



WELCOME TO ASHBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL'S

FEBRUARY 2023

NEWSLETTER

ASHBOURNE GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT FOR £15 MILLION TRANSFORMATION.

On the 18th of January Ashbourne woke to the news that the bid to the Levelling Up Fund was successful.

The £15-million transformation of Ashbourne town centre will start in 2023 after government today approved an exciting Levelling Up Fund bid.

"Ashbourne Reborn", led by Derbyshire Dales District Council, was developed through close working with local partners who brought forward project ideas, identified opportunities and raised match-funding for the bid.

The partners include Ashbourne Town Team, Ashbourne Town Council, AshCom, Ashbourne Methodist Church and Derbyshire County Council.



News that the bid – submitted to government at the end of July – has been approved means partners can develop more detailed plans for the two-year development project focused on three distinct project areas.

The first is a series of transformed public spaces including Market Place, Victoria Square, Millennium Square and Shrovetide Walk, while the second project focuses on a new community hub, transforming the Methodist Church into a multi-purpose community building. The hub will provide a wide range of event and meeting spaces, a performance venue and flexible work areas with high quality digital provision.

New traffic management plans will transform the pedestrian experience in Ashbourne by widening footways and providing new and improved crossings as part of the third project.

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Even though the weather is a little more “springlike”.

We can't help but look back at our Christmas events in 2022, on the 26th of November, Cllr Martin Spencer and Firefighter



Paul Holmes turned on our Christmas lights and crowds came out to enjoy The Foxgloves and the Christmas themed entertainment. Next came the Christmas Lantern spectacular on the 09th of December which saw hundreds of candlelit lanterns leave St Oswald's Church led by Spark! The most spectacular high impact street



theatre drummers who looked amazing in their illuminated costumes, it really was a night to remember!

Finally huge crowds joined The Mayor, Councillors and staff for carols around the Christmas Tree on Christmas Eve, everybody agreed, Ashbourne had a Christmas to remember!!

The Kings Coronation



A date for your diary – Sunday the 07th of May 2023, Ashbourne Recreation Ground.

We are in the process of planning this community event.

WATCH THIS SPACE!!

Ashbourne Warm Spaces

The community has come together to provide spaces for ALL to stay warm.

Monday – Elim Church, 4-7pm, warm meal served 5-5.30pm.

Tuesday – St Oswald's Church Hall, 11am-6pm, 3-course meal served 4.30-5pm.

Tuesday – Ashbourne Methodist Church 1-4pm, soup and roll served.

Wednesday – Elim Church, 10am-2pm Soup and roll served 12-12.30pm.

St John's Church Hall – 11am-2pm, lunch time soup available.

Friday – Ashbourne Pavilion 9am-1pm

Website and Social Media

In January 2023, we launched our new website www.ashbournetowncouncil.gov.uk, which we have worked hard to provide as much information as possible, we have added local planning applications in, a newsfeed and a community page for the people of Ashbourne, plus much more, we are also on Facebook www.facebook.com/AshbourneTownCouncil, where we update our newsfeed on a regular basis, please give us a follow!

Town Council Election's 04th May 2023

Have you thought about being a Town Councillor? If so, Derbyshire Dales have arranged a briefing at 6.00pm on Wednesday the 15th of February at 6.00pm, where they will outline what the role entails and the nomination process, there will be a further briefing on the 15th of March at 6.00pm which, they will go through election timetables and election do's and don'ts. Finally, a final briefing will be held for confirmed candidates at 6.00pm on Tuesday the 18th of April 2023.

Anyone interested in becoming a [Ashbourne Town Council](#) councillor can join these meetings through Zoom or in person at the Town Hall, Matlock, to join one or more of these sessions you should email

ro@derbyshiredales.gov.uk or call

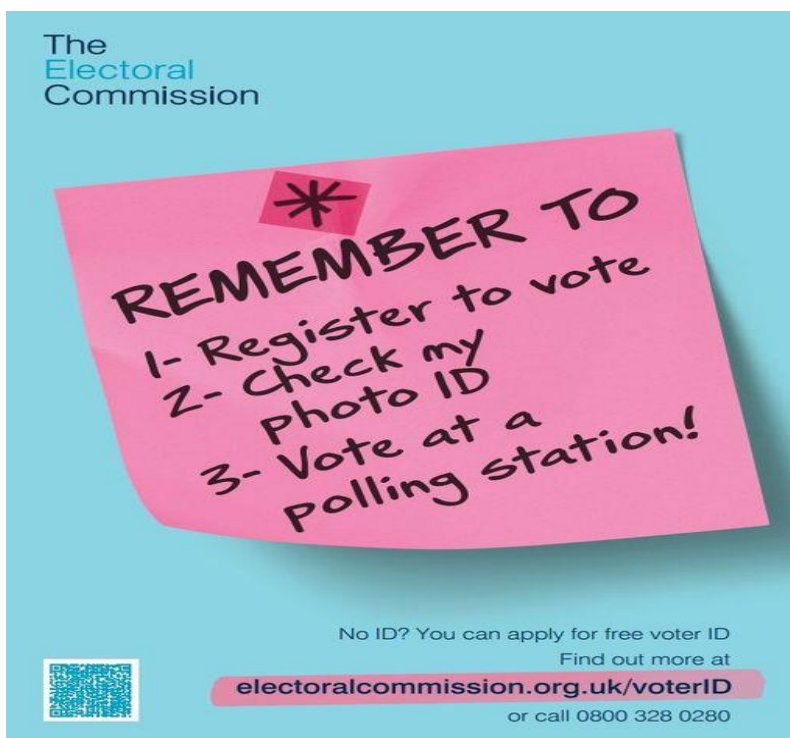
01629 761335 indicating which

sessions you wish to attend and

confirming whether you plan to

attend by Zoom or in person. Applications packs can be found in the document section on our website, and if you require further information it can be found by following the link

[2023 elections - Derbyshire Dales District Council](#).



The Historical Centre and Shrovetide

As with all Ashburnian's, as Christmas fades our thoughts turn to our annual game of Shrovetide, which this year takes place on the 21st and 22nd of February 2023.



To whet your appetite, we invite you to visit The Ashbourne Historical Centre in the Town Hall, where you can see 'ASHBOURNE ROYAL SHROVETIDE-THE TRADITION'. Our curator Tim not only has collated huge amounts of Shrovetide memorabilia, balls, photographs, paintings and pottery/porcelain he also is the ball painter and a mind of information. The centre is

open Monday to Saturday 10am-3pm (closed Thursday and Sunday) and the exhibition will be available until May 2023.





Dates for your diary.

21st and 22nd February – Shrovetide.

04th May – Town Council Elections.

**07th May – The Kings Coronation
Community Celebrations.**

Sept (date t.b.c) – Mayors Civic Service.

**03rd – November Fireworks and Funfair
evening.**

**18th November – Christmas lights
switch on.**

**08th December – Christmas Lantern
Spectacular.**

24th December – Carols around the tree.

**Please note, updates with timings will be posted on our
Facebook page and website once details are finalised for
events.**