

Your Chesterfield

Putting our communities first

Local parks and play spaces to get **£1.32m** boost - pages 4 and 5

Make memories in Chesterfield this summer with events for everyone - pages 16 and 17



Welcome ...

to the summer edition of Your Chesterfield



Councillor Tricia Gilby

It's with excitement and ambition that we look ahead at everything we strive to achieve for our communities over the next four years, after adopting our new council plan.

I'm delighted to continue in my role as Leader of the council following the recent local elections and I am committed to working alongside our returning and newly-elected members to make a real difference for the borough. Meet your new councillors on pages 10 and 11, along with our new-look Cabinet on page 28.

Our council plan is a key document which sets out how we will continue to put our communities first and shows how we will meet our three priorities of creating a thriving borough, improving quality of life for local people and building a resilient council.

You'll see how these commitments are already coming to life, as you read through the pages of this edition of Your Chesterfield, and you can view the full plan on the council's website.

Revitalising our town centres to make sure they adapt and thrive for generations to come is a top priority. Find out more about our town centre improvements on page 14, and the progress being made in Staveley on pages 20 and 21.

We also want to make sure that people have access to decent, affordable homes, and we're spending a further £100 million on improving council houses over the next five years (see pages 6 and 7).

We're creating even more opportunities for tenants to work with us and help shape our services too – see pages 7 to 9 to find out how to have your say and get involved.

Our £1.32 million investment in Chesterfield's parks, green spaces and play areas is underway

as part of a new five-year plan to further improve facilities and make sure people have access to good quality spaces. We have some great projects – see pages 4 and 5.

This summer also promises to be packed full of memory-making events across the borough, with a new-look programme for everyone to enjoy.

We're looking forward to the return of some family favourites, while welcoming exciting new additions, including food and music festivals. See pages 16 and 17 for key event dates.

Supporting local grassroots projects is beneficial to our neighbourhoods in so many ways, and we're delighted to award over £59,000 to 16 local groups as part of our new Community Grants scheme. The money will help make a real difference on the ground (see page 3).

Of course, at the heart of everything we do are our ambitious climate change targets to make sure we create sustainable communities for the future.

Transport is one of the major sources of carbon emissions in Chesterfield – and helping reduce its impact is one of the key themes in our new climate change strategy. Find out more about how you can play your part on pages 12 and 13.

Finally, we understand this remains a difficult time as the cost of living remains high. Please remember you're not alone.

We've rounded up some useful information on pages 22, 23 and 31 – and you can find out more at: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support

Local groups invited to apply for funding

Community groups are being invited to apply for funding from a grant scheme which is designed to boost grassroots projects and improve life for local people.

Almost £60,000 has already been allocated to organisations across the borough as part of our Community Grants Fund – and the next round of applications is now open.

With grants ranging from £500 to £6,000, we aim to support projects that will help build resilient, healthy, and safe neighbourhoods, and initiatives which will help reduce the borough's impact on the climate.

Funding can also be used to develop volunteering opportunities, help people prepare to get in to work, and to support groups to expand their reach in the borough.

The deadline for applications is Friday 27 October.

From groups which help improve local green spaces, to advice organisations providing valuable support during the cost of living crisis, 16 projects have been awarded money in the first funding round.

This includes local charity, Fairplay, which supports children and young people with disabilities and additional needs, and their families. Funding will be used to support a new project to give young

people with learning disabilities the chance to engage in work-based activities within their communities.

Councillor Tricia Gilby, council leader, said: "We are really pleased to have secured this funding – it will support the delivery of important projects across the borough. We've already been able to provide 16 groups with funding and are looking forward to watching their projects progress.

"Applications have now reopened so I strongly urge groups to check if they're eligible and get their application in so that together we can make sure our communities continue to thrive."

Our community development workers are available to support you through the application process.

For more information, visit: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/community-grants-fund

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

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Councillor Tricia Gilby, Leader of Chesterfield Borough Council,



Local charity, Fairplay, is one of the groups to receive funding

Chesterfield borough's parks, green spaces and play areas set for £1.32 million boost



“ We have some fantastic parks and play areas but we are committed to improving these facilities across the borough because we recognise the important role they have in the community.”

Councillor Jonathan Davies, cabinet member for health and wellbeing



Residents and families in Chesterfield are set to benefit from a £1.32 million investment in the borough's parks, green spaces and play areas, as part of new five-year plan to further improve facilities for local people.

The Parks, Open Spaces and Play Delivery Plan (2023 to 2028) sets out our commitment to making sure local communities continue to have access to modern and well-maintained spaces for leisure and play, and to support people's health and wellbeing.

Councillor Jonathan Davies, cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "We have some fantastic parks and play areas but we are committed to improving these facilities across the borough because we recognise the important role they have in the community.

"We also understand that being able to play and explore the outdoors is hugely important for developing both physical and social skills, so we want to provide as many opportunities to do this as we can."

Over the five-year programme, communities will benefit from 18 enhanced youth and play spaces, and we also aim to double the number of our sites that are acknowledged by the prestigious Green Flag Award – an international quality mark for parks and green spaces.

This year works to refurbish the play space at Ringwood Park have been completed. The new equipment has a castle theme with two adventure towers, a springy dragon, a horse seesaw, two new swing sets, a bench, and themed graphics to help brighten up the area and make it more exciting to visit.

In Loundsley Green and Poolsbrook new concrete skate parks have been built and the multi-use games areas in both parks have been refurbished.

The skate parks include new ramps and features that are suitable for all abilities. The refurbishment has also included the installation of new seating.

These new skate parks and multi-use games areas are aimed primarily at teenagers and funding to deliver these improvements has been secured through the safer streets fund.

In Holmebrook Valley Park we are investing in the Pétanque playing space to effectively double the size of this area and ensure more people can participate in this game, which is like boules but played on a gravel surface. We are also restoring the path around the lake to make it more accessible for all visitors. In April we refurbished the play area near the pavilion, which included sanding down the equipment and repainting it.

We have also entered into a new agreement with the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) and have been working to improve the courts located in King George V Park in Staveley. This has included the refurbishment of the playing surface, repainting the courts and installation of a new perimeter fence.

Once complete the courts will be available to book through the LTA website and we will work with them to host free sessions for all abilities on the courts.

Over the next year we will also be delivering improvements to play areas at Stand Road Park, Highfield Park, Devonshire Avenue North, Thirlmere Road and Tapton Park.

