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Front page: Pictured in Titchfield Park is Robbie Childs aged 2.

CCTV system to get **£524,000** upgrade



The council is replacing its old fibre optic CCTV system with a state-of-the-art wireless system.

The upgrade, which will cost £524,000, has become necessary as much of the current equipment is nearing the end of its useful life.

Work to replace the old system started last month and will take about six months to complete. It includes replacing some cameras and erecting wireless signal poles in some parks and open spaces.

The central control room at the Civic Centre will also be refurbished with energy-efficient split-screen monitors, a new IT system and a new recording system.

The council expects the new wireless system to not only offer CCTV security in previously hard-to-reach areas, but to pay for itself within six years.

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There are already a number of contracts in place on the current system that off-set the cost of running this service. It's expected that the wireless system will open up new markets because it will be capable of reaching different areas.

The major upgrade will not only help to detect and reduce crime, but will also encourage investment and revitalisation in the town.

For more information about our CCTV service, visit www.mansfield.gov.uk/CCTV

Free Parking boost for town

Visitors to Mansfield will soon be able to park for 30 minutes for free in all Mansfield District Council pay and display car parks.

In addition, drivers parking in the Four Seasons and Walkden Street multi-storey car parks will be able to park for three hours for the price of two.

Cashless parking will also be introduced at the council's 17 car parks with no administration fees for those who pay by mobile phone.



The new parking fees, which are designed to boost the local economy by encouraging visitors and residents to spend longer in the town centre, will take effect following a consultation process, which is due to be completed in mid-September.

The provision of free parking for 30 minutes will help residents to visit the town centre for a short time at no cost.

The new fees, which will be reviewed regularly, will remain in place until 31 March 2016.

For more information about parking in Mansfield, visit www.mansfield.gov.uk/parking.

Multi-storey revamp brings wider parking bays

Walkden Street multi-storey car park has recently undergone extensive refurbishment and now has extra wide parking bays.

The spaces are the same width as standard parent/child spaces and bays for blue badge holders.

This makes them among the widest in Nottinghamshire – ideal for people travelling with young children and those with larger vehicles such as vans and 4x4s.

Among those delighted with the larger spaces are Susan and Kenneth Hunter from Mansfield Woodhouse.

Mrs Hunter said: "We park here regularly, as the wide bays make it easier for us to get in and out of the car. We have a big vehicle and we are older people, so it's a real pleasure using this car park."



Housing and regeneration in top five targets

Improving housing, regeneration and job opportunities in the Mansfield area are among the five top priorities published in our Corporate Plan and Annual Performance Report for 2015.

The easy-to-read document sets out our vision, targets and priorities for improving the lives of local residents, businesses and visitors over the next year.

The council intends to focus on five priorities for the year ahead, including:

- Improving regeneration and employment
- Providing housing solutions
- Protecting the environment
- Reducing crime and disorder
- Supporting vulnerable people

The document also puts the spotlight on some of our major achievements over the past year and provides financial information on the authority's performance, and about how well we are meeting our targets and addressing the challenge of budget cuts.

The Corporate Plan and Annual Performance Report 2015 is available at www.mansfield.gov.uk/corporateplan.





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Pride of Mansfield

Medal-winning stars swim into record books

Mansfield's swimming stars are looking ahead to next year's Paralympic Games after bringing home four medals, a world record and three European records from the IPC World Championships.

Charlotte Henshaw broke her own European record twice as she took a silver medal in the women's SB6 category 100m breaststroke at Tollcross International Swimming Centre in Glasgow in July.

Ollie Hynd MBE won a gold medal - Great Britain's first gold medal of the championships - in the SM8 200m individual medley, setting a new European record and remaining unbeaten in this event since 2011.

He won a second gold medal in the men's S8 category 400m freestyle where he knocked 1.78 secs off the world record, which had been held by his brother, retired Paralympic swimmer Sam Hynd, since 2010.

In Ollie's third and final race, the men's S8 100m backstroke, he won a bronze

medal in a very tight finish, just 0.3 seconds behind the winner.

Both Ollie and Charlotte are coached by Mansfield District Council's Swim Coach and Development Officer Glenn Smith at the Water Meadows Swimming and Fitness Complex. The competition pool at Water Meadows was recently renamed the Hynd and Henshaw Competition Pool in recognition of the achievements of Sam, Ollie and Charlotte.

Ollie has won 19 medals - nine of them gold - and is the current Paralympic, World, European and Commonwealth Champion.

Charlotte is the current European record holder for the women's SB6 100m breaststroke, the Paralympic silver medallist from London 2012, and World Championship silver medallist

in 2010 and bronze medallist in 2013. She has been a medallist in every major International Paralympic Committee Swimming Championship since 2009, apart from 2014, when she unfortunately had to withdraw from the IPC European Championships due to illness.

They both belong to the Nottinghamshire ASA county Swim Squad, Nova Centurion - Mansfield Squad.

Glenn said: "It was an incredible week for Ollie and Charlotte who are both now looking ahead to the Paralympics next year in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil."

For information on swimming lessons, public swimming and leisure swimming times, visit www.mansfieldleisure.com.



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Rover returns

In the past year the council's Dog Control Service has picked up more than 700 dogs – up by around 100 on the previous year.

The increase is thought to be a reflection of the financial climate, which has meant more people cannot afford the cost of caring for a pet and abandon them.

Dealing with abandoned or stray dogs 24/7 – a legal responsibility for the council under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 – is a costly business, and not just for the council, which last year paid £77,740 to provide its dog control service.

