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# Welcome

Despite the difficult financial times we remain committed to delivering some major new building projects to benefit residents.



We believe that council investment in improving facilities is important, even in tough times, because it ensures the town keeps moving forward. Having modern facilities also helps us generate more income that can minimise the cuts to funding we have received.

One project that has already been completed is the work to refurbish the Pomegranate Theatre and the Winding Wheel (see pages eight and nine).

Theatre goers have been really positive about the improvements, which enable us to put on a wider range of shows.

Work is also underway on another flagship project. The replacement Queen's Park Sports Centre (see pages three to five) has been a huge project to plan but it is really pleasing to see the first stages of construction.

In both cases, while much of the money is coming from the council's funds we have been successful in getting external support – from Arts Council England for the theatres and from Chesterfield College and Sport England for the sports centre. This has enabled us to significantly improve the range of facilities we can offer the public.

Work is also underway on the Parkside housing scheme (see pages 10 and 11). This will deliver fantastic new homes for up to 60 older people, including many of the former residents.

By completing these projects we help deliver our council's vision of 'putting our communities first'.

**Councillor John Burrows**  
Leader of Chesterfield Borough Council

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# Work underway at new Queen's Park Sports Centre

**Work has now begun on building the new Queen's Park Sports Centre.**

The new centre is being built on the site of Queen's Park Annexe, across the road from the current centre on Boythorpe Road.

The work is being carried out by Morgan Sindall, who built the Arc Leisure Centre in Matlock. The contract we negotiated means they will use local people and supplies where possible.

The centre is being paid for by £6.725 million from Chesterfield Borough Council, £2.5 million from Chesterfield College, as part of a dual use agreement, £2 million from Sport England's Strategic Facilities Fund and £25,000 from Squash England.

The extra funding from Sport England, has allowed us to expand the plans for the new centre to include:

- An eight lane swimming pool
- A larger learner pool than planned
- Eight sports courts
- Extra studio space on the first floor of the building
- Spectator seating in the swimming pool and the main sports hall.

This is in addition to the previously planned facilities, which include:

- A learner pool with moveable floor and children's fun water features
- Café and social space
- Midwifery centre
- Village changing facilities with individual and family cubicles for swimmers
- Changing facilities for other sports or activities
- Three training rooms
- Activity studio
- 80 station gym

- Two glass back squash courts with moveable wall

- Car parking for approximately 150 cars.

The crèche will use one of the multi-purpose activity rooms.

We have reached an agreement with Chesterfield College about the use of the new centre.

Students will not have exclusive use of the facilities. There will be plenty of space for residents and sports clubs to make full use of the facilities on offer.

The current Queen's Park Sports Centre will remain open until the new centre opens in early 2016.



*Artist's impression of how the new, extended centre will look.*

# Lining up the goalposts

The new, extended Queen's Park Sports Centre will allow more opportunities for all residents to take up sporting activities using the larger pool, sports halls and activity studios, whether just for fun or for competitive sport.

The larger, more modern sporting facilities will benefit elite athletes who use the centre for their training. Many of these currently compete for England or Great Britain at a national level or are part of recognised national development squads.

There will also be more opportunities for the many sports

clubs and community groups who use the current sports centre. These include Chesterfield Swimming Club, Chesterfield Triathlon Club, Queen's Park Squash Club and Chesterfield Cobras Volleyball Club.

Michael Noon is the activities and education officer at the Chesterfield FC Community Trust.

Each week they hold disability football sessions at the centre. Michael explained: "The sessions are for children aged five and over who have a range of disabilities.

"We usually start with some form of football training such as passing the ball, heading or shooting. At the end of each session, they will be divided into teams for a game against each other – it's great fun and we all have a good laugh."

The sessions are delivered by professional coaching staff from



Goalkeeper, Aidan White poses for a match shot

the football club such as Alan Slack.

Michael says the benefits to the children taking part are far more than just physical: "You can really see a difference in the children – having professional coaching allows them to improve their football skills but it's about more than just that.

"Taking part in these activities also allows them to become healthier and fitter, it also improves their confidence and their outlook.

"They are able to learn about working together as a team and make friends outside of school – groups of children will form friendship groups and often meet up outside of the sessions.

"It also gives their parents a bit of a breather while the children are able to run about."

From this month, the club is expanding the sessions they hold. There will be a session for five to 11 year olds on Thursday evenings from 4.30pm with a separate session for 12 to 16-year-olds from 5.15pm.

**"The new centre will have much more up-to-date facilities."**

The sessions are held in the sports hall at Queen's Park. This part of the building was opened in the 1980s when the original swimming pool building was extended.

Michael says: "The facilities are alright to use but they are old and a bit tired, and there is a leak in the sports hall roof - every time it rains there is always a puddle on the floor."

Michael is looking forward to being able to run the sessions in the new Queen's Park Sports Centre when it opens in early 2016: "The new centre will have much more up-to-date facilities – it will be so much better to have more modern equipment.

"It should give us more space too, which should help us to grow the sessions and allow more children to take part."

