

Chase Matters To Residents magazine



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Check out what the

team has been up to!





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It doesn't seem that long since I was writing about becoming Leader of Cannock Chase Council in last summer's edition of Chase Matters.

Twelve months on, I am pleased to not only be re-elected to my own seat in Western Springs and continue as Leader of the Council, but to see my party consolidate its position on the Council by increasing the number of Conservative councillors by one.

The new political composition is 25 Conservatives, 8 Labour, 3 Chase Community Independents, 2 Liberal Democrats, 2 Green and 1 Independent.

But regardless of how you voted, I want to make it clear that our Cabinet is fully committed to serving each and every resident across Cannock Chase.

As we look ahead, there are a number of exciting projects on the horizon which span across the whole of Cannock Chase. Upcoming projects include the regeneration of Cannock town centre following a successful Levelling Up Bid last November through to the redevelopment of the former Power Station site now demolition has completed. We reaffirm our commitment to improving all areas across Cannock Chase - Rugeley, Hednesford, Cannock and the surrounding villages.

We are also dedicated to providing good, cost-effective public services day-in-day-out, whether that be maintaining local green spaces, ensuring safe neighbourhoods, providing decent housing for our tenants, working to help house refugees from the Ukraine, or responding to Climate Change.



There is a lot going on behind the scenes to ensure that post-pandemic Cannock Chase not only survives but thrives. Cannock Chase Council has recently adopted an exciting new Corporate Plan for 2022-26 which can be accessed online at **www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk**. Please do take a look.

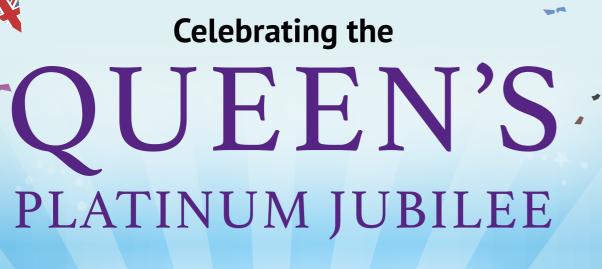
Finally, it is not every day that the place you grew up in and now serve as a Councillor gets to host an international sporting event.

The 22nd Commonwealth Games takes place in a few weeks' time. This is our opportunity to showcase on an international stage just how lucky we are to live in Cannock Chase. There's a four-page section on the mountain biking event from page 16.

From helping Ukrainian refugees through to hosting elite mountain bikers, it is all part of the rich tapestry of leading a Council with a dedicated team of officers and councillors who are inspired to do the best for our residents and local businesses.

We all look forward to serving you during the coming months.

Olivia Lyons Leader of Cannock Chase Council



across Cannock Chase District



Communities across Cannock Chase District came together last month, to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

This year has seen Her Majesty The Queen become the first British Monarch to reach the milestone of 70 years on the throne. Events took place across the District between Thursday 2 June and Sunday 5 June to celebrate this historic milestone.

Local community groups, town and parish councils as well as individuals held a range of celebratory events over the bank holiday weekend, including picnics in the parks, Jubilee street parties, fun days and much more.

Local tenants from the Council's Sheltered Housing Schemes also celebrated in style with an afternoon tea and singalong at Caxton Court in Cannock.



Seven beacons were also lit across the District on the evening of Thursday 2 June to mark the Platinum Jubilee.

These beacons were designed and manufactured by a local company to mark this momentous occasion. People were also encouraged to light up their homes with fairy lights or candles.

A new challenge also featured on the Cannock Chase Can App encouraging people to create artworks reflecting the Platinum Jubilee and the sharing of individual memories. These artworks have been displayed in story walk frames around Hednesford Park.

Pictures below show Alice in Wonderland characters who descended on Cannock town centre for a special tea party, a lit beacon at Heath Hayes and cake.







Plan how your night will end, before it starts...

A new campaign addressing women's safety has launched across the District as part of Cannock Chase Council's ongoing safeguarding work.

The new campaign named 'Get Home Safe' aims to prompt women and girls to think about how they will get themselves home on a night out.

The Council's Policy and Communications and Community Safety teams have been working together to develop a new campaign called 'Get Home Safe' which provides useful tools for women and young girls to get home safe after a night out.



The Council is committed to ensuring that female residents leaving local town centres can do so in a safe manner without feeling uncomfortable or vulnerable.

