

Chase Matters

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SUMMER
2023

**What's on across the
District this Summer**

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Foreword from the Leader of Cannock Chase Council

In this, my first column as the new Leader of Cannock Chase Council, I want to thank all those residents who came out to vote or submitted a postal vote in the May elections.

As you know, the results left no single political party in control, with Labour securing 17 seats, Conservatives 18 seats, Greens 5 seats and Liberal Democrats 1 seat (41 seats on the Council); and so, with the backing of the Green Party and Liberal Democrats, the Labour Group I lead has formed a coalition to run the Council until next May.



That will be when new Boundary Commission changes come into being and the Council will have 'all out elections'. A reduced 36 seats will be contested across 12 wards (three councillors per ward) and some wards will be changing their boundaries and names.

Given that May is not far away, I have therefore set some immediate priorities for the Council to address and to create a new way of working that will hopefully see more partnership working across the political parties and with a focus on following the Nolan Principles which put trust and integrity at the heart of public life.

With huge challenges facing us in the district - Amazon pulling out of Rugeley just the latest of these - I believe this new approach is vital if we are to get through this current period and seek to create sustained prosperity and hope for everyone who lives in our district.

As well as working to support those affected by Amazon's decision and trying to secure new inward investment into Rugeley, we are prioritising the following:

- Securing the future for the Museum of Cannock Chase;
- Pursuing a green agenda (solar panels, promoting recycling and reinvigorating the Council's work to address climate change);
- Repairing bridges in our nature reserves and open spaces;
- Creating a safe community - and clamping down on anti-social behaviour.

You can read about the Council's current work covering climate change, waste and recycling, enviro-crime, sheltered housing accommodation, our nationally recognised Cannock Chase Can health and wellbeing app, festivals and events this summer, support for the cost of living crisis, and much more in this edition!

There's also a handy guide to all our current councillors and how to contact your ward councillor.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition. My fellow councillors and the officers of the Council look forward to serving you over the next 11 months of this new council year.

Tony Johnson | Leader of Cannock Chase Council



CORONATION EVENTS

held across the district

The Coronation of King Charles III took place on Saturday 6 May in Westminster Abbey. Across the district residents celebrated this special occasion.

Our Sheltered housing scheme residents came together at Caxton Court in Cannock and St Barbara's House in Rugeley with music and lots of food.



Our towns and parishes also celebrated the King's Coronation with events in the town centres.



Cost of living



In October 2022 Cannock Chase Council joined forces with Beat the Cold to help residents with soaring energy bills.

Beat the Cold offers energy saving advice to make your home feel warmer for less. As well as:

- Help with energy suppliers regarding energy debt.
- Signpost and refer to partner agencies to maximise people's incomes.
- Assisting clients to manage their energy accounts properly and to their needs.
- Support clients to access and apply for Priority Services Register / Winter Fuel / Cold Weather Payments / Fuel and Foodbank Vouchers (when available)
- Access local authority and government schemes for eligible applicants to improve their properties with insulation, air source heat pumps and solar panels. Helping to bring down energy costs.



Beat the Cold is a Staffordshire based charity, whose aim is to reduce fuel poverty, and cold related ill health. Beat the Cold is committed to helping those who live in, or are at risk of fuel poverty, or whose health could be detrimentally affected by a cold home.

Did you know...

Beat the Cold has over 20 years' experience in energy advice and support.

If you are struggling with the cost of your gas and electricity you can speak to **Beat The Cold** on **01782 914915**

www.beatcold.org.uk

How Beat the Cold helped a single parent of six children on Universal Credit, struggling with the cost-of-living crisis in Cannock Chase

A resident from Cannock Chase called Beat the Cold after a recommendation from Staffordshire County Council regarding Beat the Cold's services. The resident explained that since the cost-of-living crisis they were finding it difficult to pay for their gas/electricity and general household bills. The Beat the Cold advisor discovered that the resident's direct debit had increased by over a 100%. With the uncertainty on energy costs but knowing the customer's costs would remain higher than she was used to, the Beat the Cold advisor offered to contact the energy provider to discuss their bills, ascertain if they were correct, and discuss possible steps that might be of benefit looking ahead. The resident said based on the advice and input from the Beat the Cold advisor, she felt able to do this herself. However, she would seek further support from us if necessary.

Aware that the resident was struggling with their energy costs, the advisor referred her to the Staffordshire Household Support Fund, who are offering support in the form of a payment of £450 towards energy costs.

“ The Beat the Cold advisor covered energy saving behaviours and methods, helping the resident to gain a greater understanding of how to reduce usage and be more aware of how important it is to monitor their consumption. Based on previous experience we estimate that this has a value of £100.”

The resident's property is a private rental with little insulation in place.

In a follow up check, we discovered that the property has an Energy Performance Rating (EPC) of E.



Our advisor recommended to the resident that we apply for the ECO4 grant which could finance the installation of insulation and other energy saving measures. With the residents' permission we made the referral which we shall follow through with her. In addition, we provided the client with a foodbank voucher and sent her the link for discounted water rates which based on previous experience can save up to 90% on a client's bill or around £250.

Did you know...

The client said that she felt better knowing that there were solutions for her and was grateful for the advice and support we provided.

There is a contact us page on our webpage at:
Help with the cost of living crisis | Cannock Chase Council



Don't lose your VOTE

Residents in Cannock Chase urged to check their voter registration details

Cannock Chase residents are being urged to check their electoral registration details or risk losing their chance to vote on decisions that affect them.

The annual canvass allows Cannock Chase Council to keep the electoral register up to date, to identify who risks losing their voice at elections and to encourage them to register before it's too late.

Recent home movers in particular are urged to check their details. Electoral Commission research has found that recent home movers are less likely to be registered than those who have lived at the same address for years.

Did you know...

In Great Britain 92% of those people who have lived in their home for 16 years will be registered, compared with 36% of people who have lived at an address for less than a year.

Did you know...

Information on registering to vote is available on the Electoral Commission website.

“Chris Forrester, Electoral Registration Officer at Cannock Chase Council said Keep an eye out for important updates from the Council. The annual canvass is our way of making sure that the information on the electoral register for every address is accurate and up to date. To make sure you don't lose your say at upcoming election, simply follow the instructions sent to you. These should come out around the middle of August.”

“If you're not currently registered, your name will not appear in the messages we send. If you want to register, the easiest way is online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.”