The plan is being part-funded by £158,500 from the government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF).

It will also be supported by funds provided by building developers through the Community Infrastructure Levy, section 106 planning permission agreements, and Landfill Tax grants.

More information about plans for specific sites – and what improvements local people will benefit from – will be shared as the projects progress.

You can find out more about the strategy on our website:

www.chesterfield.gov.uk/park-management-plans-and-strategy



£100 million to be invested in council housing across the borough

Around £100 million is to be spent on improving council homes across Chesterfield over the next five years – as part of our continued commitment to enhance the range of homes in the borough, and meet the needs of residents.

Our ambitious Housing Capital Programme sets out the investment priorities until March 2024 and the medium-term investment over the coming years to ensure we can continue to meet the decent homes standard, further improve the energy efficiency our houses, and provide good quality, affordable and accessible homes.

During 2023/2024, modernisation and refurbishment of our existing homes continues to be a key focus and will see us deliver further improvements to kitchens and bathrooms, carry out roof and window replacements, and make necessary adaptations to properties to help older and disabled people to remain living independently in their homes.

Further fire safety improvements will also be made and additional investment will help tackle damp and mould.

The ongoing block refurbishment programme will continue, with more blocks of flats set to benefit from a facelift. Environmental works will also see fences, gates and footpaths upgraded to improve the overall appearance of local neighbourhoods.

As well as investing in existing properties, we also recognise the need to meet the increasing demand for good quality affordable housing. That's why we've committed more than £30 million to increasing the housing supply across the borough.

An additional 35 new-build homes are set to be bought from developers, and made available to local people.

We're also committed to ensuring that all of our homes are energy efficient – allowing Chesterfield to become a low carbon, resilient and sustainable borough. This commitment will be reflected within all our projects.

We will provide you with regular updates as these projects progress.



Your chance to have your say on housing services

We're encouraging our tenants to take part in a new satisfaction survey to help shape our housing services - and there's a chance of winning a £50 shopping voucher too!

As part of the new tenant satisfaction measures introduced by Government, we are required to collect and share data on how we are doing at completing repairs, keeping homes safe, and engaging with tenants – and we need your help with this!

We'll be inviting a random sample of council tenants to complete a satisfaction survey throughout the year - designed to get honest feedback and help our housing service to identify any areas for improvement.

Everyone who returns a completed survey can choose to be entered into a prize draw where they will be in with the chance of winning a £50 Love2Shop High Street shopping voucher.

The first surveys have already been issued, but surveying will continue throughout the year, so you may still receive a letter asking you to take part. Anyone who is named on a tenancy agreement for one of our properties may receive a survey.

If you do receive a letter, you will have the option to complete a paper form or will be given a code to access the survey online at www.chesterfield.gov.uk/housing/council-tenants/tenant-satisfaction-measures

Results from this survey will be used to calculate annual tenant satisfaction measures which will be published in spring 2024.

All answers will be treated in the strictest confidence and will only be used to monitor the quality of the housing service provided by the council.

“ We always want to hear from our tenants and we really value your views and feedback. This survey is a great way for you to have your say, help shape our services and let us know how we can make improvements where needed.

“If you receive a letter inviting you to take part, please do take the time to complete the survey. You will help us understand where we are doing well as your landlord, and where we need to improve.”

Councillor Jean Innes,
cabinet member for
housing.



Opportunities to engage with our housing service

Are you a council tenant and would like to have more say on how your housing services are run? Then we'd love to hear from you!

We now have a team of three tenant engagement officers who are always looking for new ways to work more closely with you, to help improve the services we deliver.

If you are a tenant, you can get involved and:

Work with us to inform and influence changes to our services

Have a say on issues affecting your home and community

Support other tenants or residents

Pursue issues of interest, such as repairs, tackling anti-social behaviour or environmental improvements

Further develop your own skills and knowledge

There are all sorts of ways you can get involved – whether this be in person or from the comfort of your home. You can find out more on our website, or by contacting a member of the team:

Visit our website at www.chesterfield.gov.uk/chat

Call: **01246 345147**

Email: tenantengagement@chesterfield.gov.uk

Complete the online ChAT form: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/chat

If you are interested in getting involved, we may also be able to help with travel expenses to make sure you can join us for our meetings.

Our tenant engagement officers will also be out and about in our local communities, giving you the chance to find out more about engagement opportunities. More information on dates, times and locations can be found at: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/tenant-engagement-mobile

Tony Hedley is a tenant who is already taking advantage of the engagement opportunities and having his say. He said: "I like having an input into what's happening and knowing what's going on. I can then share this with other residents who will ask me what's going on. I find it worthwhile to contribute and know this is taken into consideration. I would encourage anyone to get involved and contribute and be more in the loop with what's happening. I've been doing it for five years now, this shows I am benefitting from it and it's worthwhile."



Join the engagement team for litter picking events



One of the ways you can get involved and meet our tenant engagement team is by joining us for one of our community litter picks.

The team has organised a number of events across the borough and is on the lookout for community-minded volunteers to get involved and lend a helping hand too.

The litter picks run from 10am to 12pm on the dates below:

Racecourse - Tuesday 18 July. Meet at Arundel Close

Hasland - Tuesday 25 July. Meet at Annesley Close

Barrow Hill - Tuesday 22 August. Meet at Chigwell Way

Loundsley Green - Tuesday 29 August. Meet at Wenlock Close

Newbold Moor - Tuesday 19 September. Meet at Kipling Road

Newland Dale - Tuesday 26 September. Meet at Cavendish Court

Litter pickers, high visibility jackets and gloves will be provided for everyone taking part. Anyone attending should wear sensible shoes and clothing.

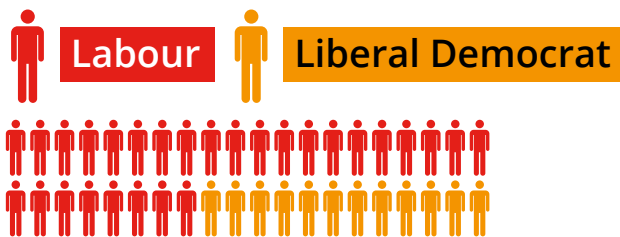
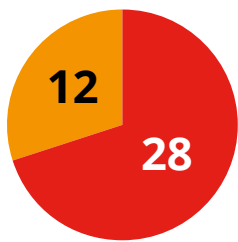


Meet your Councillors

In May you elected councillors for all 40 seats on Chesterfield Borough Council. Please find below details of your local councillor and how you can contact them.

