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# We are here to help

Here's your guide on how to contact the council.

## Contact us online

Our website, [www.mansfield.gov.uk](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk) is the first port of call when contacting us. There are 600 easy to search pages each with a 'report it', 'say it' and 'pay it' function. As well as paying for services such as garden waste or settling your council tax bill, you can also report issues in your neighbourhood including dog fouling, fly-tipping, anti-social behaviour and graffiti. Check out all the options on the 'report it' link on the website homepage. On the 'say it' section you can make comments and complaints about any council service.

## Call your councillor

Your ward councillor is a good line of contact if you wish to talk about something connected to your area. Contact details for elected members are on the back page of My Mansfield and on our website under the 'about us' section.

## Write to the Mayor

Kate Allsop welcomes contact from all Mansfield residents. She would also like to receive nominations for the Mayor's Award which is presented to residents who go that extra mile. Contact the Mayor by email at [mayorkateallsop@mansfield.gov.uk](mailto:mayorkateallsop@mansfield.gov.uk).

## Twitter and Facebook

Keep up to date with the latest council news on our social media pages. We will also direct comments and complaints to the relevant service area. Follow us on Twitter [@MDC\\_News](https://twitter.com/MDC_News) and find us on Facebook at [mymansfielduk](https://www.facebook.com/mymansfielduk).

## Call or email

Call our dedicated Contact Centre on **01623 463463** with any question or query about the council's services. You can also email our Customer Services team on [mdc@mansfield.gov.uk](mailto:mdc@mansfield.gov.uk).

## Missed bin

If you think your bin has been missed please get in touch with the Contact Centre after 4pm on the day of collection. This can also be reported on our website at [www.mansfield.gov.uk/reportonline](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/reportonline).

## Potholes

Potholes, issues to do with highways, pavements, street lights and footpaths are usually dealt with by Nottinghamshire County Council. You can report these issues online at [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk).

## Digital champions to help people get online

**Two new classes to help people develop their computer and internet skills will be launched in Mansfield this September.**

The free sessions will be held every Wednesday from 14 September at Sherwood Court in Mansfield Woodhouse and the Flint Avenue Centre in Forest Town.

There will be the chance to learn from Mansfield District Council digital

champions. Everyone taking part will find out about the benefits of being online so they can be better in touch with friends and family and also learn about the council's online services.

**Classes take place at Sherwood Court between 9am and 11am and Flint Avenue between 10am and noon. For more details call 01623 463485.**



# Rio Day

**24 September, 11am to 2pm  
Mansfield Market Place**

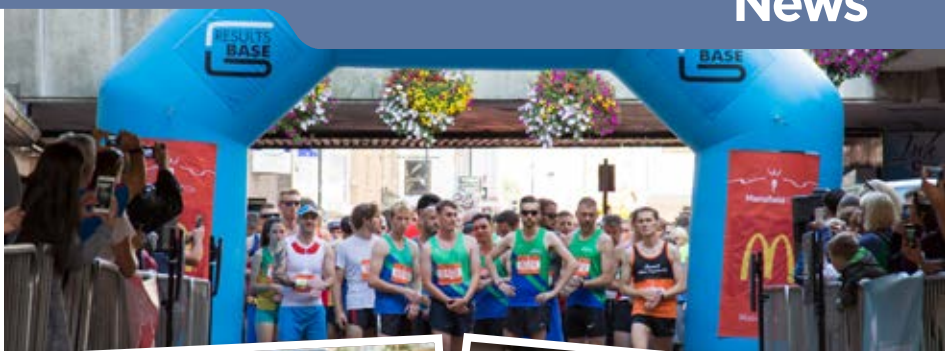
## Celebrate the Olympics and Paralympics in style!

We'll be getting Mansfield into the Rio spirit with Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and Capoeira demonstrations, a Brazilian dance workshop and performances from a live samba band. You can also take part in sports activities and even make your own medal in our craft workshop.

Our regular Covent Garden street entertainers will be in the town centre adding to the carnival atmosphere. Local Paralympians Ollie Hynd MBE and Charlotte Henshaw will be joining us to talk about their experiences in Rio and signing autographs throughout the event.

Ollie and Charlotte were in great shape going into the Paralympics. At the British Summer Championships in July, Ollie broke his own world record and took gold in the Men's Multi Class 400m Freestyle. He also brought home two silver medals while Charlotte won bronze in the Women's Multi Class 100m Breaststroke. We wish them all the best in Rio!

Their Mansfield Nova Centurion coach Glenn Smith, Mansfield District Council's Swimming Development Officer, said: "Ollie and Charlotte are superb athletes and a great inspiration to aim high in sport. This will be a great chance for the people of Mansfield to show their pride for two local sporting heroes so come along and let's put our hands together for them."



Elizabeth Orridge Photography



## 10K a runaway success

Hundreds of people turned out for the Reach Learning Disability's second race around Mansfield town centre.

**R**unners and spectators filled the streets of Mansfield on Sunday 21 August to support the Mansfield 10K for a second year running.

The race, which returned to Mansfield after its premiere in 2015, saw 643 runners pound the streets taking in two laps of the town centre.

Runners included all abilities from amateurs and enthusiasts striving to achieve a personal or charity challenge, to elite athletes aiming for a new personal best.

In 2015, 661 participants helped raise £2,000 for charity. This year, Reach aimed for £5,000 - made up from runner participation fees and additional sponsorship.

