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A man dressed as Robin Hood, wearing a leather hood with a feather, a brown tunic, and a belt with pouches. He has long dark hair and a beard, and is holding a bow and arrows. He is standing in a forest with a stream in the background.

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Foreword

Welcome to the spring issue of My Mansfield, your magazine with news and updates on what's been happening at the council.



Executive Mayor Kate Allsop

This time of year is always particularly busy, as we make plans for the new financial year.

Once again I'm pleased to let you know that Mansfield District Council's element of Council Tax will be frozen for a further year. As the Government grant continues to be reduced when demand for services is increasing, we need to work even harder with less and explore new ways to generate income and save costs. Read more on pages 4 and 5.

As part of our plan to save money and future-proof the council we are working to move services online. We are developing a digital self-service hub for customers at the Civic Centre, as well as an online customer portal, so that residents can access certain services at any time of the day or night.

You will have heard about our new Robin Hood Lottery which went live on 27 March. Do buy a ticket – 60p in every pound goes to good causes in the district.

“Once again I'm pleased to let you know that Mansfield District Council's element of Council Tax will be frozen for a further year.”

This is an excellent way to support the charities and groups that do so much in our local communities.

Over the next few months we will be focusing on issues which will help us realise our ambitions for the district.

We'll be looking to stimulate growth through housing and employment, realising a sense of place and creating a rounded offer, encouraging activity through our wellbeing agenda and bringing aspiration to our communities by building a place that we are proud of.

Putting Mansfield on the map

A new tourism website is due to launch in spring this year.

The site has been built to promote the district as a visitor destination for days out, shopping and exploring the wider Sherwood Forest area.

As the town anticipates the development and opening of its first hotel at Stockwell Gate North, this website paves the way for a wider promotional campaign to encourage people to visit, stay and discover the tourist attractions around the north Nottinghamshire area.



The site will be available at

www.visitmansfield.co.uk

Robin Hood (Lottery) lives on!

» **ROBIN HOOD LOTTERY**

Mansfield's new Robin Hood Lottery is now live - with the first draw taking place on Saturday 28 April.

Tickets cost £1 per game and players could win up to £25,000 in the weekly draw. Other prizes are £2,000, £250, £25 or three free tickets. The online lottery has been set up by the council to support local good causes in the district and anyone over 16 can be in with a chance of winning.

Sixty pence from each ticket sold goes to local charities and good causes – compared to 28p in the National Lottery – meaning that the money stays local and is used to support causes close to home. Players can choose which local cause or charity they want their money to go to.

It's as simple as going to www.robinhoodlottery.co.uk and selecting which cause to support.

Players who don't wish to support a particular charity or group can still play, with the same chances to win.

The remaining 40p from the ticket price goes towards the prize money, operating costs and VAT.

Players will be able to set up a monthly payment in advance with the option of a three, six or twelve month subscription by direct debit or payment card.

Winners will be informed via email and will have the money transferred automatically to their chosen bank account.



HOW THE MONEY GETS DIVIDED

For more information...

Email support@robinhoodlottery.co.uk or call **01623 345333**
Play responsibly and good luck!

Digital hub on the way

A new shared reception for customers of the council and the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) is due to open at Mansfield Civic Centre next month.

Significant building work has been taking place to transform the ground floor of the Civic Centre to provide improved facilities for customers.

A digital self-service hub is now open and can be accessed from the Chesterfield Road entrance while building work continues. Customers can use computer screens to access a range of council and DWP services in one location, including applying for or updating a range of DWP and council grant and benefit applications.

The Civic Centre remains open to the public as usual but the reception is currently split in two while work is carried out and services are temporarily accessible from specific locations until the new reception opens in May.

Some visitors will need to walk from the car park on Rosemary Street to the Chesterfield Road entrance using the public footpath. Extra help is available for people with mobility difficulties, please ask our reception staff for details. Temporary public toilets are available outside the Civic Centre.

Use the Chesterfield Road entrance for:

- DWP Assessment Centre
- Job Centre Plus
- Revenues and Benefits
- Housing Services

Use the Rosemary Street (main car park) entrance for:

- General enquiries
- Document check and drop off
- Public meetings in the Council Chamber (via temporary walkway)

Ring 463463 to make an appointment to see:

- Environmental Health
- Licensing
- Property Services.

Citizens Advice Bureau on Regent Street (via appointment only on 463121) for:

- Homeless Prevention
- Homefinder.

The Civic Quarter's café and events are unaffected.

Your Council Tax

The year ahead

The Mansfield District Council element of your Council Tax bill will remain the same in the financial year 2018/19 as it was back in 2010/11 after the council agreed to freeze it for the eighth consecutive year.

The funding we receive from the Government has gone down by 58% since 2010/2011. This is at a time when the demand for our services continues to increase.

Mansfield District Council's Council Tax element only accounts for 9.84% of your total council tax bill.

The rest of your bill is made up of charges from Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue, Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner, and where applicable, Warsop Parish Council.

The amount of Council Tax you pay depends on which of the eight bands your home is in – these are set by the Valuation Office Agency.

This table shows a breakdown of the bill for someone who lives in the average Band D property:

Precepting Authority	Band D charge for 2018/2019	Increase from 2017/2018	Percentage of the Council Tax Bill
Band D	£p	£p	%
Nottinghamshire County Council	1,328.85	40.42	70.79
Nottinghamshire County Council - adult social care	90.58	27.04	4.83
Mansfield District Council	184.72	0.00	9.84
Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner	195.39	11.97	10.41
Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue	77.51	2.22	4.13
Total (excluding Warsop Parish Council)	1,877.05	81.65	100
Warsop Parish Council	34.28	5.00	
Total (including Warsop Parish Council)	1,911.33	86.65	

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Empty 10,000 bins a day.



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PAY ONLINE ON OUR PORTAL

This table shows the amount of Council Tax you pay to Mansfield District Council according to your band:

Council Tax Band	Number of homes in band	% of homes in band	Mansfield District Council element only - per year	Mansfield District Council element only - per week
			£p	£p
A	27,107	55.25%	123.15	2.37
B	9,551	19.47%	143.67	2.76
C	6,614	13.48%	164.20	3.16
D	3,735	7.61%	184.72	3.55
E	1,445	2.95%	225.77	4.34
F	401	0.82%	266.82	5.13
G	184	0.38%	307.87	5.92
H	26	0.05%	369.44	7.10

Most properties in Mansfield are Band A, the lowest Council Tax band.

