

Your Chesterfield

Putting our communities first

Helping you get fit and active
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Welcome

For many years health was an issue on the fringes of our work and an area traditionally left to the health professionals.



But today it is recognised that by working in partnership, health professionals, councils, charities and voluntary groups can have an influence for the better.

Our borough consistently sees rates of obesity, alcohol harm and deaths from smoking that are above the national average, while physical activity levels are below the national average.

So it's great a new initiative called 'Healthy Communities - a call to action' has been launched.

Our borough already has a plan which seeks to address the main health issues.

This initiative calls on each district of Derbyshire to also give one issue a particular push.

We have agreed that 'over the next two years, by working with our communities and partners,

we will enable increased physical activity for our younger people, promote healthy eating and support communities to design sustainable solutions'.

We already do a great deal of work in these areas in our two leisure centres; the many activities in our parks, green spaces and playing pitches; our community sports development work; our healthy eating work with schools and community groups; and by working with community and sports groups to promote active lifestyles.

Over the coming months we will identify additional activities we can deliver, by working with partners and the community, to make a difference to the health of people in Chesterfield.

Councillor John Burrows
Leader of Chesterfield Borough Council

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Czy łatwo jest skontaktować się z nami? Jeżeli nie, powiedz nam o tym!

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Sign up for a whole new experience

A recruitment drive is underway to sign people up for memberships at the brand new Queen's Park Sports Centre.

Work on the centre - being built on the Queen's Park Annexe site, across the road from the existing centre in Boythorpe Road - is nearing completion ahead of its opening in January as planned.

Facilities will include:

- An eight lane main swimming pool
- A learner pool with moveable floor and children's fun water features
- An eight court sports hall
- 80 station gym
- Two glass back squash courts with moveable wall
- Three training rooms
- Activity studio space

We're offering some enticing deals to get a joint membership to experience both the new facilities at Queen's Park Sports Centre and those at the Healthy Living Centre in Staveley, where the gym has also been refurbished with all new fitness equipment.

As Your Chesterfield went to press special introductory offers of CBCActive membership for both centres at £19.99 a month for the first 250 people and £22.99 for the next 200 people were

being snapped up fast.

After this you can sign up for £26.99 a month by direct debit.

Among other offers are:

- £54 a month for a family membership (for up to two adults, two children), with the option of adding additional children for another £9 each
- £15 a month for full-time students and apprentices
- £22.99 a month for corporate memberships
- £9 a month for a Motiv8 young person's membership

Two people who have recently signed up for membership of the current centre are David and Maila Hartley, who are regular users of the gym.

David said: "It is something we enjoy. It is part of our lives.

"The staff are very good and very supportive. They give you one-to-one support if you need it and you can do as much or as little as you are able to."

To sign up or get full details of all offers visit www.queensparksportscentre.co.uk or ring 01246 345555.

How signing during performances on the Pomegranate stage will look.



Making our services accessible

We are committed to making the services we provide available to as many people as possible.

We want to make sure our buildings are accessible to visitors with specific access requirements and their carers.

Last year, the Pomegranate Theatre and the Winding Wheel, which are owned and run by the council, underwent a £700,000 refurbishment.

This included installing a new ground floor dressing room at the Winding Wheel, with accessible toilet and shower facilities, allowing easier access for performers with limited mobility.

At the Pomegranate Theatre, an audio description booth was introduced. The Chesterfield Theatre Friends group is buying the mixing desk and microphone for the booth and new headsets for audience members.

The equipment will be introduced to enable audio descriptions of this year's pantomime, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, which runs from Friday 4 December to Sunday 3 January.

An audio describer uses pauses in the dialogue to explain what is happening on stage to audience members, which they hear through a headset they are given.

We will also be offering captioned, signed and relaxed performances of the pantomime, including a touch tour.

Access performances of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

Audio described performances

- Sunday 20 December, 2pm and 6pm

Captioned performances

- Sunday 20 December, 2pm and 6pm

Signed performances

- Sunday 13 December, 2 pm
- Wednesday 16 December, 7pm

Relaxed performance including touch tour

- Tuesday 29 December, 2.30pm

For full details of these performances, access issues and Chesterfield Theatre Friends visit www.chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk or call the box office on (01246) 345222.



Chesterfield Theatre Friends demonstrating headsets similar to those being introduced.

The theatre already has headsets for its infra-red hearing system.

It has also recently launched an accessibility group, which works with users to give a better performance experience for people with disabilities or access requirements.

