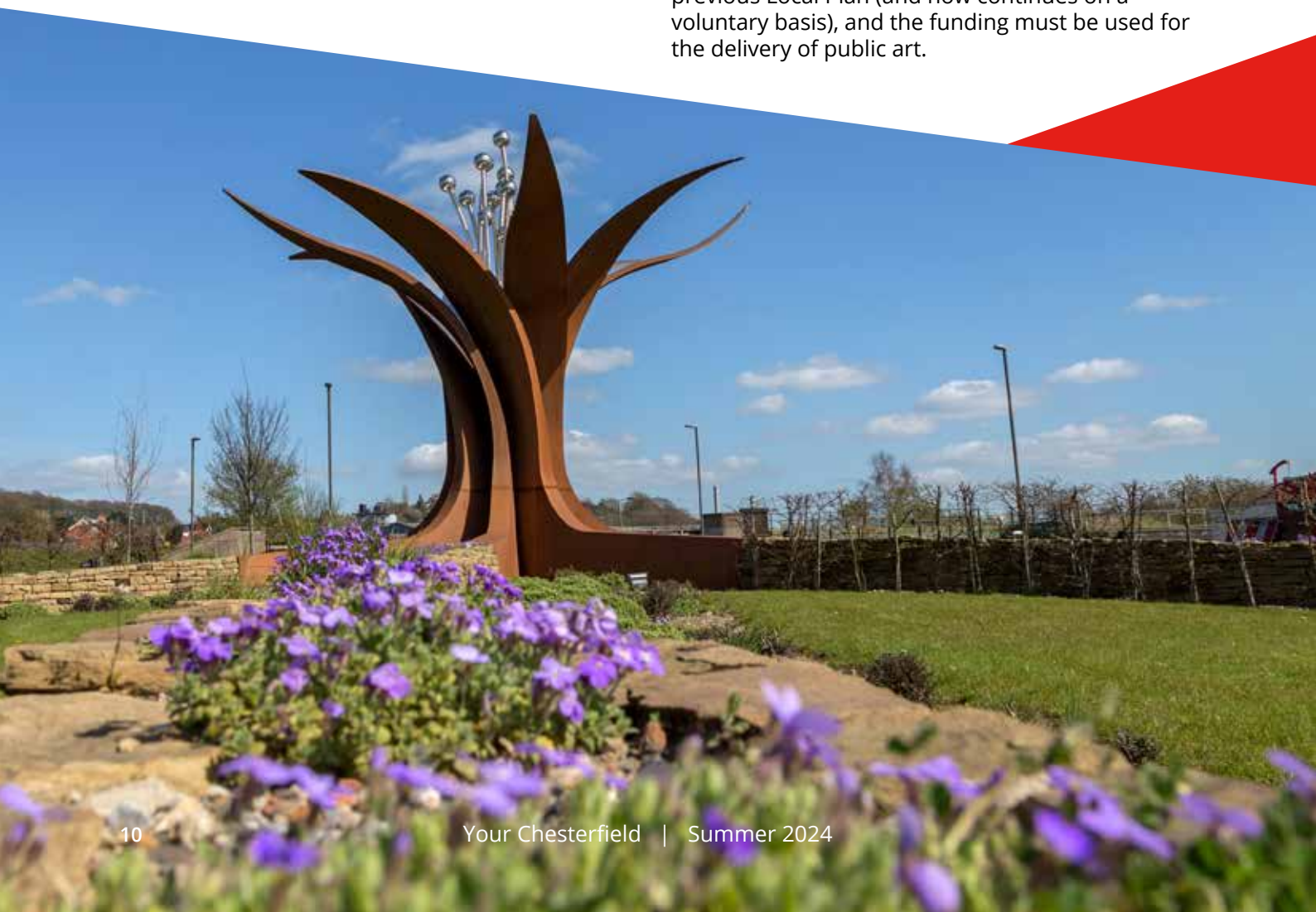
Delivered by Beam, a leading cultural development organisation, the programme aims to animate the town centre through the regeneration works and will include the appointment of an artist in residence to engage visitors to Chesterfield, a new trail of small-scale artworks to explore, an outdoor exhibition area, a Christmas window trail and a 2D wall art design. The programme will also include work in Staveley town centre tied to the planned regeneration project, Staveley 21.

Councillor Kate Sarvent, cabinet member for town centres and visitor economy, said: "Our borough includes a wide range of public art that has been funded through development and this project seeks to build on that history and create new artworks in our town centres to help visitors explore the area.

