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Putting our communities first



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Welcome

January is always a time to reflect on the year that has gone by and look forward to the coming 12 months.



Councillor Tricia Gilby

It was a great honour to be part of the special council meeting held at the Town Hall before Christmas to confer the status of honorary alderman to former councillors John Burrows, Ray Russell and Steve Brunt.



Although we have 15 honorary aldermen, we have only one honorary alderwoman. This reflects the shape of local government in the past but is not the way Chesterfield Borough Council works today. We have worked to ensure that councillors and council staff are representative of their communities.

Hopefully, this will change in the future and the number of honorary alderwomen will increase. Out of 48 current councillors, 22 are women with the majority of cabinet positions also being held by female councillors.

One of the ways we can make this change is by recognising the stories of Chesterfield's inspirational women. If more young people realise they can aspire to reach their full potential, we will hopefully see more of them holding positions of power in our communities and on the world stage.

This is why we are mounting the current inspirational women exhibition at Chesterfield Museum and why we are holding a special event for International Women's Day on 5 March to which everyone is invited.

A new year is also a time when we aspire to increase our health and fitness. Many of us make resolutions to be more active. The new Beat the Street activity will help people with this. I will be giving it a go and I hope to see more people out on the trail.

I'd like to finish by offering all our residents best wishes for the coming year.

Councillor Tricia Gilby
Leader, Chesterfield Borough Council.



Former councillor, John Burrows and the mayor, councillor Gordon Simmons share a joke and councillor Terry Gilby gives a speech at the honorary alderman event.

Cover image: Robinsons' Women's football Team 1917
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Are You Being Served?



A survey of our residents shows that more than 70 per cent of Chesterfield people are satisfied with the services that we provide.

The survey, called Are You Being Served, is part of a national initiative to find out how happy residents are with the services provided by their local councils and allows us to measure our performance against other councils in the country.

We carried out similar surveys in 2013, 2015 and 2017 allowing us to monitor how satisfied our residents are.

The postal questionnaire was sent to a random sample of 3,500 residents in the borough during the summer and was completed by 611 residents. This is enough to give us a reliable sample of people's opinions.

Overall people are satisfied with life in Chesterfield: **84 per cent** said they are satisfied with their local area as a place to live.

More than 70 per cent are happy with the services we provide: **74 per cent** said they are satisfied with how the council runs things.

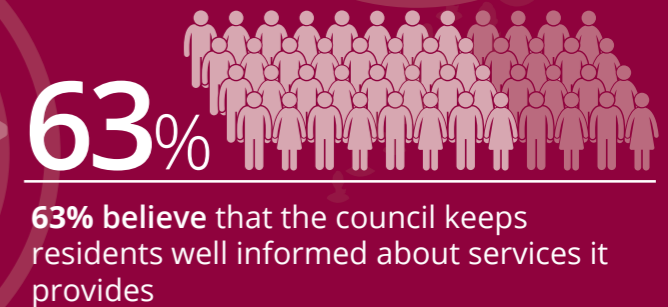
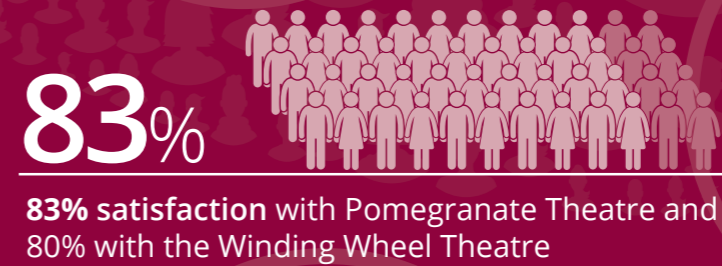
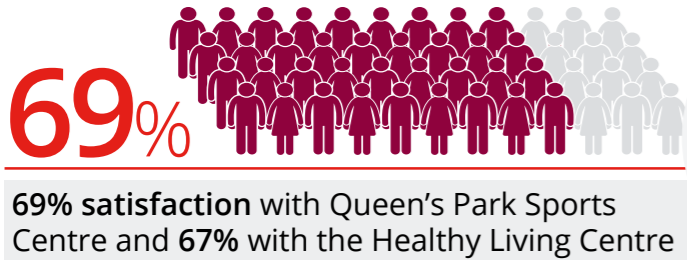
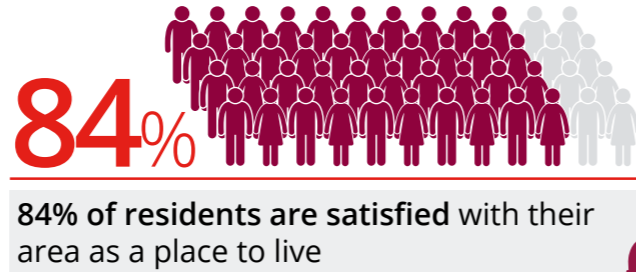
People are also happy with the way they receive their information from us: **63 per cent** believe the council keeps residents well informed about services we provide, **72 per cent** are satisfied with the council's website and **80 per cent** feel more informed about the services we provide after reading Your Chesterfield.

You are happy with the green spaces in the borough with **83 per cent** expressing satisfaction with our parks and open spaces while **48 per cent** said they were satisfied with how we keep public land clear of litter and refuse.

86 per cent also said they were satisfied with refuse collection in the borough and **75 per cent** are also happy with the kerbside recycling service we provide.

See a breakdown of the results on pages four to five.

How are we doing?



Improvements to Hasland estate

Residents in Hasland are benefitting from improvements made to the Heathcote Drive estate.

Earlier this year, the Friends of Eastwood Park, supported by the council, received a grant of £11,992 from the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government to transform part of the estate and create a new play area.

This is part of the Pocket Parks Plus programme, which supports communities and their partners to establish new pocket parks and refurbish existing parks where people can relax, exercise, socialise and play.

The work to create the play area was carried out by the council's in-house team during the summer providing high-quality wooden equipment including swings, slides and a roundabout and followed consultation with residents in the spring about the type of equipment they would like to see included.

Councillor Amanda Serjeant, the council's deputy leader said: "One of the council's top priorities is to improve the quality of life for local people and this fantastic new play area is a great example of where we have done just that, I'm particularly proud that the work was carried out by our own staff showing we have the relevant skills within the council.

"I'm sure this will be enjoyed by future generations of children in Hasland."

The new play area is being enjoyed by local children including groups from Hasland Junior School who visited the park in the autumn for a bulb planting event.

Groups of children were helped by the Friends of Eastwood Park to plant more than 1,000 daffodil

and crocus bulbs to brighten up the area as the spring comes and is part of a project to plant around 14,000 bulbs across the borough.

This comes as work has been completed to carry out improvements to homes on the estate.