Cannock Chase is set to have new boundaries for its council wards

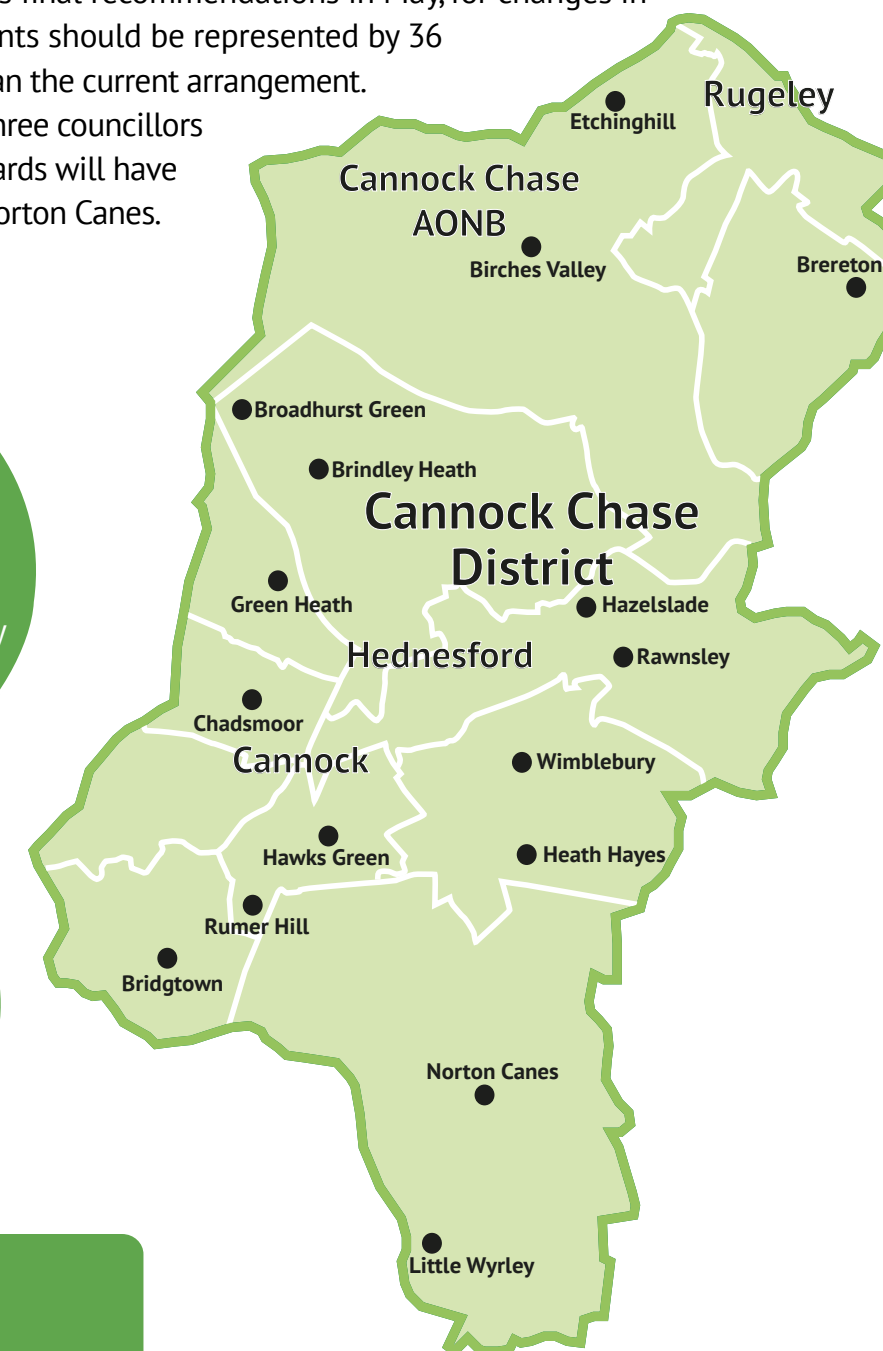
The Local Government Boundary Commission is the independent body that draws up these boundaries. Following a 10 week consultation, which ended on 6 February 2023, it has reviewed Cannock Chase to make sure councillors will represent about the same number of electors, and that ward arrangements will help the council work effectively.

The Commission published its final recommendations in May, for changes in Cannock Chase. It says residents should be represented by 36 councillors. This is five less than the current arrangement. There will be 12 wards with three councillors representing each ward. All wards will have different boundaries except Norton Canes.

Did you know...

Subject to parliamentary approval, the changes will come into place commencing with the May 2024 local elections.

It will mean that all 36 seats (from 12 wards) will be up for election in May 2024.




Map above:
Final boundary recommendation

Your District Councillors


2023/24

A Councillor's role is to represent their ward and the people who live in it.
If you have a local issue you can contact your ward councillor via the numbers below.


1 Cannock North



Paula Stanton
07971 515 447
Re-election: 2024




Phil Jones
01543 571 056
Re-election: 2024




Sue Thornley
07920 400 413
Re-election: 2024


2 Cannock West



Val Jones
01543 571 056
Re-election: 2024




Bill Kenny
07970 424 833
Re-election: 2024




Josh Bancroft
07375 558 271
Re-election: 2024


3 Cannock South



Jeff Hill
07468 200 355
Re-election: 2024




Peter Kruskonjic
07773 018 920
Re-election: 2024




Alan Pearson
01543 877 048
Re-election: 2024


4 Cannock East



Tony Johnson
01543 428 461
Re-election: 2024




Fred Prestwood
07507 359 429
Re-election: 2024




Jacquie Prestwood
07816 104 442
Re-election: 2024


5 Hawks Green



Adrienne Fitzgerald
07919 161 336
Re-election: 2024




Philippa Haden
07484 770 082
Re-election: 2024




Paris Theodorou
07944 976865
Re-election: 2024

6 Hednesford South



Liz Bishop
07429 657 258
Re-election: 2024



Mandi Boyer
07759 811 925
Re-election: 2024

7 Hednesford Green Heath




Mandy Dunnett
07547 627 940
Re-election: 2024




Paul Jones
07469 897 577
Re-election: 2024


8 Hednesford North



Pam Johnson
07806 821 595
Re-election: 2024




Sheila Cartwright
01543 424 950
Re-election: 2024




Darrell Mawle
07939 828 411
Re-election: 2024


9 Etching Hill and The Heath



Mike Sutherland
07595 654 360
Re-election: 2024




Justin Johnson
07812 436 348
Re-election: 2024




Darren Foley
07704 359 363
Re-election: 2024


10 Western Springs



Pam Owen
01889 584271
Re-election: 2024




Charlie Frew
07596 073 551
Re-election: 2024




Olivia Lyons
07969 525 216
Re-election: 2024

11 Hagley




David Williams
01889 741 307
Re-election: 2024




Nick Lyons
07973 483 205
Re-election: 2024


12 Brereton and Ravenhill



Carl Boulton
07740 168 759
Re-election: 2024




Louis Arduino
07794 042 118
Re-election: 2024




Paul Fisher
07968 620 503
Re-election: 2024

13 Rawsley




Andrea Muckley
07882 243 217
Re-election: 2024




Jo Elson
07946 765 374
Re-election: 2024


14 Norton Canes



Josh Newbury
07884 111 382
Re-election: 2024




Mike Hoare
01543 279 989
Re-election: 2024




John Preece
01543 270 789
Re-election: 2024


15 Heath Hayes East and Wimblebury



Julie Aston
07852 385 527
Re election: 2024



Lisa Wilson
07850 927 354
Re-election: 2024



Martyn Buttery
07951 150 771
Re-election: 2024

Key

- Conservative
- Labour
- Green Party
- Liberal Democrats

Cabinet:

Tony Johnson: Leader of the Council

Josh Newbury: Deputy Leader of the Council and Regeneration and High Streets Portfolio Leader

Jo Elson: Community Wellbeing Portfolio Leader

Andrea Muckley: Environment and Climate Change Portfolio Leader

Sue Thornley: Housing Portfolio Leader

John Preece: Parks, Culture, and Heritage Portfolio Leader

Jacquie Prestwood: Resources and Transformation Portfolio Leader



Animal Welfare

in the District



Julie Turner, of the Council's Environmental Health & Public Protection Service, explains what the law requires when we look after pets, and describes some difficult times.