"We're excited to be working with Beam, and we hope that it will create opportunities for people to visit the town centre and take part in activities throughout the regeneration works. With artworks planned for both Chesterfield and Staveley this programme will benefit town centres across the borough and create new points of interest for visitors to experience."

Kate Watson, principal consultant at Beam, said: "It's a privilege to have been appointed to work with Chesterfield and Staveley communities and artists to animate public spaces through creativity, building on the area's rich tradition of public art."

Funding for the public art project was secured through planning agreements as part of our percent for art scheme, which was part of the previous Local Plan (and now continues on a voluntary basis), and the funding must be used for the delivery of public art.



Constructing careers at Stephenson Memorial Hall

Work to refurbish Stephenson Memorial Hall – home to the town’s theatre and museum – is progressing well on site, and our contractor, G F Tomlinson, has also been working hard behind the scenes to provide work experience and career insights for young people.

They’ve hosted six work experience placements, with students coming from local schools and Chesterfield College. The week-long placements have given students practical experience of the construction industry that will help them secure their first job.

The project team have hosted site visits for students – an opportunity to tour the site and ask questions about the project to discover all the different skills needed. The team have also taken part in events that aim to help young people make decisions about their future career.

Kevin Dodds, Construction Director of G F Tomlinson said: “Since starting on site, it has been a pleasure to engage with local students, providing site tours and work experience opportunities. It’s fantastic to see them showing a real interest in the construction industry and this major refurbishment project for the town. We look forward to continuing our work with local schools and colleges as the project continues, showcasing the great work being done here at the Stephenson Memorial Hall redevelopment”.

Councillor Kate Sarvent, cabinet member for town centres and visitor economy, said: “It’s fantastic to see G F Tomlinson working with local schools and the college to help give young people in Chesterfield a better understanding of careers available in the construction industry. Our investment in Stephenson Memorial Hall will not only create a leading performing arts and cultural venue, but it will also inspire the next generation to take on careers in construction.”



The refurbished Stephenson Memorial Hall will bring together an extended theatre, a reconfigured and modern museum, alongside new gallery space, a café bar, and education and community facilities.

Funding for this project is being provided through the Levelling Up Fund, with a further £695,000 from Arts Council England’s Capital Investment Programme which will be used to install a ventilation system in the theatre auditorium and create a new Changing Places toilet.

You can find out more about the project by visiting: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/stephenson-memorial-hall



Sign up for garden waste collections

If you've not already signed up to our garden waste collection service, you can still register online, by phone or in person.



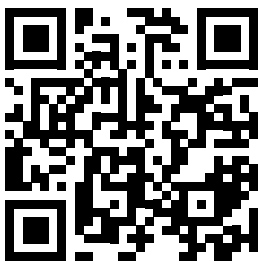
Sign up now and pay a one-off fee of £40, for fortnightly collections until the end of March 2025.

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or call 01246 345285

Visit Chesterfield Town Hall on Rose Hill



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New build homes taking shape

The latest new-build housing project is making good progress – with tenants set to move into the first completed properties in the coming months.

The latest project will see the addition of 22 new council properties in total, located at various sites across Staveley and Middlecroft, as we continue with our commitment to increasing the number of properties available to families.

Two three-bed bungalows on Rowsley Crescent and two two-bed bungalows at Court Place will be the first to welcome new tenants, with works set to be complete in the autumn.

Each of the properties have been designed to achieve an A-rated EPC (energy performance certificate) and are being fitted with an air source heat pump, which will supply hot water and heat the homes via underfloor heating – without the need for a gas boiler.

Solar panels have also been installed and have been designed to generate more energy than the properties are expected to use.

The bungalows all have level access and have also been designed so that lifts and ceiling hoists can be installed in the future. This means that the homes can remain fully accessible for tenants if their housing needs change – allowing them to remain living independently for longer.

As well as the properties at Rowsley Crescent and Court Place, the project will also see the addition of four two-bed bungalows on Wensley Way, two two-bedroom houses on Paisley Close, nine three-bedroom houses on Westwood and three three-bedroom houses at Aston Court.

“This project is progressing really well and we are looking forward to the completion of the first properties in the next few months.

“We want to ensure that we can provide homes that meet the needs of our tenants both now and in the future. That’s why we’ve designed these bungalows in a way that adaptations, such as installing lifts and hoists, can be installed easily should they be needed in the future – allowing people to live independently in their homes.”

Councillor Jean Innes, cabinet member for housing





Energy efficiency boost for 'off-grid' households

Do you know someone living in an 'off-grid' home? Let them know they could benefit from an energy efficient boost!

