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**Mansfield**  
District Council

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# Foreword

**We are continuing to focus on aspiration, growth, place and wellbeing as our priority areas.**

We are working hard to move the council forward and shape our services to ensure they meet the needs of our communities now and in the future.

This is at a time when our financial challenges are increasing – you'll see on pages four and five how much the council's funding has reduced in recent years and this is set to drop even further.

We are having to be more innovative in how we deliver key services, make efficiencies and invest our resources. We are working more closely than ever with our partners, including Nottinghamshire Police and the local NHS, to achieve the best possible outcomes, often for our most vulnerable residents. We will continue to look for more ways to deliver joined-up services.

Council Tax is just a small part of our income. The majority of homes in our



**Hayley Barsby**  
Chief Executive

district are in Band A, which means most of our households pay just 34p a day to benefit from our wide range of vital services that help to enhance your lives and neighbourhoods.

We are keen for you to play an active role in your local community and we are committed to listening to your views to understand what really matters to you. One of the best ways to do this is to get involved in any consultations that the council is carrying out and to be better informed about the work of the council by signing up to receive our monthly e-news. You can stay informed and contact us via Facebook and Twitter.

## Happy 1st Birthday!

## ROBIN HOOD LOTTERY

The council's successful Robin Hood Lottery celebrated its first birthday at the end of March. A total of 82 local good causes benefited from lottery ticket sales and so far £38,737 has been raised to support charities and groups in our area.

Good causes and charities that are based in the district or benefit people living here, can bid to the Community Fund for up to £2,000 per year.

Tickets costs just £1 and you could win £25k in the weekly draw. The more people play, the more money goes back to the community.

**The lottery's first year in numbers:**

**£6,300**  
in prize money won

**1,061**  
tickets sold per week

**592**  
players

12 good causes received  
**£12,000**  
direct from Community Fund



**Sign up as a good cause or play the lottery at [www.robinhoodlottery.co.uk](http://www.robinhoodlottery.co.uk).**



# Website to help homeless delivering results



Nearly 2,000 people have visited a website that directs people to how they can best help our street community.

The best way to make a longer-term difference is to volunteer your time or donate money or items, such as food and clothing, to one of the many existing support groups rather than give cash directly to people on the street.

If you are concerned about someone who appears to be rough sleeping in your neighbourhood, contact the outreach team on **0800 066 5356** or text SOT to **80800** followed by your message.

The website **www.mansfieldstreetsupport.co.uk** lets you know what organisations, such as soup kitchens, need most at any particular time. More than 15 direct offers of help, including medical support, have been received through the site.

The council and its partners have distributed 2,000 beer mats and posters advertising the Mansfield Street Support campaign and website to venues in the town centre.

**A joint operation with Nottinghamshire Police to tackle ASB, related to the use of the drug Mamba, is making a positive difference in Mansfield town centre. From 1 June 2018 to 12 March 2019, there have been:**

**151**  
arrests

**237**

**Directions to Leave Notices and**

**21**

**Criminal Behaviour Orders issued – breaches can result in a fine and/or imprisonment**



▲ ASB officer Becky

The council's Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) team continues to play a major role in tackling town centre issues.

They work closely with colleagues and partners to ensure all possible help has been offered while also gathering evidence and serving enforcement notices to those who continue causing problems.

But this is far from all they deal with on a daily basis.

ASB Officer Becky said: "I've been in this role for about six months and I love every minute. It's really interesting and each day is different.

"One minute we can be offering advice in neighbour disputes, giving evidence in court cases, carrying out welfare assessments and enforcement at unauthorised traveller sites, and the next we can be working with prolific offenders to ensure they access appropriate support services."

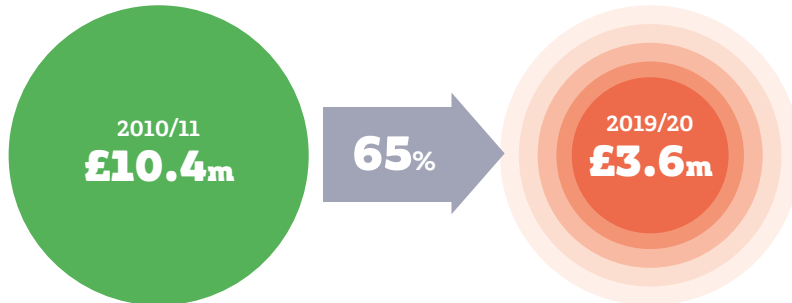
They also work closely with social services, schools, the police and youth service to prevent children from becoming involved in ASB and intervene at an early stage if they do.

Becky said: "It's a really good example of partnership working and it's fantastic knowing that we are making a positive difference to our most vulnerable people for the benefit of everyone."

To report antisocial behaviour please contact 463185 or 460144 (24 hours).

# Your Council Tax

Mansfield District Council's element of Council Tax has been frozen for the ninth consecutive year.