The trust also runs a football skills session to promote mental health and wellbeing on the artificial turf pitch outside the centre each Thursday from 11am to 12.30pm. The session, called Winning Mentality, is open to people aged 18 and over.

For more information about the disability football sessions, call Michael Noon at Chesterfield FC Community Trust on 01246 264 030, extension 6007 or e-mail michaelnoon@chesterfield-fc.co.uk



Back row - L to R: Michael Parry, William Huntley, Jonathan Parry and Alexander Wellor. Front row: Louis Clark, Aidan White, Reuben Fraser-Smith, Elliott Musson and Joseph Heeley



Seen above celebrating a goal is Jonathan Parry

# Growth unveiled

Work on Chesterfield's latest landmark is now complete.

Growth, the sculpture on Hornsbridge Island is by local artist Melanie Jackson.

The artwork features a wheel, or cog, celebrating the borough's industrial heritage with a flower from the pomegranate tree growing from the centre, symbolising Chesterfield's regeneration.

Melanie says: "I'm really proud to be part of the team who have delivered the gateway design at Hornsbridge.

"I think what we have done sends out a positive message that Chesterfield is a progressive, ambitious place and it wants to



embrace change and growth for the future development of the borough."

Hornsbridge was chosen for the sculpture because it is a key route into town from the M1 and seen by passengers entering or leaving Chesterfield by train.

The design was chosen by residents and businesses in

Chesterfield in a consultation carried out last year.

Funding came from the European Regional Development Fund and Barratt Homes.

The money could only be used on public artwork and to make improvements to the entrances to the town centre. It could not be used for any other council service.

## Railway station link

Work has also been carried out on improving a key route from Chesterfield Railway Station into the town centre.

Malkin Street is the first view that many people have of Chesterfield as they leave the station.

A 'rain garden' will divert rainwater from the road into a planted flower bed instead of going direct into the sewers, causing flooding problems in the town.

The pavement features replica railway tickets set in stone displaying the locations people

could have travelled to in the early days of Chesterfield's railways.

The work was funded by the European Regional Development Fund.



Courtesy of the Midland Railway Study Centre RFBMCT03496

# New booking and information hub opens



Residents and visitors can book theatre tickets, hire council venues and find out information about Chesterfield and the surrounding area all under one roof.

The booking and information hub opens at the Chesterfield Visitor Information Centre in Rykneld Square, next to the 'Crooked Spire' church this month.

Creating the hub allows us to close the box office at the Pomegranate Theatre when there are no performances taking place. Staff from the box office will move to the new hub.

It will also allow staff based at the Winding Wheel, who take bookings for the hire of council venues including the Pomegranate Theatre, Winding Wheel, Market Hall Assembly Rooms and Hasland Village Hall, to move into new offices at the Visitor Information Centre.

The Visitor Information Centre is open Monday to Saturday from 9.30am to 6pm.

The box offices at the Pomegranate Theatre and the Winding Wheel will open for an hour-and-a-half before each show to sell tickets on the door and for people to pick up tickets bought online.

## Elections update

The next elections to the borough council will take place on Thursday 7 May.

All 48 seats on the council across 19 wards will be up for election.

This will take place on the same day as the general election, when you can vote for the MP to represent you in parliament.

Every four years, we have to carry out a review of polling stations.

Following the review some residents will go to a different place to cast their vote.

These changes can be seen in the blue box shown below.

Residents should also make sure they are registered to vote.

Those who have changed address or personal details will need to re-register by visiting [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote).

For more information visit: [www.chesterfield.gov.uk/elections](http://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/elections), you can also call 01246 345402 or email [elections@chesterfield.gov.uk](mailto:elections@chesterfield.gov.uk)

Ward	Old polling station location	New polling station location
Brimington South	Tapton Park Portacabin	Tap Room, Lockoford Inn
Hollingwood and Inkersall	Welcome Centre, Duckmanton	Methodist Chapel, Duckmanton
Middlecroft and Poolsbrook	Golden Age Rest Room, Middlecroft	Speedwell Rooms, Staveley
Old Whittington	Portacabin, Holland Road	Old Whittington Resource Centre
Rother	Portacabin, Harehill Road	Harehill Court, Harehill Road

# Curtain up at Chesterfield Theatres

Both our theatres have reopened this autumn after a redevelopment costing more than £700,000.

The council owns and runs both the Pomegranate Theatre and the Winding Wheel. We received £495,000 from Arts Council England's National Lottery-funded capital programme to fund the improvements, with a further £250,000 coming from the council.



We spoke to three regular theatre-goers, Mike Spriggs, Marilyn Piddock and Colin McCall, (shown above) who are all members of Chesterfield Theatre Friends, about the improvements.

Speaking about the funding received, Mike said: "It's good to see that Arts Council England has recognised provincial theatre rather than committing all of its funding in London."

Marilyn added: "Yes and the fact that the council has committed this amount of money shows that it is committed to the future of the theatres."

Part of the funding has been

spent on new cinema equipment for the Pomegranate Theatre.

Marilyn explained: "Before, there was a small screen, now it's a much larger one with surround sound. It's just like being in the cinema – you feel very close to the action and the fact they will be able to show live broadcasts is very exciting."