If you have friends or family who are homeowners and have no mains gas supply to their property, they could be eligible for financial support to help make energy efficient improvements to their homes.

Find out more: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/hug2



Help with your housing repairs

As a responsible landlord, we take all reports of faults in our properties seriously and aim to resolve any issues as quickly as possible.



We strongly encourage tenants to contact us if they have any repair issues they need to discuss, rather than starting a potentially costly legal process, known as a housing disrepair claim. This is a type of legal case that involves a tenant taking legal action against their landlord for failing to fix disrepair or damage on the rented property.

Disrepair claims often have poor results for tenants - and could actually end up being more costly as you could be left with large legal bills.

If you do have any concerns about a repair, please contact us by:

Email - repair.requests@chesterfield.gov.uk

Phone - 0800 587 5659

Listening to our tenants

We're always keen to hear the views of our tenants and actively encourage people to get involved in a number of activities that help to shape the services we provide.

To help strengthen the relationship we have with our tenants, we recently teamed up with Rykneld Homes, North East Derbyshire District Council and Bolsover District Council, to host a special tenant conference to help us find out even more about what is important to them and their communities.

Over 100 tenants came along to the free event that took place on 15 May and were given the opportunity to take part in interactive workshops to share their views and provide valuable insight to help us shape the services that we deliver.

Having the opportunity to come together and share their views is also a great way to build community spirit and help people to feel more valued. For more information on how to get involved, visit: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/chat

“ I thought the conference was a good way of bringing the tenants from three local councils together to see how they operated, what tenants thought of their local council and what they all do to involve their tenants. I thoroughly enjoyed the day, meeting others and gaining new connections and information too. I feel more of this is needed as it was a good way to see how each of the councils operate and try to find new solutions based on how other councils work with their tenants.”

Sal, one of one of our tenants, who attended the conference



New housing strategy approved

A new three-year strategy - which outlines how we'll ensure all local residents have access to a quality home that meets their needs - has been launched.

Our new housing strategy sets out our ambitions from 2024 to 2027 and highlights the activities and initiatives that we will deliver to ensure everyone in the community can access good quality, affordable and well managed homes.

The new strategy has been developed in line with consultation feedback received from tenants, residents and elected members, and focuses on seven key priorities:



Priority 1: Continuing to deliver more homes by building more properties

Priority 2: Providing homes that are affordable

Priority 3: Investing in and improving the quality of existing homes

Priority 4: Climate change and decarbonisation

Priority 5: Implementing regulatory housing reforms

Priority 6: The provision of specialist and supported accommodation

Priority 7: Tackling homelessness and rough sleeping

Councillor Jean Innes, cabinet member for housing, said: "We understand that a home is much more than just bricks and mortar and our new housing strategy highlights how we can improve the range of homes available across the borough and help to improve the lives of local people.

"It doesn't just focus on council properties. It also highlights how we are going to work with all of our residents to ensure they can access quality accommodation that meets their needs.

"This plan has been developed at what continues to be a challenging time for local government, as well as for our communities. But despite this challenging context we remain determined in our commitment to ensure everyone in our borough can access an affordable and quality home."

The full strategy is available to view at: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/housing-strategy



Local businesses receive accreditation to boost night-time safety

Over twenty venues in Chesterfield town centre have been awarded the 'Best Bar None' accreditation – showing their commitment to helping reduce alcohol-related crime and disorder and create a safer night out.

The Best Bar None scheme - supported by the Home Office and drinks industry – was initially launched in the town last summer by the council, in partnership with Best Bar None, Chesterfield Pubwatch and Derbyshire Constabulary with the aim of providing a safer night out for everyone.

Following the launch, all licensed premises in the town centre were invited to register. Those that applied have been assessed over the last few months, with 22 businesses being successful. These businesses were presented their accreditation at a special awards ceremony that took place on 8 July 2024 at the SMH Group Stadium

Venues awarded the accreditation include Gasoline, Star Inn, Spa Lane Vault, Rose and Crown, Spotted Frog, Chandlers, The Association, Beach and Groove, Rosie O'Learys, Alberts Jüngerer Bruder, The Portland Hotel, Chesterfield Football Club, Einsteins, GAS Bar and Bites,

Donkey Derby, Aruba, Dirty Habit, Ritzy's, Bambu Tiki Bar, the Winding Wheel Theatre, Bulls Head and Crown and Anchor.

Roger Butler, the Chair of Chesterfield Pubwatch, said: "Chesterfield has many great pubs, restaurants, bars and clubs. It is a great place to enjoy an evening out.

