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Cllr Jason Zadrozny, Leader of the Council

Welcome...

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

I am ecstatic to say that the day we have all been waiting for has finally arrived; **Kirkby Leisure Centre is here, and open!** In this issue we take the opportunity to look back at the build of Kirkby Leisure Centre and all the milestones. **We have a fantastic Celebration Weekend planned for September so we can officially open the centre with a bunch of special sporting guests.** The new leisure centre is a real jewel in our crown and tops off our ambitious leisure transformation programme. **The leisure transformation doesn't stop here though as the work continues on the second swimming pool at Hucknall.** You'll find all the details on pages 14-19.

Earlier this year we completed the successful roll out of projects to improve and enhance safety in the New Cross area of Sutton with the **£550,000 of Safer Streets Funding.** Following the back of this we received more good news that we were successful in our latest bid for **£750,000 to support Kirkby.** This is another example of the stellar job that our officers are doing to secure investment in Ashfield. Full details of the Safer Streets Fund can be found on pages 8-9.

We have a town centre investment update on pages 10-13 which outlines some of the exciting projects which will transform **Kirkby and Sutton using the £70million of funding which we secured from the government.** We also have the outline of our recent **£11million Levelling Up Fund bid for Hucknall** which will completely reinvigorate Hucknall town centre.

We have made incredible progress with our plan to build **new Council homes across the District,** with more homes being completed in Sutton at Stoney Street and the brand new Frogghopper Lane. You can find out more on page 25.

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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Council welcomes new Chairman



New Chairman, Cllr David Walters, Outgoing Chairman Cllr Arnie Hankin, and new Vice Chairman, Cllr Dale Grounds

Outgoing Chairman, Cllr Arnie Hankin, welcomed Cllr David Walters as the new Chairman of Ashfield District Council, and Cllr Dale Grounds as the new Vice Chairman at the Annual General Meeting in May.

During his time in office, Cllr Hankin raised over £4000 for his chosen charities, British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research UK.

Cllr Walters, a champion of the armed forces, as a former member of the Royal Airforce and NATO peacekeeper, and animal lover has chosen the Dogs Trust and the Cats Protection as his named charities and will be fundraising for them during his time as Chairman.

Local Supplier Portal

Scan the QR code below to sign up or visit www.ashfield.gov.uk/local-business-suppliers-directory/

As part of the Council's commitment to championing independent businesses, the Local Supplier Portal was launched in April. The portal allows businesses in Ashfield to enter their details which can then be accessed by Council staff when procuring for goods and services up to £5000.

Any business based in Ashfield, pays business rates and is VAT registered can be included in the Local Supplier Portal. Registering your details is a quick and easy way to ensure the Council can consider your business when procuring.



School Wormeries

Ten Ashfield primary schools received free wormery kits from Ashfield District Council as part of the Big Ashfield Spring Clean to help the schools with their food waste.

Cllr Jason Zadrozny, Leader of the Council, Cllr Christian Chapman, and Cllr Samantha Deakin, Executive Lead Member for Parks and Neighbourhood Services, visited Jacksdale Primary School to deliver their brand new wormery kit. Cllr Zadrozny and Cllr Deakin were joined by other councillors to drop the wormery kits to Mapplewells and Abbeyhill Primary School. All the wormery kits were supplied by The Urban Worm.

JACKSDALE



Cllr Jason Zadrozny, Cllr Christian Chapman, and Cllr Samantha Deakin, with pupils and staff from Jacksdale Primary School

Jubilee Beacon Lighting

The beacon was lit at St. Wilfred's Church, Kirkby, as part of the national beacon lightings to honour The Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 2nd June.

The event was hosted by The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, The Commandery of King Offa. The beacon was officially lit by the Chairman of Ashfield District Council, Cllr David Walters, and Commander of King Offa, Chevalier Mario Rizzardi.

KIRKBY IN ASHFIELD



Vice Chairman of Ashfield District Council, Cllr Dale Grounds, Chairman of Ashfield District Council, Cllr David Walters, Chevalier Mario Rizzardi, Reverend Kevin Charles, Leader of Ashfield District Council, and Cllr Jason Zadrozny at the beacon lighting

Council cracks down on fly tippers

ASHFIELD DISTRICT

A Sutton resident and a resident of Mansfield have both been fined £400 each for two separate fly tips in Ashfield.