These homes are Unity properties, which are concrete panels on a steel structure, and were originally built as a short term strategy to combat severe housing shortages after the Second World War.

Works have been carried out to the outside structure of the properties as well as installing new roofs, fascia, soffits and adding insulation to the roof voids as well as new windows. This will not only improve the look of the properties but also make them much more energy-efficient.

The work was carried out by Sustainable Building Services – a specialist in the insulation field.

Councillor Serjeant added: "These homes are the last in a programme which has taken four years to complete.



"All properties owned by Chesterfield Borough Council now either have cavity filled insulation or external wall insulation leading to lower energy bills for our tenants and is part of our commitment to reducing the effects of climate change in the borough."



Eastwood Park is one of the council's award-winning parks, receiving a Green Flag award for the fourth time last year. A Green Flag award is the sign that a park has the highest possible environmental standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent visitor facilities.

Anyone is welcome to join the Friends of Eastwood Park.

For more information, visit: www.friendsofeastwoodpark.org.uk.



Train maker Talgo UK sets up HQ in Chesterfield

Train maker, Talgo UK, has opened its UK headquarters at Barrow Hill Engine Shed, and committed to invest in Chesterfield further as time develops.

A number of new high-quality jobs will be created in Chesterfield thanks to Talgo UK's decision to base its headquarters locally, although details of when this will be are limited at the moment as it depends on an order for new trains.

Talgo is also committed to establishing an innovation centre at Barrow Hill Roundhouse which is expected to become a focal point for Talgo UK's training, research and development activities.

Originating in Spain, the fully-fledged UK company has been working closely with local partners since 2018 to progress plans for the centre. Detailed feasibility work, including a RIBA Stage 2 design study has now been completed which has established viability and the scale of opportunity for the proposed centre. Work continues to look at options to establish how this investment can be delivered on site with key public and private sector partners.

Terry Gilby, cabinet member for economic growth, said: "Future investment is likely to be phased to bring forward a centre that offers a suite of specialist laboratories, commercial office and workshop space and training facilities that will provide a complete education pathway from level 2 through to postgraduate study."

Jon Veitch, Managing Director of Talgo UK added: "The Talgo team is really excited to have established in Chesterfield. Talgo's presence will lead the revival of 'true manufacturing' of rail vehicles to the UK, as opposed to assembling from kits of parts brought in. It will also mean that, unlike some providers, significant research and development activity will be transferred to the UK and then nurtured. Talgo's approach keeps more money in the local, regional and national economies of the UK".



Beat the Street: getting Chesterfield moving

Coming soon to a lamppost near you, will be small tracker boxes as part of a community fitness initiative –called Beat the Street.

Involving over 30 schools and the wider community within Chesterfield, 108 'beat boxes' will be installed for children and their families to track their journeys; walking, running or cycling.

Children and adults taking part can earn points by tapping their card or fob on one of the boxes to register they have been at that location. They must then move to another beat box to complete the journey.



Multiple boxes can be tapped within one journey; the more boxes tapped, the more points earned for their school team.

Schools topping the points leader board can win sports equipment, and individuals taking part can win random 'tap prizes' too.

Sponsored by Sport England and in partnership with Chesterfield Borough Council, the project launches in late February and aims to get residents more active in 2020.

Help for care leavers

We have worked with Derbyshire County Council and other Derbyshire district and borough councils to develop a new Care Leaver Offer to help support young people leaving care in Derbyshire.

The new scheme will help care leavers with the cost of a home to improve their health and wellbeing and also to access employment, skills and training.

Councillors agreed to sign up to the scheme at a meeting in December. This will see 18 to 25 year old eligible care leavers receive a discount of 100 per cent of their Council Tax from 1 April 2020. This discount will be applied after other benefits and discounts have been taken into account and will be reduced if they live with another person.

Other benefits from the scheme for eligible care leavers include: physical activity programmes at our sports centres, help in finding a job, apprenticeships and work experience and help in finding a home.

We will also be working with Derbyshire County Council to actively promote foster care and supported lodging opportunities as we need to attract and retain quality foster families, carers and supported lodgings to meet rising demand.



Chesterfield properties go live on Home-Options website

The council joined the Home-Options Partnership earlier this year and the first Chesterfield homes were advertised on the website in November.

Within seconds of the advertisements going live, the team started to receive bids from local residents who were looking to find a new home in the borough.

Home-Options places applicants into priority bands based on their current circumstances and housing needs. Once registered for the online service, applicants are able to bid on properties, advertised on the website, that meet their housing needs. This means that they have more choice about the housing options available to them.

To access the service, people who were previously registered with Chesterfield's On the Move scheme

simply need to register online at: www.home-options.org.

Normally, properties will be advertised for a week, but applicants currently have two weeks to bid on the properties advertised on the website. This additional time enables applicants to resolve any outstanding issues they may have with their new application, giving them the best possible chance of securing the home that's right for them.

Councillor Chris Ludlow, the council's cabinet member for housing, said: "Through the Home-Options Partnership, a group of councils and housing providers work together to provide homes

across Derbyshire and Staffordshire Moorlands. We aim to match people's housing needs with accommodation that is suitable for them.

"As a council it is our priority to improve the quality of life for local people and we know that there is a strong link between good housing and good health, education and employment prospects, so it's important to make sure that we're giving people the best chance of finding a home that is right for them and their needs.

"Housing is much more than bricks and mortar so we hope that by allowing people to have more choice on where they want to live, it will enable them to find the right home that, in turn, will allow them to reach their full potential and improve their health and wellbeing."

So far, we have processed over 1,500 housing applications. Of these, 800 applications are now live, and these people are able to bid for

available accommodation. We also have around 350 applications currently pending. Our team are busy helping these people to complete their applications so that they are able to bid too.

If you want to register for Home-Options but are unsure about how to use the new system, the housing options team are on hand to help. Whether it's helping to register, guidance on the process of bidding on properties or information about alternative housing options, call the team on (01246) 345700 between 9am and 4.30pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday or between 10am and 4.30pm on Wednesday and 9.30am and 4pm on Friday.

Visit: www.home-options.org to find out more.

New sports pitch open for use

Local sports clubs are benefiting from our new 3G sports pitch which has opened on the site of the former Queen's Park Sports Centre on Boythorpe Road.

The flood-lit all-weather pitch built and maintained by the council is big enough to support either one seven-a-side game or two five-a-side football games at a time.

It has been built to meet a need identified by the Football Association and Sport England to increase the number of artificial pitches available in the borough; a decision which has gone down well with local sports teams.

Local lad and keen footballer, Oli Papworth (*shown second from left below*), from Newbold, said: "This is a really good facility and it's great to see the local

area get something new like this for everyone to use.

