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If you know someone who lives in the district but does not receive a copy of My Mansfield by 16 March, please email publicrelations@mansfield.gov.uk or contact **01623 463021** with their full address and postcode.

The next edition is due to be delivered in August.

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No rise in Council Tax for fifth year

Residents will not pay any more for district council services in 2015/16 after councillors voted to freeze Council Tax for a fifth consecutive year.

Work will begin to identify funding for a new wet and dry sports facility on land at Meden School, Warsop, after councillors agreed to set aside £8m in the four-year capital programme for the project.

The leisure centre would be funded through £327,000 of New Homes Bonus - a grant paid by central government to local councils for increasing the number of homes and their use. The remaining £7,673,000 would come from other currently unsecured funding such as partner contributions, grants and potential future New Homes Bonus money.

The council needed to find £3m-worth of savings to balance the budget in 2015/16 as a result of the continued reduction in government grants,



Bank Holiday bin collections

All bin collections over Easter (3 April and 6 April), May Day (4 May), Spring Bank Holiday (25 May) and August Bank Holiday (31 August) will go ahead as normal to minimise disruption for residents.

Please ensure your bin is put out on your normal collection day by 6.30am.

Planning for the future

Residents can be among the first to hear about plans for the future of Mansfield district by signing up to take part in a consultation.

The council's Planning Policy team is working on a new Local Plan, which is an important document that will shape how the district develops over the next 20 years.

Residents will have the opportunity to comment on the plan, which tackles key issues facing the district, during a six-week consultation later this year.

Register your details on the Local Plan Consultation Portal at <http://mansfield.objective.co.uk/portal> by clicking Login/Register at the top of the page.

Smoking pledge

Mansfield District Council has signed up to the Nottinghamshire County and Nottingham City declaration on tobacco control.

This demonstrates our commitment to reduce smoking in our communities and secure the health, welfare, economic and environmental benefits that come from reduced smoking.

As part of our commitment, we advise businesses on complying with smokefree legislation and updating their smoking policies, and work with partners to tackle the sale of illegal tobacco products.



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on-going reduction in income from property lettings due to the economic climate and low interest rates from investments.

The majority of the shortfall was found through the council's Change 2 review of existing services and structures, plus new income sources.

The budget and proposed capital programme are designed to meet the council's priorities while also minimising the impact on residents, the quality and quantity of services and staff.

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The budget also includes money set aside for the acquisition

of commercial properties to generate additional revenue income, works at the Civic Centre to release space for commercial letting to generate income and the formation of a housing company to build new homes within the district.

The council will receive a £59,000 Council Tax freeze grant from the government.

For more details about your Council Tax see pages 14 and 15.



Join our Garden Waste Collection Service



It's not too late to join our 2015/16 Garden Waste Collection Service.

The new scheme starts on 1 April 2015. To guarantee receiving the service from the start date you had to subscribe by 13 March. However, there is still time to join. The annual cost is £25 even if you join partway through the year – so join as soon as possible to get the most out of the service.

Once your payment has cleared, you will receive a sticker within ten working days, which must be placed on your brown bin. Crews will not empty any bins, unless they are displaying a current sticker.

If you would like to sign up for 2015/2016, call **01623 463463** or apply online at www.mansfield.gov.uk/gardenwaste.

Residents who do not want the service, but still have a brown bin, are asked to call **01623 463463** and we will arrange for your brown bin to be taken away.

You will get a brown bin and an all year-round garden waste collection every two weeks from March to November and monthly from December to February.

You can use the bin to recycle:

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



Major development given the go ahead after lengthy legal battle



A judicial review into the proposed Lindhurst development has been dismissed by the Royal Courts of Justice in London.

Work is expected to start in the spring on the development of 169 hectares (417 acres) of land off the A617 Mansfield and Ashfield Regeneration Route.

Three previous applications for permission to appeal against the Lindhurst planning application were dismissed because the judge felt that there was no arguable case for a judicial review. Although a judicial review went ahead on the last occasion, the Court of Appeal's three judges dismissed the challenge on all grounds.

The development and the much-needed high quality family homes and employment opportunities it will bring are vital for the regeneration and growth of the entire district.

The plans include up to 1,700 new homes, as well as a new primary school, doctors' surgery, community centre, park and space for retail and business use.

New website coming soon

Accessing council services will be quicker and easier with the launch of our new website this month.

You'll be able browse the site as a resident, visitor or business and complete a range of tasks online by clicking on report it, pay for it, apply for it, find it and say it buttons.

You'll also be able to find out your blue and green bin collection dates by entering your postcode. Additional payment options will be added to the site over coming weeks.



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The new site can recognise which type of device visitors are using, such as a mobile phone or computer, and adjust accordingly.

The new website will use the same address www.mansfield.gov.uk.

