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# Dear resident,

I have been working closely with your Labour District councillor, Mary Dooley to ensure Pinxton 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, provide good quality local affordable housing, re-opening the Maid Marion Line and promoting our businesses and community groups.

Pinxton is proud of its history and heritage, and rightly so. There are not many villages in the county that can boast to have had its own pottery or been the home of the person who invented the mining detaching hook. So I was delighted to see the unveiling of the new mural that depicts all this history in one (very) large picture.

We believe more needs to be made of Pinxton's history and heritage that's why we are working with officers at the Council to develop a promotional campaign, with both online and printed information, that tells the story of Pinxton and that will attract more

people to visit the area, boosting 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 Mary using the details below.



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## Providing leisure activities

We continue to provide leisure and recreational activities for all ages throughout the Parish. During the school holidays we assist Pinxton FC stage sports sessions for young children and also provide lunch. And we have recently introduced regular Pick n Mix sessions for over 50s to enjoy a social get together whilst keeping active.

## Developing the Maid Marion Line

The Government pledged £500million for the Restoring Your Railway (RYR) Fund to start re-opening lines and stations as part of the levelling-up agenda. Two years on, the government derailed our bid to reopen the Maid Marion line to passengers after it was rejected for funding.

Improving connectivity in the village is one of our top priorities and although the decision was no, our campaign will continue to get this line back up and running for our local community.



## Installing a new lay-by

A new lay-by situated above Jubilee Court and near the Manor Care Home has been installed to help reduce problems of parked traffic in the area.

After a local resident raised concerns regarding the pull-in and that the tarmac area was unfinished, the Parish Council installed wooden barriers and Councillor Mary Dooley contacted the District Council to fund the project. Local lad John Robinson of Paver HRP Surfacing completed the tarmac area to create a permanent lay-by.

## Leading the way with the Covid Vaccine

We have been at the forefront of the battle to tackle the Covid Pandemic with over 50,000 vaccines having been administered right here in Pinxton. We are continuing to work with Pinxton Pharmacy and a fantastic band of volunteers to administer booster vaccine, proving the old saying right - 'where there is a will, there is a way'.



## Showcasing our history through art

We are proud of our heritage and history here in Pinxton and we want to show it off to the world. So, we commissioned an artist from Graffwerk to paint a mural on the side of our Village Hall that depicted our history with mining, canals, pottery and trains. We are sure you will agree it is a fantastic depiction of Pinxton!



# Our ambitions for **Pinxton**

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. Leisure** - Providing more leisure opportunities for you to enjoy through regular school holiday activity clubs, targeted sports sessions and promoting new clubs and social activities. Supporting the ongoing development of Pinxton Gym and refurbishing play and recreational facilities in the Parish, all of which will enhance people's quality of life.
- 2. Environment** – Creating an environment that helps tackle climate change by continuing to plant trees, improve the air quality in the village and make our Parish a better place to live, work and play.
- 3. Economy and tourism** – Delivering a campaign to encourage people to Shop Local - Spend Local by promoting the current high street offer, whilst also developing plans to highlight the history of the village and what it has to offer.
- 4. Health hub** – Supporting Mary in her efforts to create a Health Hub in the village. Working with Pinxton Pharmacy, the Hub would include a number of health activities.
- 5. Jobs and connectivity** – Opening up the Maid Marion Line to passenger services will help improve connectivity to other towns and villages. This will increase the social and economic opportunities available to local residents, including new job and skills opportunities.
- 6. Affordable housing** – Delivering more affordable housing through the continuation of the Bolsover Homes scheme and redeveloping Jubilee Court that will see a comprehensive modernisation and upgrade of all the flats and communal areas.