So from just

£2.37 a week.

we provide a wide range of vital services to our residents.

How MDC's government funding has decreased:



Budget consultation

During April and May, we will be seeking your views on the services that are important to you with a view to ensuring that our services are targeted to meet local needs. A series of events will be held around the district.

Please keep an eye on our website, on Facebook [@mymansfielduk](#) and on Twitter [@MDC_News](#) for more details.



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Rooms with a view

Good progress is being made on the construction of the council's £8.6m Town View housing scheme for people aged over 55.



The development includes a community hub in the apartment block consisting of a communal lounge, dining room, kitchen, activity rooms and outside terrace.

The former General Hospital site – for years an eyesore – will see 42 one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments and 12 two-bedroom bungalows built in secured, landscaped grounds. They are expected to be ready for occupation in June.

All the properties have been designed either to accommodate wheelchair users or to be adaptable for wheelchairs to accommodate the possible future needs of tenants.

The development includes a community hub in the apartment block consisting of a communal lounge, dining room, kitchen, activity rooms and outside terrace.

Six of the bungalows and 32 of the apartments will be rented by the council at an affordable rent (80% of a market rent) via the council's Homefinder service. Bidding for these properties has already begun and people downsizing from an under-occupied council home

will score more highly in this process.

The remaining ten apartments will be designated as Extra Care Units, and these tenancies will be allocated by Nottinghamshire County Council.

The remaining six bungalows will be sold as Older Persons Shared Ownership homes. They are expected to go on the market this month and will be sold via a local estate agent.



You can see a video of how the scheme will look when it's finished at www.mansfield.gov.uk/townview.

Aspirational living in Mansfield

Bringing forward Mansfield Homes, a commercial house building company, was one of the priorities for Mansfield District Council last year.

Building homes to sell for profit is an important element of the long term financial strategy to bring sustainability to the authority and maintain services during financially challenging times.

The concept behind Mansfield Homes is very straightforward; it is an arm's length company that will build new houses for profit. Mansfield District Council is the sole shareholder so the profit comes back to the council. In order to get started, Mansfield District Council made a loan to the company of £8.8m which will be repaid with interest, along with the profits from the sale of the houses.

Building work on the first development on Windmill Lane, near to Carr Bank Park, will start next month. This is a prestigious development of 23 large four and five bedroomed houses in one road, with access off The Park.



The project aims to put as much back into the local community as it can by using local suppliers and spending within a short distance of the town.

The value of these homes will be in the region of £400k - £500k.

This provides a great return for the council and aspirational living opportunities for families wanting to reside here in Mansfield.



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Willmott Dixon, the appointed building partner, will bring employment opportunities and apprenticeships to Mansfield residents along with work experience for students, talks to students about construction site health and safety as well as careers in construction. A further £1.6m will also be spent in the supply chain within a 10 mile radius of the town and local contracts have been awarded to accountants, a company secretary and an estate agency all from Mansfield.

Mansfield Homes is considering four other sites across the district and further plans will be announced later in the year.

in brief...

Mortgage deposit scheme set to help new buyers

The council is planning to launch a mortgage deposit lending scheme designed to help first-time buyers get a foot onto the property ladder.

The aim is to make home ownership more affordable, which is in line with the council's vision of making the district a place where everyone can succeed.

The pilot scheme is being developed to assist those in the

private rented sector who want to buy their first home in the district.

Evidence suggests that many who rent privately pay more for their rent than a mortgage would cost, but they are unable to save for a full deposit.

It is hoped the scheme will start later this year – so we'll keep you posted as more details are confirmed.



Destination Mansfield!

The regeneration of Mansfield's town centre is a top priority for Mansfield District Council and three projects are spearheading these efforts to revitalise the town as a destination for shopping and business.

The town's movers and shakers are determined to ensure that Mansfield takes its place on the list of places to visit in Nottinghamshire.

The district council, in partnership with local business organisations and funding bodies, are driving forward three major projects which will help paint the town in a brighter, fresher light and which, in turn, will stimulate the local economy.



Hotel to boost visitor economy

Top of the list is a plan to open an 80-bed hotel on the council-owned site of the former bus station in Stockwell Gate North, which the authority has been keen to redevelop ever since the bus station was relocated in 2013.

This is a crucial development – complimented by plans for a second hotel at Mansfield Town Football

Club – because the town has been short of hotel beds for some time.

Hotel guests bring valuable business to the town. It is estimated that based on Visit England's national average 70% double occupancy level, an 80-bed hotel could welcome up to 41,000 visitors a year,



as well as creating 50 to 60 jobs. The boost to the local economy could be £3.6m a year, based on a typical overnight spend of £170.

Mike Robinson, Director of Economic Growth at Mansfield District Council, explained: "Having at least one hotel in the town centre will make a huge difference. Hotel guests mean more people using local pubs, restaurants and shops, as well as jobs for local people.

"This is a key gateway site in Mansfield and will help make the town centre a more inviting and enjoyable place to visit and stay as well as driving footfall into town centre shops and businesses.

"We also believe that the new hotel, once operating, could act as a catalyst for further developments and inward investment in the town."

Plans to redevelop the old bus station site are now pressing ahead. The council is in the process of selling the land to the ARBA Group,

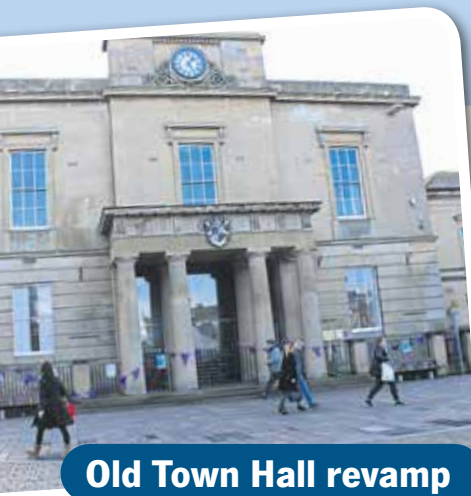
a Mansfield firm, for redevelopment.