"It's also a very safe place to socialise. However, like towns and cities around the country, alcohol-related crime and disorder can sometimes be an issue.

"We want to ensure Chesterfield is even safer, and even more welcoming at night, and we're really pleased that a huge number of businesses have been awarded the Best Bar None accreditation."

If the scheme continues to be successful, it is set to be expanded into other areas of the town in throughout 2024 and 2025, to help improve night-time safety across all local communities.



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Connecting communities with history and culture

We've received funding from Arts Council England to support a new programme that will celebrate our history and culture.



The programme will be taking place until September 2025 with a variety of museum exhibitions being held at partner venues across the borough and a series of plays at the Winding Wheel Theatre.

Councillor Kate Sarvent, cabinet member for town centres and visitor economy, said: "Whilst Chesterfield Museum and the Pomegranate Theatre are closed for refurbishment this is a fantastic opportunity to ensure that our residents can still connect with our history and culture.

"There is lots planned as part of this programme, but we've ensured all the exhibitions are family friendly with interactive activities to try. We've also put together a great schedule of plays with some classics as well as a selection of contemporary tales. We want lots of people to come along and support these events - keep an eye on our website and social media for more details about everything taking place over the next year."

The programme will kick off in September with the Chesterfield Menagerie exhibition being held in the Assembly Rooms. At this free exhibition, members of the public will be able to see some of the many animal-themed works within the museum collection and take part in some great family-friendly activities.

In October our museum team will set up an interactive Romans exhibition in Hasland Village



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Councillor Kate Sarvent, cabinet member for town centres and

Hall before a final exhibition for 2024 in Old Whittington which will focus on the Victorians. The exhibitions will showcase Chesterfield's history during these periods, and there will also be interactive activities like dressing up and handling objects.

In 2025 exhibitions will include the Tudors, Vikings, Medieval and a look at the 'Extraordinary Women' who put our town on the map.

At the Winding Wheel Theatre our good friends at Rumpus Theatre Company will be bringing the classic George Bernard Shaw comedy, *Arms and the Man*, to audiences on Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 October.

Then on Wednesday 23 October, the Red Ladder Theatre Company will be presenting 'We're Not Going Back', a funny yet moving musical tale of three sisters set in the 1984/85 miners' strike. In 2025 the theatre will be hosting three more plays as part of this programme.

You can find out more about the programme by visiting: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/arts-council-programme

Our progress on tackling climate change

Climate change poses a very real threat to the future of our communities, but we are working hard to reduce our emissions and set the borough on the path to carbon neutrality by 2050.

“In just the last year we have seen record breaking temperatures and severe flooding, both of which have deeply affected our communities and demonstrates why we must take action to reduce our emissions, and why we must do it now”

Councillor Martin Stone, cabinet member for climate change, planning, and environment



In 2023 we developed a new strategy that will guide our progress towards becoming a carbon neutral organisation by 2030.

Over the last year we have worked hard to deliver our first annual delivery plan which has included, working in partnership with the community through our new Climate Change Forum; investing in our council homes to improve energy efficiency and reduce both emissions and bills for our tenants; planted thousands of new trees to help capture carbon emissions and create new habitats for nature; and established a new training centre that will help ensure young people can take advantage of the new economic opportunities created through tackling climate change.

Councillor Martin Stone, cabinet member for climate change, planning and the environment, said: “In just the last year we have seen record breaking temperatures and severe flooding, both of which have deeply affected our communities and demonstrates why we must take action to reduce our emissions, and why we must do it now.

“Becoming carbon neutral is an ambitious task and the ongoing financial challenges the council faces make this even more difficult, but we are continuing to make the changes we need to and are delivering real progress. I am proud of what we have achieved over the last year but there is still lots to do to reach our target of becoming a carbon neutral organisation by 2030.”

Our plan is built around the six themes set out in our climate change strategy, including buildings and energy use, travel, green space and land use, communications and engagement, data and monitoring, and council influence. This helps ensure we are making progress to tackle all sources of emissions and taking the community along the journey.





Highlights for 2023/24



Invested almost £4 million in energy efficiency improvements to council homes to reduce emissions, make them warmer and cut energy bills for our tenants.

Started a new Climate Change Forum to engage effectively with the community.



Provided community funding for climate friendly projects including Transition Chesterfield's Eco Hub.



Developed a new Asset Management Plan to guide how we manage our operational and commercial buildings, with clear priorities for decarbonisation and energy generation activity.

