

## DOING ALL WE CAN TO PROTECT SERVICES AND JOBS

**BACK in December 2010, the government's Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) reduced our government grants by 8.8% for 2011/12 and 2012/13, meaning we were one of the top ten worst hit councils in the country.**

As part of the budget cuts, we had to save £1.9million last year and nearly another £1million in this financial year. But that is not the end of the doom and gloom as more government grant cuts are expected for 2013/14 and 2014/15, meaning times are only going to get tougher.

Unlike many other authorities across the country who have cut services and jobs, we have always stated these are our main priorities and we aim to protect them. The impact on our front line services has been minimal and apart from two compulsory redundancies as part of our Strategic Alliance with North East Derbyshire Council we have minimised the impact on employees.

One year into the funding cuts and we are on target with our savings strategy.

Cabinet Member for Corporate Resources, Councillor Duncan McGregor said, "These are tough and testing times for local councils – like it is for everybody else. The reductions in our grants and the economic problems mean we have to plan and budget more carefully as more people are relying on our services.

"We all have to make decisions that we sometimes do not like or totally agree with, but we have got to make them if we are to continue looking after our residents, our employees and the services we are responsible for. We cannot just hide and do nothing so it is vitally important that our plans are robust and can be adapted to meet these pressures whilst still delivering good quality services – and we believe we have these plans in place."

Our savings strategy is not just about making cuts and spending less. It is also about making the most out of our assets by renting out space,

increasing income streams and where appropriate selling some of our assets to lessen the pressure on what we have got to save over the next few years.

"We have embarked on a strategy of maintaining services to the public as our top priority, supported by managing our financial position through natural wastage, joint working, vigorous control of the cost of supplies and services and reducing management costs. While it would be foolish to say that this will prevent pain for local residents and employees we are working hard to minimise such pain," added Councillor McGregor.

Further information on how we have achieved these savings and what we are doing to rationalise our spending is inside.



## Council Tax Freeze for 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Running

AS PART of our commitment to saving you money, we froze our proportion of the council tax bills for the second year running.

The freeze is intended to help local families through these tough economic times and not add to their daily household bills.

Council Leader, Councillor Eion Watts said "Despite cuts to the government grants we receive, we are determined that front line services will not be affected as we do not feel it is fair that our residents should suffer or feel the pain through no fault of their own. The plans we have in place show we are planning for the future, that we are a responsible Council and that we can continue to deliver our services to meet the needs of our residents."

Bolsover District Council is the billing authority, but only receives around 10 pence of every pound of Council Tax collected, with the

remaining 90 pence going to the County Council, the Police and Fire authorities and Town and Parish Councils.

Money paid to each authority/agency for a typical Banks A property:

Authority/Agency	Amount Charged
Derbyshire County Council	£718.15
Derbyshire Police Authority	£109.16
Bolsover District Council	£105.43
Parish/Town Council	£74.14
Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service	£44.78
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,051.66</b>

### EQUALITIES STATEMENT

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# HOW ARE WE MAKING THE SAVINGS?

SAVING £1.9million in a year is no mean feat, but last year we managed this with minimal affect on front line services and people's jobs. Below are just a few examples of how we achieved this:

## Strategic Alliance

As part of our Strategic Alliance with North East Derbyshire District Council we have already achieved half, some £750,000, of our three-year savings target.

This has been achieved partly by appointing a joint senior management team (Chief Executive, Joint Directors and Joint Assistant Directors), better procurement of goods and joining up services.

## Vacancy Management

Whenever an employee leaves their post, whether it be for another job or they have simply transferred to another post in the Council, then we put a recruitment freeze on

their post.

It is then up to the individual department to make a strong business case to have this vacancy filled. By undertaking this method we anticipate to save approximately £250,000 during 2012/13.

## Service Reviews

As part of our Strategic Alliance we are looking at how we can join services together to offer better value and more cost effective services to our residents. We are currently undertaking a service review between our Environmental Health teams and our Garage and Fleet services which will generate approximately £150,000 in savings during 2012/13.