There will be street entertainment, music, craft activities and one of the very popular evening markets all taking place in town. Shops will be staying open later than usual and discussions are underway to encourage restaurants, bars and clubs to join the fun with special offers and purple-themed drinks and decorations to keep the celebration going for the whole night.

What's more, parking in town during the celebration will be **FREE**.

If you think you know what Mansfield has to offer, this event might make you think again. There is probably much more than you realise with new places to enjoy opening all the time.

The event has been organised to officially mark the fact that Mansfield has been awarded Purple Flag status by the Association of Town and City Management (ATCM). Purple Flag is an accreditation scheme that recognises excellence in the management of town centres at night. It can be seen as the equivalent of the Blue Flag awarded to good beaches.

The lengthy process towns go through to gain Purple Flag has been managed in Mansfield by a team involving representatives from Mansfield Association of Licensed Venues (MALV),

Come fly the flag with us!



Get ready for a celebration!
Fun, entertainment and activities for the whole family are being lined up for Mansfield's Purple Flag party, taking place on Saturday 25 April.



“ If you think you know what Mansfield has to offer, this event might make you think again. There is probably much more than you realise with new places to enjoy opening all the time. ”

Mansfield BID, Mansfield District Council, Mansfield Partnership Against Crime (MPAC) and the police. Many other organisations which contribute to the town centre experience have also helped out.

Speaking on behalf of the team, Mansfield Business Improvement District Manager Sarah Nelson says: “Mansfield has an outdated reputation for being somewhere to avoid in the evening. There is a wide range of activities to enjoy in a safe and friendly environment and achieving Purple Flag proves this is the case.

“We want as many people as possible - those who already enjoy its theatre, library, heritage, restaurants and leisure facilities and those who never come into town for an evening out – to come and celebrate with us.

“More and more people are realising how much Mansfield has to offer and visitor numbers are increasing as a result. People who live and work in Mansfield have a town to be proud of and we hope they will come along on 25 April to celebrate and enjoy that fact.”

Details of what the party includes will be publicised in the coming weeks. Keep an eye on www.mansfieldtowncentre.co.uk as well as Mansfield District Council's website www.mansfield.gov.uk and MPAC's twitter account [@yourMPAC](https://twitter.com/yourMPAC)

Changes to the council's bank account

From 1 April 2015, Mansfield District Council will be transferring its corporate banking services.

The Co-operative Bank currently provides the Council's banking services but following a procurement process the Council has appointed Lloyds Bank to provide services.

If you pay using the following methods then you will not need to do anything as your payments will automatically transfer to the new bank account;

- Direct Debit
- Payments made using the Council's website or 24-hour automated payments line
- PayPoint
- Post Office

However, if you pay using the following methods you will need to change the bank details; the Council will not be able to do it for you.

- Standing Orders
- Online banking
- BACS

From 1 April, all payments should be made to the Lloyds account as shown below:

LLOYDS BANK PLC
Account no: 30653968
Sort Code: 30-95-43

Payments up to 31 March should be paid into the existing Co-operative Bank accounts. Please do not make any changes active before 1 April 2015.



Wider spaces make life easier for motorists

“The work is the first phase of a £1.2m project.”

Walkden Street multi-storey car park in Mansfield will have wider than standard spaces when it reopens following essential improvements.

Levels 1A and 1B will reopen on 30 March but the remaining levels 2A, 2B, 3A and 3B will remain closed until 27 April.

The work, which includes major structural repairs, waterproofing, redecoration and improved lighting, is the first phase of a £1.2m project.

There will be 381 spaces, which will all be the same width as standard parent/child spaces and bays for blue badge holders to make the

car park more family friendly. This will make them among the widest standard spaces in Nottinghamshire - perfect for families and larger vehicles such as vans and 4x4s.

The Council's Shopmobility service is operating from the Four Seasons multi-storey car park while the work takes place.

To book a mobility scooter, call **01623 635825** or **01623 463407**.



THIS GIRL CAN

Sport England has launched the This Girl Can campaign to get women and girls moving, regardless of shape, size and ability.

If you've been inspired by This Girl Can, you can find details of classes at our five Mansfield District Leisure Trust centres on our website www.mansfield.gov.uk/thisgirlcan You can also contact your leisure centre directly using the phone numbers on page 24.

Classes include yoga, swimming, pilates, rounders and indoor cycling. There are also plans to start netball and women-only badminton sessions at Oak Tree Leisure Centre. Contact them to register your interest on **0345 000 0231**.

Find out more and watch the television advert featuring real women at www.thisgirlcan.co.uk.

LOVE YOUR LOCAL MARKET



Mansfield District Council has signed up to be part of Love Your Local Market 2015 from 13 to 27 May.

