



# Heanor & Loscoe Town Council

NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2022

*Working for a  
better community*



As we move into Autumn, we thought it would be a great opportunity to showcase the floral displays which we have enjoyed throughout our Town this year. Many thanks go to our provider Plantscape Ltd and the individuals and companies who sponsored a hanging basket, enabling us to add to the existing scheme funded by the Town Council.

The flowers have been enjoyed by many with comments being made about the positive uplifting effect of the flowers within the Town. We have shared some of the comments below.

*“Absolutely stunning” “Love Heanor flowers they are so beautiful”*

*“Amazing floral displays in Heanor this year”*

*“I was just thinking today how lovely it all looks. I saw an elderly lady really looking at them and smelling the ones at the Town Hall, taking so much joy from the flowers”*

*“My Mum loves the flowers and is enjoying them”*

## How to Contact the Town Council

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Email: [admin@heanorloscoetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@heanorloscoetowncouncil.gov.uk)

[www.heanorloscoetowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.heanorloscoetowncouncil.gov.uk)

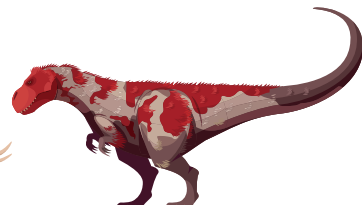
Town Council meetings are held in the Town Hall, Heanor  
7.00pm on the first Thursday of every month

**ALL WELCOME**

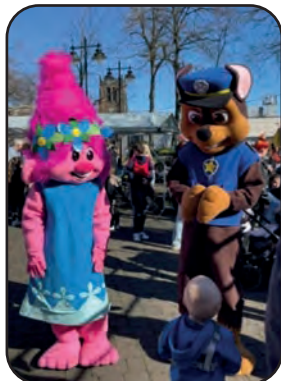




## Díno Day



Utilising funding from the European Regional Development Fund, the Town Council, in conjunction with Heanor Vision, worked together to pull off 'Dino Day'. This event was held on Saturday 19 March 2022 on Heanor Market Place and saw the Town Centre invaded by dinosaurs, visits from many well-known storybook and TV characters including Paw Patrol, Toy Story, Hey Duggee and the old favourites Mickey and Minnie Mouse. Peter Rabbit and Alice in Wonderland handed out Easter eggs to over 300 children. There were also free fun fair rides, free face painting and numerous market stalls full of goodies and gifts. The sun graced us with its presence, and it was a wonderful day enjoyed by many.



The Town Council also arranged for walkabout characters to visit the Market Place on Saturday mornings, which brought many smiles.



## Bunting – Heanor High Street & Godfrey Street

The bunting which the Town Council funded and installed down Heanor High Street and Godfrey Street has also received lots of positive comments and has helped lift the appearance of the High Street.



## “Happy to Chat” Bench



The European Regional Development Fund also allowed the Town Council to install a “Happy to Chat” bench.

The “Happy to Chat” bench features a simple message which reads “Sit here if you don’t mind someone stopping to say hello”. The bench is designed to help combat loneliness and encourage community interaction.

Derbyshire County Council are also joining the initiative and putting up 700 Let’s Chat bench signs across the county, aimed at starting conversations about mental health, helping people connect and reducing isolation.

Please see the link shown below for further information.

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/news-events/news-updates/news/lets-chat-benches-aim-to-strike-up-conversations-across-derbyshire.aspx>

The bench was temporarily installed at the front of the Town Hall and has now been relocated to the corner of Mundy Street. We hope you like it.

## Street Nameplates

An informative street nameplate has been provided by Heanor and Loscoe Town Council. Unfortunately, there are limited places the signs can be installed, but a few more are in the pipeline. Keep a lookout to see if you can spot the others 🧐🧐



## Grant Aid

Over the last year the Town Council has approved funding to the following organisations.

- Heanor Musical Theatre Company - £1,000 (room hire costs)
- Derbyshire Unemployed Workers' Centres - £1,000 (weekly advice sessions in Heanor Town Hall)
- AAJ (All About Jogging) - £500 (training for instructors)
- Heanor Vision - £1,000 (funding for events)
- Heanor Weenies - £1,800 (soft play equipment, bouncy castle)
- Heanor Business Community Ltd – £2,000 (new business initiative)
- Salcare, Heanor - £2,250 (community pantry)



The Town Council consider Grant Aid applications at the July and December Town Council meeting. The grants are available to voluntary/non-profit groups whose work benefits the inhabitants of Heanor and Loscoe. If you would like to be considered for funding, then please contact the office for a Grant Aid application form or download the application form from the Town Council's website [www.heanorloscoetowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.heanorloscoetowncouncil.gov.uk).

