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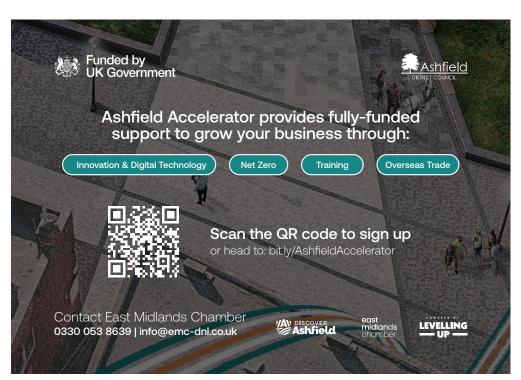


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Welcome...

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

2024 is a really exciting and special year for Ashfield District Council. In April we will be celebrating 50 years since the creation of the Council following the Local Government Act 1972. It's been fun reminiscing and looking back at what we have achieved and celebrated in those years. We've put together a timeline of Ashfield milestones which you can find on pages 10–11.

I always say that as a Council we punch well above our weight and this magazine hammers that point home. From pages 12-15 you can read the latest updates for our Future Ashfield projects; projects funded by over £100million of external investment that will transform the District. On pages 16-17 we recap all the new Council homes we have built since 2020, a huge achievement for a District Council.

As I said earlier, 2024 is super exciting...on this note I am ecstatic to announce the return of the Ashfield Show in August! Sutton Lawn will play host to this popular event over three days in summer to further celebrate Ashfield as a place to live, work, visit, and play. We will be releasing the full details soon but for now, just know that we listened and it is coming back. On pages 8–9 you can read about the the upcoming events.

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

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Cllr Jason Zadrozny, Leader Ashfield District Council

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Discover Ashfield Awards

The District's shining stars were honoured at the fifth annual Discover Ashfield Awards, held at Kirkby Leisure Centre in February. The worthy winners were nominated for eight categories such as Very Important Volunteer, Community Champion, and Young Shining Star. There was also a surprise award for the Chair of Discover Ashfield. Martin Rigley, who was awarded an OBE in the New Years Honours List for 2024. We are very proud to work closely with Martin, shaping Ashfield to be a brilliant place to work, live, learn, visit, and do business.



Did you know...we offer two hours free parking in our town centres?

Visitors can take their time browsing the shops, enjoying a cup of coffee, or getting a bite to eat in Ashfield, as we provide two hours free parking in all Council-owned town centre car parks. Thanks to the PayByPhone app, parking has never been simpler. Simply download the app, enter the six-digit location code on the ticket machine, select your registration number, choose two hours and vou're done.

For those who don't want to download the app, you can still get a ticket from the machine by entering your registration number.



Life saving defibrillators installed across Ashfield

Over the past few months, we have been installing defibrillators at playing fields and parks in Ashfield. The defibrillators have been installed at Kings Mill Reservoir; Nabbs Lane changing room, Hucknall; Cowpasture Lane, Sutton; Mayfield Street changing rooms, Kirkby; Portland Park, Kirkby; Titchfield Park, Kirkby; and Woodlands Medical Practice, Sutton. These new defibrillators provide access to life-saving equipment, improving the chances of survival by 90% if used within the first minute, and 74% if used within the first five minutes.





Counting fish at Sutton Lawn

Following the Environment Agency's fish count at Sutton Lawn lake, they have donated thousands of fish to the lake. This will allow a greater range of fishing to take place, with smaller fish introduced for junior anglers. We work with JD Fishery Management, who manage the water and access to fishing at Sutton Lawn and Kings Mill Reservoir. They will be hosting matches, as well as coaching for young anglers.



Upcoming events

2024

Our full events calendar will be revealed shortly, but for now here's what you need to know for the next couple of months...

Grand opening of the Makerspace

- May

In May we will be opening the doors to Ashfield Makerspace! Members will be able to access professional tools and equipment for woodwork, textiles, electronics, CNC, metalwork, and other crafts. There's even a podcast studio for budding podcasters.



Jamie Brough Pavilion - May

Everyone Active took over the running of the Jamie Brough Pavilion and Papplewick Green football pitches in Hucknall, in November last year. In May we are hosting a launch event at the pavilion, think football tournaments, picnics, and music!

