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It's all change at Cannock Chase Council as we bring you the latest edition of Chase Matters magazine.

In May there was a significant change in the administration of the Council following the District Council elections when the group I lead, the Conservative Party, took control from the previous minority Labour administration. The make-up of the Council is now 24 Conservatives, 9 Labour, 5 Chase Community Independents, 2 Liberal Democrats and 1 Green Party seat. As a result I was delighted that the members of my group confirmed me to take on the important role of Leader of the Council.

At the same time the Council appointed a new chief executive to replace former managing director, Tony McGovern, who decided to leave the role. This is now a shared position with neighbouring Stafford Borough Council, as explained on page 13.

Since becoming Leader I have been getting to grips with the role, meeting lots of people in addition to fulfilling my ward responsibilities. Much of the focus is about the Council seeking to recover from the pandemic and follow the Government's aim to 'Let's keep life moving'.

Recovery for us will focus on the local economy and jobs, skills, enterprise and reshaping our town centres; the health and wellbeing of our residents where everyone's health and wellbeing has quite rightfully been centre stage, and importantly ensuring the Council is financially resilient enough to provide the support it wants to.

This pandemic has been incredibly challenging. As a Council we had a major role to play during the response phase and this will continue in this recovery stage. We are particularly mindful of those within our community who have lost loved ones, their jobs and incomes and who continue to find life difficult. We are ambitious and committed to ensuring the District and the Council not only recovers from 18 months of a pandemic but can actually thrive in the future.

An example of thriving is the McArthurGlen Designer Outlet which opened in May, facilitated by the Council, and which has managed to surpass expectations with the company already considering expanding the site by 50 new stores. It has provided work for hundreds of residents and attracted many visitors from outside our area.

Finally, there is the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham next July and August which is moving ever closer and will follow a thrilling Tokyo Olympics, and with it the District hosting the mountain biking event. There's an update on the Games on page 17.

I hope you enjoy reading this latest edition and will feel better informed about our work, whether it is those big projects as mentioned or the many services we deliver day-in-day out as your local council. Remember that the District is represented by 40 other hard-working councillors spread across 15 wards. Their contact details are shown on page 24. They are the 'eyes and ears' of the Council ready to represent you if you have a query, suggestion, concern or perhaps want to compliment the work of the Council.

Olivia Lyons

Leader of Cannock Chase Council



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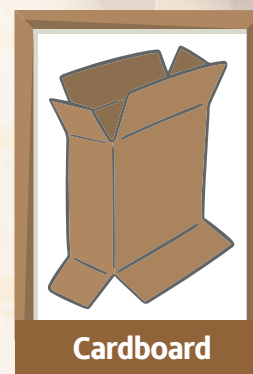
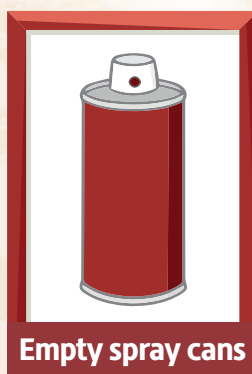
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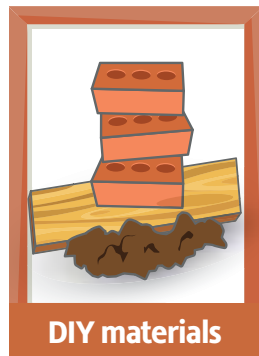


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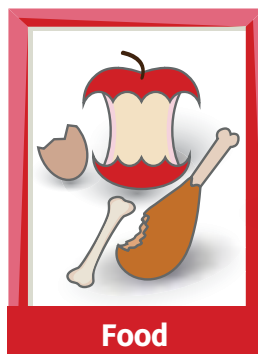
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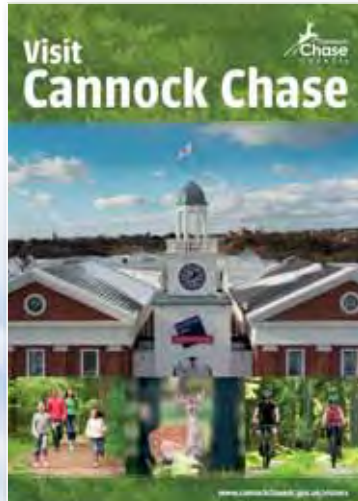
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Visit Cannock Chase guide

Whether you're a resident, visitor or tourist, the new Visit Cannock Chase guide is packed full of information of things to do and places to visit in Cannock Chase. There is also a Heritage Trail map included with walking routes and cycle trails.

