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**Andy Abrahams**  
Executive Mayor

# Foreword

Welcome to the spring edition of **My Mansfield**. You'll notice this magazine is smaller than usual – this is to make delivery cheaper and more efficient.

Let us know what you think by taking part in the survey on the back cover. Your views are important to us and you could win shopping vouchers or Palace Theatre tickets!

We remain steadfast in our ambition to regenerate our town centre and district following the principles of 'Green, Clean and Healthy'. This is a very exciting time for Mansfield district as there are so many improvements taking place or on their way very soon. We're progressing plans for our Towns Fund, Urban Greening and Mansfield Connect projects (pages 4-5) and we've got £2m of investment coming to our leisure centres.

We are acutely aware of how difficult it is going to be for many of you to get through the looming cost of living crisis, so we have taken various steps to help out. This includes freezing the district portion of council tax (page 19).

The coming months will see a whole host of events and activities across the district for all the family. There really is something for everybody so check out pages 16-17 and pop the dates in your diary! We look forward to seeing you there.

**Andy Abrahams**  
Executive Mayor

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# Millions of pounds on the way for regeneration

Exciting plans to turn Berry Hill Park into the district's first 'destination park' were recently unveiled.



A destination park goes above and beyond what an average park would offer and ideas for this ambitious scheme include accessible footpaths, a dedicated outdoor event space, a new building with a multi-functional space, café, toilets and changing rooms.

The plans take on board feedback from nearly 1,000 people who responded to a consultation held last year. Artist impressions of the plans can be viewed online at [www.mansfield.gov.uk/berryhillparkgallery](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/berryhillparkgallery).

The project is one of six that will benefit from a total of £12.3m from the Towns Fund.

**Details of the other projects will be announced soon, after the business cases have been finalised.**

They are:

- The creation of business incubation units at Mansfield Woodhouse Station Gateway.
- An infrastructure network across the town, which could provide electronic signs to direct motorists to places of interest and parking spaces in real time.
- The creation of a new brand for the district supported by an annual programme of public events.
- A future technology skills and knowledge exchange centre at Vision West Nottinghamshire College's Chesterfield Road site.
- Warsop Health Hub at Carr Lane Park: comprising a 15m x 8m swimming pool, a multi-use games area (MUGA), changing village, fitness suite, community and office space, multi-purpose dividable hall, café, viewing and reception area.



HM Government





### Take part in climate change survey

We're keen to learn more about how people feel about climate change.

There's still time to take part in our public consultation on the council's draft Climate Change Strategy which runs until 4 April.

The council's ambition is to make Mansfield carbon neutral by 2040, after formally declaring a climate emergency in 2019.

It is currently reviewing all of its operations and services to establish what actions need be taken to reduce its carbon emissions and how we can all adapt and become more resilient to the effects of climate change.



You can find the questionnaire, along with the draft strategy, on the council website at [www.mansfield.gov.uk/climatechange](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/climatechange)

Printed copies of the survey are at the Civic Centre and local libraries.

# Beales set to be new civic hub

**The former Beales department store is set to be transformed into a new multi-agency civic hub as part of our ambitious, long-term town centre regeneration plans.**

Known as Mansfield Connect, it will be the new headquarters for the council with the current Civic Centre site being made available for redevelopment.

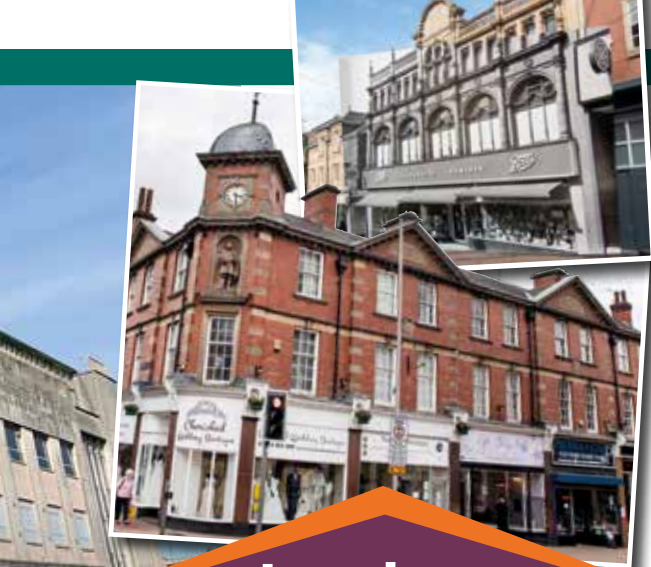
The hub is expected to house a variety of other public, educational, enterprise and health and wellbeing services, plus private sector occupiers such as food and drink outlets.