The new Queen's Park Sports Centre has been designed very much with disabled access in mind following Sport England recommendations and consultation with local disability and equality groups.

There will be an assisted changing area with the latest equipment as well as pool hoists for swimming pool users.

A platform lift in the main pool will allow for a more dignified entry for a wheelchair user. The moveable floor in the learner pool can also be raised and lowered in order to assist with access for disabled people.

The gym equipment has also been planned with access for gym users with disabilities.

This is in addition to features in the current Queen's Park Sports Centre and at the Healthy Living Centre in Staveley, which include:

- Parking bays for disabled people
- Automatic doors, easy access no steps
- Lift to all floors
- Hearing loop in reception area
- Accessible toilets
- Assisted changing areas with moveable bed, toilet and sink
- Visual fire alarms
- Gym equipment accredited by the Inclusive Fitness Initiative
- Staff at both leisure centres sites with disability qualifications for swimming or gym.

Equality and diversity forum

The Chesterfield Equality and Diversity Forum brings together a range of people with a variety of different needs. Part of their role is to 'road test' some of our services and suggest how they can be improved for people with disabilities or access requirements.

For more information contact Richard Gadsby on (01246) 345247 or email: richard.gadsby@chesterfield.gov.uk

Who's driving you home?

With the Christmas party season getting underway, many of us leave the car at home to allow us to have a drink or two and take a taxi instead.

Each festive season, though, sees an increase in bogus taxi drivers which can see passengers paying over the odds or putting their lives at risk.

We work with the taxi and private hire vehicle industry to keep people safe.

Chris Brown owns Chesterfield-based Chris's Taxis, which has 65 vehicles on the road from taxis to 35 seater coaches, 40 per cent of which are fully accessible to customers with access needs.

Chris has some key pieces of advice for anyone travelling by cab this Christmas to stay safe.

He said: "All cabs – both hackney carriages which you can stop and hail or private hire vehicles which you must book – have a licence from the council. You can see this on the front and the rear of the car.

"The driver, too, must be licensed. If you are unsure, ask to see his/her licence."

The council's licensing process is stringent. To receive a licence, each driver must have a criminal record check from the Disclosure and Barring Service and is required to sit both written and practical exams.

New drivers are also assessed by the Driving Standards Agency. This test includes manoeuvres designed with taxi drivers in mind and is set at a higher standard than the practical test for learner drivers.

Christmas is a busy time for Chris and his business. He said: "Our private hire bookings are always really busy right through to the new year. You have to book well in advance because on key nights it's virtually impossible to get one.

"If the driver of a private hire car stops and asks if you want picking up, then do not get in as it might not be safe. If you do get in, the driver will also be committing a criminal offence and won't be insured if there is an accident.

"If you have booked a private hire car, make sure it is the right one, the driver should have your name.

"Also, always make sure you agree a price in advance, then you can't be cheated.

"You should also always ask for a receipt and ask the driver to write his or her ID on the receipt – you should make sure it tallies with the number on his or her badge."

If you haven't booked a private hire car, you could hail a hackney carriage or pick one up from the ranks at the railway station, Elder Way, Holywell Street or Stephenson Place.

Chris explains: "All hackney carriages in Chesterfield are black and white.


"Make sure the meter is turned on and is not already running to make sure you are charged the correct fare."

All hackney carriages licensed by the council have meters which are checked regularly. The information is recorded by us so we can check charges are accurate.

Chris says: "Because of this it's virtually impossible to fix the fare but if you are unsure, each hackney carriage should display a table of fares inside and you're within your rights to ask to see it."

Some private hire cars will also have meters. If so, the same rules apply.

If you have any questions or comments about taxis in Chesterfield, contact our licensing team, by email: licensing@chesterfield.gov.uk or call (01246) 345230.

A photograph of Chris Brown, owner of Chesterfield based Chris's Taxis, sitting in the driver's seat of a taxi. He is wearing a grey polo shirt, dark blue trousers, and a red lanyard with a clear ID badge. He has a tattoo on his left arm and is looking directly at the camera. The car's interior, including the steering wheel and dashboard, is visible. The background shows a bright, sunny day through the car windows.

Chris Brown, owner of Chesterfield based Chris's Taxis.



Breathing new life into our town centre

We recently published our Town Centre Masterplan which shows how Chesterfield town centre could grow in the coming years.

It contains outline proposals of how the town centre might adapt as it responds to changes in the retail sector caused by the growth of online shopping, a need for more housing and a desire to connect fringe sites to the historic core area around the market.