The guide is available to pick up from various locations including visitor centres, B&Bs and accommodation providers among others.



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The leaflet is available online via our website www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/visitcannockchase or scan the QR code to download your guide



If you would like any further information about visiting Cannock Chase, please contact the Economic Development team on 01543 464272 or email visit@cannockchasedc.gov.uk

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Car Park Pilot Scheme

In June this year the Council started a trial for discounted car parking on Council owned car parks in Cannock and Rugeley.

Shoppers will get a refund of £2 on the cost of their parking ticket if they spend £10 or more on goods/services in participating shops and hospitality businesses.



The shopper receives the refund when presenting their car parking ticket or text message at the time of purchase. It will apply to one transaction at a time.

A list of participating shops can be found on our website: www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/carparkingdiscount

It is hoped that this pilot will encourage shoppers to Cannock and Rugeley and boost the footfall of the participating shops to help them recover from the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The scheme will end on 21 September and will be reviewed by the Council's Cabinet.





Cannock Chase Council declared a Climate Change Emergency in July 2019. Since then, the Covid pandemic has resulted in considerable changes to the way many people have lived and worked, with a reduction of greenhouse gases being one of the positives.

The national agenda associated with the recovery phase of the pandemic is “build back better” and “build back greener”. This highlights the challenge of avoiding a return to pre-pandemic levels of greenhouse gas production and the opportunity of investing in a net carbon zero future.

In June, the cooling towers at the Rugeley Power Station site were blown down - a final break with coal-based energy production in the area. The closure of the power station in 2016, while a significant economic shock, made a major contribution to reducing carbon dioxide emissions across Cannock Chase. Regeneration of the site will incorporate innovation in energy production and its use. Two thousand low carbon homes will be built, along with an “all through” school and other infrastructure. A Smart Local Energy System will see the benefits of this approach across a wider area as part of the Zero Carbon Rugeley Project.

Did you know...

The Council is developing a consultation and engagement programme, which will guide the actions that the whole community can take going forward.

The Council is committed to leading efforts towards achieving carbon neutrality by 2030. We have commissioned a 10 year costed action plan to show how net carbon zero can be achieved by 2030.

There is already much that can be done locally. The Council will be raising awareness and informing local people and businesses about practical steps they can take towards reducing their own carbon footprint.



In addition to the above the Council is already taking other actions. In partnership with Chase Community Solar and Beat the Cold, the Council has secured over £250,000 to deliver a Smart Solar project within the District. This will install 75 batteries in council owned bungalows with solar panels. The batteries will enable the tenant

to store and use more of the energy produced, reducing energy bills and tackling fuel poverty. Cannock Chase Council's Housing service is currently building 22 energy efficient new homes with Mechanical Ventilation Heat Recovery, solar power and electric vehicle charging points on drives. As well as the above the Council is looking at ways to move away from diesel and change its own fleet of vehicles to electric over time.

Accommodation available in Cannock Chase



The Council offers several types of accommodation across Cannock Chase District including properties within our Sheltered Housing Schemes.

Sheltered housing provides people aged 55 and over with an alternative housing option. The schemes offer independent living in comfortable surroundings.

There are four local schemes including, Grace Moor Court, Longford Court, St Barbara House and Caxton Court.

Residents have their own property whilst making use of the scheme's facilities and communal spaces.

There is an Independent Living Officer on duty Mondays to Fridays, 9am until 5pm who will help residents live independently in their own home as much as possible. To do this, they provide a wide range of services to make resident's lifestyles comfortable, secure and enjoyable. Tailored support plans are also developed to ensure individuals get the most appropriate assistance.

In addition to this, the Council's Central Control Team provide support 365 days a year.

If you're interested in living in one of these schemes, call **01543 462621** to find out what properties are available.

To find out more about the Council's Housing Allocations Service, visit www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/residents/housing-allocations

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Cannock Chase Council joins the fight against fraud in Staffordshire

Cannock Chase Council has joined the **Staffordshire Counter Fraud Partnership**, with the aim of keeping public money out of the hands of fraudsters.



