

# DRONFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MONTHLY UPDATE

## CRIME / INCIDENT UPDATE AS AT :

	<u>Feb-23</u>	<u>Mar-23</u>
VIOLENT CRIME AGAINST PERSON	22	23
THEFT	37	34
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	12	7
PUBLIC DISORDER	7	8
Drugs	0	0
Other crimes	3	5
	<b>81</b>	<b>77</b>
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Comparison to same month last year	67	77
Parking letters Issued this month		12

## Speeding checks conducted this month

## ENGAGEMENT COMMUNITY STRATEGY

### Additional upcoming planned events

- 6th April 10am Crime Prevention stall Dronfield Barn
- Sat 15th Cuppa with a Copper 11.30am The Forge
- Sat 22nd Cuppa with a Copper 11am Ferndale Garden Centre

## ASB HOTSPOTS

Pentland Road shopping precinct
Civic Centre
Dronfield Barn

## CURRENT PRIORITIES

### LOCATION

Various locations
Dronfield
Civic Centre / Pentland shops
Cliffe Park

01/04/2023

01/03/2023 - 31/03/2023

- 1 Up on last month
- 3 Down on last month
- 5 Down on last month
- 1 Up on last month
- 0 Same as last month
- 2 Up on last month
- 10 Crimes up on previous year

## Locations


Promote Derbyshire Alert

Promote Dronfield Safer Neighbourhood facebook page

Local Speedwatch

ASB Patrols

Parking /School patrols

Local Area patrols, plain clothed and uniformed

Social Media Promotion

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

## 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

Burglary Reassurance
Crime prevention events
Target Hardening event

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 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2023**

No	Reference	Applicant	Location	Details
1	23/00238/FLH	Kara Pearson	23A Longacre Road Dronfield S18 1UQ	Retention of 2 velux windows to rear and 2 to the front roof elevations
2	23/00248/FLH	Mr And Mrs Robjohns	57 Firthwood Road Coal Aston Dronfield S18 3BX	Demolition of garage and construction of two storey rear extension (revised scheme of 22/01180/FLH)
3	23/00266/FLH	Mr And Mrs M Maciejewsk	10 Stubley Drive Dronfield Woodhouse Dronfield S18 8QY	Demolition of outbuilding, construction of part two-storey and part single storey side extension and provision of parking for three vehicles

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Road Safety Advisory Committee of Dronfield Town Council  
held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 at 3:00pm**

**Present:** Cllr M. Ireland, Cllr L. Deighton, Cllr M. Hanrahan and Cllr M. Foster

**In attendance:** M. Keys (Assistant Clerk) John Harvey and Dronfield SNT.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr A. Foster.

**2. Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the Road Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

**4. Items for exclusion of the press & public**

There are no items for exclusion of the press & public.

**5. Speed Indicator Devices**

Members received an update on the Speed Indicator Device installation and possible further sites.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to Council to use grant funding to purchase 1 additional SID, 1 solar panel, all brackets required, SID pole installation and DDC Highways license to extend the SID project to Northern Common at a total cost of £4025.

**6. Dronfield Station**

Members discussed complaints of safety concerns at Dronfield Railway Station from Dronfield Henry Fanshawe Pupils crossing the tracks.

It was RESOLVED for Dronfield SNT to refer the issue to British Transport Police. Dronfield SNT are also to visit Henry Fanshawe to discuss the railway safety concerns with staff and speak to pupils as a preventative measure.

It was RESOLVED to discuss the following related train station concerns with Highways at Derbyshire County Council, in a future road safety meeting to be requested with DCC Highways staff in attendance:

- The refurbishment of the road crossing near the train station.
- A review of the designated walking route for Dronfield Henry Fanshawe Pupils at the train station.

It was RESOLVED to write to Lee Rowleys office and request an update on the reinstatement of the closed wooden footbridge at Dronfield Train Station.