Ashfield District Council's Community Protection Officers (CPO) attended local beauty spot, Skegby Bottoms, after receiving multiple reports of fly tipping. Officers found bags of household waste dumped, and subsequently tracked down the responsible individual. The Sutton resident was issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) and a £400 fine.



During the same week, the Council's Community Safety Team were called to a report of a fly tipped caravan in Thieves Wood. CPOs managed to trace the owner of the caravan who lived in Mansfield.

The owner was formally interviewed and admitted that they were responsible for the fly tip. The Mansfield resident was issued with an FPN, a £400 fine and required to safely dispose of the caravan.

In the last 12 months Ashfield District Council's Community Safety Team have issued:

373

Community Protection Warnings

109

Public Spaces Protection Order breaches

55

Tenancy Warnings

91

fines for fly tipping offences

144

safeguarding referrals completed

8

cases taken to court resulting in convictions

68

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act Notices

22

Community Protection Notices served to residents who have failed to clear their waste



ASHFIELD DISTRICT

Partnership events

Ashfield District Council teamed up with Nottinghamshire Police and Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service to host two community engagement events in Sutton and Stanton Hill.

Families had a chance to engage with the Police, Fire Service and Council services and children enjoyed looking around the emergency service vehicles



Cllr David Hennigan, Cllr Samantha Deakin, and Antonio Taylor, Community Safety Manager, with members of the public

During National Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness week, Council officers and Nottinghamshire Police teamed up to host a series of drop in sessions throughout the District. They hosted the surgeries on Hucknall High Street, Selston Country Park, and Portland Square, Sutton. Officers gained valuable insight into the issues around antisocial and nuisance behaviour that residents were facing.



One of the sessions held on Hucknall High Street

HUCKNALL

New CCTV for Titchfield Park, Hucknall

Two state of the art, ultra high definition CCTV cameras with night vision, have been installed on Titchfield Park, Hucknall.

Ashfield District Council and the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner worked together to secure over £40,000 to fund the new cameras for Hucknall and Kirkby. The two new CCTV cameras will oversee the park and act as a deterrent to anyone committing anti-social and criminal behaviour, and increase feelings of safety for residents whilst visiting Titchfield Park. The rest of the money will be spent on upgrading 10 CCTV cameras in key locations throughout the District.

Cllr Lee Waters, with officers from VIA and Antonio Taylor, Community Safety Manager on Titchfield Park, Hucknall



Cllr Lee Waters on Titchfield Park, Hucknall whilst the new CCTV cameras are installed

SAFERSTREETS

In October 2021, Ashfield District Council was successful in a bid for £550,000 of funding from the Safer Streets fund. The funding was used to tackle violence against women and girls, and anti-social behaviour in the New Cross area, as well as the wider area of Sutton.

The funding allowed the Council to roll out several projects including:

- **Enhanced street lighting** on Sutton Lawn, and Sutton town centre
- **A pioneering safety app** that helps to protect women and girls in Sutton
- **World first refuge cameras** installed on Portland Square, Outram Street, and Old Market Place. The state-of-the-art cameras provide **live CCTV** and a safety alert button with instant access to the police control room
- **Over 40 businesses** along Outram Street signed up to the Safe Space initiative to provide a safe haven for anyone experiencing anti-social or criminal behaviour. **The businesses also received high definition CCTV cameras fitted to their premises.**
- **Regular checks** of lighting and CCTV camera coverage at bus stops in Sutton
- An alleyway between Priestsic Road and Outram Street was **cleared of overgrown trees and shrubs**
- The alleyway between Welbeck Street and Bentinck Street was **gated off to disrupt anti-social behaviour.**



Cllr Samantha Deakin with a Community Protection Officer in the New Cross area of Sutton which received safety enhancements from the Safer Streets Fund



Cllr Helen-Ann Smith, at the Refuge Camera on Portland Square, Sutton

£750,000 secured to support Kirkby

It was announced in July that Ashfield District Council and partners, were successful in their bid for £750,000 to the round four Safer Streets Fund with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner in May.