This will be the third year in a row that the council has taken part in the national initiative, which aims to recruit new market traders and show the importance of markets.

Details of the events and activities taking place in Mansfield have yet to be announced, but in previous years there have been hanging basket workshops run by one of our traders, cookery demonstrations using fresh produce from the market and competitions for shoppers.

The council is working with traders and Mansfield BID to raise the profile of the

market and encourage people to come and see what it has to offer.

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

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

The market will host a Junior Enterprise competition on 1 July. Students from schools across Ashfield and Mansfield will create their own businesses selling homemade products. The event, which is run by the Mansfield Learning Partnership and Mansfield 2020, has been a huge success since it was first launched in 2012.

Package of support set to revitalise Mansfield district

Businesses and residents are set to benefit from £658,776 aimed at creating jobs, helping business growth and enhancing Mansfield Market.

The package includes:

- Up to £100,000 of investment in Mansfield Market.
- Grants of up to £4,000 for independent retailers taking on certain vacant properties in Mansfield, Warsop and Mansfield Woodhouse town centres plus shop

front improvement grants of up to £5,000 for existing traders.

- Business growth grants of up to £5,000 to support product or staff development plus free business and management training.
- Start-up grants of £1,000 for new businesses.
- An extension of the existing Pathways to Work programme including work placements, jobs fairs and apprenticeship grants for employers.

Your pests are no test for us!

Mansfield District Council offers a low cost pest control service to all homes in the District.

Anyone can be affected by unwanted pests and we offer treatments to deal with ants, wasps, bed bugs, cockroaches, rats, mice, fleas and moles.

We can also provide drain testing, CCTV drain surveying and smoke testing services to find the cause of pest infestations as well as reports on the condition of your drains.

Our staff are friendly, experienced and can offer advice and support. They provide a discreet service which is individually tailored to each customer.

There are no call-out charges and prices start from £30. Discounts are available for OAPs and people receiving means tested benefits.

Call **01623 463189** or email pestcontrol@mansfield.gov.uk. For full prices visit www.mansfield.gov.uk/pestcontrol.

Mansfield in Bloom



Can you help Mansfield to bloom?

Our Parks team is looking for people to join a committee to help with the district's entry in the East Midlands in Bloom Awards.

Last year, Mansfield won a silver gilt medal in the City category of the prestigious awards with a higher score than the previous year and just eight points off a gold award.

You don't need to be a horticultural expert, just have a spare hour or two per month and an eagerness to work with others to improve the district. You don't have to attend every meeting.

Contact Andy Chambers, Parks Development Officer, on **01623 463510** or email achambers@mansfield.gov.uk.

International Clean Up Mansfield Day

Friday
12 June
2015



Several groups across Mansfield have already signed up to be part of International Clean Up Mansfield Day which will take place on Friday 12 June 2015.

Mansfield Primary Academy and The 4th Mansfield Woodhouse Scout Group are among those who will be making improvements to their local environment.

Last year more than 45 groups from Mansfields across the world took part including Connecticut, Pennsylvania,

Missouri and Ohio in the USA and Victoria in Australia.

International groups are invited to take part again along with local schools, community groups, businesses and individuals.

All participants will be considered for an award which will be presented at a ceremony later in the year.



How to register...

To register, visit www.mansfield.gov.uk/cleanup and complete the online form.

You can keep up to date with the campaign and share your own news and activities on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/cleanupmansfield

For further information, contact Tracy Stringfellow, Technical Officer on 01623 463803.

Looking for a plasterer?

Use our Certified Plasterer Scheme

As a homeowner we know your main concern is whether you will get good-quality workmanship. With our Certified Plasterer Scheme we assess all members before recommending them, so you can be confident in the standard of their work and quality of their materials. What's more we will guarantee all work done for two years for extra peace of mind, so you can now transform your home in complete confidence.



To find a Certified Plasterer please visit www.british-gypsum.com/plasterer

or call us on

0115 969 8060

If you are a plasterer and would like more information about how to join the scheme please call us on the above number.



Rewarding volunteers

Do you know someone who goes the extra mile to help others, or a local voluntary group or business that makes a real difference to the local community?

The annual Mansfield Volunteer Awards recognise these shining stars in Mansfield district and nominations are now open for this year's event.

For further information please contact Mansfield CVS on 01623 651177 or submit your nomination online at www.mansfield.gov.uk/volunteerawards

The deadline for nominations is Friday 24 April. Each winner and the person who nominated them will be invited to a presentation ceremony on Thursday 4 June at the John Fretwell Centre, Sookholme Road, Sookholme.

Like the Facebook page www.facebook.com/mansfieldvolunteerawards for further updates and to see photographs from last year's awards.

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Mansfield goes to the polls

This elections supplement explains how each election works, why it's important to vote, what the various deadlines are for registering to vote and the different methods of voting.