Local pubs and taxi drivers across the District have signed up to the campaign and promotional messages are being advertised in venues and vehicles. These include window stickers, bar wobblers, beer mats, posters and table cards - all of which provide details about the Hollie Guard App and the Ask for Angela safety initiative.

Did you know...

'Get Home Safe' forms part of the Council's wider safeguarding work and has been funded by the



Campaign messages are also being advertised on local bus shelters, the Council's social media platforms and website. The campaign encourages women and young girls to download the Hollie Guard App onto their phones to provide enhanced levels of protection. Hollie Guard has you covered, whether you're working alone, travelling to an unknown area or simply commuting around town. It's free to download from the App Store and Google Play.

The safety initiative 'Ask for Angela' is also being promoted as part of this campaign. People who feel unsafe, vulnerable or threatened can discreetly seek help by approaching bar staff and asking them for 'Angela'. This codephrase will indicate to staff that they require help with their situation and a trained member of staff will then look to support and assist them. This might be through reuniting them with a friend, seeing them to a taxi, or by calling venue security and/or the police.

The Community Safety Team works in partnership with Staffordshire Police, who ensure that perpetrators of any offences are dealt with proactively and robustly, with all victims safeguarded and supported at every step. The Council is also investing in long term projects within schools across the District, aimed at educating young people around positive attitudes and behaviours towards all of society.





Dual Stream Recycling

In May residents in the District received a blue bag to recycle their paper and cardboard. The blue bin will now be used for plastics, glass and tins.

The decision to move to dual stream recycling was made following the renewal of the contract to sort dry mixed recycling. The new contract initiated the change to dual stream to avoid a significant increase in costs. The market for dry mixed recycling has changed, keeping paper and cardboard separate reduces contamination therefore improves

the quality and keeps processing costs down.

We understand that any change to the service can cause some concerns. It may seem that we're going back to when residents in the District had white bags for paper and boxes for glass, but we're not, this change is being mirrored across the country by many local authorities. We try not to make too many changes to our waste service, but change is inevitable as regulations, waste technology and markets move forward.

We thank our residents for embracing the change

We have seen some photographs from people who have found an inventive way of storing the blue bag in the blue bin (see below)



























Clothing

Pet faeces

Nappies

Paint & empty pots



DIY

materials



Food

Face masks & gloves

STOP Wipes, tissues, fruit/milk cartons and plastic bags are no longer accepted in either the blue bin or blue bag



Your blue bin will not be emptied if it contains paper, cardboard or other unwanted items.



Help us improve the quality of our recycling. Find out which items go in your blue bin and blue bag. Keep the most un-wanted items out of your blue bin and blue bag. Watch the video on **YouTube**



Check out what the



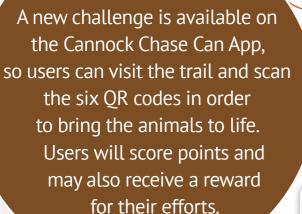


Over the last few months, the team has been busy working on various community projects and new challenges for the App to encourage people to start or continue with their wellness journeys.

team has been up to!

Here's a quick snapshot of what we have been up to...

Did you know...





If you haven't done so already-download the App for FREE today by visiting Google Play and the App Store and searching for 'Cannock Chase Can'.

Are you ready for a new challenge?

The team regularly upload new challenges, so keep your eyes peeled for new challenge alerts on our Facebook page.

Over the last few months, users have had the opportunity to take part in creative challenges to celebrate Staffordshire Day and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. In addition to these, local community groups have been working together to develop challenges - these are now available on the App.

A group of mums from Rugeley Community Centre have come up with a challenge to get you 'movin while you're brewin'! If lack of time is stopping you

from being active, then why not 'workout while you wait'?

While a group of mums from West Chadsmoor Family Centre have also come up with a super sauce that you can use to create pizzas, Bolognese, meatballs and more! Made from basic ingredients, make a big batch, and freeze it for later - saving you time and money.



New virtual challenges coming soon...

Thanks to funding from the Cannock Chase Cultural Education Partnership (CCCEP) and Cannock Chase Special Area of Conservation (SAC), an augmented reality challenge is being created to promote the Cannock Chase Code. This will go live in September.

How is Cannock Chase Can making a difference?

Over the next few months, the team will be working with individuals to capture their stories and document their progress. These will feature in the next edition of Chase Matters out in November.