ARBA intends to build an 80-bed hotel with roof terrace, restaurant, café, bar and gym. The proposed scheme includes a piazza and open space along with other landscaping.

Negotiations are ongoing between ARBA, the council, a national hotel chain, and food and drinks operators to bring the plans to fruition over the next two years.

Richard Burns, managing director of the ARBA Group, added: "Being local, we know Mansfield is a perfect location for this type of development. It is surrounded by a number of hugely popular tourist destinations and we need to be making sure that when people come to this area, their hotel stay is in Mansfield."

We think this will appeal to upmarket retailers which are the kind of businesses we really want to attract to improve Mansfield



Old Town Hall revamp

Another important strand to the council's regeneration vision for the town centre is bringing one of its most significant buildings back into full use for the first time in more than 30 years.

The Old Town Hall is set for a £1.4m revamp which will see new shop units on its ground floor and offices on the upper floors.

Built in 1836, the Grade II* Listed building was last fully used as a

town hall in 1986 and was in need of substantial repairs which were carried out in 2016 at a cost of £550,000.

Now D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership has confirmed a pot of £7.6m to boost towns and local centres in Nottinghamshire.

Mansfield is bidding for £700,000 of that to help pay for the cost of changing the use of the town hall and completing its renovation.

The council believes that one way to help boost the town's image as a shopping destination is to have a wider variety of shops on offer and it is hoped that the units at the town hall will appeal to businesses.

This is a prestigious building in a prime location, which will appeal to upmarket retailers. These are the kind of businesses the council wants to attract to improve Mansfield as a shopping destination.



Making more of Mansfield's hidden gems

The appearance of one of Mansfield's most historic thoroughfares – Leeming Street – is also something which the council believes could be enhanced.

Many of the old buildings on the street have suffered over the years with unsympathetic adaptations which have robbed the area of its architectural splendour.

So now the council is bidding for nearly £1m from the Heritage Lottery Fund which will support businesses in a five-year conservation programme, and help those wishing to make repairs and alterations to buildings to do them in a way which will enhance the look of the area to reflect its history and heritage.

It could be restoring original sash windows, for example, or re-instating the old fashioned hanging signs outside shops.

The scheme will go hand in hand with a community engagement programme which could, for instance, give local tradespeople the chance to learn traditional conservation and restoration skills and opportunities for local people to chart the history of the street, which was once one of the most elegant in the town.

Mike Robinson said: "We have to try to make more of what Mansfield has – and it has a lot more than people might first consider in terms of heritage and beauty in its old buildings.

"The town has hidden gems and we want more people – both visitors and those who live here – to see those jewels sparkle more brightly and feel proud that Mansfield is their home town."

New customer portal – it's all about you!

Putting customers at the heart of what we do is an important step in the council's journey to become a 21st Century authority.

The first major improvement is the creation of a new customer portal which allows residents to do more business with the council online.

You can report issues online from abandoned vehicles and missed bins to fly-tipping. You can receive feedback on live enquiries, check Council Tax balances, sign up and pay for Council Tax and most importantly access tailored content, such as bin days and 'find my nearest', based on the account address.

To get the most out of the portal, which will be fully launched next month, register for an account by following the guide at www.mansfield.gov.uk/portal.

Customers can apply for services like assisted bin collections, event notices or jobs and pay for services. Application forms for Council Tax reductions and change of circumstances will be available as an e-form for the first time.

The portal hosts enhanced forms with report back functions, which provides better reporting to customers and improves communication. The portal will also facilitate the council's efforts to reduce more expensive communication methods such as direct telephone support and encourage self-service. By doing more online business the council can review and streamline resources to better suit a new generation of customers.

**DOING
MORE
ONLINE**

This year, the council will be looking to bring key services online through the digital transformation programme. A new online system for Revenues and Benefits will be available from the summer, an improved payments system will allow more online transactions to take place and a waste and recycling system will change the way in which we manage the waste and recycling service - including in-cab technology that will bring real-time reporting from kerbside to customer.

To access the customer portal go to www.mansfield.gov.uk/portal or click on the portal icon on our homepage.



Thought about starting your own business?

Mansfield Market may be able to help you with:

- grants
- free advice on selling on the market
- no stall rent for the first 12 months, and
- clothing.



If you think you have the 'get up and go' to run your own business, then email us at markets@mansfield.gov.uk to discuss your options.

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Dates for the diary...

Sign up to receive the What's On guide to your inbox. Email events@mansfield.gov.uk with your name and What's On as the subject.

WHAT'S

ON...



Sunday 1 July

ARMED FORCES DAY,

Mansfield Market Place, 10.15am to 3pm

Join us as we celebrate the amazing work of the forces. There will be stalls, Army vehicles on display, live music and an interactive WW1 trench and recruitment scene to get involved in.

Brought to you by Mansfield BID with support from Mansfield District Council.



More dates for the diary:

**30 March to
15 April**

Easter trail around the town centre

Packs can be picked up from shops and the Four Seasons Shopping Centre

Sunday 8 April

Easter Artisan and Craft Market

Mansfield Market Place

**Tuesday 10 to
Sunday 15 April**

International Market

West Gate

**Thursday 17 to
Thursday 31 May**

Love Your Local Market

Mansfield Market

Sunday 10 June

Community Parade

Town centre and Chesterfield Road Park

**Tuesday 12 to
Sunday 17 June**

International Market

West Gate

Sunday 1 July

Armed Forces Day

Mansfield Market Place

Thursday 26 July

Summer Festival

King George V Park,
Mansfield

Thursday 9 August

Summer Festival

Carr Lane Park, Warsop

**Monday 30 July to
Saturday 25 August**

Life's a Beach

Mansfield
Market Place



Sunday 12 August

Artisan Market

Mansfield Market Place

**Thursday 30 to
Friday 31 August**

Mansfield BID

Tiny Tots photo competition

Mansfield
Market Place



See the next edition of My Mansfield in July to find out what's on from September to Christmas.