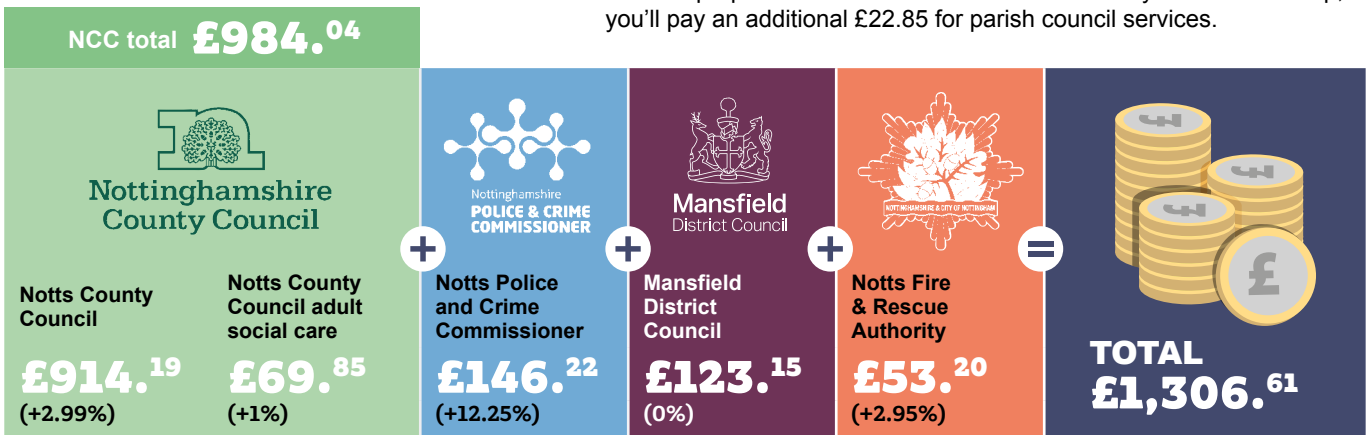


Thanks to our innovation and transformation, you will pay no more for our services in 2019/20 than you did back in 2010/11.

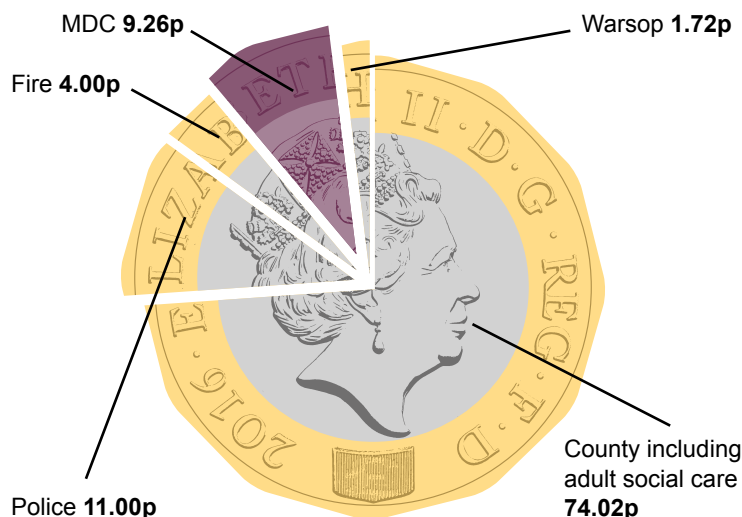
This is despite the money we receive from Central Government going down from £10.4m to £3.6m

## How Band A Council Tax is calculated:

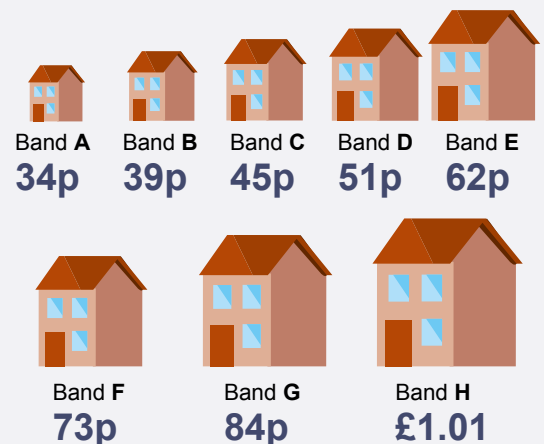
These figures provided are for a Band A property, which is the lowest, as most properties in Mansfield are in this band. If you live in Warsop, you'll pay an additional £22.85 for parish council services.



Mansfield District Council collects Council Tax on behalf of other authorities but for every £1 collected, only 9.26p comes to this council.



## What you pay towards Mansfield District Council services, per day



\*These figures are rounded to the nearest 1p.



# A great deal for your money...

Below are just some of the ways we use your money to maintain and enhance the district for our 107,435 residents and millions of visitors.

Some of the services we provide:



Council Tax only accounts for 9.55% of our income. Other sources of income include fees and charges, rent from council housing, specific and general Government grants and reserves.

\*All figures are per year unless otherwise stated.

## These services are provided by Nottinghamshire County Council

- libraries
- household waste and recycling centres
- road and pavement repairs, including street lights, potholes and gritting
- fostering and adoption
- children's centres
- schools
- care and support for vulnerable children and older people
- trading standards
- country parks

# Planning for the future

**Growth is vital to meet the needs of our residents and businesses and for the future prosperity and success of our district.**

The forthcoming Mansfield Local Plan will be a key driver for change and will assist the ongoing transformation of Mansfield in becoming a place of choice, where people are proud to live. It will encourage neighbourhoods to be well connected to places of work, education and recreation.

Over the last five years, an average of 311 homes have been built per year in the district, against a target of 279 a year.

There are currently 3,812 homes (as of October 2018) that have been granted planning permission across the district. This includes the 1,700 homes being built, along with a local centre, shops,

offices and green spaces, at Berry Hill, Mansfield. There have been approvals for 430 homes and nine hectares of employment land at Penniment Farm alongside the Mansfield and Ashfield Regeneration Route (MAAR) and construction has begun on the first phase, comprising 202 dwellings.

The Local Plan, which makes provision for further new homes, including 925 at Pleasley Hill and 800 off Jubilee Way, is in its final stages. It has been submitted to the Secretary of State for examination before its adoption later this year.



## Rented homes at old brewery

The council helped facilitate the redevelopment of the old Mansfield Brewery site, which was derelict for 15 years. Wise Living has started work to build 75 one to four-bedroom homes for rent. The company was able to take this scheme forward after the council agreed to significantly reduce the land charges attached to the site.

◀ Mike Robinson, Strategic Director of Mansfield District Council, at the launch of building work at the old brewery site



## Executive housing



Mansfield Homes Ltd is helping to tackle the district's shortage of executive homes by building 23 four and five-bedroom houses on surplus council land near Carr Bank Park.

The Wildflower Rise scheme is the first project of the council's development company and is expected to **raise £900,000** to help pay for council services.





