

Elmton-with-Creswell, Hodthorpe and Belp

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Dear resident,

I have been working closely with your Labour District councillors, Duncan McGregor and Rita Turner to ensure Elnton-with-Creswell, Hodthorpe and Belph receives its fair share of funding, regeneration and good quality services.

We all 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, provide good quality local affordable housing, expanding the Robin Hood Line and promoting businesses and community groups.

We believe a good, strong, vibrant local economy is key and we are big believers in shopping local and supporting local businesses. Together we are working with officers at the Council to formulate a Growth Plan for Creswell that will lift the high street and support our existing businesses, whilst attracting new ones to the area.

This will help to develop the main high street, increase footfall, improve the local economy and strengthen the opportunities that the Robin Hood Line and Creswell Crags bring to the area in terms of tourism.

Duncan and Rita are working with Big Local to renovate the old Hodthorpe Social Club into a vibrant community hub. We will keep you updated.

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 either Duncan or Rita using the details below.



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Providing a new heritage and wellbeing centre

Creswell Leisure Centre closed in 2016 and since then we have been working hard to provide a new leisure facility for the benefit of our residents. As you can see from the front cover, work is well underway on the new £3million Creswell Heritage and Wellbeing Centre.

Due to open in January 2023, the new centre will provide a new gym, sports hall, climbing wall and caving experience, soft play, exercise studio and café.



Developing the Robin Hood Line

The Robin Hood Line is a fantastic travel opportunity that most villages in the area would love to have. We are continuing to work with East Midlands Railway and other partners to develop the newly launched Creswell Rail Trail and are working to extend the line from Shirebrook to Ollerton, providing you with more leisure and professional opportunities as we extend the connectivity in the region.



Restoring our Miners Memorial

Everyone in the Parish knows how important the Miners Memorial is. We were delighted to be part of the relocation and commemoration service remembering those 80 men that died in the 1950 Creswell Colliery disaster. History like this should never be forgotten.



Delivering affordable housing

We all know how important good quality housing is and we all know that it is extremely difficult for people to get on the housing ladder. As part of the new housing developments in the village we have acquired properties from them as affordable homes so we can now provide these to local young people and families at an affordable rent.



Creating Growth for the parish

We recently asked you for your views about what it is like to live and work in Elmton and Creswell because as a growing parish we need a thriving centre. We are working with council officers to collate your ideas and suggestions to develop a Growth Plan that will provide us with opportunities to develop the economic, social and environmental ambitions we all share.



Our ambitions for Elmton-with-Creswell, Hodthorpe and Belfh

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

Providing more leisure opportunities for you to enjoy like the new health and wellbeing centre and skate-park and improving our recreation/ play grounds and promoting new clubs and social activities that will enhance people's quality of life.

2. Environment – Creating an environment that helps tackle climate change by continuing to develop the Lark Rise Woods planting scheme (Fox Green and old colliery site), and working with Creswell and Elmton in Bloom organisations to make our Parish a better place to live, work and play.

3. Better jobs and skills – Delivering new, better and high-skilled jobs in the Parish through the development of the Creswell Growth Plan ensuring our residents have the necessary skills and attributes to be successful.

4. Tourism and connectivity – Expanding the Robin Hood Line to improve connectivity to other towns and villages and increasing the social and economic opportunities available. Continuing to work with Creswell Crags to increase the tourism appeal of the area that will increase footfall and improve our local economy.

5. Affordable housing – Delivering more affordable housing through the continuation of the Bolsover Homes scheme and purchasing housing from local developers to help local young people and families get on the housing ladder.

6. Health Centre – Building a new 21st century Health Centre that meets the needs of our growing community. Working with the NHS, local doctors and land owners Welbeck Estates, we aim to make sure we have the right amenities in the Parish to care for our residents.

