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A letter from the Chair and Mayor



Time is flying by during my year as your Mayor and I have enjoyed meeting so many of you.

It has been a pleasure to have been invited to many local events and I find the dedication of volunteers in staging these, and in serving our town, an inspiration.

Local volunteers serve us so well, whether it is in running a society, the Dementia Café or litter picking.

We all continue to be challenged by the economic situation and I am grateful to all who help provide some relief to those in need. Organisations including the food bank, community larder, community hub and volunteer centre provide crucial help and care within our community. Even in these difficult times, the Town Council's specialist markets have been popular and supported by residents, visitors and stall holders alike, bringing trade to the town and creating a bright atmosphere.

Daventry Town Council's Summer Activities, Foodies Market, Heritage

Bus Tours and Fireworks Display were all well attended and were enjoyed by so many, including me. I just wish it had been possible to record all of the smiling, happy faces.

Among some of the visitors have been the Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire and the Mayor of Northampton, both of whom were impressed by the feel and vitality of our town.



During December, I was involved in the 'Daventry Living Advent Calendar' with 33 shops and schools decorating a Christmas 'Round the World' themed window. These were carefully judged by an extremely critical team, including a school pupil representing the younger view. The winning window was Alpine Carpets, Station Close, and the runner-up for the most illuminating presentation was Asia Tandoori Restaurant, Warwick Street. A very big 'Thank You' to all who took part.



Your Town Council has been busy planning a full calendar of events for 2024 and I hope to see many of you there – dates are on pages 6 & 7 for your diary.

I'll leave you on a humorous note. At a recent meeting of Northamptonshire Mayors, there was earnest discussion of what a Mayor should be called. Mr Mayor? Your Worship? Another Mayor settled the debate. "In Daventry, they just call him Ted."

Mayor, Cllr. Ted Nicholl



ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY
 Monday 13th May 2024
 7.00pm
 Location TBC
 Your Meeting. Your Agenda.

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Information

New Scheme To Prevent Retail Crime



Daventry Town Council (DTC) has invested in a retail crime scheme to help prevent and detect retail crime in Daventry.

Northamptonshire Business Crime Partnership (NBCP) has teamed up with DTC to expand its award-winning Retail Crime Initiative through the use of a dedicated app which allows retailers to share information and report retail crime quickly and easily to the police.

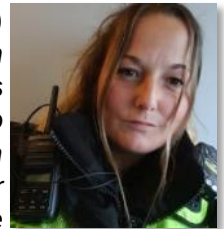
Neil Cowley, of the NBCP, said: "With the fantastic support of Daventry Town Council, who have paid for all independent town centre shops to become members, we have successfully launched the Daventry Retail Crime Initiative. This further enhances the already strong retail community in Daventry and makes the town a safer and friendlier place to shop and work."

Our DTC Community Ranger, Charlotte Jones, is working closely with the retailers to identify and report shoplifting and



antisocial behaviour to the police and already the scheme is proving to bring real benefits to the town's retailers and their customers.

DTC Community Ranger (right) added, "In recent months we've been seeing offenders banned from places like Northampton start to travel to Daventry, and by partnering with NBCP we are making it clear our town is not an easy target. The information being shared between the Retail Crime Initiative, the police and retailers has already proven beneficial with numerous positive outcomes."



Town Mayor, Cllr Ted Nicholl stated "This partnership offers residents and business owners in the town continued safety and well-being as we work towards preventing shoplifting."

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FREE BUS SERVICE FOR THOSE WITH MOBILITY & ACCESS CHALLENGES

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Community Grants

Helping voluntary organisations in Daventry turn their ideas into reality

Awards of up to £1,000 are available to groups and organisations that support and benefit the community. Scan the QR code for more details and an application form.

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Litter Heroes

Since we launched our litter picking scheme in 2020, many local residents have generously volunteered their time to help our Community Ranger and Ward Councillors tackle problem areas around the town. It only seemed right that these local heroes had a suitable name—and so Daventry Litter Heroes was born!