Planted more than 5,000 trees across the borough including fruit orchards, established trees and innovative Miyawaki Woodlands.



Working towards decarbonising the fleet by reviewing the use of biodiesel in vehicles like road sweepers.

Working with partners, we've secured funding to provide new EV charging infrastructure across the borough.

This is just a small selection of the work we have done over the last year. You can find out more about what we are doing to become carbon neutral by visiting: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/climate-change

Looking ahead to 2025

Our delivery plan for 2024/25 was approved in February and work is underway to deliver it. Just like our first plan it covers several key themes that are set out in our Climate Change Strategy.

Starting work on the major decarbonisation of our operational buildings is a key aim over the next financial year. This includes surveying the Town Hall, Queen's Park Sports Centre and the Innovation Centres.

We are strengthening measures which require contractors and suppliers to demonstrate their green credentials when being considered for work, ensuring that our suppliers are working towards a common goal of delivering a lower carbon future.

Continuing to provide support to the Chesterfield Climate Forum is another key commitment. Through this group we can help engage the community and provide advice to residents and businesses about how they can support the borough's journey to net-zero.

Investing in a greener fleet

More than 30 electric vehicles will be added to our fleet of vehicles in the next few months.

We are bringing in 34 electric vans and cars, that will be used to deliver building cleaning, environmental protection, Chesterfield Careline, and other housing services.

As well as helping to reduce our emissions, the roll out of more zero-emission vehicles comes with other bonuses too, including fewer breakdowns and repairs and spreading out the fleet management workload over time.

We are aiming to upgrade to a fully electric fleet well in advance of our 2030 target.



Our teams trialled an electric vehicle with a removable battery

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OLIVER GRAY

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Strictly Come Dancing
JAMES JORDAN
Dandini

CBeebies Nina & The Neurons
Molly & Mack
KATRINA BRYAN
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Local groups benefiting from £170,000 of grant funding

Over £170,000 worth of funding has now been awarded to community groups and local voluntary organisations in Chesterfield - with a further £140,000 set to be awarded to groups by the end of this year.



Treasures Nursery are one of the groups benefiting from the Community Grants Fund. Funding is being used to deliver a Nursery Allotment Project for children and their families.

A total of 50 community groups and voluntary organisations have already been awarded funding through our Community Grants Fund scheme, and applications will reopen throughout the year, meaning even more groups could access funding support – so keep checking our website for updates.

The grants are being used to support grassroots projects that support resilient, healthy, and safe neighbourhoods, as well as initiatives which will help to tackle food poverty and social isolation, or support people to get in to work.

The money is also supporting projects that will reduce the borough's impact on the climate and wider environment by promoting greener choices.

Full details on funding, eligibility criteria and details of how to apply can be found at: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/community-grants-fund

Funding for the grants scheme has been successfully secured from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), together with money raised through the Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Portion (CIL).

The community grants are just one initiative which is benefiting from funding through the UKSPF, after the council was successful in securing £2.6 million. It will fund initiatives up to April 2025, which are designed to improve life for local people and support local businesses.



Canal restoration gets underway in Staveley



The Chesterfield Canal Trust has started the latest phase of restoration in Staveley.

O'Brien Construction Ltd will be carrying out the first phase of the project, including major groundworks to clear the route of the canal and landscape the surrounding area. Next, the abutments for the new Trans Pennine Trail bridge will be built before it is lowered into place in September.

Later a length of canal will be reinstated along with a new lock and another bridge at the bottom of Bellhouse Lane. There will also be a pumping system and a new Bellhouse Basin will be built. The towpath will be upgraded to a multi-user trail, stretching all the way across the Doe Lea Valley to Renishaw.

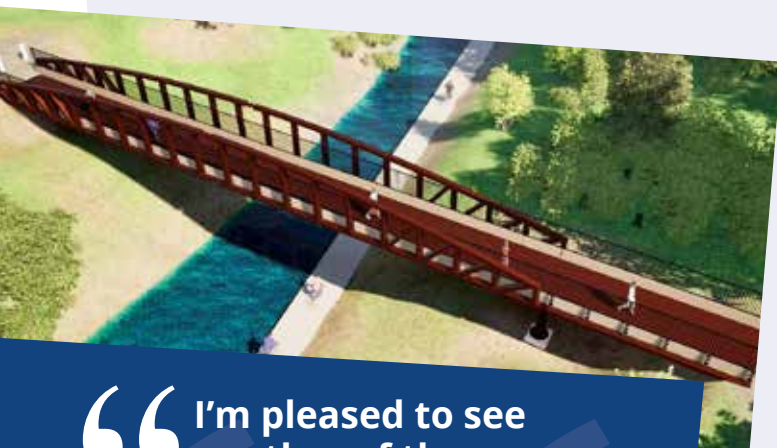
Finally, the whole area will be planted with wildlife friendly vegetation and a seating area for people to enjoy the tranquillity of the newly restored canal will be installed. You will be able to follow the progress of the works as they happen by going to the Chesterfield Canal Trust's website.

