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Welcome ...

to the summer edition of Your Chesterfield

We understand it's a challenging time for many households in the borough as people continue to deal with the rising cost of living.

From higher energy and fuel bills to the price of your weekly shop, household costs have risen in a way we haven't seen for many years.

We're committed to doing all we can to support people, which includes distributing certain emergency funds to help those in need and helping people check they are claiming the benefits they are entitled to. If you would like to find out more about the support available, please see pages 16 and 17.

Ensuring we have a thriving local economy now and in the future – with access to good jobs and skills opportunities, and where local businesses can prosper – is also an important part of our support to local people.

Over recent months we have seen progress on some significant projects which are putting our borough in a strong position for the future.

We've been asking for your views on our £10.28m town centre regeneration project. Thanks to everyone who had their say – it's really important that we understand what local people think and we're now reviewing this feedback to shape our next steps.

Our plans will revitalise the heart of Chesterfield, helping to make sure our town centre is a contemporary destination where people want to spend time.

Together with our £17.5m refurbishment of the Pomegranate Theatre and Chesterfield Museum, we're excited to see these ambitious plans move forward (see pages four and five).

Our flagship Northern Gateway Enterprise Centre has also opened its doors. It provides more than simply office space, as businesses who make it their home will be offered a whole range of support to help them grow (see page three).

Providing affordable and quality homes for people at all stages of life is also a key priority and we continue to move forward with a range of milestone projects. We have been delighted to welcome new tenants to Badger Croft – a stunning development which is the largest council scheme in the borough in a generation (see our housing news on pages eight to 14).

We also continue to see Chesterfield's great community spirit shine through. In June, events were held across the borough to celebrate the Jubilee – see page 21 for some of the photos.

There are also plenty of opportunities to create more great memories this summer and beyond, with dates set for some of our most popular events (see page 29 for details) - we hope to see you there!

Visit Chesterfield for the Medieval Fun Day in July and the 1940s Market in October.

Northern Gateway Enterprise Centre welcomes its first tenants

Chesterfield's new flagship enterprise centre, which will support new and expanding businesses to start and grow in the town, is now officially open and has welcomed its first tenants.

Roaring Mouse Public Relations has officially moved into the new building, with more companies, including East Midlands Chamber, already lined up to move in over the next few months.

Councillor Tricia Gilby, Leader of the council, said: "The opening of the Northern Gateway Enterprise Centre represents the completion of the first phase of the Northern Gateway master plan. It will strengthen the local economy and support businesses as we recover from the effects of the pandemic.

"We've built on our experiences in Tapton Park and Dunston to develop this building and the demand we have seen from local businesses shows that we have been successful in creating a modern environment for companies to base themselves and to grow. I look forward to welcoming more tenants to the centre over the coming months."

The enterprise centre includes 32 office suites in a range of sizes and all the hi-tech features that are required for modern businesses. It also has modern conferencing facilities allowing businesses to host hybrid meetings. It has secure cycle parking and shower facilities to allow tenants to bike to work – supporting low carbon transport options. There are also features like break out rooms where businesses can network and find out how they can work together.

But the building provides much more than just office space, as tenants will be able to access bespoke business support services that can help them grow and develop, supporting the creation of more jobs and boosting the local economy.

This new centre builds on the success of Enterprise Chesterfield, which includes the council-run Dunston Innovation Centre and Tapton Park Innovation Centre. For many years these centres have offered excellent support and accommodation to innovative and growing businesses.

The building also boasts some great sustainability features which will help keep energy usage down and ensure the building is fit for the future.

It was funded through a grant from the Sheffield City Region Investment Fund, with additional funding provided by Chesterfield Borough Council.

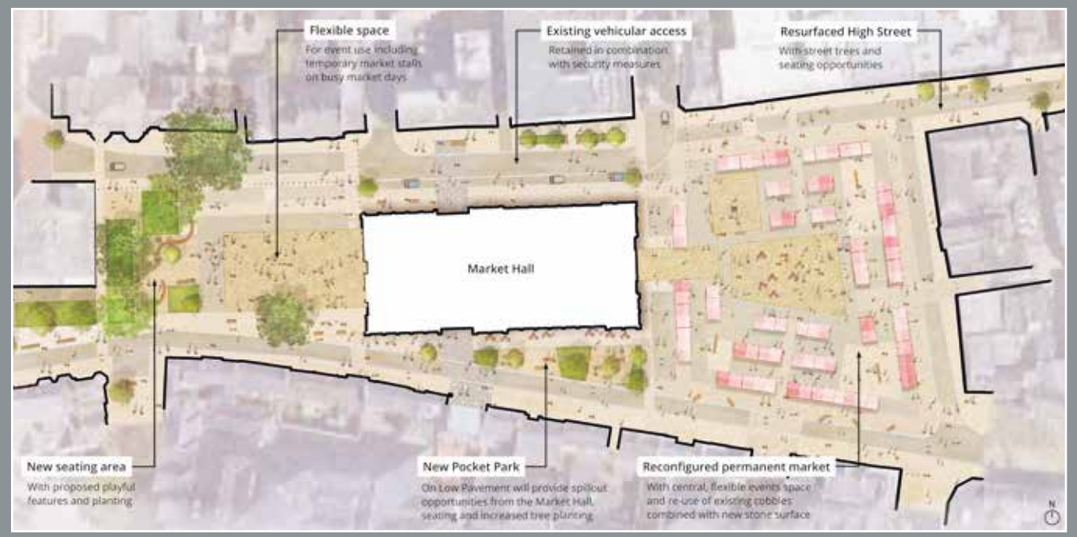
To find out more about your business being based in the Enterprise Centre contact the Enterprise Chesterfield team by calling 01246 903 900 or emailing: enterprise@chesterfield.gov.uk.

Revitalising the Heart of Chesterfield

We're investing in our town centre to make sure it thrives for generations to come.