Stoke-on-Trent City Council, working with Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council, created the Staffordshire Counter Fraud Partnership in 2019 to combine resources aimed at tackling non-benefit fraud against both authorities.

Did you know...

The new partners will adopt the public fraud awareness campaign, 'Spot the Cheater' to encourage people across Staffordshire to report their suspicions of fraud.

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Two Housing Associations; Aspire Housing and Staffs Housing have also joined the partnership.

This move will further strengthen the Councils existing antifraud measures. For more information visit www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/antifraud

Anyone can report suspected fraudulent activity online at www.staffsfraud.org, by calling the hotline on **01782 236800** or via email at report@staffsfraud.org. All reports will be treated confidentially and can be made anonymously.

The Cema Chape Street Park

New improved park!

Over the last few months, we have been working closely with Norton Canes Parish Council to undertake improvements to the park and play area at the Cema - Chapel Street Park in Norton Canes.

Works are in progress on site including a new circular pathway and the installation of a green gym which will be installed in September.

Kompan was appointed to undertake the works to the play area and as part of their design work, local residents and schools were asked for their views on the proposals.

The design incorporates the views and suggestions of residents who took part in two rounds of consultations. It reflects the mining history of the local area as well as providing fun and engaging equipment for children to use and experience. Plans are also underway to develop art pieces that will be positioned around the park and a further consultation and engagement event was delivered over the summer.

Additional landscaping works including the planting of trees, shrubs and wildflowers are due to be completed by late September thanks to the support of the Forest of Mercia which has contributed £12,000 towards this element of the programme.

The new park and play area will officially open in early October.



For more information about this development, contact the Parish Council on **01543 276812** or email nortoncanesparishcouncil@live.co.uk

New chief executive role shared with Stafford

Back in May councillors on Cannock Chase District Council agreed to share the role of chief executive with Stafford Borough Council. The leading officer role at the Council had become vacant following the departure earlier in the year of former Cannock Chase Council Managing Director, Tony McGovern.



Councillors from both local authorities decided this was the best decision to take in view of the fact that the councils have successfully been sharing a number of services over the past 10 years, the opportunity to make savings and the urgent need to focus on recovery from the pandemic.

Tim Clegg formally took up the role of Chief Executive of Cannock Chase District Council and Stafford Borough Council at the start of August, following a two-month period working with the Interim Managing Director of Cannock Chase Council, Bob Kean, who retired at the end of July after serving both councils for 18 years.

The role will be reviewed in 12 months' time by councillors at both local authorities to see if they want this to become a permanent arrangement.

Tim comes to Cannock Chase with over 30 years' experience in senior strategic management in local government and the NHS. He was appointed Chief Executive of Stafford Borough Council in 2016 and prior to that held director roles at Derby City Council, Wolverhampton City Council and Tamworth Borough Council.

FREE business support for micro businesses

The Federation of Small Businesses is offering 12 months free business support to micro businesses in Cannock Chase.

A micro business is a business with one to four workers only.

The free business support will offer advice and guidance on issues such as legal and tax, employment legislation, health and safety, cyber protection and insurance. It aims to help micro businesses recover from the effect of the pandemic.

More information on the full suite of benefits offered to FSB members can be found at: www.fsb.org.uk/join-us/membership.html



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Cannock Chase Can will launch across the District this month to help people improve their lives by making healthier lifestyle choices.

The Council is working closely with the Community Wellbeing team at Inspiring healthy lifestyles (IHL) and other partners to launch this exciting new programme.

The focal point for the programme will be the new Cannock Chase Can mobile app which will be available to download for free from Google Play and the App Store.

Over the summer, the Council and IHL have been working with local organisations, community groups, businesses, and schools to design the challenges which will feature within the app. Anyone can submit a challenge and these will be updated regularly. If you would like to get involved and have an idea for a challenge, visit the website to find out more.

In addition to the app, the programme will also include education projects with local schools as well as customised initiatives with local businesses.



Did you know...

A new Facebook page 'Cannock Chase Can' has also been set up to share the project and to help motivate and inspire others on their individual wellness journeys.

If you would like further information about the new health and wellbeing programme, please email cannockchasecan@cannockchasedc.gov.uk or visit www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/cannockchasecan

Partnership Working Keeping your community safe...

