

Whitwell

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- Promoting local businesses and tourism
- Developing the former Whitwell Colliery
- Building local housing
- Improving our environment



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Dear resident,

I have been working closely with your Labour District Councillor, Tom Munro to ensure Whitwell 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.

We want to retain the historical and village nature of Whitwell, whilst also helping it flourish and take advantage of technology and we are working to capitalise on this through developing plans to boost local growth and attract more people to the area.

It was also pleasing to see the first Council houses, as part of our £36million Bolsover Homes scheme, being built in Whitwell addressing a need for new affordable housing and also replacing the old tarran style bungalows with brand new modern and efficient properties.

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.

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.

If you have any queries, then please do not hesitate to contact Tom using the details below.



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Creating affordable homes

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. That's why we renovated and bought back into use the old co-operative building to create five spacious and affordable one-bedroom apartments to help local couples and single people who want to live in the village.

Building Council properties

Whitwell was the first village to benefit from the £36m Bolsover Homes scheme. 37 new council properties have been built in the village, ranging from bungalows to family homes and help meet a local need for more affordable housing.



Creating a Community Orchard

Our environment is precious and we must look after it, so on top of the excellent community schemes already taking place (Garden beside the Plant and Water Lane Scheme), we are creating a community orchard to be planted behind the bungalows at the end of Claylands Road. This is part of our successful Woodland Trust Planting Scheme which saw us awarded £260,000.

Improving parking problems

After being contacted by numerous residents about being unable to park near their homes, Councillor Munro helped solve the problem. Five additional car parking spaces have been created on Mill Lane and additional car parking spaces have been built on Claylands Road making access much easier, not only for the residents, but also for emergency services.



Delivering sport and physical activities

We delivered a variety of sporting and physical activity sessions specifically for females in the village to help them become more active. We have seen the impacts exercise can have on people's physical and mental wellbeing and the activities like Tai Chi, Yoga and bounce fit enabled those attending to enjoy being active no matter what barriers they believe are stopping them.



Our ambitions for **Whitwell**

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. Extending the Robin Hood Line** - We are investigating the opportunity to expand the Robin Hood Line from Shirebrook to Ollerton which will open up new opportunities from both a business and a leisure perspective and potentially increase the number of people stopping off at Whitwell Station.
- 2. Increasing tourism** – Combine the heritage and historical nature of Whitwell, the many events staged in the village and the nearby tourist attractions together with overnight accommodation, we feel we have an attractive package to bring in tourists and boost the local visitor economy.
- 3. Developing the former Whitwell colliery site** – Develop the 47 hectares to create a mix of residential and employment opportunities, together with the creation of a new nature reserve that will offer improved public access to the countryside, footpath and bridleway links.
- 4. Leisure** – Developing the leisure and recreational activities available to local residents through projects such as the refurbishment of Welbeck Road Recreation Ground and the provision of activities for the over 50s at the Community Centre.
- 5. Environment** – Creating an environment that helps tackle climate change by developing waste land and turning it into wildlife habitats. Continue to work with and support local businesses and volunteers to develop local community initiatives such as the 'Garden Besides the Plant' and 'Water Lane stream' to make our Parish a better place to live, work and play.
- 6. Affordable housing** – Delivering more affordable housing through the continuation of the Bolsover Homes scheme and identifying any unused or empty properties that can be bought back into use as affordable homes.