For more information and updates about Cannock Chase Can, visit www.cannockchasecan.co.uk

Welcoming the world as we host the

Commonwealth Games' Mountain Biking

There are just weeks to go before Forestry England's Cannock Chase Forest hosts the Commonwealth's best mountain bikers at the men's and women's mountain biking event on Wednesday 3 August.

Around 2,500 ticketed spectators are expected to watch the spectacle. The action starts at 11.30am and continues until 4pm.



Key information to note...



bus service from Stafford rail station to Cannock Chase Forest on 3 August. The service is available to ticketed and non-ticketed spectators.



- **No stopping:** Vehicles must not stop on the road to wait, load, unload or board and alight passengers.
- **Permit access only:** Protected by a vehicle permit checkpoint (VPC), only permit holders displaying the permit on their windscreen will be allowed to pass. These permits will be free and issued by Staffordshire County Council.
- Road closed from this point: For safety reasons, no vehicles will be able to pass this point. There will be limited access at limited times.
- **Vehicle permit checkpoint:** You will need to show a permit to travel past a vehicle permit checkpoint (VPC) and access the road.
- **Secure zone:** These areas will have restricted access throughout the Games, they will only be accessible by authorised pass holders or ticket holders on the event day.

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Please note that parts of Cannock Chase Forest will need to be closed by Forestry England as preparations are made to host the event in the lead up to 3 August and in the days after the event.

Notices will be placed at the site about any closures necessary.

What you need to know to prepare for 3 August

To keep you moving and ensure a smooth operation, in the run up to and during the Games, there will be changes to the way you travel and park around competition venues, road races and some transport hubs - including Cannock Chase Forest.

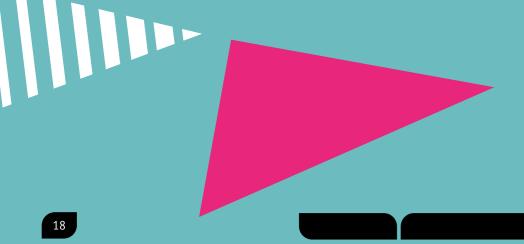
The parking restrictions are designed to protect residential streets, ensure you can access your homes safely and reduce spectator parking in restricted areas. To help reduce traffic in and around venues, spectators at the events will be encouraged to use public transport, with the cost included in their event tickets.

These areas will be busier than usual so please plan and look at alternatives to driving like walking or cycling shorter journeys, taking public transport, or travelling at a different time to avoid peak times.





Road Name	Restriction
Brindley Heath Road	No stopping
Birches Valley (20mph speed limit)	Permit access only
Church Close	Permit access only
Field Place	Permit access only
Horns Croft	Permit access only
Jones Lane	Permit access only
Kingsley Wood Road	No stopping
Marquis Drive	No stopping
Millside	Permit access only
Oakley Copse	Permit access only
Penkridge Bank Road (20mph speed limit	No stopping
Post Office Lane	Permit access only
Quarry Close	Permit access only
Rifle Range Corner	No stopping
Shooting Butts Lane	No stopping
Slitting Mill Road (40mph speed limit)	Permit access only
Stafford Brook Road	No stopping
St Johns Close	Permit access only



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Other events planned

In addition to the mountain biking event and the Queen's Baton Relay, there are several other activities and projects being planned to mark the Commonwealth Games.

They include:

• **Tappin' In** - Dancers taking to the streets of Birmingham for a world record attempt at a mass 'shim sham', a dance known as the national anthem of tap at the Birmingham International Dance Festival.





• **Chase Community Games** - A programme of events and activities over the summer to complement the Games locally with schools and community groups.

• Woodland Wonder Festival - Local children from Reception and Key Stage 1 classes participating in a range of creative activities, in the beautiful outdoor setting of Cannock Chase Forest. Perry the Games' mascot will be there and Sarah Jane Perry from England's Squash team.





 Cannock Chase Heritage Trail Legacy Project - Improvements are being made to the existing waymarking, information boards and map (including the introduction of QR codes) along the 10-mile trail that takes in Cannock, Hednesford, Cannock Chase and Rugeley.

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Queen's Baton Relay

Before we get to the event, there's the Queen's Baton Relay to enjoy which will pass through Rugeley, Hednesford and Cannock (in that order) on Saturday 23 July. The relay began last October at Buckingham Palace. The Baton contains a special message from the Queen which will be read out at the Opening Ceremony at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham on 28 July. Since October it has been on a journey of Commonwealth nations and territories and will have covered all 72 when it ends.