Colin said: "If you come to watch a film, you can call in at the bar.

"The work carried out makes this a more attractive area for people to meet before and after shows – there's a friendly atmosphere, it's pretty informal."

They are unanimous that our theatres are something special.

Colin said: "The Pomegranate Theatre is a historical gem and it has a wonderful atmosphere. It brings older and younger people together."

"Young people expect things such as good quality sound on the stage and a modern looking bar area – it has both of these while retaining the best of the old theatre."

Chesterfield Theatre Friends was launched in 2007. Since then the group has raised £40,000 which has gone towards projects including: improving the Pomegranate Theatre stage, booster seats for children and improving the facilities in the bar area.

The group is currently working on an archive showing the history of theatre in the town, together with personal memories and digital recording of photos, programmes, playbills and other materials.

To find out more, visit the new Chesterfield Theatre Friends website: [www.chesterfieldtheatrefriends.co.uk](http://www.chesterfieldtheatrefriends.co.uk)

**The Pomegranate Theatre is the country's oldest civic theatre, opening in 1949. The work has been carried out as it celebrates its 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary.**

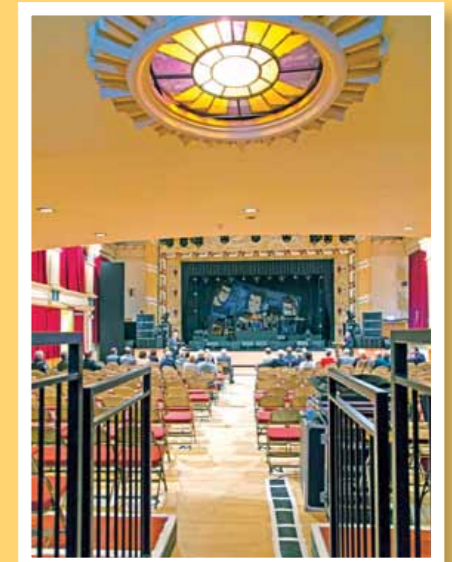


**Work carried out at the Pomegranate includes:**

- New digital cinema equipment to show live broadcasts of performances from around the world
- Refurbishing the existing 546 seats and adding 43 new seats to the stalls
- Replacing the carpets in the foyer and auditorium and redecorating the front of house areas
- Replacing the existing lighting and control booths in the stalls and adding an audio description room to improve the experience of performances for people with visual impairment.

**Work carried out at the Winding Wheel includes:**

- Increasing the power supply to three times the previous limit to allow the Winding Wheel to stage more large-scale productions such as the West End touring productions of Joseph, Blood Brothers and Dreamboats and Petticoats, which played to packed houses
- Installing a new fixed stage with an automatic stage extension allowing bigger productions on the stage
- Installing a new lighting rig
- Adding a new stage door and dressing room, as well as improving access to the stage for performers with limited mobility
- Installing new moveable seating in the auditorium.



# Work underway at Parkside

**Council tenant Joyce Stocks is excited as she points to a pile of earth that has been excavated: “That’s where my new flat is going to be, just there”, she says.**

Joyce and fellow tenant Trevor Clark are taking their first look at the site where their new home is to be built.



*Former residents of Parkside, Trevor and Joyce, look to the future*

They were both residents at the former Parkside sheltered housing complex in Stand Road. Trevor had lived there for four years and Joyce for two years, before the old building was demolished to make way for new purpose-built older persons’ accommodation.

The project is one of the council’s top priorities for the coming year.

Costing £3 million, the complex will have 22 two-bedroom flats, each of these will have a kitchen and lounge area, wet room type bathroom, generous storage space and a hall.

The work is being carried out by A&S Enterprises Ltd.

Both Trevor and Joyce were very happy living at the old Parkside but are looking forward to moving into the new complex from their temporary home at Brocklehurst Court.

Trevor explains: “The facilities at Parkside needed improving, the shower rooms and bedrooms all needed modernising.

**“It will be different - I’ll have a lot more space.”**

“There’s going to be a lot of big changes. Before there were more rooms but some of them were bedsits with the living room and bedroom all in the same room.”

Joyce agrees: “It’ll be a big change for me. Before, I was in a bedsit and now I’m moving into a flat; it will be different – I’ll have a lot more space.”

Each flat will have either a balcony, a Juliette balcony or a bay window.

This is something that Joyce is looking forward to: “I’ll be able to sit out in the summer evenings on the balcony with a glass of wine.”

The building will also have a common room, communal kitchen and assisted bathrooms. There will also be an enclosed courtyard area in the garden.

This is something Trevor is looking forward to: “That will be good.

“We always used to sit out in the garden – one year we could even sit and listen to the Elton John concert at the football stadium.”

He feels the complex is in an ideal location: “It’s great, you’ve got the park next door, and lots of local amenities – the supermarkets and the butcher’s shop on your doorstep.”

There will also be a car park with 10 spaces for residents and visitors.

Both of them would recommend moving into older persons’ accommodation.

