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Welcome...

to the latest edition of Ashfield Matters – your guide to what the Council is doing across the District.

We are back with another jam-packed edition of Ashfield Matters featuring our 2024 events calendar! Summer is my favourite time of year, and our summer events are fantastic once again. The crowning glory of the calendar is, of course, the return of the **Ashfield Show in August**. It's back, not quite as we all remember (there's no giant veg... yet!) but it's set to be a huge weekend of music, cinema and fun. You can find the events calendar on pages 6-7.

As our cover suggests, this year we have already **invested well over £500,000 in our parks** across Ashfield. You can read about some of these projects on pages 18-19, and 22-23. We are extremely proud to be constantly improving our park and sports facilities as we know how much residents value them. It's not just us humans that love our parks though, we are committed to enhancing our natural environment to help nature thrive here too.

In 2023, we launched our new Corporate Plan, the document that sets out the Council's vision for the District and our priorities. **The Council has six priority areas** that dictate everything we do and every decision we make. They are Homes and Housing, Economic Growth and Place, Health and Happiness, Cleaner and Greener, Safer and Stronger, and Innovate and Improve. To help you identify which projects and initiatives belong to which priority, we have added them into this magazine. So, look out for the priority tags throughout Ashfield Matters. You can read our **Corporate Plan 2023 2027** on our website.

**Cllr Jason Zadrozny, Leader
Ashfield District Council**

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Selston Country Park event



Cllr Arnie Hankin, Cllr Jason Zadrozny, Cllr Julie Gregory, and Cllr Andy Gascoyne with some of the new equipment on Selston Country Park

To celebrate the £130,000 upgrades to Selston Country Park, which included a new adventure-style play area and refurbishment of the park café, we hosted a free family fun day on the park. The drizzly weather didn't put off the families who came to take advantage of the face painting, balloon modelling, and rides. Selston Café in the Park now has a larger seating area and new kitchen to accommodate the growing number of visitors to the park.

Fly a flag for the Commonwealth

Once again, Ashfield District Council flew the flag to mark Commonwealth Day. Chairman of the Council, Cllr Dale Grounds was joined by the Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, Professor Veronica Pickering, Deputy Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, Mark Goldby, and several Civic heads from across the County for the ceremony. Commonwealth Day is an annual celebration observed by people all over the Commonwealth in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Americas, the Pacific and Europe.



Chairman of the Council, Cllr Dale Grounds, with the Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, Professor Veronica Pickering at the flag raising ceremony held at the Council offices

Britain's best volunteers

Ashfield's Mill Waters volunteers have received the national prestigious **Volunteer Team of the Year award** in the Keep Britain Tidy, Green Flag Award 2023. To date, the Mill Waters volunteers have committed **over 2,500 hours** to help improve our green spaces and to support events and activities, the equivalent to over a year in full time work hours. The award will take pride of place at Mill Waters café at Kings Mill Reservoir for all to see.



The Range opens in Hucknall

National home and leisure retailer, the Range, officially open its door in Hucknall on Friday 15 March. Cllr John Wilmott and Cllr Lee Waters attended the opening and were delighted to see the old Wilko building repurposed. The opening of the new store marks another milestone in **Ashfield District Council's regeneration of Hucknall town centre**. Over the next few months, the Council will be working with local businesses to develop plans to improve Central Walk - the covered walkway and paved area connecting the High Street to Piggins Croft car park - with works due to start later in 2024.



Events calendar

To celebrate Ashfield District Council turning 50 this year, we are back with a jam-packed summer of events with family fun days, and the anticipated return of the Ashfield Show.



Brierley Park 30 Birthday

11 May

11.30am - 1.30pm

Brierley Forest Park

With face painting, arts and crafts, nature trail and free activities.



MAY

Family sports day

18 May

Jamie Brough
Pavilion, Hucknall



Ashfield Plant and Garden Fair

19 May

9am - 1pm

Market Place Car
Park, Sutton



Films in the Park

22 June

Selston Country Park

Our popular outdoor cinema event is back in Selston this summer, so pack your picnics, popcorn, blankets and chairs, and get ready to enjoy a free day of films on the award-winning Selston Country Park.