The total amount raised will be revealed later in the year once donations have been collected. Whatever the figure, it is sure to

change the lives of individuals with learning disabilities.

### First across the line

First to cross the line was Mark Ryall with a time of 34.08. In the women's race Jane Potter took first place with a time of 35.48.

Mansfield District Council worked in partnership with Reach to bring the event to the town, with help from other sponsors including McDonald's, Mansfield Building Society, Slimming World and Full Phat.

### An event town

Director for Economic Growth, Mike Robinson, said: "We are thrilled with the turnout for this event and are happy to have worked in partnership with Reach.

"We would like to congratulate everyone who has supported this great town centre event."

# Mansfield Summer Festival

**Thousands descended on three award winning parks in the district this summer to enjoy free family entertainment at the Mansfield Summer Festival.**

The events took place at King George V Park, Titchfield Park and Carr Lane Park every other Wednesday during the school holidays and were a great success.

The sun shone at each event, making it the perfect opportunity for families to sit back and enjoy the atmosphere, which was a real buzz of excitement. There were activities

for all the family to enjoy, as well as the dog.

Arena attractions included fun dog shows with doggy dancing demonstration and tricks for the chance to win rosettes. The council's dog control team were also on hand to offer advice on responsible dog ownership and their mascot, Scoop, was also there to have a selfie with.







A duck race was hosted by Maun Conservation Group at Titchfield Park for the chance to win cash prizes whilst at Carr Lane Park, BMX coaching sessions were a real hit.

Arts and craft activities were well received by the children, as was the reptile handling and face painting. But the most popular attractions were the climbing wall and pony rides, which saw hundreds of children learn

new skills whilst they had fun. There were giant garden games, circus workshops, maypole dancing and parachute games as well as Punch and Judy Shows plus live music to add to the atmosphere.

Representatives from various council departments including Environmental Health, Leisure and Community Safety were also available to answer questions and give advice.

A full roundup can be found online at [www.mansfield.gov.uk/summerfestival](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/summerfestival).



## Plant lovers compete for **best garden crown**

**Mansfield's keenest gardeners have been brightening up the district this summer in a race to scoop the council's coveted best kept garden title.**



Avril and  
John  
Marshall

**W**hen the annual competition was launched earlier this year there was a flurry of entries.

Over the last two months Mansfield District Council judges have been on a mission to find the best garden. From manicured lawns and creative floral displays to unusual backyards, they've all come under close scrutiny.

One of the gardens judged was the creation of Mansfield Woodhouse couple, John and Avril Marshall.

"We've been gardening since we were first married almost 60 years ago," said Avril, "but we still do everything ourselves. John does the planting and feeding and mowing and I do the weeding and edging. We make a great team."

Gardening is somewhat of a passion for the two of them. The couple, who had a bakery before retiring at 68, always found time for gardening and managed

to do the garden around their long working day.

"Our garden is a labour of love and I have to admit it's a never-ending job as we're always planning what we will do next. We look at what's worked this year and plan for the next year," Avril added.

"We spend a large amount of time gardening but it's time well spent and it's always a real pleasure. I find gardening therapeutic. We have both had health issues but gardening helps us stay healthy."

Similarly, 81-year-old entrant, Ena Whitehurst, finds her garden a relaxing haven. Ena, explained: "I can't go on holidays anymore and so my garden has become my escape; my holiday place."

She and husband Graham, moved to their Mansfield home 56 years ago but it's only in recent years that she's found refuge in her planting. Her garden is filled with vegetables, fruit and pots of plants.

"I am outside more than I am inside," she said. "On days when it's not warm and sunny I can be found in my summer house - my She Shed. It's filled with photographs of my holidays and memories."

The garden has also become a spot for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren to spend time but she still prides herself on doing the gardening herself. "I love spending time in my garden. Gardening keeps me active."

Andy Chambers, Parks Development Officer at Mansfield District Council, said: "We have had a good response to the competition this year and it has been a pleasure to visit so many well-kept gardens across the district."

The winners of the competition are due to be announced during the Garden Festival, which took place as My Mansfield went to press. Check out who won on the council's website at [www.mansfield.gov.uk](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk) or Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mymansfielduk](https://www.facebook.com/mymansfielduk).





Ena  
Whitehurst

## Mansfield In Bloom

East Midlands in Bloom competition judges came to town this summer. Parks, community gardens, allotments, schools and businesses formed the route taken by the judges, Mel Hanley and Diane Moore, who assessed the district for the regional competition. Winners will be announced in the middle of September.



## Mansfield's magnificent seven!

**T**wo Local Nature Reserves - Quarry Lane, in Mansfield, and The Carrs, in Warsop - are among a 'magnificent seven' open spaces in the Mansfield district which have won Green Flag Awards.



The internationally recognised award rewards the best parks and green spaces across the country. A Green Flag flying overhead is a sign to the public that the space boasts the highest possible standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent facilities.

Among the seven awards for open spaces owned by Mansfield District Council are five parks - Yeoman Hill, Carr Bank, Titchfield, Peafield, King George V - which retained their prestigious Green Flags.

The council's Director of Place and Wellbeing, Martyn Saxton, said: "This is a fantastic achievement - these open spaces really are Mansfield's magnificent seven!"

