

Your Chesterfield

Putting our communities first



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Welcome

The summer months are now well and truly upon us and we've had some glorious weather in which to enjoy our borough at its best.



Councillor Tricia Gilby

There will be plenty to keep all the family entertained – while supporting our town centre – with the launch of our new-look events programme.

From heritage walks to family fun days, Chesterfield town centre is buzzing with activities (see pages 4 and 5 to find out more).

It's all part of our Love Chesterfield campaign which is encouraging everyone to share what they love about our amazing place – and there's a lot to celebrate!

And on the subject of celebration, we're thrilled to announce that the council is the headline sponsor of this year's Chesterfield Pride event, as part of a newly-strengthened partnership with organisers (see page 7).

Meanwhile our Year of Outdoors activities continue to be a hit, with ideas and inspiration to boost your health and wellbeing. See pages 8 and 9 if you want to join in!

Our theatres programme is also brimming with entertainment, with lots of great acts taking centre stage – a welcome return of live entertainment (see pages 26 and 27 for what's on).

Elsewhere we continue to press ahead with our major regeneration schemes, alongside initiatives to support young people into the world of work.

We're proud to be ranked among the Top 100 Apprenticeship employers in the country. Read more about what we're doing – and find new opportunities – on pages 14 and 15.

Finally, we continue to play our part in addressing the climate emergency – changing the way we do business to reduce our carbon footprint.

Some of our new housing projects are excellent examples of this, while creating sustainable and energy efficient homes for local people (see pages 13 and 25 for more details).

Get help from the community

There are lots of local community groups and organisations that are offering help and support for Chesterfield residents.

Derbyshire Law Centre

Free advice on a range of issues. Find out more at www.derbyshirelawcentre.org.uk or call 01246 550674 email dlc@derbyshirelawcentre.org.uk

Food Banks

For information on foodbanks near you visit the website for Rural Action Derbyshire: www.ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk/foodbanks or call: 01629 529970

Chesterfield Citizen's Advice

Advice Helpline call: 0808 278 7843

DCC Community Response Unit

If you have no one to support you or if you are 'vulnerable' and you need support to access food, prescriptions or befriending, contact 01629 535091

Derbyshire Unemployed Workers' Centre

Call 01246 231442, email: info@duwc.org.uk or send the team a Facebook message

Domestic Abuse

Call: 08000 198 668. If it's an emergency, call 999.

Text: Derbyshire Domestic Abuse Support Line 07534 617252 or email: derbyshiredahelpline@theelmfoundation.org.uk

Derbyshire National Careers Service

For aged 19yrs + (or age 18 if not in education or employment). Chesterfield area: 07717 303855 or wendy.leigh@derbyshire.gov.uk

Homelessness

Pathways of Chesterfield: 01246 498204 or visit: www.pathwaysofchesterfield.co.uk

Mental Health Support line

Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust: 0800 028 0077 (24hrs/seven days)



Supporting the community to create a new pocket park

Community-spirited residents have pulled together to create a new bee-friendly 'pocket park', with support from the council.

The new space features a number of raised beds that have been planted with wildflowers and plants to support pollinators like bees, new paving, 15,000 spring flowering bulbs and local urban artist Peter Barber has created a wall mural that celebrates nature.

Councillor Jill Mannion-Brunt, cabinet member for health and wellbeing said: "I had a great time getting stuck in and helping out at one of the planting sessions. The pocket park is a fantastic space for the local community and offers something unique for them to enjoy. Working together with The Healthy Friends of Edinburgh Road Park, to develop this park shows how projects like this can help bring the community closer together."

The work is being led by The Healthy Friends of Edinburgh Road Park after securing funding worth almost £20,000.

James Green, Chairperson of The Healthy Friends of Edinburgh Road Park, said: "I've lived near

Edinburgh Road Park all my life. As a child I used the play area and used to play football on the field. Nowadays, I walk my Border Terrier, Missy down there for exercise and a bit of relaxation.

"It was clear that Edinburgh Road Park was in need of some tender loving care so after many months of working with local residents, the council and a number of funding bodies it's been a pleasure to get to this point in the project. There have been many positive comments from local people on the improvements we've made. I hope more people visit the park to take a look!"

In the autumn the group will complete the project with the planting of 40 trees in the same area as the bulbs.

Volunteers are still welcome to get involved and there are opportunities to volunteer your time in other local parks, find out more on our website: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/friends-groups

*Please check our website for the latest service information: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/coronavirus

Falling in love again!

Now's the time to rediscover everything that's great about Chesterfield and throw your support behind our local businesses – that's the message underpinning our Love Chesterfield campaign!

Centred around the town centre, and the borough's high streets and shopping areas, we are encouraging you to seek out Chesterfield's shops, cafes, bars and restaurants – by revisiting an old favourite or discovering something new.

Colourful street entertainers took to the streets to mark the campaign launch back in May – and also gave a taste of our new-look summer events programme.

Councillor Tricia Gilby, Leader of the council, said: "Our local businesses have had an incredibly challenging time and it's so important that we each do our bit and help support them as best we can.

"There's a lot to love about our town and borough – things we have all missed during lockdown – and that's exactly what our new Love Chesterfield campaign and events programme aims to celebrate."

We've teamed up with Destination Chesterfield for the campaign. There will be chances to win a gift from a local independent shop by taking part in a Love Chesterfield survey. The prize, worth up to £50, will showcase the great products that can only be bought in Chesterfield town centre.



Shop local - fruit and veg, pots and pans, something new for the house and finish off with a sit down for a pot of tea.

We're set for a summer of entertainment for the whole family.

'Summer of Fun' events are running through July, with walkabout entertainment and activities tied to key events such as Wimbledon and the Tokyo Olympics.

August will see a range of events themed around a 'Summer of Play' – tied to our Year of Outdoors project (see pages 8 and 9).

Activities will run every weekend, including circus workshops, treasure hunts and town centre trails.

Want to find out more? Visit: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/love-chesterfield

Proud of our borough? Use the #LoveChesterfield hashtag to share your favourite experiences on social media.

Love
CHESTERFIELD

SHOP LOCAL.



WE'RE BACK
& open FOR
BUSINESS.



Chesterfield Borough Council and Chesterfield Pride join forces

We are proud to announce that the council will be the headline sponsor of this summer's Chesterfield Pride event.