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**The scheme, which aims to encourage a range of people to visit the town centre, will form a central part of our bid to the Government's Levelling Up Fund.**

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It sits alongside other major regeneration projects including the council's emerging Town Centre Masterplan and Urban Greening project, as well as Severn Trent's Green Recovery Flood Resilience Project and ARBA's hotel and leisure development on Stockwell Gate North.



## Look up for heritage

A message encouraging visitors to 'look up!' will appear on pavements in Mansfield town centre.

The temporary stencils aim to direct attention to properties in the Leeming Street and Market Place conservation area that will benefit from the Townscape Heritage Project. The £1.3m five-year initiative has benefited from £849,100 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, raised by National Lottery players.

As work progresses with local businesses and property owners ahead of work to enhance the appearance of the Victorian and Georgian architecture, the project team is looking for history detectives to uncover stories related to the buildings.

You can discuss all aspects of townscape heritage with the project team from 10am to 3pm on the last Wednesday of every month at Mansfield Museum. The next dates are 30 March, 27 April and 25 May.

Townscape Tales, an exhibition revealing stories of historic town centre buildings, is coming to Mansfield Museum from Monday 1 August. See 'then and now' photographs showing how buildings have changed and find out more thanks to interviews with people who were there.



To find out more, volunteer or add your own story, visit  
[www.mansfieldtownscape.org.uk](http://www.mansfieldtownscape.org.uk).

## Here comes the... new tenant

The keys to the third and final retail unit inside the refurbished Old Town Hall have been handed over to its new tenant.

Seamstress Suzanne Rawlinson, who specialises in bridal alterations and sewing classes, fell in love with the premises when relocating her business, Oh Sew Suzy, from White Hart Street. She believes the Town Hall is a stunning location that will provide a perfect experience for any bride-to-be and budding seamstresses.

Oh Sew Suzy joins Robins Return, an independent family-run business, selling personalised, unique and unusual gifts and interiors products, and R&R Permanent Make-up Studio and Beauty Training.

The council's Town Centre Management team and Halo Recruitment are also based inside the building, while Victoria Hallam Hair Boutique and Henry George Menswear have exterior units.

The council contributed £775,000 towards the £1.4m scheme, with £700,000 delivered by the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership as part of its £7.63m N2 Town Centres Programme.



Ideas for a pocket park  
off Walkden Street.

# Greening up Mansfield

## A sandstone sculpture will be the focal point of a new memorial garden behind the Old Town Hall.

The 2.4 metre sculpture will be in keeping with the grade II\* listed town hall. It will celebrate Mansfield and its community, fortitude and resilience as the district looks to the future. Inspirational words will be engraved around the base of the sculpture and within the seating walls of the garden.

Terraced grassed areas will cascade down the former car park from Queen Street towards the town hall. The calm, reflective space will feature trees, plants and uplighting.

The green space has been designed to improve air quality and water drainage.

### EDGE

Both new pocket parks, with Edge and VIA East Midlands as lead designers, are part of the

**£1m of Towns Fund  
accelerated  
funding**



Another key part of the Urban Greening project, is the creation of a pocket park with slide for youngsters on the corner of Walkden Street and Quaker Way.

Smaller projects will see improved lighting of the road bridge on Stockwell Gate, planting on Quaker Way in front of the entrance ramp to the Four Seasons car park and planters, street furniture and lighting on the concourse area of the old bus station.

All these projects have been paid for by £1m of Towns Fund accelerated funding.

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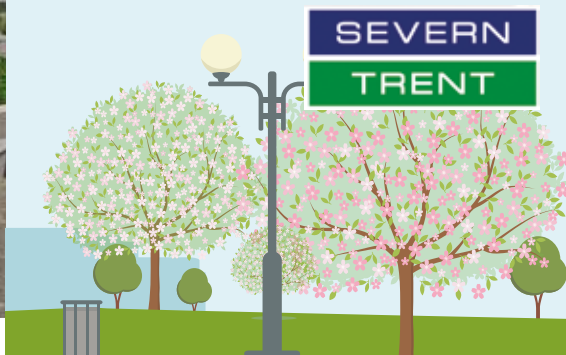
**All these improvements will help make Mansfield more attractive and encourage people to spend more time, and therefore money, in the town centre.**

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## Severn Trent is looking to install around 15,000 green interventions across the district

Find out more about SuDS (Sustainable Drainage Systems) such as rain gardens, planters and permeable paving, on page 26.



## Cycle track work on course

Construction has begun to create a new Learn to Cycle track and play area on the Bellamy Road estate in Mansfield. It is hoped they will be ready to use by the summer.

