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Ashfield
DISTRICT COUNCIL
Welcome...

to our new edition of Ashfield Matters

In this edition you will find lots of what this Council is up to across our District.

Since this Council changed hands last May, we have strived to be an ambitious Council. We are remembering our past but are heavily investing in our future.

In Kirkby for example, we are investing around £14 million in a state of the art Leisure Destination. We are keeping our promise to residents and delivering the long promised swimming pools. At the same time, we are returning the Nag’s Head Clock to its rightful place.

In Hucknall, we are investing tens of thousands in our Leisure Centre - ensuring that the Centre continues to play a key role in healthier lifestyles. In Selston, a unique deal has been done with Selston High School to safeguard it’s long term future.

In Sutton, things are moving fast. We have launched the Town Centre Masterplan to hopefully unlock funding for much needed investment in our town centre. At the same time, we were delighted that we have been successful in getting £800,000 of lottery funding for a new Visitor’s Centre, amongst other improvements at King’s Mill Reservoir.

The Big Ashfield Spring Clean was again an enormous success. Giving you the opportunity to get rid of additional waste and rolling out free bulky waste collections saw residents taking advantage in their thousands! We are making it as easy as possible for you to get rid of your rubbish whilst coming down like a ton of bricks on fly-tippers.

Our new camouflaged cameras are currently touring fly-tipping hot spots. Fly-tippers beware - we are watching!

As ever, please send us feedback on issues. Ashfield District Council continues to work all year round to make your life easier.

Cllr. Jason Zadrozny, Leader of the Council
RSPCA Award

Ashfield District Council have been crowned winner of the RSPCA’s prestigious Community Animal Welfare Footprints (CAWF) awards for its Stray Dog Service.

We were awarded the prestigious RSPCA CAWF award to highlight our pioneering contributions to improve animal welfare in communities. The Council has managed to obtain the Gold Award every year since the RSPCA started the awards in 2008. Since then, Ashfield is one of only four Councils in the country to maintain its 100% record and has therefore received a prestigious Diamond award.

‘Nag’s Head’ Clock

After listening to residents the clock, affectionately known as the ‘Nag’s Head’ clock will be completely re-furbished and returned to as close to its original plot by the end of March 2019.

The clock will be cleaned, painted and receive a new movement, glass cover and lighting.

New Council Homes

The Council has recently acquired nine new properties on Spitfire Way, Hucknall.

The six two bedded properties and three three-bedded properties are a great addition to the Council’s stock of social rent properties and provide modern, family homes for nine families in the district. Funding has also been approved for more new council housing on the Carsic estate, Sutton-in-Ashfield.
Businesses celebrate 50th anniversary

The Rose Bower Florist and Jim Grice Ltd Electricals both recently celebrated 50 years of trading in Sutton.

The businesses, both on Outram Street, Sutton are still going strong and put their success down to offering their customers excellent service.

Armed forces covenant

In November the Vice Chairman of Ashfield District Council, Cllr Anthony Brewer signed the Armed Forces Covenant on behalf of Ashfield at a service held at Southwell Minster.

The Covenant demonstrates the authorities commitment to support the local Armed Forces community and make it easier for service personnel, families and veterans to access the help and support available.

Cllr Jason Zadrozny & Ellen Gent, owner of the Rose Bower

Cllr Anthony Brewer, Vice Chairman, Ashfield District Council
News Round Up

New camouflaged cameras are being deployed at fly tipping hot spots across the district and will allow the Council to catch and prosecute fly tippers.

This measure is just part of the work the Council is carrying out to reduce fly tipping in the district. This will enable us to continue to increase the number of successful prosecutions against fly tippers.

We take fly tipping extremely seriously, as a resident in Kirkby recently found out after being fined for obstructing an investigation.

The introduction of the new cameras is a warning to anybody who thinks it is acceptable to dump their waste within Ashfield.

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Police response officers now based at Ashfield Hub

Dozens of Police response officers are now based in the Ashfield Integrated Services HUB at the Council offices in Kirkby.

As part of a move to bolster officer numbers and improve response times in Ashfield, the move already appears to be paying off. There has been a number of key arrests of suspects for drug supply, robbery, burglary and public order offences since they arrived.