Everyone is welcome to line the route as the Baton passes through our District. There will be special activities laid on by Cannock Chase Council,

Rugeley Town Council and Hednesford Town Council to welcome the Baton. They will reflect cycling and our proud community spirit and mining heritage.

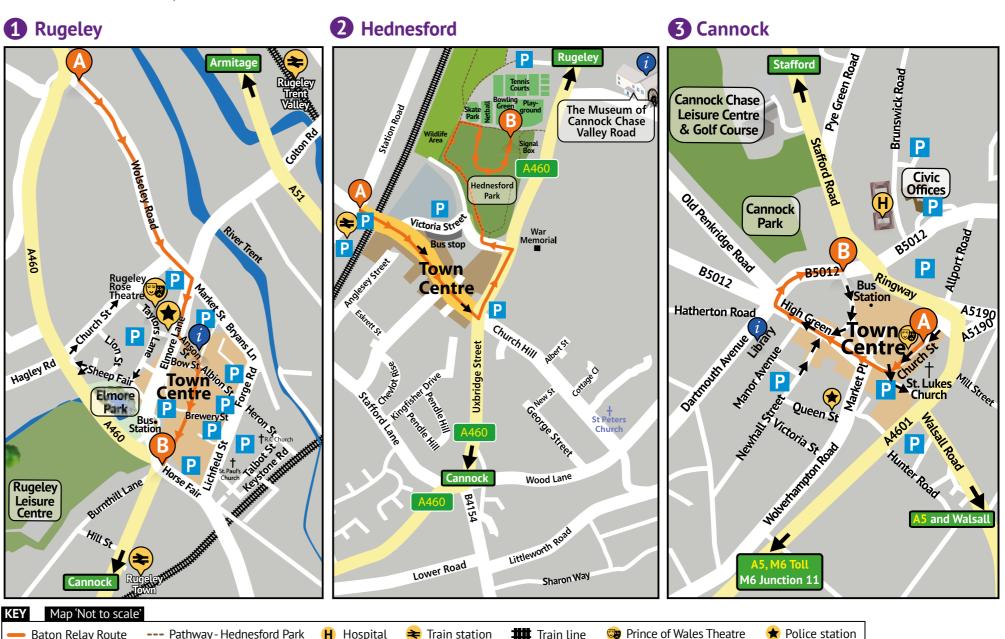
The Baton will be carried by a team of community Batonbearers, passing it on to each other as the route unfolds. They have all been nominated to take on this prestigious role.

Among those nominated - by Cannock Chase Council - is Shaun Middleton from Hednesford. Shaun has played a key role in our community for many years, as the Chair of Hednesford Lions

and Hednesford in Partnership. He was instrumental in the improvements made to Hednesford War Memorial and has played a big part in establishing and supporting community events in the town. He is also a member of Cannock Chase Arts Council. The Baton is due to travel through our District as follows:

- Arrives Wolseley Road, Rugeley at 3.26pm ends at Horsefair in Rugeley at 3.42pm
- Arrives Market Street, Hednesford at 3.59pm ends at Hednesford Park Pavilion at 4.15pm
- 3 Arrives Church Street, Cannock at 4.59pm ends in Cannock town centre at 5.08pm

(Please note timings are subject to change)



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Permits - If you live or work in a controlled parking or permit access only road you will need a permit to park and/or access your road. Permits are free and will be issued by Staffordshire County Council. For residents and businesses, two permits will be automatically issued to affected properties. If additional permits are required, you will need to contact Staffordshire County Council directly.





Personal delivery/service providers - Any delivery driver or service provider trying to pass a vehicle permit checkpoint will need to provide proof of manifest/order confirmation to the address they are travelling to and their company ID.





Pedestrian and bicycle access - Pedestrian and cycling access will be unrestricted on most roads giving free access to the area.





Care workers - Residents who receive essential council services, such as assisted care, will continue to do so throughout the Games period. Suitable documentation and ID will need to be presented to travel past a vehicle permit checkpoint.



Essential visitors - Essential visitors, such as non-registered carers, will need a permit to travel past a vehicle permit checkpoint. These permits will need to be applied for from the address the visitor is attending.



Other visitors - If you are expecting visitors, please make them aware of the restrictions.