Voters in Mansfield district will go to the polls to elect their Mayor, MP, Mansfield district councillors and Warsop parish councillors on Thursday 7 May.



Elections timetable

Key dates between now and this year's elections are:

24 MARCH **24 March** The official start of the local elections period. Prospective local elections candidates can submit nomination papers from this date until 4pm on 9 April.

1 APRIL **1 April** The prospective Parliamentary election candidates can submit nomination papers from around this date until 4pm on 9 April.

9 APRIL **9 April (5pm)** Publication of persons nominated (the list of candidates) for Parliamentary election. For Mayoral, District and Parish council elections the list of candidates will be published by 4pm on 10 April.

20 APRIL **20 April** Deadline for receiving applications to register to vote.

21 APRIL **21 April (5pm)** Deadline for making new postal vote applications (including postal proxy applications) and for changes to existing postal or proxy votes. A proxy vote is where you give someone you trust official consent to vote on your behalf.

28 APRIL **28 April (5pm)** Deadline for making new applications to vote by proxy (except for medical emergencies or emergencies where a person has been called away as a result of their occupation, service or employment).

7 MAY **7 May (7am – 10pm)** Polling Day.

Thursday
7 May



LOCAL AND PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2015
MANSFIELD DISTRICT DECIDES

District Council elections

Mansfield District Council elections are held every four years.

As a voter it is your opportunity to decide who you want to elect to represent you and your community at Mansfield District Council.

A district councillor's job is to represent your views and make important decisions which have an impact on your community and the lives of everyone who lives there.

Mansfield District Council has adopted a single member ward system, which means there is just one councillor for each of the district's 36 wards.

In the district council election, electors are allowed to vote for one candidate.

The election uses the first-past-the-post system, which in simple terms means the candidate who receives the most votes is elected.

In the unlikely event of only one candidate being nominated to stand for election in a ward, that candidate will be automatically elected unopposed, without the need for a vote.



Parish council elections

Voters in Market Warsop, Church Warsop, Warsop Vale and Meden Vale, also have the opportunity to elect members to the Warsop Parish Council.

The Warsop parish is divided into four wards, with three seats in each ward. Electors are allowed to vote for up to three candidates. If three or less candidates are nominated in a particular ward, those candidates are automatically elected unopposed, without the need for a vote.



The Mayoral election

Mansfield District Council has had an elected Mayor since 2002 and this will be the district's fourth Mayoral election.

An elected Mayor is different to a traditional ceremonial Mayor or a Council Leader. The Mayor is elected by the people, while ceremonial Mayors and Council Leaders are elected by fellow councillors.

It is the elected Mayor's job to lead and represent the council and its residents locally and nationally. He or she has to make vital decisions about the council's priorities and services and how it spends its money.

It's also the Mayor's job to select a Cabinet made up of councillors to help him or her develop and implement those policies.

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Mayoral candidate booklet

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Under the rules of the Mayoral election, the Returning Officer Ruth Marlow must provide the booklet, which will be delivered to homes around 15 April.

Voting at the Mayoral election

The supplementary voting system is used at the Mayoral election.

There are two columns on the ballot paper so you can vote for your first choice and second choice candidates, although making a second choice is not compulsory.

If one candidate gets more than half of the first choice votes, he or she will become Mayor.

If no candidate gets more than half the first choice votes, the two candidates with the most first choice votes will remain in the election and all the other candidates will be eliminated. The second choice votes of the eliminated candidates are then counted and any that have been cast for the two remaining candidates are added to their total. The candidate who has the highest overall total of votes is declared the Executive Mayor of Mansfield.

Thursday
7 May



LOCAL AND PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2015 MANSFIELD DISTRICT DECIDES

Parliamentary elections

On 7 May the public will vote for a Member of Parliament (MP) to represent Mansfield in the House of Commons. Parliamentary General elections are held every five years.

The UK is divided into 650 constituencies, each with one MP. You vote for one MP to sit in the UK Parliament in Westminster and represent your constituency.



The voting system

Each voter has one vote in the Mansfield constituency. The candidate with the most votes becomes the MP for that area. The voting system is called first-past-the-post.

You can find out more information about Parliamentary elections at <http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk/what-can-i-vote-for/uk-parliament>

Contact us

If you are interested in standing for election as MP, Mayor, or as a district or parish councillor or have any questions about voting in the May elections visit www.mansfield.gov.uk/elections or call the Elections team on 01623 463345.



Apprentice celebrates her 18th with a vote

First time voter Tasha Wise will be among the youngest voters taking to the polls on 7 May.

Tasha, who is a Business Administration apprentice at Mansfield District Council, turns 18 on April 29 and is looking forward to voting for the first time just over a week later.