Trevor says: “It’s ideal for anyone on their own. If you are getting on and in a flat or a bungalow, you might not see anyone for days.

“It’s much better being somewhere like this, you get to meet people if you want or you can have peace and quiet when you want.”

Joyce adds: “There’s always someone to speak to. Every morning at 10 o’clock we meet for a hot drink and to have a chat, it’s great.”

Work is set to be complete on the new complex by summer next year.

Joyce is particularly looking forward to being back at Parkside for next winter: “We always used to have parties: for Christmas, Easter and Bonfire Night.

“We could stand outside and watch the fireworks in the park and there was always plenty of food, hot dogs, burgers, curry, you name it – it will be nice to be able to do that again.”



*Parkside older persons’ housing scheme*

# Christmas Lights event

Our annual Christmas Lights switch on event takes place on Sunday 23 November.

The fun starts from noon with stalls in the Market Place, fun fair rides, refreshments and entertainment.

The Market Hall will also be open on the day to buy any Christmas bargains from our local traders.

The stage show gets underway at 3.30pm with the Peak FM roadshow providing the fun with all your favourite presenters.

There will be competitions galore offering chances to win family tickets to see Cinderella at the Pomegranate Theatre, to visit Gulliver's Kingdom and for Dreamboats and Miniskirts at the Winding Wheel in January.

The switch on at 4.45pm will be performed by Strictly Come Dancing star Camilla Dallerup and ITV Benidorm's Asa Elliott, both appearing in Cinderella at the Pomegranate Theatre. They will be joined on stage by Chesterfield's mayor and mayoress and other well-known faces.

For more information on the events, contact the Chesterfield Visitor Information Centre on 01246 345777 or 345778, or e-mail: [tourism@chesterfield.gov.uk](mailto:tourism@chesterfield.gov.uk)



## Christmas in Chesterfield

**Chesterfield has so much to offer throughout the year but especially during the festive season. Everything you need to celebrate Christmas is on your doorstep.**

Chesterfield's mix of independent retailers and chain stores, in the town centre, retail parks and along Chatsworth Road, West Bars and Whittington Moor, keeps our high street thriving and ensures we remain top of the shops nationally.

Earlier this year Destination Chesterfield recognised some of the town's best retailers in the Chesterfield Retail Awards.

Together, the 2014 Retail Award winners could really make your Christmas complete.

Whether it's supplying great gifts (Big Wicks, Pelican Cycles, aGeek, Baby Luv, Stephenson's Jewellers, Northern Tea Merchants), a special touch for something homemade (Fred's Haberdashery), a new hair style for a night out (Viviennes), a Christmas tree for your home (Unstone Plant Centre), a new outfit (Zebra Menswear) or even a new kitchen to cook the main meal (Markowitz Kitchens and Bathrooms), all you want for Christmas really is in Chesterfield this year.

To discover what's happening in Chesterfield this Christmas, visit [www.chesterfield.co.uk](http://www.chesterfield.co.uk)

## Strictly panto time

**Families are set to have a strictly fabulous time at this year's pantomime at the Pomegranate Theatre.**

Starring as the Fairy Godmother in Cinderella is former Strictly Come Dancing professional dancer Camilla Dallerup.

Camilla partnered Derbyshire born actor Tom Chambers when he won the show in 2008.

Camilla is happy to be spending Christmas here. She said: "Chesterfield is very welcoming and cosy with a nice community feel."

Cinderella, played by Cara Dudgeon, is down on her luck and dressed in rags but a wave of the fairy's wand could change all that and allow her to meet her handsome prince.

It's a responsibility Camilla takes very seriously: "The fairy is the best part, it's very fun, I feel like I'm a mother to Cinderella."

Playing Prince Charming is Asa Elliott, known for his role in ITV's Benidorm.

He said: "It's a real family show and really captures the spirit of Christmas, there are plenty of morals included but there's also



lots of comedy – something for all the family."

Joining Camilla and Asa in the show are Dean Horner and Oliver Gray as the ugly sisters Lav and Lou Hardup, and stand-up comedian and impressionist Tony Rudd as Buttons.

The pantomime is sponsored by Stagecoach in Chesterfield.

Cinderella runs from Friday 5 December to Sunday 4 January at the Pomegranate Theatre. To book tickets, call 01246 345222 or visit: [www.chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk](http://www.chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk)

### WIN PANTO TICKETS

**We're giving away a family ticket for two adults and two children, to see Cinderella on Tuesday 16 December at 7pm.**

To enter, please answer the following question. **The Pomegranate Theatre is the oldest civic theatre in the country. Which year did it open?** Please note the answer is contained in this magazine.

To enter, e-mail your answer to [chesterfield.theatres@chesterfield.gov.uk](mailto:chesterfield.theatres@chesterfield.gov.uk)

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

Answer:

Name:

Address:

Tel. No.

**Entries must be received by noon on Wednesday 3 December.**

## Breastfeeding welcome here



Breastfeeding has lots of positive benefits for mums and babies but many new mums can feel uncomfortable about feeding their children in public.

Now, a variety of businesses have signed up to a new scheme run by Derbyshire County Council, which encourages breastfeeding.