The council has teamed up with organisers to help resource the flagship annual event which celebrates and supports the local LGBTQ+ community.

The strengthened partnership is part of our ongoing commitment to support Chesterfield's LGBTQ+ community, while helping this iconic celebration to make a welcome and sustained return to the borough's summer events programme following its cancellation in 2020.

Organisers are working with the council to ensure that all necessary Covid-19 safety measures are in place at the open-air venue, which will be a ticket-only event.

Councillor Tricia Gilby, Leader of Chesterfield Borough Council, said:

"We're proud to step forward as the headline sponsors for this flagship annual event, which gives everyone the chance to celebrate and support our LGBTQ+ community.

"Chesterfield Pride is a key event within our annual events programme and one which sends a very clear message – here in Chesterfield, we stand together as one community to celebrate the diversity of our borough with pride. This is an event for everyone to enjoy, and it promises to be a positive and fun-filled day.

"Unfortunately the date has had to be pushed back slightly due to the recent extension of Covid-19 restrictions, but we are committed to working with the organisers to make sure Chesterfield Pride returns to Stand Road Park even bigger and better

than before, with a particular emphasis this year on ensuring that we keep everyone safe."

Family-friendly music and comedy acts will feature on the council-sponsored Main Stage, with entertainment running on Sunday 22 August.

There will also be a cabaret stage, fairground rides and a variety of stalls hosted by local organisations as part of the day's line-up.

Dan Walker, Chesterfield Pride organiser, said:

"We are excited to announce a closer working partnership with Chesterfield Borough Council. We both share the same goals to drive the event forward and make it a safe and enjoyable event not just for the LGBTQ+ community but for the wider community too.

"Chesterfield Pride has gone from strength to strength since its launch in 2015 and this new partnership will mean it can now grow and become even more successful.

"We look forward to welcoming everyone back to Stand Road Park on 22 August for what promises to be another fantastic Pride event."

The council has provided £5,000 from the Community Infrastructure Levy, part of which is available to support grassroots projects and events, and £3,000 from the council's Covid-19 recovery fund.

For more information about the event, or to buy tickets, please visit www.chesterfieldpride.co.uk or search 'Chesterfield Pride' on Facebook.





Chesterfield's GREAT OUTDOORS

Year of Outdoors events

We've already had some great events in April, May, June and July.

In May we took a group to participate in a Forest Bathing session in West Wood. This traditional Japanese practice is all about relaxing in woodland and exploring it with your senses. The group walked barefoot through the forest and created a poem that expresses how they felt about the experience.

In June we held a minibeast safari in Ringwood Park for children. Lots of families came along and had a great time hunting for mini beasts and learning about the valuable role insects play in nature.

In July we put our best foot forward and have been arranging walks around the borough with local groups.

We've got lots planned for August including canoeing in Poolsbrook, tennis taster sessions, a giant land art day and events in the town centre tied to our Love Chesterfield campaign. You can find out more about upcoming events on our website: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/year-of-outdoors-events

Our photo (right) shows Claire Sampson taking on a barefoot walk in the woods.



Our Year Of Outdoors

Chesterfield's Year of Outdoors launched in April and lots of you have already been getting involved in some incredible activities and events.

In April we encouraged you to connect with nature and lots of you got stuck in and explored the wonderful natural environment around Chesterfield. In May we focused on mindfulness and brought you lots of activities to focus on the present. We followed this in June with go wild - a month all about connecting with your inner child and having fun.

We've got lots more activities to bring you through our Year of Outdoors - including August's month of play where we will have some great activity ideas and events especially for the summer holidays.

Councillor Jill Mannion-Brunt, cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "Our Year of Outdoors is all about getting you out of the house and enjoying the fabulous green spaces

we have in our borough. We're working with lots of local groups to try and bring you some fun activities and have unique events planned every month.

"We've tried to plan something for everyone during our year long programme and I hope that lots more people will get involved because there are some truly fantastic things and places to discover in our borough."

Chesterfield's Year of Outdoors aims to follow on from the success of Beat the Street in Chesterfield. It promotes the benefits of outdoor exercise whilst still being fun and engaging for the whole family.

You can find out more about the Year of Outdoors and upcoming activities on our website www.chesterfield.gov.uk/year-of-outdoors and on our Facebook and Instagram pages.



Ivalaigh (left) with a pair of binoculars she won and Iris with a bird's nest she made.



Save time and do it online – a great way to access our services

You can now access a range of council services – at a time that suits you using our new digital platform, My Chesterfield.



Sign up today to manage a range of council services – any time, any where from your home computer, laptop, tablet or mobile phone:

- 📱 **Manage your Council Tax bills and payments, sign up for e-billing and direct debits**
- 📱 **View bin collection days**
- 📱 **Report an issue, such as noise nuisance**
- 📱 **See information about your local councillors**
- 📱 **Tell us you've moved home**
- 📱 **Report something that needs cleaning up on a street, road or in a park.**

www.chesterfield.gov.uk/mychesterfield



Sign up for My Chesterfield today

Register today for a quick and easy way to manage a variety of council services online.

From reporting something that needs cleaning up in your neighbourhood, to managing Council Tax bills and payments, you can access a range of council services by signing up to 'My Chesterfield' with even more services being added to the system over the coming months.

The platform has been launched as part of the council's commitment to provide modern services which residents and businesses can access anytime, anywhere and from any device.

About 11,700 households are already signed up and benefitting from the service and one lucky resident – Fay Hemming (pictured) – won herself an iPad worth more than £300, after being selected as part of a prize draw held earlier this year for people who had already registered.

Councillor Jean Innes, cabinet member for business transformation and customers, said: "The creation of My Chesterfield has been a long-term ambition for the council as part of our commitment to modernising the way we do business with our residents and customers.

"We know many people want to do things online rather than waiting in a telephone queue or visiting a council office – it has been even more important over this past year too as we've all been trying to limit avoidable travel and contact.

"It's great to see so many people already registered, but we're urging even more residents to get signed up for an account."

Winner, Fay said: "Winning the iPad was a very welcome surprise as my laptop had just stopped working so it came at just the right time!"

Sign up today at www.chesterfield.gov.uk/mychesterfield



Leisure centres take delivery of latest equipment

Gym users at Queen's Park Sports Centre and the Staveley Healthy Living Centre now have even more choice when they exercise thanks to a suite of new bodyweight training equipment that has been introduced.