Visit www.mansfield.gov.uk/whats-on for information throughout the year.



10am to 3pm

Thursday 26 July

at King George V Park, Mansfield

Thursday 9 August

at Carr Lane Park, Warsop

Your summer of fun starts here! Go outdoors and get active at these **FREE** family friendly festivals!

There's something for all ages with arena shows, sports skills, cycling challenges, crafts, face painting, live music and more to keep the whole family entertained.

Visit www.mansfield.gov.uk/summerfestival for information.



BRASS BAND CONCERTS on Carr Bank Park

Bring the family and enjoy an afternoon of open-air live music at the band stand. Check the website for full details and times.

6 May 2018

27 May 2018

24 June 2018

29 July 2018

23 Sept 2018

Shirebrook Brass Band

Pleasley Brass Band

Whitwell Brass Band

Blidworth Welfare Brass Band

Holymoerside Brass Band.



Place

MANSFIELD MUSEUM

Regiment display comes to Mansfield

As part of local events to mark the 100-year anniversary of the end of the First World War, Mansfield Museum is delighted to announce that a prestigious display of memorabilia from the local Mercian Regiment - formerly the Sherwood Foresters - will be on show in the town from June to November.

The Museum of the Mercian Regiment is usually housed at Nottingham Castle. But while the Castle is redeveloped, the items will be moving to a temporary home at Mansfield Museum.

'Remembering WW1 – Museum of the Mercian Regiment on Tour' will be on show from Saturday 9 June until Saturday 24 November, giving local people easy access to the collection's splendours.

The display will focus on the impact of the end of the First World War on Mansfield and the surrounding area, as well as on members of the Sherwood Foresters and other regiments who came from Mansfield.

Several special events, including 'Meet a Soldier' and a peace picnic, plus many other activities for young and old, are planned as part of the collection's visit to the town.

For more information visit www.mansfield.gov.uk/museum.



Fitness, food, fun and hot yoga!

From Monday 9 April to Saturday 14 April there will be a week of health and wellbeing activities for all the family as Mansfield Museum holds its second annual health and wellbeing festival.

The six-day festival - Fitness, Food and Fun - focuses on families and will bring together a host of providers, with the aim of helping local people make the right choices across a variety of healthy living issues.

It includes the chance to join a health walk around town, learning all about sugar from the Sugar Scientists or the opportunity to try Hotpod Yoga. This is yoga carried out in a 20-person inflatable "cocoon", heated to 37°C and "designed to transport participants to an otherworldly setting".

FREE Event!

Visitors to the festival will have a chance to find out more about physical activity, diet, creativity, community groups and charities.

The event will also point them in the direction of individuals and organisations which can help them find out more about how to make life-style changes to become healthier.

Look out for the Museum's leaflet with a timetable of what is on offer during the festival, including displays, workshops and experiences to help your family find out how to make your lives healthier and happier.

For more details, please contact Jodie Henshaw jhenshaw@mansfield.gov.uk or visit www.mansfield.gov.uk/museum.



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COMING UP...

AT THE PALACE THEATRE

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PALACE THEATRE

April

Tuesday 10 April

**Alice in Wonderland -
Easter Panto**

Wednesday 11 April

**Rhythm of the Night - An Audience
with Ian Waite and Oti Mabuse**
Dazzling ballroom dance showcase
from The Strictly Come Dancing pros.

Friday 20 April

**Martin Simpson -
Folk Music in the Studio**
Virtuoso guitarist, performing with
subtlety, intensity and honesty.

Wednesday 25 April

**Les McKeown's
Bay City Rollers**
Relive the 1970s as the Rollers'
frontman recounts stories behind
the band's dramatic rise to fame and
fortune.

Sunday 29 April

Seriously Dead
Comedy drama,
starring Crissy Rock
and Tommy Cannon.

May

Wednesday

**2 May
Cilla
and The
Shades
of the 60s**



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The Shades of the
60s**

Wednesday 9 May

Sarah and Duck's Big Top Birthday
Enchanting children's theatre
featuring the wonderful characters from
the award-winning CBeebies show.

Wednesday 16 May

Menopause the Musical
Comedy drama starring a host
of TV names and Maureen
Nolan, of The Nolans.

Sunday 20 May

**The Little Mermaid - Ballet
Theatre UK**

Thursday

31 May

**Black Magic -
The Little
Mix Show**
Energetic
tribute
to girl band,
Little Mix.



**31 May
Black Magic -
The Little Mix Show**

June

Tuesday 5 June

Ugly Duckling - Northern Ballet

Tuesday 12 June

Grumpy Old Women to the Rescue
Starring Jenny Eclair, Dillie Keane
and Lizzie Roper.

July

Wednesday 4 July to Saturday 7 July

**Made in Dagenham - Ripley and
Alfreton Musical Theatre Company**



Panto tickets on sale!

Tickets for this year's Christmas
panto are already selling so be
quick if you want your favourite
seat!

There are still preview tickets available
on Saturday 1 December, at the lower
preview price of £10 and a Pay Now
Save Now ticket offer in place until
August.

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs runs
from Saturday 1 December 2018 to
Sunday 6 January 2019 and sees comedy
star Adam Moss returning for the fourth
year to the Mansfield stage after his
successful performances in last season's
Jack and the Beanstalk.

"Nothing makes me happier than seeing
all the family, young and old enjoying two
and a half hours of fun and frolics over the
Christmas period." said the funny man.

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WHAT'S ON...

The People's Poppies

To mark 100 years since the end of World War I, Mansfield District Council will be displaying thousands of knitted poppies in Mansfield Market Place in November to commemorate those who lost their lives.

The display will be in place ready for the weekend of the Royal British Legion's annual Remembrance Day parade, which falls on Sunday 11 November.

We were overwhelmed by the support we received from generous members of the public who volunteered their time to knit and attach 8,000 woollen poppies to netting, which was draped on the front of

the Old Town Hall last year. The project also raised more than £1,400 for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

We are now asking for your help to make this year's display even bigger so we can make the Armed Forces' community proud during this significant anniversary year. Be sure to tell us your name when leaving poppy donations.



Crochet and knitting patterns can be downloaded from the website at www.mansfield.gov.uk/poppies.