Many people don't realise that, as part of its regulatory role, Cannock Chase Council is responsible for enforcing parts of the Animal Welfare Act 2006 (the Act). In the last five years, to prevent unnecessary suffering, the Environmental Health Team at the Council has forcibly taken possession of 73 animals, mostly dogs, but the odd racoon, Sugar Glider and an exotic bird. The team had a further 72 animals surrendered to them. This difficult and often upsetting work involves a range of partners, including the dog warden, Council licensing officers, the police, veterinary surgeons, kennels, charities and, on occasions, the courts and a locksmith!

Prior to the Act, animal welfare law in England and Wales was largely reactive, and action could only be taken once an animal had suffered unnecessarily. The Act introduced an important and new concept in England and Wales for pet owners, those responsible for domestic animals, e.g. breeders, and people responsible for working or farm animals.

What does the law actually say?

Section 9 of the Animal Welfare Act places a duty of care on people to ensure they take reasonable steps in all circumstances to meet the welfare needs of their animals to the extent required by good practice.

What does this mean for those responsible for animals?

In short it means positive steps must be taken to ensure owners, or those responsible for animals, care for their animals properly and in particular provide for the five welfare needs, which are:

- a suitable environment
- a suitable diet
- to be able to exhibit normal behaviour patterns
- to be housed with, or apart from, other animals
- to be protected from pain, suffering, injury and disease.

What conditions do we find animals living in?

At times, truly horrifying. The odour, the filthy conditions, the noise levels, and the fact at times dogs are caged, often in small unsuitable sized crates, I find really upsetting.



Did you know...

Often owners may be threatening and argumentative which is another issue we have to deal with.

“The following is an extract from a recent statement of mine: “...I entered the room, my breath was taken, and I felt like a burning in my throat, my eyes started to water, and I had mucus coming from my nose. One of the dogs returned to the room and jumped up me, I started to cough and felt I was going to be sick so I left the room and went outside to the rear garden to get my breath back.”



How does it make me feel?

At times I am completely broken I sit and cry for dogs I may have only seen for 10 minutes. The animals can't help themselves - so we must do what we can to prevent any unnecessary suffering. Sometimes officers go to see the animals in kennels or their new home, and seeing the huge improvement in wellbeing, even after a short period of time, is one of the best feelings and makes all the hard work worthwhile.

How do I deal with it?

As corny as it sounds a very wise person sent me this quote after a difficult animal welfare job:

“Saving one dog will not change the world, but surely for that one dog, the world will change forever”.

So, when I struggle with an animal welfare case, which I do at times, I always remember this.

Please be kind to your pets.

Cannock Chase



is a local government award finalist!



The Council and Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles' (IHL) health and wellbeing app 'Cannock Chase Can' was a finalist in the LGC Awards 2023 in the Innovation category.

The official awards ceremony took place last month in London which saw Cannock Chase Council in partnership with IHL as one of nine local authority entries in the LGC Awards Innovation category.

The category celebrates councils who have used innovation 'to re-think services to achieve better outcomes for citizens and communities either at less cost, to improve outcomes or delivery, or in order to continue delivery of service during the pandemic'. Cannock Chase was the only district/borough council in the Innovation category to be shortlisted.

Cannock Chase Can did not win the category, however, it was a huge achievement and a great opportunity to raise the profile of the district and get Cannock Chase Can onto the national stage.

It comes just over a year since the mobile phone app was launched with a mission to support residents, through challenges and helpful advice, to improve their wellbeing.

Cannock Chase Can is an example of the council and IHL working together to deliver an innovative approach to reducing health inequalities across our district. The programme is based on eight key spheres of wellbeing, acknowledging that health and wellbeing may not just be physical and that other factors can impact physical and mental health.

Did you know...

Entries in the awards were judged by panels of senior council officers who sifted through more than 700 entries overall.

Did you know...

The programme involves local delivery of activities in the community but also a bespoke app where users can take on challenges to win prizes from local businesses or even submit their own challenge activities.



The Cannock Chase Can app starts by assessing your wellbeing by creating a personal profile that captures your healthy weight, personal goals, and then the wellness journey you would like to pursue.



The app asks users to answer questions relating to themes: budget well, sleep well, eat well, move well, connect well, feel well, manage well and naturally well. The app then creates an individual Wellness Wheel. Tailored information and community challenges, such as walking the Wellbeing Trail at Cannel Mount in Heath Hayes, are provided to help users progress their individual wellness journeys in whichever themes they need.



Since creating the Cannock Chase Can programme, the team has been embedding the app and its wider approach into other aspects of our work including through our community engagement events and activities during last year's Commonwealth Games. We are currently considering how we can extend its use as part of a new health and wellbeing strategy that is being developed by the Council.



The next step is to roll out the wellness wheel across the Council and with partners and to use the programme as a default to deliver health and wellbeing interventions and support.



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**'.

Did you know...

New challenges will be available to access over the summer, so keep checking the **Cannock Chase Can Facebook page** for updates!

For more details on the app visit www.cannockchasecan.co.uk

Building on the legacy of the COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2022

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

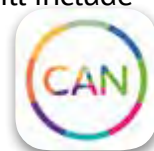
Last summer, the Council worked closely with Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles and the Cannock Chase Cultural Education Partnership (CCCEP) to develop a local 'Chase Community Games' programme which incorporated activities, events and legacy opportunities for children and young people.

Due to the success of this programme, the team is now developing the legacy opportunities by using Cannock Chase Can and creating virtual challenges through a 'Pedal Power' initiative with 'cycling' being at the heart of it.



The Pedal Power initiative will focus on older adults and families and encourage people to get cycling whether this be indoors or outdoors on the Chase. It will provide a virtual experience of the Perry Trail and the Pedal and Play Trails and provide activities such as a quiz and bike bingo when users take on the challenges.

In addition to this, the Cannock Chase Heritage Trail is also being improved which will include a new digital element which will feature as new challenges on the Cannock Chase Can App.



This new digital element will encourage families to visit the Trail by either walking or cycling the route and will also enhance the current 'heritage offer' for those with an interest in local history by bringing to life information on the current interpretation boards.

Working with partners such as the Cannock Chase AONB, Forestry England and Staffordshire County Council, new signage will be installed across the 10-mile route, replacing missing and damaged waymarkers to make the route more accessible to follow.

The existing interpretation boards will be replaced to ensure the digital element can be promoted as effectively as possible.

Further updates on these initiatives will be published shortly.

Did you know...
Schoolchildren will be working alongside professional artists and the Birmingham Rep to produce this digital element.

Take on a new augmented reality challenge and help protect Cannock Chase

Families and children are being encouraged to take on the 'Chase Creatures Challenge' this summer to celebrate the launch of a new Augmented Reality (AR) Trail to help protect Cannock Chase.

The Chase Creatures Trail is a short route around Marquis Drive where people will meet some friendly characters. Each Chase Creature represents one of the messages in the Cannock Chase Code.