The £10.28m Revitalising the Heart of Chesterfield scheme will transform the look, feel and flow of the town centre – creating a contemporary market town built on our proud history and heritage.

We've been asking for your views on our plans, as part of a public consultation which was due to end as this edition of Your Chesterfield went to print.



What's happening?

We're focusing on the key areas of Rykneld Square, Corporation Street, Burlington Street, Market Square, New Square and the area around the Parish Church of St Mary and All Saints (Spire Walk).

The work will be carried out in phases – starting later this year and due for completion in 2025.

Proposals include:

- Significant improvements to Chesterfield's historic market grounds
- Re-imagined town centre spaces that can be used for attractions like markets, festivals, events and cultural celebrations
- Upgrades to Rykneld Square to help frame the iconic Crooked Spire as a key attraction
- More greenery, new paving, seating, lighting, signposting and street furniture to create better-looking and better-connected spaces
- Improved lighting and digital connectivity

Together with the major refurbishment of Stephenson Memorial Hall on Corporation Street (which houses the Pomegranate Theatre and Chesterfield Museum) the project is being brought forward thanks to almost £20m which Chesterfield Borough Council secured from the Government's levelling up fund, plus additional money from the council.

The project will complement ongoing and planned regeneration in other parts of the town, including the Northern Gateway and plans to transform the area around Chesterfield Station.

Stephenson Memorial Hall

As well as improving the town centre we're also investing £17.5m into a project to transform Stephenson Memorial Hall, which is home to the Pomegranate Theatre and Chesterfield Museum.

Evening time artist's impression of how the building will look.

The plans aim to create a modern visitor experience in the heart of the town centre with a single entrance to both facilities, an expanded Pomegranate Theatre, a reconfigured museum, community spaces and a new café bar.

In March, Chesterfield Museum closed to begin moving the collection into secure storage. At the end of June the Pomegranate Theatre officially closed its door for the refurbishment, which will begin later this year and be complete by 2025.

Thanks to everyone who had their say

Thanks to everyone who took part in our recent consultation – your views will help shape the next stage of our proposals for the regeneration of the town centre.

Councillor Kate Sarvent, cabinet member for town centres and visitor economy, said: "We were really excited to share our proposals with the residents and businesses of Chesterfield, as well as those who work in and visit our borough.

"Thanks to everyone who took part – your views are really valuable to us. Our plans are currently at the concept stage and your feedback will help shape the next stage of our proposals, which we will share as soon as possible."

For the latest news and updates please visit: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/revitalise

Whilst the Pomegranate Theatre is closed, many of the standout performances will be held in the Winding Wheel Theatre, including this year's Pantomime, Sleeping Beauty (see page 31 for more details).

As well as investment from the council, around £11m of levelling up funding will be used to support the refurbishment of the Grade II listed building. A further £695,000 has been provided from the Arts Council England's Capital Investment Programme. This will be used to improve ventilation in the Pomegranate Theatre and create a new Changing Places toilet in the building.

You can find out more about the proposals for Stephenson Memorial Hall and view a selection of artist's impressions and floorplans on the council's website: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/revitalise

New businesses choose Chesterfield town centre

Dozens of new businesses have opened in Chesterfield town centre over the last year, and more than 300 across the borough since the start of the pandemic, in a positive trend which shows the town is still a go-to place for investment and innovation.

From a luxury dog emporium *(shown above)* to a captivating 'escape room' experience, plus a variety of new independent eateries, bars, boutiques, pop up shops and market stall ventures, Chesterfield town centre is not standing still.

Anthony Foster, the owner of Barkworthy Dog Emporium in Theatre Yard said: "It's fair to say we were captivated by the town immediately, its bustling market and quaint alleys which led us to all sorts of independent local shops. This immediately piqued our interest, for that is exactly what we planned to do – set up a quirky, emporium style outlet that catered for dog lovers everywhere, focused on natural and ethically sustainable products."

Louise Spence, Bistro Supervisor and Coordinator at Cibo, which opened on Low Pavement in May, said: "We are a great advocate of helping independent local businesses and encourage all of us to get behind local suppliers and companies, creating jobs for local people."

In addition to new businesses, since 2021 nine businesses have also expanded into larger premises in the town centre. These include Rebel Menswear, Pizza Pi, Vintage Tea Rooms, Bee-Orchid and Twelfth Craft.

Raj Dhir, owner of Rebel Menswear which expanded into a new larger unit on the corner of High Street and Packer's Row in March, said: "We believe in Chesterfield, and that's why we are spending roughly £500,000 on the store. Chesterfield as a community and town centre has always supported us so it's only right we invest back in the town centre and community. We believe the future of Chesterfield town is bright and will only get brighter as more investment is made into the town centre."

Councillor Kate Sarvent, cabinet member for town centres and visitor economy, said: "It's great to welcome new businesses to Chesterfield town centre and celebrate those who are expanding and investing in our town. We're making a significant investment across our town centre which will further boost business confidence by attracting more visitors and shoppers. Our town centre will be the go-to place to live, work, socialise and shop."

Discover the art in your neighbourhood

Since 1994 more than 70 pieces of public art have been created in Chesterfield, many of them paid for by developers through our 'percent for art' scheme, which operated until 2020.

It has led to the creation of a variety of artworks by internationally recognised artists including Barbara Hepworth, Stuart Marsh and Angela Connor, that are available for the public to view and enjoy.

Curved Reclining Form (Rosewall) by Dame Barbara Hepworth

As well as large sculptures like the Mollusc behind the railway station there is also a selection of smaller pieces that you may not have noticed before like the cinematic tiles at Cineworld, the Good Guys and Bad Guys at Vicar Lane and the Boundary Railings outside Rowland Hill House.