The owners of dogs that are picked up must, under the Act, pay a £75 release fee to reclaim their pet. If a dog is not claimed by its owner within seven days, the ownership of the dog is transferred to a rescue centre which will attempt to rehome the dog.

The service includes dealing with:

- Stray and lost dogs
- Microchipping
- Dog fouling
- Responsible dog ownership education
- General advice/liaison with other organisations

In the Mansfield area, this service is provided by Davinhulme Security Dogs. Although it is a 24-hour service, it has limited provision outside office hours.

You can also report dog fouling to be removed by calling **01623 463463** or by filling in a form on the council's website at www.mansfield.gov.uk/dogmess.



Are you a responsible owner?

Here are our top tips for being a responsible dog owner.

- Pick up your dog's waste – it is an offence not to do so. The council provides free Scoop the Poop bags. Visit www.mansfield.gov.uk/dogfouling for a list of venues. Bagged dog waste can be put into any general waste bin.
- Secure the fences and gates around your property.
- Keep your dog on a lead when appropriate and train it not to run off.
- Give your pet lots of exercise and toys to prevent straying and nuisance barking caused by boredom.
- Neuter your dog. Neutered male dogs are less likely to stray and it may also encourage less aggressive behaviour.
- Microchip your dog and ensure it wears a collar and ID tag – the council offers a competitive microchipping service. Contact **01623 463189**.

Straying dogs are a public nuisance because they can cause road accidents, damage property, foul public areas, and potentially can harm themselves, other animals and people.

If you find a stray dog, try to secure it and contact us via dogcontrol@mansfield.gov.uk or **01623 463189**. The out of hours number is **01623 463050**.

Please report all dangerous dog concerns to Nottinghamshire Police on **101**.

Follow us on Twitter [@MDC_News](https://twitter.com/MDC_News) and on [Facebook.com/mymansfielduk](https://www.facebook.com/mymansfielduk) where we publish photos of the stray dogs we pick up to help reunite them with their owners.



Festival fun sets the tone for summer

Thousands of people enjoyed a great day out at Mansfield's three summer festivals in parks across the district.

King George V Park and Titchfield Park, both in Mansfield, and Carr Lane Park in Warsop, provided the venues for a range of free, fun-packed activities for all the family.

Attractions included spectacular birds of prey demonstrations, circus skills workshops, mini dog shows and a Meet the Beasts stall, where people got their hands on some real life critters.

For sports lovers, there was a climbing wall and multi-skills challenges.

To celebrate their new Made in Mansfield exhibition, Mansfield Museum laid on a mining gala at Titchfield Park featuring pit pony rides and music from the Pleasley Colliery Welfare Band.

For details of future events, visit www.mansfield.gov.uk/whatson.





£200k boost for parks

Park life in Mansfield is thriving following a £202,250 investment in parks across the district.

The King George V Park in Black Scotch Lane, Mansfield now has an exciting new £60,000 play area with top quality facilities for children aged two through to teenagers.

Youngsters can now enjoy a range of play equipment including swings, springers, rockers and a large multi-use unit containing a slide, roundabout, educational panels and talking tubes.

Litter bins have also been installed and families can make use of benches and picnic tables.

A state-of-the-art £90,000 outdoor play area on Kings Walk Open Space off Berry Hill Lane is also nearing completion and should be ready in mid-September. It offers a wide

range of equipment suitable for all ages. The play area is unique to Mansfield, as it is made of wood and was chosen to blend in with the surrounding woodland areas.

Fitness fans are also benefitting from the installation of £52,250 worth of outdoor gym equipment at both Kings Walk, and Racecourse Park off Southwell Road West. Each piece of equipment has instructions showing how it works, or users can scan QR codes with their smartphone to watch a short video for more information.

All the projects have been delivered by the council using Section 106 contributions from developers of residential developments near the parks.

Blooming marvellous!

Fingers are crossed as we await the results of the East Midlands in Bloom competition.

Judges from the competition were given a whistle-stop tour of the district's award-winning parks, town centre, open spaces and community projects in July.

Among the projects they visited were St Edmund's Church Community Orchard, Longyards allotments, Mansfield Woodhouse Cemetery, Wynnendale Primary School and Quarry Lane Local Nature Reserve.

Winners from the East Midlands in Bloom competition, to be announced this month, may then compete for the Britain in Bloom title. Last year, Mansfield was awarded silver gilt in the city category.

Mansfield's East Midlands in Bloom portfolio can be found on our website at www.mansfield.gov.uk/mansfieldinbloom.



High five for our parks



Five parks in Mansfield district have been named among the very best in the UK.

Carr Bank Park, King George V Park, Titchfield Park, all in Mansfield, plus Peafield Park and Yeoman Hill Park

in Mansfield Woodhouse, are among a record-breaking 1,582 parks and green spaces that received a prestigious Green Flag Award – the mark of a quality park or green space.

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.

In addition to the five parks, Maun Conservation Group won a Green Flag Community Award for their work at Quarry Lane Local Nature Reserve. It is the first time a group in the district has won a Community Award.

Recent projects that the group has been involved in include creating a family picnic area at the Mill Pond and pond dipping with the Mini Maun Club and King Edward's Primary School. The group works tirelessly to keep the area clean and well maintained.

Thank you to our Parks team, friends' groups and local schools who do a great job of keeping our parks and opens spaces in peak condition all year round.