## Pay Awards

For the past three years local government workers have had a pay freeze and we have decided that any proposed national pay

awards for employees will be removed. This will save in the region of £100,000 in 2012/13.

## Review of budgets

As part of our stringent budget revisions we have been looking at non-employee budgets with a view to reducing non-essential expenditure. This has resulted in just over £200,000 being saved on a recurring basis

Cabinet Member for Corporate Resources, Councillor Duncan McGregor said, "Whilst we have done a great deal of good work, we need to do more. We are continually looking at what budgets are being spent and where we can streamline or do things better for less money."



## Rent Increases

COUNCIL tenants across the District have seen their rents rise by 9%, after we were told by the government that our rents need to be in line with other housing providers.

We are required to set our dwelling rents in accordance with the Government's national social rent policy in order that rents in the council housing sector are in line with those charged by housing associations.

This means that formula rents are subject to a Government prescribed increase of RPI plus 0.5% each year (i.e. the September 2011 RPI of 5.6% plus 0.5%). But because our rents have traditionally been one of the lowest in Derbyshire this means our increase had to be 9%.

Cabinet Member for Housing Management Councillor Keith Bowman said, "We do realise this increase is unwelcome but due to central government funding arrangements we have to increase our rent if we are to maintain our housing stock at the standard which is rightly expected by our tenants. We're not going to get to a point where our housing estates are suffering just because we did not take our responsibilities seriously and ducked making these decisions."

The average rent increase for our 5,000 properties is £6.14 (over a 48 week period).

### More information:

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## In Court.....

BELOW is a summary of the court action we have taken against individuals who have broken the law since January 2012. More detailed information on each case can be found on our website [www.bolsover.gov.uk](http://www.bolsover.gov.uk)

### January 2012

Dennis Rye Ltd, who was prosecuted and fined £2,000 for two offences of illegally burning large piles of waste in Tibshelf saw both convictions upheld on appeal.

Back in November 2010 and January 2011, the property developer contravened the Environmental Protection Act 1990 for burning waste illegally and causing a statutory nuisance.

The appeal was held at Derby Crown Court and the judge upheld both convictions. Although the fine for the first offence was left unchanged at £1,000, the second was reduced to £500 as it was considered a lesser offence and would have caused less smoke nuisance. However, the judge awarded us an extra £2,750 in court costs relating to the appeal.

### February 2012

Mrs Kimberley Jayne Turner (27) of Arran Court, Tibshelf claimed over £2,200 in benefits she was not entitled to and was successfully prosecuted.

Mrs Turner was charged with failing to declare to our Benefits department that her partner had started work in January 2011. Mrs Turner, who had entered a not guilty plea to the charge at an earlier date, was found guilty and was convicted under Section 112(1A) of The Social Security Administration 1992 to claiming Housing and Council Tax Benefit of over £2,200 between January and June 2011 to which she was not entitled.

She was given a Community Order requiring her to undertake 60 hours unpaid work over the next 12 months and also ordered to pay costs of £250 to be repaid at £5 per week and repay the amounts of benefit she should not have received.

### March 2012

Tanya Jane Downes (22) from Langwith has been served with a two-year Anti Social Behaviour Order (ASBO) by North East Derbyshire and Dales Magistrates Court.

Tanya was issued with the Order due to her behaviour in and around Langwith and Whaley Thorns. She had consistently been seen drinking with a large group of younger teenagers and become loud, abusive and threatening.

She had also become prominent and been seen at the site of a number of deliberate fires in the area, laughing and shouting at fire fighters when they arrived and tried to put the fire out.

The Order expires on 26th March 2014.

### May 2012

Helen Read (35) of Rhodes Cottages, Clowne was found guilty of claiming over £5,000 in benefits she was not entitled to.

Mrs Read had earlier pleaded guilty to failing to declare she was working at a care home from May 2010 whilst claiming Income Support and Council Tax Benefit, in breach of Section 112 (1A) of The Social Security Administration Act 1992.