## Free Self-defence Classes for Women

Heanor & Loscoe Town Council worked in partnership with Synergy Marshall Arts to provide free self-defence classes for women at the Wilmot Street Centre. These sessions proved very popular and enabled invaluable skills to be learned. The idea behind the initiative was following the devastating murder of Sarah Everard.



## Derbyshire Unemployed Workers' Centre – Heanor Town Hall

The Town Council provide free use of the Buxton room in Heanor Town Hall to enable the provision of this service for residents. An adviser is in the Town Hall every Thursday from 9am to 12 noon – this is a drop-in service; no appointment is required. DUWC offer free, independent, and confidential advice on all aspects of benefit and credit entitlements.

For more information see their website: [www.duwc.org.uk](http://www.duwc.org.uk) and the poster as shown here.

**Derbyshire Unemployed Workers' Centres** *Your voice. Your vision.*

• Are you getting all your benefits and credits?  
• Need help in making a claim?  
• Need to appeal against a decision to stop your benefits?  
• Need to talk to someone about the threat of benefit sanctions?

**We are here to help you**

**Thursdays 9am – 11:30am**  
in the Heanor Town Hall, Buxton Room  
or ring 01773 832237  
or visit our website  
[www.duwc.org.uk](http://www.duwc.org.uk)  
for more information

Our advice is free, confidential and independent.  
Home visits can be arranged where necessary.  
Whether in or out of work, young or old, sick or disabled, or caring for someone.

DUWC is funded by:  
Amber Valley Borough Council  
Heanor & Loscoe Town Council  
Bakewell District Council  
Chesfield Borough Council  
as well as many other Town and Parish Councils throughout Derbyshire

## Citizens Advice

Citizens Advice are based in Heanor Town Hall on a Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. They also provide a monetary advisory service on a Tuesday. For further information please see the poster as shown here.



**If you have a problem, we're here for you across Amber Valley...**

Appointment sessions available at  
**Heanor:** Town Hall, Market Place, DE75 7AA

**Free, confidential, Independent and Impartial advice on any Issue**

Benefits - Care Issues - Consumer - Debt - Employment  
Energy Efficiency - Families and Relationships - Housing

For advice over the phone or to book an appointment, call our **freephone Adviceline**.  
Open Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm  
**0808 278 7954**

citizens advice Derbyshire Districts

## Cost of Living Support



**Costs are rising but there's support out there.**

Don't miss out. Visit:  
[www.derbyshire.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/costofliving)

HELPING YOU WITH THE COST OF LIVING

Costs are rising, and it can be hard to know where to turn if you're struggling to make ends meet.

Derbyshire County Council has put together a new webpage full of advice and help available locally. To find out more visit [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/costofliving)

There's lots of advice and support available to you from help managing debt to checking you're getting all the benefits you are entitled to. There's also information about energy efficiency, cutting down on food waste and details about services you might not know that the council offers.

## Phlebotomy Services

The Old Fire Station is owned and managed by Heanor & Loscoe Town Council and since 2014 has been hired by Derby and Burton NHS Trust for the provision of a Blood Clinic. The Town Council is pleased that residents can make use of this invaluable, easy to access service. Many residents have expressed their thanks for having this service available within the community, as it offers a standalone blood clinic, which has provided much needed reassurance to vulnerable individuals needing to access the service especially during the pandemic.

The Town Council remains committed to allowing this facility to be available for as long as possible for our residents.



# Town Council Meetings

Town Council Meetings are held in the Council Chamber at Heanor Town Hall. The dates for future meetings are shown in the calendar below and also appear on the Town Council noticeboards which are located at:

- Outside Heanor Town Hall, Market Place, Heanor
- Outside the Old Fire Station, Wilmot Street, Heanor
- Outside the Wilmot Street Centre, Wilmot Street, Heanor
- Corner of Ilkeston Road, Marlpool, Heanor
- Outside Loscoe Post Office



Please also check the Town Council website for details of the meetings, as these can be subject to change.