The Chase Creatures Challenge is available on the Cannock Chase Can App and forms part of a new interactive health and wellbeing offer. Users will need to collect all 12 characters to complete the challenge. Full instructions on how to take part are available on the app.

The characters have been designed by local schoolchildren working alongside professional artists and the Cannock Chase Special Area of Conservation (SAC) Partnership. The Partnership is working to protect and enhance the Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and wider Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) through education, conservation and ecological focused projects.

Students from South Staffordshire College have provided the voiceovers which bring to life the characters. The aim of the project is to raise awareness and appreciation of the special and unique qualities found on Cannock Chase, and how to protect it for future generations.



Did you know...
This initiative has been funded by the Cannock Chase Special Area of Conservation (SAC) Partnership and Cannock Chase Cultural Education Partnership and supports the wider Cannock Chase Can programme.

For further information visit
<https://creativechase.co.uk/chase-creatures/>

Cannock Chase Can showcased at Hednesford Festival

Cannock Chase Can will be supporting Hednesford in Partnership this year in hosting the town's annual festival.

Officers from the Council and Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles will be working closely with Everyone Health to showcase the district's health and wellbeing offer.



The Cannock Chase Can zone will provide live entertainment throughout the day along with the opportunity to speak to health professionals and local wellbeing services. People will also have the opportunity of taking on a number of wellness challenges on the day via the Cannock Chase Can App.

FREE
to enter

SAVE THE DATE!

Hednesford Festival will be held on **Saturday 12 August, 11am - 4pm** in Hednesford Park.



Further updates about the event will be published shortly on the **Cannock Chase Can** Facebook page

ECO
friendly

Climate Change community day

Do you want to help your local environment, at home or at work? If so, here's an important date for your diary...

Autumn
2023

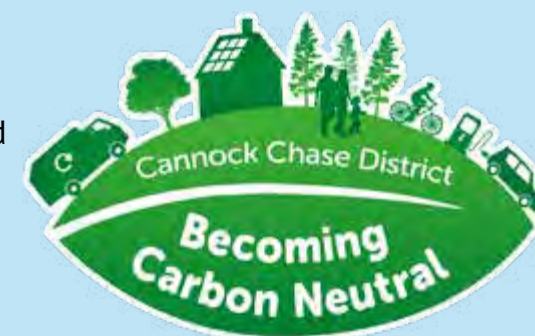
This Autumn, the Council with support from its partners will be hosting a community day focusing on climate change and the wider environment.

The event called 'Lets Talk, Our Environment', will take place between **11am and 4pm** at **Chase Leisure Centre in Cannock**.

You will have the chance to learn more about climate change and the impact it is having on the district as well as having the opportunity to speak to professionals and local community groups to see how you can make a difference in the way you live and work.

A programme for the day will be published shortly, so keep your eyes peeled for updates on the Council's **Facebook** page.

This forms part of the Council's commitment towards becoming a carbon neutral district and empowering the community to be able to make changes and improvements to their local environment.



What's on across the District

this Summer

Make the most of summer with Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles, which has lots of activities taking place for children and young people over the school holidays.



The popular **SPACE** scheme is back at our leisure centres and 5's Football Pavilion with **'Five Weeks of Fun'** for 8-17 year olds.



Swim, gym and football sessions are available from **Monday 31 July - Sunday 3 September** with the **Space-Chase Pass**, which costs **£10** for the whole summer.



To purchase a pass, you can pick up a form from either **Chase** or **Rugeley Leisure Centre** or download it from the **Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles website**. Hand in your completed form with payment to reception.

For more information visit <https://staffordshirespace.uk>

Every Wednesday over the summer holidays, the Museum of Cannock Chase is running **'Fairy Tales and Folklore'** themed craft sessions based on stories such as **The Little Mermaid** and **Robin Hood**.

Workshops are suitable for primary aged children and there's no need to book.

Cost is £5 per child, and if you attend two workshops, the third is FREE.



Museum Cannock Chase

Fairy Tales And Folklore

Every Wednesday of the summer holidays

Drop-in to a themed craft workshop, complete the outdoor trail and make art and crafts to take home.

26th July	The Little Mermaid
2nd August	Fairies and Goblins
9th August	King Arthur and Merlin
16th August	Robin Hood
23rd August	Pinocchio
30th August	Staffordshire Folklore and the Green Man

11AM - 3PM

No need to book - just turn up (during busy periods wristbands may be issued). £5 per child attend two workshops and the third is FREE. Suitable for primary aged children, minimum age 3 years. Free museum admission and parking, outdoor picnic spaces and sculpture trail, coffee shop and interactive galleries.

The Museum will also be holding its **'Summer Celebration'** on **Saturday 5 August, 12pm - 4pm**. There will be fun filled activities for all the family with crafts, Punch and Judy shows, stalls and animal encounters. **Admission is £2 adults, £4 children.**



SUMMER CELEBRATION

SATURDAY 5th AUGUST

- Punch & Judy shows • Funny Fortunes with Eleanora
- Animal encounters • Collection creepy crawlies
- Art and craft activities • 1940s Housewife
- Meet a miner and explore mining artefacts
- Stalls • Games on the lawn

12-4pm £4 per child - £2 per adult
*Other activities may incur an additional charge

Museum Cannock Chase

Museum of Cannock Chase, Valley Road, Hednesford, Staffordshire WS12 1TD
Telephone: 01543 877666 • museumofcannockchase.org



To keep up to date on what's happening for children and young people over the summer visit www.inspiringhealthylifestyles.org

The charity at the heart of the community

Hednesford Summer Festival

Saturday 12 August, 11am - 4pm at Hednesford Park

This year we will be returning with some firm favourites including the hugely popular **Scruffs Dog show, Transport Show, Birds of Prey area, Kids play Zone, Fun Fair, lots of community, artisan and craft market stalls, and a food zone offering some great food options.** And on top of all that, there will be a new zone delivered by **Cannock Chase Can** with a stage area delivering entertainment including a live band, music, and dancing.

A community celebration delivering a **FREE** to enter event with something for all the family.



There will also be lots of great free family fun activities to get involved with and enjoy. Chris the DJ will be returning this year to kick off the fun across the day, getting both the little and big kids involved and having some fun!

The event kicks off at 11am, and we look forward to welcoming you on the day. Please follow our page for updates nearer the time with tips on where to park etc. and the programme for the day.



For further information email:
events.hednesfordip@gmail.com



Chase Pride 2023

Friday 1 & Saturday 2 September, Hednesford Park

The second calling is coming celebrating LGBTQ+ culture by breaking down barriers and campaigning for equality and diversity.

The two-day festival offers an inclusive and exciting day of family friendly activities and entertainment.

Tickets: www.chasepride.org.uk

Doors open at 5.30pm on Friday 1 September for our **FREE** to attend family cinema.