"We are especially delighted that two of the council's Local Nature Reserves have this year reached Green Flag status for the first time and we hope more of our open spaces will reach this standard in the future.

"We owe a lot to all the friends groups and volunteers who help out in green spaces. Their involvement is crucial in helping us to achieve these flags."

**Become a volunteer and help out on our parks. Call 01623 463510 for more information.**



# Waste not want not

## Don't get a fly-tipping offence dumped on you.

**M**ansfield District Council is appealing to residents to ensure that they use reputable and properly registered waste disposal companies to dispose of fridges after a significant increase in fly-tipping around the district.

From 1 April 2016 to 22 June 2016, the authority had 31 cases of dumped fridges compared with 16 in the same period last year.

Residents should not leave fridges in the street for scrap metal collectors without a time and date given for collection as this can be classed as fly-tipping and could result in a prosecution.

Some scrap collectors who pick up white goods in the street are stripping fridges of their valuable parts and illegally dumping the cases.

Residents can take fridges to Mansfield and Warsop recycling sites free of charge. Some retailers also offer a disposal service for fridges when a new one is purchased.

Alternatively, for a fee of £12.25, the council will pick up and dispose of your old fridge.

To tackle fly-tipping, the council runs awareness campaigns to highlight

residents' legal duty of care in the disposal of waste. It is also considering using covert cameras to help catch offenders.

The number of fly-tipping incidents in the district and cost of dealing with them has been steadily increasing for the past three years. Last year the council was left with a £64,000 bill for dealing with 1,335 incidents. This was up from 954 cases in 2013/14.

Director for Communities, Hayley Barsby, said: "This is a cost to Mansfield District Council that we are very keen to reduce in these days of tighter budgets.

"Every resident can play their part in this and by making sure their waste is properly dealt with, they will also ensure they avoid a court summons.

"Protect yourself by using only reputable carriers and taking the contact details and obtaining a receipt from the person who has removed the waste."

The council warns residents to be cautious of using people who advertise on Facebook because often they are not registered waste carriers.

The council successfully prosecuted eight offenders over fly-tipping and issued 54 out-of-court enforcement actions during 2015/16.

If you come across fly-tipping do not touch it. The council will send an officer out to try to retrieve evidence which could help bring a successful prosecution.

If residents witness fly-tipping taking place:

- Do not approach the person fly-tipping or tamper with the waste.
- Make a note of the date, time, location of the fly-tipping, what was dumped and a description of the people involved.
- If a vehicle was involved, make a note of the registration number, make, model and colour.

**Director for Communities, Hayley Barsby, said:**

**“ The public's help is very important in prosecuting fly-tippers. We may be able to pursue legal action against them if witnesses can provide their contact details and a statement. ”**



**From September Nottinghamshire residents and their vehicles must be registered to use recycling centres in the county (not Nottingham City). This can be done online at [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk) or by calling 0300 500 80 80.**

Report fly-tipping to the council online at [www.mansfield.gov.uk/reportonline](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/reportonline) or call the contact centre on **01623 463463**.



# Are you bin smart?

Help us to improve our recycling rates by putting the right things in the right bin.

**E**veryone has a responsibility to ensure that they are disposing of their waste correctly.

The district creates 13,428 tonnes of recyclable waste, which represents 35 per cent of its total waste.

However, our recycling rate could be much higher and the cost of waste disposal could be cut further if more people followed the local rules on recycling.

If you put the wrong items in your bin

you are at risk of contaminating waste. Contaminated waste accounts for a whopping 15 per cent of Mansfield's recycled waste and can result in tonnes of waste being taken to landfill and incurring landfill tax charges of £100 per tonne.

We aim to reduce our contamination rate to five per cent, but we can only achieve this with your help.

A waste and recycling leaflet is sent annually to every household and is available online at [www.mansfield.gov.uk/waste](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/waste)



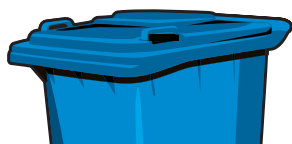
## Museum grows Tim's space seeds

Mansfield school children await the results from their Space Seeds experiment.

One hundred seeds were returned to earth with Astronaut Tim Peake in March this year to form an experiment developed by the UK Space Agency. Mansfield Museum hosted a local project to better understand the difficulties of growing fresh produce on other planets.



**Pełne informacje dotyczące odpadów i recyklingu są dostępne w języku polskim na: [www.mansfield.gov.uk/waste](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/waste)**



### ✓ Yes please

- paper and newspaper
- card and cardboard
- plastics bottles and tubs
- food tins, drink cans and aerosols

### ✗ No thanks

- shredded paper
- kitchen roll and tissues
- metallic wrapping paper
- tetra packs
- carrier bags
- food packaging
- paint and oil tins
- glass
- bottle tops



### ✓ Yes please

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

### ✗ No thanks

- household waste
- treated wood
- soil, bricks or rocks
- large logs



### ✓ Yes please

- bagged food waste
- bagged pet waste
- bagged disposable nappies and sanitary products
- cool ashes from fires
- polystyrene, food trays and packaging
- used kitchen roll and tissue

### ✗ No thanks

- anything that should go in your blue or brown bin
- paint and DIY/builders' waste - take these to your local tip.