The new Elevate equipment applies the unique concept of incline bodyweight training as the method of resistance, rather than the traditional weighted resistance that applies to most gym equipment.

Elevate equipment allows people of all fitness levels to modify the difficulty as they use the equipment to get the type of workout they need. Before using the equipment, users adjust the angle of the rails - the higher the incline the greater the resistance. Members of the leisure team are fully trained on how to use the equipment and will be on hand to help people get the most out of it.

Councillor Jill Mannion-Brunt, cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "After the last year, lots of people are taking their own health seriously and exercising as part of an active lifestyle. It's important that our leisure centres can offer the latest equipment and also make sure everyone can exercise in a safe and modern environment."

Whether you are after a cardio workout, or strength workout or a combination of both, the Elevate range has you covered through incline variation and reps:

- Lower resistance allows for more reps, which means higher intensity
- Higher resistance levels focus on building strength
- Total body conditioning. A mix of cardio and strength.

Both Queen's Park Sports Centre and the Staveley Healthy Living Centre reopened in April and we have been increasing the services they offer as the Government roadmap progresses.

With modern well-equipped gyms, swimming pools with dedicated sessions and a wide range of fitness classes, both centres offer lots of choice for anyone looking to improve their health and fitness.

Whether you want to lose some extra weight or kickstart a new fitness regime, highly trained staff at both centres can create custom workout plans that will help you maximise your workout and achieve your goals.

Active Fitness membership grants you access to all the facilities available at both centres and costs less than £30 a month with no joining fee.

Find out more about the activities available at both centres and membership options by visiting:
www.chesterfield.gov.uk/sport-and-leisure



Creating attractive places for people to live

The council is fully committed to enhancing the borough's housing offer to ensure we meet the needs of our residents now, and in the future.

We are continuing to deliver a number of modernisation and improvement projects which will help create attractive places for people to live.

Following the successful completion of the Grangewood scheme last year, we are continuing with our 'Residential Block Refurbishment Programme' which will see more blocks of flats across the borough benefit from a major facelift.

The £8 million programme will run over a three-year period with the project initially focussing on Ashcroft Court, Seaton Court, Brearley Court, Dixon Court and Newland Dale, with the potential for additional blocks to be added to the list in the future.

As part of the refurbishment, all of the blocks will undergo extensive internal and external improvements including the decoration of communal areas, upgrades to the communal lighting and electrical installations - making the areas lighter and brighter for residents - fitting new secure entrance doors to all blocks and the installation of new fire rated doors to each individual home.

The external render and roof coverings will also be replaced at some locations and concrete repairs will be carried out on communal stairwells to ensure the safety of all residents and visitors.

In response to the climate emergency, the council is committed to ensuring that its existing housing stock is as energy efficient as possible. As part of that commitment, the windows, and in some cases the insulation in each property and all communal areas, will also be upgraded to improve the thermal efficiency of residents' homes, which can help reduce the cost of energy bills for our tenants.

Landscaping works will be included where appropriate as part of the block refurbishments alongside other improvements including provision of additional parking and renewal of footpaths and green spaces.

Improving Barrow Hill

After the successful completion of phase one of the environmental improvements scheme at the Barrow Hill estate in 2019, phase two is well underway which will see further external improvements made to the estate including:

- New pathways making it easier for tenants to get round the estate
- Improved private access pathways
- New and redesigned green spaces, including the planting of trees
- New boundaries for tenants' homes and garden improvements.

Phase two of the scheme is due to be finished in summer 2022.



Barrow Hill



Kickstart your career in Derbyshire

There are lots of opportunities available through the Kickstart programme in Chesterfield.

The initiative provides funding for businesses to create jobs for 16 to 24 year olds who are claiming Universal Credit. Young people can find out about the vacancies currently available by speaking to their work coach or the Job Centre.

Whilst Kickstart placements are only funded for six months, this provides a great opportunity to gain crucial work experience and, in some cases, could lead to a full-time job.

Chesterfield Escape Rooms opened in May 2021 and has hired six members of staff through the Kickstart scheme.

Nick Hogan, owner of Chesterfield Escape Rooms, said: "Through working with the six members of staff, it has reminded me that everyone deserves a chance and that I started somewhere. The younger generation are tomorrow's workforce and unless we give them the opportunities to succeed our businesses won't survive.

"What I am seeing post induction is a small team of young people that really have a sense of pride, are willing to mix, be embarrassed in front of their colleagues, try new things, fail, learn, repeat and achieve!



From what I have seen so far, I would be happy to work with all of them beyond their six-month contracts."

Lewis Hooper (*pictured above*), aged 23, who was employed as a Games Master through Kickstart, said: "This placement is giving me better confidence and communication skills with the general public and staff.

"I believe the Kickstart programme is great for my generation as it helps people to find jobs when they are struggling, and it also gives them help getting into jobs they may not have otherwise had a chance with."

Track the latest Kickstart opportunities in Derbyshire by visiting: www.emc-dnl.co.uk/kickstart-vacancies

Apprenticeship opportunities

Apprenticeships in Chesterfield offer a fantastic opportunity to gain experience and qualifications and provide people with a chance to change careers and upskill.

John Cusworth, director of GBS Apprenticeships, a local apprenticeship provider, explained: "There are many benefits of apprenticeships, for both the individual on programme and the employer. In recent years there have been a number of significant changes to apprenticeships, from the way they are developed and assessed, to how they are funded, all of which are intended to lead to improvements in the sector.

"Apprenticeships provide an opportunity for the individual to increase their knowledge and develop new skills in a specific subject area, and at the same time, fulfil an important role within the business. They also provide an opportunity

for existing employees to develop new skills around their day-to-day work.

"Recruiting an apprentice or upskilling the existing workforce enables local businesses to access apprenticeship training from entry to employment (level 2), through to degree level apprenticeships at levels 6 and 7 - all of which means employers and individuals can be supported at a local level by local apprenticeship providers."

Find out more about apprenticeships and the current vacancies in Chesterfield by visiting: www.chesterfield.co.uk/apprenticeships/become-an-apprentice-in-chesterfield

Progressing from an apprenticeship at Chesterfield Borough Council

Chesterfield Borough Council currently employs more than 40 apprentices across all its services - with apprenticeships ranging from office-based roles in accountancy and customer services to maintenance roles with the council's housing team.