Doors open at 11am on Saturday 2 September for the pride arena at Hednesford Park, Victoria Street, Hednesford WS12 1BT

CHASE PRIDE 2023

#PRIDE NOT PREJUDICE

1ST & 2ND SEPT HEDNESFORD PARK

FEATURING:

- COMMUNITY MOVIE
- MARKET
- FOODCOURT
- BAR
- PARADE
- FUNFAIR
- VIP BOOTHS

TICKETS: WWW.CHASEPRIDE.ORG.UK

LINE UP

DANNY BEARD

ANGIE BROWN **JAYMI HENSLEY**

VICKI VIVACIOUS GEORGE WINDSOR NATE ETHAN

KATE MEYHER ROCKETMAN LA DHARMA

CHERYL HADLEY AS KYLIE GLITCH PLEASE

MISS GINA TONIC ANGELA SLICE CARYS LOUISE

CRYSTAL DANCE ACADEMY MIA BIG 3 PRODUCTIONS

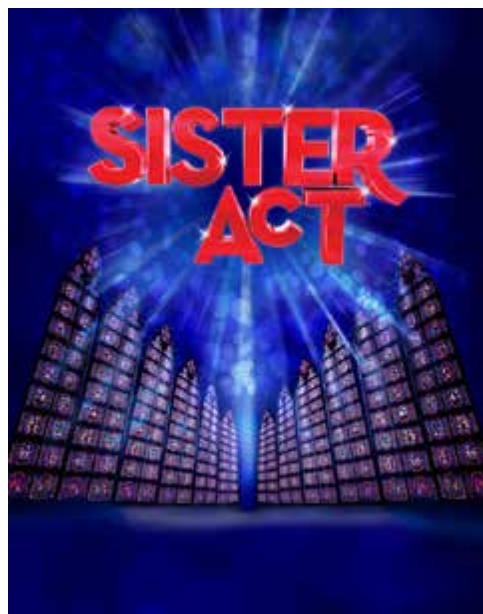
ROX C + MORE

HOSTED BY AARON TWITCHEN



Sister Act - Summer Workshop and show

Our summer theatre school, produced and run by **Ambient Night Productions**, is a fantastic opportunity for children aged 7-16 years to rehearse, perform, have fun, make friends and create memories that will last for years. When disco diva, Deloris Van Cartier, witnesses a murder, she is put in protective custody in the one place the cops are sure she won't be a found: a convent! Disguised as a nun, she finds herself at odds with both the rigid lifestyle and uptight Mother Superior. Using her unique disco moves and singing talent to inspire the choir, Deloris breathes new life into the church and community but, in doing so, blows her cover. Soon, the gang is giving chase, only to find them up against Deloris and the power of her newly found sisterhood.



Workshop

This year's summer workshop production runs from **Monday 7 August to Friday 18 August** (excluding weekends) **10am - 4pm** daily. **£140 per child** (discount for additional siblings). Members will need a packed lunch or parental permission to leave the theatre at lunch time. Booking is essential.

Show

The final production will take place on **Saturday 19 August at 7.30pm** at the **Prince of Wales Theatre, Cannock**. **Tickets: £9 available from the theatre box office.**

Auditions

Auditions will be held at the Prince of Wales Theatre on **Saturday 22 July** from **10am onwards**. Auditions are for those who wish to try out for a lead role. Once you have booked your place on the workshop, you will be contacted to arrange an audition time. Audition material will be sent out on **7 July**. You do not need to audition to join the cast - only if you wish to try out for a lead role.

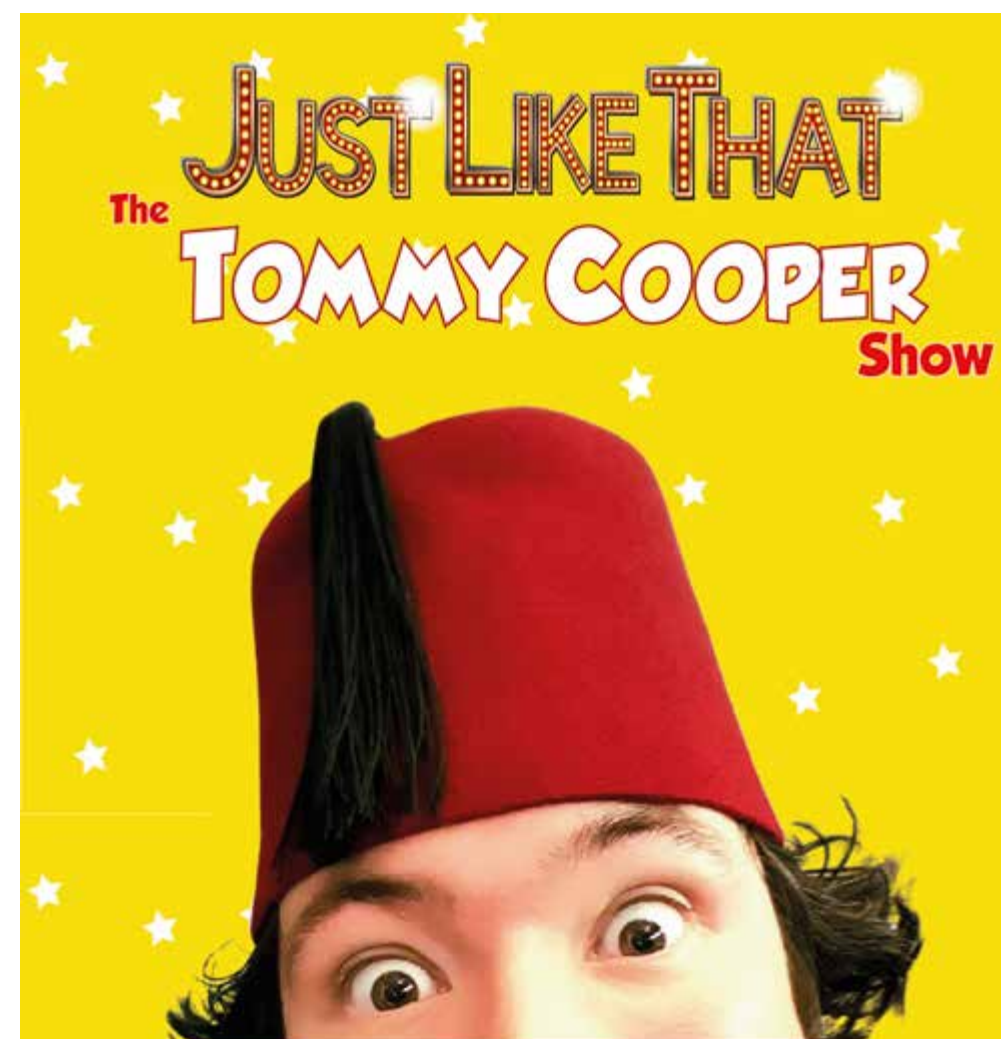
To book a place, please contact **Ambient Night** on **01543 467121**. Our summer theatre school, produced and ran by Ambient Night Productions, is a fantastic opportunity for children aged 7-16 years to rehearse, perform, have fun, make friends and create memories that will last for years.

Just Like That! The Tommy Cooper Show

Thursday 20 July 7.30pm. Tickets £18

Tommy Cooper was a true comic genius. His impeccable timing, love of slapstick and quick-fire gags made him an international star. Complete with his trademark fez and a plethora of misfiring magic, the man is an undisputed icon of live entertainment. Celebrating over 100 years of Tommy, this all-encapsulating show of magic, music and mirth is the perfect celebration of Britain's top comedian and features all of Tommy's classic gags combined with lesser-known gems lovingly selected from his joke archive and extensive magic routines.

The UK's No. 1 Tommy Cooper tribute show is back on tour!