Cannock Chase's Community Safety Hub (CSH) continues to maintain its core role in supporting the most vulnerable areas of our community.

The CSH is a multi-agency meeting which meets virtually every Tuesday morning. It aims to improve community safety across the District by identifying and addressing crime, disorder, and vulnerability issues.



The CSH tackles community safety issues that require multi-agency attention which are more difficult to address through traditional working methods. Real time intelligence is used to identify issues and problem-solving approaches are discussed and applied using partner agencies expertise and resources.

Referrals to the CSH are taken from local partner agencies including police, fire, public health, charities, local authorities etc. Referrals can include domestic abuse, anti-social behaviour, offender management, child sexual exploitation, mental health issues, licensing issues, planned evictions, community triggers, drugs and substance misuse etc.

The Partnership team continues to deliver its key services and ensure it reaches the most vulnerable within our community.

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

Chase Leisure Centre to stage national schools pistol and rifle championships

British Shooting has agreed to bring the prestigious 2021-22 British Shooting Schools Pistol and Rifle Championship Finals to the Chase Leisure Centre in Cannock next 8 and 9 February.



Pictured are young people at a previous national shooting championships.

The Championships feature 11 to 18 year-olds across various individual and team categories. Regional rounds start on 1 September, with finalists invited to come to the national finals in Cannock before Christmas. There is expected to be space for spectators to come and watch the championships.

Open to all novice to experienced athletes, whether from a Pony Club, Pentathlon, Scout, School, or Shooting Club environment, it is anticipated that 240 athletes will take part with many accompanied by their parents. The athletes could well go onto become future Olympics and Commonwealth Games participants.

Securing the competition in Cannock has largely been down to Cannock Chase District councillor, Martyn Buttery, and the efforts of the Rugeley Rifle Club. Martyn is an expert small bore shooter and has won medals in previous Commonwealth championships. He now coaches GB shooters and is passionate about raising the profile of shooting as an enjoyable and responsible sporting activity to take part in, whether as a beginner or aspiring to elite level.

Commonwealth Games

update

Cannock Chase District's hosting of the mens' and womens' mountain biking event at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games is just under a year away.

Birches Valley will play host to some of the world's elite mountain bikers on Wednesday 3 August as part of the 11-day Games programme.

If you enjoyed watching Tom Pidcock winning the Gold medal in this event at Tokyo and West Midlands based Evie Richards achieve a creditable seventh in the women's event, you will be in for a treat.

West Midlands residents had the chance to buy tickets to all the events and opening and closing ceremonies in the regional ticket ballot in July. But if you missed out then you can still apply in the national ballot closing on 30 September. Apply at www.birmingham2022.com/the-games/tickets/

Did you know...

This autumn, the new mountain biking Blue Trail and Peddle and Play Trail for children at Birches Valley will be officially launched. Cannock Chase Council has provided £50,000 towards the cost of the new Blue Trail being created by Forestry England, which will form part of the competition trail for the Games event.



Pictured are Cannock Chase councillors Doug Smith (Chairman of the Council and pictured by an inflatable number 1) and Adrienne Fitzgerald (Portfolio Leader for Leisure and pictured second from the right) joined representatives from Staffordshire Council, Forestry England and British Cycling to mark 1 Year To Go to the Games' start on 28 July.

On 17 and 18 September, there's the chance to visit the Commonwealth Games Roadshow which will be at Birches Valley to introduce some of the sports at Birmingham 2022 and provide more information on the Games. There will be particular emphasis on mountain biking.

Look out for further details on the Commonwealth Games on the Council's Twitter site [@cannockchasedc](https://twitter.com/cannockchasedc), Facebook site **Cannock Chase Life**, at www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk or in the local media over the coming months.



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Cannock Chase Cemetery & Crematorium

Cannock Chase Cemetery officially opened in July this year. Located on Hednesford Road in Heath Hayes, the land is over 19 hectares, which will allow for over 5,000 burials and is estimated to last 125 years.

The site was originally low-grade agricultural land and housed the Bleak House Mining Companies Office in the 1980s.

The development of the cemetery has restored the site to predominantly open space, heathland, shelterbelts, and nature conservation areas, which will enhance the landscape for the benefit of the wider community.