The recreational facilities are the first part of a major £7m scheme to redevelop the heart of the estate with new high quality, energy efficient council homes to be let at an affordable rent.

As well as 22 two, three and four-bedroom family homes, the redevelopment includes a new single storey parade of retail outlets and a traffic-calmed road connecting Thorpe Road and Egmont Road to allow for improved bus connections.

## Greener homes bid

Work is set to start on an insulation scheme for 12 council flats at Farnsfield Court and Shireoaks Court on the Bellamy estate which should see tenants lower their annual fuel bills by £300 to £500.

Mansfield is one of 19 areas of the country to benefit from a government decarbonisation pilot project to help lower energy consumption in social housing and thereby reduce carbon emissions and fuel bills. The work will cost £720,000 with £360,000 coming from the government and the same amount funded by the council.

We are hoping to offer more low income home owners improved insulation to help cut their fuel bills.

So far, the government's Green Homes Grant scheme has improved the insulation in 80 owner occupier properties throughout the district.

If our new bid is successful, we will be able to improve another 70 privately owned properties in Mansfield Woodhouse and Forest Town.



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## Palace and Museum reach out to communities

Our Cultural Services team has appointed an officer to help us reach out to our communities in ways that inspire local people to reach for the stars.

Learning and Aspiration Manager Christopher Neil, working with partners such as Active Notts, is leading various creative schemes to take Mansfield Museum and Palace Theatre activities directly into five priority neighbourhoods.

It aims to offer more cultural opportunities closer to people's homes while reflecting the council's Aspiration priorities to encourage more people in the district to aim high to achieve success.

Among the projects is Bellamy Dance which has been running since last summer and offers creative opportunities to young people. The museum was also involved with the Nottingham Festival of Science and Curiosity in February.



Find out more by emailing Christopher Neil at [cneil@mansfield.gov.uk](mailto:cneil@mansfield.gov.uk) or call him on 01623 463375.

## Making a Start in Mansfield

A new website has been launched to help young people make informed career and education choices and enable employers to find the local talent they are seeking.

Start in Mansfield – at **[mansfield.startprofile.com](http://mansfield.startprofile.com)** – has been set up with funding from local enterprise partnership D2N2 and has sections useful to students, parents, teachers and careers advisers.

Employers can also use the portal to add a company profile and engage students in online tastings and virtual work placements.



## Learn while you earn

For National Apprenticeship Week in February, we worked closely with the Mansfield Employment and Skills Partnership to promote the benefits of earning while learning – for both employers and trainees.

There are so many apprenticeship opportunities available across the district – and they are not just for school leavers.

Some can even lead to a degree qualification as an alternative to going to university.

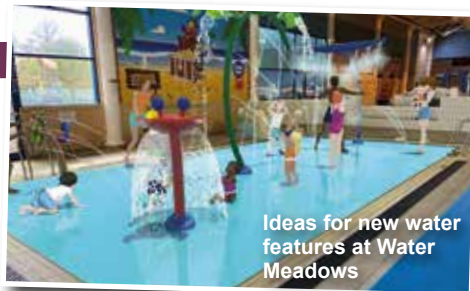
You can find out more on the council website at **[www.mansfield.gov.uk/NAW](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/NAW)**.

# £2m of leisure improvements

**Exciting improvements and changes are on the way to our leisure centres.**

Serco's new 10-year contract for the management of three leisure centres will result in £2m of improvements and investment of £333,000 in carbon reducing and energy saving measures.

At Water Meadows, customers can expect to see new water features, refurbished gym and pool changing rooms, a new climbing wall and party room. Oak Tree Leisure Centre will get an outdoor 3G sports pitch, a group cycling studio, a Shapemaster toning suite, a community hub and an inflatable Wipe Out-style obstacle course. A 'Poolview' system will be installed at



Rebecca Adlington Swimming Centre to enhance pool supervision and create a safer swimming environment.

River Maun Recreation Centre is to become a community hub in April when Nottingham-based Switch Up takes over the day-to-day operation.

**As well as a boxing gym in the main sports hall, Switch Up will provide activities such as mentoring, education, counselling and physical activity all aimed at reducing antisocial behaviour in young people.**



## FREE GYM FOR 7 DAYS\*

Get ready to start your fitness journey today!

**Across 3 leisure centres in Mansfield:**

Oak Tree Leisure Centre,  
Rebecca Adlington Swimming Centre,  
& Water Meadows Swimming & Fitness Complex.