We now hold regular community litter picks and tidy-ups across Daventry with our Community Ranger Charlotte Jones, supported by Norse. There are plenty more planned for 2024, so why not get involved?

Our Litter Heroes will meet for the first time at the end of March as part of the Great British Spring Clean, and you're welcome to join them. Don't worry if you don't have litter picking kits, as we'll provide everything you need to get started. Plus, you only need to volunteer as little as one hour of your time to make a difference. Many of our Litter Heroes are children and we always litter pick in areas away from busy roads that are safe for families.



Ready to become a Daventry Litter Hero and save your town from pesky plastic bottles, lousy litter and all-things rubbish? Check the dates below to see when the Heroes will be on duty near you—everyone is welcome!

LITTER PICKS 2024

- Selected days from 11am - 12pm

SOUTHBROOK - COMMUNITY CENTRE	Friday 22nd March
- with Norse, Southbrook Community Centre, Futures Housing Group & WNC	
HEADLANDS - SPIDER PARK	Saturday 27th April
THE GRANGE - TAMAR SQUARE	Saturday 25th May
WIMBORNE PLACE - PLAY PARK	Saturday 29th June
TOWN CENTRE - NEW STREET NOTICEBOARD	Saturday 27th July
MIDDLEMORE - MIDDLEMORE FARM PUB	Saturday 31st August
SOUTHBROOK - COMMUNITY CENTRE	DATE TBC
- with Norse	

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Follow us to keep up to date on all our Litter Picks or visit: www.daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk/litter-heroes

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**SHOP
LOCAL
2024**



Daventry Town Market

Every Tuesday & Friday
8am to 2pm
Daventry High Street

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Museum

Daventry Museum had a busy and fun-filled 2023; we held an award-winning 'Borough Hill and its History' exhibition, followed by the 'Made in Daventry and its Surrounds' exhibition, inspired by people and places around Daventry. Alongside our main exhibitions we've had displays from local schools, as well as a poignant Remembrance display.



The museum's 2023 events included its award-winning British Science Week event, which is held every March. Children and families are invited to celebrate all things science with a day of free, fun and interactive activities based on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).



To mark Heritage Open Days in September 2023, Daventry Museum invited local creatives and crafters to join in the celebration of the 2023 theme, 'Creativity Unwrapped', to inspire visitors to learn new skills. Local crafters included members of Daventry Women's Institute, members of Tudor Rose Woodturners and rural crafter Robert Manton.



The museum also invited its Pen Pals at Caring Kindergartens to join in the theme and they didn't disappoint with their wonderful artwork inspired by artist Nina Cashmore, who's art was on display in the museum.

Daventry Museum's Halloween Craft event held in October half term was a huge success with over 200 little Halloween crafters attending and taking part in a spookily themed scavenger hunt around the museum.



Current Exhibition

World War Two: D-Day 80 Years On
13TH JANUARY TO 14TH JUNE 2024



New displays commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings and the Battle of Normandy, the largest scale Allied invasion of Nazi-occupied France that led to the liberation of north-west Europe.

Poignant exhibits take you on a thought-provoking journey through what life was like during wartime, and reflect on the most significant victory of the Western Allies in the Second World War.



Museum Resources

Discover what's on your doorstep with one of our self-guided walks, which are free to download so you're ready to ramble. Or enjoy a virtual tour of one of our past exhibitions from the comfort of your own home. Scan the QR codes below to get started:

Self-guided walks



Virtual tours



Community

Upcoming Exhibition

Daventry Retail Through The Ages

6TH JULY TO 29TH NOVEMBER 2024

Shopping in Daventry from 20th to 21st century.

Dates for your Diary

British Science Week Event

SATURDAY 16TH MARCH 2024 (10am–4pm)

Free fun & interactive science activities for all the family.

Heritage Open Days Event

SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER (10am - 4pm)

Celebrating 'Routes, Networks & Connections'.