# BREXIT



**More than 20 projects have received EU funding in Mansfield including Community Enterprise, Mansfield Market Place Image Enhancements, Mansfield Visitor Interchange and Neighbourhood Business Incubation Units.**

The creation of the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) now has responsibility for distributing EU funding and this is likely to be allocated to schemes that benefit the counties of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire as a whole.

A reduced amount of EU funding available for physical regeneration will probably be targeted at major projects in the two cities in the D2N2 area.

And this trend is likely to have continued, with or without Brexit.

Chief Executive of Mansfield District Council, Bev Smith, said: "Due to the way in which EU funding is now distributed, the referendum decision probably won't have a significant impact on the council's chances of securing grant support.

"And any funding that has already been pledged for schemes up until 2020, will still be honoured.

"As a council we will be working closely with the D2N2 LEP and Westminster to secure Mansfield's fair share of any funding that is available to us."

## What's next for Mansfield?

Over the past 15 years regeneration projects in the Mansfield district have attracted £5.6m in funding from the European Union. What effect will Britain's recent decision to leave the EU have on the area's ability to source funding in the future?

**W**hat do the construction of the Mansfield I-Centre, the Queen's Place building and the Mansfield Woodhouse Station Gateway Managed Office space all have in common?

The answer is that they were all partly funded by the European Union, mainly via the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) programme.

Mansfield has benefited from a fair amount of the EU funding over the years. However, the level of this funding has been in decline.

This is mainly because newer EU countries, many from Eastern Europe, have needs that are considered greater than those in the UK, and EU funds are directed to the areas in most need.

## Your vote matters, so don't lose it.

**Households should have received an enquiry form asking residents to check if the information that appears on the electoral register for those living at their address is correct.**

The aim is to ensure the electoral register is up to date and to identify any residents who are not registered so they can be encouraged to do so.

It is particularly important that anyone who has moved address recently looks out for the form and checks they are registered.

Bev Smith, Chief Executive Officer and Electoral Registration Officer at Mansfield District Council, said: "To make sure you are able to have your say at future elections, simply check the form

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**DON'T LOSE IT**



and respond to it as quickly as possible.

"If you're not currently registered, we'll send you information explaining how to do this or you can apply to register at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)."

For more help, contact the elections team at Mansfield District Council on **01623 463345**.



## Our priorities

- Creating a thriving and vibrant district, celebrating and promoting its market, town centres, shops, leisure and heritage attractions.
- Regeneration to encourage the provision of good quality housing, retail and commercial developments as well as supporting businesses to thrive and set up in the district.
- Helping local people enhance their skills through apprenticeship and graduate programmes.



- Promoting active lifestyles, tackling obesity and encouraging smokers to quit.
- Enabling people to enjoy independent lives through provision of good quality affordable housing in neighbourhoods that are safe, clean and attractive.
- Ensuring the quality of Houses in Multiple Occupation.
- Tackling homelessness, identifying links with mental health and working in partnership with health providers.
- Providing high quality green spaces and working in partnership with voluntary and community groups.
- Tackling climate change by reducing its own carbon footprint, increasing recycling rates and encouraging 'green industries' and alternative energy sources.



# Council sets out vision for the future

Mansfield District Council has updated its corporate vision and priorities for the next three years.

**T**he authority has now adopted an overall vision to maintain a safe and caring district where everybody can succeed.

It has three priorities which aim to create:

- A thriving, vibrant and sustainable district;
- Strong, safe and resilient communities;
- A clean and welcoming environment.

These targets will be pursued with fairness and equality at their core and within the financial challenges the council faces.

In delivering its main aims, the council wants to promote equality of opportunity through a culture of openness, fairness and transparency, enabling local people to hold the council to account.

These priorities will also consider the needs of vulnerable people in their delivery.

The authority also recognises that it faces financial challenges and will need to maximise its resources through efficiencies, attracting external funding and by generating income.

Chief Executive, Bev Smith, said: "Local government needs to change. We have less money and we need to continue to

deliver high quality services that matter to the community.

"We need to be more business focused to identify new ways of funding our services but we must never lose sight of what's important to the people of Mansfield.

"These plans focus on the need to grow our business and promote Mansfield as a destination and a great place to work, live and enjoy.

"We need to focus on our housing, making sure it is suitable for the changing needs of the community and helping people to live in their homes independently.

"We have some challenges ahead but the vision and plans we have set will help us to tackle them head on and make real improvement to the quality of life of our residents."





## Mansfield salutes the armed forces



Armed Forces Day was a huge success as the sun shone down on families who flocked to Mansfield Market Place to mark all things military.

**T**he event in June was organised by Mansfield District Council in collaboration with Mansfield Business Improvement District (BID). It formed part of a national weekend of events around the country in recognition of the work of the armed services past and present.

The entertainment in Mansfield included live music and dance demonstrations plus a chance to learn 1940s style dancing.

Organisations supporting the day included The Army Careers

office, Help for Heroes, HMS Sherwood, Royal British Legion, 384 Cadets, 350 Field Squadron, Royal Air Force, Royal Navy Reserves, Mercian Regiment, Home Guard and Mansfield Sea Cadets.

Among the attractions were free children's face painting, craft market, a vintage fire engine, tank and military vehicles with music from The May Pole Good Time Band, 1940s singer Pete Wayre and the St Edmund's Drum and Bugle Corps, from Mansfield Woodhouse.

## Life's a Beach

Mansfield BID laid on a beach area in the Market Place during August which proved a big hit with families who enjoyed playing and feeling the sand between their toes.







