

# DRONFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MONTHLY UPDATE

## CRIME / INCIDENT UPDATE AS AT :

	<u>Jan-23</u>	<u>Feb-23</u>
VIOLENT CRIME AGAINST PERSON	18	22
THEFT	27	37
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	5	12
PUBLIC DISORDER	7	7
Drugs	0	0
Other crimes	9	3
	66	81
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Comparison to same month last year	59	81
Parking letters Issued this month		22

**01/03/2023**

01/02/2023 - 28/02/2023

- 4** Up on last month
- 10** Up on last month
- 7** Up on last month
- 0** Same as last month
- 0** Same as last month
- 6** Down on last month

**22** Crimes up on previous year

## Speeding checks conducted this month

## Locations


## ENGAGEMENT COMMUNITY STRATEGY

### Additional upcoming planned events

- 5th March 12-1pm Cuppa with a Copper The Bake
- 12th March Dronfield 10k
- 18th March 11.30 - 1pm Cuppa with a Copper The Barn
  
- 25th March 11.30-12.30 Cuppa with a Copper Café Civic

Promote Derbyshire Alert
Promote Dronfield Safer Neighbourhood
Local Speedwatch
ASB Patrols
Parking /School patrols
Local Area patrols, plain clothed and uniformed
Social Media Promotion

## ASB HOTSPOTS

Pentland Road shopping precinct
Civic Centre
Dronfield Barn

Groups of youths gathering nearby shops,
Youths gathering in car park and entering surrounding buildings causing ASB/nuisance.
Additional patrols following a few youth related incidents

## CURRENT PRIORITIES

### LOCATION

Various locations
Dronfield
Civic Centre / Pentland shops
Cliffe Park
Burglary Reassurance
Crime prevention events
Target Hardening event

### ISSUE

Road Safety Concerns
Drug supply intelligence development
Groups of youths gathering o/s shops and also causing nuisance
Groups of youths gathering on park causing nuisance to care takers
High number of local burglaries. Plain clothed patrols & increased police presence.

## NATIONAL POLICE CHIEFS' COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Dwelling Burglaries

Officer to attend all dwelling burglaries

**DRONFIELD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  
**SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL ON MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023**

No	Reference	Applicant	Location	Details
1	<b>23/00145/TPO</b>	Mr Leslie Stevenson	6 Stone Close Coal Aston Dronfield S18 3AS	Application to prune canopy of Sycamore tree covered by NEDDC Tree Preservation Order 89
2	<b>CW4/0123/40</b>	Yorkshire Water Services Ltd	Dronfield Waste Water Treatment Works and land to the east, between Unstone Hill and Half Acre Lan	The installation of 3 no. kiosks at Dronfield Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW) and the construction of a permanent access road to Dronfield WwTW and associated works



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Our ref: 4.2520.2  
Your ref: CW4/0123/40  
Date: 6 March 2023

development.management@derbyshire.gov.uk

Dear Dronfield Town Council,

**The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2015**

**Proposal:** The installation of 3 no. kiosks at Dronfield Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW) and the construction of a permanent access road to Dronfield WwTW and associated works.

**Location:** Dronfield Waste Water Treatment Works and land to the east, between Unstone Hill and Half Acre Lane

**Applicant:** Yorkshire Water Services Ltd

**Application Code:** CW4/0123/40

I write to inform you that we have received the above application, details of which can be found at the following address:

<https://planning.derbyshire.gov.uk/Planning/Display/CW4/0123/40?cuuid=79E1BA58-79B4-46D2-8205-E3AFA39F675B>

Any observations you wish to make concerning the proposal should be forwarded to Planning Services by 27 March 2023.

If your comments are unlikely to be available by this date, I would be grateful if you could let me know within two weeks of the date of this letter, indicating the reasons and specifying the date by which your views will be submitted. If no reply has been received by 27 March 2023, the application may be reported to the appropriate committee for determination without the benefit of your comments.

Yours sincerely,

Development Management

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Cemetery Advisory Committee  
of Dronfield Town Council held in The Council Chamber, Civic Hall  
on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 at 10:00am**

**Present:** Cllr M. Foster (Chair), Cllr M. Ireland, Cllr P. Parkin, Cllr L. Deighton and Cllr P. Wright

**In attendance:** M. Keys (Assistant Clerk) R. Dick (Outside Services Manager)

**1. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

**2. Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Minutes**

Members reviewed the minutes of the committee meeting held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the Cemetery Advisory Committee Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

**4. Garden Of Rest**

Members reviewed plans for the continuation of the Garden Of Rest area.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to Council for Outside Services to use section F of the Cemetery to continue the Garden Of Rest area, with the following conditions:

- All remaining GOR plots must be filled before the new GOR area can be used.
- That the first new GOR plot should be located in the Southwest front corner of the new area of land, working toward the rear of the Cemetery for each new line of plots.
- The Outside Services Manager to produce plans for exact layout of the GOR expansion to present at the next Cemetery Advisory Committee Meeting.

