

Ault Hucknall

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- Investing in the community
- Encouraging growth and skills
- Attracting visitors
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Dear resident,

I have been working closely with your Labour District councillors, Liz Smyth and Tom Kirkham to ensure Ault Hucknall receives its fair share of funding, regeneration and good quality services.

We believe that you deserve the very best so we are continuing to work hard on your behalf and delivering on the promises to invest in community activities, provide good quality local affordable housing and promoting our businesses and community groups.

We understand the ongoing problems associated with the A617 and the congestion it causes through Glapwell. So we are working with our partners to create a new purpose built link road from the M1 to Shirebrook and we have received a commitment that a feasibility study will be undertaken to see if this is possible. We will keep you informed.

The Parish is split between a number of villages and hamlets, which are surrounded by some of the region's best and well-known tourist attractions and countryside which is why we are working to develop ideas on how

best to capitalise on attracting more tourists and visitors to the area, helping to boost the local economy.

This is just the beginning and we know there is still a lot to do, but by working together and with your continued support we are determined to deliver on our ambitions and make them reality.

The past few years have been very difficult for everyone and this shows no sign of ending as the cost of living crisis and rise in energy bills take a grip. On top of this we have a government who continue to lurch from one problem to another and you deserve so much better than this revolving door of chaos. In fact by the time you read this you will have had your third Prime Minister in the space of around 50 days. But through all this, Bolsover District Council continues to deliver and continues to invest in our communities.

If you have any queries, then please do not hesitate to contact your councillors using the details below.



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Promoting a community resource

Doe Lea Resource Centre is a hive of activity and plays a huge role in the local community. Supported by your local Labour councillors, the centre provides activities for people of all ages ranging from half-term fun to live and local plays and entertaining shows.



Providing a hub for the community

When the old Community House in New Houghton closed its doors, it left an empty building on the high street. But, your local councillors successfully bid for funding and grants and agreed a low rent from Bolsover District Council to help provide a community hub where activities like toddler groups, community shop and bingo sessions are held that help provide locals with a place to meet, keep healthy and get information.



Refurbished the Glapwell Centre

The Glapwell Centre was officially reopened following major improvements. The centre underwent a significant amount of work including a new floor in the main hall, a re-vamped kitchen, a deep-clean and fresh decoration throughout, repairs to toilets, and electrical works.

Work began during lockdown and the centre was officially reopened by former Parish Councillor Avril Metcalfe on 24 July 2021.



Improving our trails

We want you to get the most out of our beautiful countryside so as part of a Bolsover Countryside Partnership project, we recently completed eight kilometres of new trails in and around Pleasley

The project cost £650,000 and is the culmination of three-year's work and forms part of a bigger Visit, Cycle, Sleep, Repeat project aimed at attracting more people to the area and stay for short breaks.



Staging community events

Events like the Palterton Flower Pot Festival and Pleasley Scarecrow Festival can help local villages in so many ways. They can attract visitors, bring in much-needed income to local groups or businesses and they can help raise community spirit.

The Flower Pot Festival was originally started by your Labour council and Palterton Residents Association have taken over the organisation of the event with help and assistance from the authority. Whilst the Scarecrow Festival is organised by Pleasley Parish Council.



Our ambitions for **Ault Hucknall**

When we are out and about and talking to people we get a sense of what is important to you. So below are the main priorities that you want us to tackle and deliver.

1. **Leisure and culture**

Developing the leisure and cultural opportunities available in the parish through the delivery of more outreach sport and physical activity sessions, local events and community activities.

2. Environment – Creating an environment that helps tackle climate change through modern methods of construction, better trails networks and continually improving our burgundy bin recycling service to offer residents more opportunities to recycle their waste.

3. Jobs and skills – Working with development partners and local businesses we aim to increase the opportunities for better, higher paid and skilled jobs for local people that will help improve our local community's lives.

4. Tourism – Developing plans to encourage more visitors to the Parish. With tourist attractions such as Hardwick Hall, Hardwick Old Hall, Pleasley Pit and Country Park, Pleasley Vale and Stainsby Mill all within a stone's throw of each other, we are working with the attractions and council officers to progress ideas that the area is an ideal place to visit, stay and explore.

5. Growth and connectivity – Deliver the Shirebrook Growth Corridor link road from the M1 J29 to Shirebrook which would provide a much improved road infrastructure, provide significant residential and employment land opportunities along its route and minimise traffic congestion through Glapwell and Pleasley.