Brierley Park 30th Anniversary

- May

The much-loved Brierley Forest Park is turning 30 in May, and to celebrate this huge milestone we are holding an event on the park.

Our annual Plant and Garden Fair is back for 2024! With a selection of shrubs, bedding plants, perennials, annuals, trees, climbers, ornamental grasses, and garden accessories, we have everything to suit your gardening needs.



Plant & Garden

Ashfield Plant and Garden Fair - 19 May

Later in the year...

- Selston Films in the Park July
- Ashfield Show 9-11 August
- Ashfield Food and Drink Festival - 18 August
- Remembrance Parades 10 November
- Christmas November/December

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.



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Council Tax - what do I get for it?

Ashfield District Council delivers hundreds of 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:

- Deliver the BIG Ashfield Spring Clean

 including an all year round, free bulky waste service.
- Maintain and invest in 24 parks, including 7 Green Flag award-winning parks.
- Regenerating the District with over £100million of secured external funding.
- Provide a **Community Protection Team** to help keep our communities safe.
- Provide **state-of-the-art leisure centres** in Hucknall, Kirkby, and Sutton.
- Provide business support and advice, creating jobs.
- Build family homes (100 in 2022/23) and maintain 6800 quality homes for tenants.
- Organise free, high-quality events like the Food and Drink Festival, and Ashfield Day.
- Empty 70,000 bins a week, and keeping our streets and town centres clean.

Ashfield provides all of these services and much more for just this



Ashfield District Council only gets

9p



Nottinghamshire County Council takes 75% of your Council Tax and are responsible for:

- Potholes, gritting, parking schemes, road and pavement maintenance
- Cycle lanes
- Libraries
- Public transport

- · Public health
- Education
- Social care adult social care, child social care, adoption, and fostering
- Street light maintenance



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

For every £1 of your Council Tax...

Nottinghamshire County Council takes

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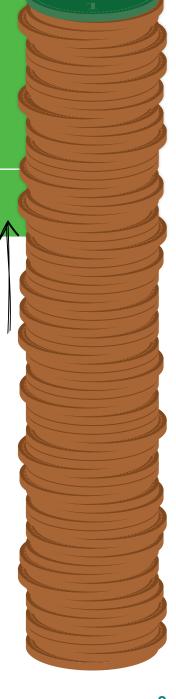
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Celebrating 50 years of Ashfield District Council

In 1974 Ashfield District Council was created following the Local **Government Act 1972. For 50 years** we have proudly been serving the residents and businesses of Hucknall. Sutton, Kirkby, and our Rural areas.

A lot has happened in 50 years, so we thought we'd take a look at some of the major Ashfield milestones...

> Hucknall Leisure Centre was built

> > 1984

Brierley Park first opened

1994



Brierlev Forest Park gained its first Green Flag award

2003



Trams opened at Hucknall

2004



2008

Country Park gained its first Green Flag award

2012



Mrs Dorothy Mary

Burton became

the first female

Chairman of the

Council

Sherwood Observatory opened

1986

Kirkby in Ashfield train station first opened

1996

Mansfield Ashfield Regeneration Route opened

2004

Lammas Leisure Centre was built

2008

Prince Charles visited West Notts College's Construction and Logistics Academy

2009

Kirkby resident, Ollie Hynd, claimed gold, silver and bronze on his Paralympic debut at London

2012

Tour of Britian visited Ashfield for the first time

Lammas celebrated its 10 year anniversary

Jacksdale Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) opened

Nags Head Clock reinstalled in Kirkby

First permanent female CEO of the Council, Theresa Hodakinson, was appointed

2021

Kirkby Leisure Centre opened its doors

2022

Kings Mill Reservoir is awarded its first green flag

2023

WICKERWOOD DR

2017

2017

2018

2018 First female CEO,

Carol Cooper-

Smith, was

appointed to the

Council

2019

2018

Idlewells Indoor Market reopened following the £1.8million

refurb

Ashfield Matters

2019 2020

> Arc Cinema

opened in

Hucknall

First new Council homes, since 1974,

2021

were built

Titchfield Park celebrated its centenary

2022

£13.5million pedestrianisation of Hucknall town centre was completed



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We've seen what has happened over the last half a century, now it's time to look to the future of Ashfield. We have so many exciting things in store this year and the coming years, the next pages outline some of these plans.