"As well as training here with Chesterfield FC, I often play here with my mates too in my free time. It's really good for seven-a-side football."

Oli's coach, Neil Cluxton added: "We've got a great relationship with the team over at the sports centre.

"Previously, we were having to train at Graves Sports Centre, outside of the borough, so we're really grateful to be able to be back in Chesterfield and we're really benefitting from this excellent new pitch."



The old Queen's Park Sports Centre closed at the end of December 2015 ahead of the current centre opening on the site of the former Queen's Park Annexe the following month.

We consulted with residents on what they would like to see on the site in the autumn of 2016. The majority of people who responded, 67 per cent, agreed with the 3G sports pitch option.

Councillor Jill Mannion-Brunt, the council's cabinet member for health and wellbeing, says: "I'm thrilled to see that the sports pitch is now open and being used by members of our community.

"One of our priorities is to improve the quality of life for local people and offering more opportunities for people to take part in sport activities can only be a good thing.

"I hope that the performance of the England women's football team in last summer's world cup and also the England rugby team in last autumn's rugby world cup will also encourage more people to take up sport and use the new pitch."

When planning the new pitch, we have borne in mind the Grade II* listed status of Queen's Park and also the views of local residents.

The pitch has been sited to make the fencing and lighting columns less visible from within the park and nearby properties. The floodlights have also been designed to reduce light emissions, with the

fencing and lighting in dark colours to blend in with the park environment.

The area surrounding the pitch will be landscaped with trees, shrubs, bedding plants and grass to support a planting scheme that is sympathetic to the original park design by William Barron that was in place before the old Queen's Park Sports Centre was built in 1968.

Any groups or individuals interested in using the pitch, should contact the team at Queen's Park Sports Centre by calling (01246) 345555 or by emailing: qpccenquiries@chesterfield.gov.uk



Chesterfield's new housing strategy approved

The council has approved a new four-year housing strategy which outlines our priorities to improve the borough's housing offer and meet the needs of residents.

This new strategy sets out the council's housing ambitions from 2019 to 2023 and is set out under three key objectives:

Delivery - Ensuring that new housing meets the needs of current and future residents of Chesterfield to provide a home for every stage of life

Quality - The council will use internal and external resources to ensure that as many homes as possible are of decent quality

People - Ensuring that the needs of all groups to access and sustain housing appropriate for their needs in Chesterfield, particularly those that are vulnerable.

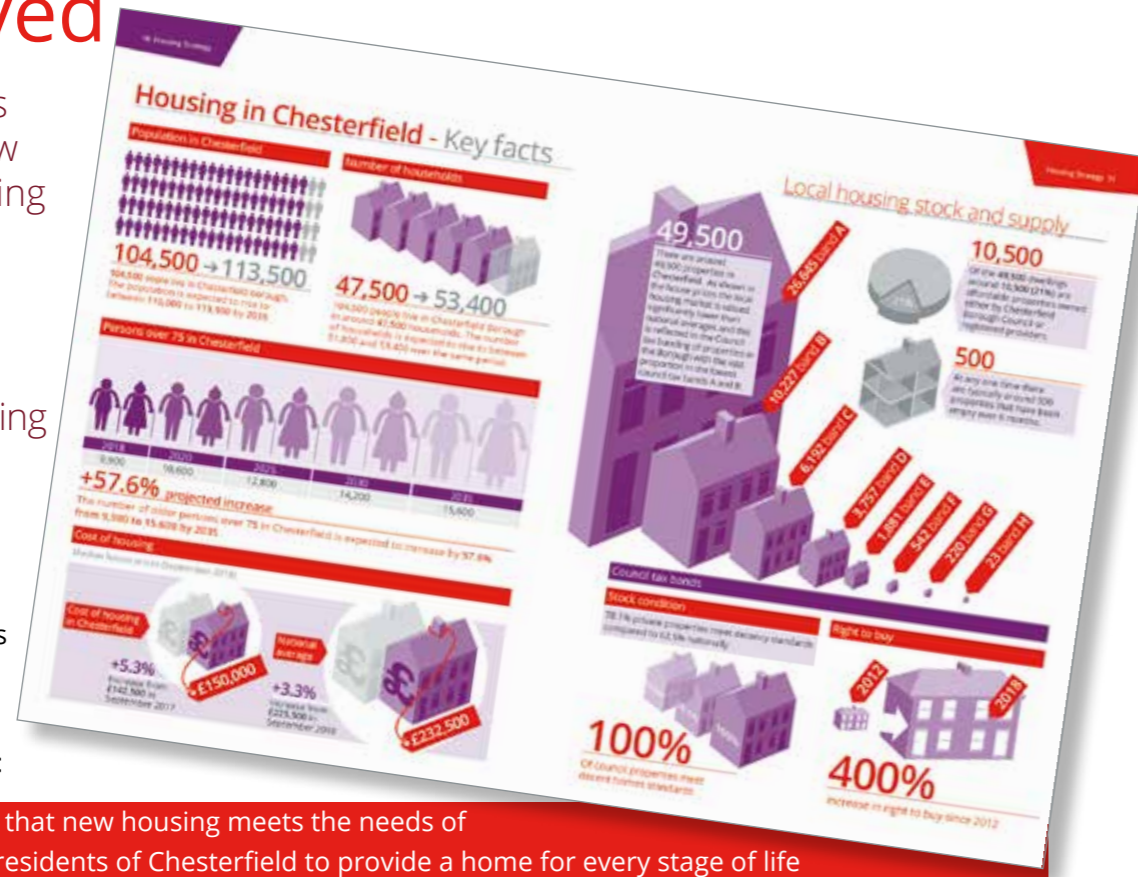
Councillor Chris Ludlow, the council's cabinet member for housing, said: "This strategy is really important as it sets out the framework for the council to meet the housing challenges in the borough."

"It will play a key role in helping us to deliver council's vision of 'putting our communities first' and help us achieve our priorities of making Chesterfield a thriving borough and improving the quality of life for local people."

Residents were invited to comment on the housing strategy during September and October. The consultation programme included an online survey for members of the public to complete and a session with tenant representatives.

Councillor Ludlow added: "For us, it was important to make sure that this new strategy takes into account people's views and addresses the challenges currently being experienced by residents and stakeholders here in Chesterfield. By consulting with the public we've been able to make sure that the strategy focuses on the most relevant issues which will allow us to make the greatest impact over the next four years."

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



Works continue to transform the Grangewood estate

Work is progressing well on the Grangewood estate to improve the look of the housing and improve access for residents.

New windows have now been installed in all three blocks on the estate – Birchwood Court, Longcroft Court and Grangewood Court. We have also started on the concrete repairs to the stairwells and other communal areas.