#### **7. 20s Plenty for Derbyshire**

Members discussed a request to support a 20mph speed limit within Dronfield.

It was RESOLVED to evaluate the trial process of the “20s plenty” initiative in others parishes upon the or completion.

It was RESOLVED to undertake a consultation with the Dronfield residents regarding “20s plenty” before any proposals are considered.

#### **8. Appletree Drive**

Members discussed using grant funding for more planters at the junction of Appletree Drive, to prevent ongoing unsafe pavement parking.

It was RESOLVED to use grant funding to purchase more planters for the Appletree Drive junction, in consultation with DCC Highways and Dronfield SNT.

It was RESOLVED to consult with DCC Highways staff and Dronfield SNT, at a future road safety meeting, regarding the possible installation of bollards at the Appletree Drive junction.

It was RESOLVED to bring the quotes and options for the planters to the next Road Safety meeting.

#### **9. Eckington Road**

Members discussed a resident's request for a pedestrian crossing on Eckington Road

It was RESOLVED to discuss the request with DCC Highways, in a future road safety meeting to be requested with DCC Highways staff in attendance.

**10. Bowshaw**

Members discussed concerns from residents over trees obscuring bus stop signs on Bowshaw.

Cllr Deighton gave an update that the concerns had now been resolved.

It was RESOLVED to note the update.

**11. Snape Hill Roundabout**

Members received an update regarding the signage approaching the Snape Hill roundabout. New signage is due to be installed soon.

It was RESOLVED to note the update.

**12. Snape Hill Lane**

Members discussed safety concerns regarding the loading and unloading of the lorries near the Dunhams site.

It was RESOLVED to discuss the concerns with DCC Highways, and request that the double yellow lines outside the Co-Op are reinstated (as a related concern within the area) in a future road safety meeting to be requested with DCC Highways staff in attendance.

**13. Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting is to yet be decided.

Meeting ended at 4:25pm

**Minutes of the meeting of the Budget Advisory Committee  
of Dronfield Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall  
on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 10:00am**

**Present:** Cllr R. Spooner (Chair) Cllr A. Foster, Cllr W. Jones and Cllr A. Powell

**In attendance:** J. Mitchell (Town Clerk) and A. Mott (RFO)

**1. Apologies**

Cllr R. Welton sent his apologies.

**2. Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interests.

**3. Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**4. Financial Regulations**

Members received and reviewed the suggested amendments to the Financial Regulations.

It was RESOLVED to accept the suggested amendments and present the updated version of the Financial Regulations to full council in May 2023.

**5. Petty Cash**

Members discussed the option of petty cash cheques being signed by the Clerk and RFO.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to council that the Clerk and RFO are able to sign cheques for petty cash.

**6. Payments via BACS and Standing Orders**

Members discussed the continued use of BACS and Standing Orders for making payments.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to council that BACS and Standing Orders continue to be used for making payments, as per the Financial Regulations.

**7. Direct Debits**

Members reviewed a list of current direct debits.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to council to approve the current list of direct debits and refine if possible.

**8. Risk Assessment**

Members discussed the current risk assessment.

It was RESOLVED to include a 'likelihood' column on the Risk Assessment going forwards and to amend one of the words in the current Risk Assessment.

## **9. Service Charge**

Members discussed the calculation of the service charge for the café at Cliffe Park.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to council to invoice the café a service charge based on an agreed percentage of the costs for the utility and waste services at Gosforth Lodge on a quarterly basis alongside their rent and to invoice this from the start of the lease.

## **10. Cemetery Recharge**

Members discussed the Cemetery recharge cost to Unstone Parish Council.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to council invoice Unstone Parish Council £4,000 per year for the financial year 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 as the recharge cost for management of the Cemetery.