They join Neighbourhood officers, who moved into the HUB in January 2018.
Coxmoor Day of Action

On 12th December 2018 Council Officers from the Community Protection and Housing teams and the Neighbourhood Policing Team had a day of action on the Coxmoor Estate.

Officers spoke to residents regarding issues in the area and what partners can do to help improve things on the estate. The operation has resulted in a local trouble causer receiving a 12 month prison sentence and six month driving ban.

Residents have approached the Council since and commented on the increased visible presence of both organisations and how their perception of the safety of the estate has improved. The Council is committed to reducing anti-social behaviour on Coxmoor and working closely with the Police to make real, positive changes to the area.

New Rural Crime Hotline

A new specialist rural hotline has been set up by Nottinghamshire Police to tackle crime in places like Jacksdale, Selston and Underwood.

The specialist hotline is aimed at tackling areas of rural crime - including industrial fly-tipping, livestock theft, machinery theft and crimes like theft from sheds and garages. Call 0800 7830137

Evictions in Sutton

Ashfield District Council has recently been successful in the eviction of two known drug dealers from their homes in Stoneyford Court and Jephson Road, Sutton.

Following complaints and an investigation, a Community Protection Warning was issued but despite the best efforts of Ashfield District Council Officers to provide access to support, their behaviour did not improve. These evictions demonstrate the action we are taking to curb this type of behaviour in our towns. We will take action against these people, and these evictions are a vital step to reducing the anti-social behaviour in Sutton and improving the lives for other residents at Stoneyford Court and Jephson Road.
Are you Bin smart?

**Right Waste**

- Newspapers
- Envelopes
- Magazines and catalogues
- Junk mail

**Right Bin**

- Food tins
- Drinks cans
- Aerosol cans

**Bin Smart**

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

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.

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

If in doubt - leave it out.

[Website Link](http://www.recyclefornottinghamshire.co.uk)
Garden Waste Recycling

Don't miss out on continuing your Garden Waste Recycling in 2019...

It's now easier than ever to sign up online and pay by Direct Debit.

Over 18,000 residents signed up in 2018 and it's now only £28 per year!

Sign up to start receiving collections in March 2019!

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Contact Environment for more information on 0800 183 84 84
New Masterplan to unlock investment for Sutton

Ashfield District Council is proposing a new plan to reshape Sutton Town Centre. All our town centres are undergoing fundamental change and it is important that the Council with its partners, leads Sutton into a more prosperous future.

The Masterplan aims to provide a framework for future investment and development to transform Sutton as a place into a real destination. It looks to maximise the opportunities for Sutton and capitalise on its existing assets. The plan also considers opportunities for the town centre's future in areas such as its night time economy, public realm and office accommodation.

A consultation was run earlier this year to gain public opinion on the proposed plans. This feedback will help us to shape the plan going forward and is vital when it comes to shaping the future of our town centres.

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“Business is going from strength to strength here in the market and it’s a lovely place to work.”

Steve Larvin,
Larvin’s Quality Fruit and Vegetables

Also at Idlewells...

Nigel’s Fresh Fish & Game
Idlewells Market in Sutton in Ashfield has welcomed a host of new traders including an already popular Fruit and Vegetable stall.

Other new introductions include The Cobbler, Petscene, Crazie Maisie Toys and Games, Carmens Creations and Street Coffee; as well as the return of market favourite Nigel’s Fresh Fish and Game.

Following the completion of Ashfield District Council’s refurbishment, Idlewells Market has gone from strength to strength, now reaching over 75% capacity.

Larvin’s Quality Fruit and Vegetables, who also trade on Hucknall’s Friday Market, are delighted with the way business has been going since they set up in November 2018. Business Owner, Steve Larvin said: “We were very excited about moving into the indoor market last year and we haven’t been disappointed. Business is going from strength to strength here in the market and it’s a lovely place to work. Our customer base is already strong and we particularly enjoy meeting new customers, especially in our position at the front of the market hall.”