To contact your councillor by email please use the format: firstname.lastname@chesterfield.gov.uk

If you don't know which ward you live in, you can check your local councillor on our website: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/councillors



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Amanda Serjeant

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Gavin Baldauf-Good

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Judy Staton

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Lisa Blakemore

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Jenny Flood

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Keith Miles

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Staveley North



June Bingham

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Paul Jacobs

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Staveley South



Allan Ogle

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Debbie Wheeldon

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Get active in Chesterfield

“Transport is one of the major sources of carbon emissions in Chesterfield – but by choosing a more active mode of travel you can help reduce these emissions whilst also boosting your health and wellbeing, and saving money.”

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



By making small changes to your daily routine, you can reduce your carbon footprint and help us to reach our goal of becoming a carbon neutral borough by 2050.

Greener and active travel, such as walking, cycling or skating are all good low-carbon ways to get around and help to reduce air pollution and congestion in our local communities.

Small changes to your routine can have a positive affect on you, your family and your wider community.



Start to walk – it’s free

Walking is a great way to become more active or get back into regular exercise, and it’s free!

Exploring the great outdoors also makes you feel better physically and mentally.



Car-free days out

Why not consider a few car-free days out? Leaving the car at home, even once per week, may be a small change for you, but it could lead to a bigger achievement if many of us start to do the same.

Ditching the car in your free time also allows you to explore new areas. There’s a number of free volunteer-led walking groups in Chesterfield and you don’t need to be a member - you can just turn up and take part.

If you want to incorporate walking into your family day out, why not explore Chesterfield’s Art Trail. You can find the map by searching ‘Art Trail’ on our website.

There are lots of local walks to do around the Chesterfield area, varying in length depending on how much time you have and where you want to walk to.

The southern spur of the Trans Pennine Trail runs from Chesterfield to Rother Valley Country Park .

Check out www.visitchesterfield.info for other ideas.





Save money by cycling

There are many benefits of switching to two wheels - it can help you to keep fit and healthy whilst also helping you to save money on traditional travel costs.



Some workplaces offer cycle to work schemes, allowing you to spread the cost of buying a bike. Or if you just want to see if you like it first, why not hire a bike for the day or borrow one from a friend?

For further support to start cycling in Chesterfield visit: chesterfieldcc.org.uk



Go electric

Travelling longer distances using a bike may be a bit daunting for some people but you could consider an electric bike instead.

Any sort of cycling - traditional or electric - will help to reduce your carbon footprint, improve air pollution, reduce local noise pollution and help protect our green spaces.



Ditch the car for your commute

Using public transport allows you to contribute to improving air quality, reducing the amount of traffic on the road and improve carbon emissions.



Using the train or bus also gives you an extra bit of 'me time' where you can read a book, catch up with emails or chat on the phone.



Consider car sharing

Car sharing with other people allows you split the cost of fuel, have time to catch up with friends or colleagues and reduce the amount of congestion on our roads.



Carbon footprint tool

There's always more we can all do to contribute to carbon reduction.

The World Wide Fund for Nature has developed a carbon footprint tool where you can calculate your individual emissions and receive personalised tips on how to reduce these.

Try the online tool at: www.footprint.wwf.org.uk



Considering how we can switch to greener modes of travel is a key theme in our new climate change strategy, which was approved in March.

You can read the full strategy at:

www.chesterfield.gov.uk/climate-change

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Climate Action Now.



Running a project that could help promote greener choices and reduce the impact on climate change in our borough?

You could be eligible for grant funding to help deliver your project. Find out more on page three.

Creating new community orchards

“Planting community orchards is helping to breathe new life into our green spaces.”

Councillor Amanda Serjeant, deputy leader

Earlier this year we planted community orchards in green spaces across Chesterfield – when these trees mature not only will they enhance local areas, they will also provide free fruit for the community.

Working with local people and groups, we've planted a mixture of apple, pear, plum and cherry trees on sites including Whitecotes Playing Field, Heathcote Drive, St David's Rise, Purbeck Avenue and Dunston.

Councillor Amanda Serjeant, deputy leader, who took part in the tree planting in Hasland, said: "Planting community orchards is helping to breathe new life into our green spaces. Not only do they enhance the areas where they're planted, through our community planting sessions they can bring neighbours together and create new friendships. We'll continue to work with our communities to plant trees and create new habitats for wildlife."

We will also be reducing the amount we mow around the trees, to create more homes for wildlife to thrive in.

Over the last few years, we've planted thousands of new trees across the borough – it's one of our key climate change commitments.

We've been working with members of the community to make sure we're planting the right trees in the right places – and we'll be continuing this work through our climate change strategy.

The strategy recognises how our green spaces are important for so many reasons – creating attractive places to live, are great for our mental wellbeing, help our wildlife thrive and are also natural stores of carbon.



Town centre regeneration



Revitalising the **Heart** of Chesterfield

Plans to revitalise Chesterfield town centre – and refurbish our historic theatre and museum – are moving ahead.

The £10.28 million Revitalising the Heart of Chesterfield scheme will improve the look, feel and flow of key areas, to create a more contemporary market town built on our proud history and heritage – helping it thrive for generations to come.

Detailed planning to transform key public spaces is now well underway, and includes Market Place, New Square, Corporation Street, Rykneld Square, and Burlington Street – plus improvements that have already been carried out on Packers Row.

Prominent public areas will be re-imagined, to create more attractive spaces that could host markets, festivals, events, cultural celebrations, and community gatherings.

This will be carried out in phases, with work expected to start in Market Square in spring next year and the whole project due to be complete in March 2025.

Our multi-million pound renovation and remodelling project at the historic Stephenson Memorial Hall – home to Chesterfield Museum and the Pomegranate Theatre – is also pressing ahead, with a contractor due to start on site this year.

Plans to regenerate Corporation Street will run alongside the hall's refurbishment, to significantly enhance the appeal of this whole area as an attractive leisure and cultural space. Improvements include:

Widening the pavements to improve the space for pedestrians, and create potential for venues to have 'café style' outdoor seating areas where appropriate

More greenery and tree planting

Improved paving, street furniture and signage

A more attractive gateway to the Church of St Mary and All Saints (Crooked Spire)

To help us achieve this, it is recommended that Corporation Street is reduced to one-way traffic – a change which was supported by the majority of people who took part in our public consultation.