Last year the council was named as one of the top-100 apprenticeship employers in England. Apprenticeships are a great way of starting a career and gaining valuable experience that can help someone progress.

Nathaniel Hall was hired by Chesterfield Borough Council as an apprentice digital communications officer in 2018 and successfully completed his apprenticeship in 2020.



Nathaniel is going from strength to strength after completing an apprenticeship with the council's communications team

He explained: "I was looking for a different career path I was passionate about, I always enjoyed media studies in school and college, so thought this was the best route for me to go down.

"I wasn't certain about everything the role would include but that's the great thing about apprenticeships - it allows you to learn more about the role as well as develop the skills you need to succeed.

"The apprenticeship helped me develop lots of new skills and gain a deep understanding of digital marketing techniques. I was really focused on my learning throughout the apprenticeship and that has really helped me progress."

Following his apprenticeship, Nathaniel took on the role of assistant digital communications officer and has since taken on a temporary basis, the role of digital communications officer at the council, where he oversees website maintenance, internal communications and the council's presence on social media.

Nathaniel said: "I knew the apprenticeship was going to be a challenging learning process, but I set my mind on learning as much as possible. My line manager was really supportive and made sure I had the time I needed to complete assessments and learn more. My apprenticeship and everything I learnt was crucial for me getting my next role and progressing my career.

"I'd encourage anyone to look at apprenticeships because they are a great way of getting your foot in the door and gaining valuable skills and experiences that will help you build a career in something you care about.

"I would say that it's important that you think about your passions and what you would like to do in the future and once you've found that go for it, there are lots of opportunities available and you're bound to find an apprenticeship that is right for you."

For current apprenticeship and job opportunities visit: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/jobs

Working together to tackle climate change

Chesterfield is a thriving borough with a proud heritage – and a lot to look forward to.

But the impact of climate change and related environmental issues poses a very real threat to the future of our communities.

We want to protect our planet – and in turn, our borough, to ensure future generations grow up in and inherit a healthy, sustainable place to live, work and raise a family.

In 2019 the council declared a Climate Emergency and with support from members of the local community this led to the creation of our first Climate Change Action Plan. Working with the community and supporting local voluntary groups has become a key concept for how we plan to reduce emissions in Chesterfield.

Councillor Amanda Serjeant, deputy leader of Chesterfield Borough Council, said: “We must act now in order to protect our communities and build a sustainable borough for future generations. However, the council cannot do this alone, we need to work with our communities to make meaningful changes that will help realise our carbon neutral ambitions.

“I’d like to thank members of the Climate Change Working Group for everything they have done in helping us to establish our action plan and showing how by working with the community we can achieve so much more.

“So far much of the work we have done on climate change has been internal but over the coming months we will be reaching out and trying to engage with more community groups to encourage action on climate change. I hope that lots of you will support our ambitions and together we can realise our long-term goals.”

The current plan runs until 2023, and a further plan will be developed for the following four years but we want to share with you the progress we have made so far.

A total of 39 actions make up the plan and despite additional pressures created by the Covid-19 pandemic, the council has made significant progress on around 80% of the actions.

Here’s what we’ve done:

Homes and buildings

A £13.7 million programme of carbon emission reduction improvements to council homes is in progress.

Approximately £1.5 million of funding is being used to improve the energy rating of private rented sector and privately owned homes with energy ratings of D or below through Green Homes Grant (See page 30).

The latest Local Plan includes provision to require electric vehicle charging points, a higher water efficiency standards, biodiversity net gain, and a requirement for a sustainability statement for developments.

Transport

The most recent Local Plan prioritises walking and cycling.

A borough-wide integrated transport assessment is underway.

We’re working on a plan to invest further in electric fleet vehicles and bicycles for staff to use around the borough.



Councillor Amanda Serjeant, deputy leader of the council, is the lead portfolio holder for the council's climate change work, which includes a focus on sustainable travel like cycling and walking.

Power and electricity

All light fittings both within and outside of the council's operational buildings are being replaced with LED units at end of life.

We have switched to a renewable energy supplier for all energy purchases.

Agriculture and land use

A tree canopy cover assessment has been undertaken to better understand where our most valuable trees are, and where there are gaps. This is being followed up with a more detailed piece of work looking at the value of trees within the borough, and further tree planting options.

We have reduced mowing of verges by more than 50% since 2017 in order to help local wildlife.

We have planted 3,000 trees in the last year with further plans to plant at least another 1,000 trees each year.

The council is a key delivery partner for Derbyshire Wildlife Trust's rewilding funding which includes planting on council land as well as work to achieve wider habitat management outcomes.

Waste and consumption

Plans are in place to develop a waste policy that reflects the challenges of waste and recycling.

We are promoting community sharing and reuse schemes and working to develop further plans.

We are developing educational materials for schools on sustainable waste management.

Industry and business

We have developed a sustainability business award in partnership with Destination Chesterfield.

We are also working with Destination Chesterfield and internally within the council to set up mentoring and support networks to support businesses wanting to reduce emissions.

Policy

All council reports now include climate change impact assessments.

We have developed a process to use Community Infrastructure Levy funding to support community led climate projects.

Learn more about the actions we’re taking on climate change and discover how you can help make a difference in Chesterfield on our website: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/climate-change



Litter bugs beware

We are lucky to have so many parks and open spaces here in Chesterfield and we all have a duty to take personal responsibility and ensure we properly dispose of litter.

The majority of visitors to our parks ensure they dispose of litter in the correct bins or take it home, but a small minority aren't using the bins provided.

Councillor Jill Mannion-Brunt, cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "We all need to take some personal responsibility for our litter when visiting parks and green spaces. Sending our staff out to maintain parks is important and something we will always do but when we need to divert our staff to do major litter removals it negatively impacts their work towards other key projects and tasks across the borough."

As well as council staff cleaning parks there are also several local groups that hold regular litter picking sessions, you can find out more about these on our website:
www.chesterfield.gov.uk/friends-groups

Councillor Mannion-Brunt added: "We are really grateful to members of the community who volunteer their time to help keep our parks and green spaces looking great but it shouldn't fall to volunteers to pick up after people who can't be bothered to put their rubbish in a bin."