Crowds enjoying Films in the Park
2023 at Selston Country Park



Families taking advantage of free activities on Titchfield Park, Hucknall



Hucknall Fest

6 July

Titchfield Park, Hucknall

Expect live music on stage, activities, trade and community stalls, food court, full size funfair, a bar and bags of fun for the whole family at the free event on Titchfield Park in July!



AUGUST



Ashfield Show returns

9, 10 & 11
August
Sutton Lawn



Ashfield Food and Drink Festival

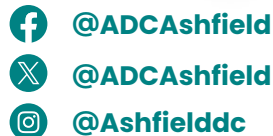
18 August
Hucknall High Street



Want to be a trader at any of our events?
Emails events@ashfield.gov.uk for an application form



Full details for all these events will be released on our social media channels in the coming weeks and months, make sure you're following our pages to keep up to date.



Ashfield's THRIVING town centres

MOOR MARKET BANKING HUB

Work has just started to transform part of Ashfield District Council's Moor Market in Kirkby, into the new banking hub, one of 68 new banking hubs across the UK, owned by Cash Access UK.

The banking hubs are shared spaces on the high street that allow customers of multiple banks to deposit and withdraw money, get face-to-face help, and carry out regular banking transactions. They also have a private room available for one-to-one discussions.

The new banking hub will allow more residents and businesses access to their money, without having to travel out of Kirkby.

The banking hub is expected to be open and running in July 2024.



Cllr Jason Zadrozny outside Moor Market in Kirkby that is set to become a banking hub



The mobile bank by Barclays on Hucknall Market Place car park

BARCLAY'S MOBILE BANKING VAN

Every other Friday, Barclay's mobile banking van will be setting up in Hucknall on Market Place car park from 10am – 2pm.

Customers of Barclay's are able to speak face-to-face with branch staff onboard the van to help with financial issues such as buying a new home, setting up a business or saving for the future, and setting up online banking. The van doesn't provide a cash or counter service but is still a vital resource to help people in Hucknall manage their money.

The next visit will be Friday 24 May.



Shoppers enjoying a break in the food court in Idlewells Indoor Market, Sutton

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Let's celebrate Towns Award

Sutton town centre was shortlisted in the **Visa Let's Celebrate Towns Award** in the People and Skills category.

Let's Celebrate Towns – run by Visa and supported by the British Retail Consortium – is a nationwide showcase, celebrating the hundreds of towns across the UK that are **helping businesses and communities to thrive.**

Despite not winning, the judges were impressed by the range and depth of

the new initiatives we are implementing to improve people's life, digital and business skills, such as the Makerspace in High Pavement House, free courses being run by Nottingham Trent University for residents and businesses, social media training for businesses and the stall holders in Idlewells Indoor Market, and the life and digital skills courses currently being run, all funded by our Future High Streets Fund and UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

10,000,000 VISITS TO OUR TOWN CENTRES

Kirkby, Sutton, and Hucknall saw combined visitors of over **10 million** between April and September last year, which is a record number for Ashfield!

We have been working hard to ensure our town centres are attractive, inviting, and vibrant. One of the initiatives we are proud to champion is offering **two hours free parking** in all our town centre car parks, encouraging more people to use our town centres.

From April to September last year, we hosted a range of fantastic free events in our town centres, such as the ever-popular Food and Drink Festival at Hucknall, family fun days in Kirkby, Sutton and Hucknall, attracting thousands of visitors.

We will continue to work to improve and **enhance all three town centres** in Ashfield to ensure they are fit for the future, allow businesses to prosper, and offer cultural experiences to help boost our visitor economy.