The agenda for the meetings can also be found on the website and on the noticeboard outside the Town Hall.

## Calendar of Council Meetings:

Thursday 3rd November 2022

Thursday 2nd March 2023

Thursday 1st December 2022

Thursday 6th April 2023

Thursday 12th January 2023

Thursday 18th May 2023

Thursday 2nd February 2023

(Annual General Meeting)

Held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Market Place, Heanor. Meetings commence at 7.00pm unless otherwise stated. The public and press are cordially invited to attend. Telephone: 01773 533 050 Email [admin@heanorloscoetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@heanorloscoetowncouncil.gov.uk)

*Just prior to going to print we received the sad news of the death of our Queen, Her Majesty Elizabeth II. We have taken the decision to retain the following article to look back on the wonderful memories made celebrating our Queen's Platinum Jubilee.*

## Commemorating our Queen's Platinum Jubilee

In 2022, Her Majesty the Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, seventy years of service, having acceded to the throne on 6th February 1952 when Her Majesty was 25 years old.



The whole community came together with street parties, flower festivals, services of thanksgiving and a magnificent Jubilee in the Park event was held by Heanor Vision. This saw performances by the wonderful D-Day Darlings, Jono & Fran, Pure Steel, Cadets Brass Band and Agent Zig Zag to name but a few. There were stalls galore and walkabout characters. Even the Queen made an appearance!



Special thanks also go to Loscoe Ladybirds WI for the wonderful display on the Winding Wheel at the Red River Nature Reserve.



The Mayor, Councillor Eileen Hamilton, and her Consort for the day, Ann Jones, were invited to attend Ashfields Care Home for the planting of a tree to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. They both enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea with the residents.

The Mayor also visited local primary schools to attend numerous events and assemblies

to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. On behalf of the Town Council, the Mayor distributed commemorative pin badges for the children. It was wonderful to see all the children entering into the spirit of the occasion, with many dressed in red, white and blue.



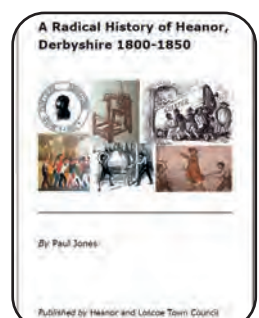
## Spreading Community Cheer

Has anyone spotted the wonderful crochet letterbox toppers which keep popping up at Loscoe and around the Town? They really are works of art and help put a smile on people's faces. Thank you to whoever it is. Your kind gesture does not go unnoticed.



## A Radical History of Heanor

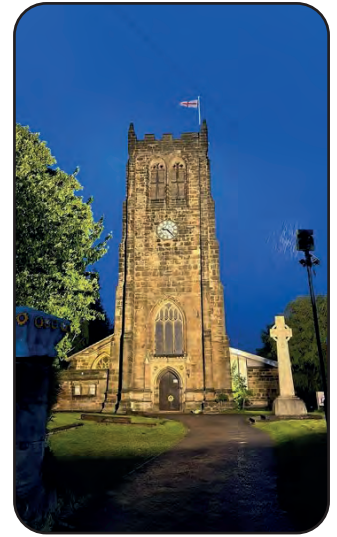
Councillor Paul Jones, on behalf of Heanor & Loscoe Town Council, spent his lockdown days researching for this very interesting and informative booklet. The booklet is available from the Town Council office, the cost is £3.50. All proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Town Mayor's chosen Charity for this year – Heanor Salcare Food Bank.



## St Lawrence Church Lighting

St Lawrence Church, Heanor is once again standing proud and shining bright ★ Local residents often commented that they missed seeing St Lawrence Church lit up. Unfortunately, the Church has not been lit for several years due to the electrical fittings needing to be upgraded.

Heanor & Loscoe Town Council funded these repairs, and the Church is once more shining bright. In fact, it can be seen from miles around! Thank you to local firm JS Electrical Ltd.



## Red River Nature Reserve

The Town Council's nature reserve is managed on its behalf by Groundwork Greater Nottingham. The Friends of Red River are a voluntary group who work on this site, carrying out many duties including the planting of shrubs and bulbs, improving paths and clearing vegetation. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Marion Farrell on 07801 122 494 or via email [marion.farrell@groundworknottingham.org.uk](mailto:marion.farrell@groundworknottingham.org.uk).