For more information on the range of activities that take place in our parks and open spaces, visit www.mansfield.gov.uk/parks.



Mansfields clean up – around the world

The third annual International Clean Up Mansfield Day was the biggest and most successful event yet, with more than 50 participants sprucing up Mansfields around the world.

The event in June was organised by the council and attracted community groups, schools, businesses and individuals both here and in Mansfields in Texas, Connecticut, Georgia, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, in the USA, plus Ontario in Canada.

In the UK, Mansfield BID was joined by staff from Royal Bank of Scotland, Mansfield Building Society, Boots and M&S to paint benches, railings and bollards in Mansfield town centre.

Pupils and staff from Asquith Primary School picked up litter on Jackson's Field. Meanwhile, Neighbourhood Wardens and other council staff, including members of the Environmental Health and Community Safety teams, also took part in community litter picks.

Elsewhere, local conservation groups, the Scouts, Framework and Corner House Care Home were busy trimming hedges, planting flowers, weeding and carrying out wildlife surveys.

Participants are invited to an awards ceremony at the end of September when certificates and prizes will be presented.

Following the success, the date for next year's event has been set for Friday 10 June. You can find further details and sign up online at www.mansfield.gov.uk/cleanup.



Cool recycling

Taking old fridge to tip is best option

Householders are being urged to dispose of old fridges at recycling centres after a significant rise in the number of white goods that are fly-tipped in Mansfield district.

The council investigated 1,914 fly-tipping incidents in 2014/15, including 101 incidents of white goods – up from just four incidents two years previously.

Of the 1,914 investigated incidents, 1,060 were cleared by our cleansing department at a cost of £48,956. The total figure investigated included 854 on private land, which the council has no responsibility to clear.

The sharp increase in the fly-tipping of white goods is thought to be due to changes in the rules for the disposal of fridges leading to many scrapyards refusing to take them.

This means old fridges left out on pavements for scrap dealers to take away are often stripped of the parts that are sellable leaving the rest dumped for the council to clear up.

Residents are being reminded that they have a duty to ensure that any waste removed from their homes is taken away by legitimate traders who have a waste carriers' licence

If waste is subsequently found fly-tipped by an untraceable rogue trader, it is often the householder who faces prosecution for failing in their household duty of care or for fly-tipping.

“ Alternatively householders can take their rubbish, including old fridges, to their local recycling centre for free ”

To avoid this, they should check the waste disposer's credentials and obtain a receipt, which includes the contact number and address for them.

Alternatively householders can take their rubbish, including old fridges, to their local recycling centre for free, or pay for the council's bulky collection service, which costs £20.40 for the first three items and an additional £6.15 for each extra item.

To arrange for collections of bulky items from your home, email cleansingservices@mansfield.gov.uk or call **01623 463463**. To find out where your nearest recycling centre is, visit www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/living/waste/recycling-centres/tip-locations/ or call Nottinghamshire County Council on **0300 500 80 80**.

Waste not want not...



Have you ever wondered what happens to all the recycling waste you put in your blue bin?

The answer is on your doorstep because Nottinghamshire's Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) is in Forest Town.

At the Veolia plant in Warren Way, recycling waste from seven Nottinghamshire district authorities is sorted and packed into bales for reprocessing elsewhere. It will be turned into new goods, such as toilet paper, newsprint, plastic boxes, and steel or aluminium cans.

The council produces 7,082 tonnes of recyclable waste each year, which represents 37% of its total waste collection. The cost of waste disposal could be cut further if more people recycled even more of their waste.

Often it is recyclable waste from the bathroom that fails to make it into the blue bin. Many people wrongly put items such

as bottle tops, greasy pizza boxes or plastic bags in their recycling bin.

Contaminated waste accounts for about 13% of Mansfield's recycled waste. It can result in whole loads of waste being rejected by the MRF and going to landfill. We aim to reduce this contamination rate to 5% which, along with increased recycling, could help cut landfill tax charges of £100 a tonne.

Top tip:

Hang a bag on the bathroom door for shampoo bottles and toilet roll tubes.

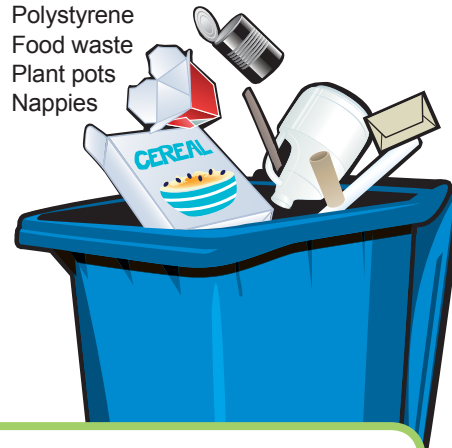
So what goes in the blue bin?

✓ Yes please!

- **Paper:** newspapers, magazines, envelopes, directories, catalogues, office paper
- **Cardboard:** greetings cards, cereal boxes, egg boxes, card packaging
- **Plastic:** clean yoghurt pots, pop and milk bottles, cleaning product bottles, toiletry bottles, margarine tubs
- **Metal:** clean food tins, empty aerosol cans, drinks cans, biscuit and sweet tins

✗ No thanks!