Tasha, a former Queen Elizabeth Academy student, who lives in Mansfield, said: "I think it's important that people take the opportunity to have their say on important issues that affect them. I'm going to encourage my family, and particularly my friends, to vote because every vote really does count."

Did you know you can register to vote from the age of 16? It's quick and easy and means you can vote once you turn 18. Visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote



Register to vote

There's not long left to register in time to have your say at the elections on Thursday 7 May.

If you are eligible to register to vote and are not on the voters register please register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or contact the Electoral Services department on **01623 463345** for a paper application form. The deadline to register is Monday 20 April.

Those particularly at risk of missing the chance to vote are people who have moved house recently, and who mistakenly assume they are automatically registered at their new address because they pay Council Tax. The two processes are completely separate.

If you have turned 18 since the last elections, then ensure you are registered so you can take this opportunity to vote for the first time.



Polling stations

Changes have been made to some of the polling stations across the district.

It is vital that you check your polling card when it arrives to make sure you know where to cast your vote. The polling card will contain the location of your polling station and a map.

Polling stations will be open from 7am to 10pm on the day of the election.

Maps of wards and polling station locations is available to view at www.mansfield.gov.uk/pollingplaces

Results

Results of all the elections will be published as soon as they are announced on our website www.mansfield.gov.uk and you can follow us on Twitter @MDC_News

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Your Council Tax for 2015 / 2016



Mansfield District Council collects Council Tax in the district on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council, Mansfield District Council, Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Nottinghamshire Fire Authority and Warsop Parish Council. Along with Government grants and, in some cases, charges for services, Council Tax helps to pay for local services provided by these organisations.

The total Council Tax for Mansfield District residents will be formalised on 10 March when all the precepts, which are set by each individual organisation, are added together. Full details will be published on our website www.mansfield.gov.uk/counciltax after this date.

Council Tax is calculated by the Government's Valuation Office Agency (VOA) and is based on the price a property would have sold for in April 1991.

The vast majority of properties in Mansfield district – 26,561 out of a total of 47,851 – are in Band A, which is the lowest Council Tax band.

If you think your property is in the wrong band, you may be able challenge it. Contact: Valuation Office Agency, Ground Floor, Ferrers House, Castle Meadow Road, Nottingham NG2 1AB
Tel: **03000 501 501**
Website: www.voa.gov.uk

Reductions and discounts

Households with one adult occupier are entitled to a 25% discount.

If there are two or more adults in the household, you may still qualify for a discount if one of the occupiers:

- is a full-time student, student nurse or apprentice
- has a severe learning disability
- is a young adult who is still eligible for child benefit, or
- is a full-time carer looking after someone.

This list is not comprehensive so please contact **01623 463463** for more information.

The amount of discount we give on empty properties is changing from 1

April. A discount of 75% will apply for the first three months instead of the current six months on empty properties that are substantially unfurnished.

Owners of properties that have been empty for two years or more will have to pay a premium of 50% on top of their full Council Tax.

If your household includes a person with a disability you may be entitled to an adjustment on your Council Tax valuation band. If your home is already in the lowest band, you will still get a reduction.



Ways to pay



Direct Debit

choice of dates and instalments including weekly and fortnightly payments. Set up or change your Direct Debit by calling **01623 463162**.



Post Office

with cash, debit card or cheque



Internet

by debit or credit card 24-hours a day at www.mansfield.gov.uk/payments



Telephone

by debit or credit card via our 24-hour automated payments line **01623 428632**.



PayPoint outlet

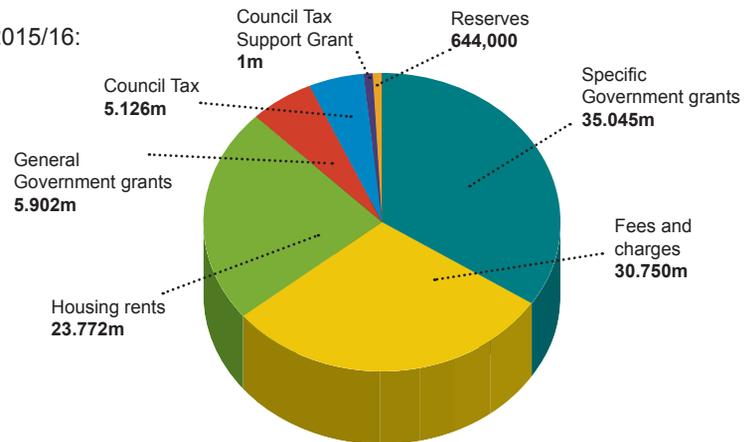
with cash - visit www.paypoint.co.uk/locator or phone us on **01623 463463** to find your nearest PayPoint.