The project also raised more than **£1,400** for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal



Where to send your poppies...

Knitted and crocheted poppies can be delivered to Civic Centre, Chesterfield Road South, Mansfield NG19 7BH by Friday 21 September. Please leave two pieces of yarn at the back so the poppies can easily be tied to the netting.

Community parade – get involved!

Community groups and businesses are being invited to join a parade and fun day in Mansfield on Sunday 10 June.

The event is being organised by Mansfield Sister Cities Association and Mansfield Rotary Club, who came up with the idea after seeing a community parade during a visit to Mansfield, Pennsylvania, in 2016.

It is hoped that a range of groups will take part, carrying their organisation's flag or banners.

They can also collect money for their cause on the route.

Plans are still being finalised but the parade is expected to leave the Civic Centre at 11am and head down Chesterfield Road to the town centre before finishing back at Chesterfield Road Park beside the Civic Centre at around 12.30pm.

Following the parade, there will be a fun day in the park with entertainment from local bands, fairground rides, charity and commercial stalls and refreshments.

Community groups can take part for free and businesses can participate for a fee of £25.

To book a place in the parade or have a stall at the fun day, you can book online on www.eventbrite.co.uk by searching for Mayor's Community Parade in Mansfield, UK.

For further information email the organisers at mansfield@sistercities.co.uk or call 01623 404215.

If in doubt, leave it out!

Have you ever been in two minds over whether or not something can be recycled?

You're not alone – with different areas of the country having different recycling rules according to what their local recycling facilities can accept, it can be confusing.

Most people in the district know the basics - that cardboard and paper, tins and cans, and plastic bottles can be disposed of in the blue bin.

So if you're not sure, the best advice is stick to the basics. Think 'if in doubt, leave it out!' and put the waste in your green general waste bin instead of the recycling bin.

Doing this may help to reduce Mansfield's recycling contamination rate which is the highest in Nottinghamshire and could land the council with costly charges if too much waste is rejected by the county's recycling plant.

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Sign up for the big clean-up

Are you up for helping to make Mansfield a cleaner place?

We are seeking help from schools, community groups and local businesses to take part in the sixth International Clean Up Mansfield Day on Friday 8 June.

The event, organised as part of Mansfield District Council's strategy to make the district a greener and cleaner place to live, work and visit, also attracts participants from towns and cities called Mansfield in the USA and Australia.

Last year's clean-up was the biggest and best yet, attracting more than 60 groups of volunteers who spruced up the district – and beyond - by picking up litter, painting a park pavilion and town centre benches, planting bulbs and removing gum.



Communities in Texas, Pennsylvania, Minnesota and Massachusetts in the USA, and Mansfield in Victoria, Australia, also joined the international event.

You can sign up to take part in this year's event online at www.mansfield.gov.uk/cleanup and like the International Clean Up Mansfield Day Facebook page @CleanUpMansfield to keep up to date with the latest news and to share your own activities and photos.

For details contact Datsa Gaile, Town Centre Promotions Officer, at dgaile@mansfield.gov.uk or on 01623 463818.



@CleanUpMansfield

in brief...

Sign up now for garden waste collections

**ONLY
£30
A YEAR**

Mansfield District Council's garden waste collection service runs from April 2018 to March 2019 and costs £30 a year for 22 collections - about £1.36 per collection.

Waste collections are fortnightly from April until November, with monthly collections from December to February, returning to fortnightly collections in March.

The brown bin can be used for:

- grass cuttings
- hedge trimmings
- leaves
- small branches and twigs
- plants
- weeds
- cut flowers.

The annual cost of the service is £30 regardless of when people sign up, so residents are urged to join now to get the most out of the service. It costs £15 for each extra bin, up to a maximum of four bins. To sign up for the service, register online at www.mansfield.gov.uk/gardenwaste.

New customers can pay for the service at PayPoint outlets, at the Post Office, online at www.mansfield.gov.uk/payments or by using the council's automated 24 hour telephone payment line **01623 428632**.

Residents' health under the spotlight



A commission set up to tackle serious health and wellbeing issues across the district was due to meet for the first time as My Mansfield went to print.

The Healthy Mansfield Commission, set up by the Executive Mayor Kate Allsop, was due to set the priority areas for consideration at a meeting on 22 March.

The commission will continue to meet every month until August before a final report is produced containing recommendations for a healthier Mansfield.

According to Mansfield's health profile published on 4 July 2017 by Public Health England, the health of people in Mansfield is generally worse than the England average. The district is one of the 20% most deprived districts and 23% of children in this area live in low income households. Life expectancy is over ten years lower for men and eight years lower for women in the most deprived areas of Mansfield.

These stark statistics will be included in the discussion points of the commission which will be chaired by Les Marshall, a former councillor at Mansfield District Council and former chairman of economic development, leisure and housing committees.

More information on the Healthy Mansfield Commission can be found at www.mansfield.gov.uk/healthymansfield. Residents can email suggestions on health and wellbeing to healthymansfield@mansfield.gov.uk.



How we help you to be healthier

Every year hundreds of people across the district benefit from advice on healthy eating and exercise from the council's Health Development team.

Members of the team regularly visit schools to talk to primary school children, teachers, kitchen staff and midday supervisors about healthy lifestyles, including the importance of having breakfast, what to include in a balanced lunchbox and how much exercise they should be doing.

Sessions can include making and tasting foods such as healthy wraps, vegetable cakes, fruit pizzas and smoothies.

The team also offers practical cooking sessions for disadvantaged families to help them to improve their knowledge, behaviour and confidence around nutrition and exercise. Adults and children are encouraged to forget the stresses and strains of everyday life and spend more time together making simple, healthy recipes in a fun and interactive way.

Organisations across the district can benefit from health MOTs including having their Body Mass Index (BMI),

body fat and muscle percentage measured and their blood pressure checked. Practical cooking sessions are also available to encourage staff to make low cost, quick and healthy meals at home.

Cook and eat sessions are available for individuals in small or large groups that want to learn the basics of cooking, cooking on a budget and confidence building over six weeks.

Feel Good
Friday
FREE Event!