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TARGET ACTUAL

## New council homes for rent

We plan to build about 150 council homes over the next five years. The proposed sites include Rosemary Avenue, Newark Way, Newark Close and Newark Drive, Bellamy Road and Sandy Lane. The council has also created eight one-bedroom flats by converting former office space in Shireoaks Enterprise Centre.

◀ Quality new homes the council built in Flint Avenue in 2015

## Boost for first-time buyers

Help is at hand for first-time buyers who want to get on the housing ladder.

The council is working with Mansfield Building Society to enable people to buy a home for £130,000-£170,000 with only a 2.5% deposit – meaning a deposit of £3,750 would be needed for a £150,000 home instead of the usual £7,500.

An interest-free loan is also available from the council, once the purchase has been completed, to help with new home expenses. Terms and conditions apply.

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## business updates...

### Grants aid growth

In order to support our local businesses across Mansfield, we offer a range of grants. Since the grant scheme's launch in 2015, 97 grants, totalling £239,800, have been awarded – helping to create 133 full-time and eight part-time jobs. There are empty shops and shopfront improvement grants for retail firms, market trader incentives, business start-up and business growth grants. Find out more at <https://invest.ashfield-mansfield.com/support/business-grants>.

### Nursery takes on new bright spark



Bright Sparks Private Day Nursery on Derby Road, Mansfield, was awarded a £1,500 grant to support apprentices including Kathleen Dickens, who has since secured a full-time job at the nursery. Kath completed a Level three NVQ in Early Years and Childcare.

Laura Gapski, the nursery principal, said the grant had helped enormously, 'allowing us to sustain the employment of recruits beyond their initial training'. The nursery was recently graded by OFSTED as outstanding in every category for the third time.

### Gaining an advantage

Established in 2005, Advantage Engineering Solutions Ltd built such a strong customer base that by 2017, it had outgrown its premises. It identified a bigger base in Mansfield Woodhouse and received a business growth grant from the council, which helped fund new equipment, the installation of an electrical system and the construction of an office at the new premises on Old Mill Lane Industrial Estate. Since moving, the business has gone from strength to strength and last year won the Chad's Small Business of the Year award.



Find out more about the mortgage from  
Mansfield Building Society on **01623 900047**.

# Love Mansfield Market

If every household spent an extra £5 a week in Mansfield instead of online that would bring nearly a million pounds a month into the local economy. So what can you get for your fiver on Mansfield Market? Here are some of our suggestions...

We've got a full programme of artisan and international markets plus a whole host of other events in the town centre throughout the year.

**Check out pages 16 and 17 for details.**

**#MansfieldMarket**



**Don't miss  
the Love Your  
Local Market  
activities and  
promotions from  
17 to 31 May.**



## The future of our high street

**We are committed to improving the appearance of Mansfield Town Centre and making sure it meets the needs of future generations of visitors.**

The high street is changing rapidly and it is vital for the town's prosperity that we keep up with these changes.

The reality is that people have changed the way they shop, café culture is here to stay and customers of all ages are using town centres as a social hub to meet their friends and family and to access

products and services that aren't easily available online.

We are bidding for some of the £675million Future High Streets Fund towards our vision of creating a family-friendly town centre with a blend of modern residential and retail opportunities whilst preserving the

historic fabric of our iconic buildings.

We should hear in the summer whether our initial Expression of Interest has been successful. If shortlisted, the next phase of bidding would set out schemes that could see the redevelopment of key sites.



# BE TIDY TOGETHER...

13 MAY TO  
7 JUNE 2019



We're calling on all residents and businesses to join us in sprucing up the district for the seventh International Clean Up Mansfield Day.


The council will be delivering a four week programme of activity including FREE additional household waste collections (side waste) and a FREE bulky waste collection service.

From Monday 3 June for one week, community groups, schools and businesses are invited to take part in litter picks, painting and a good old tidy up for International Clean Up Mansfield Day on Friday 7 June. We'll say a big thank you by donating composting bins to the first 40 local groups that sign up to the project.

## BE TIDY TOGETHER EVENT PROGRAMME



**All bulky waste collections must be booked.** There is a £5 charge for fridges, freezers, TVs, microwaves and computer monitors.

 <b>13 MAY</b> <b>ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLD WASTE ON GREEN BIN ROUNDS</b>	 <b>20 MAY</b> <b>FREE BULKY WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE</b>	 <b>3 JUNE</b> <b>TIDY TOGETHER, THE COMMUNITY CLEAN UP AND INTERNATIONAL CLEAN UP MANSFIELD DAY</b>
<b>13 MAY FOR ONE WEEK</b> Put out up to three sturdy, tied bags on your normal green bin day. General household waste only. No bulky waste, builders' rubble, garden waste or electrical items. Bags will be collected at a different time on that day. 	<b>20 MAY TO 7 JUNE</b> Collections must be booked on <b>01623 463463</b> . Limited slots available. Three items maximum. Size limits apply. No hazardous waste - paint, rubble, tyres, asbestos or gas bottles. Electricals will be charged for. 	<b>3 TO 7 JUNE</b> Paint a fence, litter pick or tidy up a community garden. Register your activity online, schools and group education packs can be ordered and the first 40 groups get a free composting bin. 



**ANYONE BREAKING THE RULES RISKS PROSECUTION FOR FLYTIPPING.**

**TOP TIP**

Donate your unwanted furniture to charity. The British Heart Foundation and The Furniture Project are among those that offer free collections of furniture and items in a reusable condition.



To find out more go to [www.mansfield.gov.uk/tidytogether](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/tidytogether).

# Centre of attention!

Work is ongoing to help improve key parts of Mansfield town centre to encourage more visitors and shoppers into the area and help make Mansfield a destination that people are proud in which to live, work, invest and visit.



## Old bus station site

The council is continuing to work with development company ARBA to secure a hotel operator for the former bus station site at Stockwell Gate North.

The key gateway site is being proactively marketed and negotiations are progressing with national hotel, food and drinks operators. It is estimated that based on Visit England's national average 70 per cent double occupancy level, an 80-bed hotel could welcome up to 41,000 visitors a year, as well as create 50-60 jobs. The boost to the local economy could be £3.6m a year, based on a typical overnight spend of £170.