Mollusc by Liz Lemon

Boundary Railings by Denis O'Connor and Adam Walkden

Discovering all these different artworks dotted around the borough can be a fun day out for the whole family to enjoy.

The Puppy by Geoff Wood

You can find a guide that will help you see some of the most impressive artworks on the Destination Chesterfield website: www.chesterfield.co.uk/chesterfield-art-trail-walking-routes

If you want to plan your own route there is a map of where all these artworks are located on the council's website: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/chesterfield-art-trail

Growth by Melanie Jackson

Largest council housing development in a generation

Local families are settling into their new homes following the completion of the biggest council housing development in the borough for a generation.

A £4.1m development has seen 21 brand new properties constructed on the former Brockwell Court site in Loundsley Green – the latest development as part of the council's commitment to increasing the supply of affordable and accessible homes across the borough.

The new development, named Badger Croft, includes ten two-bedroom houses, six three-bedroom houses, four four-bedroom houses and one three-bedroom bungalow – all of which are for let to local families on the council's housing resister.

Councillor Chris Ludlow, cabinet member for housing, *(shown above right)* said: "This is the biggest council housing development of this generation, so it's a huge milestone in our efforts to increase the housing supply across the borough. We're pleased to see families now settling into their new homes.

"Creating attractive places for people to live is at the heart of what we do, and these new properties will provide affordable, modern and accessible homes for families in our borough."

In response to the climate emergency that was declared by council leaders in July 2019, the council is committed to ensuring that all its housing stock is as energy efficient as possible.

Councillor Ludlow added: "It's really important that new developments in the borough take account of environmental issues – contributing to a more sustainable future for us all.

"Living in an energy efficient home is not only better for our planet, but also lowers running costs."

Each of the new properties have increased levels of insulation, and electric vehicle charging points have been installed on properties with driveways to support lower carbon transport options.

Whilst works were ongoing on site, the council's main contractor, Henry Boot Construction, worked with the local Holmebrook Conservation and Improvement Group to complete additional landscaping works and environmental improvements close to the new development that will enhance the wider local community. This included the creation of wildflower meadows and planting that will help boost biodiversity and support pollinators.

New artwork

A colourful new sculpture has also been installed at the heart of Badger Croft

The 3.4m tall steel structure – designed by artist Coralie Turpin – is decorated with a handmade mosaic design incorporating badgers and celebrating the nature associated with the site.

Latest milestone for council housing in Chesterfield

A breaking-ground event held on the site of a new housing development marked the latest milestone in the council's commitment to increasing the number of affordable council homes in the borough.

The construction of 10 new homes in Middlecroft is now underway as councillors joined representatives from Robert Woodhead Ltd – the council's main contractor for the project – on site at Wensley Way to kick-start the new project.

This latest development will see the addition of two three-bed bungalows on Rowsley Crescent, two two-bed bungalows on Court Place, four two-bed bungalows on Wensley Way and two two-bedroom houses on Paisley Close.

Each of the properties will benefit from high levels of energy efficiency, including enhanced levels of insulation and the installation of energy efficient boilers and lighting.

An electrical vehicle charging point will also be installed at each property to help encourage people to opt for lower carbon transport options.

Each of the houses and bungalows will be fully landscaped with tarmac driveways and turfed lawns.

Councillor Chris Ludlow, cabinet member for housing, said: "We're really excited to watch the latest development progress. The new properties will provide affordable, modern and accessible homes for local people and the energy efficiency benefits will offer affordable warmth to our tenants whilst also allowing us to contribute to a more sustainable future for us all."

Council tenants offered incentives to downsize

Council tenants could benefit from a financial boost if they choose to downsize to a smaller home in the borough, under the Tenants Incentive Scheme.

The council is offering up to £2,500 to tenants who are looking to move to smaller accommodation which would better suit their housing needs, whilst also helping free up more family-sized homes across the borough.

The Tenants Incentive Scheme is completely voluntary and additional support can also be provided by the council if needed, such as help to arrange removals.

Councillor Chris Ludlow, cabinet member for housing, said: "As a council we offer secure tenancies where tenants live in the same property for a significant length of time. During this time, the family dimensions of the household can change, such as grown-up children moving out.

"As well as the incentives, there are also a number of health and wellbeing benefits that come with moving to a property that is more suitable. Living in a smaller property in one of our older person's housing schemes can make it easier for people to live independently and potentially tackle loneliness and isolation issues. We can also help tenants to find accommodation that has already been adapted to meet their health needs.

"In addition, we understand that it's a difficult time for many people as we are seeing a rise in the cost of living – including rapidly rising energy charges. While we would never expect people to downsize to a smaller property if it wouldn't meet their needs, if a household does have extra space that's not needed, then moving to a smaller home would come with built-in financial benefits, as smaller households are easier and cheaper to heat."

For further details, tenants should contact the housing options team on 01246 345700 or visit: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/tenants-incentive-scheme

Quality homes for every stage of life

All photos: Matthew James photography

Communal space for meeting up with friends and neighbours

All 41 council homes for older people across the borough have been refurbished – creating brighter, more easily accessible spaces designed to help people live independently – following a £3.8m refurbishment scheme by the council.

The project, which started in October 2017, has seen all of the older persons housing schemes refurbished and modernised by the council's contractor, Fortem Solutions Ltd. The investment supports the council's commitment to providing affordable, modern and attractive homes for local residents in every stage of life.

The properties at Mallard Court and Leander Court in Staveley are the latest and final homes for older people to undergo a facelift, with improvements which are designed to create a greater sense of community for residents – tackling the loneliness and social isolation that some older people experience.

Each flat has benefitted from a newly renovated kitchen and lounge area, and each bathroom has been converted into a wet room with an accessible shower.

Communal and outdoor areas have also been given a facelift to create brighter open spaces for residents to get together and socialise. In addition, links have been created between the two buildings to provide additional opportunities for residents to spend time together.