Book your no-obligation tour online at  
**[mansfieldleisure.com/trial](https://mansfieldleisure.com/trial)**



let's do  
**MORE.**

\*Terms & conditions apply.

# Health and Wellbeing Festival

Tuesday 29 March  
to Saturday 9 April

**Our Health and Wellbeing Festival returns to Mansfield Museum this Easter.**

The event, which focuses on supporting families to lead healthier and happier lives, takes place from **Tuesday 29 March to Saturday 9 April**.

It will bring together a host of local community groups, charities and organisations to provide information on physical activity, healthy eating and creativity.

There will be free children's craft activities, on topics such as dental hygiene and mindfulness, from 10am to 12 noon every day from **Tuesday 5 April to Friday 8 April**.

You can find the full timetable of displays, workshops and experiences at [www.mansfield.gov.uk/museum](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/museum).



## Helping you remain independent

**There are times in our lives when we could all do with a little extra reassurance.**

Our Lifeline Service supports you or your loved one to live independently at home, with help only a call away 24/7, 365 days of the year.

If you need assistance you can push the button on either your pendant or unit and this will put you straight through to our Central Control team. They can call a relative, friend, neighbour, or the emergency services - if needed.

The system can be used by anyone, although it is particularly useful for those who feel vulnerable, perhaps due to ill health, age or isolation.

The service is available for tenants and homeowners in Mansfield district and neighbouring areas such as Ashfield, Newark and Alferton.



Visit [www.mansfield.gov.uk/lifeline](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/lifeline) or call 01623 463341.

## Foot and disc golf boost for park

Foot golf and disc golf look set to become exciting additions to the pitch and putt golf course at King George V Park in Mansfield.

Foot golf involves kicking a football into a hole in as few kicks as possible, while in disc golf, players throw a Frisbee type disc at a target using rules similar to golf. Look out for more details in the months ahead.

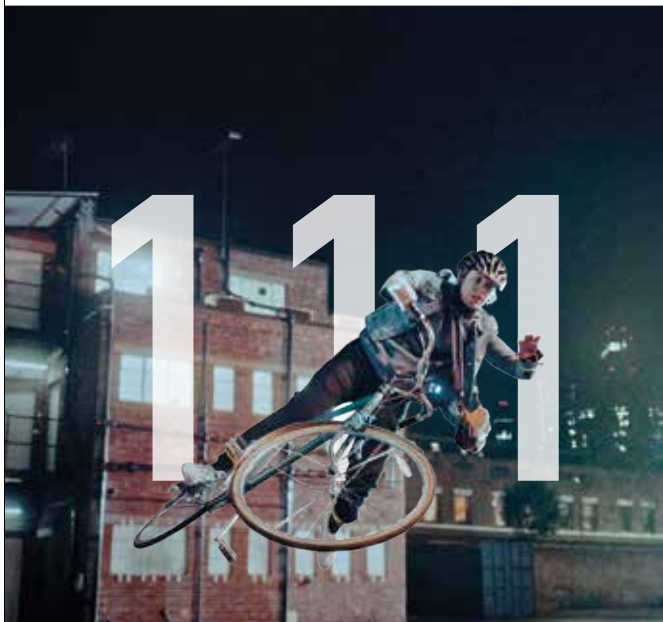


## New play areas for Bull Farm and Pleasley Hill

**The Bull Farm area has a new Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA).**

The new play area has seen old tennis courts at Bull Farm Park revamped with new surfacing, line markings, fencing, goal posts, basketball hoops and cricket signage.

The work has been funded by developer contributions from new housing at Pleasley Hill. These will also be funding new play equipment to be installed later this year in Bull Farm Park and on the open space in Woburn Road in Pleasley Hill.



## Just think 111 online first

When you think you need A&E, go to [111.NHS.UK](https://111.NHS.UK)

Q 111







## New FOOD club opens

We have supported the opening of the district's sixth FOOD (Food On Our Doorstep) Club.

It operates from the APTCOO building behind the GP surgery in Sandy Lane every Tuesday from 10am to 12noon.

Like the other FOOD clubs in the district, it costs £1 a year to join. You must live or work within 15 minutes of the club. You'll be able to buy a bag of food worth up to £15 for just £3.50 every week.

We also help to run FOOD clubs in the Bellamy Road, Dallas Street, Oak Tree, Ravensdale and Clipstone areas.



Details of these, Food Share centres and food banks are on the council website at [www.mansfield.gov.uk/foodsupport](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/foodsupport).

## Stay in the loop on planning

Keep up to date with development matters by registering on the council's planning portal at <https://mansfield.objective.co.uk/portal>. This means you will be notified of all planning consultations and will be able to participate in those where you need to log in to take part.