A large proportion of the £750,000 funding will be used to tackle violence against women and girls, anti-social behaviour, residential burglary, and vehicle crime on the Coxmoor Estate, and the wider Kirkby area.



Cllr Andy Meakin, Cllr Helen-Ann Smith, and a Council Community Protection Officer on Morven Park, Kirkby

The new projects will be implemented over an 18 month period and focus on three key areas:



Cllr Jason Zadrozny thanking Antonio Taylor, Community Safety Manager, for his hard work on the winning bid

Prevention

Environmental improvements, enhanced **street lighting**, deployable CCTV cameras, **Automatic Number Plate Recognition**, **gating off sites of anti-social behaviour**, vulnerable adult support scheme, and a **safe point camera**



Education

Educational sessions in schools, youth **diversionary activities**, domestic abuse and healthy relationship **workshops**, and crime **prevention interventions**

Officers are currently drawing up the detailed plans on which initiatives the funding will be used for.

Enforcement

Environmental crime operations, dedicated **anti-social behaviour** operations, **perpetrator management**, and **targeted Hi-Vis patrols**



GETTING TOUGH ON CRIME

Town Centre Invest

Work continues to progress on the Town Investment Programme following confirmation of over £70m of government funding to transform Kirkby and Sutton.

Plans have also been submitted for a funding bid for Hucknall, as part of Ashfield District Council's plans to revitalise the three town centres in the District.

Three Towns Fund projects have now been approved and work can now begin on:

Enterprising Ashfield:

A comprehensive Start-up to Scale-up business support programme, delivered by Nottingham Trent University. The programme will provide support for skills, graduate talent and new enterprises, deliver growth, and increase productivity for existing businesses. Nottingham Trent University have also been offering free, professional, short courses for residents of Sutton and Kirkby to improve local skills.

Kings Mill Reservoir Leisure Building:

The project has been approved and will now progress to the detailed design and planning stage. The building will accommodate new changing facilities, and storage for water sports activities at the site. This will sit alongside a new space for a commercial operator to develop a restaurant offer on the first floor. The project forms part of the Towns Fund investment to boost visitor attractions in the District and to provide more opportunities for residents.



Artist's Impression of High Pavement House in Sutton

Visitor Digital:

A team has now been appointed to develop the new Discover Ashfield website and Augmented Reality (AR) experience app. The app and website will tell the unique stories of the area; showcasing it as an attractive place to live, visit, study, work and do business. The new website and app will launch in Spring 2023.



'A huge amount of development work continues in the background shaping the planned Towns Fund and Future High Street Fund investment in Ashfield. It's fantastic to see the projects progressing through the approvals stages with designs and opportunities now becoming available to share with everyone'

Cllr Matthew Relf
– Executive Lead Member
for Regeneration, and
Corporate Transformation



Sutton Town Centre

The transformation of Sutton town centre is picking up pace, new street furniture is expected to be installed on Low Street this autumn. The improvements include removing old seating and bollards and introducing new street furniture to increase the seating areas and create an attractive and modern look to the town centre. The new look for Low Street will complement the wider planned improvements to Portland Square.

Sutton Academy Theatre: The new design plans for the Theatre venue at Sutton Community Academy are currently being drawn up. The project will create a local arts and cultural venue which can host theatre productions as well as cinema and live music events.

High Pavement building to High Pavement House: Improvement works have started to the old DWP building on High Pavement which will significantly improve its energy efficiency contributing to the Council's net zero target. Part of the building will be home to the new Maker Space;

a space for hobbyists and start-up businesses with access to equipment for members to develop, create, invent, and build. The first floor will create a business hub with small lettable units for new and existing businesses in the creative industries, with communal kitchen facilities, meeting space, and breakout areas.