Communal areas at Birchwood Court and Longcroft Court have also been fully redecorated, making them both lighter and brighter for residents. External cladding works for both of these blocks is expected to start next month.

Each block has been reroofed and rendering works have been completed on Birchwood Court and Grangewood Court.

Works on the Grangewood Estate are expected to be complete by July and we're hopeful that the improvements we've made will make a real difference to the feel of the estate for residents.

Phase two set to start soon at Barrow Hill

Over on the Barrow Hill estate, phase two of the environmental works will begin early this year.

This phase of work covers the south-easterly part of the London Boroughs estate.

Similar to the first phase, which saw works being carried out on the north-easterly part of the estate, phase two will include improvements to car parking, new pathways to improve access around the estate, new walls and fences, new and redesigned green spaces and new lighting installed in public areas of the estate.



Once complete, we hope the works will not only improve the overall look and feel of the estate but also make life easier for tenants too.



Climate emergency: update

Chesterfield Borough Council declared a climate emergency in July last year and following this has set up a working group to explore how both the council and borough can work towards becoming carbon neutral.

2019 saw climate change hit the headlines numerous times which has helped to raise the profile on this global issue.

Climate change is the major and long-term shift in the earth's weather patterns, and Chesterfield Borough Council is committed to working alongside community groups, businesses and residents to tackle the effects of climate change locally.

The working group was formed in October and has since met a number of times to review, discuss and develop actions that can support positive intervention to help tackle carbon emissions and climate change.

The group is developing a fully costed action plan that will be presented to a meeting of full council on 26 February.

Councillor Amanda Serjeant, deputy leader of Chesterfield Borough Council, said: "Local government has a crucial role to play in responding to the climate crisis as a service provider, employer and social landlord.

"By consuming fossil fuels such as oil, gas and coal and cutting down trees, people world-wide have dramatically increased the amount of carbon dioxide in the earth's atmosphere, which is making the planet warmer.

"Each member of our working group has a range of skills, knowledge and experience which together with their links to our wider Chesterfield community will enable us to make a difference."

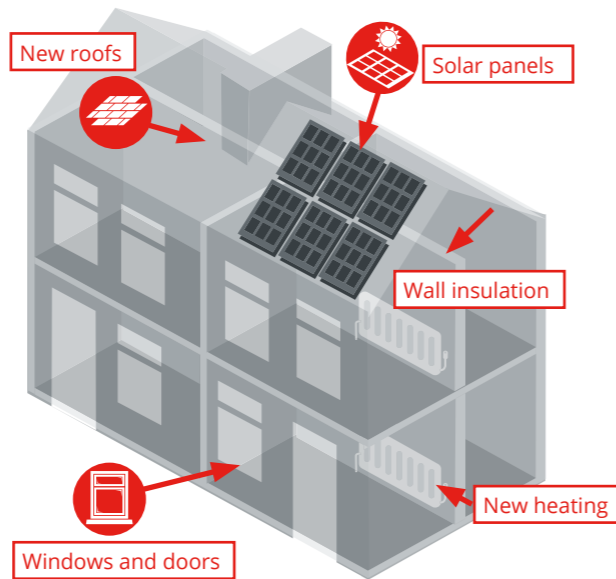
An example of the council taking action now on this issue can be seen with a number of Unity properties on Heathcote Drive in Hasland benefiting from works to make them more energy efficient, which has included having new roof fascia soffits installed, adding insulation to the roof voids and installing new windows.

In addition to the working group, the council is working with local community groups to make a positive impact across the borough. One of the groups we are engaging with is Plastic Free Chesterfield. Together we are seeking to reduce and over time eliminate the use of single use plastic. Visit the group's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/PlasticFreeChesterfield

The council has made several changes in its buildings across the borough to reduce our own use of plastic, although we understand we still have more to make. Our changes so far include switching to cups made from 100% recyclable materials rather than plastic and removing the use of plastic spoons and straws from many of our facilities including the Town Hall, Winding Wheel, Pomegranate, Market Hall Café and Queens' Park Sports Centre Café. We also sell 'ECoffee' cups made from bamboo fibre which can last a lifetime but are also biodegradable.

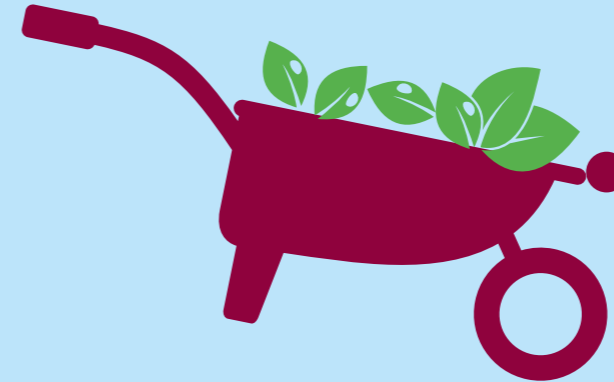
Councillor Serjeant continued: "We are confident that over time we can further decrease our plastic use and encourage others including residents, visitors and businesses to do the same. This in combination with our reduce, re-use and recycle message, means that together we can make a real difference".

Actions carried out by Chesterfield Borough Council to reduce the effects of climate change:



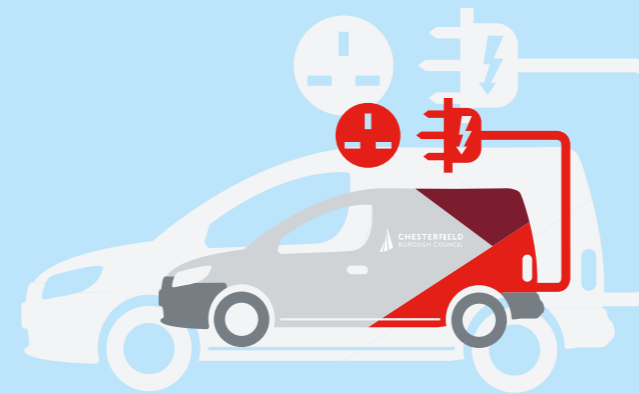
Investing in council homes to make them more energy efficient (more than £60 million invested since 2012)

Waste recycling and composting

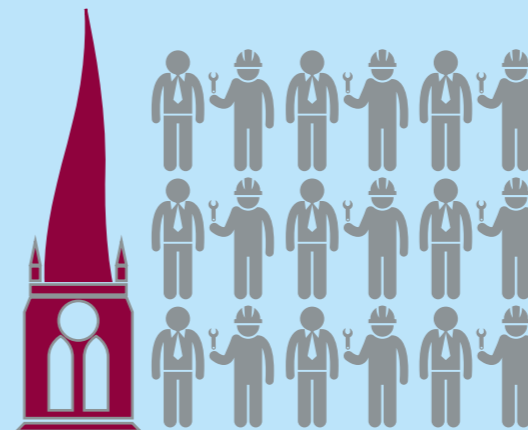


Reducing energy use in council buildings

Reducing the number of council vehicles and switching to electric vehicles



Introducing EV charging points to council-run car parks



Local labour clauses introduced in 2011 to offer job opportunities for local people, also reduces carbon emissions by cutting journey times



Using technology to reduce the need for travel to meetings



Cycle to work scheme for council employees

Get fit for less this New Year

Lots of us find our jeans are that bit tighter after indulging over Christmas and we make resolutions to get fit in the New Year.