Thousands of people browsing the stalls at the Food and Drink Festival in Hucknall



We're committed to the Future Ashfield

Priority:
**Economic
Growth and
Place**

Our **£3.2million UK Shared Prosperity Fund** is ring fenced for projects and initiatives that improve people's skills, support local businesses, and enhance Ashfield as a place. Four recent projects we have rolled out are:

UK
SHARED
PROSPERITY
FUND

£3.2m

FREE GARDENING PACKS

We have distributed over **120 free growing and gardening packs to Ashfield families** to help more people experience growing their own vegetables and flowers, whilst learning a new skill. The packs included a plastic planter, Let's Get Gardening book, potting soil, gardening gloves (adult & children's), wildflower & lettuce seeds, sunflower growing kit, a potato grow bag, and seed potatoes.

The growing packs that were handed out for free to families



New Essential Skills for Life course

The free Essential Skills for Life Programme, delivered by Futures (a not-for-profit social enterprise based in Nottingham) on our behalf, is designed to help unemployed residents develop key life skills such as confidence, budgeting, basic digital skills, and motivation to help them gain employment.

The course is being delivered across a range of sites in:

- Sutton Central & Leamington
- Stanton Hill & Skegby
- Kirkby Central (covering Greenwood and Summit)
- East Kirkby (covering Sutton Junction, Harlow Wood, Kingsway, and Abbey Hill)
- Selston
- Hucknall Westville

Jennie Willock, Futures Group, Cllr Matthew Relf, Cllr Tom Hollis, and Nikki from All Saints Centre



DIGITAL SKILLS

Academy Transformation Trust Further Education (ATFE) are delivering a **free digital skills course** on our behalf. As part of the course, they will support residents to develop the basic digital skills needed for day-to-day living, such as using a mobile phone, online banking, and applying for jobs online.

Weekly drop-in sessions are now available at the following venues – there is no need to book, just turn up:

- **Mondays 10.00am – 3.00pm**, Ashfield District Council's Digital Zone, Urban Road, Kirkby in Ashfield
- **Fridays 3.00pm – 4.00pm**, ATFE Community Hub, Idlewells Shopping Centre



Small business grant schemes

Last year we launched two additional business grants, the Enterprise Grant and the Hucknall High Street Shop Front Improvement Grant which is specifically for small businesses located on the southern end of the High Street (between the junctions of Watnall Road and Station Street/Duke Street). This scheme will enhance the character, value, and appeal of the businesses. Grants for eligible properties will pay for **up to 80% of the project cost** (up to maximum grant payment of £9,600).

The Enterprise Development Grant is aimed at new and existing businesses, in the Ashfield's town centres and shopping centres, that have a viable plan to grow their business that will lead to the creation of new jobs. Businesses that are eligible can apply for grants of **up to £6000**.

We are still accepting applications for both grant schemes until **31 October 24**. Email business.support@ashfield.gov.uk to apply.



CLr Matthew Relf and CLr Lee Waters on Hucknall High Street - the area that can apply for the shop front improvement grant

We're committed to the Future Ashfield

Priority:
**Economic
Growth and
Place**

We have several projects underway funded by our **£62.6million Towns Deal**, with two nearing completion! In total we have 16 major transformational projects being funded by our Towns Deal that will create an Ashfield we can all be proud of.



Cllr Jason Zadrozny, Steve Wallace, Project Manager, Cllr Matthew Relf, and Stephen Spiegelhalter, G F Tomlinson under the dome at Sherwood Observatory

Planetarium and Science Discovery Centre at Sherwood Observatory

TOWNS
DEAL

£62.6m

The steels for the planetarium dome at Sherwood Observatory have now been installed, marking a huge milestone in the build.

The planetarium construction is part of Mansfield and Sutton Astronomical Society and Ashfield District Council's development to create a Science Discovery Centre and planetarium at Sherwood Observatory in Sutton. The ambitious plans for the site aim to create a **unique, world-class facility that will rival those elsewhere in the UK.**

The impressive steels can be seen from as far as Penny Emma Way in Sutton, giving residents, and visitors to the District, a sense of what the finished building will look like. Work is on track to be completed in **November 2024.**

KINGS MILL RESERVOIR LEISURE BUILDING

The construction of the boathouse and restaurant space is almost complete at Kings Mill Reservoir. The building has photovoltaic panels installed on the roof to help lower emissions and increase the energy efficiency.