If you're interested in getting involved in the Maker Space project, we are keen to hear from you, please get in touch via maker.space@ashfield.gov.uk

If you're interested in the business units on the first floor, please contact: commercialproperty@ashfield.gov.uk

Low Street: Work has started on the renovation of the derelict Yorkshire Bank on Low Street in Sutton. The building is being transformed to house two new retail units on the ground floor, and new residential apartments on the first floor. The renovation of the former bank will get rid of a grot spot in the town centre and create good quality homes. The building will meet modern energy efficiency standards to ensure lower bills for tenants whilst contributing to our net zero ambition. All enquiries for the commercial units should email: commercialproperty@ashfield.gov.uk

Artist's impression of the new street furniture on Low Street



Plans for Portland Square

Unveiled

The exciting regeneration plans for Portland Square in Sutton were revealed in July and represent Ashfield District Council's aim to create a vibrant, thriving town centre.

We recently asked for residents' opinions on the designs and the vast majority agreed that the plans looked like a positive change for Portland Square.

The proposal is to create an attractive and contemporary public space. The designs include two large raised planted areas with built-in seating designed around a large central space, which will be the focal point for social activities and events. The raised areas will be planted with semi-mature trees, grass, and flowers, to create a new urban garden in the town centre.

The design will also provide increased pavement space outside the shops, to allow hospitality businesses to install outdoor furniture and make the most of the outdoor trading spaces.

The Council is also redeveloping the brownfield site at Fox Street as part of the Future High Streets Fund Programme. The existing derelict site will be converted into a flexible outdoor space, capable of hosting markets, events, as well as providing additional parking for cars and bicycles when events are not taking place. The improvements will create a direct pedestrian friendly route from ASDA car park to Portland Square and the southern end of the town centre.



Artist impression of the new look Portland Square in Sutton



Cllr Matthew Relf, Cllr Helen-Ann Smith, and Cllr Jason Zadrozny, discuss the plans for Portland Square with Caterina, Place and Projects Officer at Ashfield District Council



Artist impression of the renovated Fox Street and Portland Square including the pedestrian link between the sites

Hucknall's Levelling Up *Fund Bid*

Ashfield District Council has submitted an ambitious £11 million bid to the governments' Levelling Up Fund to fulfil the Council's vision of creating a vibrant, thriving town centre. The bid is made up of three main projects:

Skills and Economic Regeneration

- Supporting the Council's Education and Skills Strategy which sets out our intentions to ensure Ashfield has a skilled, future-proof workforce
- Opportunities for shopfront improvement grants to help businesses to improve the exterior of their premises, and start up grants to enable new businesses to flourish
- Exploring ways to expand Hucknall's successful outdoor markets

Access to Hucknall Town Centre

- Enhancements to signs, along with the creation of a digital app, to improve access to the town centre for pedestrians and cyclists. This will assist and encourage residents and visitors to travel around Hucknall using more sustainable, healthier methods
- Improved comfort and welcome facilities at the train/tram station
- The Levelling Up Fund bid complements the Council's Towns Fund projects currently underway in Sutton and Kirkby



Artist impression of Hucknall High Street

Cultural and Heritage Gateway

- Celebrating Hucknall's heritage by creating a new visitor experience at St Mary Magdalene Church focusing on Hucknall's most famous residents from the past
- Improvement of the streets, roads, and public space around the Byron Cinema to create a welcoming gateway into Hucknall town centre
- A new 3G sports pitch for residents



Byron Cinema in Hucknall, one of the areas featured in the Levelling Up bid

£22.5m Leisure Transformation

Ashfield District Council's leisure centres have recently received a huge £22.5million investment over the past 18 months. Hucknall Leisure Centre, Lammas Leisure Centre, and the latest addition to Ashfield's leisure provision, Kirkby Leisure Centre, are now up to date centres with modern, state-of-the-art equipment and facilities.

KIRKBY LEISURE CENTRE

The brand new Kirkby Leisure Centre opened its doors to the public for the first time in August. The new £15.5m leisure centre features an 85 station gym, four-court sports hall, indoor cycling studio, climbing wall, wellbeing studio, 25m swimming pool, steam room and sauna, splash pad, sensory room, and a soft play area.

Here we look back at the journey of the leisure centre from initial concept to fully functioning facility!