- Shredded paper, kitchen roll, tissues, metallic wrapping paper
- Takeaway pizza boxes
- Tetra packs, juice cartons
- Plastic bags and cling film
- Ice cream tubs, food cartons, punnets and trays.
- Paint tins
- Pots and pans
- Glass bottles and jars
- Bottle tops and plastic and metal lids from jars
- Video/cassette tapes
- Foil and foil food trays
- Plastic coat hangers
- Polystyrene
- Food waste
- Plant pots
- Nappies



Trade waste is your business

Our waste collection and recycling services can offer a reliable and competitively priced trade waste solution for businesses large or small.

All businesses have to dispose of their waste in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act 1990, which means it must be stored in suitable containers while awaiting collection by a licensed waste carrier for disposal at a licensed facility.

As waste is passed from one party to another it should be accompanied by a waste transfer note, which must be retained for two years. Failure to produce transfer notes to a council

or Environment Agency enforcement officer could lead to a £300 Fixed Penalty Notice.

With the council's service, there are no set up costs, no annual duty of care charges and no VAT. Income generated goes towards providing council services for the benefit of the local community.

Bins come in a variety of sizes to suit your business. We also offer trade wastes green sacks for very small amounts of waste or weekly general waste and weekly or fortnightly recycling collections for larger businesses.

Recycling as much of your business's waste as possible will help to cut

Mansfield Trade Waste

your costs by sending less rubbish to landfill.

At the tipping facility at our Waste Transfer Station you only pay for what you tip with a minimum load of just 60kg.

For more on Mansfield District Council's Trade Waste service, contact **01623 463092**, email **tradewaste@mansfield.gov.uk** or find details at **www.mansfield.gov/tradewaste**.



Back row, Cllr Stewart Rickersey, Cllr Dave Saunders, Cllr Andrew Tristram, Cllr David Smith, front row, Cllr Roger Sutcliffe, Executive Mayor Kate Allsop and Cllr Mick Barton.



Cllr Barry Answer

Meet Mayor Allsop

“Family is very important to Kate and Keith. They have two sons, two daughters and four grandchildren.”

On 7 May 2015 Kate Allsop was elected as Mansfield's Executive Mayor. She is the second Executive Mayor of Mansfield following Tony Egginton's 12-year term.

Kate has been a political figurehead locally for more than 20 years. She started out as a ward councillor serving the residents of Oakham and Berry Hill Wards and in 2002 she joined the Cabinet as Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, where she remained until the recent Mayoral election.

During her time as Portfolio Holder, Kate has overseen projects including the Townscape Heritage Initiative, development of business incubation units, the Woodhouse Gateway project and more recently the new bus station and the development of Queen's Place.

She is patron of the Women in Business group and governor and vice chair of Vision West Nottinghamshire College. She is also the chairman of a local patient participatory group at Forest Medical Practice.

Local criminals beware - Kate has been a local magistrate in Mansfield for six years and now sits on appeals at Nottingham Crown Court and also sits at Nottingham Magistrates' Court.

Kate lives in Grange Farm ward with her husband Keith and their two cavalier King Charles spaniels.

Family is very important to Kate and Keith. They have two sons, two daughters and four grandchildren. Kate

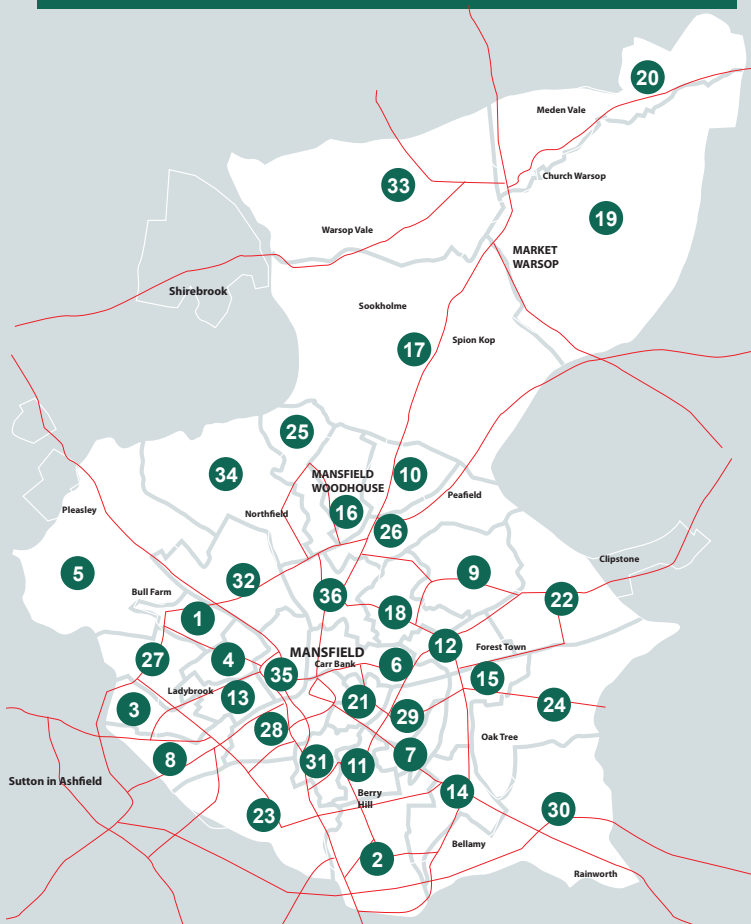
also takes an annual sunshine filled holiday with her sister and Keith. The dogs don't get left out either – they get an annual break to Devon and Cornwall at the end of the summer.

She loves walking the dogs and chatting to residents when she is out and about. Kate is a dab hand in the kitchen - Keith's allotment vegetables are a house staple followed by an array of cakes and puddings.