## Town View

Our over-55s housing scheme is now open and the tenants are delighted with their new homes on the site of the old general hospital, which lay derelict for more than 20 years. The development, near the town centre, has seen 54 apartments and bungalows built, in a secure gated scheme. It includes a landscaped 'village green' with a trim trail, plus a community lounge and kitchen.

Town View complements the Poppy Fields extra care scheme on Chesterfield Road South in the provision of high quality accommodation for older people.



## Old Town Hall

Work is well underway on a £1.4m refurbishment of the Old Town Hall, to create shop units, offices and a function room that will be available to hire. It will bring this historic Grade II\* listed building back into full use again for the first time in 30 years.





**'It's absolutely lovely – the apartment is so big and has great storage space. I can't wait to go out into the garden in the summer.'** Pauline Palmer



## Townscape Heritage Project



Property owners can now apply for improvement grants in the Mansfield Townscape Heritage Project to restore key buildings in parts of Leeming Street, the Market Place and Stockwell Gate. Owners of identified properties can apply for match-funded grants of 75 per cent to help with the cost of making improvements in sympathy with the property's heritage. The scheme, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, has a pot of nearly £850,000 available to help improve the area.



## Walkden Street car park

The multi-storey car park is currently undergoing work to replace old concrete panels on the outside of the building with a decorative metal facade. The work was needed after the integrity of the external panels began to cause safety concerns. The £2.4m scheme will also improve the approach of this key site in Mansfield town centre.

# Turn over a new leaf

We collected more than 5,629 tonnes of compostable garden waste last year, which was turned into valuable plant food rather than going to waste in landfill.

ONLY  
**£30**  
PER YEAR

Our fortnightly Garden Waste Service costs just £30 a year in Mansfield and saves you the hassle and mess of taking your grass cuttings, small branches, plants, hedge trimmings and leaves to the tip.

The brown bin service, which runs all year round (monthly from December to February), costs the same no matter what time of year you sign up – so sign up now to make sure you get the most for your money.

If you already pay by Direct Debit, you don't need to do anything to continue receiving this service. If you paid in any other way last year or are a new customer then you need to visit

[www.mansfield.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/gardenwaste) to sign up. The quickest and easiest way to pay is by annual direct debit, which will ensure your service continues into 2020/21 without disruption. You can also make a one-off debit/credit card payment online.

If you want to pay at a Post Office or PayPoint, you need to sign up as a new customer online first and select PayPoint as your payment type. Print off or save the barcode to your phone or device and take with you when you pay.

We encourage residents to help family and friends who need help signing up.

You can also phone us on 01623 463463.

Mind your parking



Please be considerate when you park your vehicle on the road. Our crews will always try their best, but if our bin lorries cannot access a street due to a blocked junction or double parking, then bins will not be emptied. If we can't empty your bin due to access problems or severe weather, leave it out and we'll come back to it as soon as possible.

Thanks to new in-cab technology no printed bin stickers are needed this year. Instead, you need to put your house number on your bin and our crews will know which bins have been paid for.



## Are you Bin smart?



Right Waste



Right Bin



Bin Smart

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



### Paper

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



### Cardboard

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



### Tins and cans

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



### Plastics\*

- ✓ Drinks bottles (e.g. pop, squash, milk)
- ✓ Shower gel and shampoo bottles
- ✓ Cleaning product bottles
- ✓ Yoghurt pots
- ✓ Margarine tubs



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

**If in doubt - leave it out.**



# Your recycling and refuse calendar 2019/2020

This calendar contains information of when your bins are emptied. You won't be sent this information again so please keep it safe.



Check your bin day at  
[www.mansfield.gov.uk/bindays](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/bindays).

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## Christmas and New Year collections

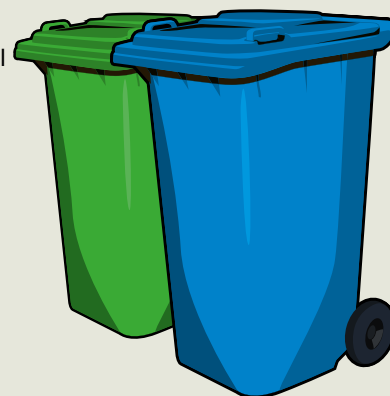
Bins due on Wednesday 25 December 2019 will be emptied on **Saturday 21 December**; Thursday 26 December will be on **Saturday 28 December** and Wednesday 1 January will be on **Saturday 4 January 2020**. These dates are provisional. Check future editions of My Mansfield and on our social media. All other bank holidays are collected as normal.

 Recycling collection – Blue bin  
 Refuse collection – Green bin

## Be bin smart

- Make sure your bin is not overloaded. Bins that are too heavy will not be emptied.
- Recyclable waste must not be put in the green or brown bins.
- Only extra recyclable side waste can be taken on blue bin days.
- No extra side waste can be taken on green bin days.
- Garden waste should be placed in the brown bin if you have one.
- If your blue bin is contaminated, any incorrect materials must be removed before your next collection.
- Glass bottles, jars, clothing and textiles can be put in bottle and textile banks around the district.
- Take any builders' rubble, paint, electrical items and excess general waste to the county council's recycling centres.
- Put your bin out by 6.30am for collection and back in by 12noon the day after collection.
- We are only able to collect bins supplied by Mansfield District Council.

Failure to comply with waste collection requirements may result in a written warning being issued and you may be required to pay a fixed penalty, under Section 46A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.



Check what goes in which bin at [www.mansfield.gov.uk/bins](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/bins).

For more information on recycling centres visit [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/recycling).



# World-class jobs on your doorstep

## Mansfield is a top place for developing your career.

Whether you are looking to take the graduate route or work your way up from an apprenticeship, businesses in Mansfield are providing career opportunities and growing local talent.

We've met up with some local workers to find out more about their career path.