The boathouse will feature changing rooms, toilets, a meeting/training room, and a changing place on the ground floor, with the restaurant and function space on the first floor with views across the reservoir. The facility is on track to open later this year.

Cllr Jason Zadrozny and
Cllr Matthew Relf in the roof of the
new building at Kings Mill Reservoir



Cllr Matthew Relf and Cllr Jason Zadrozny
outside the new building at Kings Mill Reservoir



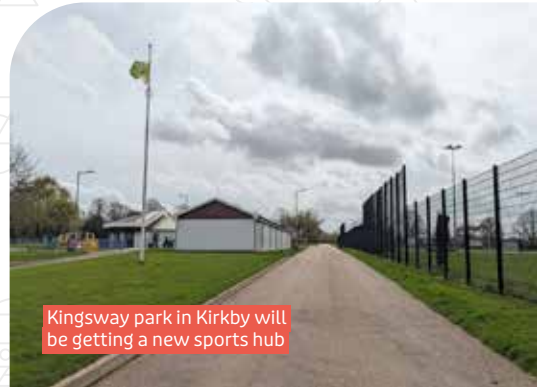
Kingsway and Sutton Lawn Sports Hubs

We have now submitted planning applications for the creation of two sports hubs at Kingsway Park, Kirkby, and Sutton Lawn. Enhancements will be made to the existing sports facilities to ensure they are high-quality with increased capacity.

Plans for Sutton Lawn include creating **two new 3G football pitches**, improvements to the existing grass football pitches, converting the derelict shale pitch to grass pitches, refurbishing and extending the changing pavilion, creating additional car parking, and resurfacing the access road to the park.

These improvements are being made in conjunction with the Football Foundation and Academy Transformation Trust Further Education.

Improvements to Kingsway will include building a new modern, energy efficient changing room facility to support **football, hockey, and wider sports** provision at the site. Plans also include constructing a new energy efficient bowls pavilion, creating more car parking, installing energy efficient floodlighting, and improving the grass pitches.



Kingsway park in Kirkby will be getting a new sports hub

WEST KIRKBY GATEWAY - MULTI USE BUILDING

Following a public consultation, finalised plans for the gateway building at Kirkby Train Station have now been submitted. **73% of respondents were positive** about our plans to improve the pedestrian entrance to the train station, with the majority favouring option 2 which is shown below. As part of these proposals we plan to introduce planters and trees, reuse the old wheels, and include modern signage.

The gateway building itself will incorporate seating both inside and outside, and will be situated on the land next to the train station. The **new building will help start the regeneration of the west side of Kirkby, creating a modern, pleasing welcome** into the town centre, encouraging further external investment.



Artist impression of the pedestrian entrance to Kirkby Train Station improvement works

COUNTDOWN TO WORKS TO PORTLAND SQUARE

The countdown is on until work starts on our redesign of Portland Square, Sutton, turning it from outdated to a modern, useable town centre. Ground will be broken on site later this month to start to make our plans a reality. **Two large urban gardens with mature trees and inbuilt** will be created in the centre of the square. Ambient lighting and CCTV cameras will provide a safer environment for people to socialise.

Work is well underway at Fox Street to create a flexible space that can be used as a space for the outdoor market, specialist markets and events, as well as a car park.



Photo montage of the new look Portland Square

£9.2million heading to Hucknall

In March we received the incredible news that our bid for the **Levelling Up Fund for Hucknall was successful**, and we will be receiving £9.2million to deliver our ambitious plan to drive transformational change in Hucknall that centres around three main themes – skills and economic regeneration, cultural and heritage gateway, and access to the town centre.

As part of the project, we will improve access to the town to attract more visitors and businesses to reinvigorate the town centre. The cultural and heritage enhancements will celebrate Hucknall's rich heritage and provide new opportunities for people to learn about this history. **This project will be one of the biggest investments in Hucknall for decades.**



Crowds enjoying an outdoor cinema event in Hucknall town centre

Full details will be released in the coming months.