Chesterfield-based WCEC Architects and property regeneration consultants Aspinall Verdi have produced the plan after consultation with the council and local businesses.

It recognises eight core areas within the town centre and contains outline proposals for each.

As many sites are outside of the council's control, implementing the plan will need co-operation from both the private and public sectors.

1. The historic core – which focuses on the area of core historic buildings and the market square.

Priorities include:

- Improving digital and online connections
- Improvements to the market
- Redeveloping the former Co-op building - (see page 20 for more information on this)
- Reinvigorating the Victoria Centre
- Finding new uses for first floor units above shops.

2. Station Arrival and railway terrace area – which seeks to make the railway station area an integral part of the town centre again.

Priorities include:

- Plans for a link road between Hollis Lane and Brewery Street
- Commercial development on Network Rail owned land
- Improving the pedestrian links between the station and the town centre.



3. Northern Gateway

This area – which centres on land known locally as the Donut roundabout – remains a priority for future development despite plans to develop the site being delayed due to the changing economic and retail situation, particularly the closure of the Co-op store.

A change in emphasis will be considered that may include more leisure and housing use than originally envisaged.

4. The Spire neighbourhood

The masterplan suggests creating an area known as the Spire neighbourhood, a residential development focusing on areas around the former Derbyshire Times building and surrounding car parks.

It includes improving the area's connection to the town centre and other key development projects, such as Chesterfield Waterside.

5. The civic quarter

The masterplan suggests developing the area, surrounding the Town Hall, as the business and office development area of the town centre.

Priorities include:

- Taking opportunities created by the sale of the former North East Derbyshire District Council offices and availability of neighbouring land on the former Primary Care Trust site
- Completing redevelopment of the former magistrates' court
- Maximising links with Shentall Gardens and the footpath and footbridge to Queen's Park.

6. Markham Road

The masterplan recognises the need to develop Markham Road as a key gateway and shop window for Chesterfield.

Priorities include:

- Small scale redevelopment of existing buildings
- Creating new pedestrian routes through to the core retail area of the town centre.

7. Education quarter

Focused around the Chesterfield College buildings in the north of the town centre.

Priorities include:

- The University of Derby's development of the former St Helena Centre building on Sheffield Road into a university campus
- Ensuring future developments for the college and the university are rooted in the town centre.

8. Chesterfield Waterside

The priority for this area is to develop connections to the town centre to ensure the site, on which work has already begun, integrates with the town centre successfully.

See the full detail of the Chesterfield Town Centre Masterplan on our website:
www.chesterfield.gov.uk/masterplan.



Recycling your old electricals

With Christmas and the New Year sales on the horizon, no doubt we will be receiving electrical goods as gifts such as new phones, MP3 players or hair straighteners.

Yet, many people are not sure when to do with their old items when they get new ones.

Around half of small electrical items which could be recycled end up going to landfill.

This not only uses tax payers' money which could be used on other services but is harmful to the environment as many of these items contain potentially dangerous chemicals.

To raise awareness of the campaign stickers have been put on black bins asking people not to put electrical items in them and instead recycle.

We will collect small electrical items with your blue bin. Just make sure they are placed on the lid of the blue bin when it is collected – you can place them in a carrier bag if you like.

We will collect items including:

- Alarm clocks
- Blenders
- CD players
- Christmas lights
- Coffee makers
- Docking stations
- Electric toothbrushes
- Fans
- Games consoles
- Hairdryers
- Hedge cutters
- Irons
- Kettles
- Lamps
- Liquidisers
- Mixers
- Phones
- Power tools
- Printers
- Radios
- Shavers
- Slow cookers
- Straighteners
- Toasters.

If you have any larger electrical items that you no longer need, you can take them to Derbyshire County Council's household waste recycling centre on Sheffield Road. The centre is open each day from 8am to 6pm, except for Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

To see what you can recycle in Chesterfield, including what goes in which bin – take a look at a series of useful short videos on our website: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/recycling.

Plan a magical Christmas in Chesterfield with your guide to the festive season



CHRISTMAS IN CHESTERFIELD



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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

Chesterfield is set to be lit up with a magical atmosphere at this year's Christmas lights event on Sunday 22nd November. The event gets underway with entertainment, stalls and rides in the Market Place and New Square.

The Market Hall will also be open on the day from noon until 6pm. Chesterfield residents can use their parking permits to park for free in the following council-run car parks on the day: Albion Road, Ashgate Road, Derbyshire Times, Devonshire Street, Durrant Road, Hollis Lane (excluding on-street bays), Holywell Cross (the Donut), Spa Lane, Station Road, St Mary's Gate, Theatre Lane and West Street.