All events are subject to change without prior notice - see Museum website

DAVENTRY MUSEUM

Tuesday-Friday from 9.30am-1.30pm
& the first Saturday of the month
from 10am-4pm

   @Daventrymuseum

www.daventrymuseum.org.uk
museum@ daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk



Free Entry!

Random Acts of Crafty Kindness

The Daventry Town Crafters' Christmas 2023 project was 'Random Acts of Crafty Kindness'. Towards the end of 2023, the group spread festive joy and kindness via handmade Christmas decorations on small willow trees displayed in shops and businesses around the town.



The town trail encouraged visitors to find the letters on each tree and pop into a shop or two to choose a decoration to take home. Over 150 decorations were given away and the group, who meet each month at Daventry Museum, were very grateful to everyone who made items for the trees, which included crocheted snowmen, bells, mushrooms, knitted angels and paper stars, as well as wooden trees donated by Viridian.

In the past the group have created a 15ft-tall crochet Christmas tree for the High Street, a post box topper for the King's Coronation and a blanket for Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee.



The 2024 project involves making bobble hats for all ages that will be donated after they're displayed at Christmas. If you're interested in joining the craft group, find more details here:

www.daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk/knitting-and-crochet-projects

No Mow May

As spring approaches, so does No Mow May, and Daventry Town Council invite you to join the fun. Let's give our lawns and green spaces a well-deserved break for the entire month.



No Mow May, endorsed by Plantlife, is more than just a break from the regular lawn routine. It's an opportunity for us to champion our local wildlife, especially our buzzing friends like bees, butterflies, and moths. According to the wise minds at Countryfile, cutting back on mowing means ten times more nectar sugar for these incredible creatures, and don't underestimate the power of flowers like dandelions – they're like a superfood buffet for our beloved bees and butterflies.

Daventry Town Council enjoyed the success of last year's campaign so much that we're officially getting in on the No Mow May action again. Which means more wildflowers, more vibrant pollinators, and a town that's positively buzzing with life.

As we embrace No Mow May 2024, get ready to witness positive changes in our landscape – a tapestry of wildflowers and a bustling habitat for our pollinator pals. Join us in this joyful campaign. Share your snapshots and stories on social media with the hashtag #NoMowMayDaventry24, and let's paint a picture of a thriving, vibrant community.

Find out which areas we're leaving untouched:
www.daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk/parks-and-gardens

Events

It was another busy Autumn and Winter last year, with a Daventry diary filled with fun events. In September, we held Daventry Foodies Market (formerly the Farmers' Market), where hungry locals enjoyed delicious food and drinks from a tasty selection of stalls. The sunshine even made an appearance, which is always appreciated. Daventry Heritage Bus Tours were also running on the day, offering free retro rides for residents. November is always a popular month thanks to our much-loved Daventry Fireworks Spectacular, which was a sparkling success once again. We also held the annual Remembrance Day Parade to pay our respects. And then with Christmas fast-approaching, it was time for Daventry Christmas Market, complete with Santa, reindeer and stalls all the way around the town selling unique gifts, festive food and drink.

NOW LET'S SEE WHAT'S IN STORE FOR 2024...



DAVENTRY EASTER MARKET: Saturday 6th April, 10am - 3pm. Join an egg-celent selection of stall holders for our Easter Market. Expect lots of tasty treats, crafts and gifts plus delicious hot food to enjoy. With lots of free family fun too including face painting, balloon modelling, stilt walker, craft tent, town trail, music and more - it's set to be a fantastic family-friendly day out.



BARK IN THE PARK: Sunday 28th April, 12pm - 4pm, The Hollow. After the huge success of the Mayor's fundraiser last year, the canine carnival returns for 2024 as a DTC event. Enter your prized pooch in the Fun Dog Show, Recall Scurry or Have-A-Go Agility course (may the best four-legged friend win), or stock up on treats, toys and more at one of our many stalls. There will also be plenty to eat and drink (for both people and pups!)



