

Our Market

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Town centre regeneration work underway

Our multi-million-pound project to revitalise Chesterfield town centre is set to begin on site early summer 2024.

The first phase of town centre regeneration work is progressing well in the upper section of Market Place.

Stalls have been cleared from this area and work to lift the existing cobbles and yorkstone paving – ready for cleaning, levelling and re-laying – is well underway.

All town centre businesses and market stalls are open as usual, with some market traders temporarily moved to other parts of the town centre.

This is the first phase of the 18-month Revitalising the Heart of Chesterfield regeneration scheme being delivered in partnership Thomas Bow – designed to improve the look, feel and flow of key public spaces across the town centre, and revitalise the town's historic market.

Working closely with our traders, we're creating an improved market layout with new stalls and enhancements to paving, seating and lighting.

Work will then move on to New Square – to create an attractive and flexible space that will complement the main market and speciality markets, but can also be used to host festivals, events, cultural celebrations, and community gatherings.

Further phases will see Rykneld Square transformed to create a green and welcoming space from which to enjoy our much-loved Crooked Spire.

Separately, G F Tomlinson will carry out improvements to Corporation Street to create a new gateway to the refurbished Stephenson Memorial Hall, which houses the Pomegranate Theatre and Chesterfield Museum.

Read the latest project news in full on our website, or sign up to receive email updates direct to your inbox, at

www.chesterfield.gov.uk/revitalise



“Councillor Kate Sarvent, Chesterfield Borough Council's cabinet member for town centres and visitor economy, said: “We're all immensely proud of our town centre and historic market, and we're investing in its future to help it thrive for generations to come.”

“It's fantastic to see work begin on site, and we all look forward to seeing the improvements take shape over the summer. The town centre is very much open for business, although inevitably there will be some short-term disruption and we thank people for their patience.”

“We will continue to work closely to support our market traders and town centre businesses and will keep people up to date as the project progresses.”





Let's talk cobbles!

Love them or hate them, the market cobbles are an important part of our history and heritage – and they've been the talk of the town this month!

We know that many people find them difficult to navigate and they can cause accessibility issues for some people such as wheelchair and mobility scooter users, and people with prams.

We aim to strike a balance, with around 95% of the cobbles in the market squares – on the highways and pavements – being lifted, cleaned and re-laid.

This will include levelling of the cobbles, to smooth off the rounded and uneven edges – making more even and accessible routes. The current yorkstone paving which is largely underneath the market stalls will be re-laid.



Limiting disruption

Any major regeneration work will inevitably cause some disruption, and we thank everyone for their patience while we improve our town centre.

Our project team is working closely with local businesses and traders to limit disruption, and one of the issues which has been raised is about dust created by the site.

We're already trying to limit this, but we have now added extra equipment to further dampen down the dust as far as possible.

Contact the team

Our construction partner, Thomas Bow, has an office located on Lower Pavement – with a new window display showing key details of the plans.

The office is not open to the public, but if you have

a question about the about Revitalising the Heart of Chesterfield town centre regeneration scheme, please email: rhocenquiries@chesterfield.gov.uk or speak with a representative at the regular Market Consultative Committee meetings.



Transforming our theatre and museum

Work to refurbish Stephenson Memorial Hall – home to the Pomegranate Theatre and Chesterfield Museum – is progressing well.

Significant progress can be seen in the theatre auditorium; the circle has been stripped back, with the decorative panelling being safely stored, ready to be reinstalled, and new floor has been laid. The new lift shaft and back of house area – providing improved facilities for production companies – have also been progressing at pace.

As well as upgrading the facilities and protecting its heritage, much of the work is improving the fabric of the building to protect it for generations to come – including work to the roof and brickwork.

Find out more about the project on our website at

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Connecting communities in Chesterfield with history and culture

A new programme of events and exhibitions will celebrate history and culture in Chesterfield.

A variety of museum exhibitions at venues across the borough, and a series of plays at the Winding Wheel Theatre, will be running until August 2025 – organised by the council thanks to funding from Arts Council England.

The programme will kick off in September this year, with the Chesterfield Menagerie exhibition being held in the Assembly Rooms. At this free exhibition, people can see some of the many animal-themed works within the museum collection and take part in some great family-friendly activities.

In October the museum team will set up an interactive Romans exhibition in Hasland Village Hall, before a final exhibition for 2024 in Old Whittington which will focus on the Victorians.