She's a busy lady but she wouldn't have it any other way. Kate has an open door policy at the council and tries to answer her emails personally when possible

Contact Kate at mayorkateallsop@mansfield.gov.uk or call 01623 463048.

District ward map



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|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Abbott | 14 Lindhurst | 27 Penniment |
| 2 Berry Hill | 15 Ling Forest | 28 Portland |
| 3 Brick Kiln | 16 Manor | 29 Racecourse |
| 4 Broomhill | 17 Market Warsop | 30 Ransom Wood |
| 5 Bull Farm & Pleasley Hill | 18 Maun Valley | 31 Sandhurst |
| 6 Carr Bank | 19 Meden | 32 Sherwood |
| 7 Eakring | 20 Netherfield | 33 Warsop Carrs |
| 8 Grange Farm | 21 Newgate | 34 Woodhouse |
| 9 Holly | 22 Newlands | 35 Woodlands |
| 10 Hornby | 23 Oakham | 36 Yeoman Hill |
| 11 Kings Walk | 24 Oak Tree | |
| 12 Kingsway | 25 Park Hall | |
| 13 Ladybrook | 26 Peasfields | |

Find out which ward you live in by visiting our website www.mansfield.gov.uk and clicking on Find it (to the right of the images on the homepage). Just enter your postcode and click on Ward, councillor and election information.

The Cabinet

The Cabinet is responsible for most of the day to day decisions affecting the running of the council.

Members of the Cabinet are called Portfolio Holders and each has a specific area of responsibility.

The Portfolio Holders are:

Cllr Mick Barton

Deputy Mayor and Portfolio Holder for Public Protection (including Environmental Health, CCTV and Neighbourhood Wardens)

Cllr Roger Sutcliffe

Portfolio Holder for Resources (including the council's finances)

Cllr Andrew Tristram

Portfolio Holder for the Environment (including parks, leisure centres and street cleaning)

Cllr Dave Saunders

Portfolio Holder for Regeneration (including business advice and town centre management)

Cllr David Smith

Portfolio Holder for Cultural Services, Town and District Centres (including events, Mansfield Museum and Mansfield Palace Theatre)

Cllr Barry Answer

Portfolio Holder for Housing

Cllr Stewart Rickersey Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services (including markets, customer services and internal and external audit)

Coalition formed

A coalition has been formed between the two UKIP councillors and Mansfield Independent Forum.

Councillor Nick Bennett, who was re-elected in May as a Labour ward councillor for Kingsway, has joined Mansfield Independent Forum. Cllr Bennett left Labour in July. The coalition now has the majority by one.

The political balance of the council is as follows:

Labour

18 members

Mansfield Independent Forum

16 members (17 including the Mayor)

UKIP

2 members

Total - 37 members

The next full council meeting is due to take place on 22 September.

To find dates, agendas, reports and minutes of council, Cabinet and committee meetings, visit www.mansfield.gov.uk/meetings.

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Nominate your sporting champ

In association with the Armchair Club and the Chad, we are seeking nominations for the Mansfield Sports Recognition Awards 2015.

A total of 10 awards are up for grabs on Monday 7 December at John Fretwell Sporting Complex, Sookholme, Mansfield, from 7pm to 9pm.

Nominations are sought for achievements between 1 November 2014 and 31 October 2015 in the following categories:

Mansfield Sports Recognition Awards

- Junior team of the year
- Junior sportsperson of the year
- Junior sports leader of the year
- Junior disabled sportsperson of the year
- Club of the year
- Disabled sportsperson of the year
- Sportsperson of the year
- Coach of the year
- Team of the year
- Volunteer of the year (this also includes referees, officials, administrators etc)



Nominees must either live or pursue their sport within Mansfield district.

Entry forms are available from sports clubs and leisure centres or online at www.mansfield.gov.uk/nominate.

The deadline is Friday 13 November 2015.

For further info or tickets to the awards ceremony, contact Sports Development Officer Shaun Hird on **01623 463371** or shird@mansfield.gov.uk.

Looking for a plasterer?

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Town Hall gets vital £550k restoration

Essential work to maintain and restore parts of the Old Town Hall in Mansfield is being carried out until December.

The work, which is costing about £550,000, includes rebuilding chimney stacks, refitting most of the roof, replacing stonework and repointing the exterior lime mortar. Interior work involves restoring period features in various rooms and installing new floors in the connected shop units.

Mansfield BID has moved out of the building and into Clumber House, in Clumber Street. At the time of going to print, council staff were moving



into Clumber House. The Town Hall will be closed to the public until further notice.

The council is looking at a range of options for the future of the Town Hall to ensure the building is put to good use and contributes to the regeneration of the town centre.

The car park at the back of the building is closed so that it can be used by the contractor Aura Conservation Ltd. The fountains in the Market Place cannot be used during the work.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused during this essential work that will ensure the integrity of the building is maintained.

Youth Mayor to focus on sport and fundraising

Mansfield's new Youth Mayor is 15-year-old Jake Baldry from Samworth Church Academy.



“I want young people to think about their talents and interests”

Jake will be representing young people across the district, taking their voice to the Mayor, members and council officers, as well as acting as an ambassador for Mansfield.

A keen rugby player, Jake is hoping to get more young people involved in sport. “I’ve played rugby since I was six,” he said. “I believe that sport is good for young people’s mental and physical health. It makes you fitter, helps you to make friends and results in less stress and depression.”