## Get your Covid jab!

It's never too late to get a Covid jab or booster.

Book on the NHS website at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk), call 119 or walk into certain sites.



## Plenty of space

Did you know that all the parking bays in Walkden Street car park are extra wide?

The multi-storey car park, off Rosemary Street, has reopened following refurbishment.

All 307 spaces are the same size as parent/toddler bays and those for blue badge holders. This makes it ideal for those who need extra space – such as those who use mobility aids, drive larger vehicles, or who travel with babies and young children in car seats.

Parking costs £1 an hour, with three hours for the price of two hours, and you can pay by card or cash.



**£1  
PER HOUR**

with three hours  
for the price of  
two hours

The car park benefits from improved natural lighting and ventilation as a result of new geometric cladding that replaced the concrete panels that had reached the end of their natural life.



Mansfield  
Palace  
Theatre

# WHAT'S ON

**Sunday  
10 April**  
Wizard of Oz  
Easter Panto



## APRIL

**Sunday 10** Wizard of Oz Easter Panto

**Wednesday 27** The Story of Guitar Heroes

**Thursday 28** Lee Memphis King

**Friday 29** Seriously Collins

## MAY

**Monday 2** Twirlywoos Live

**Wednesday 4** Into the Groove

**Tuesday 10** The Strange Case of  
Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

**Friday 13** Beyond the Barricade

**Saturday 14** The Comedy Store

**Tuesday 17** Uptown Joel

**Thursday 19** 80s Live

**Friday 20** Waterloo - The Best of ABBA

**Saturday 21** Lennon Retrospective

**Monday 23** Rock 'n' Roll Paradise

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01623 463088 | [mansfield.gov.uk/museum](http://mansfield.gov.uk/museum)

## JUNE

**Thursday 2** Sing-along-a  
Bohemian Rhapsody

**Friday 3** Psychology of  
Serial Killers

**Wednesday 8** Luther UK -  
Luther Vandross Celebration

**Thursday 9** Some Guys Have all the Luck

**Friday 10** The Cavern Beatles

**Thursday 16** The Rocket Man

**Friday 17** Walk Right Back -  
The Everly Brothers Story

**Tuesday 21** Ooh, and another  
thing... An Evening with Su Pollard

**Wednesday 22** Bye Bye Baby

**Tuesday  
21 June**  
An Evening with  
Su Pollard

## JULY

**Tuesday 5** Housewives on Holiday

**Wednesday 20** Calling Planet Earth

**Friday 22** Rhiannon -  
Tribute to Fleetwood Mac

**Wednesday 27**  
The Real Thing

**Friday 29** The Fizz

**Saturday 30** Odyssey

**Monday  
2 May**  
Twirlywoos  
Live



# at Cultural Services



## MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS

Our themed exhibitions in 2022 include Emma Warren's Space Race Toys, a celebration of 100 years of BBC Radio and climate change.

## GAMES CAFÉ

For people who love a game of Monopoly or Scrabble, the free Games Café is on at the museum **every other Thursday from 1pm to 2.30pm, including 31 March and 8 April**. Come along for a cup of tea and a variety of old fashioned board games. No booking required.

## REMINISCENCE TEA ROOM

Ideal for people living with memory loss, their friends and family. **Join us on the third Wednesday of every month from 1.30pm to 3pm**. No need to book, just drop in and enjoy tea, cake and a friendly chat.

## SHOP

We're excited to welcome you to our newly refurbished shop with a collection of locally produced gifts, greeting cards, homeware, books, toys and more.

## MAKE A START MANSFIELD

**Thursdays until 26 May, 11.30am to 1pm**

This group is about building confidence, making new friends and gently easing yourself back into mixing with people after lockdown. Join us for a chat and, if you wish, take part in activities like pottery, knitting or painting.

These safe and relaxed sessions are free, but you may wish to make a small donation of whatever you can.



**CREATIVE STARS**

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- Want to hear about new opportunities?
- Looking for support for the people you work with?

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Mansfield District Council  
Cultural Services

## What's On



### TUESDAY 5 TO THURSDAY 14 APRIL MANSFIELD MUSEUM EASTER ACTIVITIES

Join us during the school holidays for wellbeing activities as part of our Health and Wellbeing Festival. Activities will take place from Tuesday 5 to Friday 8 April, from 10am to 12noon. Read about the festival on page 10/11.

There will be Easter-themed crafts from Tuesday 12 to Thursday 14 April, from 10am to 12noon.

All activities are free. No need to book.