Cllr Jason Zadrozny, Cllr Daniel Williamson, Cllr Andy Meakin, and Cllr Tom Hollis with the initial plans for the leisure centre

September 2019

Public consultation began – residents were asked what they would like to see in the new leisure centre

March 2020

Following a successful consultation period, tweaks were made to the plans for the centre and the planning application was submitted

June 2020

Planning permission was granted

December 2020

Kier started the groundwork on the site behind the old Festival Hall Leisure Centre

Cllr Jason Zadrozny, Cllr Andy Meakin, Theresa Hodgkinson, Chief Executive of ADC, and Kier staff on site



June 2021

The first steel girder was installed and ceremoniously signed by special guests including local Paralympic champion, Ollie Hynd MBE

Cllr Rachel Madden, Executive Lead Member for Leisure, Health and Wellbeing, signs the steelwork



July 2021

All steelwork was completed and work began on the flooring, stairways and roof

December 2021

The concrete foundations for the 25m swimming pool, and splash pad, were laid, and all internal partitions and walls were erected

September 2021

The slab for the surface of the four-court sports hall was laid, and work began to dig out Kirkby's first swimming pool



Cllr Rachel Madden, Cllr Arnie Hankin, Cllr Jason Zadrozny, and Theresa Hodgkinson on the roof



The concrete foundations of the swimming pool

May 2022

The climbing wall and splash pad were installed. The Fun Climb wall, the only one in Nottinghamshire outside of Nottingham city centre, stretches the full height of the leisure centre and provides a unique climbing experience. Climbers are clipped into the wall with a harness and then able to tackle the different climbing zones. The climbing wall is suitable for both adults and children

Theresa Hodgkinson and Cllr Jason Zadrozny with the climbing wall



February 2022

The swimming pool was filled with 600,000 litres of water for the first time, to test for water tightness



Cllr Jason Zadrozny at the swimming pool

July 2022

The swimming pool and splash pad were filled with water, the gym equipment was installed, and the keys were officially handed over



August 2022

**Kirkby Leisure Centre
welcomes the first ever visitors!**

Lammas Leisure Centre

Ashfield District Council, in partnership with Everyone Active, has invested £2million to transform Lammas Leisure Centre, which now has a state-of-the-art fitness suite that can rival any other in the region.

The new gym has increased the capacity 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.

Lorenzo Clark, Contracts Manager Everyone Active and Cllr Kier Barsby in the old Lammas gym



Cllr Jason Zadrozny and Cllr Rachel Madden with Everyone Active staff during the gym refurbishment



Theresa Hodgkinson, Lorenzo Clark, Tommy Fairweather, Andrea Stone, and Cllr Jason Zadrozny at the new Lammas gym



Lorenzo Clark, and Cllr Jason Zadrozny on the refurbished ice rink

The ice rink was also refurbished and reopened in January 2022. The exciting developments include new flooring, a new ice refrigeration plant, new seating and a new serving hatch which allows access to the café.

A new group cycling studio, the refurbishment of the café and reception, and the world class fitness suite complete the £2million improvements to Lammas Leisure Centre.

 @eaLammas

TAGactive®

In January 2022, Lammas launched its innovative TAGactive Arena alongside a new soft play area for juniors and toddlers. TAGactive is a high intensity obstacle course for all ages that challenges participants to compete against themselves or their friends by tapping the various tag points throughout the arena.



Lorenzo Clark, Contracts Manager Everyone Active, with Cllr Jason Zadrozny at the TAGactive arena

Hucknall Leisure Centre

Hucknall Leisure Centre has received over £4.5million of investment over the past year to completely transform the centre. The impressive upgrades include a brand new reception area with seating, and redecoration and refurbishment of the squash courts and sports hall floor

Cllr Lee Waters and Cllr Dave Shaw in the old gym



Lorenzo Clark, Cllr Lee Waters, Cllr John Wilmott, Cllr Dave Shaw in the new reception area



The relocation of the gym has seen it extend to 120 stations. The former gym area has been developed into two trailblazing studios and a health hub.

The brand-new earth studio, a virtual studio which is focused on holistic activities such as Pilates, yoga, and barre, 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.

 @eaHucknall



The new fitness suite at Hucknall Leisure Centre

Good progress is being made at the Hucknall Leisure Centre swimming pool following the news in December 2021 that the £2.7million teaching pool was given the green light by Ashfield District Council's Planning department.