Landscaping work has also taken place to allow easier access for residents, whilst lifts have been installed inside the building for access to homes on the first floor. External works to the properties include the installation of new roof and cladding render to make the homes more energy efficient.

Chesterfield Active Tenants - join the conversation

As a responsible landlord, we are committed to engaging and working with all tenants living in our council homes and want to ensure that you have the opportunity to play an active role in shaping what we do, and how we do it.

There are a number of different ways that you can get involved and have a real say in how our housing service is run. Find out more below:

Tenant Challenge Panel

Join other tenants for regular, ongoing meetings to review how our housing services operate and recommend improvements.

Communications group

Got an eye for detail? Check and comment on our publications such as leaflets, posters and website pages, before they are published.

Working groups

Join us for a short series of meetings to give your opinion on specific topics such as repairs or anti-social behaviour.

Focus groups

Get involved with one off meetings to give your views on specific topics.

Virtual panel

Be consulted and give your feedback on our services via email or other digital methods.

Armchair consultee

Have the information sent directly to you and give feedback about our services from the comfort of our home.

Surveys

Give your views by completing surveys that will help shape our service.

Tenant inspectors

Become a mystery shopper and check our services to test how we are doing *(this includes meetings and on site work).*

If you are interested in helping us shape our service, you can contact the tenant participation team on 01246 345147 or tpenquiries@chesterfield.gov.uk for further information about how to get involved.

Photo by Ana Madeleine Uribe: https://www.pexels.com/photo/cheese-pizza-2762942/

What's in your takeaway food?

Buying a takeaway meal is a treat for many of us. However, if you do have any food allergies you need to be aware of what ingredients are going into your favourite foods.

We work alongside colleagues from Derbyshire County Council's Trading Standards Department to assist food businesses and to make Chesterfield a safe place to eat out for all our residents and visitors – but you can do your bit too by asking the right questions at the point of ordering.

Councillor Jill Mannion-Brunt, cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "There are lots of different types of food-related allergies, so it is important to never be complacent and order a meal just because you've had it before and felt okay afterwards.

"Even if you are having your regular takeaway meal, it is always sensible to speak to the food outlet and advise them of your needs, as ingredients can change and have a direct impact on you as the consumer."

Ordering food to eat-out is considered distance selling which means allergen information must be made available before the purchase of the food is completed (at the point of sale), and when the food is delivered. This can be in writing, through a website, catalogue, or menu, or by having a discussion over the phone.

If you are ordering food for a number of people, ask the food retailer to label each container so you are aware what is inside and that it is safe for you to eat.

If you come across a business that is not meeting allergen guidance requirements you can make the Food Standards Agency aware by completing an online form here: **www.food.gov.uk/contact/consumers/report-problem**

The Food Standards Agency also offers advice to help teenagers and young adults manage their food allergy as part of the #SpeakUpForAllergies campaign. More information can be found at: **www.food.gov.uk/safety-hygiene/advice-for-teenagers-and-young-adults-with-a-food-allergy**

It's also important to remember to check the food hygiene rating of a food businesses before you visit. You can do this by visiting: **ratings.food.gov.uk/.**

Cost of living – help and advice

The cost of living is rising, and it's having an impact on many households across the borough.

We're here to provide support, and help residents manage during these challenging times.

When times are tough it can sometimes be difficult to know where to turn, so we've rounded up some key information and advice below – and further detail is available on our website at:

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

Benefits help

Thousands of pounds of benefits go unclaimed each year because people find the benefits system too complicated and the forms too difficult to complete. Claiming benefits will make you better off each week and may help you get grants that are available.

We have a dedicated benefits advice service that can help check that you're receiving everything you're entitled to. This could include Housing Benefit, Universal Credit or help with your Council Tax bill. We also have discretionary payments to cover life's essentials, available for eligible residents who are in emergency need.

Visit: **www.chesterfield.gov.uk/benefits for more information**

Contact benefits@chesterfield.gov.uk or 01246 345480 for help

Emergency help with housing payments

Discretionary Housing Payments can help people who need extra support with their housing costs, because they are suffering exceptional hardship.

You need to meet certain criteria, and we only have a limited amount of money available, so unfortunately not all applications will be successful, but if you feel this could help you please visit **www.chesterfield.gov.uk/benefits** for information about who is eligible and how to claim.

Managing your money or debts

Whether you are looking for help with loans and credit, dealing with debts or setting a budget, there are lots of local organisations which can give you free, impartial advice.

Chesterfield Citizen's Advice

0808 278 7843
www.chesterfieldcab.co.uk

Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre

01246 231441
info@duwc.org.uk
Also available on Facebook Messenger

Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire Credit Union

01246 278 833
webmail@cnedcu.co.uk
www.cnedcu.co.uk

Derbyshire Law Centre

01246 550674 / Freephone 0800 707 6990
dlc@derbyshirelawcentre.org.uk
www.derbyshirelawcentre.org.uk

More information

For more details of organisations providing support – on issues including homelessness, employment, mental health support, local food banks and energy efficiency in your home – please visit: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support

Your Community Bank is here to help

Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire Credit Union - known as the Community Bank - can help if you are struggling with your finances.

It is a not-for-profit financial co-operative owned and controlled by its members.

Based in Chesterfield, it offers a range of loan and savings products designed to help members make the most of their money. Members typically borrow money for things like home appliances, holidays, home repairs, paying bills and back to school supplies.

They will consider most reasons to borrow, and all loans are at fair and reasonable rates of interest with flexible repayment terms.

For more information visit www.cnedcu.co.uk or call 01246 278 833.

CHESTERFIELD & NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE CREDIT UNION
Your Local Community Bank

Energy rebate and cost of living payments

Over 35,000 households in the borough had received the energy rebate payment as this edition of Your Chesterfield went to print – to help ease the financial pressure on households. If you are eligible and have not received yours, please visit: **www.chesterfield.gov.uk/energy-rebate** for the latest information.