Getting involved in fundraising for charity also sits high on Jake’s manifesto, as he believes that charity events not only

bring communities together for a good cause, but they also provide young people with an opportunity to showcase their talents.

“I want young people to think about their talents and interests and maybe come up with ways of using their skills to raise money for charity,” said Jake. “I would like to see more young people in Mansfield getting involved in events like Children in Need and Comic Relief, and raising the profile of those charities.

“I have a particular interest in Cancer Research, as members of my family have had cancer.”

Jake would also like to improve sex education for young people, making them aware of the dangers they can face and helping them to remain safe. He would also like to build stronger links with the British Youth Council.

Jake, who will be the eighth youth mayor since the post was created in 2008/09, will take over from the current Youth Mayor Danielle Bridges in October.

He was appointed following an uncontested Mansfield schools election, in which he was the only eligible candidate.



Don't lose your vote

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

The forms were sent to homes in July as part of the council’s annual voter registration canvass. Reminders were sent out in August to those who had not yet returned the forms.

The aim of the form is to ensure that the electoral register is up to date and to identify any residents who are not

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registered so that they can be encouraged to do so.

With Police and Crime Commissioner elections taking place across Nottinghamshire in May 2016, this is an opportunity for residents to make sure that when the elections take place they will easily be able to take part.

Anyone that wants to vote must be registered. To make sure you are able to have your say at the elections next year, simply check the form and return it as quickly as possible.

If you’re not currently registered, we’ll send you information explaining how to do this or you can just go online to apply to register at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

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

Any residents who have any questions can contact the Elections team at Mansfield District Council on **01623 463345**.

Housing scheme is set to save NHS £1.3m a year

Mansfield District Council has joined forces with two other agencies to expand a housing scheme that speeds up the discharge of older and disabled residents from King's Mill Hospital.

The hospital discharge scheme, run in conjunction with Mansfield and Ashfield Clinical Commissioning Group and Nottinghamshire County Council, is being expanded and is expected to save the NHS around £1.3m a year.

District council staff working in the hospital offer advice and support to patients who have housing issues. It has dedicated two bungalows and two apartments with adaptations for temporary care for discharged patients who are either homeless or have homes that are no longer suitable for their needs.

For these people, county council social workers organise the necessary care and support while a permanent home is found by the district council, which shares its housing service, Homefinder, with Ashfield District Council.

The scheme was set up last October and has helped around 30 patients. The expansion will enable it to support about 60 people a month at an annual cost of £233,000 to the Mansfield and Ashfield Clinical Commissioning Group.



Mrs Giles' son Kiko with their pet greyhounds

CASE STUDY

Emergency surgery left mum and son homeless

After 26 years in the pub trade, and having never relied on anyone for anything, life suddenly dealt Alison Giles a cruel blow.

The Mansfield Woodhouse pub landlady stood on some staples which pierced her shoe and her foot. As a diabetic, she knew she should have seen a doctor, but thought it would be fine if she just put a plaster on it.

Unfortunately she was far from fine. Her poor circulation as a result of diabetes meant the injury in her foot quickly turned gangrenous and she was admitted to the Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham in December 2014 to have her right leg amputated below the knee.

Not only was Mrs Giles (51) left disabled, it also left her unable to continue as landlady of the Star in Mansfield Woodhouse and meant that both she and her son were homeless.

Mrs Giles spent five weeks in King's Mill Hospital recovering but without anywhere to go, she could not be discharged. MDC's hospital discharge scheme rehomed Mrs Giles and her son, Kiko (16).

Housing staff found a bungalow in Mansfield Woodhouse to meet Mrs Giles's new mobility needs. A temporary ramp was arranged and further adaptations were fast tracked.

MDC staff also gave Mrs Giles welfare rights support advice to ensure that her income was

One home lettings scheme serving two districts



Homefinder is a social housing lettings scheme run in partnership with Ashfield District Council (Ashfield Homes) and local housing associations.

Homefinder gives you more choice and control over where you live by allowing you to search and bid for council and housing association properties in Mansfield and Ashfield districts. You need to complete only one application form to apply for housing in both districts.

Normally, you qualify to join the Housing Register if you have a local connection to either district, for example working or living there for at least two years.

You may be exempt from needing a local connection if you are:

- in HM Armed Forces,
- fleeing violence from outside the area,
- a tenant of another social housing landlord who is seeking to downsize, or
- interested in a flat prioritised for elderly tenants.

Those eligible to join Homefinder are placed in one of five housing needs bands which reflect how urgently you need to move.

If you have an emergency need to move, such as being homeless, you may be placed in Band 1. If you have no housing needs you may be placed in Band 5.

BAND 1

- **Band 1:** Applicants with a severe or emergency need for rehousing, for example homeless families.

BAND 2

- **Band 2:** Applicants with urgent housing needs, for example if they are overcrowded by two or more bedrooms.

BAND 3

- **Band 3:** Applicants with low housing needs, for example if they are overcrowded by one bedroom.

BAND 4

- **Band 4:** Applicants with a housing need who are unsuitable to hold a tenancy, for example someone with a history of anti-social behaviour.

BAND 5

- **Band 5:** Applicants who are suitably housed, for example owner occupiers and applicants with no local connection needing a 60+ home.

The type and size of properties you are eligible to bid for depends on the number of people in your household and your household type.

Homefinder allows applicants to apply for homes with a spare bedroom, but a financial assessment will be carried out to assess whether the applicant is able to afford the rent.