Online banking

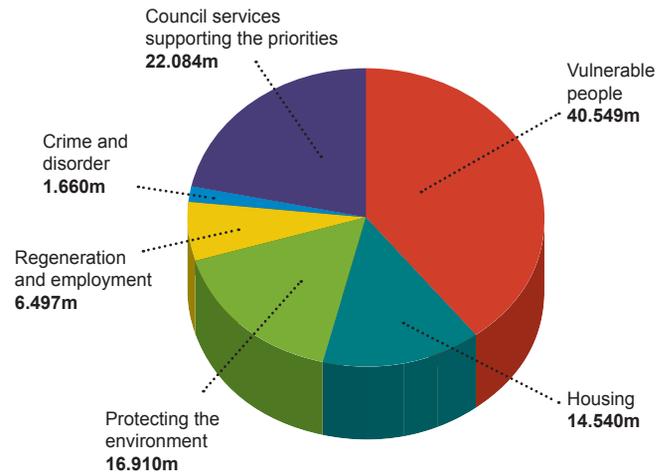
Mansfield District Council will receive the following funding in 2015/16:

Money coming in	£
Specific Government grants	35.045m
Fees and charges	30.750m
Housing rents	23.772m
General Government grants	5.902m
Council Tax	5.126m
Council Tax Support Grant	1m
Reserves	644,000
Total	£102.239m



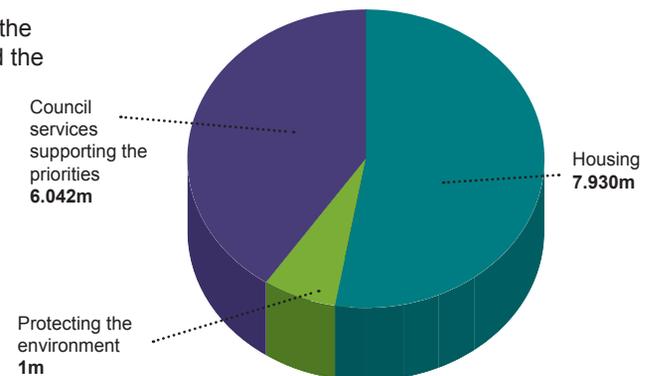
The table below shows how the council will divide the money it receives between its corporate priorities:

Priority	£
Vulnerable people	40.549m
Housing	14.540m
Protecting the environment	16.910m
Regeneration and employment	6.497m
Crime and disorder	1.660m
Council services supporting the priorities	22.084m
Total	£102.239m



The following table shows new capital expenditure allocated for the 2015/2016 financial year on major projects and schemes around the district, such as acquiring and maintaining assets and land:

Priority	£
Housing	7.930m
Protecting the environment	1m
Council services supporting the priorities	6.042m
Total	£14.972m



Road names mark First World War centenary

New road names have been agreed for the 64-unit extra care scheme in the Brownlow Road and Bould Street area of Mansfield.

As work on the development started in August 2014 - the centenary of the start of the First World War - it seemed fitting to name the streets in tribute.

Brownlow Road will no longer exist and Bould Street will become Centenary Road. The roads off Centenary Road within the development will be known as Flanders Close, Liberty Close and Foresters Close. The ten bungalows for people with low-level dementia are in a courtyard, which will be known as Poppy Court.

The scheme includes ten properties - five two-bedroom bungalows and five two-bedroom houses - which will be sold for Older Persons Shared Ownership.



These are for people who have extra care needs and will be advertised for sale within the next few months. If you are interested in buying one, register your interest by writing to Rob Purser, Strategic Housing Manager, Mansfield District Council, Civic Centre, Chesterfield Road South, Mansfield, NG19 7BH or call **01623 463123**.

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Could improvements help you to live more independently?

In the past six months, 46 private homeowners across the district have had their homes adapted to allow them to live independently, thanks to a grant from Mansfield District Council.

Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs) help to pay for essential adaptations to make it easier for disabled residents to get into and around their home, make their home safer, make it easier to use the bathroom and kitchen and to adapt heating and lighting.

DFGs can be used to provide equipment such as stair-lifts, ceiling track hoists, through floor lifts, accessible shower facilities and wash and dry toilets.

To be eligible for a grant a resident must:

- be disabled,
- either own their own home or rent from a private landlord or housing association,
- have difficulty managing daily living tasks, and
- be assessed by an Occupational Therapist as having a need.

If they live in Council-owned or housing association property they may still be able to get adaptations to their home subject to an Occupational Therapy assessment, but they may be funded differently.

If disabled residents think they would benefit from a DFG they should contact Nottinghamshire County Council's Occupational Therapy (OT) service on **0300 500 8080**.

The OT service will assess their needs and may recommend what equipment and/or adaptations are required. If a DFG is needed, the OT service will inform Mansfield District Council of the work that is necessary. The District Council's Strategic Housing service will then consider the application.