We're committed to the Future Ashfield

Future Ashfield means creating a legacy for Ashfield that everyone can be proud of. Being known as a District of innovation, creation, and technology. A place where businesses thrive, residents have a good quality of life with access to arts, culture, and jobs, and a place of opportunity for all.





Planetarium and Science Discovery Centre at Sherwood Observatory

Progress on site at Sherwood Observatory is moving at the speed of light. The concrete has been poured on top of the Victorian reservoir which will house the planetarium. The huge skeleton for the dome should be installed in the coming weeks. The project is set to become a world class facility, inspiring people of all generations, opening up the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths. The build is set to be completed later this year with the first visitors entering in November 2024.

KINGS MILL RESERVOIR LEISURE BUILDING

The construction of the boathouse and restaurant space has now reached an exciting milestone with the installation of the roof trusses. Now visitors to the reservoir can get a real sense of what the building will look like when it's completed later this year.

As part of the project, a new 136-space car park was built and opened on the former wasteland behind the site of the leisure building. Native hedging and trees have been planted on the islands in the new car park to increase biodiversity on site.











Introducing Cornerstone Theatre

The last of our Future High Streets Fund projects to be released is the renovation of Sutton Community Academy's theatre. The theatre will receive a full renovation, and be renamed Cornerstone Theatre, and opened to the public. The new theatre will allow residents and visitors to watch professional theatre performances, cinematic experiences, music and comedy nights, as well as other community uses.



9-11 LOW STREET

Renovation works are well underway at 9-11 Low Street, Sutton, the second empty shop to be given new life by Ashfield District Council.

We purchased the former YMCA shop on Low Street as part of our £6.27million Future High Streets Fund programme. In May last year we completed the transformation of the old Yorkshire Bank on Low Street, from a dilapidated eye-sore, to a modern café, bringing vibrancy back to the high street.

Plans for 9-11 Low Street include refitting the interior of the shop unit to bring it back to a useable commercial space, installing energy efficiency measures, and renovating the first floor into modern, quality accommodation.



ELLING





TRANSFORMATION OF FOX STREET

The work to transform Fox Street will soon be starting on the derelict site (behind Lloyds bank) in Sutton. A new flexible outdoor space will house a 41-space car park, that will host regular markets, events, and special markets, revitalising this part of Sutton and making the most of the footfall towards ASDA. The River Idle, which runs through the back of the site, will be cleaned and restored, providing a natural focal point.

This work will complement the planned development of Portland Square which will also be starting in the coming months. The opened up site at Fox Street will provide a link between the two, allowing easier access from Portland Square to ASDA.



High Pavement House - business units to let

There are a few remaining high quality business units available to let in the newly renovated High Pavement House in Sutton. Following our investment from the Future High Streets Fund, the building has received a full restoration including photovoltaic panels on the roof, insulation, air source heat pumps, new interior walls, carpets, lighting, and signage. To help offset the first three months we are offering a Rent Relief Grant for new and expanding businesses that want to move into a unit, ranging from £250 – £960 depending on the size of the unit.

Email commercialproperty@ashfield.gov.uk to arrange a viewing.



We're building Council homes

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.

Councillors Helen-Ann Smith and Tom Hollis with Paul Parkinson, Executive Director of Operations, outside a bungalow on the Beeches

In February, Chatsworth Drive, Hucknall,

welcomed four new Council homes as

part of the scheme to bring 15 homes

to Hucknall on unused garage sites.

April 2022 saw two three-bedroom

finished on another former garage

Another four homes were completed

on Chestnut Grove in Hucknall, the final

site in Hucknall, Barbara Square.

disused garage site.

homes and three two-bedroom homes

In September 2021, the first of the pledged 100 homes were completed by Ashfield District

Council. The Beeches in Skegby welcomed two wheelchair-friendly bungalows.

This was followed by two more bungalows in Sutton on the Poplars. All four bungalows feature a wetroom, wider doorways, and reinforced joists to allow them to be adapted for any disability.

In December 2021, the first two threebedroom homes were completed on Hawthorne Avenue in Hucknall. The first of four disused garage sites being developed in Hucknall.

In June, we handed over the keys to three three-bedroom and two two-bedroom homes on the former Council-owned car park on Stoney Street, Sutton.