How we shortlist tenants

To join our Housing Register you need to register with Homefinder.

Bids received by Homefinder are prioritised to produce a shortlist of applicants. If more than one person in a band applies for a property, the applicants are sorted by the date their priority was awarded. Eligible applicants are invited to view the property.

To register with Homefinder, visit www.amhomefinder.co.uk. If you do not have access to the internet, contact the Homefinder team on **01623 463402** for a Social Housing Application form.

You can email Homefinder@mansfield.gov.uk or contact us through your Homefinder account, which is created on the Homefinder website when you register.



I don't know where I would have been without the hospital discharge scheme's support.

maximised now that she was reliant on benefits.

"I have never claimed for anything in my life," said Mrs Giles, "so to come and start here and claim for everything has been difficult. Mansfield's welfare rights officer helped me with all the paperwork."

Mrs Giles is now trying to get used to life with a prosthetic limb and a wheelchair which has not been easy.

As well as helping Kiko pack and move their belongings to their new home, the hospital discharge scheme also provided a food parcel and helped to furnish the home.

Mrs Giles said: "I don't know where I would have been without the hospital discharge scheme's support."

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Trading places on Mansfield Market

Mansfield Market is under new management and we are looking for more traders.

Whether you are an experienced trader or a first time market trader, why not give Mansfield a try? The market is in a prime location in the centre of town and gives you a great opportunity to start up your own business and become your own boss.

We offer great stall rents. It is only £10 per stall for a Monday or Wednesday, £15 per stall Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and £20 per stall on a Saturday.

We are looking for new and unusual lines. We would particularly like traders that sell candles, craft items, toys, workwear, furniture, garden items and stationery to name just a few.

We offer great incentives for new traders. New traders receive one week's free rent each month for the first four months.

To apply for a stall or for advice, contact Nicola Harvey, the market supervisor, on **01623 463818**, or email **nharvey@mansfield.gov.uk**.

You can also complete a market stall application form by visiting **www.mansfield.gov.uk/markets**.



Selling the right product at the right price is the key to success, says veteran trader Raymond Siddall.

One of Mansfield's longest-serving market traders is the Siddall family. The business has been trading on Mansfield Market since the 1950s and has passed down three generations. Raymond and his wife, Enid, along with their son, Steven, sell bedding, cushions and soft furnishings in Westgate every Thursday.

Raymond said: "I love trading on Mansfield Market because I get to serve some lovely customers and there is always a buzz around the town centre. Becoming a market trader is a great way to start a business and I'd really recommend it. You'll be successful if you have the right product at the right price."

He said the council offered a lot of benefits to traders such as providing them with free parking, a holiday entitlement and reduced rents during January, February and March (known by traders as the kipper season).

The Big Switch On 2015



The countdown to Christmas 2015 begins in Mansfield on Sunday 15 November.

This year's event is set to be another festive extravaganza with lots of **FREE** entertainment for all the family throughout the day in the town centre.

It will be followed by a spectacular stage show including live music and your favourite Christmas hits to get you in the festive spirit.

Paddington™ will be making personal appearances at intervals throughout the day.

Don't miss the opportunity to visit Santa in his grotto and tell him what you'd like for Christmas.

You can buy perfect gifts at a Christmas craft market and join in the countdown to the launch of Mansfield's Christmas lights display.

There will be lots of **FREE** and low-cost activities across the district throughout the Christmas period. Look out for our Mansfield Xmas Festival What's On guide, which will be delivered to all homes in the district and community outlets and online at **www.mansfield.gov.uk/switchon** from the end of October.

To receive our What's On guides straight to your inbox, email **eventsandpromotions@mansfield.gov.uk** with the words What's On as the subject line to be added to our mailing list.



Poppy Fields continues to blossom



Work is progressing well on our Poppy Fields Extra Care Scheme, off Chesterfield Road South, in Mansfield.

The first phase of the £11m development will have 64 units for people aged over 55 who have additional care needs. It will allow them to live as independently as possible with care staff on site 24 hours a day.

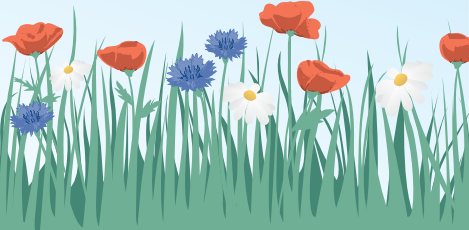
There will be five two-bed bungalows and five two-bed houses available for older person's shared ownership. These are expected to be finished by the end of November, with the first residents moving into their homes soon after.

There are also ten one-bed bungalows for people with low-level dementia, which are set in a courtyard and have separate communal areas and landscaped gardens.

The development is built in the style of a village with a village green and communal hub including a kitchen, lounge and television area, allotment space and sensory garden as the focal points.

Work has started on the second phase to provide 20 properties for the over 55s and is due to be completed in June 2106. There will be 12 bungalows and eight apartments for people who need support rather than care. Residents will also have access to the community hub.

To find out more about the ten shared ownership properties, contact David Blount on **01623 422777**.



£1.7m project brings homes and jobs

Work is under way to build 12 family council homes in Mansfield.

The £1.76 million development in Pye Avenue is one of several housing schemes being built for the council, which will see more than 170 homes being built over the next couple of years.

Building on the site began in June and is expected to take a year to complete. It will transform the former disused garage site, which attracted anti-social behaviour and fly-tipping.