She received a Community Order requiring her to complete 140 hours unpaid work and was ordered to repay costs of £100 at £5 per week. She will also have to repay all the benefits she was not entitled to.

### May 2012

Marion Slaney (53), formerly of College View, Clowne failed to declare she had £20,000 worth of capital whilst claiming benefits and was successfully prosecuted.

Mrs Slaney pleading guilty and was convicted under Section 112(1A) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992. She was fined £100 and in addition ordered to pay costs of £100 and a £15 victim surcharge. She was overpaid Income Support, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit totalling £2,625 and repaid this amount prior to attending Court.

### Retraction and Apology

In the last edition of our Intouch newspaper we stated that Glapwell resident Mr Michael Bonson had been found guilty of failing to clean up after his dog had fouled on a grass verge near the highway.

Mr Bonson has subsequently appealed to the Crown Court and the offence of dog fouling was overturned on 3rd February 2012. However the conviction for failing to give his particulars to the dog warden was upheld.

The information we had at the time of going to print was correct, however, we would like to apologise to Mr Bonson for any distress this has caused him.





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Your guide to 

## Olympic Torch Relay and Olympic Celebrations

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### Help us welcome the Olympic Torch to Bolsover District

Friday 29th June 2012 – make sure you put this date in your diary as it promises to be one of the biggest celebrations and days Bolsover District has ever seen.

Why? Well this is the day that the Olympic Torch will be carried through both Glapwell and Bolsover on its way to the Olympic Games in London.

The route has been confirmed, the torchbearers have been selected and preparations are complete for what promises to be a day of fun, entertainment and nostalgia.

The street level detail that the torch will take through Glapwell and Bolsover can be seen on page 4 so you can help celebrate the torch coming to the District by lining the route.

Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion, Councillor Ann Syrett said, "Ever since we found out the Olympic Torch was coming to Bolsover District we have been so excited. This is a momentous occasion and one that we want to celebrate properly and remember for the rest of our lives – after all it may never happen again!"

We have been talking to local schools, businesses, parish councils and community groups and clubs about how they can get involved and we have had a great response with over two-thousand school children expected to line the route.

Glapwell will be the first village in Derbyshire that the torch will pass through and to welcome it to the county we will be providing entertainment at its entry point near Waterloo Street and right along the route it will take in Glapwell and Bolsover.

"We want as many people, young and old, to come and join us, line the route, join in our celebrations and activities and make Friday 29th June 2012 a day to remember as the day when the Olympics came to Bolsover District," added Cllr Syrett.



For more information on the Olympic Torch Relay and Olympic Celebrations please visit [www.bolsover.gov.uk/london-2012-games](http://www.bolsover.gov.uk/london-2012-games)

Events and activities supported by:







# Olympic Sports and Have a Go Sessions

To help celebrate the London 2012 Games and the Olympic Torch Relay coming through Bolsover District, we are staging an Olympic Sports event at Bolsover Castle after the Torch Relay has left Bolsover.

Sports and have a go sessions and competitions will start from 12.30pm and both entry and participation are FREE. Activities will include basketball, bowls, volleyball, football, extreme sports, laser quest, BMX racing, body zorbs plus a whole lot more.



The timetable includes:

12.30 - 17.30	Sports tasters including basketball, football, bowls, fencing ( <i>outer court</i> )
12.30 - 18.30	Extreme Sports tasters including Extreme Wheels, body zorbs, climbing wall, laser quest ( <i>outer court</i> )
12.30 - 15.00	Secondary Schools Competition ( <i>inner court</i> )
12.30 - 21.00	Caterers/Stalls etc ( <i>outer court</i> )
12.30 - 19.30	Outer court stage performances to include buskers, BMX (world champion BMX flatlander), street dance crews, boxing, martial arts, great Shakespearian workout, 30 minute Olympic show plus lots more
12.30 - 17.00	Family activities, displays, beauty treatments ( <i>Adult Education Centre</i> )
17.00/17.30 - 18.30	Celebration Parade to include torch designs and banners made by local school children and Parish Councils
18.30 - 19.30	School Dance Platform ( <i>outer court</i> )
19.00 - 19.30	Chesterfield Garland Dancers and Chesterfield Morris Dancers ( <i>inner court</i> )
19.30 - 21.00	Olympic Brass Explosion ( <i>inner court and outer court live feed</i> )

Please note times may change and some activities may be payable and subject to age and height restrictions.