Larvin’s pride themselves on fantastic customer service, with Steve adding: “We’re a fantastic destination to get your five-a-day, with the freshest fruit and vegetables all at very competitive prices. Our self-service counters allow customers to pick exactly what they want from a single carrot to a bag full, it’s entirely up to them.”

Providing services ranging from key cutting to shoe repair and everything in between, Dave Lee, owner of The Cobbler, has also been welcomed into the Idlewells family.

Dave was Bronze medal winner in ‘World Cup of Shoe Repairs’ 2017-18.

The Council will continue to work hard going forward and is committed to seeing the market at 100% capacity.
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You can now pay for more services than ever online.

- Lifeline services
- Taxi Licensing
- Bulky waste collections

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Don’t miss out on your chance to vote!

Ashfield District Council elections are fast approaching. Ashfield’s residents are being urged to make sure they’re registered to vote, so they don’t miss out on the chance to choose who they’d like to be their councillor.

The election is on Thursday 2 May and Robert Mitchell, Chief Executive at Ashfield District Council and Returning Officer for the elections said:

“Exercising your right to vote is an important part of democracy and a direct way of influencing what happens in your local area. The forthcoming elections are your opportunity to choose a representative on the District Council, which provides services locally. Make sure that you vote on 2 May 2019”

You won’t be able to vote if you aren’t on the Electoral Register. If you don’t know if you are registered, please call Ashfield District Council on 01623 457 321 to find out.

Anyone who does need to register to vote should visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote with their National Insurance number to hand by Friday 12 April.

Polling cards will be sent out at the end of March and these will inform electors how to cast their vote. Electors should check their polling card to find out if their polling station has changed.

The full list of candidates standing for election will be announced on 4 April, following the close of nominations on 3 April. This information will be available on the Council’s website www.ashfield.gov.uk

Robert Mitchell
New flagship leisure destination and swimming pool for Kirkby opening in 2021.

Artists Impression of Gym
A state-of-the-art leisure destination will see the introduction of long awaited water space in Kirkby. As well as swimming and leisure pools there will be an indoor adventure climbing wall and cinema screen in the multi-purpose sports hall.

Located on land behind the current Festival Hall site, the leisure centre is also set to include a multi functional four court badminton sports hall, health & fitness suite, multi activity studios and café.

The proposed facility will support growth in sports development, play, fun, events and conferences, direct and indirect employment, business and health and wellbeing.
Did you know that the Council provides Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG) to help residents with disabilities remain independent in their home?

If you privately rent or own your home and you are finding it increasing difficult to manage, may be you are struggling with the stairs or having difficulty getting in and out of the bath, you may be eligible for help.

The Council works with the Occupational Therapy Service at Nottinghamshire County Council. It is the Occupational Therapy Service who will assess an applicant’s needs and who will make a referral to the Council’s DFG Team if there are aids and adaptations to your home that would be of benefit and would aid your independence. The grant is means tested, something that will be conducted by the DFG Team after they receive the referral. If you have a contribution to make this will be made clear to you at the time so you can decide whether to go ahead.

The DFG Team will oversee and manage the work, from the design stage through to completion.

Last year the DFG team helped 105 households, fitting wetrooms, stair lifts and for a small number of clients with exceptional needs, building a ground floor extension.

For further information visit our website www.ashfield.gov.uk or contact the DFG Team on tel 01623 457036
Discover Ashfield was launched in December at the Community Christmas Lighting events in Hucknall, Kirkby and Sutton and at the Mansfield and Ashfield 2020 business forum.

This followed 12 months of development by the Ashfield Place Board, which was set up with the aspiration of making Ashfield a location and destination of choice for businesses and visitors, as well as a great place to live.

A wide range of stakeholders and partners have been involved in shaping the project, including local businesses such as Rolls Royce, Lindhurst Engineering, Sutton Community Academy, Vision West Nottinghamshire College, Portland College, Idlewells Shopping Centre, East Midlands Designer Outlet and the CHAD.

The Discover Ashfield brand has been developed to promote Ashfield, increase pride and aspiration, improve the vibrancy of town centres, encourage and promote inward investment and support tourism and the visitor economy. The Discover Ashfield brand incorporates all aspects of Ashfield life, with the three towns and rural area having their own illustration incorporating local landmarks. Four themes encompass what we want to promote about Ashfield: business, community, health and wellbeing and places to visit.