**5. Joint Burial Committee with Unstone Parish Council**

Members were informed of the final decision by North East Derbyshire District Council regarding the future of the joint management of the Cemetery with Unstone Parish Council.

It was RESOLVED to note the decision and implement the decision from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.

**6. Transfer Of Burial Rights**

Members received an update from the Assistant Clerk regarding the cemetery paperwork and procedure for transfer of burial rights, in line with ICCM Guidelines.

It was RESOLVED to note the update.

**7. Cemetery boundary wall repair**

Members reviewed a quotation for the repair of a large boundary wall.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to Council to accept the quote of £2345.00 for the repair of a large boundary wall.

**8. Cemetery Post Signage**

Members were updated on a proposal for signage within the Cemetery to help identify the different sections within the cemetery.

It was RESOLVED that the Outside Services Manager bring proposals for the signage to the next Cemetery Committee Meeting.

**9. Cemetery Maintenance**

Members reviewed resident requests regarding cemetery tree maintenance.

It was RESOLVED for the Outside Services Manager to do an inspection of the trees within the Cemetery to determine if any maintenance was required.

It was RESOLVED to note that some of the work relating to the resident requests had already been carried out from August 2022 onwards.

Members received an update on the dates for memorial testing staff training within the cemetery, in line with ICCM Guidelines.

It was RESOLVED to note the update.

**10. Cemetery Fees**

Members review the proposed 2023 increase of Cemetery Fees by 5% from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to Council to accept the proposed 2023 increase of Cemetery Fees from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.

Members reviewed the definitions of “resident” and “non-resident” in relation to Cemetery Fees.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to Council to accept the following amendments to the definitions of “resident”:

- A person who resides in the Parish of Dronfield.
- A person who has resided in the Parish of Dronfield within the last 10 years, but may have moved away.
- A person who at some time in their lives has resided in the Parish of Dronfield for at least a total of 20 years (not necessarily consecutive) prior to moving away.

Members discussed the pre-purchase of plots within Dronfield Cemetery.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to Council to withdraw the option for the pre-purchase of burial plots within Dronfield Cemetery.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to Council to continue the option for pre-purchase of Garden of Rest plots within Dronfield Cemetery.

#### **11. Chapel Remedial Works**

Members reviewed quotes for the repairs to the bell tower.

It was RESOLVED that the Outside Services Manager look at the bell tower with the contractor, with the use of a cherry picker, to gain a more accurate quote.

It was RESOLVED to seek alternative quotes for the repair of the bell tower where possible.

Members reviewed quotes for work on the glazed door in the Chapel.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to Council to accept the quote of £890 for new chapel doors, with the following conditions:

- The Outside Services Manager to liaise with the contractor regarding the style and finish of the doors before fitting.

#### **12. Date of next meeting**

No date was agreed for the next meeting at this time.

Meeting closed at 12:15pm

## Town Clerk's Supplementary Report

### Council Meeting to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

#### Items for Decision

**Extreme Wheels** – Dronfield Safer Neighbourhood Team have requested permission to use the car park behind Coal Aston Village Hall to hold sessions with Extreme Wheels from 13 or 14 April between 5pm and 8pm for 12 weeks. There will be no cost to the Town Council.

**A decision is required on whether to grant permission to use the car back at Coal Aston.**

#### Items for Information

**DCC** – Temporary Road Closure – Chesterfield Road from 25th April 2023 to 26th April 2023 23:00 to 06:00 between its junction with Callywhite Lane to its junction with Hallows Lane to facilitate rail bridge inspection works.

**NEDDC** – District Parish Liaison Group meeting cancelled on 17 March, and will be rearranged after the Elections in May.

#### Correspondence Received

**DALC** – March 2023 newsletter (distributed to councillors electronically)

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE**  
**B6057 Chesterfield Road, Dronfield**

**WHEN:** 25th April 2023 to 26th April 2023 23:00 to 06:00

**WHERE:** B6057 Chesterfield Road, Dronfield between its junction with Callywhite Lane to its junction with Hallows Lane.\_\_\_\_\_.