By December 2022, work finished on the second-largest development on Froghopper Lane, off Davies Avenue in Sutton. Made up of a mixture of houses, apartments and disabled adapted bungalows, with each home having allocated parking.

Cllr Tom Hollis and Cllr Jason Zadrozny with Paul Parkinson (bottom right) at a new home on Barbara Square

2022

In June 2023, the first Council homes with electric car charging columns and integrated solar panels were completed on two former garage sites in Kirkby. Darley Avenue and Spruce Grove now house eight modern Council homes.

Over in Sutton, the 20 homes on the newly named, Charlotte Gardens, off Midland Road were handed over in June. Charlotte Gardens contains six two-bedroom homes, six three-bedroom homes, four one-bedroom flats, and four two-bedroom flats.





Warwick Close

Cllr Matthew Relf and Cllr Andy Meakin

at Charlotte Gardens, Suttor

Our biggest new housing development to date, made up of 34 homes, has now been completed in Kirkby at Warwick Close. The site now comprises of 18 two-bedroom homes and 16 three-bedroom homes which are ready to be let out to families on the Council's housing register.

Two 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.

We're restoring PRIDE in Ashfield

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.



£130,000 invested into Selston Country Park

The award-winning Selston Country Park is now home to a brand new adventure style play area. The timber framed equipment has brought a new play experience to the heart of the Rurals, with a giant climbing frame, balance bridge, swings, springees and smaller climbing equipment. The play area has been completed with a new accessible footpath to ensure everyone can enjoy it.

As well as the play equipment, we have also completely refurbished the ever-popular Selston Café in the Park. Testament to the success of the business, the café has been extended to allow Susanne, the café tenant, to cater for even more visitors.

NO MOW MAY

Ashfield District Council is proud to be taking part in No Mow May for 2024. During May certain areas of grass will be left to grow long on the District's parks to help increase biodiversity. Long grass allows insects and pollinators to make a habitat, feed, and provide food for birds and mammals. Grass that needs to be cut for safety reasons, such as on corners of roads, will still be mown in May.

We would love to see residents join in with the campaign by not mowing gardens. Why not try it and see how you can help nature thrive in Ashfield!



Spring clean FREE bulky waste collections

Ashfield District Council's annual BIG Ashfield Spring Clean returned to the District this month for the seventh year in a row. As part of the BIG Ashfield Spring Clean the free bulky waste collections will be starting again from April. Every household will have four opportunities from April 2024 - April 2025 to book one free collection of up to three items. The collections are bookable on a monthly basis by area starting with Kirkby and the Rurals in April, moving to Hucknall in May, and Sutton in June. Collections will then return back to Kirkby and the Rurals in July. You can find the full timetable on the back page of this magazine.





Train station litter pick

A staggering 26 bags of litter were collected from Sutton Parkway train station as part of the train station clean up day. Organised by the Council and the station adopters, staff from Van Elle were also on hand to help pick up the litter. The volunteers bagged a variety of rubbish including a car seat and even a duvet.

We're making a SAFER ASHFIELD

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



£1.8M EXTERNAL FUNDING SECURED SINCE 2019

Over the past four years, Ashfield District Council's Community Safety Team have been working with external partners to secure over £1.8million for Hucknall, Sutton, and Kirkby, to improve feelings of safety. The funding has been awarded by the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner through the Safer Streets Fund, Safer4All Fund, and the Council's UK Shared Prosperity Fund. The money has allowed the roll out of a vast range of initiatives from Safe Point cameras, improved street lighting, CCTV cameras for shops and businesses, and environmental improvements. Over £200,000 has recently been secured for Carsic Estate in Sutton.

Injunction secured against Sutton resident

The Council's Community Safety Team have recently secured an injunction against a resident of Sutton for persistent anti-social behaviour and disorder in Sutton town centre and shops including ASDA. The team attempted to engage the resident many times over several months, however they were left with no choice but to pursue legal action, following the residents repeated behaviour. The resulting injunction will remain in place until November 2024 and prohibits the resident from entering ASDA or Sutton town centre, committing acts of violence, making threats, being abusive or engaging in anti-social behaviour.