Don't miss our New Year offer at our sports centres. Sign up before Friday 7 February and receive 12 months for the price of 10 on an annual pre-paid contract.

If you sign up to our 12 month pre-paid membership on direct debit, the offer price of 12 months for the price of 10 will be frozen for 2020/21 as well.

Signing up as a member means you will have the use of the facilities at both Queen's Park Sports Centre in the town centre and also of the Healthy Living Centre in Staveley.

The price you pay includes use of the two multi-station fitness suites with a huge range of modern equipment, free weights, functional workout zones and a personalised fitness programme.

You can also swim at our six lane, and eight lane pools with family friendly style changing and easy pool access.

The price also includes a packed daily programme of pool and studio based group fitness classes for all abilities.

You can also use our health spa with sauna, steam room, aromatherapy room and hammam heated beds at the Healthy Living Centre and scale the heights of the 34.5ft (10.5 metre) climbing wall and bouldering room.

Squash, badminton and table tennis are all included and you can receive a 50 per cent discount when you bring a non-member with you.

For more information, please visit: www.leisureoffers.co.uk/chesterfield.



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Panto stars visit Gussie's Kitchen



Pantomime stars came to spread some festive cheer at social eating project Gussie's Kitchen during a pre-Christmas visit.

Cast members Spirit of the Beans, played by Janine Pardo, Fleshcreep played by Alexander Lee and Dame Trott played by Simon Howe took time out to meet families and volunteers in the community café based at Saints Augustine Church on Derby Road.

The café, open from 4pm each Tuesday, provides hot, healthy meals to local people each week and gives the chance for people who may be isolated to meet and chat together.

Howzat? Cricket Festival to return this summer



The popular Chesterfield Festival of Cricket will return to Queen's Park this summer.

Derbyshire County Cricket Club, which celebrates its 150th anniversary this year, will face Worcestershire in the county championship from Sunday 14 to Wednesday 17 June.

Saturday 20 June will see the Derbyshire Falcons face rivals Yorkshire Vikings in the T20 Vitality Blast.

The Falcons will face the Vikings again in the Royal London Cup on Sunday 26 July.

Tickets available at: www.dccctickets.com

Winter safety tips

While spring may be on the way, we are still in the grip of winter.

This usually means dark nights, cold and wet weather but can also lead to storms and flooding.

Here are a few tips to prepare yourself and your home for the winter weather situation:

Power cuts or gas emergencies – In the event of a power cut, call your Electricity Distribution Network Operator on 105 to find out what you should do. Call the gas network on 0800 111999 for advice on how to handle gas emergencies.

Roof – Are there any loose tiles or slates on your roof that you need to get fixed? Fixing them early can avoid accidents and leaks during bad weather.

Guttering – Clear out leaves from your guttering to avoid blockages, overflows and leaks.

Pipework – Insulate your pipework and outside taps to avoid pipes bursting in freezing temperatures.

Insulation – Insulating your home too will keep it warm and energy efficient, whilst also helping to keep your heating costs down.

For more winter weather tips visit: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/living-here/severe-weather.aspx

International Women's Day 2020: #EachforEqual

International Women's Day is an annual event that aims to empower women to live in an equal and enabled world.

Chesterfield Borough Council is committed to the development of all of its staff and encourages its employees to actively pursue personal development opportunities.

The theme for International Women's Day this year is #EachforEqual, noting that collectively we can all challenge stereotypes, celebrate women's achievements and help to create a gender equal society.

Events are planned to take place around the world in March to celebrate International Women's Day in community locations and workplaces, with many people sharing stories about inspirational females or issues that women face in the world today.

People are invited to take part in an event organised by the Chesterfield Equality and Diversity Forum at Chesterfield Museum on Friday 6 March which will focus on the lives of women from Chesterfield and their part in history.

When we think about being inclusive and the roles that women often carry out in our community, we should all be encouraged to think outside of the box and develop our skills to be who we want to be and fulfil any career ambitions we have.

The council has a good track record of offering opportunities for women: of the nine positions in the council's senior leadership and corporate management teams, four of them are held by women.

The council also has a female leader in Councillor Tricia Gilby and her deputy, Councillor Amanda Serjeant. Of the 48 councillors elected in Chesterfield, 22 of these are women.

Charlotte Herrett works as the council's fleet and facilities manager, working among a mostly male workforce.

She says: "There are some traditional values attached to women working in fleet management. However, I feel I have gone a long way in changing people's perceptions of 'a girl in a garage'.

"You have to be prepared to get your hands dirty. There are times where there has been a breakdown, particularly a road sweeper and that machine needs to be repaired quickly to get it back on the road and reduce downtime.