An Ambassador Programme is currently being set up for business, visitor and community leaders who want to get involved in promoting Ashfield.

If you would like to find out more about Discover Ashfield or see how you can get involved, please visit www.discoverashfield.co.uk or phone 01623 457249/ 457264
New regulations relating to Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO’s) are now in force. It is essential that all landlords and property owners who rent their homes are aware of the new rules, including the need to license their properties if appropriate.

Under the regulations the definition of a HMO has changed meaning more properties are likely to need a license. Properties that contain five or more people from two or more households and who share facilities will now be subject to the regulations and will need to be licensed.

Other changes include minimum space standards for bedrooms and new rules regarding the storage and disposal of household waste.

Landlords and property owners who fail to apply for a licence could be subject to a fine of up to £30,000 or prosecution.

Visit our website www.ashfield.gov.uk for further information and to apply for a licence.
If you are a secure tenant of the Council and you want to move exchanging your home with another social housing tenant may be a way of making this happen.

www.homeswapper.co.uk

Registering is quick and easy, you add your property details and you set your search criteria. Contact is made with suitable 'swaps' via the website. Only when you have viewed each other's properties and you are happy to proceed do you apply to the Council for approval to move.

With many tenants facing a long wait to transfer to another property an exchange offers a quick and easy alternative.
Funding has been secured from the Heritage Lottery Fund towards improvements across Sutton Lawn, Kings Mill Reservoir and Hermitage Ponds.

The project will support new access routes, signage and heritage interpretation along with an activity programme. The project includes the following:

- Ranger led activity plan
- Kings Mill Viaduct restoration
- Reedbed management and creation
- Selective sediment remodelling
- Footpath creation and improvements
- Signage and interpretation
- Website and mobile app improvements
- Education packs
- Heritage centre / café improvements

The website is currently being developed and will include details of how you can get involved as a volunteer.
December 2018 saw the re-opening of the café at Brierley Forest Park, Huthwaite.

The Brierley Café serves teas, coffees, cakes and hot food, making it the perfect destination to experience nature and enjoy a meal and drink.

Titchfield Park Café in Hucknall will be reopening its doors in early 2019. Keep an eye on the Ashfield District Council website and social media for more details.

Other Park Cafés in the district

There are a number of park cafes in Ashfield:

- The Brierley Café at Brierley Forest Park, Huthwaite
- The Wild Rabbit at Portland Park, Kirkby-in-Ashfield
- Rumbles at Sutton Lawn, Sutton-in-Ashfield
- Acre View Café at Kingsway Park, Kirkby-in-Ashfield
- Titchfield Park café at Titchfield Park, Hucknall

All of the park Cafés in Ashfield feature picturesque scenery on Green Flag Award winning accredited parks and are a lovely destination to visit and enjoy.

Don’t forget to follow the Café on Facebook www.facebook.com/TheBrierleyCafe
A wide range of improvements to parks and town centres are planned across the District over the next few months, with over £750,000 of investment. Projects include:

**WHARF ROAD OPEN SPACE**

Environmental improvements are planned for spring 2019. Works will be focused around improving the main entrance space off Fackley Road and replacing the retaining structures along Wharf Road. Tree and shrub clearance works were carried out in late 2018. The works aim to improve this open space as a gateway into Stanton Hill High Street and down towards Teversal.
An event took place in January to celebrate the Green Flag Award, the new play area and the reopening of the café.

A new park leaflet and walking route maps were also launched. The event was attended by ADC councillors and officers, members of the park Trust, Brierley Pond fishing club, The Brierley Café, All Saints School (Huthwaite) and Selston Infants School.

Former café volunteers were presented with certificates recognising their hard work and contribution to the local community and years of service.

Roundhills Recreation Ground play area – works are due to start late spring on improvements to the play area.

Sutton Lawn play area – works are due to start on improving the play area in winter 2019.

New footpaths are being installed through the estate enabling safer and easier access to schools. The Council have also cut back shrubbery on Alfreton Road roundabout to improve visibility.