The stage show gets underway at 3.30pm with Peak FM providing the fun with some of your favourite presenters. They will have competitions including a chance to win a family ticket to see Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at the Pomegranate Theatre.

Stars from the pantomime will also be on hand to perform the switch-on at 4.45pm. They will be joined on stage by Santa, Chesterfield's mayor and other well-known faces.



ROLL UP, ROLL UP CHRISTMAS BARGAINS

Chesterfield market is the place to be to pick up your festive bargains this Christmas. The monthly artisan market, in association with The Market Co., has proved to be a real hit with shoppers since it was launched earlier this year.

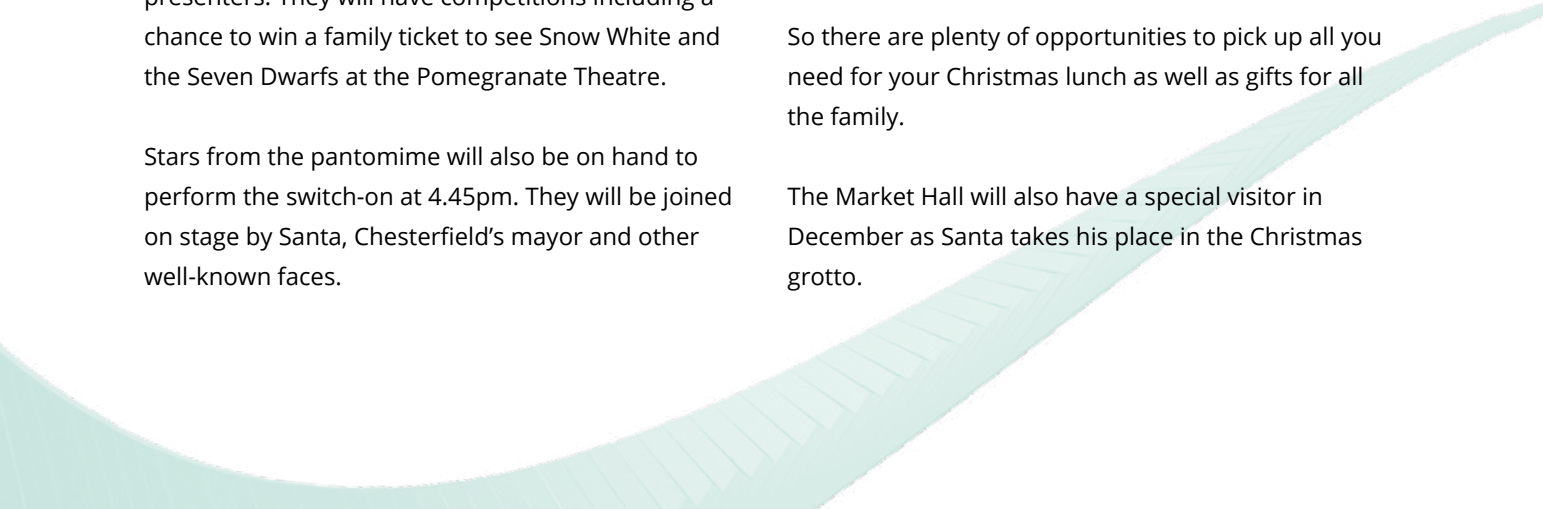
As well as the usual artisan market on Sunday 29th November, there will be additional artisan markets on Sunday 13th and Sunday 20th December.

There will be a market each day from Thursday 10th December to Christmas Eve, Thursday 24th December, including general markets, flea markets and farmers' markets.

The Market Hall will also be open each day including Sunday 13th and Sunday 20th December.

So there are plenty of opportunities to pick up all you need for your Christmas lunch as well as gifts for all the family.

The Market Hall will also have a special visitor in December as Santa takes his place in the Christmas grotto.





G-FORCE FOR PANTO

Families are set to feel the full g-force of this year's pantomime at Chesterfield's Pomegranate Theatre. Starring in Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs is Jonathan Ansell, who describes himself as 'the blond guy from G4'.

Jonathan and G4 shot to fame winning the first series of the X Factor in 2004 – something he finds scary to believe is 11 years ago.

Of the show he says, "It's a very sweet story, it connects really well with all ages, it's a very traditional pantomime and I'm delighted to perform for my first time in Chesterfield.