Mums can look out for the Breastfeeding Welcome Here logo in shops, cafés and GP surgeries encouraging feeding in public places.

Each will provide a comfortable place for mum to feed her baby.

Help and support for new mums is available on the Breastfeeding Derbyshire website: [www.breastfeedingderbys.co.uk](http://www.breastfeedingderbys.co.uk)

## Make the healthy choice

Residents can also look for healthy choices when eating out with the Heart of Derbyshire award.

The scheme recognises local eateries which have made pledges to reduce the amount of fat, salt or sugar in their dishes, to offer fruit and vegetables and limit portion sizes.

To find cafés and restaurants in Chesterfield which have signed up, visit [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/heartofderbyshire](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/heartofderbyshire)

## Award for Market Hall

**Chesterfield's Market Hall has won a prestigious award.**

The Market Hall, which reopened in October 2013 after a £4 million redevelopment, won the Regeneration and Restoration Project of the Year at the Insider Media Midlands Awards 2014.

The entry was submitted by Derby based G F Tomlinson who carried out the construction work.

This award comes after the Market Hall was named the UK's best small indoor market by the National Association of British Market Authorities earlier this year.

## Vandalism in our parks

**During the summer, we have seen several attacks of vandalism in our parks.**

This included a fire at the Queen's Park Annexe site, where the new Queen's Park Sports Centre is now in the process of being built.

Other incidents saw a picnic table destroyed at Eastwood Park in Hasland and side screens on the cricket pitch at Queen's Park damaged by fire.

Our CCTV staff have been working with Derbyshire Constabulary to find the people responsible.

**If you see any vandalism to council property, call us on 01246 345345, or Derbyshire Constabulary's non emergency number, 101.**

## The handyman can...

For residents who need small jobs doing around the house but aren't sure where to go, the Derbyshire Handy Van Network is a good place to start.

The scheme is open to all residents over 60, not just council tenants.

One of the Handy Van operators will come and carry out home fire safety checks and home security assessments, test and fit smoke alarms, and advise on how to stay safe and warm at home.

They also carry out practical tasks such as changing light bulbs, securing carpets and rugs to prevent trips and falls, removing and hanging curtains and installing key safes.

Ray Smith, who lives in Newbold, recently used the service. He said: "I rang up on the Monday and the Handy Van came out on the Tuesday, checked all the alarms and put up a new blind."

"I've been telling everyone I know about the great service we've had from the Handy Van."

The Handy Van is funded by Derbyshire County Council and Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service, and hosted by Chesterfield Home Improvement Service, which is based at Chesterfield Borough Council.

## Working together...

Chesterfield Home Improvement Service aims to assist vulnerable and disabled people on low incomes and to provide personal and technical support and advice.

The team can give advice to reduce energy bills, such as by installing insulation or changing energy providers. They can also help you apply for grants.

They can also help low income homeowners access financial assistance to carry out essential repairs, including:

- Roof repairs
- Rewiring
- Damp-proofing
- Boiler repairs and replacement
- Heating upgrades
- Insulation

The team administers grants for home adaptations for people with disabilities who have first received an assessment from Derbyshire County Council's occupational therapy team.

To arrange an appointment with the Handy Van or the Chesterfield Home Improvement Service, call 01246 345748 or e-mail [hia@chesterfield.gov.uk](mailto:hia@chesterfield.gov.uk)





# Councillors take to the streets

**Our councillors have taken to the streets in a bid to help residents with any problems they may have.**

Labour Councillor Jenny Flood was elected as councillor for Rother ward in 2011. She and her fellow ward councillors hold regular street surgeries in the area to meet people, talk to them and help sort out any problems they may have.

Councillors from each political party will hold events to meet and engage with residents in their areas. This may be different in each ward.

Jenny explains: "How we do it in Rother ward, is that we meet up on a Saturday morning at 10.30am. There's usually me, my fellow ward councillors, Stewart Bradford and Stuart Brittain, staff from the council's neighbourhoods team and local police representatives.

"We usually put leaflets through residents' doors a couple of days in advance to let them know we are coming – they need to know we do this regularly.

"We ask them to put a cross in the window if they would like us to knock on the door. We cover each street in the ward at least twice a year."

The team will stop and speak to residents about problems they are having. Jenny says: "If they are council tenants, they might tell us about problems they have with their homes, I will make a note of it and report it to the relevant officer in the council's housing section.

"If they don't get a reply, I ask them to let me know and I will pick it up - people shouldn't have to put up with broken facilities.

"Sometimes they want to talk about something which is out of our control. For example, if it's about roads, I will refer the problem to Derbyshire County Council which is responsible for highways in the county."

**"Sometimes people just need to talk to someone who can point them in the right direction."**

Jenny is aware that not everyone can always stop and talk: "Sometimes it's difficult for people, especially if they have a problem like a noisy neighbour. I will let them have a card with my number and ask them to contact me.

"I can pass on the details to the council's neighbourhoods team

and to environmental health who can monitor the problem."