## **11. Stonelow Utility Costs**

Members discussed the cost of the utilities at Stonelow and the basis of recharge to the clubs playing there.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to council to invoice the 2022-2023 waters charges to the clubs playing at Stonelow and from 2023-2024 split the electricity cost for the main pavilion 50/50 between the clubs and pass on the cost of the electricity for the shed and small pavilion to the cricket club only and to split the cost of the gas 50/50 between the clubs, subject to confirmation of use by the Outside Services Manager.

## **12. Banking**

The RFO gave members a verbal update on the progress of closing two council bank accounts.

It was RESOLVED to write to the CEO of the bank involved and if the matter is still not resolved to make a complaint to the Ombudsman.

## **13. Asset Register**

The RFO gave members an update regarding the asset register.

It was RESOLVED for the RFO to review and update the asset register for financial year end.

## **14. 2022-2023 Earmarked Reserves**

Members discussed the requirements to move money from the earmarked reserves.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to council to move a total of £200,000 from earmarked reserves split as follows:

Bus Shelters	£20,000
Parks	£50,000
Tree work	£30,000
Replacement vehicle	£12,000
Cemetery	£20,000
Professional Fees	£18,000
Building Maintenance	£50,000



**15. 2023-2024 Earmarked Reserves**

Members discussed the required earmarked reserves for the forthcoming financial year.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to council to move £20,000 from each of the following earmarked reserves – rolling capital, civic hall, professional fees and add £20,000 to each of the following earmarked reserves – building maintenance, parks and tree work.

**16. Dronfield Market**

The Clerk informed members that the Dronfield Community Market had offered to make a donation to the Town Council.

It was RESOLVED to congratulate the Community Market on doing so well, but to respectfully decline their offer of a donation.

**17. Date of next meeting**

Members discussed the date to hold the next meeting.

It was RESOLVED to hold the next Budget Advisory Committee meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00am.

The meeting closed at 11:30am.

**Town Clerk's Supplementary Report**  
**Council Meeting to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023**

**Items for Decision**

**Dronfield 10K** – request to use Sindelfingen Park for the rescheduled Dronfield 10K which will now be held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

**Items for Information**

**Correspondence Received**

**Buckingham Palace** – card received from HM King Charles III thanking the Town Council for their letter of condolence following the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

**North East Derbyshire Climate Action Group** – requesting the council sign a pledge to support the following three objectives. The campaign has three calls on the Government:

- Support people to pay energy bills
- Help insulate homes
- Transition to renewable energy systems

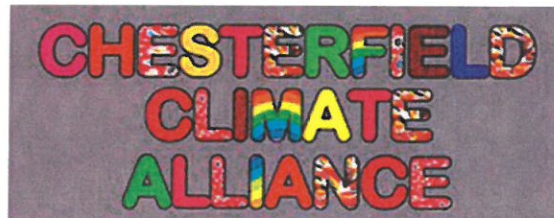
**DALC** – March Newsletter

## Town Clerk

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**Subject:** FW: United for Warmer Homes

**From:** Mary Reape  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2023 11:48 AM  
**Subject:** United for Warmer Homes



Dear Parish Clerk,

I am writing on behalf of a community organisation I am part of, North East Derbyshire Climate Action Group or Chesterfield Climate Alliance. We are a small group of keen individuals who would like to see more immediate and effective action to prevent global warming and climate change.

We are supporting a national Friends of the Earth initiative called [United for Warm Homes](#). It has a really simple goal,

### **WARM HOMES FOR ALL.**

We are writing to you because we thought this campaign aligns with your group's values and is something you could help support us with.

The campaign has three calls on the Government:

- Support people to pay energy bills
- Help insulate homes
- Transition to renewable energy systems.

We are simply asking your organisation to sign a pledge to support these three objectives. Getting the Government to act is all about showing the need and desire for these actions amongst their constituents, and we need your help to show your organisation is in support.

We would like to know if your group will sign the pledge?

We would also like to invite you to an evening meeting to explain the campaign further and network with other organisations. This will be held at

The Saints Parish Centre,  
3, St Mary's Gate,  
Chesterfield, S41 7TJ  
at 7.00 p.m. Tuesday 23rd May.