DAV MOTOR FEST*: Sunday 11th May, 11am - 4pm, The Hollow. Start your engines for Dav Motor Fest, where you'll find classic, collectible and curious cars, as well as trucks, trikes and more. This event is run by a group of volunteers and supported by DTC so go along for a marvellous, motor-powered day out. **For more information visit: www.davmotorfest.co.uk**



DAVENTRY MOTORCYCLE FESTIVAL*: Saturday 8th June, 10am - 4pm. The festival is run by an enthusiastic group of volunteers who just love all things bike. Explore a fantastic collection of motorbikes, trikes and scooters. Enjoy live music, stunt shows and children's entertainment. Sample tasty food and drink, or shop for bike-themed gifts. Mass ride in at 10am. **For more information, visit: www.daventrybikefest.co.uk**



DAVENTRY PRIDE PARTY IN THE PARK*: Saturday 29th June, 11am - 5pm, New Street Park. After the success of last year's event, Daventry Pride is back for 2024—so come along and join in the fun.

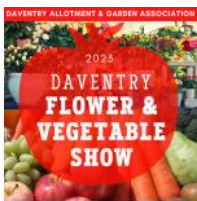
SUMMER ACTIVITY DAYS: July & August. Returning for 2024, enjoy Forest School sessions, or get active with hula-hoop megastructures, multi-sports and



Events



football skills, these activities are aimed at toddlers through to teens. All sessions are taking place at New Street Park and are free! They will be drop-in on a first come, first serve basis - no need to book (*reserve lists will be created for subsequent sessions*). Dates and more information will be published in June.



DAVENTRY FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW*: Saturday 17th August, 1pm - 4pm, Daventry Leisure Centre. Admire the homegrown produce grown by Daventry Allotment & Garden Association (DAGA) at their annual show, with free entry for the public.



DAVENTRY SUMMER GAMES FUN: Saturday 3rd August, 11am - 3pm, New Street Park. In celebration of the Olympics we are going all in this year with sporting fun, getting Daventry moving with inclusive sports activities. There'll be lots for everyone to try, local groups and clubs to discover plus 'sports day' competitions. ****WE NEED YOU**** If you run a sports club, team or fitness club that fits the inclusive-Olympic-bill, please get in touch via projects@daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk



DAVENTRY SKATE JAM: Saturday 3rd August, 11am - 3pm, New Street Skate Park. Team Rubicon will be running free skateboard coaching and an awesome Skate Jam as part of the Summer Games. There will be two hours of coaching before the Skate Jam begins with music, competitions and prizes. All ages and abilities are welcome and there's no need to book. Simply register at Team Rubicon's tent on the day and get ready to show off your skills or learn some new ones.



DAVENTRY FOODIES MARKET: Saturday 7th September, 10am - 3pm. Save your appetite for our much-loved Foodies Market. Discover delicious food and drink from local producers, purchase foodie gifts and enjoy lots of free family-friendly entertainment and music.

DAVENTRY HERITAGE BUS TOURS: Saturday 7th September 10am - 3pm.



Once again we'll be joined by Northampton Transport Heritage, who will be bringing their vintage buses to Daventry so residents can enjoy free, retro rides around town. Why not hop on while you're visiting our Foodies Market and take a trip back through time?



DATES FOR LATER IN THE YEAR...
DAVENTRY FIREWORKS: Saturday 2nd November 6pm-9pm, Parker E-Act Academy. Annual fireworks display to music plus plenty of food and drink stalls to help you stay warm!



DAVENTRY CHRISTMAS MARKET & FESTIVE FUN: Saturday 23rd November 10am - 3pm. Embrace the festive spirit with unique stalls, hot food, a visit from Santa plus lots of free family-friendly activities to help you get into the Christmas mood.

All events are **FREE** to come along to and enjoy!