### SATURDAY 9 TO SATURDAY 23 APRIL EASTER TRAIL



Follow the trails around Mansfield town centre to find hidden bunnies and chicks. Trail sheets are available from participating shops or visit [www.facebook.com/ilovemansfield](https://www.facebook.com/ilovemansfield). Prizes to be won! Organised by the Mansfield Business Improvement District on behalf of the town's businesses.

### SUNDAY 15 MAY CLEANER GREENER FESTIVAL

A **FREE** family festival with an environmentally friendly focus. Browse the vegan market in the Market Place, plus there will be demonstrations, entertainment and activities aimed at helping residents lead cleaner and greener lives.



Disclaimer: Event programming is subject to change.  
Please check our webpage [www.mansfield.gov.uk/whatson](https://www.mansfield.gov.uk/whatson) for the latest information.

### MONDAY 20 JUNE ONEWALK

Join OneWalk - an accessible march that gives voice and visibility to learning disabled and autistic people, providing an opportunity for everyone to join with and march alongside and in solidarity with their community members.



### SUNDAY 3 JULY ARMED FORCES DAY



Join in the **FREE** fun in the town centre and show your support for servicemen and women, past and present. Organised by Mansfield Business Improvement District and supported by Mansfield District Council.

### SUNDAY 3 JULY, 5PM HAMLET

Outdoor theatre at Carr Bank Park, for everyone from age 7 to 107. Shakespeare's famous tragedy is performed as you've never seen it before with lots of laughs, music and memorable moments. Tickets will be available via the Palace Theatre website [www.mansfieldpalace.co.uk](https://www.mansfieldpalace.co.uk).



LOTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO THIS

# Summer

## THURSDAY 4 AND FRIDAY 5 AUGUST MANSFIELD SUMMER FESTIVAL

Join us at Titchfield Park, Mansfield, on Thursday evening for entertainment in a marquee involving comedy acts, live singers and more.



On Friday, there is an all-day free summer festival with movie showings inside of the marquee and family entertainment around the park.

## WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST MANSFIELD SUMMER FESTIVAL, CARR LANE PARK, WARSOP

A free family fun day with entertainment, stalls, live music, arena shows and much more for all the family.



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## SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER THE FULL SHEBANG FESTIVAL

Come and see Mansfield's town centre buzzing at this **FREE** one-day family festival presented by First Art. Enjoy knock-your-socks-off outdoor performances, events and more.

[www.thefullshebang.co.uk](http://www.thefullshebang.co.uk)



## THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER TOUR OF BRITAIN

This cycling race returns to Nottinghamshire in 2022. Full details of the route will be announced soon.



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## WHAT ELSE...

There will be live music by local brass bands in our parks on some Sunday afternoons from May to September. Keep an eye out for new and exciting events and activities in Mansfield town centre and surrounding neighbourhoods. There is a lot more still to be announced!



The Queen  
visiting  
Mansfield  
in 1977

# HELP CELEBRATE HISTORIC MILESTONE

There will be year-long **Platinum Jubilee celebrations** throughout the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and around the world – and Mansfield is no different. We invite you to help us decorate the district and join in celebrating The Queen's historic 70-year reign.



## WEDNESDAY 18 MAY HAPPY AND GLORIOUS

A feel-good matinee show of song, dance and comedy at Mansfield Palace Theatre. Tickets available from the theatre's website [www.mansfieldpalace.co.uk](http://www.mansfieldpalace.co.uk) or Box Office on **01623 633133**.

## FRIDAY 3 JUNE PROMS AND PICNIC IN THE PARK

Bring a picnic and enjoy free brass bands, traditional Punch and Judy shows and much more at Berry Hill Park.

## SATURDAY 23 JULY THE QUEEN'S KNICKERS

This regal children's musical full of songs, silliness and a corgi or two comes to Mansfield Palace Theatre! Tickets available from the theatre's website [www.mansfieldpalace.co.uk](http://www.mansfieldpalace.co.uk) or Box Office on **01623 633133**.

## WE NEED 70 VOICES

Fancy your five minutes of fame? Mansfield Museum is looking for 70 local people to talk about their views on Mansfield district and the Queen's 70 years of service. Contact Jodie at [jhenshaw@mansfield.gov.uk](mailto:jhenshaw@mansfield.gov.uk) or call **01623 463088**.

## COMMUNITY BUNTING:

Do you enjoy colouring, crocheting or knitting? We are looking for people to help us decorate our public spaces with patriotic artwork. You will find a template online at [www.mansfield.gov.uk/jubilee](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/jubilee) or collect one from the museum.

# Your Council Tax for 2022 / 23



With spring comes the new financial year and the need to balance the council's budget.