Councillor Kate Sarvent, cabinet member for town centres and visitor economy, said: "Over the next two years, we will improve the look, feel and flow of key public areas – creating a more welcoming and attractive place, to help ensure the heart of our town thrives for generations to come.

"In terms of Stephenson Memorial Hall, this is an iconic building in our town centre and we're aiming to expand our cultural offer whilst also ensuring the long-term future of the building. The enhanced building will bring together culture and heritage to create a memorable experience for visitors and residents."

Further updates will be included in the next edition of Your Chesterfield as plans progress. You can also find out more and sign up to receive our new email newsletter by visiting:

www.chesterfield.gov.uk/revitalise



Chesterfield has a packed events calendar for the year ahead, with highlights for the whole family.

Packed summer of events in Chesterfield



From the return of some firm favourites to some exciting new additions to put Chesterfield on the map, the borough will be a hive of activity for residents and visitors alike.

Councillor Kate Sarvent, cabinet member for town centres and visitor economy, said: "Chesterfield is the place to be this summer, with entertainment taking place both in the town centre and in our lovely parks.

"We're bringing Chesterfield to life, creating opportunities for people to make lasting memories, and to come out and show their support for our amazing local businesses."

Key diary dates are below – and visit: www.chesterfield.co.uk/summer for full listings.



Peddler Market - award winning street food

We've partnered with Peddler Market – famous for their thriving street food market in Kelham Island, Sheffield. They champion local creators and artisans delivering award-winning cuisine, craft drinks, live music, bespoke products, art, and excellent entertainment.

The first market took place last month, with the next weekend events planned for 15 and 16 September, and 17 and 18 November.

Find out more:

www.peddlerwarehouse.com/peddler-market

Funding to help bring the event to Chesterfield has been provided through the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF).

Chesterfield Pride – Sunday 23 July

The region's biggest LGBTQ celebration will take centre stage at Stand Road Park, featuring a range of live stage show entertainment. Find out more and buy tickets: www.chesterfieldpride.co.uk

Chesterfield Food and Drink Festival – Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 July

A free two-day event taking place in our beautiful Queen's Park, from 10.30am to 4.30pm. Tasty food stall, drinks marquee, kids' entertainment and music from local bands. Find out more:

www.chesterfield.co.uk/events/chesterfield-food-drink-festival





Medieval Fun Day – Tuesday 25 July

The popular Medieval Fun Day is returning to entertain the crowds, from 10am to 4pm in Chesterfield town centre. Head to the Medieval encampment in the grounds of the Crooked Spire to see knights in battle or look out for the Medieval themed entertainment across the town centre.

Children’s Festival – Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 July

This is a new, free children’s festival – with music, theatre, storytelling, dance, and art workshops. Organised by Junction Arts, the festival takes place in Queen’s Park and will celebrate the joy of childhood, imagination, and play.

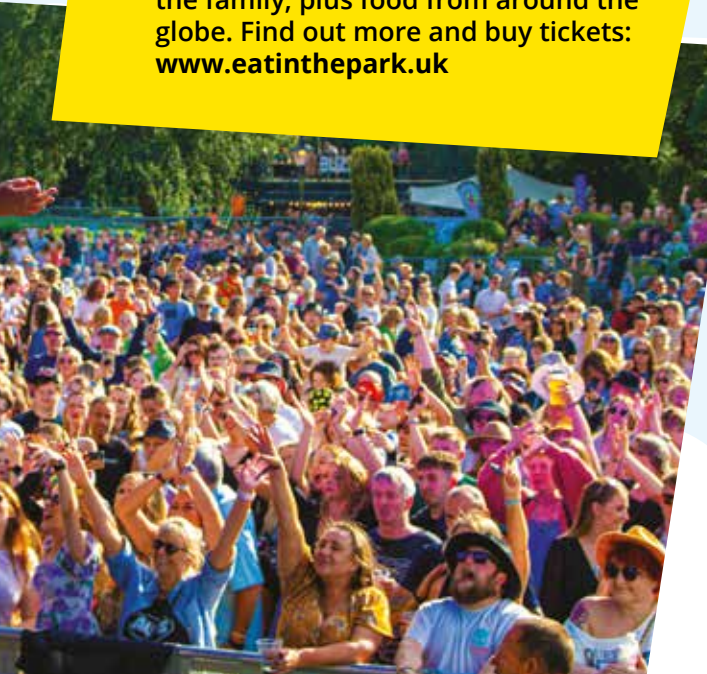


To keep up to date with the latest events taking place in Chesterfield across the summer visit: www.chesterfield.co.uk/summer



Eat in the Park – Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 August

New for 2023, this two-day live music event in Queen’s Park will boast two stages full of entertainment for all the family, plus food from around the globe. Find out more and buy tickets: www.eatinthepark.uk



Later this year:

1940s Market – Thursday 2 November

Shop for all things vintage and enjoy some classic entertainment as our famous 1940s Market springs to life in the town centre, alongside the much-loved Flea Market.

A replica Spitfire, military displays, classic vehicles and entertainment from acts including Johnny Victory, Natasha Harper and the Kalamazoo dance band are among the highlights.

Save the date for these winter favourites:

Fireworks extravaganza – Friday 3 November, at Stand Road Park

Chesterfield Market and Christmas lights switch on – Sunday 19 November

View your rent accounts at the touch of a button!

