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Cllr Jason Zadrozny, Leader of the Council

Welcome...

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

As you read this magazine we'll be well underway with our preparations for Christmas. Our Christmas festivals are back this year, bigger and better than ever. It'll be great to see residents back in our town centres to enjoy the festivities. Details of our Christmas festivals can be found on page 11.

We have further updates on the Towns Fund and Future High Streets Fund. Back in October we celebrated the opening of Moor Market in Kirkby, home to Moor Café and its fabulous fresh barista coffee. The market is currently holding weekly craft fairs on a Friday and Saturday and will be home to artisan traders bringing a new shopping offer to Kirkby. Other projects are also well under development including the theatre at Sutton Academy and the Council's purchase of derelict properties on Low Street. You can find all the latest on pages 14-17.

Our leisure transformation project has been non stop over the past few months. Fantastic new gyms have been opened at Hucknall and Lammas Leisure Centres. With state of the art equipment there really is something for everyone. The new Kirkby Leisure Centre build is continuing with the slab for the new sports hall in place and the swimming pools being dug out. All the latest on our Leisure Transformation can be found on pages 21-23.

We recently welcomed tenants into the first council houses to be built in a generation. The two, two bedroomed bungalows at The Beeches, Skegby offer accessible living and are the first of many new council homes being built in the District. You'll find full details on pages 24-25.

In October we received the fantastic news that we have been successful in our bid for £550,000 in Safer Streets Funding. The funding will be used on a number of initiatives in the New Cross area of Sutton. Full details can be found on page 7.

Ashfield District Council has also welcomed its new Chief Executive Officer, Theresa Hodgkinson. Theresa has ambitious plans for the Council and you can find out more about them and her on page 26.

I hope you enjoy this issue and don't forget to let me know if you have any comments you'd like to make.

Cllr Jason Zadrozny, Leader Ashfield District Council



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Ashfield Art Trail

As part of the Welcome Back Fund Ashfield District Council has created an art trail of resident's art.

Following on from the success of the Ashfield Virtual Art Fest, organised and produced by local resident Claire Finn in May, the Council has installed hundreds of pieces of art around the town centres for residents and visitors to enjoy.

The artwork includes primary school children's drawings, secondary school photography and art from Sutton Community Academy and Ashfield School, paintings by local artists, and winning photographs from the Discover Ashfield photography competition.

You can find the artwork in various locations throughout our town centres including, Kirkby Plaza, Portland Square, Hucknall High Street, and on railings across the District.

KIRKBY IN ASHFIELD



Cllr Samantha Deakin with the artwork in Sutton town centre

Silverhill Colliery Wheels

In September the Silverhill **Colliery Wheels were lifted** from the Council's Northern Depot and transported to **Forward Protective Coatings** in Shirebrook who will be blasting and then repainting the wheels.

They will then return the wheels to Make consulting to be installed in Silverhill Wood, the location of the former Silverhill and Teversal Collieries, as a tribute to all the people who worked and lost their lives at the site.



Friends of Silverhill, Giles from Make Consulting, Cllr Jason Zadrozny and Cllr Helen-Ann Smith



Clir Daniel Williamson at Idlewells Market Jobs Fair

Idlewells Indoor

Idlewells Indoor Market in Sutton hosted its first ever Jobs Fair in October, with local

employers speaking to visitors as part of

their recruitment drive.

Notts College.

Residents were able to speak to

representatives from Ashfield based

companies including: Amazon, Prolog,

Co-Op, Alliance Healthcare and Vision West

Market Jobs Fair

Council Officer wins Coveted Award at the 2021 Housing Heroes Awards

Matthew Pinning, Principal Housing Officer, won the coveted 'Inspirational Colleague of the Year award' at the 2021 Housing Heroes awards in September.

The annual awards, held by the Chartered Institute of Housing, celebrate the unsung heroes of the housing sector. Matthew was one of 13 shortlisted finalists and went on to win the award due to his inspirational story. Matthew had to change his career path after sustaining a serious injury that required surgery with a 50/50 chance of leaving him unable to walk.