Please let us know if you would like to attend.

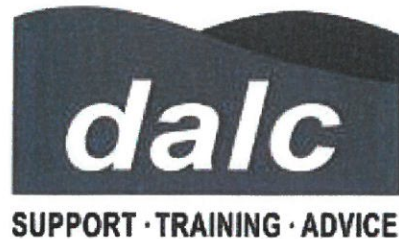
With kindest regards

Mary Reape  
North East Derbyshire Climate Action Group

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

# Newsletter – April 2023

## DerbyshireALC



### In this newsletter:

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### **1 – Election Reminder 1: April 4<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm is nomination deadline day!**

With election day looming, we understand that a number of councils are unlikely to be quorate unless more candidates are nominated. Please ensure all candidates (and that includes current councillors wanting to stand for office again!) know that nomination papers need to be submitted to the district or borough council **by 4pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April!**

### **2 – DALC Portal update: roll-out now complete**

Invites to DALC's new portal – a "one-stop-shop" for all DALC enquiries and resources – have now been sent to clerks of all member councils. After logging on, clerks can access supporting documents, raise enquiries and book training. Eventually we intend *all* DALC communications to go via the portal, freeing up your email inbox! We urge all clerks to log-on and familiarise themselves with the new system, but if you have any queries or problems, just get in touch via [training@derbyshirealc.gov.uk](mailto:training@derbyshirealc.gov.uk).

Our plan is make this accessible to councillors in the future, so watch this space.



### ***3 – Election reminder 2: Photo ID required***

As election day nears, voters have been reminded of the new legal requirement to show photo ID at polling stations. The Electoral Commission has created [a document](#) outlining all the relevant info, including how voters without photo ID can apply for a free [Voter Authority Certificate](#). Please promote this in your communities to ensure that everyone who can vote is able to vote.

### ***4 – Excellence Awards – deadline approaching!***

Just take a moment to think...

Has your Council excelled itself on a project in the past year? Has a councillor gone ‘the extra mile’? Has your clerk exceeded expectations over the last 12 months?

If so, we want to hear about it! Entries are already coming in for our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Excellence Awards, detailing the projects and achievements of our members throughout the county, but we’d like to hear from more of you. Putting in an entry couldn’t be easier – just jot down (in 500 words or less) why your nominee deserves the title Council of the Year, Councillor of the Year, or Clerk of the Year. You can find [more details and an entry form here](#), or you can just email us at [awards@derbyshirealc.gov.uk](mailto:awards@derbyshirealc.gov.uk).

### ***5 – NALC defends local role in Permitted Development Rights***

NALC has published its full response to the Government consultation on the extension of Permitted Development Rights, outlining its opposition and claiming that PDRs should play “a minimal role in the planning system.”

The response, which also includes a call to remove PDR from Assets of Community Value, re-asserts the 10-point policy made in 2020 in relation to three Government White Papers on planning. It adds: “Policies on PDR should be the prerogative of Local Authorities in their Local Plans or Neighbourhood Planning Groups. Removing the right of local authorities to make decisions on planning applications and that of local councils to comment on them constitutes a further loss of democratic input”. The [latest response can be found in full here](#).

### ***6 – Calling all locum clerks! Are you on our list?***

If you’re a locum clerk – or would like to be one – we’d love to hear from you! The DALC Locum Clerk List has been a valuable resource for many councils over the years, and there’s still plenty of demand for clerks who are willing to help out around the county. So, if you’re interested and haven’t already responded (thanks to those who did!), then please contact [admin@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:admin@derbyshire.gov.uk) with your contact details, which council/s you currently work with, areas of Derbyshire you’d be prepared to travel to, and whether or not you have a CiLCA qualification.