The government has also recently announced a series of other payments to help with the cost of living – see: **www.gov.uk** for the most up to date information.

Walk or cycle
journeys less than two miles

Sow
some wildflower seeds

Turn it off
only turn on the heat when needed

One day a week
make meals meat free

Grow your own
start a vegetable patch or grow tomatoes in a window box

Pick it up
join a community litter pick

Recycle
sort your rubbish and put it in the correct bin

Don't buy new
buy second hand at car boot sales, charity shops

Calculate
your carbon footprint

Inspire others
share what you do - set up a local group for ideas

Chesterfield Climate Challenge

Climate change is the greatest challenge our planet has ever faced and it is one of the biggest concerns people across the UK have.

But there is lots we can do to make a real impact – small actions, taken together, add up to real change.

This summer we're asking our residents to take that first step - making changes to your lifestyle and taking part in activities that will help reduce the impact of climate change and slow the rise of global temperatures.

Councillor Amanda Serjeant, Deputy Leader of the council, said: "We all need to work together to tackle climate change and meet our emissions targets. We aim to be a carbon neutral council by 2030 and – working with our communities – to be a carbon neutral borough by 2050 at the latest.

"These small challenges that you can do together as a family aim to get you thinking about your carbon footprint and what more you can do to support our transition to a carbon neutral community. We've tried to keep them fun and engaging for everyone and I hope that lots of you will share your experiences of making these changes for our climate."

Walk or cycle journeys less than two miles - transport is one of the major sources of carbon emissions in Chesterfield. By choosing to walk or cycle instead, you can reduce emissions whilst also boosting your health and wellbeing. It can also make journeys more exciting for children. Look up Chesterfield Cycle Campaign online for maps and support to start cycling more.

Think about your heating - reducing how often you use your heating – or keeping it off during the summer if it's warm enough – will reduce emissions from your home. Try an extra blanket or more layers before switching the thermostat on.

Sow wildflower seeds - maintaining a healthy eco-system is vital to ensuring nature can thrive. Wildflowers support pollinators like bees and you can get seeds very cheaply. They can thrive in areas of your garden which are difficult to cultivate like dry ground, poor soil or slopes. There is a huge variety of wildflowers and identifying what you are growing can be a fun activity that can help children learn about plants native to the UK.

Make one day animal free - the production of meat and dairy is a key source of methane as well as emissions from transport and storage. Planning to have one day a week without eating animal products can be a fun challenge that lets you experiment with different types of food and cuisines.

Grow your own - the food we eat can have a big impact through both transport and packaging. By growing some of your own food instead you can reduce this impact, while learning new gardening skills! You don't even need a lot of space and can get started by growing salad, herbs and onions in containers. The Royal Horticultural Society has some great tips to help you start: **www.rhs.org.uk/vegetables**

Join a community litter pick - litter has a huge impact on the environment, making our communities look unclean and harming nature. There are some great local groups that organise regular litter picks that you can join and help. Search for Chesterfield Litter Picking Group on Facebook or Twitter to find out how you can get involved.

Recycle right - recycling is good for the environment because it helps reduce the amount of resources needed to make new items. Please make sure you recycle everything you can and use the right bin for the right waste You can find a simple guide to what goes in your bin on our website: **chesterfield.gov.uk/recycling**

Buy second hand or repair - new electronics, white goods or clothes create a lot of emissions through the manufacturing process, transport and the need to get rid of old items. Instead of buying new try shopping around and choosing second hand where possible. You could also repair items and extend their useable life. The Chesterfield Repair Café takes place every month and they can help you repair a wide variety of items.

Calculate your carbon footprint - understanding your own carbon emissions and where you can make further changes to reduce your impact is important. The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) has developed a carbon footprint tool which can help you make more changes to your lifestyle: footprint.wwf.org.uk

Share what you're doing - climate change affects everyone, even those who haven't been born yet! Talking about your experience of the obvious signs of climate change, like more extreme weather, and explaining what you're doing to limit your own impact can help encourage more people to take real action. Why not post on social media and use our hashtag #ClimateActionNow to help us collect and celebrate local stories.

You can find out more about climate change and what we're doing to reduce emissions on our website. We'll also be launching a new email newsletter that aims to keep you up to date on climate change and provide support for you to make small changes.

Visit: **www.chesterfield.gov.uk/climate-change** for more details.

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Climate Action **Now.**

Plant a tree

The Queen's Green Canopy is a national initiative which invites people and community groups from across the country to 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee.' Find out more at: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/jubilee

Improved customer experience technology introduced at Chesterfield leisure centres

Visitors to Queen's Park Sports Centre and The Healthy Living Centre can now enjoy several changes that will improve their experience when using the centres.

From late-June this year, self-service kiosks were installed in the reception areas making it quick and simple to book and pay for various activities.

A new online booking system has also been introduced, meaning people can now manage bookings, cancel or pay for activities, access activity programmes, and update their personal details more easily.

Staff are on hand to guide customers through how to use the new system during their visit, and it is anticipated that the improvements will reduce waiting times in the reception area and allow customers to enjoy their leisure time without delay.

Councillor Jill Mannion-Brunt, cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "The new system is easy to use, although staff are available to assist those who need any help when they attend our centres.

"Customer service is very important to us, and the new kiosks and online features are improving our customers' experience when arriving at the centres, and when booking exercise classes, swimming sessions or amending membership details."

Any customers with questions about the changes are invited to speak to a member of the leisure centre team when they next visit, or see our FAQs on our website: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/leisure.

Celebrating the Platinum Jubilee in Chesterfield

Communities across the borough came together for a colourful celebration to mark The Queen's 70-year reign.

Events took place across the town centre to keep the whole family entertained, and businesses decorated their windows with Jubilee-themed displays to mark the occasion.