Open day  
at Vision West  
Nottinghamshire College  
on **Saturday 29 June**,  
from 10am to 1pm,  
at the Derby Road  
campus, Mansfield.

## Put yourself in pole position



▲ Georgia at Mansfield Museum

Our Careers in Local Government programme shows recent graduates the job opportunities available in local government. They can use their high-level skills on a six-month paid placement at Mansfield District Council while they consider the potential for more permanent employment in this area.

Inguss Anosovs, an IT graduate, successfully gained a placement in the Facilities Management Team in 2017 and impressed the team so much that they offered him the opportunity to apply for a two-year post.

Interior Design graduate Georgia Brunton has had a lead role at Mansfield Museum over the past six months. In fact, her contract was extended as a result of the great work she's done. Her skills, including designing and building an exhibition, have helped to raise awareness of the museum with the aim of increasing visitor numbers.

Both Inguss and Georgia said their confidence had grown, they'd gained new skills and benefited from working with a range of colleagues. They are looking forward to new challenges and achieving their future career ambitions.



**Eight-week placements for undergraduates are also available.**

Find out more about both placements at **[www.mansfield.gov.uk/graduates](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/graduates)**.



## **“Studying, living and working locally has been fantastic.”**

Gabriel Johnson chose to study at Vision West Nottinghamshire College because it offered a good course with links to the industry. It was also close to home and the cost of living was cheaper than moving away to attend university.

Designer at Linney. He said: “University isn’t for everyone. I didn’t want the distractions of university life and the worry of paying off debts afterwards. “Mansfield is a really convenient location as it is in the middle of everywhere and Linney

**“We’re always proud to see students secure great jobs with prestige companies such as Linney. Our curriculum is designed to match the needs of local industries, and these type of success stories prove there’s a wealth of high-quality employment opportunities across the district for those with the right skills, attributes and qualifications.”**

**Louise Knott, vice-principal at Vision West Nottinghamshire College**

Gabriel studied the BTEC Extended Diploma in Multimedia followed by the Higher National Diploma (HND) in Interactive Media before securing his dream job as a Multimedia

is a great company that provides a lot of opportunities for you to progress.”

Linney, a world-class, multichannel marketing services group, is one of Mansfield’s biggest employers with 1,036 employees. Its clients include Center Parcs, McDonald’s, PayPal, Wilko and Virgin Active.

## **Hospital jobs up for grabs**

Sherwood Forest Hospitals has a range of positions available at any one time across all their sites, including King’s Mill and Mansfield Community Hospital.

It’s not just doctors and nurses that are needed but also porters, clinical typists, physiotherapists and support workers, plus there are many trainee and development roles.

The trust, which is determined to have an outstanding CQC rating, said now was an excellent time to join their team and help to make this vision a reality.

To find out more about the kinds of roles that are available at Sherwood Forest Hospitals please visit <http://jobs.sfh-tr.nhs.uk>.

## **Adult learning**

While most people may associate college life with school-leavers, for many, it’s an opportunity to retrain, upskill or start the journey to a new career path.

Adult learners join Vision West Nottinghamshire College at all levels, from those who have been out of education for some time, to those ready for university-level study. More than 200 students graduated from the college’s Vision University Centre with a range of HNCs, HNDs, foundation degrees and full honours degrees last year.

For those needing to sharpen their academic skills, one-year Access to University courses are available, which provide a stepping stone back into education.

There are also shorter, accredited courses for those currently in employment to gain qualifications to progress in their field.

For more information visit [www.wnc.ac.uk](http://www.wnc.ac.uk) or call **0808 100 3626**.

## **Transforming lives together**

We are working with Nottingham Trent University to explore ways we could work together more closely to help transform lives and help enterprise to thrive in our district.

There is a lack of graduate-level workers in the Mansfield area. There are many challenges to overcome but by working together with various partners, including the university, we hope to help retain and attract talent, innovation and investment to our district for the benefit of everyone.



# Place

Sign up to receive events and news directly to your inbox at [www.mansfield.gov.uk/signup](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/signup).

# WHAT'S ON...

## LOTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN MANSFIELD TOWN CENTRE

We've got a range of events planned for all the family throughout the rest of 2019.

**17 to 31 May**

Love Your Local Market activities and promotions



**15 June**

Father's Day craft activities



**20 June**

One Walk in support of people with learning disabilities. Parade from the Old Town Hall.

**30 June**

Armed Forces Day



**9 to 14 July**

International Market

**14 July**

Artisan and Craft Market



**29 July to 24 August**

BID's Life's a Beach



**31 August to 1 September**

BID Garden and Craft Festival



**15 September**

Mansfield 10k



**22 to 27 October**

International Market

**October / November**

Poppy Display

**10 November**

Remembrance Sunday

**17 November**

Big Switch On

**17 November to 22 December**

BID Christmas Market



**24 November**

Early Christmas Artisan Market

**7 December**

Santa Paws

**15 December**

Christmas Artisan Market



For times and further information visit [www.mansfield.gov.uk/whatson](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/whatson).





**Visit Mansfield**  
At the heart of Robin Hood country

## Mansfield – your town, your home

The council is looking to the community to help support the ambition to put Mansfield on the map, raise aspirations and for Mansfield to be a visitor destination.

Civic pride is an important part of the process along with supporting the economy. By shopping locally and making the most of attractions and places to visit on your doorstep, you will help to boost the local economy and you will also find that Mansfield has a lot to offer.

To help you plan a great day out see [www.visitmansfield.co.uk](http://www.visitmansfield.co.uk) - a site dedicated to days out and things to do along with information about major events. When you have visited these places (and had a great time!), tell us about it on our Facebook page [@mymansfielduk](https://www.facebook.com/mymansfielduk).

### BRASS BAND CONCERTS

on Carr Bank Park

Summer brass band concerts at Carr Bank Park are back from 2pm to 4pm on the following Sundays.