We're restoring PRIDE in Ashfield

Priority:
Cleaner and Greener

Ashfield District Council is committed to enhancing and protecting the natural environment, delivering green space improvements, and restoring pride in the area we all live, work, and play.



Cllr Jason Zadrozny and Cllr Vicki Heslop helping plant trees at Kings Mill Reservoir

PLANTING FOR SPRING

The Council's fabulous green team have been busy tidying up and replanting the roundabouts, planters, and parks **ready for spring and summer**. One area that will soon be unrecognisable is the Wharf in Stanton Hill. The team have planted the slopes at the side of the steps, and have created a semi-circle rose bed on top of the hill. They have left some of the area wild as it is a vital habitat for various mammals and insects.

Tree planting

As part of our commitment to improving biodiversity, enhancing tree coverage, and improving the environment we will be planting a **whopping 1314 trees** and whips in the coming months. In the last two months we have planted **462 trees and whips at 7 sites** across the District including Stoneyford Road Rec, Orchid Close, Kings Mill Reservoir, Hornbeam Park, Kenbrook Road, John Whetton Rec, and Ashfield Park. In the next few weeks 600 whips will be planted at Beacon Hill, whilst a further 198 will be planted at Oakwood Fields, and Hucknall Leisure Centre will receive 4 trees and 50 whips.



Cllr Helen Ann Smith at the Wharf in Stanton Hill

Sudbury Drive, Huthwaite

The children's play area on Sudbury Drive, Huthwaite, has received a major upgrade just in time for spring. The park now has new play equipment including two sets of swings, one with a toddler seat, and two children's spring rockers and a custom climbing frame. The works also included laying a rubberised flooring for safety of the park users. These upgrades form part of our programme of parks and play area improvements that have seen us **invest over £2million** to improve and maintain facilities across Ashfield.



Cllr Jason Zadrozny, Cllr Paul Grafton and Cllr Tom Hollis inspect the new equipment installed at Sudbury Drive, Huthwaite

£169,000 grant for Lammas pool

We have secured a £169,000 grant from the Swimming Pool Support Fund from Sport England, to install photovoltaic panels to Lammas Leisure Centre. The solar panels will be installed in the coming months to use sustainable energy to heat the swimming pool, improving the energy efficiency of the building in the medium to long term. As part of the funding, a pool cover will also be installed to prevent heat loss and pool water evaporation, also keeping the water warm whenever the facility isn't in use.

We recently installed the same system at Hucknall Leisure Centre to heat the new teaching pool, and works are due to start later in the year to install air source heat pumps to further reduce carbon emissions.

Cllr Jason Zadrozny outside Lammas Leisure Centre, Sutton



SEVENTH

BIG

ASHFIELD SPRING CLEAN

The BIG Ashfield Spring Clean was back for the seventh year in March and thousands of residents got involved.

Each Saturday in March saw our flying skips return to the District, stopping at Hucknall, Sutton, Kirkby, and the rural areas, to allow residents to responsibly dispose of extra household waste. We collected 96 tonnes of household waste which is the equivalent weight of 45 giraffes!

x 45



Waste Collectors with Community Protection Officer Massey at the flying skips in Hucknall



CLlr Tom Hollis, CLlr Vicki Heslop, CLlr Jodine Cronshaw and CLlr Dale Grounds with staff from ROMO, Van Elle and Ashfield District Council at the litter pick in Sutton



Chief Executive, Theresa Hodgkinson, joins Cllr Jason Zadrozny, Cllr John Wilmott, Cllr Helen-Ann Smith, Cllr Samantha Deakin, Cllr Dale Ground, Cllr Rachel Madden, Cllr Tom Hollis and Council officers at the litter pick in Hucknall town centre



Over the three weeks we held a number of staff and Councillor litter picks in Hucknall town centre, Kirkby town centre, Sutton town centre, St Michaels Streets in Sutton, and Holidays Hills in Kirkby. Across these litter picks we collected 66 bags of waste! With 30 being collected in Sutton town centre alone, a huge thank you to Van Elle and ROMO who joined us in Sutton with members of staff to help.