Neighbours also celebrated together, with communities hosting their own street parties and events to mark this historic milestone. Here we look back at some of the images from the celebrations, which captured Chesterfield's great spirit!

Royal Chesterfield exhibition.

Judging the best dressed shop were Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor Tony Rogers and his wife, Sharon.

Platinum Jubilee tea dance at the Winding Wheel.

Although the bank holiday weekend has passed, Platinum Jubilee celebrations will continue throughout the year. Including the Queen's Green Canopy – a national initiative which invites people and community groups from across the country to 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee.'
Find out more at: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/jubilee

Investing in Staveley's future

Over £25m worth of projects which will benefit Staveley residents for generations to come have been given the official go ahead, after Government approved the package of all eleven projects within the Staveley Town Deal Programme.

It is a significant milestone for the range of projects that will receive funding through the Towns Fund, which are being delivered by a variety of organisations including Chesterfield Borough Council.

Councillor Tricia Gilby, Leader of the council and Vice Chair of the Town Deal Board, said: "The Town Deal represents a once in lifetime opportunity for Staveley and its residents. Each project is fantastic in its own right, but together they are truly transformative for the entire area. We want everyone to benefit from this investment and to understand how each of these projects can enhance Staveley and the local community."

Ivan Fomin, Chair of the Staveley Town Deal Board and Managing Director of Staveley-based MSE Hiller, said: "The projects that are being funded through the Town Deal are designed to complement one another and have been developed in response to the challenges and opportunities in Staveley. The project sponsors have worked hard to get to this point, and we are now moving into delivering these projects and ensuring that they can benefit everyone in Staveley."

The eleven projects, which are sponsored by a variety of groups including local councils, community groups and businesses, are highlighted below.

Artist's impression of how the High Street could look

Staveley 21

This is a significant regeneration and revitalisation project in Staveley town centre led by Chesterfield Borough Council. It is based around the masterplan developed in 2021. It aims to make Staveley town centre a more attractive place with better connectivity that will boost business confidence and create a better leisure and retail offer for residents and visitors.

Staveley Miners Welfare Football Club (Skills Academy)

Staveley Miners Welfare Football Club is creating a new education facility where young people will have the opportunity to achieve qualifications in sport and related subjects. It includes the creation of dedicated classroom space above the existing club house. The club will also make improvements to the car park near to the Chantry Playing Fields which will improve access for their youth teams, and for users of Poolsbrook Country Park and the Trans Pennine Trail.

Staveley Waterside

Derbyshire County Council will use funding to support the first phase of Staveley Waterside, a mixed-use development centred around the Staveley Canal Basin. This phase will include the creation of an access road, pontoons to create moorings, a café and flexible space for small businesses. This will encourage more people to visit the canal while also creating new space for ten businesses.

Wheels to Work

Wheels to Work is a Derbyshire County Council project, focused on ensuring everyone can access employment and training opportunities by providing bicycles and e-scooters for those with limited transport options and no access to private vehicles. This will make it easier for residents to access more employment opportunities whilst also reducing the impact of transport on the environment.

Barrow Hill Memorial Hall

Barrow Hill Community Trust is the community development charity for the village of Barrow Hill and surrounding neighbourhoods. It is leading on the refurbishment of Barrow Hill Memorial Hall *(artist's impression shown right)* to create a modern community hub where residents can access support services and socialise together.

Staveley Hall Conference Centre

Staveley Town Council aims to use its funding to extend the historic Staveley Hall to create a new, flexible events centre *(shown above)*. This project aims to attract new visitors as well as providing facilities for the community. Under the plans, the café will be extended and new event space which can be used by the community and businesses will be created.

Derbyshire Rail Industry Innovation Vehicle (DRIIVe)

DRIIVe is a modern rail innovation and training centre that will be located next to Barrow Hill Roundhouse. It will provide 1,423 sqm of floor space made up of classroom and workshop training areas, and specialist research and development facilities including a digital laboratory and commercial offices. The facility will support a network of speciality training providers – offering rail-related education from level 2 through to postgraduate training and research. By year five it aims to support around 270 trainees, supporting local people to access highly skilled careers in the industry.

Chesterfield Canal Restoration

The Canal Trust is restoring a stretch of our historic canal by extending it from the existing limit at Eckington Road. Works include the reconstruction of 850m of canal channel, two new bridges, a new lock and over 3km of footpath improvements along the towpath - connecting to existing networks, including the Trans Pennine Trail. This will lead to a 20% increase in visitors to the town, boosting the amount of money spent in the local economy.

Construction Skills Hub

The Construction Skills Hub is an onsite construction training centre that will enhance existing construction training provision by providing more opportunity for practical skills development. Acting as a catalyst for construction-related training and employment, the hub will initially be situated at the Devonshire Group's Mastin Moor site which has planning permission for 650 homes, a care facility, local centre and extensive parkland.

Hartington Industrial Park

Hartington Industrial Park is a 20-hectare site that has outline planning permission for an industrial and warehouse development that will create more local jobs near to the successful Markham Vale site. The Town Deal funding will support the development of infrastructure and other work needed to bring forward the development. This will create around 70,000sqm of new commercial floorspace which will create more employment opportunities for the town.

Barrow Hill Railway Station

This project aims to reinstate Barrow Hill Railway Station to create better public transport connections between Staveley, Chesterfield and Sheffield. In June 2022, the Government announced that a bid to reinstate the Barrow Hill Line will move forward to the next stage of funding and development, as part of the Restoring Your Railways initiative.

You can find out more about all the projects and keep up to date with the latest news at www.chesterfield.gov.uk/staveley-town-deal

Thinking of starting your own business?

Would-be entrepreneurs thinking of launching their own business – or those who have recently taken the plunge – can access free advice and grant funding through a county-wide scheme.