If you spot a large amount of litter in our parks you can report this using My Chesterfield:
www.chesterfield.gov.uk/MyChesterfield



Boost for community projects

In the last year we've provided more than £160,000 to community-led projects through our Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhoods Fund.

There have been lots of projects that have received funding through this initiative including a virtual library for schools in New Whittington, new seating for Stand Road Park, equipment to support jobseekers and children at the Cosy Hub and funding for Derbyshire LGBT+ to provide support services in our communities.

Councillor Jill Mannion-Brunt, cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "It's fantastic that we can support these community led projects with funding. These projects are selected because they support our priorities as a council, but they also benefit our communities by providing important facilities and activities."

One of the projects that received funding in December was an initiative called Cycling Without Age which is being run by Inclusive Pedals. Using an electrically assisted trishaw it aims to tackle social isolation by letting volunteers take less able members of our community out for a bicycle ride.

Since receiving funding Inclusive Pedals have received the Trishaw and recruited 15 volunteer pilots who are undertaking training on how to use the bike. The group are hoping to begin sessions as lockdown eases. You can find out more online: www.inclusivepedals.org.uk

Alastair Meikle, Coordinator of Inclusive Pedals, said: "Funding from CIL enabled us to finally purchase the trishaw from Denmark and with the fantastic response from our volunteers we'll be starting to take less able residents and their carers out to 'feel the wind in their hair' very soon. Our volunteers have been out for familiarisation rides and we'll be doing some on road training with them before we can all look forward to the project starting"

The Community Infrastructure Levy is a charge on certain new developments that can then be used to fund local infrastructure like roads and schools, but a small portion is provided to the neighbourhoods' fund to support local community groups and community projects.

Find out more about the Community Infrastructure Levy at :
www.chesterfield.gov.uk/cil-funding



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 Call: 01246 345255



Email: economic.development@chesterfield.gov.uk
www.chesterfield.gov.uk/enterprise



Here to help our tenants

As well as managing over 9,000 homes across the borough, we have a dedicated team which is on hand to support our tenants when they need it most.

Our tenancy sustainment team offers tenants help and support to ensure that they can continue to manage their tenancy and stay living in their home, particularly if they are vulnerable and there is a higher risk of them not being able to manage their tenancy.

This has been more important than ever over the last year, with our team continuing to offer a helping hand to our tenants throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

Every day, the team helps tenants who rely on welfare benefits and are struggling with paying their rent. The team can support tenants with claims for the housing element of Universal Credit to make sure their rent gets paid and help them claim other welfare benefits and grants. They can also help tenants to get help from other specialist support providers and services.

If you, or someone you know could benefit from the support of our team, call the team on 01246 959560 or email tenancy.sustainment.referrals@chesterfield.gov.uk

Our officers will work with you, look at your individual needs and help you to:

- understand your responsibilities as a tenant
- live peacefully within your neighbourhood and get on with the people around you
- manage your money
- improve your health and wellbeing
- use local services – including doctors
- get support from agencies who specialise in particular needs for example mental health, alcohol misuse, young people, teenage parenting, or domestic abuse

Find out more about the support we can provide at: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/tenancy-sustainment

Living with your neighbours

The past year has been a difficult time, and with many of us spending more time at home, relations with neighbours could have become strained.

In the first instance we ask that you try to speak to your neighbours directly to try and resolve any issues.

You should approach your neighbour in a calm and friendly manner and let them know that their behaviour is affecting you – they may not be aware that their actions are upsetting you.

Try to compromise where you can before making a formal complaint. If this doesn't work, council tenants can contact the council on 01246 345071 and we will help where we can.



We're here to 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.

Tenants are being encouraged to contact us if they have any repair issues they need to discuss with us, rather than lodging something known as a 'housing disrepair claim' – a costly legal process which impacts on council funds to carry out repairs or improvements.

A housing disrepair claim is a type of lawsuit that involves a tenant taking legal action against their landlord for failing to fix disrepair or damage to their rented property.

As a result, we are paying out thousands of pounds in legal costs, leaving less money for repairs and improvements for our properties and we'd much rather this money was used to help our tenants instead of going to large legal firms. It could also be more costly to you too as you could be left with large legal bills.

Legal firms (also known as claims farmers) make

huge profits from disrepair claims and even if your claim is successful, you will likely be left with only a very small percentage of any money paid out in damages.

Claims farmers encourages people to make compensation claims and then sell these claims on to a legal firm for their own gain.

If you are thinking of making a claim against the council due to a fault with your property, we strongly encourage you to speak to us first so we can visit your property and try to resolve the issue without you having to take any further costly action. Problems can often be solved much quicker and easier if you contact us first.

You can contact us by emailing repair.requests@chesterfield.gov.uk or calling 0800 587 5659 during office hours. In an emergency, you can also call 01246 345041 outside of office hours.

Annual gas safety checks – keeping you safe

Keeping you and your family safe and well in your home is our top priority and as a responsible landlord, we carry our regular checks to make sure everything is in order in your property.

This includes completing a gas safety check every 12 months to ensure everything is working safely.

A faulty boiler can be extremely dangerous, so it is really important that you allow us to access your property to carry this annual safety check. All our inspections meet the standard set by the Gas Safety Authority and can help safeguard against fires, explosions, gas leaks and carbon monoxide poisoning.

It will also help us to check that your boiler or appliance is operating as efficiently as possible and prevent wasted energy. Not only will this save money on your energy bills, but it will also reduce your carbon footprint.

When your annual check is due, we will send a post card giving you seven days' notice of an appointment. If you need to change the appointment time we have offered you, you can call 01246 345048 to arrange a new slot.

If you smell gas at any time or think you might have a gas leak, please call the National Gas Emergency Service immediately on 0800 111 999.

All of our staff will follow Covid-safe guidance when visiting your property. It is important that you let us know if you or a member of your household is self-isolating so we can rearrange as soon as possible.

Students welcomed on to Waterside site

Chesterfield Waterside Ltd, Chesterfield Borough Council and Britcon (UK) Ltd took part in an eight-week activity partnership with Chesterfield College by welcoming its Level 3 Construction Management students on site at One Waterside Place.

As part of the site visit to the seven-storey Grade A office block currently under construction, students were given an insight in to the whole build process, focusing on safety, cost, quality and time.