A free event to encourage older people to be more active and eat well is held at Mansfield Museum on the last Friday of every month. Feel Good Fridays, from 11am to 1pm, is run in partnership with Mansfield District Leisure Trust. It includes activities such as short tennis or boccia followed by making a healthy snack such as fruit with layers of yoghurt and cereal and advice on a balanced diet. Everyone is welcome and participants range in age up to 93-years-old!

All the packages can be tailored to specific requirements. If you would like any further information about the Community Nutrition service, please contact Sandra Alvey on 01623 463470 or email salvey@mansfield.gov.uk.

Sowing seeds of friendship

A new Community Garden is being set up at the Bull Farm allotments in Shaftesbury Avenue to tackle the issue of social isolation.

The scheme is being run by Mansfield District Council in partnership with Feel Good Gardens, a local community interest company, as part of a wider council strategy to improve the health, wellbeing and lifestyles of its residents.

The council intends to expand the scheme and open more community gardens in other parts of the district in the future.

The Bull Farm garden is running weekly 'work parties' on Wednesdays from 10.30am to 2.30pm. Just turn up and grab a spade!



To find out more, see www.feelgoodgardens.org or call Clare on 07866 364400.



Clare Heyting, of Feel Good Gardens, said: "As well as providing exercise, what could be better for you than growing your own free fruit and vegetables?"

"It has long been known that gardening is a healthy pastime - both physically and mentally. Older men in particular often suffer from loneliness and social isolation, and this is a great way to get out in the fresh air and meet like-minded people.

"The advantage of it being a communal allotment means it is less daunting than taking on an entire allotment."

Free fruit for everyone!

Pupils from Asquith Primary School and members of the Greenwood Forest Community Team have helped plant a new community orchard in Jackson's Field, off Mill Street, in Mansfield.

A total of 72 trees and 200 hedging shrubs were planted, including apples, pears, plums, cherries, medlars, hazelnuts, mulberries, hawthorn, blackthorn, and elder.

As well as creating a greener environment, the scheme aims to promote a healthier lifestyle among residents who will be able to get out and enjoy the orchard and pick and use the fruit that the trees and shrubs will produce.

Each apple tree could produce 365 fruits a year. This is enough free apples to provide one of your five-a-day for a whole year - or 90 apple pies!

It will also be a fantastic resource for schools and a place for schoolchildren to visit in the



future to learn about the wildlife. The aim is to have benches there where people can enjoy picnics.

It is also hoped that the orchard will bring people together and inspire them to care for their local environment by helping to maintain the orchard with tasks such as pruning the trees.

The grass in the orchard will be allowed to grow to enable wildlife to flourish. It will take five years for the trees to start producing a harvest of fruit, berries and nuts.

The trees in Jackson's Field make this the ninth community orchard to be planted in Mansfield district over the past five years - a total of 665 fruit trees.

in brief...

Meden Sports Centre

Customers of Meden Sports Centre in Warsop can continue their lessons and activities at one of the district's four other leisure centres from 22 April.

Gym and leisure users will be able to maintain their fitness and transfer their Meden membership to other MDLT fitness centres across Mansfield with the reduced rate honoured until the end of July.

Meden Sports Centre membership is fully transferable to Rebecca Adlington Swimming Centre, Water Meadows Swimming and Fitness Complex, Oak Tree Leisure Centre and River Maun Recreation Centre.

Mansfield District Leisure Trust is committed to providing leisure activities for all ages within Warsop. A number of activities have already taken place including yoga, adult taster sessions and free family activities during school holidays, and many more will follow. Find out more on page 19.

There are 180 fitness classes taking place across the district.

To find out where your nearest class is, visit www.mansfieldleisure.com.

Tee off for just £4

Did you know that as part of our strategy to help everyone achieve a healthy lifestyle, Mansfield District Council operates an 18 hole pitch and putt golf course where you can tee off for between £2 and £4 per round?

The course is located within the beautiful surroundings of the Green Flag Award winning King George V Park, off Black Scotch Lane, Mansfield.

Golf is just one of the many great value leisure activities that we offer across the district to help you and your family to improve your health and wellbeing by being more active.

Some may say golf is a way of ruining a good walk, but it's a great way to get outside for fresh air in a parkland location – with the added advantage of it being an easy way to meet new people and make friends both during and after play.

You can take it as easy as you like, which means it could be a good activity to try if you are just starting out on your fitness journey or are not as young as you used to be.

The golf course is open seven days a week throughout the year and costs just £4 per round for adults (£2 for concessions) or you can get an annual season ticket for £110 (£55 for concessions). There are no age restrictions, making it an ideal family activity.

Until the end of September, the golf course is open from 9am until 6pm (last tee off at 4pm) Monday to Friday and 10am until 4pm on weekends (last tee off 2pm). Hire of clubs is available at the golf kiosk, a short walk from the onsite car park.



**Calling
all budding
gardeners**



Spring into action!

We are keen to work with residents to help you get fit and healthy this spring. As part of this approach, we're highlighting the activities you can take part in to improve your overall wellbeing – and gardening is top of the list.

As well as improving the view out of your window and the appearance of your street and neighbourhood, there are many benefits to gardening.

Not only can planting bulbs, digging flowerbeds and pruning roses vastly improve your physical health but it can also improve mental health too.

So if your garden could do with a makeover, there's plenty of time to turn it into your own little slice of paradise and you could win a prize in the process.

Mansfield District Council's Best Kept Garden Competition is open to all residents in the district and there will be cash prizes for the top three entries.

Last year, Mansfield couple June and Tony Harvey won the Best Kept Garden award for the second year in a row with their colourful floral displays, manicured lawn and environmentally friendly approach to gardening at their home on the Grange Farm Estate.

Judging will take place between 16 July and 3 August based on factors such as overall design and appearance; choice, quality and health of plants; tidiness and use of environmentally-friendly gardening techniques.

The results will be announced at Mansfield BID Garden Festival on 2 September.

Good luck everyone!

How to enter...

To enter, complete the form, which is available from the Civic Centre reception on Chesterfield Road South and online at www.mansfield.gov.uk/bestkeptgarden by Friday 29 June 2018.