Vision Derbyshire, a partnership of local councils including Chesterfield Borough Council, launched the two-year small business initiative.

It is designed to help people, especially those aged between 17 and 30 and those over 50 who are either looking to launch their own business or have recently started up.

To find out more about the scheme and request support, please email - **business@derbyshire.gov.uk with:**

- A brief description of your business venture or idea
- Your current status (e.g. idea stage, first three-months of trading, or three to 12-months trading)
- Your contact details – name, address of your business, email and preferred telephone number

A business adviser will contact you and outline the support available, including any grants you may be eligible to receive.

For more background information about the scheme please visit: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/vision-derbyshire-business-support

Have your say on anti-social behaviour plans

Communities are being asked to have their say on a new draft strategy which sets out how we will tackle anti-social behaviour in Chesterfield.

A greater focus on prevention and early intervention is at the heart of the draft plan, which outlines how the council will work with partners to address the root causes of anti-social behaviour and help limit the impact on local communities.

Residents are now being invited to put forward their views on the approach as part of a public consultation which is open until 15 August.

Councillor Jill Mannion-Brunt, cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "Fortunately, Chesterfield is a very safe place to live but, like all areas, we know anti-social behaviour can be an issue – and it can have a huge impact on people's lives so we're committed to doing all we can to tackle the problem.

"Listening to local communities, and working closely with our partners, is at the heart of our new approach. It also takes account of recent changes in the law around anti-social behaviour to ensure we are using all the powers available to us to help prevent nuisance in the first place, and that we can take proportionate enforcement action when needed."

Visit: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/consultation to view and comment on the draft strategy.

Specialist Sunday markets prove a hit in the town centre

Through partnerships we've now got three specialist Sunday markets that help bring more visitors to our town centre every month.

The Artisan Market and Chesterfield Record Fair have proved to be very popular over the last few years and now a new Vegan Market has also joined the regular line up of Sunday markets.

Councillor Kate Sarvent, cabinet member for town centres and visitor economy, said: "The specialist Sunday markets are proving really popular amongst both visitors and residents. It's great that we're working with partners to host these events and bring more people into our town centre where they can support local traders and have a unique experience."

Featuring a wide range of essentials, treats and gifts, with a focus on local, ethical and original, the Artisan Market takes place on the last Sunday of every month.

With traders from across the country, and music for every taste, the Chesterfield Record Fair *(shown below)* is on the second Sunday of every month.

The Vegan Market offers an amazing range of vegan products including cakes, chocolate, dog treats, fudge, jewellery, household goods, clothing, pies, pizza, plastic free and zero waste solutions and a selection of hot food.

The next Vegan Market will be held on Sunday 4 September and it will then take place on the first Sunday of every month.

Bangles from an Artisan Market

You can find out more about the events and all the dates for this year on the Visit Chesterfield website: www.visitchesterfield.info/things-to-do/shopping/markets

What's on

Chesterfield markets

Chesterfield Outdoor Market takes place every Monday, Friday and Saturday from 9am to 4pm and the Flea Market is every Thursday from 9am to 4pm.
The Market Hall is open Monday to Saturday from 8.30am to 5pm.

Artisan Market in Association with The Market co.

The Artisan Market takes place on the last Sunday of the month, 10am to 3.30pm featuring the very finest artisan market traders.

Market Square, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S40 1AR.

Sunday 31 July
Sunday 28 August
Sunday 25 September
Sunday 30 October
Sunday 27 November
Sunday 18 December

Young Person's Market

11am to 3pm

Sunday 28 August
Sunday 30 October

Stalls will be charged at £10 each. Stalls must be booked online at **www.chesterfield.gov.uk/markettrading**

Record Fair

AA Record Fair invites you to the Chesterfield Record Fair. With over 40 dealers from all over the country selling a range of LPs, CDs, Cassettes and music related DVDs.
9am to 3pm
Market Square, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S40 1 AR.

Sunday 14 August
Sunday 11 September
Sunday 9 October
Sunday 13 November
Sunday 11 December

Vegan Market

Run by Rainbow Monkey Events Ltd. there will be a wide selection of vegan traders both from Derbyshire and from further afield.
10am to 4pm.

Sunday 4 September
Sunday 2 October
Sunday 6 November
Sunday 5 December

Revolution House

Revolution House will be open every Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday, between 11am and 4pm until Sunday 18 September, offering guided tours and a programme of events.

Meet the Bees

Saturday 16 July, 11am to 4pm
Discover the world of bees and beekeeping with Chesterfield Beekeepers Association.

Observation hives will be set up on the lawn in front of the house and staff will be on hand to explain the important role bees play in protecting the environment.

Healing Herbs

Monday 29 August, 11am to 4pm
Learn the history of herbal medicine and create your own healing salve using traditional ingredients.
Guests will have the opportunity to talk to a medical herbalist and see samples of the herbs she uses in her daily practice.

For further event listings and details visit www.chesterfield.gov.uk/revolutionhouse

Museum on the move events

Tel: (01246) 345727
www.chesterfield.gov.uk/museum

Meet a Medieval Surgeon
(part of the Medieval Fun Day)

Tuesday 26 July
Burlington Street, Chesterfield Town Centre
Learn about medieval medicine and diseases, surgical procedures such as trepanning and amputation and discover how leeches were used as treatment.

Museum on the Move
(part of the Medieval Fun Day)

Tuesday 26 July
Burlington Street, Chesterfield Town Centre
Meet the museum team and learn more about Medieval life, dress up in medieval costume and create some medieval crafts.

Off Site Store Tour for Heritage Open Day

Saturday 10 September, 11am to 12 noon
Unit 1 Calow Brook Drive, Off Calow Lane, Hasland, Chesterfield S41 0DR
Explore one of Chesterfield Museum's off-site stores housing some of the larger items from the museum's collection and discover how the museum looks after the items within its care and the challenges involved.
For further event listings and details visit: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/museum

Winding Wheel Theatre

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

Roy Orbison and the Traveling Wilburys

Friday 29 July at 7.30pm

Lost in Music

Saturday 30 July at 7.30pm
A musical journey straight to the heart of Disco!

