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- Investing in the town
- Encouraging growth and skills
- Attracting visitors
- Improving our Environment



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In Bolsover District

Dear resident,

I have been working closely with your Labour District councillors, Nick and Anne Clarke, Rose Bowler, Donna Hales and Paul Cooper to ensure Bolsover 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 leisure activities, provide good quality local affordable housing and promoting our businesses and community groups.

Bolsover is rich in heritage and history. It has its very own Castle. It has one of the best wetlands in the East Midlands for bird watching. It was home to famous faces such as Fred Kitchen and Peter Fidler. It has a distinctive Model Village. It is home to a plethora of local and independent shops.

All these features make up a unique town that we want to capitalise on through developing plans to boost local growth and attract more people to the area.

We are also aware how good physical activity and local amenities are for people's health and wellbeing. That's why we are working and

investigating options with the Town Council to provide some sort of new leisure facility in the town.

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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Investing in Bolsover

We have submitted a £14.2million bid to the Government's 'Levelling Up' fund to help regenerate and breathe new life into Bolsover Town Centre, with £1.24million match funding from both the district and town councils.

If successful, the bid will regenerate vacant shops in the town centre which could include an independent small cinema, theatre and live performance space, gallery, museum and exhibition space and food and drinks court. A shop front improvement scheme, investing in 5G network and installing fibre in the town centre to help improve connectivity.



Renovating Valley View

We believe that every resident of our District has the right to live in good quality accommodation. We have invested £1.5million to refurbish Valley View to protect the elderly and vulnerable with full wet rooms and new multi-sensor alarm systems installed to improve fire safety.

A new residents' lounge will be constructed with large windows overlooking the scenic valley and a guest room will be upgraded to a self-contained flat for visiting families. To the rear of the complex two new bungalows will also be built expanding the type of accommodation available for residents and adding to the Council's housing stock.

Promoting tourism

We are lucky to have one of the most visited tourist attractions in the area right on our doorstep. Our heritage and history dates back to the Middle Ages and with the now 16th century Bolsover Castle attracting over 100,000 visitors to the town every year, we are developing a plan with local businesses and tourism operators to encourage these tourists to visit and explore the town more, which will boost our local economy.



Improving our environment

We planted sixty trees on Langwith Road in Bolsover as part of the Community Woodlands scheme.

The trees, which are of various species such as Lime, Field Maple, Rowan, Bird Cherry and Hawthorne, are part of our continued commitment to help tackle climate change and improve the local environment. A local resident who lives nearby said, "Just a quick 'thank you' for organising the tree planting near my house on Langwith Road. They will look beautiful when they have got themselves established and be brilliant for the immediate environment."

Providing opportunities for new jobs

We are working with the developers of Horizon 29 (the former Coalite Works) Bolsover Land Ltd, to provide much needed new, highly-skilled and higher paid jobs to the town in areas like manufacturing, technology and low carbon and renewable energy.

Our ambitions for **Bolsover**

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 town through the Levelling Up bid, and working with the town council to provide a new leisure facility through our BILD programme that will enhance people's quality of life.

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

3. **Growth and skills** – Working with development partners we aim to increase the opportunities for better, higher paid and skilled jobs for local people.

4. **Tourism** – Developing a plan with local businesses and tourist attractions to encourage more visitors to the town to visit our attractions like Bolsover Castle, St Mary and St Laurence Church and Carr Vale Nature Reserve and spend more time in our town centre visiting shops, restaurants and pubs that will increase footfall and improve our local economy.

5. **Affordable housing** – Delivering more affordable housing through the continuation of the Bolsover Homes scheme, purchasing housing from local developers to help local young people and families get on the housing ladder and improving our accommodation for the elderly and vulnerable.