At Titchfield Park, Hucknall, Chairman of the Council, Cllr Dale Grounds, was joined by children from Butler's Hill to paint and install birdboxes. They had a great time getting stuck into the painting and litter picking.



Children from Butler's Hill school help paint bird boxes at Titchfield Park

As part of the BIG Ashfield Spring Clean residents can once again take advantage of the FREE bulky waste collections. The full details can be found on the back page of this magazine.



We're building Cou

Priority: Homes and Housing

In 2019, we set out our ambitious plans to start building Council homes across

Ashfield, with a focus on regenerating unused Council-owned land. We identified several derelict and under utilised sites across Sutton, Kirkby, and Hucknall which allowed us to build much-needed affordable housing. Our aim is for everyone to have a safe and suitable home in Ashfield, whether they are Council tenants, or privately renting.

Warwick Close



The Council's largest housing development to date, Warwick Close in Kirkby, has been **completed** and happy tenants are now enjoying their new homes. The site is made up of 18 two-bedroom and 16 three-bedroom homes. Two of the three-bedroom homes have a ground floor bedroom and bathroom, so will be suitable for families with disabilities, something our housing register tells us is desperately needed.

As with all our new builds, sustainability and the natural environment were also a high priority. **All 34 homes are energy efficient**, and feature bee bricks, bat roosts, and hedgehog holes in the fences.

The completed homes on Warwick Close, image courtesy of Lindum



ncil homes

Cllr Matthew Relf and Cllr Andy Meakin
at Charlotte Gardens, Sutton

DECEMBER 2021



Cabinet approved plans to build 34 homes on Warwick Close, Kirkby. Cllr Tom Hollis and Cllr Andy Meakin went to visit the site

Work started on site in November 2022



JANUARY 2023



Foundations were laid for the most of the properties

AUGUST 2023



Cllr Andy Meakin visited the site to check on the progress of the build, by August all the brickwork had been finished

JANUARY 2024



All 34 homes were handed over to the Council ready to let out to tenants. Cllr Tom Hollis, Cllr Andy Meakin, and Cllr Jason Zadrozny met Eddie Chambers, Lindum, on site to receive the keys

We're investing in health and we

Priority:
Health and Happiness

Ashfield District Council is investing in health and wellbeing to help people live healthier and happier lives, to prosper in their communities and remain independent throughout life.

Community Grants



CLlr Chris Huskinson, Cllr Jason Zadrozny and Cllr Warren Nuttall handing over the cheque to Angie, Matthew Pike and Elden Skinner of Our Centre, Kirkby

During March we awarded a staggering £79,000 worth of grant funding to four key voluntary and community groups in Ashfield to help them continue to provide essential services and support to residents. The recipients of the funding were:

- **Ashfield Voluntary Action** – who provide support to other voluntary sector groups throughout the District, as well as supporting individuals and families through a range of targeted projects.
- **Citizens Advice** – who help people resolve any issues, including debts, benefits, employment, housing and many more.
- **Our Centre** – who provide trusted and accessible services to the community including transport, and activities.
- **Under One Roof** – home to a range of organisations including a furniture project and foodbank.

Lord Byron honoured in Hucknall

19 April 2024 marked 200 years since the death of Lord Byron, one of Britain's greatest poets. His remains are buried at St Mary Magdalene Church in Hucknall, alongside his daughter, Ada Lovelace. To honour Byron's life, the legacy of his work, and his connection to Hucknall, we installed new street signs in April. Visitors to Hucknall can now wander down Ada Lovelace walk and arrange to meet at Lord Byron Place.

As part of these celebrations, the Flight of Fancy received a good clean and new lighting, and the planters around the sculpture were freshly planted. Banners featuring famous quotes from Lord Byron's poems were also displayed throughout April.