**Our district councillors are acutely aware of how difficult it is going to be for many residents and businesses to cope with the increased cost of living, so have taken various steps to help out.**

This includes freezing the district portion of Council Tax. As the vast majority of our residents live in Band A properties, it means most people will continue to pay a total of £129.81 for the year from April 2022 for all the services provided by Mansfield District Council. That's around 35p a day.

**It's worth remembering that only 10p in every £1 you pay comes to the district council; 90p goes to the county council and other organisations such as Police and Fire.**

Councillors have also added extra funding to strengthen our Council Tax Hardship Support Scheme for our vulnerable residents and the economic stimulus fund to support businesses. They also made a 10% cut in the councillors' special responsibility allowance.



## Help with your finances

**Are you struggling to pay your rent or Council Tax? Or have your finances been affected by coronavirus?**

Contact us, as you may be entitled to help from various means tested benefits.

Homeowners and landlords can also request a mortgage payment holiday from their lender to ease any financial pressures.



Call our Financial Inclusion team on **01623 463463** or email **benefits@mansfield.gov.uk**.

## Place

# In the market for a bargain?

Mansfield has had a market ever since 1227. Today, stallholders trade weekly from Tuesday to Saturday, 9am to 4pm, selling everything from greeting cards and fruit and veg, to fresh fish, clothes and watches.

You might even find that rare vinyl Led Zep album from the 1970s you've been hunting for!

The market also hosts special events, such as a vegan market on Sunday 15 May and the Love Your Local Market promotion from Saturday 14 May to Saturday 28 May. This is your chance to show your appreciation for your local market.

Keep checking the council's social media pages in the weeks ahead or check out our events section on pages 16 and 17.



## Stalls for just £7 a day!

We are always looking for new traders. Perhaps you grow or make your own products? Our monthly Farmers Market, on the third Tuesday of each month, could be the perfect place to sell your items. Stalls start from just £7 a day and include free parking and waste removal.

Email [markets@mansfield.gov.uk](mailto:markets@mansfield.gov.uk) or call 01623 463073 to find out more.

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# Safer streets for Mansfield



**By the end of March, eight new CCTV cameras are expected to have been installed in and around Mansfield and 186 households will have had free home security improvements carried out in a project to make the district safer.**

The £482,000 Safer Streets scheme, launched last year, and funded by the Home Office has involved Mansfield District Council leading the project working with partners including the police, Mansfield CVS and the county council highways services, Via, to cut crime in the district.

New CCTV cameras are being assigned to Welbeck Street, Newcastle Street, Wood Street, Rosemary Street, Chesterfield Road South, Queen Street, Dame Flogan Street and Midworth Street.

Free home security measures, such as five lever door locks, window alarms, sensor lighting, toughened windows and doors, secure side gates and CCTV, have been installed at homes in the areas most at risk from burglary.



**Residents have also been offered free vehicle security upgrades, improved street lighting, extra high-visibility police patrols...**

## Tackling town centre crime

Police in Mansfield, together with Mansfield District Council, plan to continue their successful monthly Days of Action to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in the town centre.

The Safer Streets initiative aims to address issues such as shoplifting, begging and rough sleeping, and cycling in prohibited zones.

Our Anti-social Behaviour Officers, Neighbourhood Wardens and the county council's youth service have also been working with the police to tackle issues concerning groups of teenagers and the community.

## Rewards for tackling climate change



Take part in Green Rewards to earn 'Green Points' and win prizes for helping to reduce carbon emissions in Mansfield.

Log the sustainable actions you're taking via an app; whether that's supporting wildlife, choosing a low carbon transport method or saving energy at home.

We're committed to reducing our impact on the environment and want to reward residents that help us achieve our goals.

Visit [www.notts.greenrewards.co.uk](http://www.notts.greenrewards.co.uk).



# Time to get gardening

Sign up to our Garden Waste Collection Service for fortnightly collections from March to November, plus one in December.

To compensate customers for the disruption caused by COVID-19 last year, we are offering a reduced rate of £26 for the year to everyone who signs up on or before 30 April 2022. The cost is £31 for the year for everyone who signs up after this date. Additional bins are £18 each.



Sign up at [www.mansfield.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/gardenwaste). Contact us to request free collection of any unwanted brown bins.



# TIDY TOGETHER

## returns this summer

MONDAY 6 JUNE TO FRIDAY 17 JUNE

We are committed to helping to make Mansfield district cleaner, greener and a place where people are proud to live, work and visit.

There will be:

- Free bulky waste collections
- Discounted electrical goods collections
- Community litter picks
- Tidying up our town centre.