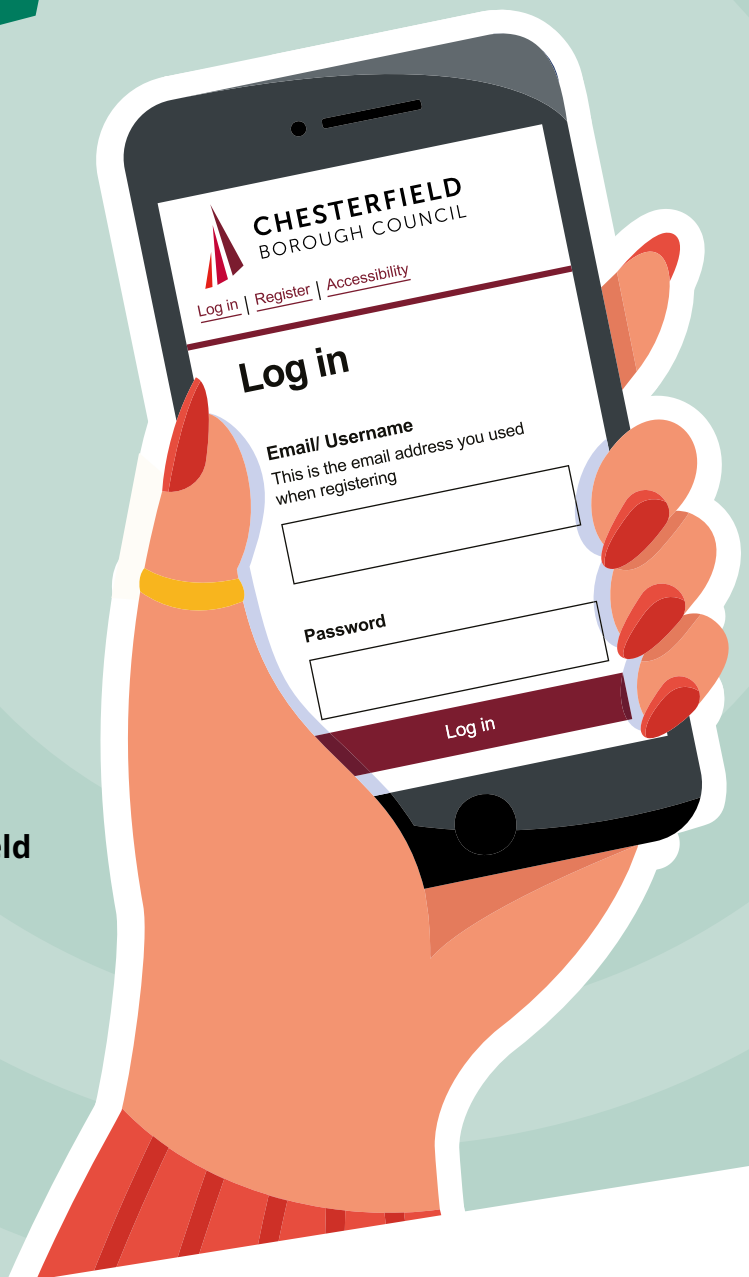
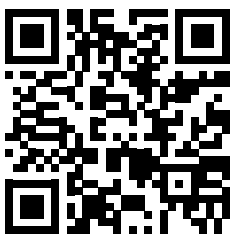
You can:

- 🌟 view charges
- 🌟 view your rent account balances
- 🌟 check your payment information
- 🌟 find out when direct debits are due
- 🌟 view statements

If you live in a council property, or rent a garage from the council, you can now manage your rent accounts online, via My Chesterfield.

It's quick and easy to sign up – scan the QR code or visit the website:

www.chesterfield.gov.uk/mychesterfield



Report it!



In the last year our street scene team collected more than 1520 tonnes of litter from the streets of Chesterfield, emptied 1183 bins and we issued fixed penalty notices for littering, dog fouling and smoke pollution.

But despite this effort from our team, we know these issues continue to negatively affect the quality of life for our residents across the borough – caused by a minority of people who flout the law and disrespect our environment.

Councillor Martin Stone, cabinet member for climate change, planning and environment, said: “Issues like dog fouling, litter and fly tipping have a huge impact on our community and whilst our team work hard to keep the streets clean and tidy they cannot be everywhere at once. This is why it’s really important that you report these issues to us when you spot them.

“Reporting things like litter not only lets our team know it needs to be cleaned up, but it can also help us to plan patrols, catch persistent offenders and in some cases issue fixed penalty notices. We know most of our residents care about where they live and either take litter home or use our refuse bins, but by reporting those who don’t you can really help us clean up Chesterfield.”

It has never been easier to report litter, fly tipping, dog fouling and many other environmental problems – you can do it quickly online through My Chesterfield from your mobile phone, tablet or computer and you’ll receive updates about your report.

You can sign up for My Chesterfield by visiting:
www.chesterfield.gov.uk/my-chesterfield

If you don’t have access to My Chesterfield you can also report these incidents to us by calling our customer services team on **01246 345345**.

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Staveley Town Deal



“This funding is a once in a generation opportunity to regenerate Staveley and create new opportunities that will benefit the entire community.”



The Staveley Town Deal is a £25.2 million investment in the future of the town. The funding will be used to deliver ten projects which aim to create economic growth, support health and wellbeing and to also improve the town.

Councillor Tricia Gilby, leader of the council and vice chair of the Staveley Town Deal Board, said: “This funding is a once in a generation opportunity to regenerate Staveley and create new opportunities that will benefit the entire community. Since being awarded the funding in 2021 we have been working behind the scenes to plan and prepare but over the next year you will see projects being delivered.”

On these pages you can learn about the latest developments from three of the projects that will receive funding through the Town Deal.

You can find out more about the Staveley Town Deal, sign up to our regular newsletters or follow our social media pages on our website:

www.chesterfield.gov.uk/staveley-town-deal

Wheely good news

A new scheme which will give Staveley residents better access to sustainable transport options is expected to launch later this year.

Wheels 2 Work is a project led by Rural Action Derbyshire and Derbyshire County Council which aims to help residents access training and career opportunities by providing sustainable transport options.

Electric bikes and electric mopeds will be available for residents to hire on a long-term basis for a small fee – rental income will then be used to buy more e-bikes and e-mopeds to help even more residents who are accessing a job or training.

Beverley Parker, CEO of Rural Action Derbyshire, said: “We are really excited to be working with the Staveley Town Deal Board on this innovative project. Rural Action Derbyshire has been providing bicycles and petrol mopeds in Derbyshire for an

amazing 19 years, but now we have the chance to introduce electric mopeds and electric bicycles into the fleet in Staveley thanks to this funding. We look forward to helping even more people get that perfect job or training opportunity!”

Ivan Fomin, chair of the Staveley Town Deal Board, said: “It’s fantastic to see progress being made on this project. This is an innovative scheme that will help combat isolation but will also ensure that everyone in Staveley can access job and training opportunities even if they don’t have access to a vehicle.”

It is expected that the scheme will launch in Autumn 2023 and we’ll share more details about how residents can apply nearer the time.

Plans progress for Barrow Hill Memorial Hall

Plans to provide enhanced community spaces in Barrow Hill – for the benefit of people across the Staveley area – are moving ahead.