## Torchbearers

8,000 inspirational people will carry the Olympic Flame as it journeys across the UK.

These have been chosen by the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games (LOCOG) and will carry the torch for approximately 300 metres each.

One of the torchbearers who will carry the flame through Bolsover is Kaylet Smedley from Brimington. Aged 79, the last thing she thought she would be doing at her age is running with the Olympic Torch in her hand through Bolsover and here is her story.

Kaylet was nominated to be a torchbearer over a year ago by Elizabeth Mulcahey, a teacher at New Bolsover Primary School, for the amazing work she does as chairperson of the Derbyshire branch of the Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research Fund since 1965. Kaylet started the branch following the death of her son Andrew from Leukaemia, who was just eight years old. Throughout the past 47 years Kaylet has been constantly involved in raising money and finding new ways to help fight this disease.

Despite her advancing years she remains a vigorous organiser and an inspiration to her team of volunteers. And we must all take time to think how many competitors and spectators at the 2012 Olympic Games are alive today because of her efforts?

The first Kaylet knew about being nominated was last December when Elizabeth rang her to say that she had been accepted subject to scrutiny of her documents – to say she was shocked was understatement.

“The closest I thought I would get to the Olympics was settling down on the settee with my husband to watch it – I really didn’t expect to be a part of it,” said Kaylet. “It is a bit surreal to be honest,

and at first it seemed like a dream. But it is a huge honour and a great privilege to have been chosen and I am really looking forward to it now. I have got my family and friends and all the school children from New Bolsover coming to cheer me on and it will be a really special day.”

Kaylet is one of a number of torchbearers confirmed to carry the torch through Glapwell and Bolsover. The others are:

### Glapwell

- Eloise Speirs aged 13
- Adam Crump aged 30

### Bolsover

- Kaylet Smedley aged 79
- Matt Greenwood aged 20
- Matthew Jefferson aged 25
- Shaun Brailsford aged 12
- David Raizada aged 60
- Michele Harrop aged 45

(please note this is not the full list of torchbearers, but these have given permission to use their names in any publicity).



**Pictured is Kaylet Smedley celebrating being chosen as a Torchbearer at Bolsover Castle.**

## Celebration Parade

Over the past few months, we, together with the Bolsover and District School Sport Partnership have been engaging with schools and parishes for them to produce their own torch and banner designs for the Olympics. Torch design winners from each secondary school cluster area have been chosen and these will be showcased in a celebration parade around Bolsover Town.

We are anticipating around 3,000 people will join in the parade, which will leave Bolsover Castle at approximately 5.00pm and travel along High Street, down Cotton



Street into the Market Place, up Castle Street and back into Bolsover Castle.

**Pictured are the winning entries from each of the five secondary school clusters showing their winning torch designs at Bolsover Castle. From left to right:**

- Clowne Infant School - Erin Carter, Aged 7
- Scarcliffe Primary - Thomas McEwan, Aged 8
- Shirebrook Academy - Katie Heaps, Aged 14
- Tibshelf Townend - Callum Judge, Aged 10
- Duckmanton Primary - Crispin Gell, Aged 8



# Olympic Brass Explosion

Tredegar Town Band, one of the best bands in the world, will provide a fitting finale to the day's events in the inner court of Bolsover Castle.

Performing classics such as Flower Duet from Lakme, Typewriter and a rousing rendition of Beethoven's Battle Symphony to canon fire and explosions this is one concert that is not to be missed.