Britcon (UK) Ltd is the lead contractor on One Waterside Place. Nick Shepherd, Managing Director of Britcon (UK) Ltd and a former Chesterfield College construction student himself, said: "It was great to engage with a group of enthusiastic students and share some of our expertise with them on their journey within the construction industry. We are passionate about giving back to the community and this visit marked the first of an eight-week activity partnership that we have arranged with the college."

Terry Brickles, Curriculum Operations Manager for Construction at Chesterfield College said: "Our goal is to ensure students leave us well prepared for the world of work and for a positive future. Working with Britcon has helped us to give our students a fantastic opportunity to get a greater understanding of how the skills they have been developing in college fit into a construction project like Chesterfield Waterside."

As part of the partnership a camera was installed on the roof of Chesterfield College to record the entire build process of One Waterside Place. The footage has been shared with students throughout lockdown as part of their virtual learning studies.

Councillor Tricia Gilby, Leader of Chesterfield Borough Council, said: "Gaining industry experience is vital to helping ensure young people can meet their full potential and setting up the camera so they could do this digitally has allowed them to gain this experience remotely. It's fantastic that Britcon and Chesterfield Waterside have made it possible for these students to visit the site. I hope this is the first of many visits because together with being able to access the camera footage, it really helps our young people plan

their future."

Tom Swallow, Development Manager at Bolsterstone Group Plc, the company leading Chesterfield Waterside added: "I'm delighted that restrictions have eased sufficiently to enable us to welcome local schools and college students to site. Virtual learning has been very effective during lockdown but to be able to get onto site and see a project taking shape on the ground can be really inspiring."

The seven-storey office block is the first phase of the Basin Square character area within the £340 million Chesterfield Waterside regeneration scheme and is being developed for Chesterfield Borough Council. BHP Accountants in Chesterfield announced that it is to take a floor in the new office block and will relocate from its office on Saltergate.

Construction of One Waterside Place is expected to be completed later this year. As part of the contract with Chesterfield Borough Council, Britcon is utilising local labour and local contractors across the whole build process as well as working closely with the college.

Keep up-to-date with the latest developments at Chesterfield Waterside on:
www.chesterfieldwaterside.co.uk



Kind-hearted school children help lift elderly tenants' spirits

Kind-hearted school children in Chesterfield have been helping to lift the spirits of elderly residents across the borough, in what has been a very difficult time for many.

Children from a number of schools across the borough teamed up with the council's independent living service to create hand-made cards and decorations at that were delivered to residents living in the council's older persons housing schemes.

During spring, the school children also planted bulbs which were delivered to the residents to help spread some spring cheer.

After the challenges of lockdown, and many older people feeling isolated, the council has been keen to work with the local community to help tackle social isolation and bring a much-needed boost for its residents and we are pleased to have had the support of local schools throughout.

Councillor Chris Ludlow, cabinet member for housing said: "The past 18 months has been incredibly difficult for many people and due to the restrictions that have been in place residents living in our older persons housing schemes have not been able to get together as much as they have in previous years.

"It was great to work with the schools and the children's cards certainly helped put a smile on the faces of our residents."

As restrictions continue to ease, the team will work with residents to help them express their thanks.



Children from Brampton Junior School

Help for tenants and landlords



The Covid-19 pandemic has been incredibly difficult for both tenants and landlords and as the Government's eviction ban has now come to an end, we want you to know that support is still available to help with tenancy issues.

Option one - Call B4 U Serve

Landlords can approach Call B4 U Serve - hosted by Derby City Council - who offer a number of solutions to get tenancies back on track without resorting to costly legal action.

Tel: 01332 641408 / Email: cb4ys@derby.gov.uk

Option two – Citizens Advice Chesterfield / Derbyshire Welfare Rights

If you are concerned about your financial position and think that this could put your tenancy at risk then please seek advice by contacting:

Citizens Advice Chesterfield

0808 278 7843

Derbyshire Welfare Rights:

Email: welfarebenefits@derbyshire.gov.uk

Tel: 01629 531535 (from 11am to 4pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday).

Option three – Derbyshire Law Centre

Derbyshire Law Centre has a team of homelessness prevention workers, expert advisors and senior solicitors that cover most areas in Derbyshire.

Tel: 01246 550674

Freephone: 0800 707 6990

SMS/Text: 0778 148 2826

Text Box: 018001 01246 550674

Email: dlc@derbyshirelawcentre.org.uk

Option four – Chesterfield Borough Council

Even if you have explored options one to three but you believe your tenancy is still at risk then please contact our homelessness prevention team as soon as possible.

Email: homelessness.prevention@chesterfield.gov.uk

Phone: 07870 277291 (calls only, no texts) / 01246 345825

If you are a tenant of Chesterfield Borough Council and are struggling with your rent, our team are here to help too. You can email us at revenues.rents@chesterfield.gov.uk for advice on additional support that may be available to you.

Families settle into our first modular build homes

Families are settling into their new homes following the completion of an innovative development to bring additional council houses to Brampton.

Ten new properties have been added to the council's housing stock after Fortem completed the ten-plot modular housing scheme at Heaton Court – making them the first properties of their kind in the borough.

The new sustainable housing, which is built off site and then transported to its location, offers the council a variety of affordable house types for local families. The innovative construction approach is becoming more popular in the UK and following this first successful development in Chesterfield, this approach will feature in the borough's future plans to meet local housing need.

The new housing development at Heaton Court includes two four bed town houses, four three bed houses and four two bed houses – all of which were added to the council's housing stock before being let to local families.

Councillor Chris Ludlow, cabinet member for housing, said, "We're pleased to see families settling into their new homes at Heaton Court. We're committed to meeting the housing needs of local people – now and in the future – and these new properties will provide affordable, modern and accessible homes for families in our borough.

"As is the case across the country, we need more homes to meet the future needs of our communities and we're always looking for new and innovative ways to achieve this locally. Building homes this way creates less disruption on site for local communities and the end result is a much more sustainable and environmentally sound home.

"Living in a warm and energy efficient home is not only better for our planet, it will also reduce costs to run the property, offering affordable warmth to our tenants."

The council is committed to ensuring that all its housing stock is as energy efficient as possible, in response to the climate emergency that was declared in July 2019. The lifecycle carbon emissions of the modular homes are around 12% lower, and it takes around 20% less energy to heat them compared to those that are traditionally built.