She would encourage anyone needing advice to contact their local councillor: "If they have a concern, it's worth meeting us, let us know what is good and what is bad - we may be able to make life better and, if not, point them in the direction of other agencies who may be able to help."

Liberal Democrat Councillor Peter Barr organises street surgeries in Linacre ward.

He says: "We used to hire a room for people to come and discuss any problems but we used to get only a dribble of people.

"But holding the street surgeries means we visit lots more people, they also come up and talk to us in the street.

"When you're walking round, you also see other things that will concern people but they wouldn't necessarily approach you about."

Saturdays 29 November, 20 December, 31 January and 28 February

## **Moor ward**

Councillors Keith Brown and Graham King:  
Saturdays 10 January and 24 January

## **Old Whittington ward**

Councillors Jean Innes and Neil Rayner:  
Saturdays 6 December, 17 January and Sunday 8 February

## **Rother ward**

Councillors Stewart Bradford, Stuart Brittain and Jenny Flood:  
Saturdays 13 December, 17 January and 7 February

## **St Helen's ward**

Councillors Helen Bagley and Tom Murphy:  
Saturday 13 December

## **St Leonard's ward**

Councillors Sharon Blank, Ken Huckle and Linda Clarke:  
Mondays 24 November, 5 January and Saturday 24 January

## **Street surgeries in your area**

**Councillors in each ward will regularly meet and engage with residents.**

Below are dates of street surgeries that were planned when we went to press. For up-to-date dates and times, visit the Your Councillors section of the council website, [www.chesterfield.gov.uk](http://www.chesterfield.gov.uk)

### **Barrow Hill and New Whittington ward**

Councillors David Stone and Paul Stone:  
Saturdays on 22 November, 6 December, 20 December, 3 January, 17 January, 31 January, 14 February.

### **Brimington North ward**

Councillors John Burrows and Terry Gilby:  
Saturdays 10 January and 7 February

### **Linacre ward**

Councillors Peter Barr and Mark Higginbottom:

*Councillor Jenny Flood updates neighbours (l to r) Beryl Hoole and Eileen Self about council services and also the use of the building opposite where they live.*

If you are not sure which ward you are in, please call 01246 345238 to check.

# Improving our parks

During the last few months, our staff have been hard at work improving the borough's green spaces.

Kirkstone Road Park in Dunston recently received £48,000 worth of new play equipment.

The majority of this funding came from our housing service and was voted for by tenants and residents in the area.

Margaret Brewin (shown right) lives near the park and regularly takes her grandchildren to play in the park.

She said: "It's absolutely perfect for the children. It's a lovely park and the council has done a great job – it's what we have been waiting for for some time."

**"My grandchildren love the park"**



New play equipment at the park includes new swings, slides, a see-saw, basket swing, overhead carousel and rope swing.

Margaret says they are a real hit: "My grandchildren love the park."

"My granddaughter is five and she's very adventurous, she loves climbing and swinging around on the overhead carousel."

"My grandson is only three and he's not quite as adventurous but he loves the slide and the swings – it's lovely that there's something for the little ones as well as the older children."

Users of Eastwood Park in Hasland will also benefit as a new pavilion is currently under construction.

The project has been partly funded by a grant of £150,000 from Sport England's Inspired Facilities fund with the remaining £201,000 provided by the council.



Above: Digging the foundations for the new building and left, apprentice electrician, Dan Wilson putting up lighting to illuminate the building site through the winter.

The work is being carried out by our in-house team of builders and apprentices as part of the council's commitment to keep costs down, provide employment opportunities for local people and to use local suppliers where possible.

The new pavilion will provide changing and refreshment facilities for sports groups using the park, including bowling, football and cricket clubs.

The building will also have new male, female and disabled toilets which will be open for users of the park to replace the ones currently open on Hasland Road.

This comes after the work in Eastwood Park last year, carried out after we received £1.3 million in

funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Big Lottery Fund.

Work included restoring the fountain, creating a community garden, a mini orchard and rose garden, a wildlife area and children's play area, and refurbishing Hasland Village Hall.

During the summer, we also installed new play equipment for children at Thistle Park in Brimington.

While this was done, essential maintenance work was carried out on the drainage system in the park.

We have also installed toddler play equipment at Inkersall Green Road Playing Fields and a kickabout area at Duckmanton.

Also this year, four of our parks were awarded the prestigious Green Flag Award from the environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy.

Poolsbrook Country Park and the grounds of Chesterfield and District Crematorium were awarded the honour for the second time.

Holmebrook Valley Park received its fourth Green Flag, while Queen's Park has received the award for the tenth time.

A Green Flag is a sign to the public that the park is of the highest possible standard.

You can find out more about our parks by visiting the parks and open spaces section of our website: [www.chesterfield.gov.uk](http://www.chesterfield.gov.uk)

## Working to reduce flooding

We have pledged to work together with Yorkshire Water to tackle flooding problems in Chesterfield, including the long running issues at Hornsbridge Island.

Yorkshire Water will carry out investigations in the area over the next few years to understand the causes of flooding at Hornsbridge and in the wider catchment.