**Whitwell**  
12 May

**Blidworth**  
14 July

**Matlock**  
18 August

**Holymoorside**  
15 September



### SUMMER FESTIVALS



**31 July** King George V Park, Black Scotch Lane, Mansfield, 10am to 3pm

**14 August** Carr Lane Park, Warsop, 10am to 3pm

**28 August** Titchfield Park, Mansfield, 10am to 3pm

## Planning an event?

There are lots of things to consider when planning a small or large event. But don't worry, you'll find lots of advice on issues such as insurance, stewards and risk assessments, on our website to help you get started. Visit [www.mansfield.gov.uk/whatson](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/whatson).



### DEMENTIA FRIENDLY FILM SCREENINGS

Mansfield Central Library

Enjoy a series of classic films and musicals for just £1 a ticket!



Screenings are suitable for people living with dementia and memory challenges but everyone is welcome.

Tickets available from the library or online.

[inspireculture.org.uk/dementia-friendly](http://inspireculture.org.uk/dementia-friendly)



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## Place



### May half-term holiday activities

Tuesday 28 May

#### **ArtBeat! Egg Box Cameras**

10am to 1pm,  
£1.50 per person.

Wednesday 29 May

#### **ArtBeat! All the fun of the fair!**

10am to 1pm, £1.50 per person

Thursday 30 May

#### **ArtBeat! Make a birdfeeder**

10am to 1pm, £1.50 per person

Friday 31 May

#### **ArtBeat! Egg Box Pirate Ship**

10am to 1pm, £1.50 per person

Children must be supervised by an adult at all times; wear appropriate clothing; sessions are suitable for ages 14 and under unless otherwise stated; there is no need to book but if the session is busy you may need to wait for a place; please contact us if you are bringing a group larger than 10.



### POPULAR SUMMER EXHIBITION RETURNS...

To mark the 50th anniversary of the moon landings a space-themed display, in partnership with Mansfield and Sutton Astronomical Society, will run from 20 July until 5 October. More details coming soon!



*Old Mansfield Society*



# 100 years of Old Mansfield

To mark the centenary this year of the Old Mansfield Society, members have mounted a special exhibition at the museum. And due to its popularity, the exhibition is being extended until Saturday 1 June.

Featuring rare photos, videos and objects of places and people central to the development of the town over the past 100 years, it provides an intriguing glimpse into a vanished world.

Reprints of books and articles, by members past and present, help tell the story, under headings such as sport, health care and education.

The society was set up after the First World War by local people who were concerned about the destruction of historical buildings and artefacts in the town. Ever since, its aim has been to preserve as accurate a record of local history as possible.

## More than a museum...

Mansfield Museum is so much more than the exhibitions it stages.

Hundreds of visitors also flock to the venue for a variety of events and happenings from markets to arts and crafts lessons. During school holidays it lays on low-cost and free events and the May half-term sees a daily programme of children's activities.

If you or a relative are coping with memory loss, there is the monthly Reminiscence Tea Room with free tea and cake and interesting memorabilia to trigger memories of past times. The next sessions are from 2.30pm to 4pm on the following Wednesdays: 15 May, 19 June, 17 July, 21 August and 18 September.

The museum will host a valuations expert from Bamfords, of Derby, who will be able to tell you how much those treasures in your loft are worth.

They will be at the museum from 1pm to 3pm on the following Mondays: 13 May, 3 June, 1 July, 5 August and 2 September.

Check the website for more details of events at [www.mansfield.gov.uk/museum](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/museum)

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# COMING UP...

**AT THE PALACE THEATRE**

FOR FULL LISTINGS SEE THE WEBSITE...

PALACE THEATRE

**You can go to the panto...**



Fans of BBC comedy Gavin and Stacey are in for a treat this Christmas as Melanie Walters heads to Mansfield Palace Theatre to play the Fairy Godmother in Cinderella.

The actress, best known for playing Gwen West in the BAFTA-winning TV series, is looking forward to casting her magic spells on the audience, telling My Mansfield: "I've heard from so many people that Mansfield Palace is a lovely theatre with a brilliant audience. I can't wait."

Also starring in the festive favourite are Channel 5's Milkshake! presenter, Olivia Birchenough, as Cinderella and funny man Adam Moss who will be back in Mansfield by popular demand, this time in the role of Buttons.

Customers should book early if they want to secure certain seats or performances - Christmas Eve already has very limited availability. Call the Box Office on **01623 633133** or book online at **www.mansfieldpalace.co.uk**.



**May**

**Tuesday 7 May**  
**Jason Donovan**  
and his Amazing  
**Midlife Crisis**

Intimate autobiographical show with stories and songs.

**Wednesday 8 May**  
**Mugenkyo Taiko**  
**Drummers: Tribe 25**

Fusion of primal rhythm, energy, choreographed movement and infectious humour.

**Monday 13 May and**  
**Tuesday 14 May**

**Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom**  
BAFTA award-winning television children's animation show live on stage.

**Thursday 16 May**  
**Totally Tina**

**Saturday 18 May**  
**The Greatest Hits of Motown**

**Sunday 19 May**  
**The Margot Fonteyn**  
Centenary Celebration -  
Ballet Theatre UK

**Tuesday 21 May**  
**Sherlock Holmes -**  
**The Sign of Four**

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**palace**  
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**7 May**  
**Jason Donovan**  
and his Amazing  
**Midlife Crisis**

**Wednesday 22 May**  
**Neil Sands' Sentimental Journey**

**Thursday 23 May**  
**Beyond the Barricade**

**Friday 24 May**  
**Halfway to Paradise -**  
**The Billy Fury Story**

**Tuesday 28 May**  
**Black Magic -**  
**The Little Mix**  
**Show**

**Wednesday**  
**29 May**  
**Sooty's Magic**  
**Show**

**Thursday**  
**30 May**  
**Islands in the**  
**Stream**

**June**

**Tuesday 11 June**  
**Singalonga Grease**

**Thursday 20 June**  
**Lipstick on your Collar**

**Friday 21 June**  
**Bon Jovi Forever**

**Wednesday**  
**26 June**  
**Sounds like**  
**The Seekers**

**BLACK**  
**MAGIC**



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



**20 June**  
**Lipstick on**  
**your Collar**

## Aged 5 To 19? Interested In Drama?

**Junior Youth Theatre (drama & music)** for 5 to 7 years  
**Saturday 9am to 10.30am**

**Intermediate Youth Theatre** for 8 to 12 years **Saturday 11am to 1pm**

**Senior Youth Theatre** for 12 to 15 years **Friday 6pm to 8.30pm**

**Chapter 4 - Mansfield Palace Theatre's Young Company**  
for 16 to 19 years **Wednesday 6pm to 8pm**

Email: [lhopkinson@mansfield.gov.uk](mailto:lhopkinson@mansfield.gov.uk)