NHS services and emergency services - All emergency services are working to ensure that normal services continue during the event period. Access within the restricted areas for emergency services will continue as normal.







Climate Change Surveys

At the beginning of 2022 we launched two surveys. The first focused on people's understanding of Climate Change and how they're reducing their carbon footprint. The second survey focused on Green Travel, trying to understand what methods of travel residents use in their daily life and why they choose those methods.

We had a great response with over 180 completed surveys on both topics. Some of our initial findings are shown below:

Climate Change Survey

97.2% of respondents are familiar with the term "carbon footprint"



81.8% of residents are concerned about climate change with 17.1% not concerned and 1.1% don't know



84.1% of respondents are already doing something to reduce their carbon footprint



The most common examples of what people are doing are: recycling (97%), using energy saving lightbulbs (84%) and driving less (64%). Residents also shared other examples of what they are doing including: reducing plastic consumption, buying food and goods locally.



83.9% of respondents are prepared to do more to reduce their carbon footprint



Did you know...

The survey results will feed into our continuing work on Climate Change



Green Travel Survey

The most popular method of transport for getting to the following locations was by car: to and from school (19%), to and from work (51%), shopping (81%) and social activities (66%)

93% of respondents walk with 43% normally walking 1-3 miles a day



34% of respondents have a bike and more than half use it <u>for exercise</u>



88% of respondents use a car; of those 82% have a petrol/diesel car, 3% have both a petrol/diesel car and electric car and 3% have an electric car



More than half of respondents use public transport, with the train being the most popular method followed by bus then taxi.



Be inspired by Birmingham 2022 with the Chase Community Games

With the exciting news of the men's and women's mountain biking event being hosted in the District, we thought it would be only right to develop a local programme to inspire others to get involved in the Games and what it has to offer.

The Council has been working closely with Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles and the Cannock Chase Cultural Education Partnership (CCCEP) to develop a local 'Chase Community Games' programme which incorporates activities, events and legacy opportunities for young people.

Over the last few months, schools that have signed up to the programme have received official 'Bring the Power Workshops' delivered by the Birmingham 2022 team as well as creative workshops delivered by the CCCEP to celebrate the Games.

School children also experienced the 'Woodland Wonder Festival' earlier this month, which saw over 1,000 children aged from 4 to 7 take part in a range of sporting and cultural activities at the Cannock Chase Forest.

Children also had the opportunity to try out the new Pedal and Play Trail.

CCCEP are working with local schools to develop an art installation for Rugeley and Cannock town centres which will be in situ for when the Queen's Baton Relay visits the towns.

If you would like to be part of this programme please email details through to **communications@cannockchasedc.gov.uk**







Did you know...

Artworks created by the

school children were on

display at this event and

will also be in Hednesford

For more information visit www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/chasegame

Disabled Facilities Grant

The Disabled Facilities Grant aims to assist people both practically and financially with adaptations to their homes. Making them easier and safer to live in.

Adaptions include installing ramps, widening doorways, stair lifts and kitchen and bathroom adaptions. These enable disabled people to become more independent in their home, as well as other support to help assist independent living.



Support is provided to identify the necessary works via an occupational therapist and overseen by a technical officer from Cannock Chase Council.

Initial enquires for support should be made to **Staffordshire Cares**, to carry out an initial assessment of needs. They can be contacted on **0300 111 8010**.

Electoral review of Cannock Chase District Council

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is currently carrying out an electoral review of Cannock Chase District Council.

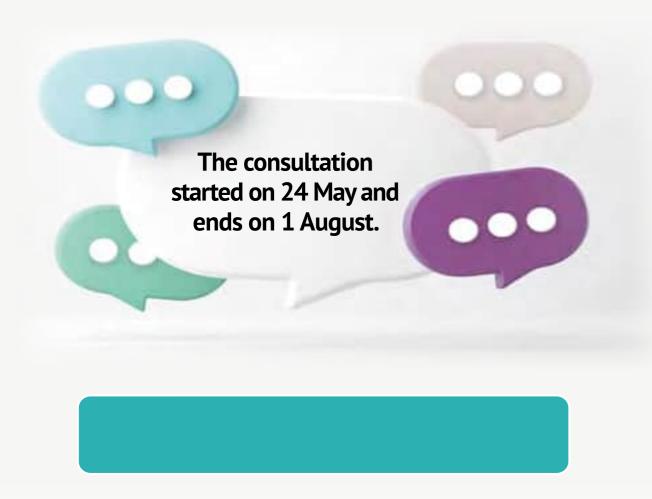
These independent electoral reviews recommend new patterns of wards so that each councillor represents about the same number of electors.