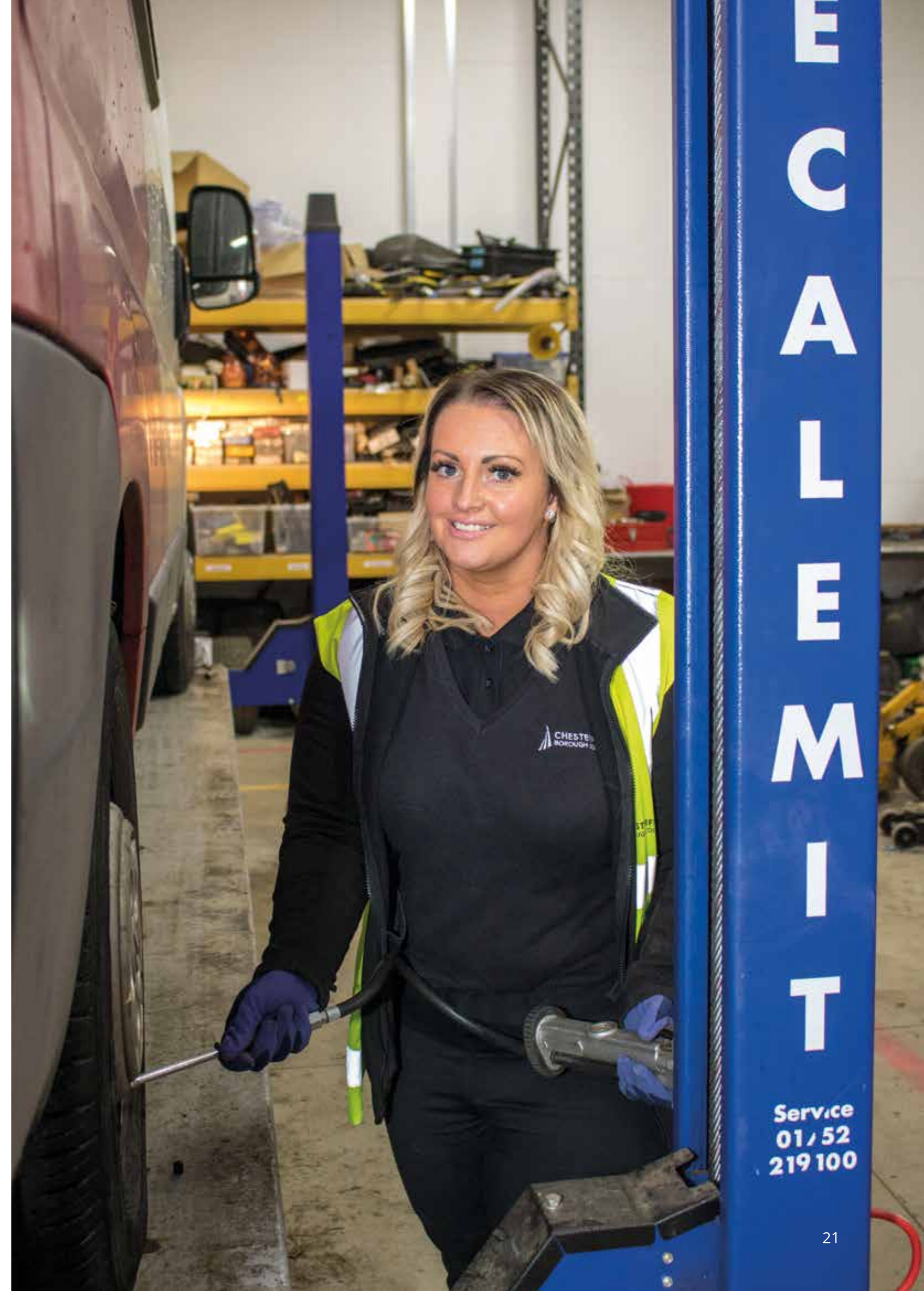


"There have been plenty of times where I have been in the garage following instructions on video calls from a mechanic. I have been elbow deep in grease and dirt to find the problem. As a woman you have to be confident in your abilities. You have to believe in yourself, you need to believe you can do anything however physical it may seem.

"There is no reason why a job has to be gender specific. People generally don't expect a woman to walk out when they ask to see the fleet manager. So I immediately stand out, which means my work is always taken notice of.

"Sometimes that means I have more to prove in order to change generations of stereotypes of this being a manual man's job. Other times it works really well as I show that anyone can do any job regardless of the background you have or the gender you are."

To take part in the International Women's Day event on 6 March, contact Katy Marshall or Allison Potter by calling (01246) 345247 or email katy.marshall@chesterfield.gov.uk or allison.potter@chesterfield.gov.uk.



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Litter picking equipment up for grabs

Community groups across Chesterfield have benefitted from new litter picking equipment thanks to a grant secured by the council.

Wheelbarrows, litter pickers, brooms, shovels and gloves have been distributed across the borough to help local litter picking groups keep their community tidy.

We still have some equipment available. So, if you're part of a community group that would like to start your own litter picking group and would like some new equipment to help get you started, please contact our tenant participation team on (01246) 345147 or tpenquiries@chesterfield.gov.uk

Night shelter open for rest of winter

Chesterfield night shelter will remain open until 31 March to provide homeless people in Chesterfield a warm place to stay, seven nights a week.

To find out more about the shelter, contact the Homeless Prevention Team on (01246) 345825 between 8:30am and 5pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday or between 10am and 5pm on Wednesday and Friday.

For out of hours support, please contact Call Derbyshire on (01629) 532600.

Review of the Anti-Social Behaviour Service

Our tenant challenge panel has been busy reviewing the council's housing anti-social behavior (ASB) service.

As part of the review, the panel, made up of tenants, carried out a survey with those who had previously used the service to find out more about their personal experiences.

Overall, the panel felt that the service is very good. It did, however, highlight a few areas where we could improve to boost satisfaction even further. One suggestion is to improve information about the service so tenants have a better understanding of what to expect. The team has taken this feedback on board and will be working to make this information available.

We would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who helped the panel with this review.

Museum celebrates inspirational women

Chesterfield Museum is currently celebrating the lives of local women who have made a significant contribution to their communities and to national life.

Featured are the lives of political campaigners including trade union founder Emma Miller, Labour MP and cabinet minister Barbara Castle and the story of suffragette Winifred Jones.

Visitors can also learn about Florence Robinson, who ensured that Robinsons' Packaging had some of the best working conditions and work social facilities/societies in Derbyshire.

In addition, there is the famous Violet Markham; hero of social welfare, educational



reformer and political pioneer, as the first female mayor of Chesterfield; her mayoral gown and hat will be on display.

Finally – and something which chimes with recent sporting achievements – we have the women of Chesterfield who competed in work and community sporting teams, including the wonderful story of the ladies' football tournament – which took place during the First World War – possibly the first of its kind to be played anywhere in Britain.

The exhibition runs at the popular council-run venue until Saturday 28 March.

Look out for Walking Festival tickets

Tickets for the popular Chesterfield Area Walking Festival will soon be on sale.

Taking place from Saturday 9 to Sunday 17 May, the festival will offer a series of walks around Chesterfield and north Derbyshire suitable for people of all ages and abilities.

Check the Visit Chesterfield Area website for more details:
www.chesterfieldwalkingfestival.co.uk.

Dementia friendly screening

The latest of our popular dementia friendly screenings takes place in February.

Taking place at the Winding Wheel Theatre on Monday 17 February, people will have the chance to see *The Greatest Showman*: inspired by PT Barnum, this bold musical celebrates the birth of showbusiness through the story of a visionary who rose from nothing to create a worldwide sensation.

Tickets to attend the screening are £4 including tea and cake. Each person with dementia can bring a carer or friend free of charge. Doors open at 1pm with the show beginning at 1.30pm.



Residents continue to receive free parking

Chesterfield residents will continue to receive a pass to allow them to park for free in town centre council-run surface car parks for the coming year.

Councillors approved the decision at a meeting of the council's cabinet in December.

This means residents who pay their Council Tax to Chesterfield Borough Council will be able to continue to park before 10am and after 3pm on Monday to Saturday as well as all day on Sundays and bank holidays in the following car parks:

- Albion Road
- Derbyshire Times
- Devonshire Street
- Durrant Road
- Hollis Lane (excluding on-street bays)
- Holywell Cross (the 'Donut')
- Queens Park (North and South)
- Spa Lane
- Station Road
- St Mary's Gate
- Theatre Lane.