The concert will commence at 7.30pm and tickets for this event are priced at £6 adults and £4 for concessions. They can be purchased from any of our Contact Centres or by telephoning 01246 242424 (please note that Debit Card charge of 50p per ticket will apply when bought over the phone through our Contact Centres.) There is no seating so please bring along your own chair/rugs and enjoy a picnic or refreshments from our on-site catering whilst listening to one of the world's best brass bands.

The event programme will consist of:

- Fanfare "Legacy" - Philip Harper (Commissioned by Bolsover District Council for the Olympic Torch Relay 2012)
- People from Funny Girl - Styne arr. Catherall. Trumpet soloist Dewi Griffiths
- Legends of Cyfarthfa - Matthew Hall (composer in residence)
- Rusalkas Song to the Moon - Dvorak arr. Langford. Vocal soprano soloist Julie Thomas

- Flower Duet from Lakme - Delibes arr. Sparke, soloist Julie and Dewi
- Pie Jesu - Lloyd Webber, soloist Julie and Danny Winder
- Nightingale Dances - Matthew Hall
- Nessun Dorma - Puccini arr. Snell, euphonium soloist Daniel Thomas
- Olympic Fanfare and Theme - John Williams arr. Sparke
- Gresford (Miners Hymn) - Robert Saint arr. Geoff Hawley
- The Battle Symphony - Beethoven arr. Snell
- Typewriter - Leroy Anderson, soloist Matthew Hall



**BOLSOVER DISTRICT  
FESTIVAL  
2012**

As part of the legacy for the Olympic Torch Relay, we are staging a month long Bolsover District Festival that will incorporate a whole host of events right across the District.

The Festival will run from 29<sup>th</sup> June to 28<sup>th</sup> July and below is a timetable of some of the events that are happening.

For further details please visit [www.bolsover.gov.uk/bolsover-district-festival](http://www.bolsover.gov.uk/bolsover-district-festival)