Community sports project

Mansfield District Leisure Trust has a three-year Sport England funded project to encourage more people in the area to become active, complementing a wider Mansfield District Council strategy to improve the health and wellbeing of residents in the district.

Some sessions are at leisure centres and others in the community. And some are **FREE**, so why not give something new a go?

Free school holiday family sports in parks

Come along to free, multi-activity sessions for the whole family during school holidays at parks across the district.

Sports, games and activities to suit all ages and abilities, are held 1pm to 2pm at Carr Lane Park on Tuesdays, Titchfield Park on Thursdays and at Yeoman Hill Park on Fridays.

The Easter holiday sessions are on Tuesday 10 April, Thursday 12 April and Friday 13 April. They will also be held during other school holidays in the weeks beginning 29 May, 31 July, 21 August and 30 October. Under-12s must be accompanied.

Get fit together

Fit Together sessions, run in conjunction with Vibrant Warsop, at the Adam Eastwood Building (aka The Shed) in Warsop are open to adults of any age and are held on Tuesdays, from 9am to 12noon.

There's table tennis, pool, games and activities as well as board games and refreshments. Come on! What's stopping you from having some fun?

Yoga to continue in Warsop

Yoga will continue in Warsop on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am to 11am, at the Tudor Barn in the village, after Meden Leisure Centre closes on 22 April. Book online at www.mansfieldleisure.com or call **0345 000 0231**.

Yoga is also held at River Maun Recreation Centre on Thursdays, 10.30am to 11.30am; and Fridays, 5.30pm to 6.30pm; and at Oak Tree Leisure Centre on Tuesdays at 11am to 12noon and Thursdays at 6pm to 7pm.



New activities at Oak Tree Leisure Centre

After the success of the Wednesday daytime indoor walking football, Oak Tree Leisure Centre has now added a Friday evening session. Why not come and have a go?

The sessions on Wednesdays are from 10.45am to 11.45am and on Fridays at 7.15pm to 8pm. The sessions cost £3.50 per person or are included in full membership.

For more details, call Simon on **07955 740222**.

For children, the centre has **mini tennis** on Wednesdays at 4pm for ages two to four and at 4.30pm for ages five to eight.

Family football hour-long sessions for three to seven-year-olds with their parents are held on Mondays at 3.45pm. Parents learn along with their child to enable them to help them practise between sessions.

There are also **gymnastics** and **trampolining** courses held weekly on various days. For all the above, call **0345 000 0231** to book.

The centre is also planning indoor athletics and sports challenge sessions to start after Easter. Call Rebekah on **0345 000 0231** for more information.



We are looking at providing other activities in Warsop. See the Community Sports page on www.mansfieldleisure.com or for details, call Carolyn Hallam on **07718 194 711** or email carolyn.hallam@serco.com.

Your Local Mansfield Leisure Centres

Fitness and fun for all ages and abilities...



FREE 7 DAY TRIAL

Enjoy Gym, Swim & Workout Classes across 4 facilities,
book your no-obligation tour at www.mansfieldleisure.com

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Rebecca Adlington Swimming Centre - Tel: **0345 0000 230** /  RebeccaAdlingtonPool

River Maun Recreation Centre - Tel: **0345 0000 233** /  RiverMaunRecreationCentre

Water Meadows Swimming & Fitness Complex - Tel: **0345 0000 232** /  WaterMeadows

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Providing a service on behalf of
Mansfield District Council

Objection! What is a legitimate objection in planning?

APPROVED

This is our second article on planning issues, this time looking at how to raise an objection to a planning application.

The council's Local Plan sets out what land is needed for sustainable housing and business development across the district and which areas need to be protected. It also includes a range of policies on a number of issues.

New homes or businesses can be established where land is earmarked for development, with the proposer or developer submitting an application to the council for a decision. Members of the public can object to the proposals, but any objections must be legitimate, 'material planning considerations.'

What is a material planning consideration?

This is a factor which is relevant to a planning decision - whether granting or refusing a planning application.

What constitutes a material consideration is wide and the courts

often do not indicate what cannot be a material consideration. However, the courts generally take the view that planning is concerned with land use in the public interest. The protection of purely private interests such as the impact of a development on the value of a neighbouring property, commonly referred to as a NIMBY objection, is not a material consideration.

Material considerations can include, but are not limited, to:

- Government policy
- Proposals in the Development Plan
- Overlooking/loss of privacy
- Loss of light or overshadowing
- Parking
- Highway safety
- Traffic
- Noise and disturbance
- Smells and fumes
- Effect on listed buildings and conservation area
- Layout and density of building
- Design, appearance and materials
- Landscaping
- Disabled persons' access
- Previous planning decisions (including appeal decisions)
- Nature conservation and ecological factors
- Neighbours' letters if material planning considerations are raised

Examples of non-material considerations include:

- Loss of a private view
- Loss of property value
- Private disputes between neighbours or boundary positions
- Who the applicant is – or their history
- Planning application has been submitted retrospectively
- Strength of opposition
- Personal views about an application
- Opposition to business competition

The council is working to bring forward sustainable development across the district, in line with the Local Plan, to make Mansfield a destination of choice for business, housing and leisure.

Local Plan: the next steps...

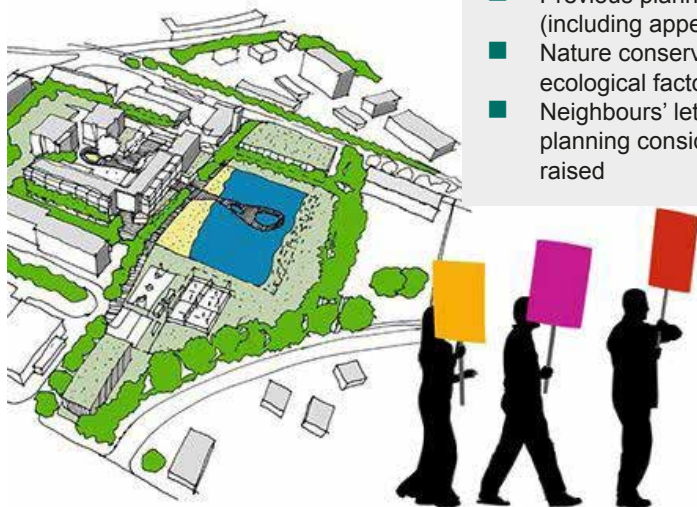
Following the consultation on the Local Plan Preferred Options between October and November last year, the council is in the process of reviewing the numerous comments it received. The preferred options set out the council's preferred housing and employment allocations to meet the district's housing, leisure and business development needs between now and 2033.