LDN Wrestling

Wednesday 3 August at 7pm (Doors 6.30pm)

Pop Princesses *Family Show*

Saturday 13 August at 2pm
A musical spectacular starring four fabulous Fairy tale Princesses who just love to sing!

Crooked Spire Soul

Saturday 27 August at 7.30pm, last admission 11pm
Three rooms of soul music.

The Psychology of Serial Killers

Sunday 4 September at 7.30pm
Join expert forensics lecturer Jennifer Rees to explore one of Forensic Psychology's most troubling topics.

Cycling Pandemic Britain – Simon Parker

Thursday 8 September at 7.30pm

The Bon Jovi Experience

Friday 9 September at 7.30pm

Comedian Ed Gamble – Electric

Thursday 15 September at 8pm

Sun Records – The Concert

Friday 16 September at 7.30pmA concert that takes you back to the birthplace of rock'n'roll.

The Illegal Eagles

Saturday 17 September at 7.30pm
A brand-new production celebrating the music of The Eagles.

Dementia Friendly Screening: Calamity Jane (U)

Tuesday 20 September from 1pm – 4pm (film starts at 1.30pm)

Comedian Maisie Adam – Buzzed

Thursday 22 September at 8pm

Northern Live: Do I Love You

Saturday 24 September at 7.30pm
An 11-piece band with four lead vocalists performing over 30 original hits

Clinton Baptiste vs. Ramone!

Sunday 25 September at 7.30pm
As featured in Peter Kay's Phoenix Nights.

Saba Douglas-Hamilton: In the Footsteps of Elephants

Wednesday 28 September at 7.30pm

Play: The Tell-Tale Heart

Friday 30 September at 2pm and 7.30pm
Presented by Tabs Production based on Edgar Allan Poe's classic Victorian chiller.

The Lady Boys of Bangkok: Summer of Fun

Wednesday 5 October at 7.30pm
The largest and longest running cabaret show in the UK.

Play: Mum's the Word

Friday 7 October at 7.30pm
The stuff nobody tells you about parenthood... until it's too late.

The Carpenters Songbook featuring Toni Lee

Saturday 8 October at 7.30pm

An Evening with Snooker Greats

Sunday 9 October at 7.30pm
Steve Davis and Dennis Taylor recreate the match that gripped a nation–the 1985 World Snooker Final.

Complete Madness

Thursday 13 October at 7.30pm
A tribute to Madness.

The King is Back

Sunday 16 October at 7.30pm
Ben Portsmouth returns with a tribute to Elvis Presley.

Think Floyd

Thursday 20 October at 7.30pm
A tribute to Pink Floyd.

Forbidden Nights

Thursday 27 October at 7.30pm

The Best of Queen performed by Majesty

Friday 28 October at 7.30pm
The Best of Queen will transport you to a Queen concert at the height of their power.

Abbamania

Saturday 29 October at 8pm
Enjoy all of your favourite Abba songs in this fun show.

The Drifters

Thursday 3 November at 7.30pm

Peppa Pig's Best Day Ever
Family Show

Saturday 5 November at 1pm and 4pm and Sunday 6 November at 10am and 1pm

Please be aware events and performances may be subject to change,for the latest information visit:
www.chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk and **www.visitchesterfield.info/whats-on**

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Start the summer with some Medieval mayhem

Chesterfield will be transported back to the Middle Ages when the popular Medieval Fun Day takes centre stage in the town centre later this month. The much-loved family event is back for the first time since the pandemic, taking place on Tuesday 26 July from 10am to 5pm – the perfect way to kick-start the school summer break.

There will be lots of activities for the whole family to enjoy and visitors can expect jesters, a dragon and medieval re-enactors – bringing a bygone age to life.

Highlights include:

- The popular Thomas Stanley Retinue re-enactors group will set up their encampment in the grounds of the Crooked Spire – watch out for skirmishes and marching troops throughout the day!
- Look out for the medieval surgeon on Burlington Street and sharing tales of grisly medieval medicine.
- The dragon that battled with a Knight in the town centre in 2019 is making a comeback – entertaining audiences in the Market Place.
- New for this year, the Medieval Maniax *(shown below)* will bring their hilarious show to New Square – filled with mind-boggling tricks, contortions, and laugh-out-loud jokes
- Jousty the Jester will be performing his bizarre show in Rykneld Square
- Medieval Beggars, Damsels in Distress and Goblins will provide entertainment across the town centre

Councillor Kate Sarvent, cabinet member for town centres and visitor economy, said: "Chesterfield Medieval Fun Day is a really popular event that we know has been missed, so it's fantastic that we can bring this event back this year – helping families kick-start the summer break."

Find more details about the performance times on the Visit Chesterfield website: www.visitchesterfield.info/medieval

2022 events - save the date

Other key dates for your diary include:

Sunday 24 July – **Chesterfield Pride** takes centre stage at Stand Road Park, supported by the council as the main sponsor. For details visit: **www.chesterfieldpride.co.uk**

Thursday 27 October - **1940s Market,** town centre

Friday 4 November - **Fireworks Extravaganza** at Stand Road Park

Sunday 20 November - **Christmas Lights switch on,** town centre

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General enquiries - (01246) 345345

For enquiries about specific services call:

Chesterfield Theatres box office

(01246) 345222

box.office@chesterfield.gov.uk

Chesterfield Visitor Information Centre

(01246) 345777 or 345778

tourism@chesterfield.gov.uk

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hlcenquiries@chesterfield.gov.uk

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homelessness.prevention@chesterfield.gov.uk

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