Date & Times	Event and Venue	Telephone	Date & Times	Event and Venue	Telephone
<b>29 June</b>	Romeo and Juliet Outdoor Play, Creswell Crags	01909 720378	<b>13 July</b> 9-11pm	Bat Walk, Whitwell Wood	01773 881188
<b>29 June – 28 July</b> Tuesdays – Saturdays from 10am-5pm	Bolsover Art Exhibition, Beans Coffee Shop, Bolsover	01246 828691	<b>13 July – 16 July</b> Monday – Fridays 9am - 5pm	Photograph Exhibition, Bolsover Church	01246 824509
<b>30 June</b> 7pm start	'Bolsover Through the Ages' Dinner and Talk, Beans Coffee Shop, Bolsover	01246 828691	<b>14 July</b> 1pm - 4pm	Bolsover's Secret Gardens	01246 822793
<b>30 June</b> 1pm - 6pm	Tibshelf Festival of Sport 2012, Tibshelf Community School	01773 872391 ext 242	<b>14 July</b> 11am - 6pm	Newton Carnival, Charnwood Crescent, Newton	
<b>30 June – 15 July</b>	Elmton Well Dressing	01909 722806	<b>14 July</b> 12.30pm - 2.30pm	Walking With Dragon Flies Guided Walk, Bolsover	01246 533020
<b>30 June – 1 July, 7-8th July</b>	Gordon Liddle Artist – Open Studio, The Old Orchard, Shuttlewood	07712 771112	<b>14 July</b> 2.30pm	Lecture: Coal Measure Fossils, Creswell Crags	01909 720 378
Saturday 30 June and 7 July 2012 10am - 6pm. Sunday 1 July 11am - 6pm and 8 July 2012 11am - 2pm			<b>16-22 July</b> 11am - 4pm	Festival of British Archeology, Hardwick Estate	01246 850430
<b>1 July</b> 10am - 1pm	Discover Butterflies Walk, Pit Lane, Pleasley	01629 533240	<b>19 July</b>	Wild Flowers of the Limestone, Poulter Country Park, Whaley Road	01773 881188
<b>1 July</b> 10am - 4pm	Make A Silver Bangle Workshop, Beans Coffee Shop, Bolsover	01246 828691	<b>20 -22 July</b>	Stainsby Festival	01246 559036
<b>1 July</b>	Macro Photography Course, Creswell Crags	01909 720378	Starts at 12pm to midnight on the Friday and 10am to midnight on the Saturday and 10am to 6pm on the Sunday		
<b>1 July</b>	Sculpture Exhibition, Renishaw Hall Gardens	01246 432310	<b>20-22 July</b>	Bolsover & District Cycling Club Time Trial	
<b>2 July</b> 10.30am - 12.30pm	Go Wild! Family Walk at Hardwick	01246 851787	<b>21-22 July</b>	Cave Tours Through The Ages, Creswell Crags	01909 720378
<b>2-28 July</b>	Photographic Exhibition, Bolsover District Council Offices, Bolsover	01246 242324	<b>21 July</b>	Creswell Olympic Fun Day, Cricket Ground	07909 444094
<b>5 July</b>	Herbaceous Heaven Guided Garden Walk, Renishaw Hall	01246 432310	<b>21 – 22 July</b> 2pm - 6pm	Barlborough Open Gardens	
<b>5, 12, 19, 26th July</b>	Hardwick Walking For Health Group 10.30am – 12.30pm		<b>22 July</b> 11am-4pm	Art Exhibition, Village Church Ault Hucknall	01246 827141
<b>7 July</b> 10.30am - 4.00pm	Bolsover Town Trail Walks	01246 822793	<b>22-28 July</b>	Bolsover Brass Summer School	07979 240423
<b>8 July</b> 10am - 4pm	Decorating Fabric, Wood and Paper Workshop with Steph Harvey, Beans Coffee Shop, Bolsover	01246 828691	<b>24 July</b> 7.30pm	Invocation - Sinfonia Viva African Dance Performance, Post Mill, South Normanton	07979 240423
<b>12 July</b> 10.30am-12.30pm	Hardwick 10K Road Race	01773 872484	<b>26 July</b> 2.00-2.45pm	Bolsover Brass Summer School perform at Hardwick Hall	07979 240423
<b>12 July</b> Starts at 7.30pm	Limestone Butterflies Walk, Poulter Country Park, Whaley Road	01773 881188	<b>27,28,29 July</b>	Clowne Beer Festival at Clowne Community Centre	01246 819546
			<b>28 July</b> 7.00pm	Tredegar Town Band Performance at Post Mill Centre, South Normanton	07979 240423



# How can we benefit you?

ARE YOU getting all the benefits you are entitled to? Whether you have lost your job, had your income reduced or simply struggling to meet those never ending bills, the time has never been better to look at what you can claim – you may be surprised!!

One of the first things you should check is to see if you can claim housing or council tax benefits. There are a number of ways in which you may be eligible to claim benefit including a 25% discount on your Council Tax if you live alone or a reduction in your rent.

Here are some of the benefits you may be able to claim:

- Rent Rebate - This is paid directly onto the rent account of eligible tenants living in our properties.
- Rent Allowance - This is paid to eligible residents living in privately rented accommodation, including lodgers, boarders, sub-tenants and residents of mobile homes.
- Council Tax Benefit - This is paid to eligible residents who are liable to pay

Council Tax on their property. It is paid by reducing the annual Council Tax bill by any amount of Council Tax Benefit due.

- Second Adult Rebate (SAR) - This is a type of Council Tax Benefit (sometimes referred to as 'Alternative maximum Council Tax') for residents who have a second adult (or adults in some cases) in the property on a low income. The benefit is based on the Second Adult(s) income and the general idea is that it substitutes any discount the liable person has lost due to the second adult being in the property.
- Local Housing Allowance (LHA) - LHA is a simplified Housing Benefit system for people on benefits or low incomes who rent from private landlords. LHA is based on the number of bedrooms people are allowed under the scheme, not how much their rent is. The number of bedrooms allowed depends on who lives with the tenant.