Housing Officer

SUTTON IN ASHFIELD

NEWS ROUND UP

Council successful in securing funding to tackle domestic abuse in Ashfield

Ashfield District Council has secured over £80,000 in funding for domestic abuse education programmes, intervention projects, and to support survivors of domestic abuse.

The first programme which will be funded is the Domestic Abuse Educational Programme. The programme aims to raise awareness of domestic abuse whilst promoting healthy relationships and respect. This will be delivered by Equation the domestic abuse charity, to 600 children in Years 5 and 6 in two hour sessions over a four week period.

Cllr Helen-Ann Smith and Antonio Taylor with ADC and Police colleagues

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Council and Trading Standards find huge haul of counterfeit goods

Over £5000 of counterfeit goods were seized from a property in Sutton by Nottinghamshire Councy Council Trading Standards and Ashfield District Council officers.

> Officers from the Council's Environmental Health (Residential) team, Tradina Standards and Nottinghamshire Police attended a commercial property in Sutton following reports of counterfeit cigarettes being sold.

A small amount of counterfeit goods were found and seized from the shop.

During the visit Trading Standards officers raised concerns regarding potential overcrowding and the safety of the residential flat above the shop. Due to these concerns Environmental Health officers were able to enter the property, which was under the Selective Licensing Scheme, and a large hoard of counterfeit clagrettes was found and seized.

The total value of the seized goods was £5,500 and Trading Standards are investigating and dealing with these offences.



Cllr Samantha Deakin in Sutton Town Centre

Safer Streets Funding Bid Successful

Ashfield District Council has been successful in its bid for £550,000 of funding from the Safer Streets fund.

The bid was submitted along with other partnership agencies that make up the Ashfield Community Safety Partnership. The Council will use the funding to tackle ongoing problems in the New Cross area, as well as the wider area of Sutton.

Proposed projects include new CCTV cameras. improved street lighting, schools programme, investment in number plate recognition and a new community cohesion lead. Gating orders will also be put in place to close off walkways and alleyways that are prone to anti-social behaviour, and safe spaces will be developed for young people to socialise safely within the area.

Kirkby resident fined for paying unauthorised person to dispose of waste

A Kirkby resident has been fined £200 for paying an unregistered waste carrier to remove waste from their home.

The Council's Community Safety Team attended an address on Dawgates Lane, Skegby to investigate an environmental crime scene, following reports from residents.

Officers found a huge fly tip consisting of toys, bags, sawdust and animal waste which was attracting rats and flies. Documentation was found which related to a Kirkby in Ashfield property. Officers interviewed the resident and found that they had paid an unregistered waste carrier, advertised on Facebook, to remove waste from their home. As such the resident failed in their responsibility to use a registered provider.

The resident received a Fixed Penalty Notice for Household Duty of Care, an offence under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, costing £200.

The Community Safety Team are also investigating the waste carrier responsible for fly tipping the rubbish and will be taking appropriate action.



We have decided to restrict access to the strip of land between Bentinck Street and Welbeck Street as it was an anti-social behaviour hotspot. Residents told us about the issues it caused so we have acted to remove the land that is enabling these behaviours.

The PSPO also includes a new Restricted Access Order and additional powers to tackle car cruising on Junction 27.

The land between Bentinck Street and Welbeck Street, Sutton in Ashfield, will be closed to public access under the extended and varied PSPO. The Council consulted residents of both streets and received no objections to the plans. New barriers and signs successful in the past three years at tackling will be installed to make residents aware that the land has no public right of way and that entering the land can result in a Fixed Penalty Notice.

The PSPO also prohibits car cruising on land at Junction 27 of the M1. The Order prohibits driving at excessive speed, aggressive acceleration, stunts such as drifting or wheel spins, the playing of load music, driving in convoy, sounding horns and congregating to spectate.