The biodiversity has also been enhanced by the planting of new hedgerows and establishing 1.2 hectares of new woodlands (9,000 native trees and shrubs) while also providing in excess of 100 individual standard native trees as well as including wetlands, reed beds and a pond, as the site nestles close to the Chasewater Bog SSSI. The trees planted were funded by the Forest of Mercia.



The site includes car parking as well as an office building and toilets for mourners and staff.

The site will be open between 9am and 7.30pm for people who are interested in visiting it. No appointment is necessary.

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Environmental Protection Team case

Background

Our Environmental Health officers received information about three dogs being kept in poor conditions.

The five needs of any animal are: a suitable environment, a suitable diet, to be housed with or apart from other animals, to be able to exhibit normal behaviour patterns, and to be protected from pain, suffering, injury and disease. The Code of Practice for the Welfare of Dogs explains to owners what they need to do to meet the needs of a dog and give them the right amount of care.

Action

Environmental Health officers have a range of powers under the Animal Welfare Act 2006. They visited the house because of the information they received, where they found three dogs.

The dogs had extremely overgrown and matted coats which made it difficult for them to see. Their paws were soaked in urine because of the conditions they were kept in and their nails were very long indicating they were not being exercised. One of the dogs was found to be limping and the owners had not arranged for it to be seen by a vet.

The officers spoke to the owners and explained that the dogs were suffering because of the conditions they were being kept in and that they intended to seize them. The owners cooperated and chose to surrender the dogs to the Council, rather than involve the Magistrates' Court.



Outcome

The dogs were taken to the Council's kennels where they were examined by a vet, given the treatment they needed and groomed. After recovery time they were put up for adoption and all three have now been rehomed.

Alongside many other functions, Environmental Health investigates animal welfare offences, manages the dog warden service and licenses activities involving animals. These include the sale of pets, boarding cats or dogs, hiring out horses, dog breeding, animal exhibition and dangerous wild animals.

Where pets are found to be suffering, Environmental Health officers will intervene and in the most extreme cases seize the animals. More than 100 animals have been rescued in recent years, nearly all of them dogs.

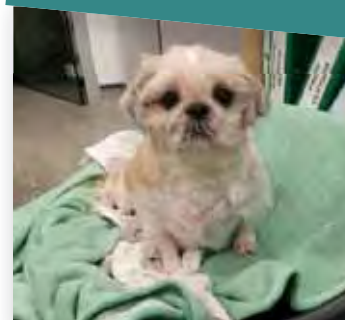
The Codes of Practice for different kinds of pet can be found at www.gov.uk.

PROFILE

Title:
Animal Welfare

Purpose:
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Date: 12/11/2020



Did you know...

The post on Facebook received 123 likes and 24,482 views.

Looking at all three cases, the dogs coming into our care was an enormous benefit to all of them. The overall condition of the dogs and taking into consideration their behavioural issues were present because of the conditions they were kept in. They have received treatment for illnesses which clearly had been overlooked, they were very unsocialised indicating to us they weren't walked regularly or in contact with people. Going forward 2/3 dogs have found perfect homes which are able to give them what they need and most definitely what they deserve.

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Dudley, Wolverhampton and South Staffordshire Breast Screening Programmes



The Dudley, Wolverhampton and South West Staffordshire Breast Screening service is part of the NHS Breast Screening Programme administered from Russell's Hall Hospital Dudley and Cannock Chase Hospital. It offers breast screening to women across the area on mobile units that move around locally and some static sites.

Inviting women who are registered with a GP aged between 50 and up to 71 years once every three years. You will receive a letter asking you to contact us to arrange an appointment when you are due to be screened. Please don't miss the opportunity for this very important health screen. Women aged over 71 can contact the service directly to arrange screening once every three years.

The aim of breast screening is to detect breast cancer early. There is a better chance of successful treatment and recovery if diagnosed early. To do this X-rays are taken of each breast (mammogram). Once taken the images are read by specially trained readers and results are provided within 2 to 3 weeks by letter and a copy is also sent to your GP.

It is the most common type of cancer in the UK, where about 1 in 8 women are diagnosed with breast cancer during their lifetime. NHS.UK has more information on the:

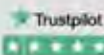
- symptoms of breast cancer
- causes of breast cancer
- treatment for breast cancer

In between screens it is important to be breast aware and if you notice any changes in your breasts you should see your GP as soon as possible. We always aim to provide a quality service to all users and are monitored by the Screening Quality Assurance Service (SQAS) part of NHS England/Improvement.