Electric charging points have been provided at each dwelling as well as bird boxes and hedgehog runs in the gardens to support local wildlife. Landscaping works have also been completed.



What's on

Chesterfield markets

Chesterfield Outdoor Market takes place every Monday, Friday and Saturday from 9am to 4pm and the Flea Market is every Thursday from 9am - 4pm. The Market Hall is open Monday to Saturday from 8.30am to 5pm.

Artisan Market

Sunday 25 July
Sunday 29 August
Sunday 26 September
Sunday 31 October

Young Person's Market

Sunday 29 August
Sunday 31 October

Record Fair

Sunday 18 July
Sunday 15 August
Sunday 19 September
Sunday 17 October

Vintage and Maker's Market

Sunday 5 September
Sunday 3 October

Pomegranate Theatre

www.chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk

Box office: (01246) 345222



Father Brown - The Murderer in the Mirror

Tuesday 27 July to Thursday 29 July, Evenings - 7.30pm, Wednesday - 2pm

Murder mystery starring John Lyons (A Touch of Frost, Upstairs Downstairs).



The Mating Game

Tuesday 17 August to Saturday 21 August, various performance times

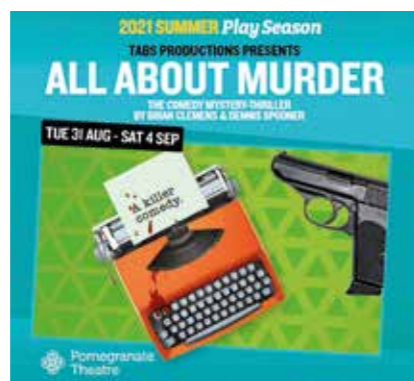
A hilarious West End farce.



The Fancy Man

Tuesday 24 August to Saturday 28 August - various performance times

A knockabout comedy with a romantic twist.



All About Murder

Tuesday 31 August to Saturday 4 September, various performance times

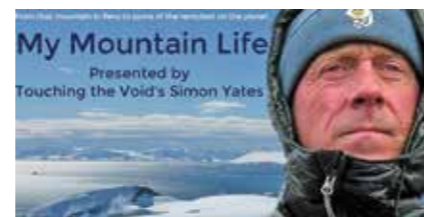
A murder mystery with attitude, that sucks you in from the minute it opens.



Rave On - The Rise of Rock 'n' Roll

Saturday 11 September at 7.30pm

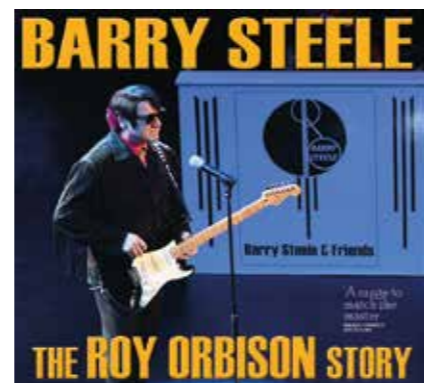
Rave On is the 1950's musical sensation sweeping the nation. Featuring multiple award-winning band, The Bluejays.



Simon Yates - My Mountain Life

Wednesday 15 September at 7.30pm

Touching the Void's Simon Yates talks about his life and career in exploration.



Barry Steele and Friends - The Roy Orbison Story

Saturday 18 September at 7.30pm

The one and only Barry Steele is set to put the rock back into 'The Big O' as he takes to the stage to celebrate the iconic legend in the West End production of 'The Roy Orbison Story'.



The Simon and Garfunkel Story

Thursday 23 September at 7.30pm

Using huge projection photos and original film footage, this 50th Anniversary Celebration also features a full live band performing all the hits.



John Lydon: I Could be Wrong, I Could be Right

Saturday 30 October 7.30pm

The frontman and lyricist of the Sex Pistols and Public Image Ltd (PiL) talks about how he sees life, along with his unique and extraordinary career.

Clinton Baptiste goes Stratospheric

Thursday 30 September at 7.30pm



Clinton Baptiste is the hapless, unsubtle psychic from Peter Kay's Phoenix Nights.



Dead Lies

Tuesday 5 October to Saturday 9 October, various performance times

A fast-moving, hard-hitting political English thriller from No.1 Best Selling Crime Novelist Hilary Bonner.



Beauty and the Beast Pantomime

Friday 3 December 2021 to Sunday 2 January 2022, various performance times

With plenty of audience participation and huge helpings of laughter combined with spectacular scenery, captivating costumes and enchanting special effects, Beauty and the Beast is the traditional family pantomime that will leave you spellbound!



Please be aware events and performances may be subject to change, visit:

www.chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk and www.visitchesterfield.info/whats-on for the latest information.

POMEGRANATE CINEMA

The Pomegranate Theatre has an ongoing big screen experience with films and satellite broadcasts added regularly.

To find out what's on visit: chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk/cinema

Council's scheme of members' allowances 2020/21

Chesterfield Borough councillors are entitled to claim allowances in connection with carrying out their duties as councillors. These include a basic allowance for all councillors, and a special responsibility allowance for those with additional responsibilities such as cabinet members and chairs of council committees.

Members' allowances are periodically reviewed by an Independent Remuneration Panel. The most recent panel review took place in December 2019 with changes taking effect from 1 April, 2020. The scheme, along with an annual statement of basic/special responsibility/attendance allowances and any travel and subsistence allowances paid to its members during a financial year, is also published on the Council's website www.chesterfield.gov.uk and available for inspection at the Town Hall, Rose Hill, Chesterfield, S40 1LP (Democratic Services).