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Cllr Samantha Deakin, Councillor for Sutton Central & New Cross

The car cruising restriction has proved car cruising and associated behaviours. The Council will continue to review its Orders to ensure additional powers are in place to tackle these types of problems.



Cllr Samantha Deakin at the fenced off land between Welbeck Street and Bentinck Street prior to gates being installed in November

The Council and Police will continue to fight car cruising at Junction 27 of the M1

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Community Protection Officers in Sutton Town Centre

BRITTAIN'S JEW

Ashfield District Council's extended and varied Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) came into force on Friday 1st October 2021 for three years.

The PSPO prohibits behaviours such as street drinking and dog fouling and allows Community Protection Officers to issue Fixed Penalty Notices to anyone who breaches the Order.

The Council undertook a public consultation during July and August to gather the views of residents and partner agencies. 98.4% of residents who answered the survey agreed that people who leave their dog foul behind should be fined, whilst 97% agreed that the Council should be able to confiscate alcohol from street drinkers. 94% agreed that dogs should be banned from entering enclosed children's play areas or sporting areas and that owners should be fined if they don't comply.

In total the survey received 128 responses from residents with all ten of the proposed restrictions receiving at least 87% responses in support.

The Order includes restrictions on:

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- Alcohol consumption in a designated area
- Urinating/defecating within a designated area
- Dog fouling in specified areas
- Failing to produce device or other means of removing dog faeces on demand
- Failing to put dogs on lead by direction
- Walking more than six dogs at a time
- Dog exclusion in specified areas such as enclosed children's play areas and sports areas
- Dogs on leads in specified areas such as town centres
- Failing to comply with a Direction to move on

We will remember them...



Clir Samantha Deakin at Sutton Cemetery



Cllr Jason Zadrozny with the Annesley Poppy Light

Cllr Andrew Harding & Cllr Tom Hollis at Huthwaite war memorial

Following last year's virtual events, this year's Remembrance Sunday events were able to go ahead with Covid safety measures in place.

Parades and Church services took place across the District, and residents were able to safely line the streets to pay their respects. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the Council at the key war memorials in the District. 13 Poppy lights were installed across the District and remained lit until the week after Remembrance Sunday.

War Memorial Restoration

Restoration works continue across the District as part of a five year restoration plan. Working with the War Memorial Trust, restoration works have already been carried out on Sutton and Kingsway memorials. This year Huthwaite, Titchfield Park, Hucknall and Jacksdale war memorials were cleaned in time for Remembrance day.

In recent years the Council has spent over £20,000 on repairs and restoration of the memorials including specialist cleaning.



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Market Place

Wednesday 1st December

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Outdoor Cinema Events





The Council brought Hollywood to Ashfield with four free outdoor cinema screenings in September.

The popular events returned following the success of the first outdoor cinemas in 2019, with the addition of the District's first ever evening shows. This year the screenings took place across the first two weekends in September in Kirkby, Hucknall, Selston and Sutton. Each location showed two blockbuster films as voted for by residents; a family friendly film including Tom & Jerry and Raya & the Last Dragon from 2.30pm and evening showings including **Rocketman and Grease from** 6.30pm.



Here We Go Again!

Over 4,000 people attended Hucknall Food and Drink Festival in August!

Hucknall Food Drink Festival

Freshly made hot food lined the High **Street including authentic Neapolitan** pizzas from B'Reyt Dough, Turkish street food from Istanbul Grill, and luxury crepes from Rupert Mole. Homemade gooey brownies and sourdough donuts were on offer from Taartie, alongside stuffed cookie cups from Outlaw Cookie Club. There was also plenty to choose from for cider and ale lovers, with a variety of breweries exhibiting including Hucknall's own Torkard Cider and Lincoln Green Brewery.





Cllr John Wilmott and Cllr Jim Blagden with Anthony Hughes of Lincoln Green Brewing Company



Brockleby's Pies

Towns Fund

Work is progressing on the town investment programme following confirmation of over £70m of government funding to transform Kirkby and Sutton. We are also working up plans for a future funding bid for Hucknall, as part of the Council's plans to revitalise all three town centres in the District.