To view the latest brochure visit: www.princeofwales.live

Prince of Wales Theatre, Church Street, Cannock, Staffs WS11 1DE

Volunteering in our Parks and Open Spaces

We have had new volunteers join us since December 2022 who are British National citizens from Hong Kong.

Stella and Jordan have been supporting us every week with a variety of tasks in different parks in all weathers.

When we had a new group of learners from South Staffordshire College Futures Blue 3 Group, we discovered one young learner was struggling to communicate with his peers and the teacher because he had moved to England 12 months ago with his family from Hong Kong. He spoke very little English.

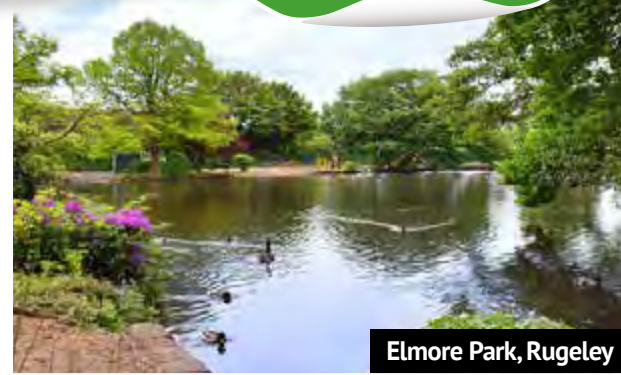
We asked Stella and Jordan to help us with a bench making project in Elmore Park with the group so that they could communicate with the student in his own language.

We invited Stella and Jordan to join us in the reward day at Rodbaston College where we awarded the young people with medals and certificates for their hard work and achievements in Elmore Park; they also had the opportunity to talk with the student's parents.

Stella and Jordan also attend the Maths and English through Art sessions that are held at Hednesford Park every Thursday in the Community Room. This opportunity is provided through the Adult and Community Learning programme at South Staffordshire College.

Did you know...

Volunteering in parks and open spaces is about giving your spare time to improving our Parks and Open Spaces, building resilient communities and supporting each other through shared experiences, knowledge and skills.



Elmore Park, Rugeley

If you are interested in volunteering in any of our parks please contact **Lynn Evans** via email lynnevens@cannockchasedc.gov.uk

Park improvements across Cannock Chase District

Councils have a role to play in the provision of good quality play areas and open spaces. This is why Cannock Chase Council is committed to providing good quality parks, play areas and open spaces for all to enjoy.

Over the last six months, the Council has been making various improvements to Wellington Drive Play Area and Laburnum Avenue in Cannock. These works are due to be completed later this year.

In addition to this, residents living near to Barnard Way Play Area are currently being asked for their views on a new play area that is due to be developed on that site.

Feedback and a schedule of works for this development will be published later this month.



To find out more about what we are doing and how you can get involved visit www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/newparks

Cannock Chase Council celebrates award for compassion

Cannock Chase Council has been awarded Compassionate Community status.

The community was given the honour by Compassionate Communities UK (CCUK) at a ceremony which took place on in May this year.



“CCUK Trustee Manjula Patel said: the accreditation recognised the fantastic work which is done on a daily basis in the community to provide and facilitate support for those affected by life-threatening illness, chronic disability, grief and bereavement.”

Some of the highlights of the projects were:

- Two bereavement charities for children, young people and parents (Windmills and A Child of Mine) and bereavement training for schools
- The Places of Welcome network - drop-in cafes where people can feel safe, belong and contribute
- Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles, which offers sports, outdoor recreation and creative activities to support physical health and wellbeing
- Memorials, memorial services and gardens, which give people a space to reflect and grieve
- Fiveways Ramblers, a group which encourages friendship and reduces isolation by meeting weekly for walks and social activities

Cannock Chase's Compassionate Communities Network includes individuals from the NHS, voluntary and community sector and local district and county council.

The award is the first step in assuring accessible and sustainable support for residents and their families when dealing with the issues of death and dying, especially those who are vulnerable and alone.

The Compassionate Community accreditation process encourages communities to explore what is already there to support people through death, dying, bereavement and care and to look at what they need to create, connect and have conversations about.

Did you know...

Compassionate Communities UK is a charity which provides training, events, membership and consultancy to transform life and death with the healing powers of compassion and community.

Cannock Chase is the first local government district to receive Compassionate Community status.



For more information visit:
www.compassionate-communitiesuk.co.uk



1st Hednesford Scouts helped to launch Mental Health Awareness Week 2023 with their JOTT event in Hednesford Park on Saturday 13 May.

Eighty one young people and 22 leaders (including a few parents) took part in the event.



The older scouts met in Hednesford Park in the morning and set off along the Heritage Trail to walk to Birches Valley. On the way back they collected the younger members at set points to take part in different mental health activities.

The NHS suggest taking part in the '5 ways to wellbeing to support good mental health', the event ticks all the aspects of the 5 ways: it is run by volunteers, involves physical exercise, makes positive connections, and participants learning something new about themselves/the environment and are taking part in an activity where they are 'in the moment' and are practicing mindfulness.



Did you know...

The JOTT is a national tradition that has been going for 25 years where scout groups all over the world do a hike on the same day.

Do you want to support young people by providing them with opportunities that will last a lifetime?

Hednesford Scouts has volunteer vacancies in different roles. For more information, please email volunteer@hednesfordscouts.org

1st Hednesford Scout Group is run by a team of dedicated volunteers that support our young people every week all year round.

For more information visit <https://jott.org.uk/>

Insect week 2023

Insect Week is a national campaign run by the Royal Entomological Society, whose aim is to encourage people of all ages to learn more about insects, it ran from 19 - 25 June.