Barrow Hill Community Trust is aiming to refurbish the Memorial Hall ahead of the centenary anniversary of the building being transferred into community ownership.

Town Deal funding will be used to refurbish the ground floor of the venue to create a community hub space, a nursery, a youth activity space and medical facilities. This enhanced space will ensure that the Trust can continue to provide vital services for the whole community for many years to come.

The Trust has applied for additional funding through the Town Deal and if successful this will be used to fit out the building with a commercial kitchen, equipment for the nurse and youth activities, and also a toilet in the medical waiting area.

You can keep up to date with the Trust's work by visiting their website: <https://sites.google.com/view/barrowhill/centenary-project>



Planning application submitted for Staveley Waterside

Derbyshire County Council has submitted a planning application for the first phase of the Staveley Waterside Development at Staveley Basin - a fantastic opportunity to breathe new life into the area by creating facilities for businesses, residents and visitors.

The plans aim to construct a two-storey building, offering flexible space for new and existing small businesses, some retail use, and a food and beverage opportunity, with indoor and outdoor dining space, along with an access road, and mooring space.

The improvements will enhance the experience for both residents and visitors when exploring the canal by foot or bicycle.





The cost of living is continuing to rise, and we know that it's having an impact on many households across the borough - but we want to reassure you that support is available to anyone who needs it.

Helping with the cost of living

Even though we're now in the warmer months, and we don't need to heat our homes as much, we know the tough times are not over. So, if you're struggling to manage your finances, please remember you're not alone. Support is available - visit our website at www.chesterfield.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support to find out more.



Tenancy support

If you're a council tenant and are struggling to pay your rent and bills, it's important that you get in touch with us as soon as possible so that we can help. Our dedicated tenancy support officers provide support that will help you keep your home, including dealing with debt created through rent arrears.

For more information on the support available:

🌐 visit: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/tenancy-supportinformation

✉ email: tenancy.support.referrals@chesterfield.gov.uk

☎ call: **01246 345354**

If we contact you about rent arrears, please don't ignore this and put off the problem - get in touch and see how we can help.



Discretionary Housing Payments

Did you know that you may be able to get extra help towards your rent through the Discretionary Housing Payment scheme? These are payments we can make to people in exceptional hardship, who need extra help with their housing costs.

You can apply for Discretionary Housing Payments if you receive Housing Benefit or the housing costs element of Universal Credit.

For more information or to make a claim:

visit: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/dhp

or call: **01246 345484**



Homelessness prevention

If you think that you're at risk of becoming homeless – whether you're a council tenant or not – you can contact our homeless prevention team:

email: homelessness.prevention@chesterfield.gov.uk

or call: **01246 345825**

Our officers can provide advice that could help save your home and put you in touch with lots of other support services, if needed. If that's not an option, we may be able to help you to find a different home, dependent on your circumstances.

Pathways of Chesterfield also provide housing support and benefit advice to prevent homelessness. You can contact the team on **01246 498204**.

If you're facing homelessness as a result of an emergency situation, outside of normal office hours, please call **P3 Charity** which operates Derbyshire's out of hours homelessness service on behalf of the county's district and borough councils. You can contact the team on **08081 692 333** for advice and assistance.



Council Tax Support Scheme

If you are on low income, you may be entitled to support through the Council Tax Support Scheme - reducing the amount of Council Tax you are liable to pay.

More information can be found at:

website: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/benefits



Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire Credit Union – financial support from your Community Bank

Help is also on hand from your **Community Bank** with a range of loans and saving products available from the **Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire Credit Union** – including personal loans, home appliance loans and back to school loans. Family loans are also available if you are in receipt of child benefit.

The Community Bank is a not for profit co-operative offering an ethical borrowing and saving alternative to the banks. All savings are protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

Members typically borrow for home repairs, furniture, holidays, paying bills and back to school expenses. All loans are subject to affordability and credit checks.

For more information visit

website: cnedcu.co.uk

or call: **01246 278833**

For details of further support that you may be entitled to, please visit

www.chesterfield.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support

Take 15 minutes to help someone you care about live safely from the risk of fire



Derbyshire
Fire & Rescue Service
Making Derbyshire Safer



Since May 2021, firefighters across Derbyshire have attended nine accidental house fires that have tragically resulted in a fatality.

To help prevent even more accidental fires, Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service (DFRS) has launched the '15 Minutes to Save A Life' campaign and is asking for you to help your loved ones by taking just 15 minutes out of your day to help them carry out a simple online DIY home fire safety check.

The fire service's data tells them that the majority of those killed are aged 60+ and are likely living alone with limited digital access - this could be your parent, grandparent, neighbour or friend, so why not offer them a helping hand?

The simple online check will highlight any fire risks in the home and give advice and information to prevent a fire. Anyone who is highlighted as at high risk of a fire will be contacted by the DFRS and a further face-face visit will be arranged.

How to carry out a DIY home fire safety check

Visit www.derbys-fire.gov.uk and follow the 15 minutes to save a life link or scan the QR code on this page.

Whether it be on the way home from work, on the way to the gym, or on the way to the shops – all you need to do is take 15 minutes out of your day to pop in and complete the form that could help to keep someone you care about safe from fire.

Help support people who are vulnerable to being radicalised

Some vulnerable people may be at risk of being exploited by extreme groups, and it's important to know the warning signs so we can protect anyone who is being targeted.

We work with police and other agencies to help people spot the signs of radicalisation, and help them to report concerns, as part of the government's anti-terrorism programme, Prevent.

Prevent does not aim to criminalise anyone, but instead provides tools that may help you understand if you should be concerned about the behaviour of someone close to you.

While there is no single route to radicalisation, and there may be many other, more innocent, explanations behind someone's behaviour, there are some typical signs to look out for.

For example, do you believe someone you're worried about is being influenced or controlled by

a group, is displaying an obsessive or angry desire for change, or is sharing worrying or extreme views on social media?

If someone is experiencing mental health issues, they may also be more vulnerable to being influenced by other people.

For more information and support visit: www.derbyshire.police.co.uk or call the Police Prevent team on **0300 122 8694**. If you don't want to talk to the police, you can email: prevent@derbyshire.gov.uk or talk to another professional such as a teacher, social worker or someone who works in the health sector.



Unusual discovery at Revolution House

One of Chesterfield's most historic buildings has been making the headlines following an unusual discovery.