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Back to the Future



The Food and Safety Team, part of Environmental Health, has been at the forefront of supporting local businesses to be COVID-19 secure during lockdown, leading on investigations of coronavirus workplace outbreaks in the District, and contacting those residents identified through Track and Trace who needed to self-isolate as a public health priority.

Through it all the team has been amazed at the resilience of residents and businesses in Cannock Chase District. As they had to adapt so did we. We had to respond to new legislation, interpret it and advise businesses on a weekly basis sometimes. We had to stay safe and consider how we could work safely. We have stood in doorways, observed through shop windows, talked to people from gardens and driveways, asked for videos of staff working, met with business owners to discuss improvements in Covid compliance - sometimes outside in the rain!

There will be an expectation that some control measures will remain in place to reduce the risk of infection. At the end of the day workplaces still have a duty to comply with health and safety at work legislation and ensure that their staff and customers are safe.

Did you know...

The Food and Safety Team has much work ahead to catch up on programmed inspection work and to continue to support our businesses. We will be catching up with our small businesses, old and new and take stock of the changes that have occurred.

We are at a stage now where coronavirus is part of our lives and it is recognised that we need to return to a new normal. Don't be surprised when you see that screens remain in place, table service continues, numbers may be limited at the bar. Windows and doors may still be left open when you are at work, even though it's a bit drafty. Hand sanitisation points might stay put or you continue to work in smaller groups. Please follow these procedures and respect the systems in place, they are there for a very good reason.

The Food Safety Team will continue to carry out their vital health and safety, food safety and public health functions as they have always done and will continue to do so. We trust that the businesses and residents of the District will also continue to play their part, as they have done, in keeping Cannock Chase a great place to live, work and visit.

Cannock - Datteln link is 50 years old



This year marks 50 years the towns of Cannock and Datteln entered into a formal town twinning link. The small town situated on the North Rhine in Westphalia lies at the heart of Germany's canal network and has a population of around 38,000

Since the twinning began in 1971 numerous close relationships have been forged with Datteln and every year clubs, societies and local people visit the area to make new friends and renew existing friendships, particularly in August when the town hosts its annual Kanalfestival.

While visiting has been off this past two Augusts because of Covid, it is hoped that they will resume once the pandemic is over. Recently, the Chairman of Cannock Chase District Council, Councillor Doug Smith, made contact with his opposite, the Burgermeister of Datteln, Andre Dora.

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Cannock Rail Station improvements

Cannock's rail station and car park have had a makeover. Over 80 murals have been installed on the rear platforms and walkways leading to and from the station's platforms, with images of local scenes and landmarks from around the District, provided by local photographers Anthony Dunn and Michelle Williams.

Lockable poster frames have been installed, which will display artwork from community groups and local schools. As well as two wayfinding totems giving directional information and display maps of the town centre, the Designer Outlet and the wider area for visitors arriving in the town by train. The existing circular planters have been spruced up and 25 metres of safety handrail have been installed from platform 2.

The station enhancement works were a result of collaborative working between interested stakeholders which included, Cannock Chase Council, West Midlands Railway, West Midlands Rail Executive and Staffordshire County Council.

Funding for the enhancement works came from the Section 106 monies which were part of the planning conditions from the McArthurGlen Designer Outlet West Midlands.

The station car park resurfacing works were jointly funded by Cannock Chase Council and West Midlands Railway.

The next phase of improvements which are to be undertaken will include the installation of a new two-tier cycle rack, and for peace of mind, a dedicated CCTV camera that will be linked back to the Council's CCTV Control Room.

West Chadsmoor Family Centre

West Chadsmoor Family Centre opened its doors in May 1996 in the Council's neighbourhood office, a building which was offered to them by Cannock Chase Council.



The development worker for the pre-school learning alliance working in the Chadsmoor area knew that many children didn't access any childcare provision and wanted to set up a facility within a short pushing distance of the local school that parents and children could just drop in to after taking their children to school.

The centre offered parents play and stay sessions that families could attend as often or as little as they wanted. The initial grant was for three years and was Government money managed by the Pre-School Learning Alliance. The uptake was very slow to begin with, but eventually it began to grow. Throughout the years the organisation and the building has grown and changed to meet local need and the changing times.