The next steps for preparing the plan are:

- publication consultation, this is a statutory consultation in which representations can only be made on the grounds of legal compliance, duty to co-operate and soundness.
- submission of the local plan to the Planning Inspectorate

These steps will be completed by the autumn.

For more information go to www.mansfield.gov.uk/planning or call 01623 463207 / 463202.



Find out more at www.mansfield.gov.uk/planningcomments.

University on your doorstep

By inspiring people to become qualified at a higher level, we hope to bring more good-quality, well-paid jobs to the area

Mansfield District Council is committed to working with partners such as Vision West Nottinghamshire College to help improve access to higher education and plug the area's skills gap.

More than 750 students, including 250 on day release from work, are now studying at the college's £6.5m state-of-the-art university centre, which opened in 2016.

As well as bringing affordable higher education closer to home, the centre supports local employers to up-skill their workforce with courses designed around their needs.

Subjects include social sciences, teacher training, healthcare professions, computing and engineering, creative digital media, social policy, criminal justice, sports studies, business and management, accounting, personnel and development, marketing, and purchasing and supply.

Hayley Barsby, Mansfield District Council's Chief Executive, said: "We're committed to working with our partners, including the college, to ensure

businesses can train their existing workforces and recruit local people who have the kind of skills that employers here are seeking."

Dame Asha Khemka, college principal and chief executive, added: "By inspiring people to become qualified at a higher level, we hope to bring more good-quality, well-paid jobs to the area, and boost productivity, which will benefit businesses, individuals and communities."



You can find out more at www.wnc.ac.uk/University-centre/ or by calling 0808 100 3626.

Ready to grow jobs and opportunity

Did you know Mansfield is in the top ten locations to start a business in the UK and that 12 of the UK's top 200 companies are based in the area?

The district came ninth out of the 63 largest UK towns and cities in a recent study by Informi, a website offering advice and support for small businesses.

Informi's research followed another study by the University of Derby and leading tax advisory company KPMG which looked at company turnover and highlighted a number of local success stories in its top 200 companies.

Mike Robinson, Director of Economic Growth at Mansfield District Council, said: "Mansfield is a great place to set up a business and the council is very supportive of both new ventures and established firms.

"The area has more SMEs than the English average and we are expecting to see these smaller businesses grow into larger businesses in the future. We have already seen this happening – look at the success and growth of companies like Glenair, Linney and TIS. These are exciting times for Mansfield.

"Linney, in particular, is a fantastic example of a successful local business and of the confidence that the private sector has in Mansfield as a successful commercial base which can supply the right workforce."

Help for your business

Last year more than 70 local businesses benefited from council support, such as start-up grants, business growth grants, business rates relief, apprenticeship grants, help for new traders on Mansfield Market, shop front improvements and vacant shops grants.

We can help in other ways, such as signposting businesses to other funding sources, holding information events, jobs fairs, and helping to find suitable business premises.

Call 01623 463499 for help or see <https://invest.ashfield-mansfield.com>.



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Antisocial behaviour
☎ **01623 463185** &
(24 hours) ☎ **01623 460144**

Building regulations &
planning permission
☎ **01623 463077 / 463207**

Business premises
☎ **01623 463728**

Business rates
☎ **01623 463162**

Cemeteries and
crematorium
☎ **01623 621811**

Council housing
(Homefinder)
☎ **01623 463402**

Electoral registration
☎ **01623 463345**

Environmental Health
☎ **01623 463189**

Health development
☎ **01623 463470**

Homelessness
☎ **01623 463121**

If you know or see anyone
who is homeless and in
need of support, contact
Framework's homeless
reporting line on
☎ **0800 066 5356**,
and select option 2.

Land charges & searches
☎ **01623 463063**

Shopmobility
☎ **01623 655222**

Sports development
☎ **01623 463371**

Taxi licences
☎ **01623 463181**

Town centre including car
parks and markets
☎ **01623 463733**

Trade waste
☎ **01623 463092**

General Enquiries

For all general enquiries call Mansfield District Council on **01623 463463**. This includes:

- bins and recycling
- parks
- housing repairs
- benefits
- fly-tipping, graffiti & litter

Neighbourhood Wardens

North

(Abbott, Brick Kiln, Broomhill, Bull Farm and Pleasley Hill, Grange Farm, Holly, Hornby, Kingsway, Ladybrook, Manor, Market Warsop, Maun Valley, Meden, Netherfield, Newlands, Park Hall, Peafields, Penniment, Sherwood, Warsop Carrs, Woodhouse, Yeoman Hill)

☎ **07814 390615**

☎ **07976 405335**

☎ **07791 481678**

☎ **07973 543786**

Central

(Town centre including Portland and Woodlands wards)

☎ **07976 405315**

☎ **07973 543698**

☎ **07814 541637**

☎ **07976 405320**

South

(Berry Hill, Carr Bank, Eakring, Kings Walk, Ling Forest, Lindhurst, Newgate, Oakham, Oak Tree, Racecourse, Ransom Wood, Sandhurst)

☎ **07970 538279**

☎ **07814 486375**

☎ **07970 538328**

☎ **07976 405308**

Leisure and culture

Mansfield Museum

☎ **01623 463088**

Mansfield Palace Theatre (box office)

☎ **01623 633133**

Oak Tree Leisure Centre

☎ **0345 0000 231**

Rebecca Adlington Swimming Centre

☎ **0345 0000 230**

River Maun Recreation Centre

☎ **0345 0000 233**

Water Meadows Complex

☎ **0345 0000 232**

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For emergencies outside office hours
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- Blue badges
- On street parking

Feedback

We welcome your feedback on My Mansfield. Please email publicrelations@mansfield.gov.uk or call ☎ **01623 463021**

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