Tel: **01623 412927** for an application pack or download  
from [www.mansfieldpalace.co.uk](http://www.mansfieldpalace.co.uk)

First Session  
**FREE!**



**29 May**  
**Sooty's Magic**  
**Show**

Box Office **01623 633133**  
[www.mansfieldpalace.co.uk](http://www.mansfieldpalace.co.uk)  
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# Life is marvellous for Margaret – at 105!

If ever there was evidence of how living an active, healthy life, brings its own rewards, Margaret Rhodes is that proof!

A big believer in eating plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables, Margaret recently celebrated her 105th birthday – making her one of Mansfield's oldest residents.

And she still lives independently in her own home with minimal support, thanks to support from Mansfield District Council's Assist scheme.

She wears a Lifeline pendant around her neck, which allows her to buzz Assist call operators if ever she needs help.

She once pressed for support when she fell in her garden and the service was able to alert Margaret's family that she needed help.

Born in Mansfield Woodhouse in 1914, Margaret married and went on to have one son, two grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. She is still in amazingly good health and, until recent months, continued to take regular walks in her local Racecourse Park.



▲ Margaret Rhodes and four generations of her Mansfield family



The secret to her long life was keeping active, she said: "It has kept me young and able to live independently."

More details about Assist and the Lifeline service can be found at [www.mansfield.gov.uk/ASSIST](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/ASSIST) or by calling **01623 463076**.

### ADVERTISEMENT

## Hundreds missing out on vital NHS advice to reduce diabetes risk

The latest figures from the NHS show Mansfield residents are missing out on a free service to reduce their risk of developing Type 2 diabetes.

Around 700 local patients in Mansfield and Ashfield have not taken up their place on the 'Healthier You' programme, despite being referred by their GP following a blood test.

Healthier You is a flagship diabetes prevention programme to help people classed at risk of diabetes to achieve a healthy weight, improve nutrition and increase their levels of physical activity – all of which are proven to prevent the condition.

The programme is completely free of charge and run at different times and venues across the area. Nottinghamshire GP, Dr James Hopkinson said: "Type 2 diabetes is a leading cause of blindness, kidney disease and foot amputations and doubles your risk of heart attacks and strokes.



"Whilst Type 1 cannot be prevented and is not linked to lifestyle, Type 2 is largely preventable through lifestyle changes.

"Although people may feel completely well, it is really important to take action to reduce your risk of developing Type 2 diabetes by joining the 'Healthier You' programme".

More than 8,000 people in the East Midlands have already taken part in the programme and by making a few simple adjustments to their lifestyle many have seen some really positive results and are no longer at risk of diabetes.

Anyone who has received a referral from their GP to the programme and now wishes to participate should call **0800 321 3150**.

Anyone who does not have a GP referral but is concerned that they are at risk can visit [www.diabetes.org.uk/risk](http://www.diabetes.org.uk/risk).

Use the 'Know Your Risk' tool to find out your risk of developing Type 2 diabetes and if you are concerned speak to your GP or Nurse.

# PARK LIFE

## KEEPING IN TRIM

This summer we are installing £20,000 of outdoor fitness and trim trail equipment at King George V Park, Black Scotch Lane, Mansfield, with funding from a nearby new residential development. Further trim trail equipment is planned for later in the year at Queensway Park, Kingsway, Forest Town.



## FEEL GOOD GARDENING

We are working with Feel Good Gardens on community allotments at the Shaftesbury Avenue and Sandy Lane sites in Mansfield. The scheme aims to help vulnerable residents access 'horticultural therapy' and to learn how to grow and cook their own food.

The council hopes to introduce community plots on all of its allotment sites over the next two to three years as part of its strategy to promote health and wellbeing and tackle social isolation. Contact Michelle Turton for further information at [michelle.fggnotts@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.fggnotts@gmail.com) or call Clare Heyting on 07866 364400.

## GROW YOUR OWN DINNER!

We have cleared a large number of allotments in Mansfield and Mansfield Woodhouse which are available as full or half plots, from just £43 a year for a full plot and £21.50 for a half plot – meaning you could grow your own fruit and veg from just 41p a week! Call 01623 463292. Email [philipjcooper50@virginmedia.com](mailto:philipjcooper50@virginmedia.com) about allotment availability in Mansfield Woodhouse.

## PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements have been made to footpaths and access points, along with tree planting in Larkhills Green Space, off Holly Road, Forest Town, using £14,800 in funding from a new housing development close to the green space.

Another £8,800 has been spent on Jackson's Field, off Mill Street, Mansfield, on new seats, picnic benches, litter bins and signs plus new trees, including a community orchard bordered by 'edible hedging'.



## TREE-MENDOUS EFFORT!

We have planted 104 large standard trees and 2,300 whips (small trees) over the past year as part of ongoing efforts to make Mansfield cleaner and greener.

They include beech, copper beech, green oak, red oak, silver birch, hornbeam, liquid amber, yew, sweet chestnut, rowan, hawthorn and assorted fruit trees.



**Look at this...**

Swim, ride the flumes & jump the waves in our Pirate Pool.

- ⚓ **2 flumes** - 50m **Twister** ride & 'Mighty Falling Rapids' - descend down together!
- ⚓ **Wave machine!**
- ⚓ **Fun pool** for the for little-uns!
- ⚓ Visit our **Soft Play** area & **Café** after your swim!