So, give us a call on 01246 242424 or pop into one of our Contact Centres to see if you can claim any benefits that you maybe entitled to.

## THE RACE IS ON: FREE INSULATION FOR ALL IN 2012

HOUSEHOLDS across Bolsover District are being urged to join the race and get their home insulated for free during 2012!

Until the end of this year households across Bolsover District can take advantage of free loft and cavity wall insulation for their home regardless of their income, thanks to Warmstreets.

This time limited offer includes free loft insulation for any private household (owned or rented) that currently has none (or less than 60mm), as well as free cavity wall insulation. Those who already have at least 60mm of loft insulation can pay a subsidised price of just £99 to have it topped up to the recommended level of 270mm.

More information: 0800 043 9569, or if calling from a mobile, 0333 577 9569, or visit [www.warmstreets.co.uk](http://www.warmstreets.co.uk). Offers are subject to survey and depend on house size.

## Job Boost

WE ARE planning to create more jobs over the next couple of years thanks to our new Works and Skills delivery Plan.

The plan is backed by our Working Neighbourhoods Fund and aims to address worklessness and low level skills problems across Bolsover District.

It aims to combine business engagement and job creation with better access to services to help youngsters and adults low level skills.

Council Leader, Councillor Eion Watts said, "We have already used the funding to improve people's positions and we are determined that any future funding will be used to help people get back into work."

One of the most successful projects provided employment opportunities in horticulture and environmental work which improved green areas across Bolsover District and created jobs.

## DON'T GET EATEN BY A LOAN SHARK!

HAVE money worries led you to borrow money without any paperwork? If you have, it's almost certain that whoever lent it to you is a crook, charging a rate of interest that is nothing short of extortion.

That's why we have teamed up with 2Shires Credit Union to offer local residents a better and more cost effective solution.

2Shires Credit Union are a community savings and loan cooperative, where members pool their savings to lend to one another and help to run the union. Established in June 2000 as Worksop & District Credit Union, their main aim is to help people to save what they can and borrow only what they can afford to repay. They offer two types of loans:

SAVER loans are available to those who have been saving regularly with them for a minimum of eight weeks. The interest rate is only 12.7% APR, but if it is a first loan the amount that can be borrowed is limited to 1½ times the level of savings.

SMART loans are available to non-savers at an interest rate of 26.8% APR.

2 Shires Credit Union will only lend to those who can afford to make repayments, so all SMART loan applicants need to produce proof of income and expenditure.

There are no hidden charges for early repayment with either loan.

Here is a comparison of typical repayments:

	Well Known Doorstep Lender	Credit Union Smart Loan
Loan Amount	£300	£300
Repayment Amount	£10.50 per week	£10.50 per week
Number of Weeks	52	31
Total Repaid	£546	£325.46
Interest Rate Charged	272.2% APR	26.8% APR
A saving of		£220.54

### Credit Union savings accounts

2 Shires Credit Union's flexible savings plans are designed to suit individual needs; you can save as much or as little and as often as you like, from £1 per week up to a maximum of £10,000.

As well as regular savings accounts, it offers Christmas and Holiday savings accounts to help plan for that special occasion. Its Junior savings accounts allow children (under 16) to start saving and watch their money grow from an early age.

2 Shires Credit Union is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority (FSA) and is covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

At the moment, the Credit Union has 8 collection points across the Bolsover District.

These are operated by trained and registered volunteers.

**Bolsover**, Methodist Church, Hill Top

Tuesday 10am – 12 noon and Thursday 7pm – 8.30pm

**Clowne**, Parish Rooms, 48 Mill Street

Tuesday 1pm – 2pm

**Shirebrook**, Childrens Centre, Carter Lane

Wednesday 9.15am – 11.30am

**South Normanton**, Cyber Centre, 39 High Street

Wednesday 10am – 2pm

**Langwith**, Rhubarb Farm, Hardwick Street

Thursday 9.30am – 11am

**Doe Lea**, Social Club, East Street

Friday 4pm – 5pm

**Creswell**, Social Centre, Elmton Road

Saturday 9.30am – 11am

### Who can join?

Anyone who lives or works within Bolsover District whether employed or unemployed, young or old. Membership requires proof of identification and a one off non refundable membership fee of £2.

