



Our Market

October / November 2023

Town centre regeneration to start soon

“Councillor Kate Sarvent, cabinet member for town centres and visitor economy, said: “This is an exciting opportunity for our town, it’s about enhancing what we have but also being innovative to ensure that we have a town centre that will flourish for generations to come.

“Together the package of works we have developed will help us to re-imagine the town centre ensuring it is a place where visitors and residents want to spend time, which in turn will help support local businesses and market traders.”

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

We’ll be enhancing public spaces across the town centre and the connections between them – as we aim to create a vibrant town centre with new opportunities for events and markets whilst also honouring our heritage.

The proposals include significant works to the Market Place, with a new stall layout, and a flexible central space. It also opens the area around the town pump as a place to meet and relax.

It will also include relaying and re-pointing of the cobbles to both maintain them as a heritage feature whilst also ensuring that all visitors can navigate the market.

New Square will be opened up to create a flexible events space that can also accommodate additional traders on busy market days. The edge will be enhanced with new seating and planting.

Rykned Square will be upgraded to enhance the visitor experience at the Church of St Mary and All Saints (Crooked Spire).

High Street, Burlington Street and Corporation Street will all have new seating, planting, lighting, and wayfinding signage – together these will improve the journey to the market from the railway station.

Funding for the project has been secured through the Government’s Levelling Up Fund with additional match funding provided by the council.

More details about the project and the phases of work can be found on our website:

www.chesterfield.gov.uk/revitalise



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Get your grotto tickets now

Santa Claus will be back in town this Christmas wishing everyone good tidings for the festive season, and tickets are now on sale to meet him in the Grotto..

Taking place in the Market Hall's Assembly Rooms, the Christmas Grotto will be open from Sunday 19 November (the same day as the lights switch on event) to 24 December 2023 (exact dates and times can be found here:



www.chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk/shows/santas-grotto welcoming families from across the local area.

Tickets for the grotto need to be booked in advance online, by calling the Visitor

Information Centre (VIC) on 01246 345777 (10am to 3.30pm) or by visiting the VIC in person.

Tickets are on sale now and families are encouraged to book their preferred time slots early to avoid disappointment.



Tickets are priced at £7.50 per child. A maximum of two adults can attend with each paying child, so any extra adults will need to buy a ticket also.

Every child that visits Santa will receive a wrapped present.

WELCOME

New traders welcomed to the Market Hall

Three new traders have been welcomed to the Market Hall.

Two of the traders have moved in to units on the outside of the Market Hall - Chesterfield FC Community Trust and Desi Mini Mart, which sells Indian Pakistani snacks and spices.

Slow Toad is the latest addition to the inside of the Market Hall, selling vintage and retro clothing.



Get in touch

Don't forget to share your market stall news with us. All good news stories can be added onto the council's market Facebook page. If you haven't liked our page already, please do this to keep up to date with all of our latest content.

You can tag the market page in your Facebook posts, send us a direct message or send your good news to the markets@chesterfield.gov.uk email.

Switching on the Christmas lights

Residents and visitors are invited to attend the Chesterfield Christmas Lights Switch On and Market this November.

Taking place in the town centre on Sunday 19 November, street entertainment will start at 12noon, followed by a free stage show from 3pm and then the lights will be turned on at 4.45pm.

This is a fantastic free event for all the family to enjoy - whether you want to sing along to some Christmas carols, listen to a steel band, be entertained by the National Elf Service, or simply see the festive lights being turned on across the town, there is something for everyone.

This year's special guest appearing in Rykneld Square is Paddington™. He will be appearing outside the Visitor Information Centre at intervals between 12noon and 3.30pm check the website for more information. Don't forget to bring your phones or cameras to take photos of Paddington during your visit.



Traders needed

The council is looking for market traders to stand at the Christmas Lights Switch On, as well as other dates both leading up to this event, and before Christmas.

In order to encourage residents to shop locally for their Christmas goods this year, we are hosting extra market days across the festive period and we'd love to hear from you if you would either like to trade on additional days, or if you know of any new traders who would like to join us in having a temporary stall at this time.

Want to find out more?

Email markets@chesterfield.gov.uk and mark your email 'Christmas trading' and a member of the team will be in touch soon.

Helping businesses to grow

We offer free, impartial advice and support tailored to your business needs. Whether you're just starting out, expanding, re-locating we can help. We can also provide advice on skills development. We want to help you so together we can keep Chesterfield a thriving place to live and work.

Our dedicated team of business advisors can offer:

- Support to start your business, including mentoring, business

planning, financial planning, marketing and funding to help start your business.

- Support to grow or adapt your business, including a wide range of support and advice.
- Helping you find business premises both in the town centre and across the borough.
- Help to upskill your workforce through our skill brokerage service and advice on apprenticeships.

You can find out more about the support available by visiting: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/business-support

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Peddler Market moving to March 2024

Organisers of Chesterfield's first ever Peddler Markets – which saw thousands flock to the town centre in June and September – have announced plans for it to return next year.

Working in partnership with Chesterfield Borough Council, Peddler Market will be bringing their unique street food event back to Chesterfield on 22 and 23 March 2024.

The new spring date will replace the event, which was due to take place in late November, and will see it return to the town centre with the popular mix of award-winning street food, craft drinks and live entertainment for the whole family.

The decision to switch from November to March was made recently in response to a series of logistical and operational challenges that have emerged in recent planning discussions.

Peddler Market has provided a massive boost for Chesterfield town centre by increasing the number of visitors and also encouraging visitors to support other town centre businesses.

Feedback from the first two events has been overwhelmingly positive with many visitors commenting how much they enjoyed the event and business highlighting how much their sales had increased during the event.

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



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