CLlr Nick Parvin and Cllr Lee Waters with one of the new street signs in Hucknall.



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Cllr Vicki Heslop, Cllr Samantha Deakin and Cllr Jason Zadrozny enjoy a game of tennis on the newly refurbished courts at Sutton Lawn

Tennis Courts upgraded

The tennis courts at Huthwaite Welfare Park and Sutton Lawn have received £214,000 worth of upgrades and are **now open for bookings**. We worked with the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) who funded £159,000 of the work to install new access gates, fencing, surface improvements, and fresh lines at both parks, to ensure residents have access

to modern, quality sports facilities. We Do Tennis are operating the courts and offer an annual pass which allows holders to play at any of the parks all year round. The new courts can be booked by scanning the QR code on the gates or by visiting the We Do Tennis website:

wdtvenues.co.uk/ashfield-parks

MOBILE MUSEUM VISITS ASHFIELD

Ashfield welcomed the Mobile Museum, run by Art Explora and MuMo, touring an exhibition named Soup, Socks and Spiders! Art of the Everyday, into Kirkby, Hucknall and Sutton throughout March. The exhibition featured 22 original works of art from internationally known artists such as Andy Warhol, Damien Hirst, David Hockney, Dorothea Tanning, Wolfgang Tillmans, and Roy Lichtenstein.

As part of the tour local schools received private tours of the exhibition and the chance to take part in activities centred around the art.

Ashfield was one of only nine locations in the country to receive a visit from this unique touring exhibition. We are proud to support cultural opportunities for residents, enabling people to see art outside of London.



Cllr Chris Huskinson and Cllr Jason Zadrozny admiring the exhibition inside the mobile museum with volunteer, Olivia

We're making a SAFER ASHFIELD

Priority:
Safer and Stronger

Ashfield District Council is striving to create a safer District, where residents, visitors, and businesses feel secure.



Cllr John Wilmott out on patrol with Nottinghamshire Police in Hucknall as part of the new scheme

Fly tipper prosecuted

Following persistent fly tipping on Meden Bank, Stanton Hill, the Council's Community Safety Team caught the offender and issued them with a **£400 Fixed Penalty Notice**. Fines for fly tipping are set to increase to **£600** in Ashfield to help us tackle this environmental crime. It is important that residents dispose of waste responsibly and legally. We offer every household one **free bulky waste collection** of up to three items every year, outside of these free collections we charge a small fee for collections.

CLEAR. HOLD. BUILD

Ashfield District Council is working in partnership with Nottinghamshire Police on a pioneering national programme to disrupt crime and anti-social behaviour on a Hucknall estate, referred to as clear hold build.

Residents will see robust enforcement action followed by **increased police patrols** and efforts to build a strong community network and further enhance community safety. Hucknall's Broomhill Road and Butler's Hill area has been chosen to address residents' concerns about drug-related crime and anti-social behaviour, disrupt cross-border criminal activity from Nottingham and Bulwell, and **bring additional resources to the area.**



The fly tip on Meden Bank, Stanton Hill

Immediate Justice Scheme

People committing anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Ashfield will have to repair the harm they've done to communities under a new programme delivering justice for victims.

Thanks to funding secured by Ashfield District Council to make the District safer and stronger, **two new officers will operate in the area** focused solely on tackling ASB.

They are being funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) Immediate Justice programme to deal with 'non-crime' antisocial behaviour.

The new officers will crack down on **fly-tipping, littering, noise nuisance and other types of ASB**, and be able to refer offenders into the Immediate Justice scheme as an out-of-court option for their offence, although they will also have powers to issue fines.



£17,000 FINE FOR LANDLORD

A Southwell landlord who is also a director of a property agency in Nottinghamshire, failed to license **two of the properties** he owns in the Selective Licensing area in Sutton in Ashfield, resulting in a £17,000 fine.



Despite a number of attempts to secure an application from the landlord and agency, **including a final warning** advising of the consequences of failing to licence the two properties, the landlord still did not submit any application or paperwork required for the properties.