At the same meeting, councillors also approved a small increase in the charges to use the town centre car parks.

From 1 April, the price to park in council-run car parks will be 80p to park for 30 minutes, £1.60 for up to one hour, £2.80 for up to four hours and £4.50 for up to four hours.

These increases are the first for two years. For the third year running, we will continue to offer a special discount of **three hours for £3** parking to encourage people to shop local and use our town centre shops and businesses.

Last year saw us open the new Saltergate multi-storey car park. It costs the same to park in this safe, secure environment as our other car parks with the addition of a rate of £6 to park between five and 24 hours.

At the meeting, councillors also made a commitment not to increase car parking charges again next year if the targets for the number of people using the car parks are met.

For more information on car parking in Chesterfield and an interactive map, visit: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/parking.



Former councillors honoured

Three former councillors have been honoured for the service they have given to the borough of Chesterfield.

Former council leaders John Burrows and Ray Russell and former cabinet member Steve Brunt received the honour at an extraordinary council meeting held at the Town Hall on Monday 18 November.

Former Labour councillor John Burrows served as council leader between 2001 and 2003 and again between 2011 and 2017.

Former Liberal Democrat councillor Ray Russell served as council leader between 2003 and 2011.

Former Labour councillor Steve Brunt served as mayor in 2016 and as cabinet member for town centres and visitor economy from 2017 to 2019.

Honorary alderman status is the second-highest honour the council can bestow after the freedom of the borough and has previously only been granted on 13 occasions.

At the ceremony, each was presented with a scroll and commemorative badge and signed the roll of honorary aldermen.

Their names have also been added to the board displayed outside the Council Chamber in the Town Hall.

The role carries no responsibilities but recognises the service each of these men have given in their communities and means they will be invited to attend certain council meetings and events as honoured guests.

Independent panel recommends changes to councillors' allowances

An independent panel made up of Chesterfield residents has recommended the allowances that councillors can claim for the work they carry out in representing people in their areas.

Although councillors do not receive a salary, all councillors are entitled to claim a basic allowance. In addition, councillors who have special responsibilities such as cabinet members and chairs of council committees are also entitled to claim extra allowances because of the extra time and responsibilities involved with carrying out these roles.

The recommendations include an increase in the basic allowance that can be claimed by all councillors from £5,880 to £6,188 – an increase of £238 per year.

The panel recommended there be no increase to the special responsibility allowances that can be claimed by the council leader, deputy leader, cabinet members, assistant cabinet members, the leader of the minority group on the council, the chair of employment and general committee and the chairs of scrutiny committees. And also recommended that the special responsibility allowances for the vice-chairs of scrutiny committees be reduced from £2,330 to £1,585.

The committee recommended an increase in the allowances that can be claimed by the chairs of planning, appeals and regulatory and the standards and audit committees and by the vice-chairs of the planning and appeals and regulatory committees.

New allowances were recommended for the chair of the council's licensing committee, the vice-chair of the standards and audit committee and the deputy leader of the main minority group on the council.

Councillors can claim only one special responsibility allowance and if they are entitled to more than one, they can claim the higher one.

The special responsibility allowance also extends to any councillor covering for a colleague on parental leave.

The recommendations of the panel were considered and agreed at a meeting of full council on 18 December with the exception of the special responsibility allowances for the vice-chair of standards and audit committee and deputy leader of the main minority group.

The council also agreed that the recommended changes to councillors' allowances would not take effect until 1 April this year.

The full details of the panel's recommendations are set out in the tables on the next page:

Council's scheme of councillors' allowances

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

	Annual Gross (£)
Basic allowance	6,118
Special responsibility allowance	
Council leader and also chair of cabinet	28,343
Deputy leader and also vice-chair of cabinet	15,592
Cabinet member with portfolio	7,779
Assistant cabinet member	3,889
Leader of the main minority political group within the council	8,861
Chair of planning committee	5,754
Chair of appeals and regulatory committee	5,754
Chair of licensing committee	4,754
Vice chair of planning committee	2,877
Vice chair of appeals and regulatory committee	2,877
Chair of employment and general committee	3,565
Chair of overview and scrutiny committees	4,754
Vice chair of overview and scrutiny committees	1,585
Chair of standards and audit committee	4,754
Dependant carer's allowance	up to £6.70 per hour

Travelling allowances (per mile)		
Car	Under 10,000 miles per year 45p	10,000 and over miles per year 25p
Motorcycle	Up to 24p	
Bicycle	Up to 20p	

Subsistence allowances (more than 4 hours absence)				
No overnight stays	Before 11am £5.70	12 noon to 2pm £7.87	3pm to 6pm £3.09	After 7pm £9.73

JOSEPH and the Amazing TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Competition

Win tickets to see Joseph at the Winding Wheel Theatre.

We have four tickets to give away to the opening night of Joseph on Tuesday 11 February.

To enter, answer the following question: On which TV talent show did Mark McMullan find fame?

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

Alternatively post this coupon complete with your answer to: Joseph Competition, Visitor Information Centre, Rykneld Square, Chesterfield, S40 1SB.

Answer:

Name:

Address:

Tel. no:

Entries must be received by noon on Wednesday 5 February.

Go, go, go Joseph!

After sell-out runs in 2012 and 2015, the popular West End musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat returns to the Winding Wheel Theatre this spring.



The show, with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice, featuring well-known songs including Any Dream Will Do, Close Every Door and One More Angel in Heaven, stars Britain's Got Talent 2019 finalist Mark McMullan as Joseph.

Northern Ireland-born Mark wowed audiences and even melted the heart of TV's Mr Nasty, Simon Cowell, with his touching rendition of Bring Him Home dedicated to his brother.

Extensive refurbishments were carried out at the Chesterfield Borough Council-owned venue in 2018 to allow more it to host more of these touring productions.

Councillor Kate Sarvent, the council's cabinet member for town centres and visitor economy, says: "I'm thrilled that Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is returning to the Winding Wheel Theatre this February.

"It is wonderful to be able to welcome touring productions on this scale for Chesterfield audiences.

"Joseph is one of the most successful shows that we have staged with many performances selling out last time it was on here and I'm sure it will prove just as popular this time.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat runs at the Winding Wheel Theatre from Tuesday 11 to Saturday 15 February with various performance times available.

To book tickets, visit the Chesterfield Theatres website: www.chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk or call the box office on (01246) 345222.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is just one of a series of fantastic shows coming up at Chesterfield Theatres in the coming months.