The 12 houses – five with three bedrooms and seven with two bedrooms – will be owned and let by the council. To apply to live in one, residents must register with the council's Homefinder service.

The project is being funded by the council with help from a £216,000 grant from the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA).

The development, constructed by Geda Construction, of Kegworth, Leicestershire, is expected to provide work for about 120 people, plus four apprentices and several work experience students.

Making life easier

Tenants have moved into two new council-built bungalows designed to support the needs of disabled people.

Karen and Peter Plant and their 19-year-old son, Michael, have moved into one of the homes on Bonington Road, Mansfield.

"Our son, Michael, has Down's syndrome, autism and ADHD and has had surgery for spinal problems," said Karen. "Moving to a bungalow has made it a lot easier to care for Michael, who is sometimes wheelchair-bound, due to problems with his knees."

The two-bedroom bungalow features a kitchen with a sink and hob that can

be adjusted in height and a wet room with hand rails.

The properties were offered in the first instance to existing tenants, who were living in larger properties and wished to downsize. This freed up homes for tenants who needed more bedrooms.



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For sales enquiries, contact David Blount Estate Agents and Surveyors on 01623 422777 or visit www.davidblount.co.uk

For all other enquiries, contact Rob Purser, the council's Strategic Housing Manager, on 01623 463123 or email rpurser@mansfield.gov.uk



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September

8-12 September

The Invention of Baked Beans -
Detail Dance Company

18-19 September

Bad Girls The Musical – Inspirations
Theatre Company

20 September

The Great American Songbook –
Masque Productions

22-23 September

Don't Rain on my Parade –
Clare Sales School of Dance

24 September

Austen's Women

25 September

Rock 'n' Roll Paradise



26 September
Dave Spikey – Punchlines

27 September

Blidworth Brass Band and Mansfield
District Male Voice Choir

October

7 October

Anita Harris – My Life in Showbusiness

11 October

Mozartissimo

13 October

Psychic Sally on the Road

14 October
Miss
Nightingale
The Musical



15 October

The Irish House Party

16 October

The Drifters Rebranded Tour

17 October

The Bee Gees Story –
Nights on Broadway

20 October

Waiting for Godot –
London Classic Theatre

22 October

All the Little Lights

22 October

Du Port d'Amsterdam au ciel de Paris
(The music of Edith Piaf and
Jacques Brel)

23 October

Mercury: Queen – The Legend Lives On

24 October

One Night of Elvis starring
Lee Memphis King

25 October

Festival of Remembrance



28 October
Tree Fu Tom Live

29 October

Gulliver

30 October

Talon – The Best of the Eagles

31 October

The Blues Brother Experience

November

1 November

Sleeping Beauty –
Moscow Ballet La Classique

3 November

Jane Austen's Emma

10-14 November

A White Christmas – Masque Productions

16-17 November

Into the Woods – New Youth Theatre

18 November

Neil Sands' Christmas Memories

18 November

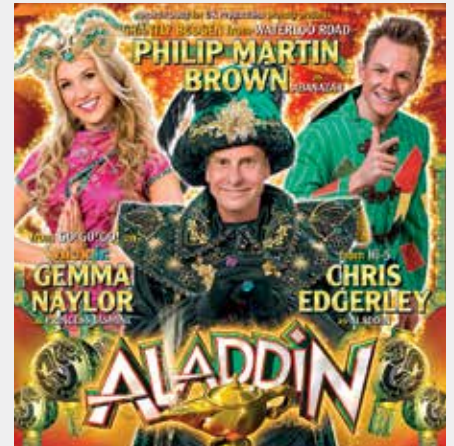
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Circus of Horrors –
Welcome to the Carnevil

20 November

Barry Steele's Roy Orbison and Friends



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Reminisce of days gone by



From September we'll be piloting a new Memory Café at the museum.

Aimed at people living with dementia, their carers and families, the Memory Café will be a monthly event with a variety of themed reminiscence activities. Safe spaces that are welcoming to people living with dementia can be hard to find and we're excited to be able to use our resources to offer this new service to the people of Mansfield.

We've had a range of Reminiscence Boxes on a range of topics available to hire for a number of years. Now we'll be using the themes from those boxes for our Memory Cafés. Each one will use a different box and activities available for those who want to join in. There will also be space to relax for those who just want to enjoy a cup of tea in a safe social setting.

Our first Memory Café will be free to visit on 16 September from 3pm to 4pm and is called Dress Up Afternoon Tea. There'll be lots of hats and handbags to rummage through, photos of fashions through the ages and music to hum along to while you look. Cake, tea and coffee will be available. Donations are welcome to cover refreshment costs.

We're also looking for donations of tea cups, saucers, teapots and tablecloths to assist with the café element! To donate items or for more information, please contact Sally Evans on **01623 463088** or sevans@mansfield.gov.uk.

Metal Box Artwork Exhibition

The museum's Metal Box Artwork temporary exhibition runs until 31 October.

This display expands on the section devoted to the company in our permanent Made In Mansfield exhibition and is a sequel to our very popular 2011 installation, featuring items of tinware from the company.

On display are the original paintings and drawings which featured on scores of Metal Box products.

Christmas Market

The museum's popular Christmas market will take place from 3-5 December.

It'll be open from 10am to 7pm on the Thursday and 10am to 4pm on the Friday and Saturday.

Last year's event set a record with more than 40 stalls and over 3,000 visitors.

There will be a wide range of original gift ideas for everyone on your shopping list – don't miss it!



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