This is one of ten projects funded through the Staveley Town Deal, a £25.2 million investment in Staveley.

Peter Hardy, chair of the Chesterfield Canal Trust, said: "We've been preparing to start work on this section of the canal for three years, our first phase will see the Trans Pennine Trail bridge installed which will then let us start work on the canal channel and towpath."

“I'm pleased to see another of the Staveley Town Deal projects getting underway. The canal is a wonderful asset, which will boost the tourist economy but also provides local people with more space to walk and cycle and possibly even to get to work”.

Councillor Tricia Gilby,
vice chair of the Staveley
Town Deal Board





Plans approved for Staveley town centre regeneration

Conditional planning permission has been granted for a new landmark building which will form a key part of the Staveley town centre regeneration project.

The £6 million Staveley 21 project will transform the market place, enhance the connections to the Chesterfield Canal and improve lighting in the town centre. A significant portion of the funding has been provided through the Staveley Town Deal.

Councillor Tricia Gilby, leader of the council and vice-chair of the Staveley Town Deal Board, said: "It is fantastic that we can now press ahead with our plans for Staveley town centre. This project is about recognising the changing nature of our town centres and creating the facilities needed for more events and social spaces that will encourage people to visit and support local businesses.

"We are speaking directly with businesses about our proposals, and we'll continue to work closely with them throughout construction."

Permission for the building is dependent on a bat survey. Under the plans it will sit between Staveley Miners Welfare and High Street as a striking new focal point in the heart of the town centre and will be the future home of Staveley Library.

Staveley 21 also includes the transformation of the market place to create a bigger public space to support existing uses such as Staveley Town Council's regular markets, but also as a setting that can be used to host a wide range of new events to encourage more people to visit the town centre.

Proposals include new tiered seating to support outdoor theatre and open-air cinema screenings, and play equipment to help make the market place more attractive to families.

New paving, lighting, street furniture and planting will help create an enhanced atmosphere and visitor experience at any time of day or night whilst new signage will better connect the town centre with Staveley's other visitor attractions including the Chesterfield Canal and Staveley Hall.

Ivan Fomin, chair of the Staveley Town Deal Board, said: "Our ambition has been centred on ensuring that Staveley is a place where people can start, stay and grow. The transformational plans for the town centre will help attract more visitors but will also create a public space that local residents can be proud of and somewhere they can spend time together with friends and family. I look forward to seeing works start on site."

Work to transform Staveley town centre is expected to start on site later this year.

To find out more about Staveley 21 and the other projects funded through the Town Deal, visit: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/staveley-town-deal

What's on

Winding Wheel Theatre www.chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk

Box office: (01246) 345222

The Ultimate Classic Rock Show

Friday 19 July 2024, 7.30pm
Rock anthems

Peppa Pig's Fun Day Out

Saturday 27 July - Sunday 28 July 2024, Sat 1pm and 4pm, Sun 10am and 1pm
Peppa Pig is back in her oinktastic brand new live show, Fun Day Out!

Roy Chubby Brown

Saturday 31 August 2024, 7.30pm
Still going strong after 50 years in entertainment/comedy.

An Audience with Kevin Keegan

Sunday 1 September 2024, 7.30pm (Super VIP 6pm-6.30pm, VIP 6.30pm)
Hosted by Sky Sports presenter Pete Graves.

The Illegal Eagles

Friday 6 September 2024, 7.30pm
The band return with a brand new production.

Crooked Spire Northern Soul Club

Saturday 7 September 2024, 8pm, last admission 11pm
Three rooms of soul music.

Art of Believing

Thursday 12 September 2024, 7.30pm
Presented by the Daniel Martinez Flamenco Company.

Shaun Ryder

Thursday 19 September 2024, 7.30pm
Hitting the road for a new, spoken word tour.

Discos for Grown Ups

Friday 20 September 2024, 8pm (Doors 7pm VIP, 7.15pm standard admission) **Must pre book tickets**
Get ready to boogie the night away to all your favourite 70s, 80s and 90s disco, soul and feel good pop hits.

Oh What A Night!