**REASON:** To facilitate rail bridge inspection works.\_\_\_\_\_.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTE:** B6057 Chesterfield Road (from point of closure) to Sheepbridge, A61 Unstone / Dronfield Bypass to Bowshaw Interchange, B6057 Sheffield Road / Chesterfield Road (to point of closure) and vice versa.

Access will be maintained, whenever reasonably possible, on the affected length of road. The road will re-open as soon as the work is finished. This may be earlier than advertised.

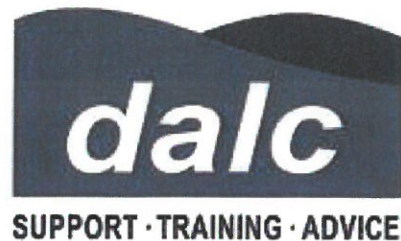
Derbyshire County Council apologises for any inconvenience caused while work takes place. Anyone needing further information should ring Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190.

The County Council intends to make/has made an Order under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) to prohibit its use by traffic.

Chris Henning, Executive Director - Place Department, County Hall, MATLOCK DE4 3AG



**Newsletter – March 2023**  
**Derbyshire Association of Local Councils**



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**1 – 'One-hit' training – for your whole council!**

Want to get all your councillors 'on the same page'? If you do, then our bespoke, whole-council training might be just what you're looking for. Especially valuable just after elections, 'whole-council' training gives councillors a head-start in their new role. It also means that all members – old and new – receive their same information and therefore have a shared understanding of their council, helping to build team-working at an early stage. A number of our member councils already use our bespoke sessions, so if you'd like more info about our 'Councillor Essentials' or 'Code of Conduct' training for your full council, please get in touch with Wendy on [chiefofficer@derbyshirealc.gov.uk](mailto:chiefofficer@derbyshirealc.gov.uk)

**2 – Nominate now – 2023 Excellence Awards open for entries!**

Entries for the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of our Excellence Awards are starting to arrive at the DALC office. As in previous years, submitting a nomination really couldn't be easier – - just tell us (in 500 words max.) why your nominee deserves an award – an [entry form is available here](#), or you can email us at [awards@derbyshirealc.gov.uk](mailto:awards@derbyshirealc.gov.uk). Once again, categories are BHIB **Council of the Year**, Blachere Illumination **Clerk of the Year**, and CCLA **Councillor of the Year**. Entries are invited for outstanding

work done in the financial year 2022/23, including ongoing projects, and are accepted from members of the public as well as councillors and clerks. So, what are you waiting for... jot down a few words about your nominee and send in an entry!

\* **NEW** this year - the awards will be presented at our new DALC Day on June 27<sup>th</sup>, meaning that closing date for entries is April 30<sup>th</sup> 2023.

### ***3 – Elections '23 – how to engage your community***

With elections just around the corner, NALC has produced a valuable resource for local councils. Ranging from a handy Q&A to a timetable of the process, there are also ideas for promoting the election, tips for encouraging residents to become councillors, and hints on how to use social media to increase awareness. Part of its 'Make A Change' campaign, the NALC [election resource can be accessed here](#).

### ***4 – Elections '23 – the pre-election period***

According to the Electoral Commission this period starts no later than 27<sup>th</sup> March, although your elections officer may set an earlier date. This is the start of the period previously known as 'purdah' when specific restrictions on communications activity are in place. Further information on the [pre-election period](#) can be found on the Local Government Association website. It should be read in conjunction with any guidance produced by your own returning officer or monitoring officer, which provides specific advice depending on your local circumstances. If you are in doubt about any council activities scheduled for this period, please get in touch with the elections team in the principal authority, or with us.

### ***5 – Elections '23 – Annual Meeting rules & regs***

As this is an election year, the Annual Meeting of the Council needs to be held between 10<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May (not on a Sunday). If you know that there will be no contested election (from the electoral team) in sufficient time to give 3 clear days' notice to councillors, the meeting can be held on 9<sup>th</sup> May, which is the day that councillors will take up office. The Annual Parish Meeting can be held any time between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> June. Please refer to our [legal topic note on Annual Parish Meetings](#) for more information. This is not impacted by the pre-election period restrictions on publicity, although there may be some activities within the meeting that may be seen as electioneering and should be avoided(see news item 4).