Residents on Greenacres in Kirkby have welcomed huge improvements to the area including improving footpaths and cutting back trees.

A local artist has carried out consultation with local residents and school children and is manufacturing the metal artworks for four sites around Annesley Village.

Local groups took part in fabrication workshops to experience the manufacturing process first hand. Morven Park and West Park – play area improvements are to be completed late Spring.
Titchfield Park Brook, Titchfield Park – Following the success of works completed in winter 2017, further funds have been secured from Nottinghamshire County Council to naturalise and de-culvert part of the Titchfield Park Brook.

The works will see the construction of new channels and basins to reduce the force of storm water on the park and reduce peak flow rates further downstream. The project provides an opportunity to improve this area of the park and maximise biodiversity for wildlife.

HUCKNALL LEISURE CENTRE

As part of the Council's leisure transformation programme we are investing £150k into Hucknall Leisure Centre to carry out repair work to the swimming pool and install new fire alarms. This is part of the Council's ongoing commitment to providing high quality leisure facilities across the district.

SELSTON LEISURE CENTRE

The management of Selston Leisure Centre was successfully handed over to Selston High School in January. The Centre, which offers a fitness suite, classes and an outdoor, floodlit pitch will continue to offer the same service to local residents.

This marks the latest stage in a district wide leisure transformation programme, demonstrating the importance of working in partnership with community/sporting facilities, to ensure that they are affordable, accessible and creating sustainable communities.
Jacksdale Recreation Ground - the development of a new multi-use games area and footpath improvements will start in spring 2019.

Friezeland Recreation Ground - new outdoor gym equipment has been installed and we will be Tarmacing the scooter park in late Spring.

Jacksdale car park – we are increasing the number of spaces up to a total of 55 to help support local shops and businesses. This is due to be completed by late Summer 2019.

The Hills, Selston - we are resurfacing sections of footpath to improve access, this is due to be completed in March 2019.

BROOMHILL PARK

PLAY AREA

A new children’s play area is due to be created in spring 2019. The new facility will cater for children aged between 2 and 12 years and will include a mix of traditional play equipment and timber activity items.

PIGGINS CROFT CAR PARK

As part of the Council’s programme of investing and regeneration of our town centres we are resurfacing the car park to improve access to Hucknall town centre and installing electric charging points.
Ashfield Pest Control Expands to Mansfield

Ashfield District Council’s Pest Control Service has now expanded its reasonable priced comprehensive, discreet and professional pest prevention and control service to the Mansfield area.

We also offer competitively priced pest control contracts to businesses, which help ensure that your business is protected from pest problems. We are Which? Trusted Trader endorsed, so be sure our services are effective and safe with high levels of customer satisfaction.

If you would like to arrange for a pest control treatment please call 0800 183 8484 or email environment@ashfield.gov.uk

DID YOU KNOW?

Ashfield District Council offers motorists a cost effective, reliable, trustworthy and independent MOT testing service

Our MOT station is open Monday to Thursday from 8.00am with last test at 3.00pm and Fridays from 8.00am with last test at 2:30pm.

For more information or to book an MOT please telephone 01623 457885 / 457889.
The campaign helped the Council collect a huge amount of waste across the district and empowered community groups and businesses to volunteer and be part of environmental activities to help keep Ashfield a clean and tidy place to live, work and visit.

Extra bagged waste was put out with bin collections, Flying Skips were out and about on Saturdays and FREE bulky waste collections enabled residents to have a clear out of their larger unwanted items.

Ashfield District Council would like to say a BIG thank you to everyone who got involved in the BIG Ashfield Spring Clean 2019.
The prestigious ICC Cricket World Cup Trophy Tour, driven by Nissan, is coming to Kirkby-in-Ashfield.

The Tour will make an entrance to Kirkby Plaza on Monday 22nd April and will be paraded alongside the iconic bronze statues of the legendary Harold Larwood, William Voce and Don Bradman, located outside Kirkby Library.

A series of family orientated events are being arranged for Ashfield’s town centres and parks during 2019, concluding with the popular Christmas Festivals in Kirkby, Sutton and Hucknall.

For more information visit our website www.ashfield.gov.uk or contact events@ashfield.gov.uk