FREE ACTIVITIES 2024

SUMMER ACTIVITY DAYS *Various dates in July & August (dates published in June)*
- FOREST SCHOOL - HULA-HOOP MEGASTRUCTURE -
- MULTI-SPORTS - FOOTBALL SKILLS -

EVENTS 2024

EASTER MARKET	Saturday 6th April
BARK IN THE PARK	Sunday 28th April
SUMMER GAMES	Saturday 3rd August
SKATE JAM	Saturday 3rd August
DAVENTRY FOODIES MARKET	Saturday 7th September
HERITAGE BUS TOURS	Saturday 7th September
DAVENTRY FIREWORKS	Saturday 2nd November
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	Sunday 10th November
ARMISTICE DAY	Monday 11th November
CHRISTMAS MARKET & FESTIVE FUN	Saturday 23rd November

OTHER EVENTS SUPPORTED BY DTC

DAVENTRY PRIDE*	Saturday 29th June
DAVENTRY MOTOR FEST*	Sunday 11th May
DAVENTRY MOTORCYCLE FESTIVAL*	Saturday 8th June
DAGA FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW*	Saturday 17th August

   Follow us to stay up to date on all our **FREE** events or visit our website: www.daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk

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* = Events supported by Daventry Town Council but organised by volunteers.

Over the past year, Daventry Town Council members have supported several projects to benefit local young people. Members acknowledge the lack of central funding in these areas over the past decade and want to address this, particularly as many young people are still tackling the effects of the pandemic.

DAVENTRY YOUTH HUB runs every term-time Friday at the Southbrook Community Centre and is led by Clubs for Young People Northamptonshire (CYPN). Activities include sports, cooking, movie nights, games, crafts, archery and lots more. The young people also run the tuck shop and have organised charity activities such as a cake sale. Around 25-30 people attend on a weekly basis and CYPN can see the positive impact of the club on the confidence of these young people and their sense of community.



Join the fun at Daventry Youth Hub, Southbrook Community Centre, Hood Road, NN11 4JS, every term-time Friday from 4.30-6pm.

THE GYM BUS: We're thrilled to introduce the GYM Bus project, an initiative by "Guiding Young Minds" (GYM). Since its launch last March on New Street Park, it has become a safe space for youth, encouraging vital community engagement. The GYM Bus empowers young people by addressing topics like online safety, peer pressure, gangs, promoting personal growth and resilience. The Town Council's funding enables the GYM Bus to deliver sessions via dedicated specialists, collaborating with local groups to support them and promote positive development. The GYM Bus has also strengthened bonds within the community, encouraging a sense of belonging and empowerment to make greater choices.

GYM Bus, New Street Park (near the Daventry bus station) every Wednesday 4.30-6.30pm until the end of October 2024.

TEEN CLINIC DAVENTRY is supported by a host of countywide partners, schools and local businesses. Now in its second year, the award-winning Teen Clinic Daventry has become a vital part of the community, engaging with around 200 young people aged 11-18 years. The clinic offers a free, confidential service for local teens, including access to a GP, nurse, mental health support, and advice around sexual health and contraception. Monthly drop-in clinics take place at Daventry Mind with each one featuring a different health theme. Whatever the theme young people can access support on any issue or health concern they may have, speaking to health professionals (often more than one) in a confidential, relaxed setting. Any young people interested in helping with the development of the service are welcome to join the clinic's Youth Forum, by attending a clinic session.

Teen Clinic Daventry, Daventry Mind, Old Gas Works Car Park, NN11 9YB, once a month on a Monday from 3.30-6.30pm (see website for dates).

TEEN CLINIC DAVENTRY

A safe, friendly, confidential place for you to get the help you need and learn the facts

- Free advice for 11 to 18 year olds
- Drop in - no appointment needed
- Physical health check
- Speak to a healthcare professional



SCAN ME TO FIND OUT MORE INFO & DATES OF THE NEXT CLINIC

#teenclinicdaventry

www.teenclinicdaventry.co.uk

AGED 11-18? WE NEED YOUR VOICE PLEASE! Help us to shape the Teen Clinic service by completing a simple survey. Whether you've used the clinic or not, we would like to hear your views and thoughts. Follow the Teen Clinic QR code above.

For information about Daventry Youth Services visit: www.daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk/daventry-youth-services

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