Moor Market, Kirkby in Ashfield's new indoor market on Lowmoor Road, welcomed residents through its doors for the first time on Saturday 16th October.

The new indoor market, named Moor Market after its location on the pedestrianised area of Low Moor Road, is located in three former vacant retail units.

The market will offer an open plan indoor trading area for seven market stalls and a new café.

To celebrate the opening, the Moor Market Café ran two offers throughout the day to tempt, including free americano coffee and free cake with any coffee purchased. The café brings fresh barista coffee to Kirkby and is run by established Café owner Krzysztof Urbaniak of the Bike Café at Idlewells Indoor Market.

Visitors had the chance to shop at the first pop up Artisan Craft & Gift Market, featuring local crafters, bakers and makers. Since the opening, the craft market has welcomed traders including handmade jewellery, papercrafts, embroidery gifts, unique children's clothing, artwork and baked goods every Friday and Saturday from 9am - 5pm. This is the first of many projects to be delivered as part of the government's £62.6m Towns Fund investment in Ashfield. Moor Market will bring a new diverse offer to Kirkby and marks the start of the town centre regeneration.

If you have a business that could be a part of the new Kirkby indoor market please contact us at: **markets@ashfield.gov.uk** or give us a call **on 01623 551385.**

This is the first of many projects to be delivered as part of the Towns Fund investment that Ashfield District Council secured from the government. Moor Market will bring a new diverse offer and more choice to shoppers in Kirkby and marks the start of the town centre regeneration. Cllr Matthew

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Artist's Impression of Moor Market on Lowmoor Road

Do you have a business that could be a part of the new Kirkby indoor market?

Then why not join us in our tailor made indoor retail space? Stalls available from only **£12 per day.**



Contact markets@ashfield.gov.uk or call 01623 551385 for more information and an application form





Trevor Middleton, Town Centre and Markets Manager



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Regenerating Sutton Tol

Cllr Matthew Relf and Cllr Jason Zadrozny at Low Street where derelict buildings will be regenerated

The transformation of the high street is progressing following the purchase of the former **Yorkshire Bank building and** 9-11 Low Street. Design work is underway to repurpose the buildings into mixed uses including residential on the upper floors and a retail / commercial offer on the ground floor. The construction work to the properties will commence next Spring.

Sutton Academy Theatre:

Theatre consultants have been appointed who are supporting the project scoping, design, and delivery stages. A design competition later in the year will provide an opportunity for theatre architects to create exciting ideas for the new-look theatre which will be open to the public for theatre, cinema and live music events.



Academy's new theatre

Work will open up the River Idle and create better pedestrian access at Fox Street

Work is underway to review the street furniture in the town centre and a new style has been selected to improve the look and feel of the area which will complement wider plans to refurbish Portland Square in 2022.

Plans to redevelop the vacant Fox Street site between Lloyds Bank and ASDA are underway and the site has been cleared for construction work which is scheduled to start in 2022. Initial concept designs have been produced which will see the site developed into a flexible car park / pop up market and events space with the aim of providing a more direct pedestrian route into Portland Square and the wider town centre.



Paul Crawford, Cllr Samantha Deakin, Cllr Tom Hollis and Cllr Jason Zadrozny with ADC Environment staff at the new Maker Space building



Maker Space comes to High Pavement:

Work has started on a Maker Space centre following the Council's purchase of 70-78 High Pavement in September. A design team is developing plans to remodel parts of the building to accommodate the new Maker Space and light manufacturing units as well as high quality office space in a town centre location.

> The Maker Space will create a place to meet people, learn, socialise, and collaborate on projects. A place to work on your own projects and bring concepts to reality. If you're interested in supporting the Maker Space project, please get in touch via place@ashfield.gov.uk





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TITCHFIELD PARK

Works to extend the play area next to the café have been completed and the new facility was opened

in time for October half-term. The design incorporates inclusive and accessible items and additional play opportunities for toddlers and young children, including a sand and water play area with fixed equipment and space for buckets and spades.