Swimmers are now able to take advantage of the brand new wetside changing village which features different-sized areas to accommodate multiple users, such as single and family-sized cubicles.

Lorenzo Clark, and Cllr Jason Zadrozny in the new changing village



KIRKBY LEISURE CENTRE

Grand Opening

Celebration Weekend

We are inviting residents to attend the Grand Opening Celebration Weekend at Kirkby Leisure Centre on 17th and 18th September!

We will be joined by several celebrity guests to officially open the new centre, including:

Ollie Hynd MBE

Paralympic gold medal winning swimmer

Colin Jackson
Olympic gold medal winner

Strictly Come Dancing's
Ola Jordan

Ross Davenport
Commonwealth gold medalist swimmer

Ben Nuttall
football freestyler

On Saturday 17th, residents will be able to take part in free bookable sessions throughout the leisure centre

On Sunday 18th, the sports hall will be transformed into a cinema for a free screening of a family favourite film

Love your local Leisure Centre

Competition

We are inviting residents of all ages to tell us what they love about Ashfield District Council's three leisure centres.



WIN

We'd love to receive

poems | drawings | short stories | or images

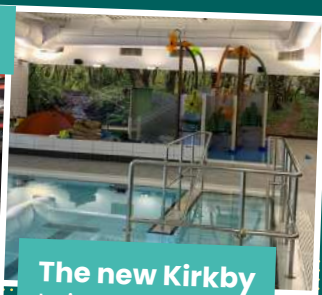
of why you love your local leisure centre.

The three leisure centres included in this competition are:



Lammas Leisure Centre

Hucknall Leisure Centre



The new Kirkby
Leisure Centre

There are three age categories: 11 years and under, 12 – 17 years old, and 18 years and above.

There will be four winners from each category, and the winners will receive a £50 voucher to use at our leisure centres!



Open to entries from Saturday 17th September. Entries must be submitted by midnight on Sunday 30th October 2022

Submit your entries on our website
www.ashfield.gov.uk/leisure-centre-competition

Titchfield Park, Hucknall

CENTENARY

CELEBRATIONS

Hundreds of visitors flocked to Titchfield Park, Hucknall, to celebrate the park's 100th Birthday, in June.

Visitors to the park were treated to a variety of live music from local musician, Ollie Hayes, Hucknall choir, Torkard Ensemble, and two local bands, the Jury Dogs and The Spitfires who played songs from the past five decades.

Business and food stalls lined the oval on the park offering everything from freshly cooked Jamaican food, and brownies, to handmade gifts, and a display of archaeological finds from the park. Feel Good Families were on hand to entertain the younger visitors with a range of activities including rock painting, free face painting, bubbles, garden games, and mask designing sessions.



Cllr John Wilmott, Cllr Jim Blagden, and Cllr Lee Waters at the Titchfield Park Centenary Celebration



Selston Country Park Outdoor Cinema

Hundreds of movie lovers enjoyed two films on Selston Country Park in July at the first of our FREE Outdoor Cinema events!

Visitors were able to watch family favourite The Lion King at 2pm, and a later screening of Mamma Mia at 5pm. Residents were able to choose which films they wanted to see at the event by voting for their favourites from a list of films on the Council's Facebook page.



Crowds enjoying the films on Selston Country Park

Ashfield's thriving markets

We have five fantastic markets in Ashfield; an outdoor market in Hucknall, Sutton and Kirkby, and two indoor markets, Idlewells in Sutton, and Moor Market in Kirkby.

Idlewells Indoor Market in Sutton has gone from strength to strength following the refurbishment in 2018. The popular market, which is open Monday – Saturday, now has an incredible 98% occupancy rate. Several new traders have joined the market including Love in a Mist accessories, and Milly's Footwear.



Cllr Samantha Deakin, Lauri, and Cllr Jason Zadrozny, in Idlewells Indoor Market

Milly's Footwear is a family business, started by Lauri and her partner, named after their daughter, Milly. They sell a wide range of quality branded footwear, including Gortex, for men, women and children at affordable prices.