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



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Enjoy Gym, Swim & Workout Classes across  
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[www.mansfieldleisure.com/trial](http://www.mansfieldleisure.com/trial)

**Oak Tree Leisure Centre** - Tel: **0345 0000 231** /  OakTreeLeisure

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

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

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

Terms & conditions apply.

**MORE FITNESS.**

 **Mansfield District  
Leisure Trust**  
Providing a service on behalf of  
Mansfield District Council



# Leisure time

Now is a great time for you or your children to become more active. There is a range of sports and activities at leisure centres across Mansfield district, catering for all ages and abilities. Check them out!

## Activities for adults



### Table tennis

Hire a table at Oak Tree or River Maun or come to the club at River Maun on Thursdays at 7pm.



### Badminton

Hire a court at Oak Tree or River Maun or come along to group sessions at Oak Tree on Wednesdays at 12.30pm or Fridays at 8pm.



### Short tennis

River Maun, on Mondays at 9.30am.



### Forever Fit

For the over-50s, with badminton, table tennis and bowls at Oak Tree on Mondays at 12.30pm and Fridays at 9am.



### Walking football

Oak Tree, on Wednesdays at 10.45am and Fridays at 7.15pm.



Oak Tree 0345 000 0231

River Maun 0345 000 0233

Water Meadows: 0345 000 0232

Rebecca Adlington: 0345 0000 230

Book at [www.mansfieldleisure.com](http://www.mansfieldleisure.com)

## Happy Birthday!

We've got soft play parties, pool parties, bouncy castle parties and more...

*Get in touch...*

## Children and teenagers

### Oak Tree Leisure Centre



### Mini tennis

Wednesdays, 4pm (ages 2 to 8).



### Family football

Mondays, 3.45pm (ages 3 to 7 plus parents).



### Gymnastics

Monday to Friday, various times (ages 2 to 11).



### Athletics

Indoor athletics activities, Wednesdays, 5 to 6pm (ages 5 to 11).



### Trampolining

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5pm and 6pm (ages 6+).



### Badminton

Saturdays, 9am (ages 6+).



### Judo

Wednesdays, 5pm and 6pm (ages 6+).



### Little Boppers

Dance, movement, play and fun, Wednesday, 10.45am to 11.30am (ages 2 to 4).



### River Maun Leisure Centre



### Junior Table Tennis

Thursdays, 6pm to 7pm (age 6 to 16, families welcome).

### Water Meadows



### Wave Rave in the Pirate Pool

Flumes, wave machine and inflatables on Fridays, 7pm to 9pm and Wednesdays during the school holidays, 5.30pm to 7pm.



### Soft play and café

Open seven days a week for toddlers and up to 10 years.



### Polly Parrot's Rhyme and Story Time

Stories, crafts, play time and nursery rhymes on Wednesdays, 10.50am to 11.30am, £3.40 per child, plus **FREE** entry to soft play.



### Swimming lessons

Group sessions, one-to-one lessons, and parent and toddler swim, at Water Meadows and Rebecca Adlington.

# Contacting the council

## Useful direct numbers:

Alcohol licences  
☎ **01623 463334**

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

Building Control  
☎ **0115 907 2221**

Business premises  
☎ **01623 463728**

Business rates  
☎ **01623 463162**

Cemeteries and crematorium  
☎ **01623 621811**

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

Electoral registration  
☎ **01623 463345**

Environmental Health  
☎ **01623 463189**

Health development  
☎ **01623 463470**

Homelessness  
☎ **01623 463121**

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

Land charges & searches  
☎ **01623 463063**

Planning  
☎ **01623 463207**

Shopmobility  
☎ **01623 655222**

Sports development  
☎ **01623 463371**

Taxi licences  
☎ **01623 463181**

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

Trade waste  
☎ **01623 463092**

## General Enquiries

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

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

## Neighbourhood Wardens

Neighbourhood Warden team leaders

Craig  
☎ **07890 663323**

Tony  
☎ **07976 405308**

### North

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

☎ **07814 390615**

☎ **07976 405335**

☎ **07791 481678**

☎ **07973 543786**

### Central

(Town centre including Portland and Woodlands wards)

☎ **07976 405315**

☎ **07973 543698**

☎ **07814 541637**

☎ **07976 405320**

### South

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

☎ **07970 538279**

☎ **07814 486375**

☎ **07970 538328**

☎ **07976 405308**

## Leisure and culture

Mansfield Museum  
☎ **01623 463088**

Mansfield Palace Theatre (box office)  
☎ **01623 633133**

Oak Tree Leisure Centre  
☎ **0345 0000 231**

Rebecca Adlington Swimming Centre  
☎ **0345 0000 230**

River Maun Recreation Centre  
☎ **0345 0000 233**

Water Meadows Complex  
☎ **0345 0000 232**

## Pay for it

Make payments around the clock including Council Tax, business rates, housing rent, garage rent, heating charges, car parking fines and fixed penalty notices on ☎ **01623 428632** or via [www.mansfield.gov.uk/portal](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/portal).

## Meeting your needs

We may be able to provide this information in larger print, in Braille, on audio tape, on CD or in another language.

Contact: **01623 463463**

Minicom: **01623 463444**

Email: [mdc@mansfield.gov.uk](mailto:mdc@mansfield.gov.uk)

For emergencies outside office hours  
☎ **01623 463050**

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## Nottinghamshire County Council

Please visit the county council's website at [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk) or call them on ☎ **0300 500 80 80** for:

- Highways - including potholes and gritting
- Street lights
- Bus passes
- Blue badges
- On street parking

## DWP Jobcentre Plus

- Benefit Enquiries  
**0800 169 0310**
- Universal Credit  
Contact Centre  
**0800 328 9344**

## Feedback

We welcome your feedback on My Mansfield. Please email [publicrelations@mansfield.gov.uk](mailto:publicrelations@mansfield.gov.uk) or call ☎ **01623 463021**