Saturday 21 September 2024, 7.30pm
A musical journey through the incredible career of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons

Toad on the Road - An Evening with Ryan Moloney

Sunday 22 September 2024, 7.30pm
Exclusive solo tour - Toad on the Road.

The Searchers Experience

Thursday 26 September 2024, 7.30pm
Starring Spencer James' Searchers with special guests The Tremeloes.

Aled Jones - Full Circle

Friday 27 September 2024, 7.30pm
New music and his story in his own words.

Totally Tina

Saturday 28 September 2024, 7.30pm
The UK's supreme Tina tribute - Justine Riddoch plus talented cast.

Hello Again - The Neil Diamond Songbook

Sunday 29 September 2024, 7.30pm
A celebration of the life and work of Neil Diamond.

One Night in Dublin

Thursday 3 October 2024, 7.30pm
The ultimate feel-good Irish music tribute show.

Indie Explosion - The Story of Britpop

Thursday 10 October 2024, 7.30pm
Hits from The Stone Roses, Blur, Pulp, Oasis and more.

Daniel O'Reilly: Out Of Character

Friday 11 October 2024, 8pm
He has played many characters, but for this live show he's going 'Out Of Character' to stand up.

Michael Palin - There and Back

Sunday 13 October 2024, 7.30pm
An evening with the best-selling author and comedy legend.

Arms and the Man

Wednesday 16 October 2024 - Thursday 17 October 2024, Eves 7.30pm, Thu mat 2pm
Thu 2pm BSL and Audio described. Thu 7.30pm Audio described.
George Bernard Shaw's play presented by Rumpus Theatre Company in association with The Sarah Thorne Theatre - Broadstairs.

In Conversation with Peter Miles

Thursday 3 October 2024, 11am
Join the Chesterfield Theatre Friends for Peter's fascinating memories of working at the Civic Theatre (now the Pomegranate Theatre) in the early 1960s.



Winding Wheel Theatre

Kerry Ellis - Queen of the West End

Saturday 19 October 2024, 7.30pm

Singing songs from the biggest musicals and telling stories about how she came to play roles.

Ben Portsmouth: This is Elvis

Sunday 20 October 2024, 7.30pm

Jaw-dropping tribute to the King of Rock 'n' Roll!

We're Not Going Back

Wednesday 23 October 7.30pm

Hard-hitting musical comedy presented by Red Ladder Theatre Company and Unite the Union. Written by Boff Whalley.

21st Century Tennessee

Thursday 24 October 2024, 7.30pm

Modern day country show, combining all your favourite contemporary artists

King of Pop

Friday 25 October 2024, 7.30pm

Starring the world's leading MJ tribute artist Navi.

Rave On

Saturday 26 October 2024, 7.30pm

The most loved sounds from 50s/60s Rock and Roll.

Ed Gamble - Hot Diggity Dog

Thursday 31 October 2024, 7.30pm

"A Class Act. Comedy Gold" Time Out

So Diva - the Last Days of Disco

Friday 1 November 2024, 7.30pm

A complete history of the genre from the 70s into The Last Days of Disco the 80s.

Abbamania

Saturday 2 November 2024, 7.30pm

25th Anniversary Tour and celebrating 50 years of Abba's music.

Hits Out of Hell - The Meat Loaf Songbook

Friday 8 November 2024, 7.30pm

Celebrating the life, music and legend of the musical maestro Meat Loaf.

Rock for Heroes

Saturday 9 November 2024, 7.30pm

Performed by a superb 7-piece band, the show breathes new life into the music of Guns 'N' Roses, Bon Jovi and more.

Swan Lake

Sunday 17 November 2024, 4pm

Presented by Crown Ballet

Cinderella Pantomime

Friday 29 November 2024 - Tuesday 31 December 2024, Various times

Former Strictly Come Dancing professional, Dancing on Ice winner, personal trainer and TV personality James Jordan will star in the role of Dandini and CBeebies Katrina Bryan (Molly and Mack) in the role of the iconic Fairy Godmother.

Chesterfield markets

Peddler Street Food Market

19 - 20 July

Artisan market

28 July

Record Fair and the Toy and Collectors Fair

11 August

Artisan market

25 August

Record Fair and the Toy and Collectors Fair

15 September

Artisan market

29 September

Young person's market

25 August



New Chesterfield Town Board to drive investment

Plans to invest almost £20 million in Chesterfield over the next decade are being overseen by a new independent board, which is working with local people and businesses to decide how and where the money should be spent.

The Chesterfield Town Board is made up of local business and community representatives, together with public sector organisations including the council.