## **7 – What are your council’s rights... on Open Spaces?**

Whether it’s creating a new public right of way, protecting against trespass, or managing a village green with no owner, the procedural ins and outs are often buried in obscure legislation which can be difficult to find. Now the UK’s oldest natural conservation body, The Open Spaces Society (founded 1865), has pulled together all relevant information in [one guide, which can be found here](#). Kate Ashbrook, general secretary of the society, said: “Often, parish and town councils are unaware of the extensive powers they have to deal with problems on open spaces and paths. These powers are scattered in different pieces of legislation, which is why we’ve brought them together in one document.” We would still recommend checking before making any changes – the NALC legal team are able to provide support in this area.

## **8 – Who deserves an honour?**

The hunt is on... for Derbyshire residents who deserve a national honour. The county’s Lord Lieutenant, Elizabeth Fothergill, is seeking nominations for those who “demonstrate exceptional service and achievement.”

She says: “I’m immensely proud and often awed as I hear of amazing and sustained achievements brought about by the hard work, selflessness and commitment of individuals across the county. I would like to see more of our remarkable Derbyshire individuals recognized and celebrated with a national honour, so I would encourage you all to make an application when you witness true excellence and a passion to improve the lives of others.” Application information can be found at [gov.uk/honours](http://gov.uk/honours)

## **9 – Training update**

Need to complete a workplace risk assessment? Our course on April 19<sup>th</sup>, run by BHIB’s Brian Brookes, is available to book via the DALC portal and [Bookwhen](#), and provides expert guidance on how to complete and suitable and legally compliant workplace assessment.

To view our full range of training courses, log-on to the DALC portal, or [view the full list here](#).

## **10 – Budget beware; Unite strike ballot looms**

Be aware, when monitoring budgets over the year, that there is an offer of £1,925 (full-time equivalent) on the table for salary increases this year. However, Unite has decided to recommend rejection of the local government pay offer, arguing that it amounts to a real terms pay cut of 10%, given that RPI currently stands at 13.4%. A spokesperson said: 'Preparations are now underway to ballot council and school employees to see if they’re prepared to strike to achieve a better deal.'

## ***11 – End-of-Year accounts documents now available***

You should now have received notification from PKF Littlejohn about end of year accounts. If you haven't, all documents can be found online, along with a contact point ([pkf littlejohn limited assurance regime](#)).

If you haven't yet obtained the services of an internal auditor please do get in touch for us to give you a quotation at [admin@derbyshirealc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@derbyshirealc.gov.uk)

In addition, Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments (SAAA) have now published the [Practitioners' Guide for 2023](#) to guide your finance practices for the year ahead, along with a [key to the changes](#) from the previous year.

## ***12 - Join us for 2023/24 as a DALC member***

A big thankyou to the councils who have already renewed their DALC membership! For those who've yet to sign up for 2023/24, we hope our offer of wide-ranging advice, year-round training courses (both online and in-person), new 'one-stop-shop' portal, award schemes, internal audit service, online forums and legal expertise will convince you to join us for the year ahead.

## ***13 – Have your say – on S106 planning reform***

Views are sought on DLUHC's planned reform of S106 planning obligations on developers, and the proposed introduction of an [infrastructure levy](#). NALC will respond to the consultation on behalf of the local council sector, and are encouraging all councils to contribute their views – both directly to DLUHC and via NALC. Please review [NALC's questions on the subject here](#) and respond directly to [chris.borg@nalc.gov.uk](mailto:chris.borg@nalc.gov.uk) by May 19<sup>th</sup>.

## ***14 - Forum invites for April***

The clerk and chair forums for this month will be on 19<sup>th</sup> April (same link for both meetings).

1.00pm -Clerks

2.30pm – Chairs

We will discuss the legislation around annual meetings, consider councillor induction packs, the DALC Excellence Awards, and debate whether councillor training should be compulsory, along with any other questions and tips you may have.

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 466 392 5358

Passcode: DALC22



**Best regards**

**Wendy Amis**