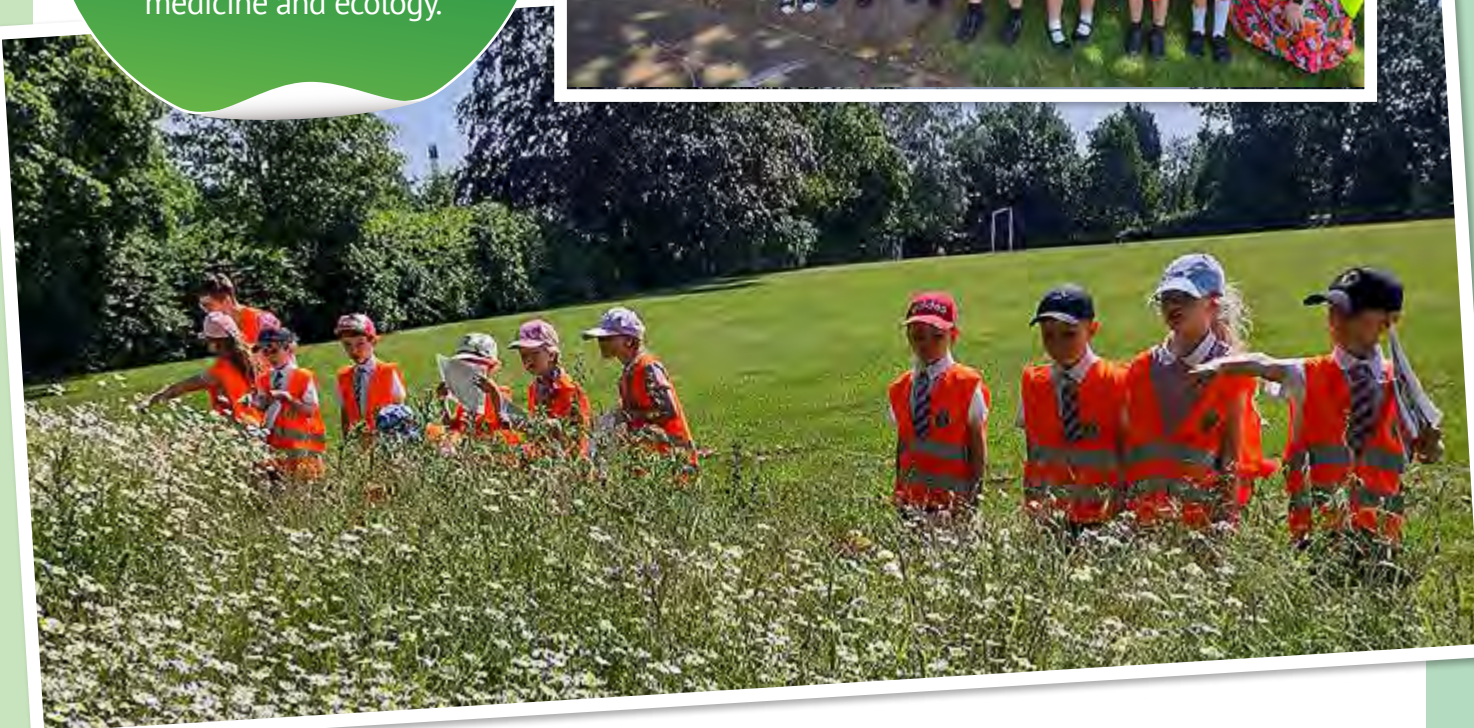
During the week the Council's parks and open spaces team delivered workshops with local schools and colleges.

At Cannock Park, children from Year 2 at St. Lukes C of E Primary School, Cannock attended a workshop to encourage them to think about what insecticides/fly killers are used at home and find different ways of managing pests, by planting differently and attracting natural predators. Whatever chemicals kill the insects, they also go in our water and on our food!



Did you know...

With over 24,000 species of insects in the UK alone, the week is to showcase the vital role that insects play in conservation, food production, medicine and ecology.



The Forest of Mercia CIC helped the children to make a giant butterfly and decorate it with natural materials and in the afternoon young people from South Staffordshire College Futures group facilitated an insect related game.

These workshops not only provided creative ways of how using insecticides impacts on our own health and wellbeing, but also get the children outdoors, supporting their community and learn about our natural environment through fun engaging projects.

The event has been funded through MIND Time to Change Legacy project that will be providing a wide range of art workshops to highlight how we can support our mental health.

Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles and Cannock Chase Council supported the project through their Climate Change Action and Wellbeing programme.



Did you know...

Insect Week 2024 will take place on 17-23 June 2024.

Meanwhile, at Hednesford Park, students from South Staffordshire College, who are studying Motor Vehicle Studies, worked with Cronimet, a Cannock based company that recycles scrap stainless steel, to make insects and bugs out of scrap metal

The students learnt various metal working skills, which enabled them to produce some amazing sculptures. These were displayed in the garden of the signal box in Hednesford Park. The project was inspired from a collaboration with an organisation called RIC-NIC. The 2022-23 project 'Where the Bees Fly' focuses on how we can see our impact on Climate Change through bees. Bees are vulnerable to some parasites that thrive in warm temperatures.

One of the effects of climate change is the increase in temperatures and less cold seasons. Drier conditions mean less flowers, pollen and nectar.



For more information visit <https://bumblebeeconservation.org>

Hear from some of Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles' members and their successes....

Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles loves sharing its member success stories. The people who attend its centres are truly at the heart of their charity. Young and old, not matter what your interests, IHL has an activity to inspire you and encourage you to lead a healthier and happier life.

Brenda, member at Rugeley Leisure Centre

Brenda is a well-loved member who attends Les Mills Sh'Bam, a weekly dance exercise session that is all about having fun.

Aged 74, Brenda enjoys being social with other members who attend the class and often meets up with the group for a cup of tea and a cake.

Last year Brenda had a bowel cancer operation which she was able to recover from quickly given her fitness levels. The consultant commented on her speedy recovery and agreed that this massively aided her in getting back to full health fast.

“Brenda said: Sh'Bam is great. It's a group thing, we all know each other and it's wonderful to have made such a lovely group of friends. I can't recommend it enough.”



Shane, volunteer at the Prince of Wales Theatre & Chase Leisure Centre

Shane has been a volunteer for IHL since 2016. He is a fantastic advocate for IHL as he gets involved in so many of the activities and opportunities that the charity offers.

22 years ago, Shane first visited the centre for swimming lessons with Gez who now leads on outdoors and sports activities for IHL. Since then, he has taken part in national projects such as the Tappin' In tap dance competition, attends weekly accessible cycling and gardening sessions, and volunteers at the theatre and with Gez too.

“Shane said: It gets me out of the house most days and I have made lots of friends. I really enjoy it.”



Steve, fitness instructor & personal trainer at Chase Leisure Centre

Steve is a long standing IHL team member with an incredible fitness journey story. Steve began his role in 2012 but before that he was a truck driver. He lived in his lorry, ate fast food every day, drank every night, smoked up to 40 cigarettes a day and weighed just over 21 stone.

At that time, he was also a football coach for a girls' team. At one of his coaching sessions, he was asked by the chairman to join in and after 5 minutes, Steve was on the side lines gasping for breath.

From then he made the lifestyle changes needed to reduce his weight and improve his fitness. Steve stopped smoking and an incredible lost 6 stone. But that wasn't enough for Steve! He then decided to compete in an Iron Man which was the first of many more competitions he has completed.

Steve is a personal trainer who specialises in working with people who want to make the same lifestyle changes that he has. He is also a keen cyclist and teaches immersive cycling classes in the indoor cycle studio at the centre.

“Steve said: I honestly thought I was going to die. That was the catalyst that I needed to turn my life around.”



Visit the Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles website for more information on all activities and opportunities to get active in our local area
www.inspiringhealthylifestyles.org

The charity at the heart of the community



Inspiring
Healthy
Lifestyles

We're here to
inspire you to be
the **best version**
of **yourself**

From lane swimming, to free weights to immersive indoor cycling, we have opportunities to inspire you lead a healthier, happier life through physical activity in our venues! Join at IHL Chase or IHL Rugeley for unlimited access to everything you need to feel good!



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Sheltered Housing Schemes across Cannock Chase

Sheltered Housing Schemes are designed to suit people over 55 years of age, who do not need residential care, but are looking to move out of their present accommodation. This could be because they want a home which is smaller and easier to manage or they need a little extra support and security but do not want to lose their independence.

The schemes offer independent living in comfortable surroundings. Residents can make use of the scheme's facilities as well as participating in the various activities organised for their enjoyment. Cannock Chase Council has four Sheltered Schemes within the District:-

Grace Moore Court
Cecil Street
Chadsmoor
Cannock
Staffs WS11 1HS



Longford Court
Bideford Way
Cannock
Staffs
WS11 1QB



Caxton Court
Caxton Street
Cannock
Staffs
WS11 3EA



St. Barbara House
John Till Close
Rugeley
Staffs
WS15 2AG



The Council currently has a number of bedsits currently available at Caxton Court. Please email lettingofficers@cannockchasedc.gov.uk for more information.