"Chesterfield looks a fun place. It looks as though people are up for a good time and I'm looking forward to that coming across."

Looking suitably evil as the Wicked Queen is Nicki French who represented the UK at the Eurovision Song Contest in 2000.

Nicki says: "I'm Snow White's wicked stepmother who



wants the prince for herself so she decides to get rid of Snow White with the poisoned apple." You'll have to watch the show to see if she succeeds.

She's looking forward to her time with us: "Everyone I've spoken to who knows Chesterfield says it's beautiful. I've been in the theatre and it's absolutely beautiful in the auditorium."

Britain's Got Talent semi-finalist Philip Green plays Herman the Henchman, the Wicked Queen's right-hand man. Philip is best known for his impressions of celebrities including Stacey Solomon and Lorraine Kelly.

Completing the cast are veteran panto star Adam Daye as Dame Dolly Dumpling, Mike Newman Jnr as Muddles and Natalie Law as Snow White. Local children will play the seven dwarfs.

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs runs from Friday 4th December to Sunday 3rd January.

BOOK YOUR TICKETS



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Box Office 01246 345222

CHESTERFIELD

FESTIVE ENTERTAINMENT



Festival of Christmas Trees

Date: From 21 - 11 - 15

Venue: Chesterfield Parish Church

Last year over 70 Christmas trees were displayed in spectacular glory; this year there will be over 90. Saturday 21st to Sunday 29th November. Monday to Thursday from 10.00am until 7.00pm. Friday and Saturday from 10.00am until 8.00pm and Sunday from 12.00 noon until 4.00pm

Santa Specials on the Chesterfield Canal

Date: From 21 - 11 - 15

Venue: Tupton Lock & Hollingwood Hub

Meet Santa on the Chesterfield Canal, there is a present for every child and a drink and mince pie for the adults. Every Saturday and Sunday from 21st November to 20th December at Tupton Lock and Monday 21st to Thursday 24th December at Hollingwood Hub

Festive Brass

Date: 05 - 12 - 15

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Chesterfield Parish Church

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

Hady Miniature Train Santa Special

Date: From 6 - 12 - 15

Venue: Hady Hill

Accompany Santa on a train on the miniature railway at Hady Hill (adjacent to St Peter and St Paul School) with Chesterfield and District Model Engineering Society. Sunday 6th and Sunday 13th December from 12.00 noon until 3.00pm.

Chesterfield Philharmonic Choir Carols by Candlelight

Date: 17 - 12 - 15

Time: 7.15pm

Venue: Chesterfield Parish Church

Well-known pieces with fun guaranteed and gifted young artists.

For a full listing of events organised by Chesterfield Borough Council, see pages 22 to 23.

Contact Details

For more information and other festive events visit our website or contact the Chesterfield Visitor Information Centre by telephone or email:

www.chesterfield.co.uk/christmas

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tourism@chesterfield.gov.uk

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Council services over the Christmas period

There will be a number of changes to bin collection days over the Christmas and New Year period.

Residents should receive a calendar with bin collection dates for the coming year so please check it to find the dates that apply to you.

You can also keep up to date with any changes to bin collections by visiting www.chesterfield.gov.uk/bindates and entering your street name to find out when your collections will take place.

Our call centre, Customer Service Centre in New Square and the Town Hall, Rose Hill, will all be closed from Thursday 24 December to Monday 28 December – opening as usual on Tuesday 29 December. They will also be closed on New Year's Day, Friday 1 January.

The easiest and quickest way for you to make payments during this time is by direct debit. To set this up, call (01246) 345138 or 345171. You can also pay using any PayPoint outlet, such as shops and Post Offices.

For the latest on changes to our services over the Christmas period, visit www.chesterfield.gov.uk

Look before you book

The last thing you want to risk is being ill over the Christmas period.

If you are booking a festive meal out with family or friends, you can check the food hygiene rating before you book.

Cafés and restaurants should display this information or you can check online by visiting <http://ratings.food.gov.uk> and typing in Chesterfield or the name of the place where you are planning to eat.



Volunteers wanted

If you have time on your hands, enjoy getting out and meeting new people and are proud of Chesterfield, its present and its history, we have several volunteering opportunities that might be right up your street.

We are looking for friendly, outgoing people as volunteers at Chesterfield Museum and Chesterfield Visitor Information Centre.

They will help visitors to get the most from their visit to the town.

All volunteers must be aged 18 or over.

For more details, contact Chesterfield Visitor Information Centre by email: tourism@chesterfield.gov.uk or call (01246) 345774.