The amounts payable for each allowance in the scheme are:-

Basic Allowance - £6,286

Special responsibility allowances

Annual Gross

Council leader and also chair of cabinet	£29,122
Deputy Leader and also vice-chair of cabinet	£16,021
Cabinet member with portfolio	£7,993
Assistant cabinet member	£3,996
Leader of the main minority political group within the council	£9,105
Chair of planning committee	£5,912
Chair of appeals and regulatory committee	£5,912
Chair of licensing committee	£4,885
Vice chair of planning committee	£2,956
Vice chair of appeals and regulatory committee	£2,956
Chair of employment and general committee	£3,663
Chair of overview and scrutiny committees	£4,885
Vice-chair of overview and scrutiny committees	£1,629
Chair of standards and audit committee	£4,885

Dependant carer's allowance up to £6.70 per hour

Travelling allowances (per mile)

Car - under 10,000 miles per annum - 45p 10,000 and over miles per annum - 25p

Motorcycle - up to 24p **Bicycle** - up to 20p

Subsistence allowances (more than 4 hours absence)				
No overnight stays	Before 11am	12 noon - 2 pm	3pm - 6pm	After 7pm
	£5.86	£8.09	£3.17	£10.00
Overnight stays outside London	£95.22			
Overnight stays in London	£108.60			

Contact us

We provide more than 50 services to our residents including: waste collection and recycling, street cleaning, leisure and park facilities, housing, environmental protection, planning, regeneration, housing, markets, theatres and tourism.

The answers to most of your queries will be available on our website: www.chesterfield.gov.uk and you can manage a range of council services through My Chesterfield (register at www.chesterfield.gov.uk/mychesterfield)

General enquiries - (01246) 345345

For enquiries about specific services call:

Chesterfield Theatres box office

(01246) 345222

box.office@chesterfield.gov.uk

Chesterfield Visitor Information Centre

(01246) 345777 or 345778

tourism@chesterfield.gov.uk

Healthy Living Centre - (01246) 345666

hlcenquiries@chesterfield.gov.uk

Queen's Park Sports Centre - (01246) 345555

qpscenquiries@chesterfield.gov.uk

Chesterfield Citizen Advice - 0808 278 7843.

For housing related queries please call our main number (01246) 345345 except for:

Careline - 0300 323 0076

Homelessness prevention team - (01246) 345825

homelessness.prevention@chesterfield.gov.uk

Homelessness (out of hours) - 0845 6058 058

or (01629) 532600

On the Move – for all council house waiting list and allocations queries

Visit the website at: www.onthemove-cbc.org.uk

(01246) 345700

onthemove@chesterfield.gov.uk

Neighbourhoods team - (01246) 345071

neighbourhoodsteam@chesterfield.gov.uk

Rents and rent recovery - (01246) 345501 or 345510

Reporting housing repairs - 0800 5875 659

repair.requests@chesterfield.gov.uk

Emergency housing repairs – out of hours only

(01246) 345041

If you can't find what you are looking for, you can fill in a contact form www.chesterfield.gov.uk/contact.

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 Czy łatwo jest skontaktować się z nami? Jeżeli nie, powiedz nam o tym!
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We aim to provide what you need to be able to understand our information or talk or write to us.

On request we will provide free of charge:

Language interpreters, including for sign language

Translation of written material into other languages

Material in braille, large print and recorded onto CD.

Please contact us:

General enquiries: 01246 345345

Text: 07960 910264

Web: www.chesterfield.gov.uk

Email: info@chesterfield.gov.uk

Recycling electrical items

Older or broken electrical items still contain lots of valuable resources and components that can be recycled.

You can take these items to the Household Waste and Recycling Centres that are run by Derbyshire County Council.

You can also take electrical items to Currys PC World in Chesterfield which will then recycle these.

If there is a small fault, then it may be possible to fix it and give your item a new life.

Transition Chesterfield run the Chesterfield Repair Café, where you can take items and their volunteers can help repair certain items.

You can find out more about the Chesterfield Repair Café online: <http://transitionchesterfield.org.uk/repaircafe/>

Council adopts Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy

The council recently adopted the Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy 2021-24.

This policy outlines how the council will provide assistance to the private housing sector to improve and maintain housing quality within the borough. You can view at www.chesterfield.gov.uk/housing/housing-policy-library or request a copy by calling 01246 345748 or emailing HIA@chesterfield.gov.uk.

Green Homes Grants - check if you are eligible



If you are a homeowner or residential landlord in Chesterfield, there's still time to apply for funding to make energy efficiency improvements to your property that will help keep your home warm and reduce energy bills.

The council has successfully secured funding from the Green Homes Grant Local Authority. The funding has proven popular with residential landlords seeking to make energy efficiency improvements to their homes and you could be eligible for support too.

The funding can be used to help cover the cost of a wide range of retrofit measures.

To be eligible for the funding owner occupiers and landlords must meet the following criteria:

- Your residential property is in Chesterfield borough
- You own your own home (including long-leasehold and shared ownership arrangements) or you are a residential landlord in the private rented sector
- The homeowner, or tenant, have a combined gross annual household income of less than £30,000
- The property has a low energy performance rating. For example, the property has an energy performance certificate (EPC) rating in band E, F or G, or does not have an EPC rating. You can find the energy efficiency rating of your home by looking on the EPC Register (available on gov.uk) and entering your postcode and selecting your house from the list.

Find out more about eligibility and how to apply at: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/green-homes-grant



OutSwimming Cancer

Free supportive weekly group sessions for anyone who has or is recovering from cancer.

Every Monday from 6 September to 18 October 2021 (other dates may be added).

Residents in Chesterfield who are recovering from or have cancer are invited to take part in a new swimming session at Queen's Park Sports Centre.

OutSwimming Cancer is a supported swim session that will take place once per week and is completely free to attend, thanks to funding from Weston Park Cancer Charity.

Meet and greet in reception at 1pm, swim from 1.15pm to 2.15pm

Swim teacher will be available at all times to encourage, reassure and improve your swimming if you wish.

Swimming after a mastectomy – general advice on what to wear and support available.

Quiet time of the pool timetable.

Please make sure you are fit and well enough to be in the swimming pool, check with your GP or consultant if you are unsure.

At Queen's Park Sports Centre

Booking is essential and can be done online or via reception on 01246 345555.

For more information and if you have any questions, or you are unable to make the group sessions, please contact: rebecca.truman@chesterfield.gov.uk

Queen's Park Sports Centre

Chesterfield, S40 2ND

Careline



Careline is an alarm monitoring and response service that allows you to continue living independently in your own home.

Our trained responders are on hand to help at the touch of a button and can be with you or a loved one within 30 minutes in an emergency.

From as little as 93p per day, Careline provides peace of mind for you and your loved ones with help and support available 24/7.

To find out more, or to sign up for the service visit:



www.chesterfield.gov.uk/careline

or call



0300 0303378



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