## Correspondence with Nigel Mills MP

The Town Council has written to the local MP Nigel Mills expressing their concern about a number of issues. To summarise:

- Concern over the lack of investment in Langley Mill Train Station and disabled access to the south bound platform
- Ceasing of London-bound trains stopping at Langley Mill Train Station
- Concerns over proposed changes to planning regulations and control over Homes of Multiple Occupancy
- Concerns over the amount of sewage being discharged into local rivers by Severn Trent



# Charles Hill Playing Fields

The Town Council has had a long-term ambition to support the development of a community facility at Charles Hill Playing Fields, Loscoe. The Council has offered to contribute significant financial support to the cost of the development and take out a long-term lease for the site or even take the freehold to help move the development forward. Negotiations are still ongoing with Amber Valley Borough Council to try and come to a resolution to this much desired development.



## Future High Street Fund

The Town Council wrote in support of Amber Valley Borough Council's application for £12.5million worth of funding under the Future High Street bid. Despite the Government only allocating £8.5 million, the Town Council were keen to work in partnership with the Borough Council in delivering a reduced scheme and have agreed, in principle, to provide additional funding to help contribute to the shortfall. The redevelopment of the Market Place and the former Grammar School site are critical to helping to improve our Town Centre.



The concept for the development of the former Grammar School site includes;

- No housing on the site.
- The existing trees will be retained.
- Car parking for over 70 vehicles.
- A public open space and gardens with a cafe will be created.
- A walkway between the Market Place and Ilkeston Road to improve access to the Memorial Park.
- The Science Block will not currently be developed due to a lack of funding. However, it is intended to take this forward to a subsequent phase.
- The main building will be split between community use, which will include the hall and provision of meeting rooms and business usage, with offices, pop up business space and hot desking etc



The above is subject to public consultation.

## Helping to support young people

Following the demise of the Town Council supported Urban Youth Club because of the COVID pandemic, the Town Council has been looking at other ways of supporting young people. The Town Council are working with Blend and Derby County Community Trust to put on sessions for young people at Lockton Avenue.



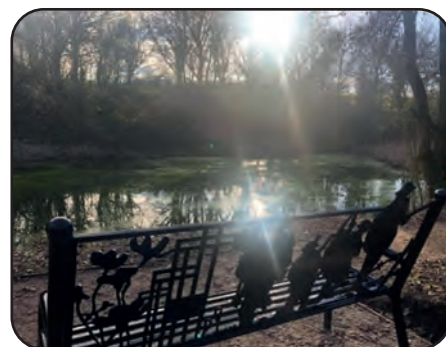
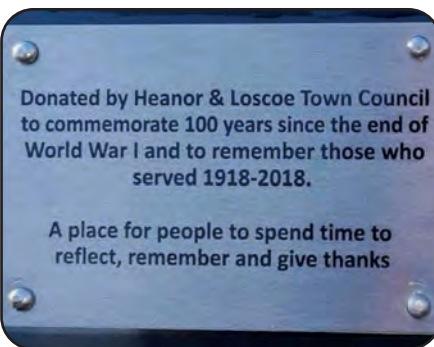
The Town Council also agreed to support 20 young adults from our community to attend a Youth Sports Festival at Belper.

## Heanor Business Community Ltd

This group of local businesses was recently established to try and look at ways for the local business community to work together to try to improve the Town Centre and its environment. The Town Council are happy to support this group with a £2,000 grant. Its only by working collaboratively can we make things better.

## Public Art

A piece of public art was commissioned by the Town Council in 2019 to reflect the sacrifice made by local residents during conflicts. Unfortunately, due to Covid it has not been able to be put in place in the Memorial Park, but progress is still being made and we hope to see it installed very soon. This is in support of the two memorial benches the Town Council have provided within Heanor Memorial Park and the Red River Nature Reserve, Loscoe.