How does your garden grow?

The last few months have seen keen green-fingered Chesterfield residents and businesses sprucing up their gardens as part of the annual best kept garden competition.

The competition is part of the Chesterfield in Bloom campaign, which is a community project led by the council to encourage people to work with us to make the borough greener and cleaner.

Susan Doleman lives in Holme Hall with her husband, John. They first entered the best kept back garden category (80m² or smaller) for the first time last year, winning the third prize, which they did again in this year's competition.

This is the most hotly contested category in the competition with 14 entries and very little to choose between them.

Susan particularly enjoys attending the awards ceremony, held at Ringwood Hall Hotel, which sponsors the awards.

Susan said: "It's nice to win a prize but I do it for the enjoyment of it, if you win anything, it's a bonus.

"I really enjoy chatting to the other people at the awards ceremony and swapping tips with them. It helps you get inspiration for how to improve your garden for the following year."

Susan has been a keen gardener since moving into their house ten years ago. She said: "When I was young, my dad was a keen gardener and he used to get me into the garden to help him but it was when we moved in here I really began to take an interest.

"It's easy to get started and doesn't have to be expensive. There was nothing in the garden then, it was just rubble. I didn't have a lot of money to spend on gardening so I started by asking people for cuttings and buying plants from car boot sales.

"It just went on from there really. I've changed the garden each year and watched it all grow."

This year, she has had a variety of plants in the garden including: clematis, roses, chrysanthemums, geraniums, ivy honeysuckle and lavender.

She said: "I'm no expert but I've tried lots of different plants. It's a case of trial and error, you see what works best.

"My herb garden gave it all a lovely smell and I use them in cooking too, I don't just grow them."

Susan says taking part in Chesterfield in Bloom is a great feeling and would encourage anyone else to get involved.

She said: "When you are putting together the garden, you have to feed it and look after it. You see it all bloom and get a real sense of achievement when you see the fruits of your labour – it's all worth it.

"It's nice to get involved in something that is community spirited, it gets you outdoors and also gives you something to look forward to."

We will be running the best kept garden competition again next summer. Chesterfield in Bloom is a year-round campaign.

We are always looking for volunteers to join with us in taking pride in the borough. This can involve taking part in litter picks, clearing areas or helping with events in our parks.

This is a good way to learn new skills and to meet new friends.

If you are interested, please contact John Ramsey, green spaces development officer, by email: john.ramsey@chesterfield.gov.uk or call (01246) 345097.



Eastwood Park receives its first Green Flag

Users of Eastwood Park in Hasland were celebrating as the park received its first Green Flag award.

The park, owned and maintained by the council, is one of five parks and open spaces in the borough to receive the award run by the charity Keep Britain Tidy on behalf of the Government.

Barbara Arrandale, chair of the Friends of Eastwood Park, said: "This is tangible recognition of the hard work and dedication of the gardeners and caretakers who have worked tirelessly to bring the park to its current beautiful condition.

"The number of people using the park has increased and the addition of the public toilets at the new pavilion has been very welcome.

"Many thanks to all those who have helped achieve this award. We look forward to continuing to work towards further improvements to our very special park."

The other parks and open spaces in Chesterfield which have retained their Green Flags are:

- Queen's Park
- Holmebrook Valley Park
- Poolsbrook Country Park
- The grounds of Chesterfield and District Crematorium.

Tackling anti-social behaviour in our parks

Through the Chesterfield Community Safety Partnership, we are working with police and Derbyshire County Council following reports from local residents of nuisance behaviour in our parks.

This summer, we issued our first Community Protection Notice using new powers given to us by the Government.

These orders are issued to people for offences including littering, noise pollution and criminal damage in the parks. If the notice is breached, officers can issue a fixed penalty notice for £70 or take the offender to court.

Anyone who sees any anti-social behaviour in the parks should report it to Derbyshire Constabulary's non-emergency number, 101.

New baby memorial

A new memorial for families who have lost babies has been unveiled at Chesterfield and District Crematorium.

The statue of Peter Pan and Tinkerbell is in the Never Land Memorial Garden and was provided by Chesterfield SANDS, the stillbirth and neonatal death charity.

Families can adopt a plaque with the name of a child they have lost on the new memorial. For more details, contact the crematorium staff on **(01246) 345888** or email **bereavement.services@chesterfield.gov.uk**.

Parkside prepares to open its doors

As Your Chesterfield went to press, work was being completed on Parkside, the new purpose-built older persons' accommodation in Stand Road.