A financial assessment will be carried out to see what, if any, contribution should be made by the resident.

“Disabled Facilities Grants can be used to provide equipment such as stair-lifts, ceiling track hoists, through floor lifts, accessible shower facilities and wash and dry toilets.”



Bungalows bring opportunities

A development of 17 new bungalows for rent has started at Flint Avenue in Forest Town.

Contractor Wates Living Space is committed to not only building the bungalows but investing in Mansfield District Council's communities. As part of the development, which will be completed in November 2015, Wates will be employing two local

apprentices – a joinery apprentice and a technical apprentice. They will also be offering work experience opportunities, site visits for school students and a workshop at the Job Centre to advise people on how to get into construction.

They will also be holding a Meet the Buyer event in the future with a view to using local sub-contractors on the scheme.

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SHERWOOD GRANGE CARE CENTRE



RECEIVE A WARM WELCOME AT SHERWOOD GRANGE CARE CENTRE

Sherwood Grange is a charming residential and nursing home that is conveniently located in the pretty village of Edwinstowe with all its local amenities, including the popular South Forest Leisure Centre.

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We customise our care packages so that they offer both long and short-term care in a very friendly, happy and warm environment. We also pride ourselves in preserving dignity, respect and removing isolation from people's lives.

Our philosophy is to consistently provide the highest level of care to improve the lives of each of our residents and this enables us to create the right environment, focusing on a home away from home experience.

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To arrange a visit please call
Julie Malam on 01623 824 601



Current Care Services Include:

- Nursing
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Activities include:

- Musical Entertainment
- Quizzes
- Games
- Gardening
- Garden Parties



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Mansfield Summer Festival

Get these dates in your diary and make sure you don't miss out on our fun-filled Summer Festival events.

Monday 27 July

King George V park, Black Scotch Lane

Wednesday 12 August

Titchfield park, Nottingham Road

Thursday 27 August

Carr Lane park, Warsop

Last year's events attracted more than 2,000 people with a range of **FREE** family fun and entertainment in our parks and town centre.

This year, the Mansfield Summer Festival is set to be bigger and better with more free activities to keep your family entertained over the summer holidays.

There will be something for everyone with crafts, sports and even a mining gala to celebrate Mansfield's history.

More details will be available over the coming months. Visit www.mansfield.gov.uk/summerfestival for more information. Full details will also be in the summer What's on guide, from July through primary schools, supermarkets, community centres and online.

FREE



Mansfield Walk in the Park

Improve your fitness and explore our parks and nature reserves at Mansfield's Walk in the Park.

Sunday 12 July

Titchfield Park
10am

Our five mile sponsored walk starts and ends in Titchfield Park and passes through many of our Local Nature Reserves and parts of the Timberland Trail.

The walk is for people of all ages but there are parts of the route that may be unsuitable for people with mobility issues, wheelchairs or pushchairs. Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.

There is also a mile-long walk around Titchfield Park which may be more suitable for people who are just starting to exercise, have mobility issues or very young children.

This is a great opportunity to raise money and awareness for the British Heart Foundation.

You need to register to take part so visit www.mansfield.gov.uk/walkinthepark or call **01623 463463** for an entry form.

WHAT'S ON

Mansfield District Council, Mansfield District Leisure Trust, Mansfield

Library, Mansfield BID and the Four Seasons Shopping Centre are putting on a range of **FREE** and low-cost events and activities to help keep you and your family entertained over the school holiday.

A guide will be online at www.mansfield.gov.uk/whatson from the end of March.

You can sign up to receive our What's on guides direct to your inbox, just email eventsandpromotions@mansfield.gov.uk with What's on as the subject.

Go explore!

Free family navigation challenge, Xplorer, will take place at Titchfield Park, Mansfield, on Tuesdays from 28 July to 25 August and Yeoman Hill Park, Mansfield Woodhouse, on Wednesdays from 29 July to 26 August. All the sessions are from 10am to 12noon.

Visit www.mansfield.gov.uk/xplorer or call **01623 463734** for information.





Town's theatre breaks Box Office records!

As thoughts turn to the warmer seasons of the year, panto activity is never far away at the town's Palace Theatre. Preparations are well under way for this year's festive treat, *Aladdin*, which runs from Saturday 28 November 2015 to Sunday 3 January 2016 and tickets are already selling fast!

Tickets are only £13.84, or £12.81 for concessions and £47.15 for a family of four until Saturday 29 August under the Pay Now Save Now offer. After this date, tickets will be £14.86 or £13.84 for concessions and £51.25 for a family of four. All ticket prices quoted include a 2.5% booking fee.