A series of markings on the fireplace at Revolution House have been officially confirmed as protection marks designed to ward off witches.

The apotropaic markings (commonly referred to as anti-witch marks) depict a double 'V' which is a reference to the Virgin Mary Protector of Life and Family. Markings like this were usually placed near openings or windows with the intention of keeping witches and evil spirits out.

The unusual markings were spotted by one of the museum team who photographed them and sent the images to Professor Ronald Hutton, who kindly identified them.

Professor Ronald Hutton, a professor at the University of Bristol and leading authority on folklore, said: "These are convincing examples of apotropaic markings. The interlocked VVs are absolutely standard. The others are harder to make out but could correspond to more than one other known type of mark in the repertoire."

Revolution House was originally constructed as a farmhouse in the 16th century and later became an inn during the 17th century – during this period there was a heightened belief in witches and witchcraft.

In 1688 three local noblemen used the then Cock and Pynot Inn as a meeting place to begin planning their part in the overthrow of King James II.

You can find out more about Revolution House – including visitor events which run through the summer – at: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/revolutionhouse

“ We already knew that Revolution House had a rich history but this is an interesting discovery that tells us more about the people who have used the building in the past.”

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



What's on

Winding Wheel Theatre www.chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk

Box office: (01246) 345222

Dire Streets

Friday 14 July at 7.30pm

Bringing to life the classic songs of one of the world's greatest guitar bands.

The Super Duper 70s Show

Friday 15 July at 7.30pm

A sensational 70s show spectacular!

UK Pink Floyd Experience

Thursday 20 July at 7.30pm

UK Pink Floyd Experience recreates the sights and sounds of the legendary band in concert.

Do You Believe in Ghosts?

Thursday 27 July at 7.30pm

An experiential ghost story, unlike anything you have ever experienced before.

The Animal Guyz - Animals Unleashed Family Show

Monday 31 July at 1pm & 4pm

A show packed with animal effects, music and laughter, designed to both entertain and educate with stunning puppetry and special effects.

Dinosaur World Live Family Show

Monday 7 August at 2pm Tuesday 8 August at 11am & 2pm

A roarsome interactive show for all the family.

The Little Mermaid Family Show

Wednesday 23 August at 2pm

An underwater musical adventure.

The Magic of Motown

Friday 1 September at 7.30pm

Celebrate the sound of a generation with one very special night of Motown music.

National Youth Jazz Orchestra: Blue Note

Sat 2 September at 7.30pm

Celebrating the iconic Blue Note Records and its incomparable contribution to jazz music.

Horrible Histories - Barmy Britain Family Show

Sunday 3 September at 1.30pm and 5pm

The hit West End show, full of crazy new characters and rude new rulers from Britain's barmy past!

Monday Night Jazz - Nicola Farnon

Monday 4 September at 8pm

An evening of jazz.

1999 The Ultimate Prince Experience

Tuesday 5 September at 7.30pm

A tribute to Prince starring Dale Ray.

The Take That Experience

Saturday 9 September 2023 at 7.30pm

A celebration of the music of Take That.

Winding Wheel Centenary Celebrations

Sunday 10 - Fri 15 September at various times

Learn more about the Winding Wheel Theatre's history through a programme of events including films, guided tours and an exhibition.

The Illegal Eagles

Saturday 16 September at 7.30pm

The critically acclaimed tribute to The Eagles.

The Simon and Garfunkel Story

Sunday 17 September at 7.30pm

Direct from the West End, the international tribute to Simon and Garfunkel.

The Haunting

Thursday 21 September at 7.30pm

Conn Artists Theatre Company present this gripping adaptation of some of Charles Dickens' most haunting works.

The Queen Story - A Tribute to Queen

Friday 22 September at 7.30pm

The story of Queen through the eras.

Oh What a Night!

Saturday 23 September at 7.30pm

A musical journey through the incredible career of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons.

Bridesmaids of Britain

Sunday 24 September at 6pm

A comedy parody.

The Nutcracker

Thursday 28 September at 7.30pm

Crown Ballet present this delightful ballet.

Ruby Wax - I'm Not as Well as I Thought I was

Saturday 30 September at 7.30pm

Aladdin Pantomime

Friday 1 December 2023 - Tuesday 2 January 2024, Various times

A Magic Carpet Ride of Adventure! Starring Anne Hegerty (ITV's The Chase) with further casting to be announced.



Chesterfield markets

Chesterfield Market runs every Monday, Friday and Saturday, plus the Thursday Flea Market, which is one of the largest in the Midlands. Speciality Sunday markets also run regularly throughout the year in Chesterfield town centre:

Vegan market

First Sunday of the month

Record fair

Second Sunday of the month

Artisan market

Last Sunday of the month

In bloom market -

Friday 14 July

Plastic free festival

16 July 10am - 4pm, New Square

A special plastic-free marketplace full of products that encourage a plastic-free lifestyle. More details: plasticfreechesterfield.org.uk/plastic-free-festival

Chesterfield medieval fun day

Tuesday 25 July in Chesterfield town centre

Little Hummingbird Events

Tuesday 25 July, Chesterfield Town Centre, supporting the Medieval Fun Day

Little Hummingbird Events will be bringing a number of specialist market stalls to the Medieval Fun Day this year. Stalls will include leather makers, crocheters, knitters, resin jewellery, dog tags and accessories. There will also be pies, breads and savouries and some sweet bakers too.

Chesterfield markets

Peddler Market

15 - 16 September, New Square

Taking over New Square on several dates throughout 2023, Peddler will be bringing some of the best street food the UK has to offer, alongside great craft drinks, live music and much more.

Young persons' market

Sunday 29 October

The next generation of market traders selling their unwanted toys, books and clothes.

1940s market

Thursday 2 November

Peddler Market

17 - 18 November, New Square

Revolution House

Medicines on your doorstep

Sunday 13 August

Discover the traditional and modern uses of herbs and how they can help with common ailments as well as hands on identification and herbal tea tasting. Talks at 12noon and 2pm. More details: www.visitchesterfield.info/whats-on/medicines-on-your-doorstep

Heritage open day (talk on the house)

Sunday 10 September

View paintings and sketches by local artist, Joseph Syddall and learn more about his fascinating career. talks on the house will take place at 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm and 2.30pm. More details: www.visitchesterfield.info/whats-on/discover-joseph-syddall

Heritage open days

Heritage open day museum store tour

Saturday 16 September - Calow Lane

Marking Heritage Open Day, take a tour through Chesterfield Museum's collection store, celebrating this year's theme of Creativity Unwrapped.