Mansfield Market came alive with woofing and wagging tails as families brought their four legged friends along for a dog show and pet themed market.

**S**cores of dog lovers gathered in the town centre for a chance to show off their family pet in a competition organised by the Good Dog Training Group.

The show raised £100 for the Jerry Green Dog Rescue, a charity that rescues and rehomes stray and abandoned dogs. Another £60 was raised for the charity on the Jerry Green stall.

**The show winners were:**

**cutest puppy:** Leah Ball, of Mansfield, with Maura; **most handsome chap:** Annie Palmer, of Mansfield, with

Lincoln; **loveliest lady:** Jess Davis, of Forest Town, with Tilly; **best friend, child handler:** Tyler Antill, of Sutton-in-Ashfield, with Molly; **best rescue dog:** Fiona Leatherland, of Mansfield, with Bentley; **best in show:** Leah with Maura; **reserve best in show:** Tyler with Molly.

As well as the dog show there was also juggling and the diabolo workshops for children, stilt walking clowns, stalls selling crafts and pet products, animal charity information stalls and advice on responsible dog ownership from Mansfield District Council's Dog Control team, plus the opportunity for selfies with their mascot, Scoop. A craft activity stall was provided by Mansfield Museum.

## Car and Bike Show coming soon



Head to the Market Place on Sunday 11 September from 11am to 3pm for Mansfield's first car and bike show. There will be an eclectic mix of classic and new cars and bikes to take a look at.

If you're interested in bringing along your own vehicle to display at this event call 01623 463733 or email [markets@mansfield.gov.uk](mailto:markets@mansfield.gov.uk) as booking is essential.

Visit [mymansfielduk](https://www.mymansfielduk.com) Facebook page or search Car and Bike Show at Mansfield Market to join the event page.

**Keep up to date with events in Mansfield by liking [mymansfielduk](https://www.mymansfielduk.com) on Facebook, following @MDC\_News #MansfieldMarket on Twitter or visiting [www.mansfieldmarket.co.uk](http://www.mansfieldmarket.co.uk).**



## New campaign on domestic abuse

Could you tell if someone close to you was experiencing domestic abuse? A new campaign in Mansfield aims to help people spot the signs.

**A** new campaign will be running in Mansfield this autumn to help people identify if their friends and family members are experiencing domestic abuse and offer them support.

The pilot project, which will run in September, aims to help residents recognise the warning signs that someone close to them may be experiencing domestic abuse and know how to point them in the direction of services and agencies who could help them.

The trial project focuses on the Oak Tree area of Mansfield, but could be extended to other areas if it proves effective.

The Oak Tree area was chosen because of the strong neighbourhood development work in the community over the past few years, and the varied opportunities for communicating with residents, including via the area's own community website.

**The local  
24-hour domestic  
abuse helpline  
0808 800 0340**

Equation, a charity that works in partnership in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire to prevent and reduce domestic abuse, is running the campaign. It will include distribution of digital and print resources that raise awareness of warning signs, and 'how to' guides on positive responses to disclosure of abuse.

**“ People close to survivors of abuse are very well placed to spot the signs of abuse and help their friend or family member access support. ”**

Equation hopes the campaign will raise the numbers of people accessing the local 24-hour domestic abuse helpline (**0808 800 0340**), so that more survivors can be offered the help and support they need.

Chloe Cheeseman, Campaigns Coordinator at Equation, said: “Domestic abuse is significantly under-reported to professional support agencies, which means not all survivors are receiving the advice and support they vitally need.

“People close to survivors of abuse are very well placed to spot the signs of abuse and help their friend or family member access support, but at the moment awareness levels amongst the general public of how to respond safely and effectively are quite low.

“Our innovative campaign is designed to give residents the tools and confidence to respond positively and supportively to a friend or family member who is experiencing domestic abuse.”

**POWER CUT?  
CALL 105**

### New power cut hotline launched

**105 is a new, free, national phone number to report or get information about a power cut. You can also report damage to electricity power lines and sub stations.**

Dialling 105 will put customers through to their local electricity network operator.

This is the company that manages

the cables, power lines and substations that deliver electricity to homes and businesses in their area.

In the Mansfield district it is Western Power Distribution which can be contacted through its website, and also through the 105 website **www.Powercut105.com**

If there's a serious immediate risk, call 999.





**Mansfield District Council neighbourhood wardens and the police have the authority to enforce the Public Spaces Protection Order.**

# SMOKING BANNED in play areas

New rules are now in force which are aimed at making our town a safer and more pleasant place to live in, work in and visit.

**T**he new Public Spaces Protection Order now bans smoking of any kind in children's play areas and cycling through the pedestrianised town centre. It requires dog walkers to have the means to pick up dog faeces.

The Order also outlaws the use of and sale of drugs known as 'legal highs' (drugs that are now illegal) as well as other anti-social behaviour, including urinating, defecating or spitting in a public place.

The new powers also enable authorised council staff to:

- Disperse groups if they are causing (or are likely to cause) nuisance, alarm, harassment or distress to any other person in the town centre.
- Order a person to cease drinking or hand over alcohol if they are behaving in an anti-social manner.

- Order a person to put a dog on a lead if the animal is causing or likely to cause a nuisance.

People who ignore the new rules could be handed a £100 fixed penalty notice and up to a £1,000 fine if the case goes to court.