It begins by considering how many councillors a local council should have. It then draws up new wards for the council.

The Commission is minded to recommend 36 councillors across 12 wards (3 per ward) in future, down from the current 41 councillors across 15 wards.

Did you know...

Reviews involve several consultations where they ask local people and organisations to get involved.





The Armed Forces Day flag was raised in a special ceremony at the Civic Centre last month as part of the Council's contribution to this year's Armed Forces Day which took place on Saturday 25 June across the nation.

Armed Forces Day is an opportunity for the nation to show their support and appreciation for the contributions made by those who serve, or have served in Her Majesty's Armed Forces.

A community event was also held in Hednesford to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Hednesford War Memorial. This event was funded by the Graham Burnett Trust and was led by a special service at the War Memorial, followed by activities and challenges in the town centre, park and Museum of Cannock Chase.

The Council has been working with Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles to extend its concessionary offer for leisure centre memberships for those who are serving or who have served in the Armed Forces.

Animal Welfare

Are you going on holiday and need a pet-sitter? It has become increasing popular for people to offer to look after other peoples' dogs in their homes; this could be for the day, overnight or for the duration of your holiday.

There are a few things that you need to check before leaving your dog with someone else.

- Meet them before employing them so you're confident that they can care for your pet's needs
- Check that they have insurance to cover your pet in case of an emergency
- Check their references
- 'Introductory sessions' with your pet's new carer before you go away will help them settle in for when you're on holiday.

Cannock Chase Council makes sure such businesses comply with strict conditions to safeguard animal welfare. For example, ensuring that dogs from different households are not permitted contact with each other without the owners' knowledge and consent.

Guidance on all animal activities which require a licence is given here:





The full list of activities which may require a licence includes:

- selling animals as pets
- hiring out horses
- dog breeding
- keeping or training animals for exhibition
- dog kennel boarding, cat boarding, home boarding for dogs, day care for dogs

Did you know...

Under the Animal Welfare
Act 2006, businesses offering
daytime boarding of dogs
and overnight boarding
for cats or dogs must
have a licence



A Perceptions Survey was carried out recently to seek residents' views on the current 'look and feel' of Cannock's town centre. This is an important stage in the process of developing the town centre over the next few years using the £20 million Levelling Up Fund money secured from the Government and backing this up with other investment, in due course.

We have had a fantastic response to the survey with over 500 submissions received at the time of writing. The survey closed on 21 June.

Much work is taking place behind the scenes at the moment - some of it necessarily sensitive as it involves negotiations with retailers and developers. We will announce more in the coming months, beginning with the results of the perceptions survey that will help shape the town centre's future.