Sarah, who runs Love In The Mist Accessories sells handmade hairbands, jewellery, and trinkets, joined Idlewells Indoor Market last year and has enjoyed a successful start to her market stall.



Rob with Cllr Jason Zadrozny at Sweets and Treats in Idlewells Indoor Market, Sutton

According to Totally Locally, **if every adult in Ashfield spent £5 a week in their local shops and businesses,** it would be worth an extra **£26.2million** per year going back into the local economy!

Sweets and Treats, run by Rob and Haylea, have revived a former family business selling a wide selection of big name sweets, chocolates, crisps and cakes. They have expanded their business after opening their first stall in Moor Market, Kirkby, and have now opened a second stall in Idlewells.



Cllr Jason Zadrozny and Cllr Warren Nuttall in Moor Market, Kirkby

Parks & Places UPDATE

ASHFIELD WIDE

Ashfield District Council is preparing for the next tree planting season which will start in November 2022, preparation includes applying for funding opportunities such as the Urban Tree Planting Fund 2022, alongside assessing sites for their suitability for planting new trees.

Building on the Council's significant investment in our parks and open spaces over the past two years, we are now looking ahead to the next five years, in total there are over 25 projects being developed. Some of the larger projects that we will focus on include: Albert Street Recreation Ground in Hucknall, Footpath and access improvements in Kirkby, and Hill Crescent Recreation Ground in Sutton.



Cllr David Martin, and Cllr Arnie Hankin with pupils from Jacksdale Primary School on Wharf Green in Jacksdale

WALKING AND CYCLING

Walking and cycling improvements have been completed at Portland Park – improving access for all vehicles from Lindley's Lane and footpath and signage improvements along the western edge of the park. The work forms part of Ashfield District Council's wider plans to improve connectivity to open space and urban areas utilising more attractive off-road routes where possible.

The footpaths have also been upgraded at Oakwood Fields, Annesley, with new wider durable surfaces and access barriers improving the links between existing walking and cycling routes and Sherwood business park.



Cllr Rachel Madden with Ian Rotherham, Ashfield District Council officer, and Bill Souter, PH Harris, at one of the new gateways on Oakwood Fields

Spotlight on...

Selston Country Park

Selston Country Park, situated in the heart of Selston, is a unique park like no other in the District. With pockets of wildflower meadows, long grass, and swathes of trees, Selston Country Park is an ecological hotbed for a variety of pollinators, insects, birds, and animals. Follow the winding mown paths through the park to discover perfect spots to sit, reflect, and take in the views.



Bees enjoying the wildflowers



One of the many spots to take in the view

Earlier this year, the café building was refurbished and reopened as Selston Café in the Park. Since it opened in April, Susanne Holmes, the café owner, has seen business boom. The café is popular with all visitors to the park, who take advantage of the outdoor seating in the idyllic location; perfect to enjoy a slice of cake and a cup of coffee.

The café offers a range of hot and cold food, and prides itself on the local provenance of the ingredients. Visitors can choose from traditional cooked breakfasts, breakfast cobs, cold sandwiches, paninis, jacket potatoes, and sweet treats.



Tasty treats available from Selston Café in the Park

Huge investment coming soon...

Following the public consultation on the Selston Country Park Masterplan in September 2021, the project development work has made some big steps forward to delivering the first stage of improvements which are coming soon! Keep an eye on our social media channels and website, for the plan and opportunities to get involved.

Selston Country Park will be transformed into a destination park for the Rurals, adding new play equipment, and improving footpath access around the park to complement the newly refurbished Selston Café in the Park. Improvements to the park will also help future events on the park, bringing more activities and opportunities for residents.



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

What is Ashfield District Council responsible for?

Have you ever wondered what the difference between Ashfield District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council is?

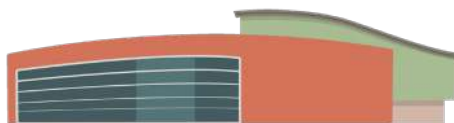


Ashfield District Council delivers over 800 services but receives just 9% of the Council Tax that residents pay. As a District Council we have a statutory duty to provide local services to those living, working, and visiting Ashfield. On top of these legal requirements, we provide additional non-statutory services.