Many areas have been designated 'alcohol free' zones. These areas include the town centre, parks in the district, parts of Meden Vale, Warsop and parts of the Ladybrook, Oak Tree Lane and Ravensdale estates.



These zones do not specifically forbid drinking alcohol but they are areas where if public drinking is causing a nuisance, authorised officers will have the power to order people to stop drinking and to confiscate alcohol.

Director for Communities at Mansfield District Council, Hayley Barsby, said: "We believe the vast majority of people will be supportive of these measures and will abide by them. What we hope the PSPO will do is make Mansfield an even more pleasant, more welcoming and safer place."

More details about the PSPO can be found on the council's website at [www.mansfield.gov.uk/pspo](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/pspo).



## How council scheme saved NHS £1.3m

A council scheme that aims to reduce hospital “bed blocking” in Mansfield and Ashfield has been given a glowing commendation in a new report.

**S**ince 2014, a scheme has been running at King’s Mill Hospital in Sutton-in-Ashfield which aims to help patients who could leave hospital if only they had accommodation that was suitable for their ongoing needs.

The ASSIST Hospital Discharge Scheme is a pilot project run by Mansfield District Council in collaboration with Nottinghamshire County Council social services and NHS.

A report by Nottingham Trent University and Mansfield and Ashfield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has concluded that the scheme saves the NHS £1.3m a year by preventing bed blocking and has recommended that there are good financial reasons, as well as clinical and care reasons, for the project to continue.

Bed blocking is a major national issue and an increasingly costly problem for

hospitals and NHS as a whole. In May, the National Audit Office published a report which indicated that the number of days in hospitals when beds were occupied by patients, who should have been discharged, had increased by 31 per cent over the past two years to 1.15 million days.

The benefits of the ASSIST scheme, which began in 2014, have been evaluated by Peter Murphy and Dr Donald Harradine, of the University and Ryan Cope, of the CCG, between July 2015 and April 2016.

The scheme works by social workers from the county council identifying patients who have housing issues that are preventing their discharge from hospital and then ASSIST officers from Mansfield District Council working to find a solution.

This could be making adaptations to a patient’s home or it could mean that

patients move into temporary supported council housing while a more permanent housing solution is found.

The study found clear evidence that the scheme improves the efficiency of hospital discharge. The annual cost of running the scheme is £340,000 but the savings to the NHS amount to £1.3m annually. The cost of the scheme has so far been carried by the Mid Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

The scheme saved an average of 4.5 bed days per patient helped and this represented a saving of £936 per patient. Between July 2015 and April 2016, the scheme intervened to help 1,127 patients.

Director of Communities at the district council, Hayley Barsby, said: “We really hope the scheme will continue to be funded. The financial benefits for the NHS are indisputable. But there are also many social benefits for the patients involved – and you cannot put a price on that.”

**Mr C is a frail 78-year-old who was admitted to hospital after working in his garden and falling from a ladder.**

He had no family and was found to be living alone in his own home but which appeared unfit for habitation. It had no central heating, hot water or indoor toilet, the roof leaked, joists were rotten, ceilings had come down and electrical wiring was in contact with water.

Despite the state of his home, Mr C was reluctant to move out but eventually agreed to go into a respite unit where he looked at an alternative to returning home while work and renovations were undertaken to his home.

He was given priority for a council home and when a suitable property became available, Mr C accepted the accommodation which was near his home and he could oversee any works being done.



## Work starts on £8m housing scheme

Work has begun at the former General Hospital site in Mansfield to provide 54 new homes for people aged 55 plus.

Wates Living Space Homes has been appointed by Mansfield District Council to build the £8.4m Senior Persons Living Scheme. Work began last month (August), with completion due around January 2018.

Director of Communities, Hayley Barsby, said: "This site had been derelict for more than 20 years so it really is going to transform the area and bring a new housing asset to the town.

"There will be some disruption for local residents for a while but bear with us. We will try to keep this to a minimum."

The gated development will provide 42 one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments with communal facilities and an outdoor terrace. 12 bungalows will be set around a landscaped 'village green'.

Ten of the apartments are for people with extra care needs and will be allocated by Nottinghamshire County Council, which is contributing £400,000 towards the scheme.

Six of the bungalows will be offered for shared ownership with the remaining bungalows and all of the apartments offered for rent.

The Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) is providing £126,000 towards the shared ownership properties.

See a video on the new scheme at Mansfield District Council's YouTube account.

## Poppy Fields in running for top award



The Poppy Fields Extra Care Housing Scheme in Mansfield has been shortlisted for a prestigious award.

**T**he £8.4m complex developed and designed by Mansfield District Council, has made the shortlist for Inside Housing's top 60 development awards 2016 in the category of Best Designed Development of the Year.

Director of Communities for Mansfield District Council, Hayley Barsby, said: "We are really proud of this stunning development and our fingers are crossed for success next month at the award ceremony."

The development at the former Brownlow Road aims to provide safe, secure accommodation, to give older people with extra care and support needs the opportunity to live as independently as possible.

The scheme has been developed by the council in partnership with

Nottinghamshire County Council as part of the county council's strategy to improve choice for older adults and provide alternatives to residential care.

Of these homes, 48 are for residents who have extra care needs. Ten homes are bungalows, built around a peaceful courtyard, specifically to support people with dementia.