Did you know...

After the three years the Family Centre became an its own organisation, and later became a charity and a company limited by guarantee.

They have been involved with the Sure Start project for many years, they provide adult education for the parents, grow vegetables in their allotment and parents can attend a parents group for some time for themselves. They offer parenting style classes to give children the best start and there are a number of parent and child activities that families have and still take part in each week. In the summer holidays they have been involved in holiday schemes, a holiday club, and fit and fed programmes. They have been linked with many projects in partnership with both the County Council and District Council and work closely with the local voluntary sector.

In 2019 they received the Queens Award for Voluntary service and in February 2020 they were awarded a lottery grant for a project known as Bright Beginnings. This project started in September 2020, due to the pandemic. It is now offering a range of sessions in partnership with Spark Burntwood. This is a new challenge for them with a bigger team and a wider location and continues to give them a bright future.





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The campaign 'Show domestic abuse the red card' helped to raise awareness of the support services available for both victims and perpetrators.



If you would like support with your behavior call **New Era Domestic Abuse Service** on **01785 601690**

If you are experiencing domestic abuse or know someone who is, report it and get support from **New Era's Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent 24-hour confidential helpline** on **0300 303 3778** or access their 24/7 live chat facility at **www.new-era.uk**

For more information about this campaign visit **www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/footballredcard**

New training centre to boost skills and job support for residents

In August Walsall College's new training centre located at Pioneer House, Mill Street, Cannock officially opened. The centre offers jobseekers and those in temporary work, access to training and work experience relating to existing vacancies.

Also operating from this new training centre is the McArthurGlen Retail Academy. The facility enables unemployed local residents to complete a pre-employment programme with direct access to vacancies at the new West Midlands Designer Outlet.

Similar pre-recruitment programmes in customer service for hospitality, warehousing, Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) and working in care will also be available at the training centre.

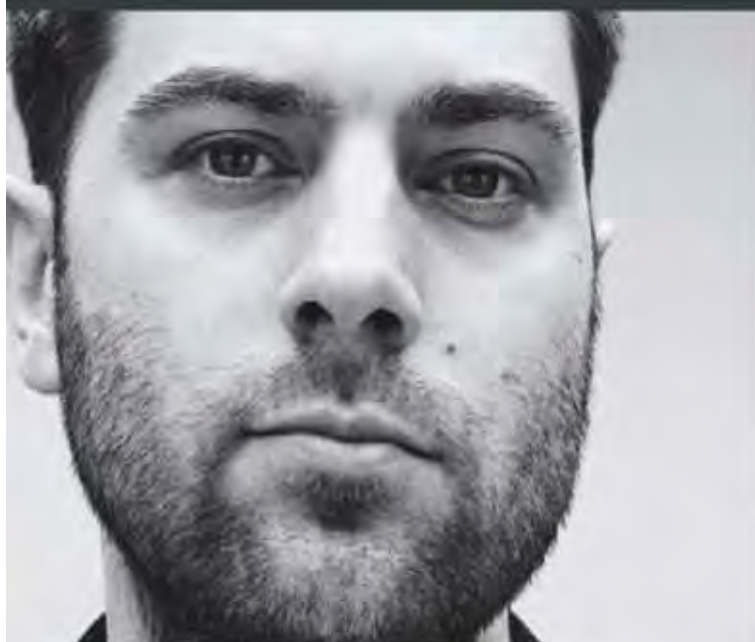
In addition, residents in North Cannock who are long-term unemployed can access the college's Connecting Communities programme. Delivered in conjunction with the West Midlands Combined Authority, the programme offers advice and guidance to those furthest from the job market, as well as individuals retraining for new careers or in need of IT and digital skills.



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Chase Park: One of our most exciting current projects is the purchase of the former Chase Park in 2020. The 48-acre site was home to many amazing sports teams over the years and we have big plans to bring as much sport as we can to the site and be part of the history and the future of Staffordshire sports.



Our promise to the community: With strong connections to the community we are committed to playing our part. Our partnership with Chase Arts for Public Spaces welcomes completion of the National Miners' Memorial to recognise the valuable work of UK coal miners including their contribution in both World Wars. The unveiling of the memorial will take place at the National Memorial Arboretum in September 2021.

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