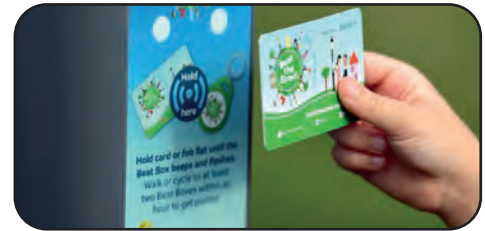
The Town Council supports local residents in their concerns about the proposals by Amber Valley Borough Council in their local Plan and have made amongst others the following comments:

- Oppose any development of housing on greenbelt
- The Council opposes the proposed sites identified in the Heanor and Loscoe area by Amber Valley Borough Council for development as it feels:
  - These are excessive developments on an already struggling infrastructure
  - The Borough has sufficient sites to meet its needs and does not need to develop the sites identified to meet its minimum requirement of housing provision until 2039
  - There are already sufficient planning proposals to meet local demand

- The Town Council supports the recommendation that housing mix should reflect local housing needs given any imbalance in the existing housing within settlements
- The Town Council supports any increase in the need for the provision of affordable housing and would hope that the 40% threshold proposed is a minimum
- The Town Council requests the Borough Council increase the percentage of affordable houses expected in certain applications, which will help reflect the needs of the local housing market
- The Borough Council reconsider its objection to having an article 4 Direction on smaller Houses of Multi Occupancy and the impact on the viability of Heanor Town Centre such accommodation creates

## Beat the Street

The Town Council was happy to support the 'Beat the Street' physical activity initiative by 'Get Out and Get Active' which ran earlier this year. Well done to everyone who took part.



## Rooms For Hire

### Wilmot Street Centre, Wilmot Street, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7EF

The Wilmot Street Centre is owned and managed by Heanor & Loscoe Town Council. As the Centre is a standalone venue with its own car park it is an ideal venue for meetings, social groups, fitness classes, yoga, children's birthday parties and family celebrations.

Facilities at the Wilmot Street Centre include:

- Car park
- Large hall (capacity 130 seated)
- Small meeting room
- Tables and chairs are available, so the room can be set up as required
- Kitchen
- Stage (located within the large hall)
- Free WI-Fi



Heanor & Loscoe Town Council also have rooms available to hire within Heanor Town Hall. The details of the rooms are as follows:

### Ian Cox Room

The Ian Cox Room is located on the first floor of the Town Hall and is ideal for large meetings, events and social groups. The room was dedicated to the memory of Councillor Ian Cox Leader of Amber Valley Borough Council and former member of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council for his services to the Borough and the Town.

Facilities include:

- Kitchen
- Seating for up to 60
- Room capacity for 120
- Tables and chairs are available, so the room can be set up as required
- Free WI-Fi
- Lift available
- Flooring – maple wood flooring



### Council Chamber

The Council Chamber is located on the second floor of the Town Hall and is an ideal venue for meetings. It is also an ideal venue for Yoga classes, as it is a very relaxing space.

Facilities include:

- Seating for up to 40
- Room capacity 50
- Free WI-Fi
- Lift available



### The Buxton Room

The Buxton Room is located on the second floor of the Town Hall and is ideal for small meetings.

Facilities include:

- Seating for up to 10
- Room capacity 15
- Free WI-Fi
- Lift available

If you wish to hire a room within the Town Hall or the Wilmot Street Centre, please contact the Clerk's Office on 01773 533 050 or email [admin@heanorloscoetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@heanorloscoetowncouncil.gov.uk)



## ??? Which Council is Responsible ???

There are three tiers of local government in our area who all have different responsibilities. It can sometimes be confusing as to who deals with what. We have therefore provided some details – we hope you find them helpful.

**Heanor and Loscoe Town Council** – Town Hall, Market Place, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7AA

Telephone: 01773 533050 Email: [admin@heanorloscoetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@heanorloscoetowncouncil.gov.uk)

Allotment Sites, Christmas Lights, Financial Grants for local groups, Floral Displays, Heanor Town Hall, The Old Fire Station, The Wilmot Street Centre, Red River Local Nature Reserve, Half Pit Winding Wheels.

**Amber Valley Borough Council** – Market Place, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 3BT

Telephone: 01773 570222 Email: [enquiries@ambervalley.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@ambervalley.gov.uk) [www.ambervalley.gov.uk](http://www.ambervalley.gov.uk)

Council Tax/Business Rates enquiries & payments, Refuse & recycling collections, Registrations on behalf of DCC (births, deaths, marriages), Pay & Display car parks, Pest Control, Planning Applications, Cemeteries, Grit Bins, Housing Benefit, Licencing, Parks, Community Safety & Anti-Social Behaviour, Pollution, street care & cleaning, litter, weeds, graffiti, abandoned vehicles.