A long list of features have been included in the design including clear doors on kitchen units, an intercom and a telecare provision that enables sensors to be added into individual homes such as fall detectors. The homes also have level access and wheelchair friendly layouts.

The scheme includes a communal hub which is the focal point for socialising and offers residents a large TV/lounge room, dining area and a Reminiscence Room for smaller group activities.



## Grant helps build skills

**Kimberley Perry**, pictured, is among the apprentices to have benefited from a £1,500 apprenticeship grant awarded to her employer Alexsa Beauty and Holistic Studio, in Mansfield. The grant has helped fund extra training for Kimberley which was not covered by her college course.



## Apprenticeship grants making a difference

The Ashfield and Mansfield Apprenticeship Grant for Employers is helping local businesses taking on apprentices.

**A**shfield and Mansfield District Councils, through their Regeneration Service, offer apprenticeship grants, to any eligible employers, of between £1,000 and £1,500.

Medley Precision Engineers Ltd, a family owned business in Mansfield, which has been established for over 30 years, is one employer which has benefited from the scheme by taking on a mechanical engineering apprentice.

It is committed to the development of engineering talent and this year has taken on three apprentices aged 16 to 19.

Manager Stuart Solomon, who started with the business as an apprentice himself 28 years ago, said: "An apprentice will take a minimum of five years to train. This grant has helped us to support the education side for the apprentice.

Medley apprentice Aidan Dear said: "I knew that an apprenticeship would give me the learning and the experience as well as getting paid to do it. I would recommend an apprenticeship to anyone - it's made me a different person and I am really enjoying it."

## Calling all entrepreneurs!

**Do you have a great business idea? Maybe you're looking to boost your new business in a great location?**

Mansfield District Council has business incubation units available that are ideal for small businesses that are just starting out.

There are 12 offices and one workshop space available on Park Road in Mansfield Woodhouse, and 14 offices and one workshop available at Langford Road in Ladybrook.

As part of this package for new and growing businesses, there are flexible term agreements plus free car parking on site.

Rents range from £100 to £550 per month - and this includes business rates, property insurance, external and communal area maintenance plus refuse disposal and management.

Anyone interested in finding out more should contact the Property Services team on **01623 463728** or email **commercial@mansfield.gov.uk**.

## Dress to impress at jobs fair

A jobs fair organised by Mansfield District Council, the Department of Work and Pensions and Vision West Nottinghamshire College will be held on Friday 23 September at Mansfield Library, on West Gate, from 10am to 2pm.

Visitors can find out about job vacancies, new career pathways, apprenticeship opportunities and self-employment.

Bring your CV and dress to impress – and you could walk out with a job!



# PETER PAN

adapted from  
the book by  
J.M. BARRETT

## Go! Go! Go! to Peter Pan-to

Tinkerbell, Peter Pan and Captain Hook take to the stage for this family favourite.

Describing herself as 'the red one' from Go! Go! Go! on Nickelodeon's Nick Jr channel, Holly Atterton, is perfectly cast for the twinkly fairy Tinkerbell.

Holly tells us: "I'm really looking forward to Go! Go! Go!-ing to Neverland with the wonderful families of Mansfield."

Holly joins Marc Baylis, Coronation Street bad boy Rob Donovan, as Captain Hook.

"I'm good at being bad!" says Marc "Captain Hook has always been one of my favourite villains. It's going to be great fun!"

Returning to take the title role is Jessica Punch who last played the role of 'the boy who never grew up' in Mansfield during the 2010/11 pantomime season.

Last year 31,000 people watched the panto at the Palace Theatre, so this year book early!

See Peter Pan from 26 November to 31 December. Adult tickets £16.40 - family tickets also available. Book online at [mansfieldpalacetheatre.co.uk](http://mansfieldpalacetheatre.co.uk) or call **01623 633133** (booking fees apply).



## Over-50s walk their way to **fitness goals**

The average age of local footballers is rocketing - thanks to a boom in a new form of the beautiful game.

**"Walking football" is giving over-50s in the district a new lease of life on the pitch and keeping them fit and healthy.**

Mansfield has a thriving walking football scene thanks to the Mansfield Senior Red Football Club which was formed by three local Nottingham Forest fans in 2014.

The club, which has benefited from funding from Mansfield District Council, now has more than 50 members and its oldest is 77.

The team are pretty good too. In June they won Mansfield's first ever walking football tournament. And in July came home with bronze medals in a tournament in Leeds to celebrate 50 years since England won the World Cup.

This month, the club will be performing in the regional finals of the national walking football championships.

Shaun Hird, Sports Development Officer for Mansfield District Council, who organised the June tournament said: "Walking football is proving very popular and we've seen a massive boom over the last year.

"It's very competitive and there are also great social benefits too."

Silvano Taylor, 68, of Mansfield, helped set up the Mansfield Senior Reds. He said: "A lot of the men are single and this offers them a chance to get out and make new friendships - as well as enjoy football."

Club secretary Peter Mitchell added: "It's a new lease of life still being able to play the beautiful game and getting fitter in body and mind."

Ten Nottinghamshire clubs run weekly sessions. Mansfield Senior Reds meet on Thursdays at 11am at Mansfield Rugby Club. Anyone over 50 is welcome to join.



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## Leeming Street to become Mansfield's first 'Fun Palace'

**1 October, 10am to 2pm**  
This free event is for all ages

At Mansfield Museum see live experiments, robots and 3D printers with the British Science Association. There'll be family games, story-telling, crafts and a mini zoo from White Post Farm.