### ***6 – Funds for 'at-risk' community assets***

With a total funding pot of £150 million over four years, the Community Ownership Fund has just opened its latest application window – aimed at helping voluntary and community groups acquire match-funding to secure 'at-risk' amenities and assets. [More information can be found here](#).

### ***7 – Local council exemption now confirmed***

As was widely expected, (and very late in the day!) it's been confirmed that parish and town councils won't be subject to tax referendum principles in 2023/4, leaving councils in our sector free to set their own precept level.

### ***8 – Parish posts not politically restricted***

Following enquiries from our sector, NALC has advised that parish council posts are not 'politically restricted' - therefore allowing staff to be politically active members of a political party, and to canvas on behalf of candidates.

### ***9 – National plan needs more neighbourhood input***

A special meeting of NALC's planning committee has urged that neighbourhood planning is strengthened when the Government's National Planning Policy Framework is updated. It also backed 'beauty through design' codes, and called for the removal of neighbourhood management development policies.

### ***10 – LGA reveals 12.7% pay claim***

Unions representing local government services have submitted a 2023/24 pay claim of RPI plus 2%, a likely total of 12.7%, the LGA has advised. Meetings are taking place during February, with negotiations likely to be 'intense', says NALC.

### ***11 – How to... declare a climate emergency***

Clerk to Grindleford PC Sarah Battarbee has kindly sent us a 'How to' document outlining her village's journey to declaring a climate emergency. [The document can be read on the DALC website here.](#)

### ***12 – Using personal email addresses – NALC guidance***

Councillors can't be mandated to use a council email address, NALC's legal team has advised. However, a council *can* resolve to only use council email addresses for correspondence, meaning councillors using personal addresses wouldn't receive information. NALC advises: "In our view it is best practice for corporate council emails to be used by all."

### ***13 – S137 allowance increase***

Based on the percentage increase in the retail price index from September 2021-September 2022, the S137 sum for 2023-24 is £9.93 – up from £8.82 in 2022-23.

### ***14 – Internal audit***

With the year end fast approaching have you got your internal auditor in place to carry out your audit at the year end? The DALC Internal Audit Team can carry out your audit, simply email [admin@derbyshirealc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@derbyshirealc.gov.uk) for a quote. Our audit team is made up of a team of trained and experienced clerks who can support councils through the audit process.

Please note that we only provide insurance for internal auditors working through our scheme.

### ***15 – Scam alert – EV charging points***

We're aware of a handful of councils receiving scam emails re: electric vehicle charging points. If you've received one that looks suspicious, please let us know and we'll follow it up.

### ***16 – Police liaison forum report***

Last month's Police liaison forum focused on engaging communities, targeting activity in term of offenders, victims and intelligence led policing and problem solving. Derbyshire has recruited more officers, mainly from PCSO's but there is a robust plan in place to backfill into those positions.

We also heard of the approach being taken on burglary and attendance at burglaries, with a target of 100% home attendance to burglaries (currently at 95%). Monitoring is a top priority, so all performance data is analysed for an understanding of where the police are getting it right and to understand what needs to be done to get back on track when it is not.

### ***17 – Civility and Respect – new e-learning***

DALC, in conjunction with NALC are now offering a range of E-Learning "essentials" courses. E-learning is done online at your own pace. Each module takes approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour. This month we would like to highlight courses supporting the Civility and Respect initiative. These include:

- Standards in public life
- Respectful and positive social media
- Leadership in challenging situations
- Personal resilience for councils and councillors
- Introduction to local councils
- Equality, diversity and inclusion essentials
- Modern slavery essentials
- Personal safety essentials
- Stress management essentials

To book any of our E-learning courses please use this booking link:

<https://bookwhen.com/derbyshirealc#focus=ev-sqxj-20230304000000>

### ***18 – Locum clerk list 2023***

We are regularly asked to help councils by sourcing a locum clerk and like to keep our records up to date. If you have not yet responded to the email asking whether you would be available, but would like to be included on the list then please email Brenda on [admin@derbyshirealc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@derbyshirealc.gov.uk)

### ***19 – Clerk & Chair forum meeting invites – 15<sup>th</sup> March***

Clerks at 1pm – to discuss livestreaming meetings and promoting the elections, plus any other topics clerks would like to raise

Chairs at 2.30pm – to discuss elections, devolution, annual parish meetings, plus any other topics chairs wish to raise

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4663925358?pwd=SUNVcFcyG5JalFsZVZGSkhXVGpyZz09>

(same link to both meetings)

Meeting ID: 466 392 5358

Passcode: DALC22

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Best regards

Wendy Amis