As part of the investigation, officers visited the two properties and found that they were occupied and had concerns relating to the **safety of the tenants**, which is being dealt with separately to the licensing offences.

It is a criminal offence to let a privately rented property in a designated area without a Selective Licence in place. Penalties include prosecution and an unlimited fine or a financial penalty up to £30,000.

We support survivors of Domestic Abuse

Ashfield District Council are committed to responding to domestic abuse and helping those affected. We are currently working towards our Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance accreditation, where we are implementing new procedures and ways of working to ensure we are responding effectively to help **keep survivors safe, addressing their needs and holding perpetrators accountable.**

We can offer confidential support to survivors of domestic abuse no matter which stage of their journey they are at.

Whether they are still in the relationship with the perpetrator, planning on leaving the relationship, or already left the relationship.

We can provide support and signpost for other needs which may arise due to domestic abuse, such as mental health, substance misuse, housing and many more.

We have just secured another £35,000 to provide safe accommodation and support provision to enable survivors of domestic abuse to remain in their homes, under the Sanctuary Scheme.

Get help

- **If your life is in danger, always call 999**
- **Ashfield District Council** - 01623 457 345
- **Juno Womens Aid** - 0808 800 0340 (24/7)
Website: www.junowomensaid.org.uk
- **NIDAS** - Nottinghamshire Independent Domestic Abuse Service - 01623 683 250 Website: www.nidas.org.uk
- **Equation** - Help and support for men and LGBT+ experiencing domestic abuse - 0800 9956 999
- (Mon - Fri 9.30am - 4.30pm (7.30pm on Wednesdays)
- 24/7 confidential answerphone available outside these times). Website: equation.org.uk/help_for-men



Public Spaces PROTECTION ORDER 2024



As part of our commitment to making Ashfield a safer place to live, we currently have a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) covering the District.

The existing PSPO is a bylaw that allows the Council and the police to take preventative and enforcement measures in relation to dog fouling, alcohol consumption, urination and defecation, dogs on leads in specified areas, dog exclusion areas (children's play areas), restricting access between Bentinck Street and Welbeck Street, and car cruising on Junction 27 of the M1.

This PSPO was implemented in 2021 and will expire on **30 September 2024**, unless it is extended. We are proposing to extend and vary the existing PSPO to include a new prohibition to tackle street harassment of women and girls, and to extend the car cruising prohibition, now called vehicle nuisance, to cover the entire District.

We are looking for residents' views, support or objections for the any of the proposed prohibitions outlined in the PSPO. You can complete the consultation on our website until 27 May.

Visit www.ashfield.gov.uk



Cllr Samantha Deakin talking to a Community Protection Officer in Sutton town centre, one of the areas covered by the existing PSPO

FREE BULKY WASTE COLLECTIONS



The way we offer free bulky waste collections has changed. Every household can now book ONE free collection of up to three items each calendar year from 1 April to 31 March. Residents can book a free collection based on where they live.

The new year of collections starts in April with Kirkby & the Rurals, moving to Hucknall in May, and Sutton in June. The rotation then starts again, giving every resident the chance to book their one collection at four points throughout the year. The collections are available when it suits residents.

Kirkby and the Rurals	Hucknall	Sutton
Kirkby, Annesley, Nuncargate, Selston, Jacksdale, Underwood, Westwood, Bagthorpe, Brinsley, Pinxton	Hucknall, Bestwood Village, Linby, Papplewick	Sutton, Huthwaite, Stanton Hill, Teversal, Tibshelf, Skegby, Harlow Wood, Mansfield

Kirkby and the Rurals	July, October, January
Hucknall	May, August, November, February
Sutton	June, September, December, March

You can also book via Ashfield 24/7 or call 01623 450 000

Bookings can be made up to two weeks before the collection month and collections must be made during the month stated for the area you live in. Bulky collections will still be available to residents at other times for £21 for up to three items. Full details on how to book can be found at:

www.ashfield.gov.uk/bulkywaste