It was set up following the launch of the government-led 'Long-Term Plan for Towns' initiative in October last year. Chesterfield was named as one of 55 UK towns to benefit from the funding – which aims to give local communities a greater voice in shaping improvements across the town.

Listening to the views of local people and giving communities the chance to shape how and where the money will be spent is at the heart of this initiative.

During June 2024, Chesterfield Town Board ran a survey, along with a range of targeted engagement activities, to understand where people, businesses and groups across the borough think funding should be invested.

They are now using this feedback together with the findings from previous surveys to put together a three-year investment plan, supported by a 10-year vision statement, which must be submitted to government by 1 August 2024.

Once government has approved the plans, the first year of funding will be released.

Dominic Staniforth, Chair of the Board and Partner at BHP LLP Chartered Accountants, said: "Chesterfield is already a great town full of wonderful people and organisations that share a common purpose to make it even better – a place to live, work, invest and study – and this funding will further bolster our ability to deliver on that collective ambition. Listening to local people is at the heart of this work."

In line with Government guidance, a representative of Chesterfield Borough Council sits on the board, and the authority will also act as the board's accountable body. However, all decisions about how the £19.5m worth of funding is invested will be made by the Chesterfield Town Board, in consultation with local people.

Councillor Amanda Serjeant, deputy leader of the council and representative on the Board, said: "We have really strong and innovative business and community networks here in Chesterfield and this is again another great opportunity to bring people together – backed by millions of pounds worth of funding – to deliver projects which will make a real difference to the quality of people's lives over the next 10 years."

For more information about the Chesterfield Town Board visit: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/chesterfield-town-board

“We're really lucky to have so many community groups and voluntary organisations here in Chesterfield”

Councillor Amanda Serjeant, deputy leader of the council



Local Plan review

Over the summer months we'd like to hear your views on a review of the Chesterfield Local Plan.

The Local Plan is a crucial part of the planning process and helps ensure that we can meet our climate change commitments. It currently sets out how many homes and commercial properties will be built, and where, by setting this out in a Local Plan it aims to ensure that new development is sustainable without impacting upon people's health and wellbeing or the environment.

The existing plan sets out how and where development should happen over the next ten years and identifies how infrastructure including school places, GP surgeries, leisure facilities, roads, and green spaces can be provided to meet the needs of both of existing and new residents. The plan also includes key policies which are used when deciding on planning applications.

We are required to review our Local Plan at least every five years to ensure that is appropriate and effective. The review process also allows us to incorporate changes to national planning policy that have been introduced since the plan was drawn up in 2020.

Councillor Martin Stone, cabinet member for climate change, planning and the environment, said: "The Local Plan forms the basis of all decisions made about planning applications in the borough and is critical to helping



us to limit the impact of climate change and achieve our target of becoming a carbon neutral borough by 2050.

"It is important that residents, businesses, and community organisations can comment on the plan and help guide development in the borough. It is not just about housing; it is about ensuring that we can create sustainable communities that provide the facilities residents need and that we provide space for nature to thrive."

The consultation on the Local Plan Review is set to take place over the summer, and you can have your say by visiting our website or taking part in one of the in-person engagement sessions. More details will be shared on our website, on social media and with local media outlets over the next month.

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Councillor
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tourism@chesterfield.gov.uk

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homelessness.prevention@chesterfield.gov.uk

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Visit the website at: www.home-options.org

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home.options@chesterfield.gov.uk

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housingmanagement@chesterfield.gov.uk

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CHESTERFIELD
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Welcoming the new Mayor and Mayoress

Councillor Jenny Flood is Chesterfield's 383rd Mayor, after being officially sworn in as the borough's civic head.

Councillor Flood's friend and Community Liaison Officer, Heather Hopkinson, has taken on the role of Mayoress.

This year's Mayor's Appeal is raising funds for Derbyshire Law Centre, the Chesterfield Royal Charity, which is supporting staff's health and wellbeing following the pandemic, and Rural Action Derbyshire's Feeding Chesterfield initiative.

Councillor Flood, said: "It is a wonderful honour to be Chesterfield's Mayor, I look forward to getting around the borough and meeting local residents and celebrating our community. I'm also pleased

to be able to use my position to raise funds for three incredible charities that do amazing work in our community."

They replace Councillor Mick Brady and Councillor Suzie Perkins, who served as Mayor and Mayoress for the last civic year.

Councillor Barry Dyke is Deputy Mayor with his wife Marie Dyke serving as Deputy Mayoress.

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