Last year's panto, *Sleeping Beauty*, was the best attended production to date. Entertaining 31,910 people, the run finished on 96% sold. The success of the annual pantomime is immensely important for the financial survival of Mansfield Palace Theatre and the cast, crew and staff thank customers for making this panto such a special achievement.

Andrew Tucker, Cultural Services Manager, said: "The sales pattern had been text book perfect as we had sold out performances from the beginning of the run right up to Christmas and had good availability at the end of the run. Feedback shows that people loved the show and we hope they will book again for this year's panto!"

To book tickets, please see the contact details on this page.

For full listings please visit the website. Here are some forthcoming shows for April, May, June and July.

APRIL

- 8 April
Grumpy Old Women – Fifty Shades of Beige
- 9 April
Pop Factor – The Concert
- 14 April
The Boy Preference – Chapter 4
- 16 - 17 April
Write Track - Swing (at Create Theatre)

15 April
Hugless Douglas

16 April
The Blues Band

17 April
Purple Zeppelin

19 April
Whitney – Queen of the Night

21 - 25 April
The Addams Family – Hleanor Musical Theatre Company

28 April
Mansfield Night at the Varieties – Ghost Academy of Performing Arts

29 April
Good Old Days of Variety – Featuring The Bachelors with John Stokes

MAY

7 May
Wanderlust (at the Old Library Theatre)

10 May
Mansfield Music & Drama Festival – Winner's Concert

13 May
We've Only Just Begun – The Carpenters

14 May
Counterfeit Sixties

16 May
Stick Man



17 May
Aladdin – Ballet Theatre UK

21 May
The Kommitments – The Saviours of Soul

22 May
Buddy & the Illegal Crickets

JUNE

4 June
The Shape of Things to Come (at the Old Library Theatre)

5 June
Essential Hollies

10 June
When You're Smiling

10 June
Cantamus Ensemble (at the Crescent Centre)

12 June
Pasha – Life Through Dance

16 - 17 June
Return to the Forbidden Planet - New Youth Theatre

18 June
Frankly Sinatra

19 June
The Billy Fury Years

JULY

2-4 July
Cider with Rosie – Community Theatre



12 June
Pasha – Life Through Dance



PALACE THEATRE

Box Office 01623 633 133

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WHAT'S ON

AT THE MUSEUM THIS SPRING



mansfieldmuseum
Mansfield District Council

Toddler Time!

New toddler craft and play sessions at Mansfield Museum are proving popular since their launch last month.

The Toddler Time sessions are suitable for children aged four and under at a cost of only £1 per child.

They take place every two weeks on Wednesdays during term time only from 10am to 11am.



ONLY
£1
PER CHILD

The next sessions are on:

11 March	6 May
25 March	20 May
22 April	

There is no need to book but places are limited so you may have to wait on the day for a place to become available. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.

Charity coffee morning



Mansfield Museum is hosting a coffee morning in aid of Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice on Wednesday 1 April from 10am to 12.30pm.

There will be hot and cold drinks and cake available in return for a donation.

The hospice offers care and support to children with a shortened life expectancy, both in their own homes and at their hospice in North Anston, near Sheffield.

1950s Fashion: A Decade of Glamour

Until
23
April

From the dazzling dresses of the Paris couture houses, to the ready to wear styles of Marks and Spencer, this exhibition explores both the everyday and extraordinary fashions of the 1950s.



Spring has sprung at Mansfield Museum

Learn all about animals and their homes at Mansfield Museum during the Easter school holidays.

The Museum is closed on Good Friday 3 April and Easter Monday 6 April.



Tuesday 7 April
Make a cosy winter home for a grizzly bear
10am to 1pm £1 per person

Wednesday 8 April
Design your own zoo
10am to 1pm £1 per person

Thursday 9 April
Create your own desert island
10am to 1pm £1 per person

Friday 10 April
Design a home for your favourite animal
10am to 1pm £1 per person

Monday 13 April
Snakes in the desert
10am to 1pm £1 per person

Tuesday 14 April
Design a colourful home for a hermit crab
10am to 1pm £1 per person

Wednesday 15 April
Create an arctic landscape
10am to 1pm £1 per person

Thursday 16 April
Make an ocean in an egg box
10am to 1pm £1 per person

Friday 17 April
Create a mini woodland
10am to 1pm £1 per person

There is no need to book a place but if you are among a group of 10 or more, please contact us in advance.

The sessions are suitable for all ages but children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

MANSFIELD MUSEUM

- 01623 463 088
- www.mansfield.gov.uk/museum
- www.facebook.com/mansfieldmuseum
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with The Mansfield District Leisure Trust's Five Leisure Centres.

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at Rebecca
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No
Membership
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Friendly and experienced gym
instructors, plus a **FREE** Induction*
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Alcohol licences
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Business premises
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☎0300 500 8080

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☎01623 463189

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At your leisure

Allotments
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