**Derbyshire County Council** – County Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 3AG

Telephone: 01629 533 190 Email: [contact@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:contact@derbyshire.gov.uk)

Adult Social Care, Bus shelters, Children's services, Commissioning, communities & policy, Economy, Environment, Leisure & Culture, Education & Learning, Community & Living, Transport & Roads, Trusted Trader, Blue Badge Scheme

## Welcome Back!

The reopening of the Town Hall, the Wilmot Street Centre and the Old Fire Station following the lifting of the Covid-19 restrictions saw the welcoming back of the following groups and organisations:

Academy Transformation Trust

Age UK – Chair & Balance Class

Age UK – Footcare Clinic

Amber Valley Borough Council

Christ Centred Church

Citizens Advice Bureau

DBC Training

Derbyshire Unemployed Workers

Enriching Communities

Finance & Business School  
Freedom Foundation

50+ Forum

Heanor Brownies

Heanor History Society

Heanor Musical Theatre Company

Heanor Rainbows

Heanor Vision

Heanor Weenies

Live Life Better Derbyshire

Miranda's School of Dance

NHS Diabetes Education Group

Phlebotomy Service

Reed & Company

Rubecx Group

S.D. Bullion

Slimming World

Synergy Marshall Arts

Taekwondo

Yoga

X-Pert Diabetes

It was also lovely to see the return of birthday parties and celebrations being held at the Wilmot Street Centre.



*Save the date!*

Detailed below are the proposed dates for Heanor & Loscoe Town Council events in 2022. Please pencil these dates onto your calendar and we will update you regarding details via our noticeboards, website and social media:

## **THE GREGG CUP**

IN HONOUR OF OUR LOCAL HERO WILLIAM GREGG VC 



### SEMI FINAL 1



Howitt v Langley Mill



Thurs 20th Oct



6pm Ko



The Town Ground



Free Entry



Tea bar open



Bar open



### SEMI FINAL 2



Mundy v Smalley/Codnor



Thurs 20th Oct



7:15pm Ko



The Town Ground



Free Entry



Tea bar open



Bar open



### FINAL



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Thurs 10th Nov



Penalty King 6pm



6.30pm Ko



The Town Ground



Free Entry



Tea bar open



Bar open



## HENRY GARNETT FIREWORKS FESTIVAL

Heanor Town Football Ground – Thursday 3rd November 2022

The Town Council are pleased to be able to introduce an annual firework festival to recognise the Heanor-born conspirator in the Gunpowder plot, Henry Garnett. Heanor Town Football Club have agreed to provide the location for this event, and we hope to encourage residents and local groups to take part by having a Guy Fawkes competition judged by the Mayor.



# CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Heanor Market Place – Saturday 19 November 2022

The Mayor of Heanor & Loscoe Town Council Councillor Eileen Hamilton will officially turn the lights on at 6:00pm from the Amber Sound stage.



Meet Santa's reindeers at St Lawrence Church from 1pm-4pm



Christmas Market - Godfrey Street from 2pm



Fair rides



Santa's Grotto - Old Fire Station, Wilmot Street 4:30pm-7:15pm



Shirland Welfare Brass Band from 5pm



Late night shopping



Live broadcast from Amber Sound FM



Remembrance tree for memorial cards in Gillotts Funeral Directors with refreshments from 5:00pm to 7:00pm



Walkabout characters & Glowbot from 5pm



Hot & cold food



St Lawrence Church will be open for refreshments



Grand fireworks finale - 7:30pm



# THE RETURN OF THE DINOSAURS

Heanor Market Place – Spring 2023



# Heanor and Loscoe Town Council

## Heanor West Ward

(l-r) Steven Bower, Celia Cox, Stefan Kruczkowski, Steven Grainger, Sean Hind, P Jones (Leader), Jackie Stones



## Loscoe Ward

Sara Danvers, Chris Emmas-Williams, Carol Gration, Sam Hart, Kieran Hill (Deputy Mayor), Jake Gilbert, Dale Wright



## Heanor East Ward

Mark Burrell, Brian Gration, Trevor Holmes, Eileen Hamilton (Mayor), Alan Longdon, Sheila Oakes, Janet Ward



## Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Mrs Laura West, Town Hall, Market Place, Heanor DE75 7AA

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