The hilarious West End comedy Ten Times Table by Alan Ayckbourn comes to the Pomegranate Theatre in March starring Robert Daws, best known



as Doctor Ormerod in ITV's The Royal with Deborah Grant (Not Going Out and Bergerac), Craig Gazey (Coronation Street), Gemma Oaten (Emmerdale), Mark Curry (Hollyoaks), Robert Duncan (Drop The Dead Donkey) and Elizabeth Power (EastEnders).

The show runs from Monday 9 to Saturday 14 March.

The Pomegranate Theatre plays host to The Classic Thriller Theatre Company's all-star cast production of The Cat and the Canary featuring Marti Webb, Britt Ekland, Ben Nealon, Gary Webster and Mark Jordon.



The production runs from Monday 15 to Saturday 20 June at the Pomegranate Theatre.

To book tickets for these shows, visit the Chesterfield Theatres website: www.chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk or call the box office on (01246) 345222.

What's on

Chesterfield Market

Open air market each Monday, Friday and Saturday. Flea market each Thursday.

Artisan market

in association with The Market Co. **Sundays 23 February, 29 March**



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Extraordinary Women

until 28 March

An exhibition celebrating the amazing women of Chesterfield and telling their extraordinary stories.

Pomegranate Theatre

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

Spring Play Season

Time and time again

Tuesday 28 January to Saturday 1 February, evenings 7.30pm, Wednesday matinee 2pm, Saturday matinee 3pm

Hilarious Alan Ayckbourn comedy with the garden gnome presented by Rumpus Theatre Company.

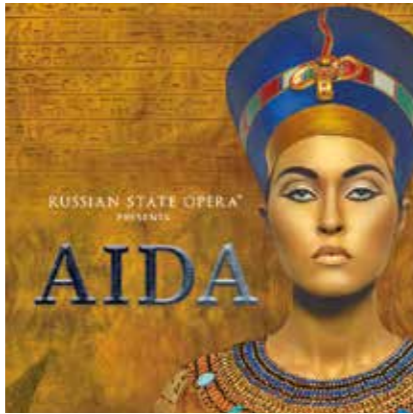
Spring Play Season: The 39 Steps

Tuesday 4 February to Saturday 8 February, evenings 7.30pm, Wednesday matinee 2pm, Saturday matinee 3pm

Written by John Buchan and Patrick Barlow, presented by Rumpus Theatre Company.

Spring Play Season: It's a Wonderful Life

Tuesday 11 to Saturday 15 February, evenings 7.30pm, Wednesday matinee 2pm, Saturday matinee 3pm
Written by Mary Elliott Nelson, presented by Tabs Productions.

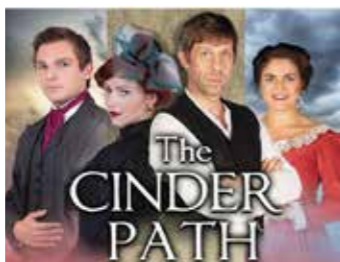


Aida

Monday 24 February, 7.30pm
Presented by Russia State Opera featuring an impressive cast and accompanied by a live Orchestra.

The Cinder Path

Thursday 27 February, 7.30pm



Adaptation of the Catherine Cookson story featuring Coronation Street's Nick Cochrane.



Giovanni Pernice: This is Me

Friday 28 February, 7.30pm
Strictly Come Dancing favourite, Giovanni Pernice, is back with a brand new show for 2020.

Winding Wheel

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Adult Panto: Peter Panties

Thursday 30 January, 8pm
An evening of corny jokes, raunchy plots and blatant sexual innuendo.



The Jive Aces: Big Beat Revue

Friday 31 January, 7.30pm
The Britain's Got Talent semi-finalists explode onto the stage in their trademark yellow suits

The Sound of Springsteen

Saturday 1 February, 7.30pm
Tribute act to 'The Boss'.



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Tuesday 11 to Saturday 15 February

The story of Joseph with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice.



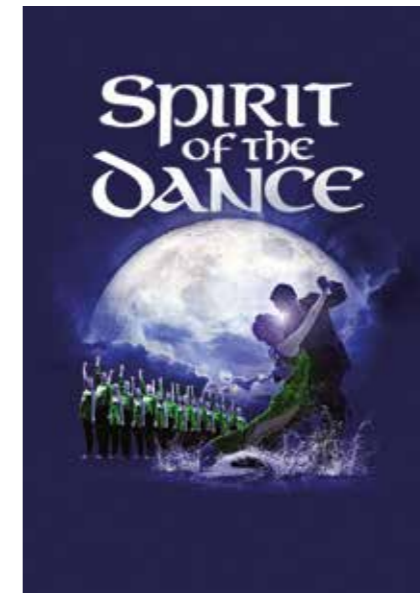
California Dreamin'

Wednesday 19 February, 7.30pm

Tribute show to the Mamas and the Papas featuring songs including Monday Monday, "Dedicated To The One I Love", "I Saw Her Again Last Night" "California Dreaming"

The Carpenters Story

Friday 21 February, 7.30pm
Featuring all of the Carpenters hit songs including (They Long To Be) Close To You, Yesterday Once More, We've Only Just Begun, Superstar, A Song For You and Rainy Days and Mondays,



Spirit of the Dance

Thursday 5 March, 7.30pm
Celebrating 21 fabulous years as one of the most successful dance shows ever.



The Everly Pregnant Brothers

Friday 6 March, 7.30pm
The Sheffield-based brothers play a variety of classic songs.

Mercury

Friday 13 March, 7.30pm
Well established as one of the world's most authentic tributes to the legend that is Freddie Mercury and Queen.

Get Ready

Saturday 14 March, 7.30pm
Take a trip back to 1960s Detroit with the brand-new, celebrated stage production, celebrating the best of Motown

Pomegranate Screenings

Pomegranate Screenings

The best of film and satellite performances at the Pomegranate Theatre
www.chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk

Film: 2040

Fri 31 January to Thursday 6 February, various performance times

Award-winning director Damon Gameau embarks on journey to explore what the future would look like by the year 2040.

Film: 1917 (Cert TBC)

Friday 7 February to Thursday 13 February, various performance times

Sam Mendes, the Oscar-winning director of Skyfall, Spectre and American Beauty, brings his singular vision to this World War I epic.

Satellite: Kinky Boots The Musical

Friday 7 February, 2pm; Sunday 9 February, 7pm

Filmed live at the Adelphi Theatre in the heart of London's West End with songs from pop icon Cyndi Lauper.

Film: Frozen II (U)

Saturday 15 February to Sunday 16 February, various performance times

In Frozen, Elsa feared her powers were too much for the world. In Frozen II, she must hope they are enough.

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box.office@chesterfield.gov.uk

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onthemove@chesterfield.gov.uk

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