RURALS

SELSTON COUNTRY PARK:

The masterplan for Selston Country Park has been finalised following public consultation in September. Costings of the improvements have been completed and funding options for the phased improvements are being explored.

The masterplan will transform Selston Country Park into a destination park, cafe and bring



Cllr Andy Gascoyne, Cllr Arnie Hankin and Cllr David Martin at Selston Country Park

improvements to the play provision providing something for everyone. Plans are in place to reopen the park's on-site cafe and bring improvements to the play provision.



KIRKBY IN ASHFIELD

NUNCARGATE **RECREATION GROUND**

A new entrance gate has been installed to the recreation ground and the existing stone footpaths have been upgraded to a tarmac surface. This follows an investment of over £100,000 to

replace the existing play area and install new units on the surrounding grass areas.



Cllr Jamie Bell at Nuncargate Recreation Ground



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SUTTON CEMETERY:

Six benches have been installed at the war memorial end of Sutton Cemetery, two of which are 'Tommy' memorial benches. The additional seating will assist people visiting the cemetery throughout the year including on Remembrance Day.



Cllr John Smallridge at Sutton Cemetery

SUDBURY DRIVE:

The Council is to adopt Sudbury Drive play area in Huthwaite and will receive funding from the housing developer to upgrade the equipment.

Development work will commence in the autumn with works on site due to be implemented during spring next year.



Cllr Tom Hollis at Huthwaite Welfare Park

HUTHWAITE WELFARE PARK:

Following the consultation earlier in the year, a masterplan has been prepared showcasing the planned work and future phases of improvements at the park. A first phase of work will include creating a new play space, landscaping, and access improvements. The new play equipment has been selected and a contractor has been appointed to construct the new play area later this year.



Cllr Tom Hollis at Sudbury Drive play area in Huthwaite

Kirkby Leisure Centre will be something to behold



Kirkby in Ashfield's new leisure centre is growing into a key landmark on the horizon of the town.

Located between Lindleys Lane and the current Festival Hall Leisure Centre, Kier started work on the site in December 2020. Following extensive groundworks, the first steel girder was installed six months later. The steelwork was ceremoniously signed by special guests including local Paralympic champion Ollie Hynd MBE.

Hynd has been an advocate for the project since plans were first put forward and is especially excited about the swimming facilities coming to his hometown.

Since then, the rest of the steelwork was completed in July and work began on the building's flooring, stairways and roof. The slab for the surface of the four-court sports hall was laid in August and work has now started on digging out the swimming pools.

With quality pools available in Hucknall and Sutton, it's brilliant that we're now going to have excellent swimming facilities available for everyone in my hometown of Kirkby. Even if it's not swimming, the plans provide an activity for everyone so this really will be a hub for all the community. I'm very proud of what I have achieved in my sport and I'm sure having a leisure centre like this will bring through the next generation of world champion athletes from Ashfield.

Paralympic champion Ollie Hynd MBE Theresa Hodgkinson, Lorenzo Clark, Tommy Fairweather, Andrea Stone and Cllr Jason Zadrozny at Lammas Leisure Centre's new gym

New gym opens at Lammas Leisure Centre

Lammas Leisure Centre in Sutton has opened the doors on its brand new fitness suite.

Ashfield District Council, in partnership with Everyone Active, has invested almost £2million to transform the centre this year, now boasting a state-of-the-art fitness suite that can rival any other in the region.

The new gym was formally opened by Leader of the Council Cllr Jason Zadrozny. He was joined by Theresa Hodgkinson, Chief Executive of the Council and Lorenzo Clark, Everyone Active Contract Manager.

Capacity of the suite has increased by 59%, with 146 stations compared to the previous 92. New facilities include a large free weight area, functional rig and 15 metre track and sled, as well as all new cardio equipment.

Work has also started on the centre's new TAGactive and soft play area, which will be opened in December.