Some of the things we do include:

- Keeping the community safe and reducing anti-social behaviour
- Collecting your waste and recycling
- Maintaining over 100 green and open spaces
- Ensuring food outlets and taxis are safe
- Providing business advice and support, creating jobs
- Providing state of the art leisure centres and facilities
- Maintaining cemeteries and parks
- Cleaning streets and town centres
- Supporting homeless people and domestic violence survivors
- Hosting free, high-quality events

You can easily report issues on our website:
www.ashfield.gov.uk



Nottinghamshire County Council

Nottinghamshire County Council receive 75% of your Council Tax and are responsible for the following:

- Road and pavement maintenance and repairs, potholes, gritting, parking schemes, and cycle lanes
- Education
- Cycle lanes
- Libraries
- Public transport
- Social care – adult social care, child social care, adoption, fostering
- Street light maintenance

You can report potholes, pavement repairs, street light repairs and other highway issues on www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk

New Council Homes

The development of new Council homes continues across the District, with almost half of the pledged 100 new Council homes having already been completed this year with more on the way. A total of 51 new properties have been completed and another 62 are planned.

Stoney Street

The underused Council car park on Stoney Street in Sutton welcomed five new family homes in June, consisting of three three-bedroom homes, and two two-bedroom homes. The new properties have been built to minimise heating costs to help with fuel poverty and climate change.



Cllr Jason Zadrozny outside the new homes on Stoney Street



Steve Wye, Site Supervisor, and Cllr Tom Hollis at the new homes on Frogghopper Lane, Sutton

Frogghopper Lane

Elsewhere in Sutton, 22 new properties have been completed on Frogghopper Lane, off Davies Avenue, offering a mixture of contemporary family homes and apartments.

Charlotte Gardens

Ground has now been broken on Charlotte Gardens, off Midland Road in Sutton, which will welcome 20 new homes in 2023.



Work begins on the site of Charlotte Gardens, Sutton

Christmas in Ashfield

Our Christmas Events will be returning in November to spread the festive magic across the District, full details will be revealed soon...



Featuring: Live entertainment stage · Christmas market stalls
Hot food and drinks · Funfair rides & much more!

FREE BULKY WASTE COLLECTIONS



We are now offering **ONE** free bulky waste collection of up to three items each calendar year from 1st April to 31st March. Residents will be able to book a free collection based on where they live.

The new scheme started in April with Kirkby & the Rurals, moving to Hucknall in May and Sutton in June. The rotation then starts again, giving all residents four months of the year when they can book their **FREE** bulky waste collection.

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	October, January	
Hucknall	November, February	
Sutton	December, March	

Bookings can be made up to 2 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, with a new price of £20 for up to 3 items.

www.ashfield.gov.uk/bulkywaste



Councillor Jim Blagden

(1947-2022)

It was with heavy hearts that we announced the passing of Ashfield District Councillor Jim Blagden, from cancer on 31st July.

Councillor Blagden, nicknamed "Gentleman Jim" was a councillor for Hucknall Central on Ashfield District Council since 2019. He was also Chairman of the Ashfield Independents. He spearheaded the Council's response to COVID-19; he fought for and delivered a vaccination centre at Rolls Royce Leisure, hand sanitisers in Council-run car parks and helped dozens of Hucknall businesses survive the pandemic.

Cllr Blagden, 74, a former master bricklayer, a former First Aid Instructor at St John's Ambulance and a former caretaker at

Spring Street School, Ogle Street, Hucknall had the all clear from leukaemia earlier this year but the cancer returned. Cllr Blagden was a big Nottingham Forest fan – a season ticket holder and in his spare time was a prolific artist painting dozens of watercolours from his Hucknall home.

Cllr Blagden had a passion for Hucknall, and fought for residents to have their voices heard. Cllr Blagden earned the right to represent his neighbours and he felt privileged to represent Hucknall. Recently he fought to secure regeneration money for Hucknall for the second swimming pool and other improvements at Hucknall Leisure Centre.

He will be greatly missed by all the officers and Members at Ashfield District Council.