This work is expected to be completed in 2017 and the company hopes to secure investment for improvements in the area from 2020.

In the interim the company hopes to help alleviate some of the flooding issues by introducing a new maintenance schedule for screens on the sewer which will help to remove blockages.

The manhole cover on the roundabout has also been replaced with a specially fitted release lid.

This will not prevent the flooding but will allow the manhole to flood without the manhole cover being lifted out, reducing the health and safety risk and the risk of damage to the road.

Yorkshire Water has recently spent £20m on improvements to Old Whittington Waste Water Treatment Works. This will help cope with predicted population growth in the area.

## Museums mark war centenary

Youngsters were given the chance to experience life during the First World War in a series of events held at Chesterfield Museum and Revolution House this summer.

Events held in a special memorial week to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the conflict included meeting a First World War officer, finding out about life as a nurse on the front line and about life as a Tommy in the trenches.

The Pomegranate Youth Theatre also gave a series of poetry readings capturing life in the trenches, including reading letters from a Chesterfield soldier.



## Northern Gateway update

Plans for the redevelopment of Chesterfield's Northern Gateway have been delayed due to changes in the retail sector.

We are exploring a scheme with reserve bidder, Muse, after Wilson Bowden agreed to end its relationship with the council to develop the site.

We have also got European funding to review our plans for the town centre including the former Co-op store and the Victoria Centre. Property consultants Aspinall Verdi and local architects WCEC have been appointed to do this.

The updated Town Centre Masterplan will be in place by Christmas.

## Snow help sought

We're looking for volunteers to join our snow warden scheme this winter.

We currently have 70 people signed up who will help clear footpaths in the event of heavy snow.

They will also assist in providing information about local conditions, act as a single point of contact and monitor and report empty grit bins in the borough.

For more information, contact Sam Sherlock, senior emergency planning officer on 01246 345407 or e-mail: [sam.sherlock@chesterfield.gov.uk](mailto:sam.sherlock@chesterfield.gov.uk)

## New football pitches at Holmebrook Valley Park

Football players in the borough can benefit from the newly-renovated pitches at Holmebrook Valley Park.

Our parks staff carried out work on the seven football pitches on the east side of the park, which included installing new drains, levelling the site to make it easier for players to use, reseeding and other minor works.

This was possible because the council received a grant of £180,000 from the Premier League and the FA Facilities Fund.

We celebrated the launch of the new pitches in the summer with a free event allowing sporty residents to try the new pitches for themselves.

Coaches from Chesterfield Football Club, the Football Association and local clubs were on hand with exhibition matches including children's, adult, women's and walking football games.

There are four adult pitches and three mini soccer pitches available to hire at the park.

We have 15 full size pitches available to hire across the borough. Details and the cost of hire are available on the parks and open spaces section of our website [www.chesterfield.gov.uk](http://www.chesterfield.gov.uk)



## Your Chesterfield What's on

### Chesterfield Market

Monday 1 to Saturday 6  
December  
10am to 4pm  
**Christmas Gift and Food Fair**

Thursday 11 to Wednesday  
24 December  
**Additional Markets**  
held each day  
includes Sundays, 14 and  
21 December. The Market  
Hall will also be open on  
these days from 10am to  
4pm.

### Chesterfield Museum

**Open Mondays, Thursdays,  
Fridays and Saturdays.**  
Admission free.  
Tel: (01246) 345727.

Saturday 29 November to  
Saturday 10 January  
10am to 4pm  
**Christmas Customs  
exhibition**  
See the history behind  
the customs of the festive  
season.

### Revolution House, Old Whittington

Open from  
Saturday 13 to Wednesday  
24 December and Friday 26  
to Wednesday  
31 December  
11am to 4pm

Monday 22 December  
6.30pm  
**Carol Concert**

## Chesterfield Theatres

### Winding Wheel

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Wednesday 19 November  
7.30pm

#### Masters of Mirth

Mike Storr presents a  
humorous talk with an  
affectionate look at some  
of his favourite music hall  
laughter makers.



Thursday 20 November  
7.30pm

#### The Barron Knights

Original line up – the only  
group to have toured with  
the Beatles and twice with  
the Rolling Stones.

Friday 21 November  
7.30pm

#### The Rat Pack

Vegas Spectacular Show  
featuring songs by Frank  
Sinatra, Dean Martin and  
Sammy Davis.



Sunday 23 November  
7.30pm

#### Fascinating Aida Charm Offensive

With Dillie Keane, Adele  
Anderson and Liza Pulman  
– expect topical new songs

Wednesday 26 November  
7.30pm

#### Wild Flowers of the Peak District

Dr Patrick Harding presents  
an illustrated talk with a mix  
of art,  
science  
and humour.



Thursday 27 November  
Doors open at 7.15pm,  
8pm start

#### Spotlight Comedy Club

With compere, Anthony  
J Brown, BAFTA award  
winner Jim Tavaré and Dan  
Nightingale.



Friday 28 November  
7.30pm

#### Jim Davidson

Jim tells the story of his  
arrest and the nightmare  
12 months which followed  
the clearing of his name  
and winning the heart of  
the nation – a hilarious and  
insightful show.