Hucknall Leisure Centre transformation continues

The new main studio is popular with Everyone Active members

Work has been completed on refurbishing three studios at Hucknall Leisure Centre and have already been well received by the public.

The centre has opened a brand-new earth studio, a virtual studio which is focused on holistic activities such as pilates, yoga and barre and is the first of its type within **Everyone Active centres.**

The indoor cycling studio and main studio are both instructor-led and virtual, with the latter hosting a variety of group exercise classes such as body pump and zumba.

Work has also started on a 12-week wet changing rooms refurbishment.

The changing rooms will be converted into a changing village with different-sized areas to accommodate different users, such as single and family-sized cubicles. Temporary changing rooms have been erected so that swimming provision is not disrupted.



New indoor cycling studio at Hucknall



of new Council homes to Ashfield continues Work to bring dozens

Cllr Helen-Ann Smith, Deputy Leader; Paul Parkinson, Deputy CEO and Director for Housing; and Cllr Tom Hollis, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Council and Social Housing at The Beeches

The first of dozens of new council homes for Ashfield have been built in Skegby.

Two new bungalows have been added to Ashfield District Council's housing stock following their completion this week.

Located on The Beeches in Skegby, the two-bedroom properties have been designed to be wheelchair-friendly and will be occupied by residents on the Council's waiting list.



Interior of the new bungalows at The Beeches

These homes are the first of their kind to come to Ashfield in a generation, so I'm delighted that we've been able to deliver

"The projects we have underway in Ashfield are just what we needed to start tackling our lengthy waiting list for council homes. Not only does it mean we will be able to house residents who need them, our developments are all based on either derelict or severely underused sites.

"Bungalows are an important part of our housing portfolio as it allows us to provide an independent living space for tenants who may otherwise end up in assisted accommodation. Occupying bungalows can also mean that larger homes are freed up for families we have on our waiting list.

Cllr Tom Hollis, **Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member** for Council and **Social Housing**

In Sutton, The Poplars has also seen the completion of a pair of two-bed bungalows and Davies Avenue will welcome 22 new properties in Spring 2022.

Fifteen properties are under construction across four derelict garage sites in Hucknall. Located at Chatsworth Drive, Barbara Square, Hawthorne Avenue and Chestnut Grove, the developments are also due to start welcoming tenants in the Spring.

The Council is planning a further 20 properties in Sutton, before work begins on plans for new council homes across Kirkby.





Cllr Jason Zadrozny and Cllr Matthew Relf at Froghopper Lane off Davies Avenue, Sutton

Meet the Council's first ever permanent female CEO:

Theresa Hodgkinson

Theresa Hodakinson is welcomed into her new role as **ADC Chief Executive Officer.**

Theresa replaces Carol Cooper-Smith who left the Council after six years.

Having worked for Ashfield District Council for 15 years, Theresa has a wealth of experience having most recently been Director for Place & Communities. She came to Ashfield in 2006 as the Assistant Director, Place and Wellbeing after starting her career at Newark and Sherwood District Council, Mansfield District Council and later Bassetlaw District Council.

Theresa has overseen the delivery of the Towns Fund and Future Streets Funding of £70m, Leisure Transformation including the new Kirkby Leisure Centre, £1.5m invested in our parks and green spaces, and the introduction of the Environmental Enforcement Team all coming under her leadership.

Theresa started her career 35 years ago as a lifeguard and from there has gone on to build a successful career in local aovernment. She has a track record of building successful, high performing teams and puts people at the heart of everything she does.

Theresa lives in Mansfield with her husband and two sons.

"I am delighted to have been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of ADC. This is the pinnacle of a long and successful career in local government, and I am excited to build on our success, along with the many opportunities, challenges and rewards that the role will bring. I am proud of Ashfield's rebellious instinct and coupled with an obsession to always do better for Ashfield's residents, I am committed to making Ashfield a great place to live, work and visit.

> Theresa Hodgkinson **ADC Chief Executive Officer**



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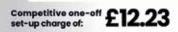


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