Cracking down on Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

Reports of anti-social behaviour in Ashfield have reduced by an incredible 55% between Jan 21 and Dec 23. The Council's initiatives, such as anti-social behaviour roadshows, visible patrols, increased CCTV coverage (from 29 to 59 devices), youth interventions, and assisting the Police with joint operations have all contributed to creating a safer Ashfield.

One of the successful projects that has actively contributed to a decline in ASB is the **Shop Watch Scheme**, that saw shops in Kirkby and Hucknall receive radios connected to the CCTV headquarters. Allowing shops to warn each other of potential anti-social and criminal behaviour.



SUPPORT AND EDUCATION IMPROVING LIVES

An important part of the Community Safety Team's work focuses on interventions and education for young people, and vulnerable people, who need it the most. The Council's Vulnerable Adult Support Scheme (VASS) has supported 100 people with complex needs over the past year. The Council's Complex Case Team work closely with the Police and Social care to protect residents most at risk of cuckooing, exploitation, drugs misuse, and other criminal activity.

As part of the Safer Streets Fund, over **500** young people have been engaged with a Youth Diversionary Programme in Kirkby and Hucknall, targeted at young people involved with, or at risk of, criminal and anti-social behaviour. The interventions being delivered are supporting young people in Kirkby and Hucknall, consist of physical, educational and support sessions which cover various topics such as drugs and alcohol, mental health, and employability.



We're investing in health and wellbeing

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.

Papplewick Green sports hub



Everyone Active took over the running of the Jamie Brough Pavilion and Papplewick Green football pitches in Hucknall, in November last year. Everyone Active are providing high-quality leisure and community services, and a health hub which includes:

- Pitch hire and use of the facility by local football clubs
- · Improved community health and wellbeing
- Balanced, award-winning, innovative, digital activity programmes/classes
- Investment to reduce carbon and utility consumption.

In order to maximise usable space within the building two of the changing rooms have been converted into a studio space for will be used by Everyone Active to run activities and classes, allowing greater access to excellent leisure facilities across Hucknall. Space within the building will also be available for people to hire.

Hucknall residents get on their bikes

From July - November 2023, we funded 70 sessions from RideWise - the Nottinghamshire based charity that supports the use of greener transport. A huge 694 residents benefited from these free sessions that included Dr Bike sessions. where residents could bring their bikes to get repaired and learn maintenance skills, as well as themed fun cycling sessions for women, father and children, adapted cycling and cycling to interesting places in Hucknall. These sessions have been funded by our UK Shared Prosperity Fund.





GROWING GRANT ALLOWS COMMUNITY GROUPS TO BLOOM

Nine community groups in Sutton, Stanton Hill, Kirkby, Hucknall, and Selston have been awarded a £500 grant each to help support their gardening and growing projects. Funded by the Council's UK Shared Prosperity Fund, the grants will be used to buy seeds, bulbs, plants, gardening equipment, insect habitats, compost, fertiliser, and hand tools. One community group that received a grant was the Tin Hat Centre in Selston who will be using the money to purchase fruit trees, seeds and plants for their community garden and foodbank.

Leisure Centres update

We are proud that Lammas, Hucknall, and Kirkby leisure centres can support the community in Ashfield by providing over £4.3million of social value from April - December 2023. Social value is the wider financial and nonfinancial value created by an organisation, for example, the wellbeing of individuals and communities. This value has come from several activities including:

- 464 GP exercise referral attendances
- 70 memberships given to people with Parkinson's
- 41 memberships for people from care
- supporting Portland
 College learners
 completing the Duke of
 Edinburgh Award through
 access to facilities at
 Kirkby Leisure Centre
- working in partnership with Outwood Academy giving access to swimming and enrichment activities.



We're improving Council services

Ashfield District Council is striving to continue offering excellent, value for money services to the residents, visitors, and businesses of Ashfield, and to ensure everyone has a great experience when dealing with the Council.

Since 2019, we have:



Increased recycling rates to 45% (April to September 2023) from 41.2% (in April to September 2022) Received approximately

£18million in infrastructure funding from developers.