More details will be announced on our website and social media soon.





# Glass target smashed!

We have collected more than 2,000 tonnes of recyclable glass since our kerbside collection service started last April.

Thanks to your support, we've shattered our annual glass recycling target in just 10 months. The amount collected is equivalent to 13 blue whales or 500 adult elephants. All the glass is crushed and melted before being reformed into new products. With your help we can improve the environment by increasing the amount we recycle and reducing the amount of glass that goes to landfill or for incineration.



Find out more at [www.mansfield.gov.uk/glassrecycling](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/glassrecycling)

## Be Bin Smart

Non-recyclable items regularly appear in the recycling bins we empty. This means lorry loads of contaminated recyclable materials go to waste.

Please do not put these items in your recycling bin:

- Textiles, such as clothing
- Tetra Paks/cartons
- Non-recyclable plastics
- Glass
- Nappies
- Food waste
- Batteries

Recyclable material should be clean, dry, empty and loose. Do not put your recycling in plastic carrier bags.



Sign up to free bin collection reminder emails at

[www.mansfield.gov.uk/signup](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/signup)

## Are you Bin Smart?



### Right Waste

Only these can go into your Recycling Bin. Please remember your recyclable material should be clean, dry, empty and loose. Please **do not** put your recyclable items in plastic carrier bags.



#### Paper

- ✓ Newspapers
- ✓ Envelopes
- ✓ Magazines and catalogues
- ✓ Junk mail



#### Cardboard

- ✓ Cereal boxes
- ✓ Egg boxes
- ✓ Cardboard tubes



#### Tins and cans

- ✓ Food tins
- ✓ Drinks cans
- ✓ Aerosol cans



#### Plastics

- ✓ Plastic drinks bottles and lids\*
- ✓ Shower gel and shampoo bottles and lids\*
- ✓ Cleaning product bottles and lids\*
- ✓ Yoghurt pots
- ✓ Margarine tubs

Please wash and squash bottles before replacing the lid.



\*Please take your pump and sprays off and put them in your general waste bin.



If in doubt - leave it out.



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**LAB - Labour**  
 (13 seats plus the Mayor)



**MI - Mansfield Independents**  
 (14 seats)



**IND - Independent**  
 (seven seats)



**Con - Conservative**  
 (two seats)

# Creating **sustainable flood resilient** communities in **Mansfield**



Court House, Mansfield

On an average rainy day in Mansfield, we get around 2,000,000 litres of water falling on every square kilometre.

In the past, we had plenty of green areas to soak up rain water. However, we've lost many of these spaces due to development and urban creep and the town is now less 'sponge-like'.

There's a real risk of our drains being unable to cope with heavy rainfall, leading to flooding.

So, say hello to SuDS (Sustainable Drainage Systems).

SuDS cover a range of things, like rain gardens, planters, even water-absorbent permeable paving. They mimic natural drainage processes, dealing with rainfall close to where it falls. And we're investing £76 million to bring 15,000 SuDS to Mansfield!

Rain gardens are a great example of SuDS in practice. Using plants and soil to retain and slow the flow of rainwater from surrounding hard surfaces, they naturally filter pollutants like oil and silt carried by urban runoff. The water is stored beneath the soil before being sent back to the sewer - cleaner and at a slower rate - or being soaked into the surrounding ground to replenish groundwater.

Permeable paving is also another great way to reduce flood risks with added benefits. They not only slow down and store rainwater, but means still keeping much needed parking for residents.

When complete in 2025, Mansfield SuDS will be able to store over 58 million litres of surface water - that's about 23 Olympic-sized swimming pools. And means reduced flood risk for 90,000 people!

So look out for a greener, cleaner Mansfield.

[stwater.co.uk/Mansfield](http://stwater.co.uk/Mansfield)



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# Nottinghamshire needs YOU to care

A major recruitment campaign has been launched by Nottinghamshire County Council to help care providers fill vacancies in Mansfield.

There is a wide choice of roles available working as a care professional with younger and older

adults including caring for residents in care homes, helping individuals remain independent in their own homes or supporting people to manage their lives in the local community and at home.

The roles offer flexible hours to fit around family and social life, and many don't require previous care experience because full training is provided. The most important quality that providers are looking for is people who have a passion for caring and want to support others to live their best life.



If you're looking for a fulfilling, rewarding and progressive career that makes a difference to the lives of vulnerable adults every day, visit [www.nottscc.gov.uk/carework](http://www.nottscc.gov.uk/carework) to find out if caring could be the career for you.

Every day  
is different,  
every day  
**YOU** make the  
difference

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