In 2025 exhibitions will include the Tudors, Vikings, Medieval and a look at the 'Extraordinary Women' who put our town on the map.

For more information about the museum exhibitions visit: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/museum

For details of the performances at the Winding Wheel Theatre visit: www.chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk



Museum on the move

Chesterfield Menagerie
13 Sep to 12 Oct

Romans
26 Oct to 9 Nov

Victorians
6 to 19 Dec

Chesterfield Museum, supported by Arts Council England, are hosting a series of fun, free exhibitions, and events for 2024 and 2025. Learn more about local history with hands on activities including crafts, games, dressing up feely boxes and much more!

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Welcome to new Market Hall businesses!



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We welcomed three new businesses who have set up shop in the Market Hall recently.

The Catch have taken a unit inside selling fresh fish, Blueberry Café is operating the Market Hall Café, Galaxy Travel have taken a unit on the outside of the Market Hall and Markan Foods are inside serving Nigerian food.

Councillor Kate Sarvent, Chesterfield Borough Council's cabinet member for town centres and visitor economy, said: "It is always a pleasure to be able to welcome businesses into the Market Hall. There is a fantastic variety selling everything including luxury goods, fresh produce, carpets, wool, and so much more.

"I hope all these businesses will settle into their new premises and have a successful future in the town centre."

The Catch opened in May and offer a wide range of fresh fish prepared by expert fishmongers. Owners Aashirvad and Manu said: "We're excited to share our passion for fish and its health benefits with the community! We will save you the prep work by cutting and cleaning your fish exactly as you like. We offer pre-orders to ensure we can provide exactly what you desire, along with a wide variety of cuts to suit your preference.

Blueberry Café has been appointed to run the Market Hall Café and they took over in March. Owner, James Shawe, said: "We are delighted to be running the café in the Market Hall. Established in 2008, we have carefully grown the business and are always looking for exciting new opportunities. Working with Chesterfield Borough Council has given us the opportunity to invest in the café, protect jobs and develop the business to ensure we continue to offer a superb range of products and services for all visitors to Chesterfield."

Galaxy Travel has recently taken on one of the units on the outside of the Market Hall. Owner, David Lewis, said: "We chose to base our local taxi business in Chesterfield town centre, specifically in the vibrant Market Hall, as we believe in supporting and being a part of the thriving community of traders."

Markan Foods Limited who specialise in Nigerian food have recently set up in the Market Hall. They serve takeaway dishes with an assortment of exotic flavours and spices.

Anyone who is interested in setting up a business in Chesterfield Market Hall should Hannah Ramsdale or Claire Cunningham on 01246 345255 or economic.development@chesterfield.gov.uk.

Raising a glass to success!

Congratulations to over twenty venues in Chesterfield town centre which have been awarded the 'Best Bar None' accreditation – showing their commitment to helping reduce alcohol-related crime and disorder and create a safer night out.

The Best Bar None scheme, which is supported by the Home Office and drinks industry, was initially launched in the town last summer by the council, in partnership with Best Bar None, Chesterfield Pubwatch and Derbyshire Constabulary.

Venues awarded the accreditation include Gasoline, Star Inn, Spa Lane Vault, Rose and Crown, Spotted Frog, Chandlers, The Association, Beach and Groove, Rosie O'Learys, Albert's Jungerer Bruder, The Portland, Chesterfield Football Club, Einsteins, GAS Bar and Bites, Donkey Derby, Aruba, Dirty Habit, Ritz's, Bambu Tiki Bar, the Winding Wheel Theatre, Bulls Head and Crown and Anchor.

Business can sign up to the Best Bar None scheme by contacting our licensing team at licensing@chesterfield.gov.uk or by calling 01246 345230.

Students create new logo for the Chesterfield Town Board

Students from Parkside School were challenged to create a new logo to be used by the Chesterfield Town Board, which is driving forward almost £20 million of investment over the next ten years.

More than 80 designs were submitted by students from the school, and from these Cindy Lin's design was chosen as the winner by a panel of Town Board members. Cindy Lin, aged 15, said: "I can't wait to see my design attached to some really exciting projects!"

The logo will be used to help promote initiatives being spearheaded by the Town Board, which

is made up of local business and community representatives, together with public sector organisations.

For more information visit: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/chesterfield-town-board



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