Which we are investing in infrastructure across the District, including creating approximately **5,200** jobs relating to industrial site developments



Spent
£22.5million
transforming
our lesiure
facilities

Increased Town centre visits to 10,152,144

(April to October 2023) when compared to April to October 2022 (9,817,922)



Invested over £2million into green spaces and play areas across Ashfield to improve and maintain facilities

We have secured over £100million of external funding







Delivered seven BIG Ashfield Spring Cleansallowing residents to dispose of excess waste for free

Council of the Year finalist

Ashfield District Council was shortlisted for the prestigious Council of the Year award in the Affordable Housing Awards in November 2023.

The Council of the Year award recognises authorities that have used their strategic role to provide leadership, facilitate social housing development and meet local affordable rented housing need.

Over the last 12 months, the Council has supported hundreds of rough sleepers, secured £4.5 million worth of external funding for energy efficiency works, and 34 new affordable homes have just finished construction. In the final round of judging, the judges praised the Council's work to provide women fleeing domestic abuse with high quality emergency accommodation. As well as this, they commended the extent and strength of the Council's partnership working across a range of other housing projects.



Rurals ale trail

In Ashfield we are lucky to have a thriving micropub, microbrewery and pub scene.
This year in every edition of Ashfield Matters we will be highlighting these great
places to eat and drink across the District. Our first stop on the Ashfield ale trail starts
at Jacksdale, moves through Westwood and Bagthorpe, ending at Underwood.

Jacksdale The Poachers Alehouse dog friendly 15 Main Rd, Jacksdale, Nottingham NG16 5JU Jacksdale Social Club - live entertainment 26 Main Rd, Jacksdale, Nottingham NG16 5JW Jack's Bar - live music 26-30 Main Rd, Jacksdale, Nottingham NG16 5JW Westwood Royal Oak - live music | food 29 Palmerston St. Westwood. Nottingham NG16 5HY

Bagthorpe

The Shepherds Rest

– live music | food Lower Bagthorpe, Bagthorpe, Nottingham NG16 5HF

Dixies Arms – live music Lower Bagthorpe, Bagthorpe, Underwood, Nottingham NG16 5HF

Underwood

The Red Lion – food | dogs allowed 134 Church Ln, Underwood, Nottingham NG16 5HD

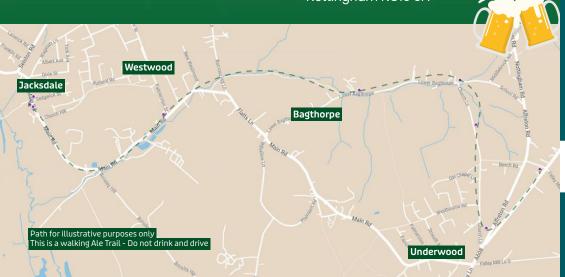
Ginger Giraffe Micro Pub & Gin Bar

- cocktails

14-15 Alfreton Rd, Underwood, Nottingham NG16 5GB

The Dog and Quayle Pub

– vegetarian food 75 Mansfield Rd, Underwood, Nottingham NG16 5FF



UPCOMING ELECTIONS



Elections will take place on 2 May 2024 to elect a Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire, and a Mayor for the East Midlands County Combined Authority.

Remember - You will need photo ID to vote in the polling station on 2 May 2024



- A wide range of photo ID will be accepted, including passports, driving licences and cards with a PASS mark.
- If you don't have an accepted form of ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document known as a Voter Authority Certificate. You can apply online at
 - www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate
- There are new restrictions on the handling of postal vote packs so the best option is to post your postal vote in a Royal Mail post box

Visit the Electoral Commission's website for information about postal and proxy voting, voter ID requirements, and how to register to vote: electoralcommission.org.uk

You can't vote in any elections if you aren't registered to vote – the deadline is 16 April 2024

Your vote matters!

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 **Hucknall** Sutton the Rurals Kirkby, Annesley, **Hucknall**, Bestwood Sutton, Huthwaite, Nuncargate, Selston, Village, Linby, Stanton Hill, Teversal, Jacksdale, Underwood, **Papplewick** Tibshelf, Skegby, Westwood, Bagthorpe, Harlow Wood. **Brinsley, Pinxton** Mansfield You can also book April, July, October, January Kirkby and the Rurals via Ashfield 24/7 or call May, August, November, February Hucknall 01623 450 June, September, December, March Sutton 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 £20 for up to three items. Full details on how to book can be found at:

www.ashfield.gov.uk/bulkywaste