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This is the first Town Council e newsletter which we hope to be able to deliver more frequently i.e. every 2 months compared with the previous newsletter. We hope you enjoy the new format

In future we will be printing fewer paper versions of the newsletter to reduce our carbon footprint.

We welcome any feedback on the new format and any ideas on how we can improve it in the future. Please contact us at

<https://www.belpertowncouncil.gov.uk/contact-us.html>

Useful Links

**Belper Meadows
Community Sports Club**
belpermeadowssportsclub16
@gmail.com

**Belper Meadows Tennis
Club**
07963 975631

Belper Hockey Club
www.belperhc.co.uk

**Belper Meadows Cricket
Club**
<https://belpermeadows.play-cricket.com/home>

Belper Youth Sports Festival

During the middle 2 weeks of August this year the Council, led by Councillor Emma Monkman, organised a summer sports camp for local children. Around 100 children attended a packed programme of activity which included Tennis, Hockey, Archery, Kayaking, Climbing wall, Cricket, Basketball and Bushcraft.



The Council would like to thank the Belper Meadows Community Sports Club, sponsors DS Smith Packaging, L P Property Care and Robeys, and a special thanks to all the staff and supporters who made the 2 weeks a fabulous success. We very much hope we can run the event again next year.

Anti Social Behaviour in Belper

The Council has recently received a number of reports of anti social behaviour in the area which we are sorry to hear about. We report these cases on to the Police and would urge residents to do the same. You can also contact the Community Safety Team at Amber Valley Borough Council from 9.30am to 4.30pm most weekdays on 01773 570222 or the Police any time on 101.

**THESE CALLS ARE IMPORTANT, IF YOU DO NOT MAKE THEM
THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM CANNOT TAKE ACTION**

You can also learn more about some of the tools which Amber Valley Council can use to help tackle anti social behaviour by clicking on this link <https://www.ambervalley.gov.uk/community/community-safety/anti-social-behaviour/enforcement-tools/>

Have a Look

Derwent Valley Line

The Derwent Valley Railway have a launched a new website for residents and visitors

The site is well set out and has some really useful information about Belper. Have a look :

<https://derwentvalleyline.org.uk>

Belper Walks

Belper Walks is a Website which shows videos of walks in and around Belper

The videos help people to work out whether the terrain and the length of walk is suitable for them

Have a look and go for a walk:

<https://belperwalks.co.uk/>

Consultation on draft Corporate Plan



The Town Council is consulting on a new Corporate Plan which sets out the Town Council's priorities for Belper over the next few years. The plan has been developed following a period of extensive research

We are inviting all residents to have a look at the plan on the link here <https://www.belpertowncouncil.gov.uk/corporate-plan.html>, and provide us with some feedback on its contents. To keep the process as straightforward as possible we are asking 3 basic questions :

1. Does the Belper Town Council Corporate Plan accurately reflect the priorities for Belper ?
2. If not what needs to be changed ?
3. Please add any other comments you may have on the Plan ?

You can provide us with your response by e mailing us at admin@belpertowncouncil.gov.uk, or by completing the online form attached here <https://www.belpertowncouncil.gov.uk/corporate-plan.html>

New Councillors for Belper

Following the recent resignation of two Councillors elections are taking place to elect new Councillors to the Town Council.

One election has already taken place and Joel Bryan is the new Councillor for the Belper Central Ward.

A second election is taking place on Thursday 16th September for the e Belper South Ward. A full list of candidates is on the following link <https://www.belpertowncouncil.gov.uk/uploads/statement-of-persons-nominated-v2-19aug21.pdf> .

Voters in the Belper South ward should all have received notification of the election but if you are not sure if you are entitled to vote please contact Amber Valley Borough Council

For details and contact information for all of the Belper Town Council Councillors please go to <https://www.belpertowncouncil.gov.uk/councillors.html>

Did You Know

Government rules state that in the Amber Valley area there is a need to provide 376 new homes every year for the next 17 years.

Currently there is only sufficient land available to build 324 homes a year

The Government have allocated £56 million across the whole of the UK to the Welcome Back Fund.