Your District Councillors



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Norton Canes



Western Springs











Hednesford North









Heath Hayes East and Wimblebury











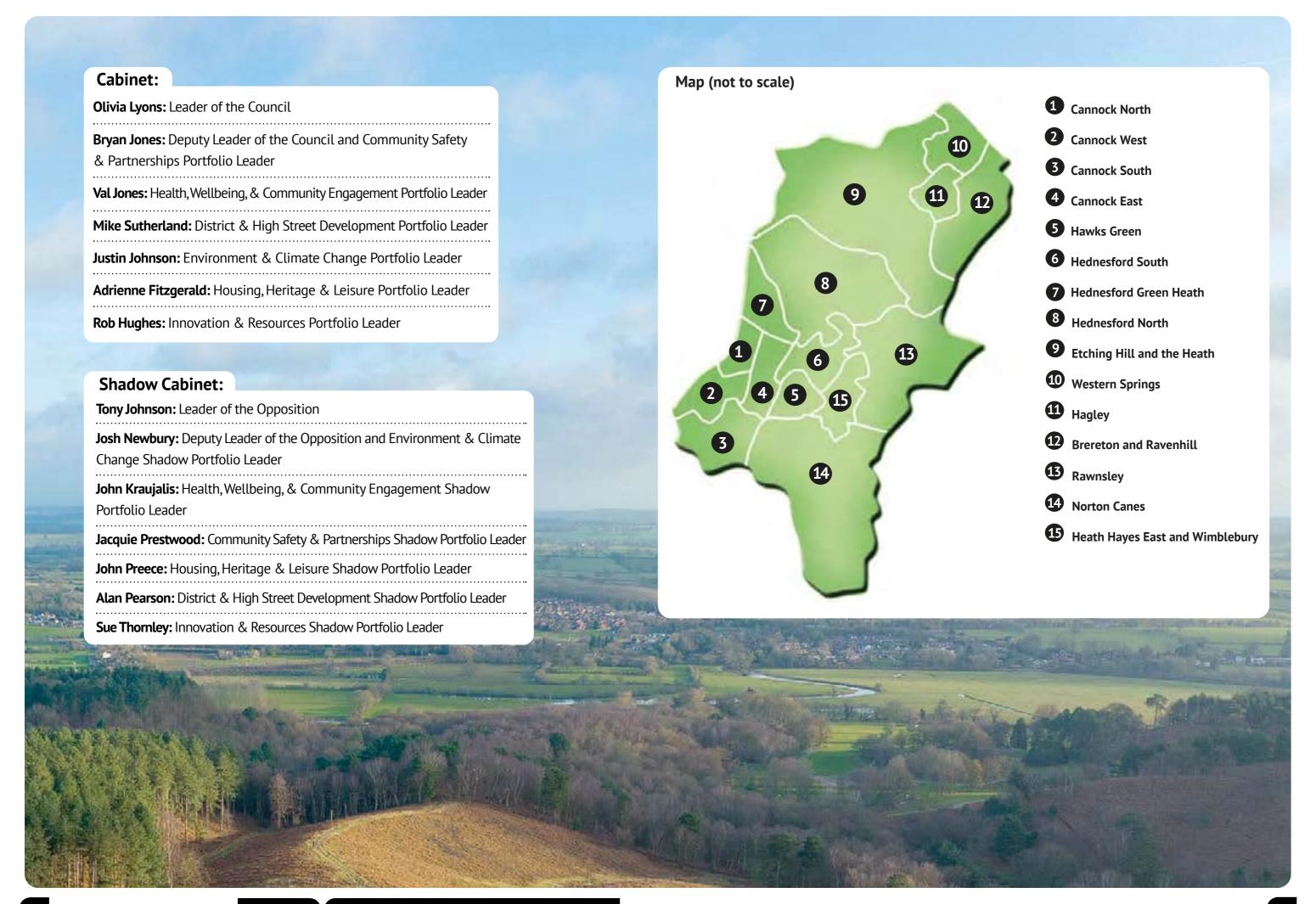


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Store

- **Storing raw meat:** be careful where you store raw meat, even its packaging may have harmful bacteria on the outside; keep it separate from bread rolls, salad and cooked foods. If possible, keep it covered.
- Marinade: be careful not to let marinades drip onto cooked foods, salad or other ready to eat foods when basting meat.
- Frozen meat: always ensure meat is thoroughly defrosted before cooking to prevent the outside from burning and the middle staying raw.

Clean

• Use separate boards for ready to eat food (such as salad) and raw meat, and use an antibacterial spray to clean down afterwards. Alternatively put all your utensils on a very hot wash in a dishwasher to disinfect them.



• Always make sure you wash your hands thoroughly after touching raw meat.

Cook

- Sausages, burgers and chicken should be cooked until the juices run clear and they are no longer pink inside. Cut at least one open in each batch so you can be confident it is completely cooked.
- Tongs: using the same tongs for raw and cooked meat could lead to harmful bacteria from the raw meat being transferred onto the cooked meat. It is best to have a second set of tongs which you only use to take food off the BBQ when it is cooked.
- Food left in the sun: some chilled foods such as dips, coleslaw and cheesecakes will quickly go off if left in the sun. Ideally, keep in the fridge or somewhere cool until you're ready to eat them. Try not to leave them out of the fridge for more than four hours.





Keep safe

- Wobbly BBQ: check your BBQ before using it and position it on an even surface to reduce the risk of it falling over.
- Leaky hose to gas cylinder: hoses and fixings to gas cylinders perish over time. Check yours over at the beginning of the summer. Don't try to do any temporary fixes and replace it if required.
- **Lighter fluid:** only use recognised fire lighters or starter fuel and only on cold coals use the minimum necessary.
- Garden hose: pick up any tripping hazards and position your BBQ in a safe place.

For more advice on BBQ safety visit www.food.gov.uk or www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk

Scan QR Code Food Standards Agency:







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