Read more about sheltered housing here:
[www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/residents/housing/housing-allocations/
council-housing-sheltered-accommodation](https://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/residents/housing/housing-allocations/council-housing-sheltered-accommodation)

ENVIRO-CRIME

ENVIRO-CRIME is any illegal act which directly harms the environment. There are many types of **ENVIRO-CRIME** which may be enforced by the Police, Environment Agency or Local Authority. Cannock Chase Council is responsible for investigating issues such as abandoned vehicles, dog fouling, flyposting, fly-tipping, graffiti, littering etc.

Our Environmental Health & Public Protection Team works hard to keep our streets clean and safe and prevent **ENVIRO-CRIME** spoiling our district. Last year, our officers received over 1,500 Environmental Protection complaints, many of which relating to **ENVIRO-CRIME**. As well as responding to complaints, officers take a proactive role to deter **ENVIRO-CRIME** by regular patrols, education in schools and the deployment of CCTV in problematic areas.

LITTERING

Littering costs Cannock Chase Council thousands of pounds every year to remove. If caught dropping litter (this includes cigarette ends), an £75 Fixed Penalty Notice will be issued (reduced to £50 if paid within 7 days).

Did you know...

Failure to pay will result in prosecution. In 2022-23 the Council prosecuted six individuals for littering with total costs of £650, £739, £359, £608, £1649 and £1,251.

FLY-TIPPING

We each have a duty of care to make sure our waste is disposed of legally and responsibly, without being hazardous to health or harming our environment.

If you need to get rid of your rubbish, don't let it be illegally dumped, as it could be **YOU**, not the trader, who is prosecuted.

In May alone, fly-tipping cost Cannock Chase Council over £3,000 to remove. This was mainly household waste and white goods. Last year the team prosecuted three individuals for fly-tipping with total penalties of £1,333, £384 and £384!

Be wary and check if the person or company is a registered waste carrier. You can easily check this with the **Environment Agency** on 08708 506 506.

IF YOU SEE
LITTERING
REPORT IT!

IF YOU WITNESS **ENVIRO-CRIME**, you can report it to the **Environmental Protection Team**.

Please provide a description of the person, vehicle registration, photograph, date and time and any other detailed information which could be used as evidence and enable us to prosecute the offender.

TO REPORT **ENVIRO-CRIME**, email environmentalhealth@cannockchasedc.gov.uk



THE COUNCIL IS CONTINUING TO OFFER A

£250
CASH REWARD

TO ANYONE WHO PROVIDES EVIDENCE THAT LEADS TO THE SUCCESSFUL CONVICTION OF ANY PERSON, BUSINESS OR OTHER ORGANISATION INVOLVED IN FLY-TIPPING WASTE IN THE DISTRICT.

You will be asked to provide the following details:

- Date and time of incident
- Location of the incident
- Description of the waste
- A description of the person who tipped the waste

If a vehicle is involved:

- Registration number
- Type and colour of vehicle
- Company name (if applicable)

Please take a photo if possible and give details of anyone else who witnessed the offence. Reports will be kept confidential and you will be informed of the outcome of the investigation.

Cannock Chase Council will always issue a £400 FIXED PENALTY NOTICE OR PROSECUTE FLY-TIPPERS where there is sufficient evidence. NEVER approach those responsible or disturb the site.

Tel **01543 462621** so that an investigation can take place.

IF YOU SEE
FLY-TIPPING
REPORT IT!

★ Collect recycling's most WANTED ★

Help us improve the quality of our recycling

Please only put these items into your **blue bin**



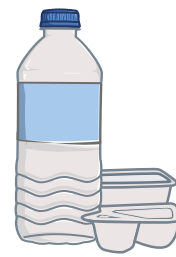
Empty
spray cans



Glass jars
& bottles



Empty tins or
drink cans

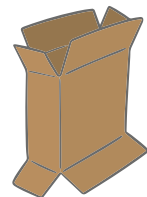


Empty plastic
bottles, tubs & trays

Please only put these
items into your **blue bag**



Paper



Cardboard

Thank you
for recycling



★ Keep the most UNWANTED ★ out of your recycling

✗ **STOP** These items do not belong in
your **blue bin** or **blue bag**



Clothing



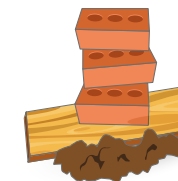
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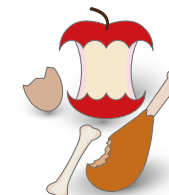
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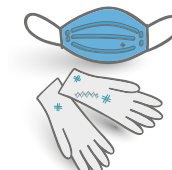
Paint &
empty pots



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.

Bringing the community and organisations together

Did you know...

There have been six of these events, four in Rugeley and two in Hednesford where 100s of residents have received advice from agencies.

The Council in partnership with Rugeley Foodbank held its first community engagement event in November 2021, based at Rugeley Community Church and Centre and since then it has gone from strength to strength.

The aim was to bring organisations such as CAB, Staffordshire Police, Staffordshire Fire Service, South Staffs Water, New Era (Domestic Violence Support) and various departments from Cannock Chase Council together so residents could talk to them face to face about any problems they may be facing. Residents also received advice on financial support to assist with rising costs in energy and food bills.

Did you know...

The next Community Engagement event is confirmed for **Thursday 17 August at Rugeley Community Centre and Church, Burnthill Lane, Rugeley, 11am and 3pm.**

There will also be an event held in Hednesford in October 2023, exact date to be confirmed.



Along with the community engagement events, this year the Council in partnership with Jobs 22 and Cannock Job Centre (DWP) have started to organise jobs fairs, bring local employers with job opportunities together with local people looking for work or a change or career.

There was another event at the Civic Centre in Cannock in June, which saw over 200 job seekers interacting with local businesses to see what opportunities were available.

Feedback from the general public and organisations attending these events has been very encouraging, so we will continue to organise these for residents across the District. In the future we will be looking to focus on themes such as Victim Support, Crime Prevention and Health Awareness.

Did you know...

The first jobs fair was held in Rugeley in March, with over 200 people attending.

Did you know...

There is a jobs fair confirmed for **Thursday 26 October at Rugeley Community Centre and Church, Burnthill Lane, Rugeley between 10am and 1pm.**



Cannock Chase Council supporting work experience students

Cannock Chase Council successfully supported 24 students from South Staffordshire College with work experience required as part of their course.

The work experience placement is intended to support learners in gaining valuable employability skills and practical experience relevant to their chosen industry specialism.

Did you know...

By placing the students with the Housing Property Services Team and Repairs Team over the last three months they were able to complete a set amount of work experience hours in their chosen industry specialism.

Ric Frumenzi, Assistant Manager (Assets) Housing Property Services Team said:

“It is great to support the younger generation to find a pathway through their education and into the workplace. It's important that we look at ways that we can pass on our expertise and knowledge to those in our local communities.”

Following on from this success, the Council will be in talks with the college to see how we can continue to support this programme.



Contact us...

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email: communications@cannockchasedc.gov.uk

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