Friday 28 November  
8pm

#### Lovin' the 70s

Regular dance night with  
DJ taking you back to the  
70s with all your favourite  
songs on original vinyl.



Saturday 29 November  
8pm

#### Modern Jive Freestyle Ball

Fabulous night of freestyle  
dancing with music from  
past to present chart music,  
disco to blues and swing  
to Latin.

Sunday 30 November  
7pm

#### First on the Continents

An evening of world class  
climbers, first ascents and  
high adventure.



Tuesday 2 December  
**Let there be Christmas**  
Featuring Rubettes lead  
vocalist Alan Williams as  
Santa. A fun night awaits all  
the family.

## Pomegranate Theatre

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Tuesday 25 to Saturday  
29 November  
Evenings 7.15pm,  
Saturday matinée 2.15pm  
**Oliver**

Amateur production by  
Chesterfield Operatic  
Society of Lionel Bart's  
classic musical.  
Boys from six to sixteen  
will join with the society's  
principals and chorus to  
play the workhouse urchins.



## THE NEW STAGE CHILLER FROM THE CREATOR OF THE WOMAN IN BLACK

ANDREW LANCEL DIANE KEEN ROBERT DUNCAN

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ADAPTED FOR THE STAGE BY CLIVE FRANCIS  
DIRECTED BY ROY MARSDEN

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01246 345 222 chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk



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Various performance times – check  
www.chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk for details

#### Cinderella

The classic fairytale of a beautiful girl forced to serve her jealous  
dastardly diva step sisters, Lavinia and Louisa. Aided by the  
silly but loveable Buttons and a sparkling Fairy Godmother.  
Cinderella dreams of finding true love and happiness



## THE SEQUEL TO DREAMBOATS AND PETTICOATS WHAT HAPPENED TO 'BOBBY & LAURA' AND 'NORMAN & SUE'...?

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IN ASSOCIATION WITH UNIVERSAL MUSIC PRESENT

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IT'S IN HIS KISS + GO NOW  
WHEN WILL I BE LOVED  
HIPPI HIPPY SHAKE**  
and many more...

# Handy guide to keep

## Contact details for the services you need

This guide explains who provides the services you pay your Council Tax for and how to contact them if you have a question or problem.

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

### Contact us about:

Abandoned vehicles  
Anti social behaviour  
Benefits advice  
Bin collections or damaged bins  
Building control  
Bulk collections  
Business rates  
Business support  
Caravan sites and illegal encampments  
Car parks (*except privately run ones*)  
Cemeteries  
Commercial waste  
Conservation areas  
Council Tax  
Crematorium  
Dog fouling  
Dog wardens  
Economic development  
Electoral registration  
Energy advice  
Environmental health  
Fly tipping  
Graffiti  
Homelessness  
Housing benefits  
Leisure centres (Queen's Park Sports Centre and Staveley Healthy Living Centre)  
Licensing  
Litter problems  
Markets (*indoor and outdoor*)  
Museum  
Noise pollution  
Parks and open spaces  
Pest control  
Planning applications and planning enforcement  
Pollution control (*air, noise, odour, smoke*)

Private housing advice  
Recycling  
Street cleaning  
Stray animals  
Theatres (Winding Wheel and Pomegranate Theatre)  
Visitor information centre  
Welfare benefits

### Council house issues:

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

### Contact us by:

Visiting [www.chesterfield.gov.uk](http://www.chesterfield.gov.uk)  
Ringling 01246 345345  
Texting 07960 910264

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

### Contact them about:

Adoption and fostering  
Adult care (*including support in the home*)  
Adult community education  
Blue badge scheme  
Bus shelters  
Care homes  
Care for people with disabilities  
Children's centres  
Children and family services  
Faulty street lighting  
Gritting of roads  
Lampposts  
Library books and services  
Pavements

Potholes  
Public transport (*although services are run by private companies*)  
Records office  
Recycling and waste collection centres  
Registry services (*birth, marriages, deaths*)  
Roads - condition  
Roads - safety and changes to road layout  
Schools  
Tapton Lock Visitor Centre  
Trading standards  
Trusted Trader Scheme  
Youth centres

### Contact them by:

Visiting [www.derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk)  
Ringling 01629 533190  
Texting 86555

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

Contact them about all crime issues:

Visit [www.derbyshire.police.uk](http://www.derbyshire.police.uk)  
Ring 101 for all non emergencies  
(24 hours a day)  
Ring 999 for emergencies only

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

Contact them about all fire and fire safety related issues:

Visit: [www.derbys-fire.gov.uk](http://www.derbys-fire.gov.uk)  
Ring 01332 771221 for all non-emergency calls  
Ring 999 for emergencies only

**For residents of Brimington and Staveley only:**

**Brimington Parish Council**

Contact them by visiting:  
[www.brimingtonpc.co.uk](http://www.brimingtonpc.co.uk)  
Ring 01773 833805

**Staveley Town Council**

Contact them by visiting:  
[www.staveleytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.staveleytowncouncil.gov.uk)  
Ring 01246 473132