### More information:

01909 500575, or [info@2shires.org.uk](mailto:info@2shires.org.uk) or [www.2shires.org.uk](http://www.2shires.org.uk)



# How we are helping you!

We provide hundreds of services for your benefit, from arts activities to voting and this section highlights some of the top money saving services we offer.

## Handy Vans

We have our very own Handy Person who can assist vulnerable and older people to feel more in control of their homes and give them access to a much wider range of services and benefits. The service can offer help and assistance with free safety, security and energy checks and practical household assistance. For further information please telephone 01246 242236.



## Hop aboard

Anyone aged over 60 who is a resident of Bolsover District is automatically entitled to the combined national free bus travel concession and Derbyshire Gold Card. Some disabled people under 60 may also be entitled to the national bus concession and Gold Card. The Gold Card also acts as a library card and gives you discounts at over 1,400 shops and businesses across Derbyshire. For more information, please telephone 01246 242424 or visit [www.bolsover.gov.uk/bus-passes](http://www.bolsover.gov.uk/bus-passes)



## Energy Saving

We have teamed up with the Energy Saving Partnership to improve energy efficiency measures in private sector homes which could include loft and cavity wall insulation at free or discounted prices. For more information please telephone 01246 242336.



## Business Support

LEO is your Local Enterprise Organisation and aims to help all types of business operating in the Ashfield, Mansfield and Bolsover areas. LEO offers bespoke business support to suit your business needs including business support advisers and a loan scheme. For further information, please telephone 01623 457158 or visit [www.leobusiness.org](http://www.leobusiness.org)



## Leisure Lifestyles

Bolsover District's Passport to Leisure is a customer loyalty membership scheme which is designed to reward those that are regular users of our leisure facilities by offering discounts on a wide range of sports and leisure activities.

The level of discount depends upon which category you qualify for - so the more you play the less you pay. For further information, please telephone 01246 593057 or visit [www.bolsover.gov.uk/memberships](http://www.bolsover.gov.uk/memberships)



## Public Notice – Standards Committee Hearing for Councillor D. Kerr (Ward Member for Whitwell)

ON 22ND JULY 2011 a formal complaint was made alleging that Councillor Duncan Kerr had brought Bolsover District Council into disrepute by making the statements he had made.

At its hearing on 1st May 2012, the Standards Committee found that Councillor Kerr did not produce any evidence to substantiate the statement that the Leader perpetuated a climate of fear or indeed that a climate of fear existed. There was therefore no foundation to the claim in the statement.

The Panel noted that no attempt was made to correct the impression given at the Council meeting or immediately thereafter by Cllr Kerr.

Cllr Kerr also gave the impression

that the Council has a very poor relationship with its employees. However, the Panel decided this was not the case and were aware that there are other mechanisms available for employees to give opinions.

In other statements Cllr Kerr made a clear linkage to Doncaster, which has had proven cases of corruption, clearly giving the impression that it is the corruption meaning of rotten that was intended in his statements. The use of the word scandalous only goes further to give this impression.

Cllr Kerr was found to have breached the code.

The Standards Committee decided that the Council should censure Cllr Kerr in respect of his failure to comply with the code of conduct.

Paragraph 5 of the District Council code states: "You must not conduct yourself in a manner which could reasonably be regarded as bringing your office or authority into disrepute."

A second allegation was that Cllr Kerr had failed to treat Cllr Eion Watts the Council's Leader, with respect by making certain statements. The Chair of the Standards Committee stated that comments made by Cllr Kerr failed to treat Cllr Watts with respect and were inappropriate, but were not disrespectful. Cllr Kerr was found not to have breached the code in this respect.

Councillor Kerr is a member of Bolsover District Council. Cllr Kerr has the right to appeal the decision to the President of the First Tier Tribunal.