

2019 Manifesto Commitments

Green	= Completed
Amber	= Done, but with continuing developments
Red	= Progress halted due to Covid-19
Black	= No progress to date

Arts, Events & Heritage Committee

- 1 Strongly support and protect the integrity of the World Heritage Site and its buffer zone – in partnership with the Belper Neighbourhood Plan Team, Derwent Valley Mills and the Borough and County Councils
- 2 Build on our longstanding twinning relationship with Pawtucket, Rhode Island USA to promote American tourism
- 3 Work closely with arts groups in Belper and Milford, offering grants to strengthen and expand arts events
- 4 Support the development of performance spaces for theatre, music and other community activity
- 5 Support the further development of the very successful Belper Arts Festival¹ each year
- 6 Improve support for the Farmers Market, Belper Goes Green, Milford May Day and the Food Festivals, and promote new events
- 7 Create walking maps for Belper, Milford and the surrounding area
- 8 Offer as much support as possible to the Belper Games
- 9 Develop the idea of a monthly Belper Day, building on the initiatives of our Independent Retailers to ensure everyone across the East Midlands knows about the Best of Belper and Milford
- 10 Promote more heritage and historic guided walks in and around the town, in partnership with the North Mill Trust
- 11 Continue to help fund the costs of Belper North Mill Museum and Visitors Centre
- 12 In partnership with the Amber Valley Council and the Tea Rooms Volunteer group, ensure that a new Tea Rooms is built
- 13 Support arts information hubs, like Derwent Valley on Demand, which promote local arts and artists
- 14 Support further public art installation where there is a clear benefit in commemoration or celebration, such as the WW1 Centenary
- 15 Support inclusive arts organisations which work with vulnerable groups

Facilities, Environment & Local Economy Committee

- 16 Investigate the installation of electric charging stations in car parks
- 17 Create a Marketing, Economic Development and Tourism Co-ordinator² to market the Best of Belper and work with the retailers and others to ensure Belper and Milford benefit from tourism and investment in the town
- 18 Work with 'Accessible Belper' to ensure that the Town's attractions and retail offers are open to all
- 19 Belper will have a 'Clean Air Day' as part of the national clean air day on Thursday 20th June 2019

¹ Now called 'Belper Fringe'

² Referred to as 'Town Centre and Heritage Post' in manifesto

- 20 Raise awareness of the implications of poor air quality and identify 'no idling' zones using signage around schools, care homes, parks and recreation grounds
- 21 Work with Belper shops and business to promote ideas like 'Reverse Vending' which rewards recycling of containers
- 22 Increase support for the 'Love Belper' local traders group and other local business
- 23 Support plastic free initiatives by business or community groups – such as the successful River Gardens Weir Clean Up
- 24 Work with the County Council and landowners to support the registration and protection of rights of way
- 25 Support the aims of the Belper Goes Green Festival
- 26 Create an 'e-bikes' dock in Belper and link up with cycle networks
- 27 Create variety of accessible routes for wheelchairs and mobile scooters
- 28 Build modern, fully accessible toilets with baby-changing facilities, in the Town Centre
- 29 Create wider awareness of the town's many unique attractions, to help local business
- 30 Leave your car at home days
- 31 Reduce the times that LGVs and HGVs visit the busiest areas of Belper e.g. no stopping between 9 – 5 p.m. reducing pollution and congestion
- 32 Establish extra recycling bins in Belper
- 33 Create much clearer information, including online, about responsible waste disposal options
- 34 Look for innovative alternate technologies for local energy saving and generation, such as small-scale anaerobic digesters to use dog waste to create electricity
- 35 Provide more dog waste bins
- 36 Work with Amber Valley Council to reinstate dog wardens.
- 37 Work with Belper Leisure Centre Trust to help them develop our local facilities
- 38 Ensure our pavements are wheelchair and buggy friendly
- 39 Increase the seating in King Street with support from Amber Valley
- 40 Work to create more visitor parking near the Town Centre and the Mills with sufficient disabled spaces

Youth Committee

- 41 Form a Youth Committee to advise the Council on the needs of young residents
- 42 Support the Belper Children's Centre on Alder Road now run by parents and volunteers
- 43 Work closely with the Drop Inn, Fleet Arts and the Blue Box Youth Club, and sports associations
- 44 Support organisations which provide assistance for young people with alcohol, drug or other issues
- 45 Encourage children's participation with arts organisations and holiday play schemes
- 46 Work with Amber Valley Council to ensure Play areas are improved