The total amount of money which has been allocated to the Amber Valley area is £130,000

Amber Valley Borough Council Local Plan

Amber Valley Borough Council are consulting residents and businesses on their draft Local Plan which will decide how much Housing and Employment land growth is needed over the next 17 years and where that growth should be located.

The decisions which Amber Valley will ultimately make could have far reaching effects on Communities such as Belper so it is important that we all have the opportunity to have our say. The Town Council is developing its own response which will be discussed at the Full Council meeting to be held on September 14th 2021.

The consultation runs until 30th September 2021 so please have a look at the contents and make your response. The link to the consultation can be found here :

<https://www.ambervalley.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/local-plan/alternative-spatial-strategy-options-for-housing-and-economic-growth/>

Welcome Back Fund

The Council has recently secured up to £30,000 of Government money to help to encourage people safely back into Town Centres following the COVID 19 pandemic.

A number of initiatives are in progress and more are to follow including :

- Additional cleaning of Strutt Street toilets to help give people confidence that public places are clean and welcoming
- Refurbishment and repainting of some of the benches in King Street
- Funding to organise 3 Sunday road closures to make the Town safe to stroll around and relax in on a Sunday. The first "Sunday Stroll" took place on August 29th.
- Musical entertainment for the Sunday events
- Some public art and sculpture projects to make the town brighter and more welcoming

Events

Listed in the table opposite are some of the events being held in Belper over the next few months.

It is impossible to list all that is happening in one place as event organisers decide how to publicise their events and there are a range of listings and sites they can use.

A good comprehensive local listing of events can be found at

<https://www.belpercelebration.co.uk/>

Up Coming Events in Belper

Event	Date
Short Play Festival www.belperfringe.org	10/11 September
Sunday Market Eco theme Market organized by Transition Belper and Belper Town Council	12 September
Belper Fringe presents The Bohemians tribute band www.belperfringe.org	18 September
Belper Town Council Autumn Food Festival www.belpertowncouncil.gov.uk	26 September
Transition Belper introduces The Belper Community Conversation www.transitionbelper.org	2 nd October
Belper Fringe presents Childrens Theatre www.belperfringe.org	October (Details to follow)
Love Belper Pumpkin Festival www.lovebelper.co.uk	30/31 October
Christmas Lights Switch on 26 th November www.belpertowncouncil.gov.uk	26 November
Belper Town Council Winter Food Festival www.belpertowncouncil.gov.uk	5 December
Childrens Christmas show presented by Belper Fringe www.belperfringe.org.uk	December (Details to follow)
Belper Town Council Open Air Carol Service www.belpertowncouncil.gov.uk	24 December
Please note : Events can be subject to change and Cancellation so please ensure you check with The event organizer before attending	

Markets

The Council organises a Farmers Market on the second Saturday of each month.

In other Towns locally regular Market days are as follows :

Ashbourne:

Every Thursday and Saturday

Bakewell:

Mondays

Heanor:

Friday and Saturday

Matlock:

Wednesday

Ripley:

Friday and Saturday

Wirksworth:

Tuesday

Should Belper have more regular Markets ?

If so, which days ?

Let us know what you think by Emailing us at

economy@belpertowncouncil.gov.uk

Sunday Markets

Over the Summer the Council has been organising a number of additional themed Sunday Markets. These have included a Youth Market, Artists and Makers Market with the next one due to take place on September 12th and is being led by Transition Belper.



The markets have been a great success and the Council is looking to make the Sunday Markets a regular fixture in 2022.

Belper Community Conversation

Over the last few weeks you may have seen a number of “Idea Trees” at various locations in Belper.

The trees are part of the Belper Community Conversation which is being organised by Transition Belper. You are invited to share your thoughts and ideas for the future of Belper by writing a message on one of the paper leaves and fixing it to the Idea Tree.



Transition Belper will be using the ideas to help plan a Community Conversation Event due to be held at Strutts Community Centre on October 2nd 2021. For more information about this free to attend event contact Transition Belper at info@transitionbelper.org

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