

Clowne

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- Promoting local businesses and tourism
- Investing in leisure and recreation
- Delivering local housing
- Supporting our communities



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In Bolsover District

Dear resident,

Here at Bolsover District Council we have been working hard with our Labour colleagues in Clowne to ensure the town 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.

The demand to live in Clowne is growing and having a good, vibrant and strong local economy is key to supporting the local community. We believe in shopping local and supporting local businesses that's why we are working with Council officers to help improve the town centre through public realm improvements and providing free advertising to local businesses to help increase footfall.

During the Pandemic, we all heard how good physical activity and local amenities are for people's health and wellbeing, that's why we took the decision to continue investing in the sporting and physical activities available at Go! Active and are improving the

local environment through supporting the provision of the Clowne Greenway and Linear Park.

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 me using the details below.



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Providing leisure activities

We have invested £1.2 million in new and upgraded sporting and physical activity facilities at our Go! Active facility. A brand new 3G football pitch has been installed and we have refurbished the 100 station gym providing better and more modern facilities. We are continuing to invest in and improve our activities and facilities for the benefit of our local communities.





Renovating Parkfields

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

The residents lounge has also been refurbished and an outside patio area built that will provide a lovely area for them to sit in the summer and enjoy the fresh air.

Supporting our communities

Your Local Labour Group are big believers that community and voluntary groups are the heartbeat of the area and more should be done to help them. We have introduced a small grants scheme where all councillors (regardless of their political persuasion) will receive £1,000 to give as small grants to local community groups. We also recently visited the Helping Hands group, who have been running for 40 years and assisted them in gaining a grant from a funding body.



Improving your wellness

We opened a new Wellness Hub to help older adults and those living with long term health conditions exercise more. Based at our Go! Active leisure facility the suite boasts 12 power-assisted exercise machines that provide a 'helping hand' to exercisers giving them a low impact, full-body circuit workout. Another key part to the Hub is the social element where participants can come and exercise, have a chat and a cup of tea, providing a welcoming and friendly atmosphere.

Providing free advertising

A new digital display sign has been installed in the town centre to help local businesses, community and voluntary groups and charities promote themselves, free of charge. This forms part of our plans to help boost the local economy and encourage people to join local clubs and groups.



Our ambitions for **Clowne**

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 we aim to deliver on your behalf.

1. **Economy**

Developing plans to regenerate the town centre and bid for funding to help improve the public realm and facilitate business and market growth, leading to a stronger local economy.

2. **Jobs and skills**

Providing opportunities for people to improve their skills and experience, ensuring we have a skilled workforce able to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

3. **Leisure**

Developing the leisure and recreational activities available to local residents through projects such as the ongoing improvement of facilities at Go! Active and recreational spaces in the town.

4. **Environment**

Creating an environment that helps tackle climate change by continuing to improve areas like Clowne Linear Park and tree planting schemes and continually improving our burgundy bin recycling service to offer residents more opportunities to recycle their waste.

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.