It will offer a home for up to 44 residents, many of whom will be preparing to move in during the next few weeks.

The new building replaces the former Parkside sheltered housing complex which previously stood on the site and was demolished early last year.

Residents will include people who lived in the old Parkside as well as new ones.

Work on the new building has been a key priority for the council in the last year.

Costing £3 million, the new Parkside consists of 22 two-bedroom flats, each with its own kitchen and lounge area, a level access bathroom and a hall with generous storage room.

This offers bigger, more comfortable and more flexible accommodation than the old building which had 32 beds in flats and bedsits.

Each flat has either a balcony, a Juliette balcony or a bay window.

Residents will also have facilities including a common room, communal kitchen – allowing regular chats over a cup of tea or coffee as well as social get-togethers.

There is also a garden with a greenhouse for our green-fingered residents along with an enclosed courtyard area with a pergola/gazebo, feature fountain and raised planting beds.

As part of our commitment to the safety of our residents, the building also has a sprinkler system.

There is also a car park with 10 spaces for residents and their visitors.

The work has been carried out by A&S Enterprises Ltd.





An artist's impression of the revamped building

Plans for former Co-op store

A planning application has been submitted to us seeking permission to convert the town's landmark former Co-op store for a mixed leisure and restaurant use.

The large site in Elder Way has been empty since the town's famous Co-op department store shut its doors to customers for the final time in July 2013.

Now, Midlands Cooperative, which still owns the site, has entered into a joint venture with Jomast Developments Ltd and wants permission for:

- An 89 bedroom hotel on the upper floor
- Six family restaurants, of between 2,929 sq ft and 3,796 sq ft in size, on the ground floor
- A 16,000 sq ft health and fitness area in the basement

The developers plan to refurbish the existing building and keep most of its original features.

The application is expected to be considered by our planning committee in the next few weeks.

If approved, the developers hope to begin work in the early months of next year.

Town centre's history in black and white

Residents can find out more about the black and white buildings in Chesterfield town centre on a new website.

Put together by local historian Janet Murphy, the website takes users on a trail with pictures and information about these buildings which date from the early 20th century when Chesterfield Corporation carried out a series of improvements in the town.

To find out more, visit: www.blackandwhitebuildingsofchesterfield.co.uk.

Refurbishment to aid bereaved families

A new reception area has been opened at Chesterfield and District Crematorium offering more comfortable facilities for bereaved relatives.

The improvements at the crematorium in Brimington include:

- A relocated reception area so that visitors can be greeted by staff as soon as they enter the building
- A ramp, handrail and automatic doors installed to improve access to the building
- A private consultation room created so that staff can meet with bereaved families more privately
- Installation of a new, more efficient heating system
- Outside lighting installed
- A refurbishment of staff offices

The crematorium is run by the Chesterfield Joint Crematorium Committee on behalf of Bolsover District Council, Chesterfield Borough Council and North East Derbyshire District Council.



Snow wardens wanted

With winter now upon us, we are looking for volunteers to help keep footpaths clear in the event of heavy snowfall such as we experienced just after last Christmas.

We will provide volunteers with training as well as necessary equipment, including snow shovels and gloves.

As well as clearing footpaths, snow wardens also assist in providing information on local conditions, act as a single point of contact and monitor and report empty grit bins.

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

Monitoring air quality

We are working with partners to improve the air quality for residents in a Brimington street suffering from pollution caused by queueing traffic.

The council has put in place an air quality management order after levels of Nitrogen Dioxide – one of the main gases found in exhaust fumes – were found to be slightly higher than the European target levels on a row of terraced houses in Church Street.

This street is a known hotspot for traffic jams. Cars and other vehicles emit more harmful emissions when they stop and start, meaning the problem is worse here than where the traffic is moving freely.

We have carried out consultation with residents in houses affected as well as in the wider community through the Chesterfield east community assembly.

Over the next year, we will be working with colleagues from Derbyshire County Council, which is responsible for roads in the county, to produce an air quality action plan and put in place steps that will reduce the amount of harmful gas emissions in the area.



Car club

If you are looking to hire a car quickly and cheaply, you can join a car club scheme supported by the council.

The car is provided by Co-wheels and is available to hire from Albion Road car park, next to the Town Hall, for £4.50 per hour and 13p per mile (including VAT) – insurance and fuel are included.

All you need to do is become a member, sign up at www.co-wheels.org.uk.