Other events

Chesterfield Pride

Sunday 23 July in Stand Road Park

For information and tickets visit www.chesterfieldpride.co.uk

Chesterfield Food and Drink Festival

22 - 23 July in Queen's Park

Find out more:

www.visitchesterfield.info/foodfestival

Children's Festival

29 - 30 July - In Chesterfield town centre and Queen's Park

A free fun weekend for families including music, theatre, storytelling, dance and art workshops.

www.junctionarts.org/events/chesterfield-childrens-festival/

Chesterfield Eat in the Park

Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 August in Queen's Park

For information and tickets visit

www.eatinthepark.uk/chesterfield-festival

Chesterfield fireworks

Friday 3 November at Stand Road Park

Christmas lights switch on

Sunday 19 November in Chesterfield town centre

Paddington Bear will be attending the Christmas light switch on.



Your new cabinet members

A newly re-shaped cabinet is now in place following the local elections in May.

Our cabinet is responsible for making decisions on all matters except for the council's regulatory functions and policy and budget setting, which is carried out by full council.

Most cabinet members have responsibility for a specific area of our work, and these roles are set out below.

Cabinet will also be attended by Councillor Paul Holmes, the leader of the Liberal Democrat group, which is the opposition on the council.

Councillor Tricia Gilby, Chesterfield Borough Council's leader said: "I am pleased to welcome some new faces to cabinet following the recent

local elections – the new cabinet line-up recognises the skills and abilities of our members.

"Over the next four years, we will continue with our plan to make Chesterfield a thriving borough, to improve the quality of life for local people and to build a resilient council."

See pages 10 and 11 for details of your local councillor.



Tricia Gilby

Council leader

Member for Economic Growth



Amanda Serjeant

Deputy leader

Member for Finance and Asset Management



Gavin Baldauf-Good

Member for Customers and Business



Jonathan Davies

Member for Health and Wellbeing



Jean Innes

Member for Housing



Kate Sarvent

Member for Town Centres and Visitor Economy



Martin Stone

Member for Climate Change, Planning, and Environment



Judy Staton

Member for Governance

Councillor's allowances

All our councillors are entitled to a basic allowance for carrying out their duties at Chesterfield Borough Council. Extra allowances are also allocated for those with special responsibilities such as cabinet members. For allowances claimed in 2022/23 visit: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/members-allowances

If you don't have access to online information then a printed list of councillor's allowances can be collected from the Town Hall reception.

Welcoming the new Mayor and Mayoress

Councillor Mick Brady is Chesterfield's 382nd Mayor, after being officially sworn in as the borough's civic head for the coming year.

Officially sworn in at a ceremony in May, Councillor Brady will be joined by the new Mayoress, Councillor Suzie Perkins.

They are raising money for this year's Mayor's Appeal in aid of two local charities – Chesterfield Community Trust and The Royal Hospital Charity.

Councillor Brady, who was first elected to represent the Hasland ward back in 1995, said: "Representing the people of the borough in the role of Mayor is a special honour and I am extremely proud to take up office. I hope to meet

as many residents as possible while out on civic duties, raising much-needed funds for two very deserving local charities."

They replace Councillor Tony Rogers and his wife Sharon who served as Mayor and Mayoress for the 2022 to 2023 civic year.

Councillor Jenny Flood is Deputy Mayor, supported by Deputy Mayoress, Heather Miles.

For more information, visit the website at: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/your-council/mayor-and-mayoress



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**)

If you can't find what you are looking for, you can fill in a contact form

www.chesterfield.gov.uk/contact

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 303 3378

Homelessness prevention team - (01246) 345825

homelessness.prevention@chesterfield.gov.uk

Homelessness (out of hours) - 08081 629 333

Home Options - for all council house waiting list and allocations queries

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

(01246) 345700

home.options@chesterfield.gov.uk

Housing management team- (01246) 345071

housingmanagement@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

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你可覺得易於與我們接觸？若不同的話，請提出要求。

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

Siamo accessibili nei vostri riguardi? In caso contrario rivolgetevi a noi!

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

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Are you claiming what you're entitled to?

You could get a reduction on your Council Tax bill if someone living with you is registered as permanently disabled, and you need a home adapted to meet their needs.



Our benefits advisor has helped many residents claim this discount – most of whom had been eligible for a number of years but were not aware they were entitled to claim.

The person with a disability can be any age, and the property must be their main home.

We can award the reduction if your home has one of the following:

an extra bathroom or kitchen - a second toilet doesn't count for this reduction

a room (other than a bathroom, kitchen, or toilet) that is used by the disabled person to meet their needs as a result of their disability

extra space for the person to use a wheelchair inside the property

We will need to visit your home and carry out some checks before we can award this reduction.

You can apply by speaking to our council tax team or submitting an application through our website:

www.chesterfield.gov.uk/reduction-for-disabled-people

Register for extra support

If you or someone you live with is classed as a vulnerable person you may be able to access extra support from your utility supplier, by signing up to the Priority Services Register.

This is a free support service to help people in vulnerable situations such as those who are very ill, or those who rely on power for medical equipment. You could get extra or priority support if there's a power cut. You may also be eligible for alternative heating or cooking facilities, or other services like checking in on you to make sure you are okay.

You could also get help with practical issues, like meter readings or helping you to manage your bills.

Residents of pensionable age, people with disabilities, carers, parents with children under five years old or anyone reliant on medical equipment are among those eligible for support.

Register now by contacting your utility supplier directly. If you are not sure who your energy supplier is, you can check with Ofgem.

Find out more at **www.chesterfield.gov.uk/priority-services-list**





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Dancing with dementia



Queen's Park Sports Centre

Boythorpe Road, Chesterfield S40 2ND

Classes run every Monday, 3pm to 4pm

Healthy Living Centre, Staveley

Barlow Road, Staveley, Chesterfield S43 3XR

Classes run every Tuesday, 2.15pm to 3.15pm

A fun, relaxed dance session for people living with dementia and their carers. Come along and dance with Sam, all abilities welcome, no partner is required.

Meet new friends, bring your family.

£4 per person, carers are free

Book online or call reception:

Queen's Park: 📞 **01246 345555**

Healthy Living Centre: 📞 **01246 345666**

