

Shirebrook

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- Expanding the railway
- Delivering local housing
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# Dear resident,

I have been working closely with your Labour District councillors, David Downes, Chris Kane, Jen Wilson and Janet Tait to ensure Shirebrook receives its fair share of funding, regeneration and good quality services.

Shirebrook is a proud place, full of proud people and we are all very proud to represent you as your Labour district councillors.

Built on coal, the colliery brought families together, it created life-long friendships and it helped bring prosperity to the area. Shirebrook is a special place due to its tight knit community where everyone looks out for each other.

We believe Shirebrook is amongst some of the fastest growing towns in the country. New housing. New businesses. New developments.

So, I have been working closely with councillors in delivering the investment Shirebrook needs that will create jobs, build new houses, keep you safe, support local businesses and improve your lives.

But to facilitate all this growth, it needs modern and robust infrastructure. To help enable this, the creation of a new purpose-built link road connecting the town to the M1 network is required. It could provide significant residential and employment

land opportunities along its route, with the potential to improve the high street offer in the town through development of the Market Place and increased footfall.

It is this type of investment and ambitious thinking that Shirebrook deserves.

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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## Providing a new Crematorium

Preparation work on the new £9million crematorium for the District is progressing well as the planning application has been approved.

The development will be located adjacent to Shirebrook cemetery and is a joint venture between Bolsover District Council and Shirebrook Town Council. The proposed new site will be sympathetically designed to blend into the surroundings and will provide a pleasant, peaceful place for people to visit and reflect.

It will help create up to eight new jobs and will help reduce the time people have to travel to the current crematoriums in Chesterfield and Mansfield.



## Building new council properties

Housing, whether this is for a young family or an elderly relative, is vitally important to us all. We have been investing in providing new council properties as works have now started on building 26 new council homes on Market Close and we have refurbished and are extending Ashbourne Court by another 14 flats to ensure the elderly and vulnerable in our society and cared for and looked after.

## Remembering our mining community

Shirebrook was built on coal and we must never forget this part of our history. That's why we have thrown our full support behind the Shirebrook Colliery Memorial Committee with their campaign to erect a lasting memorial in the Market Place.



## Expanding 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 and extend the line from Shirebrook to Ollerton, providing you with more leisure and professional opportunities as we extend the connectivity in the region.

## Creating growth for the town

We recently asked you for your views about what it is like to live and work in Shirebrook because as a growing town 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 **Shirebrook**

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** - Developing the leisure and recreational activities available to local residents through projects such as the ongoing improvement of facilities at Shirebrook Leisure Centre, 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 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 connectivity** – Deliver the Shirebrook Growth Corridor link road from the M1 J29 to the town which would provide a much improved road infrastructure, provide significant residential and employment land opportunities along its route and has the potential to improve the high street offer in the town through development of the Market Place and increased footfall.
- 4. Improving the rail offer** – Expanding the Robin Hood Line to improve connectivity to other towns and villages and increasing the social and economic opportunities available 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.