What's on

Chesterfield Market

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



Sunday 22 November Christmas lights event and market

Market from noon, Christmas lights stage show from 3.30pm.

Sundays 29 November, 13 and 20 December, 31 January, 28 February, 11am to 4pm
Artisan market in association with The Market Co.



Thursdays 10 December, 14 January, 11 February, 11am to 4pm
Farmers' market

Thursday 10 to Thursday 24 December – **there will be a market each day.** The Market Hall will also be open 11am to 4pm on Sundays 13 and 20 December.

Chesterfield Museum

Open each Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10am to 4pm. Admission free.
Tel: (01246) 345727
www.chesterfieldmuseum.co.uk

Until Saturday 9 January Made in Chesterfield

Exhibition detailing Chesterfield's manufacturing history

Each Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 5 to 24 December, 10am to 4pm
Christmas crafts

Make gifts including pinecone reindeer, paper snowflakes and Christmas cards for friends and family.

Friday 27 November, 11am and 2pm
Children's craft workshops for children aged three to five

Saturday 5 December, 10.30am, 11.30am and 1pm
Behind the scenes tours

Saturday 5 December, 11am and 2pm
Story telling

Revolution House

The historic house is open daily from 17 to 24 December and 27 to 31 December, 11am to 4pm. See the house decorated for a traditional Christmas. Admission free.
Tel: (01246) 345727
www.chesterfieldmuseum.co.uk

Thursday 17 December, 6.30pm
Carol concert
Traditional carol concert with Holymoorside Band.

Winding Wheel

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

Thursday 19 November, 7.30pm Joe Longthorne

The popular star returns with new songs to sing and new audiences to thrill.



Friday 20 November, 7.30pm Roy Chubby Brown

Roy Chubby Brown returns with his meatiest show yet. Adults only – not for the easily offended.

Thursday 26 to Saturday 28 November, evenings 7.30pm, Friday matinee 2pm, Saturday matinee 2.30pm

Miracle on 34th Street

One of the most popular films of all time comes to the stage in this dazzling production.



Thursday 26 November, 8pm Spotlight Comedy Club

With TV's Nathan Caton and Britain's Got Talent runner-up Jack Carroll.

Tuesday 1 December, 7.30pm
Steeleye Span in Concert
 Folk rock pioneers Steeleye Span return with a new live show.



Sunday 6 December, 7.30pm
Chesterfield Symphony Orchestra
 Magical melodies to relax to and terrific tunes to energise you.

Sunday 13 December, 3pm
Masson Mills Band
 Proceeds from this event will go to #ChallengeDerbyshire, an initiative supporting Ashgate Hospice, Blythe House and Helen's Trust.



Thursday 24 December, 8pm
Annual Christmas Eve dance
 Held in the ballroom – mix of ballroom and sequence dancing.

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

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



Thursday 19 November, 7.30pm
Macbeth
 The Scottish Play returns - presented by The Pantaloons Theatre Company.



Sunday 22 November, 11am and 2pm
Father Christmas Needs a Wee
 Musical adaptation of the popular children's story.



Monday 23 November, 7.30pm
The Nutcracker
 The popular Christmas-themed ballet presented by Moscow Ballet - La Classique.

Friday 4 December to Sunday 3 January, various performance times
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
 Starring G4's Jonathan Ansell and Eurovision's Nicki French.

Monday 7 December, 8pm
Nicola Farnon
 A startling performance of jazz music and melody.

Tuesday 19 to Saturday 23 January, evenings 7.30pm, Wednesday matinee 2pm, Saturday matinee 3pm
Spring Play Season: Snake in the Grass
 Classic Alan Ayckbourn play presented by Tabs Productions.

Tuesday 26 to Saturday 30 January, evenings 7.30pm, Wednesday matinee 2pm, Saturday matinee 3pm
Spring Play Season: Bedside Manners
 Written by Derek Benfield, presented by Rumpus Theatre Company.

Tuesday 16 to Saturday 20 February, evenings 7.30pm, Wednesday matinee 2pm, Saturday matinee 3pm
Spring Play Season: Sign of the Times
 Written by Tim Firth, presented by Rumpus Theatre Company.

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

Handy guide to keep

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

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

Contact us about:

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

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

Council house issues

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

Contact us by:

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

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

Contact them about all fire and fire safety related issues:

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

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

Contact them about all crime issues:

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

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

Contact them about:

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

Contact them:

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

For residents of Brimington and Staveley only

Brimington Parish Council

Contact them by:

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

Staveley Town Council

Contact them by:

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