Take a spooky walking tour at the Palace Theatre with a well-known ghost and see live music and dance at the Old Library.

See [www.funpalaces.co.uk](http://www.funpalaces.co.uk) for more information



## Exhibitions

**17 September to 12 November**

Pirates, Pants and Wellyphants  
The Illustrated World of Nick Sharratt

**7 January to 28 January 2017**

North and East Midlands  
Photographic Federation

**14 January to 18 March 2017**

Philip Cox Paper Sculpture  
– a 30 year retrospective

## Events

**Monday 3 October, 1pm to 3pm**

**Monday 7 November, 1pm to 3pm**

**Monday 5 December, 1pm to 3pm**

Valuation Days with Bamford's  
Auctioneers

**14 October to 15 October**

**10am to 5pm**

110 Years of Song

**1 December to 3 December**

Christmas Market

## October Half Term

**Monday 24 October**

Glazy Place Pottery

10am to 12noon

Prices vary

**Tuesday 25 October**

Nick Sharratt themed ArtBeat!

10am to 1pm

£1.50 per person

**Wednesday 26 October**

The Big Draw

10am to 3pm

Free event

**Thursday 27 October**

Build It!

10am to 1pm

Free event

**Friday 28 October**

Sports Day

11am to 1pm

Free event

**Entry to  
the museum  
is free**

## Pirates, Pants and Wellyphants

The Illustrated World of  
Nick Sharratt

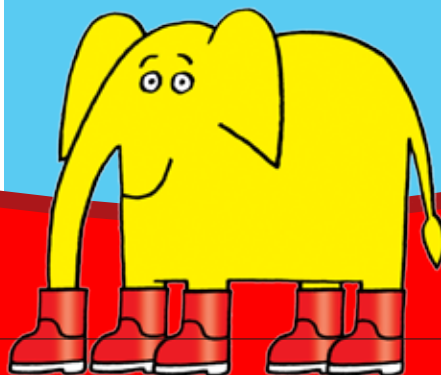
**An exciting free new exhibition  
on illustrator Nick Sharratt,  
the man behind the instantly  
recognisable drawings in  
Jacqueline Wilson's books, is  
coming to Mansfield Museum  
in September.**

'Pirates, Pants and Wellyphants – The illustrated World of Nick Sharratt' gives visitors the chance to meet a host of characters created by Nick, including Tracy Beaker, Daisy, Hetty Feather and Pirate Pete.

In a recreation of Nick's studio, you can have a go at drawing a selection of his characters using a light box. There's an interactive touch screen where you can create your own digital 'Sharracter' and a wipe clean wall for drawing your own Nick Sharratt inspired picture.

Young visitors will enjoy dressing up in whacky costumes or flopping on the specially designed rugs and beanbags in the reading area.

**The exhibition runs from 17  
September to 12 November.  
Entry is FREE.**



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September - December 2016

# WHAT'S ON

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## September

**6 September**  
Bootleg Sixties

**8 September** The  
Art of Belly Dance,  
weekly classes

**11 September**  
Seafarers UK Royal  
Marines' Band

**18 September**  
Chairmen of the Board

**23 September** An Audience with  
Paul Gascoigne

**24-25 September** Past, Present & Future

**27 September** That'll be the Day

**28 September** Russell Kane  
– Right Man, Wrong Age

## October

**1 October** Fun Palaces

**5 October** Someone Like You  
– Adele Tribute

**9 October** Graeme Swann's Great  
British Spin Off with Henry Blofeld

**11 October** Ministry of Science Live

**13 October** Sing-a-long-a Dirty Dancing

**14 October** Buddy Holly's Winter  
Dance Party

**15 October** Money for Nothing

**16 October** Frankenstein

**18 October** Shakespeare  
Schools Festival

**19 October** Psychic Sally  
– Call me Psychic



**28 September**  
Russell Kane

**20 October** The Orbison Story

**21 October** An Evening with  
the Rubettes

**22 October** One Night of Queen

**23 October** Tony Christie

**24 September** Captain Flinn  
& the Pirate Dinosaurs 2  
– The Magic Cutlass

**26 October** Moonlight Serenade Orchestra

**27 October** You've Got a Friend – The  
Music of James Taylor & Carole King

**28 October** Joe McElderry  
– The Northern Light Tour

**29 October** Ultimate  
Bowie (tribute)

**30 October** Festival  
of Remembrance

## November

**1 November**  
Seriously Dead (drama)

**2 November** Neil Sands'  
Christmas Memories

**8 - 12 November** Sweeney Todd

**13 November** Romeo and Juliet  
(ballet)

**15 - 16 November** Copacabana,  
The Musical

**17 November** The  
Everly Brothers &  
Friends (tribute)

**18 November**  
Foster &  
Allen in concert



**11 October**  
Ministry of  
Science Live

## December

**Saturday 3 December** A Christmas  
Carol



The fun-filled traditional  
Christmas panto runs  
from Saturday 26  
November to  
Saturday 31  
December.

Starring Marc  
Baylis as Captain  
Hook, Holly Atterton  
as Tinker Bell, Adam  
Moss as Smee, and  
Jessica Punch as  
Peter Pan.



**13 October**  
Sing-a-long-a  
Dirty Dancing



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