

Chesterfield Champions Events in 2016



Wednesday 6th January 2016: New Queen's Park Sports Centre and Sheffield City Region Devolution Deal

At the first Chesterfield Champions event of the year over 120 people from local businesses discussed the Sheffield City Region Devolution proposal with a question and answer session delivered by Chief Executive of Chesterfield Borough Council and Destination Chesterfield board member, Huw Bowen and Leader of Chesterfield Borough Council, Cllr John Burrows.

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To find out more about the Sheffield City Region Devolution Deal and have your say [click here](#).

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Wednesday 16th December 2015: Christmas Carols and Reception at the Crooked Spire

A wonderful festive evening was enjoyed by Chesterfield Champions and their families at the Crooked Spire Church.

Hosted by the Bishop of Derby, the event included a beautiful concert from the church choir and everyone loved Alex's solo performance of Walking in the Air from The Snowman.

The evening was topped off with a delicious buffet from [Chesterfield Food and Drink Awards](#) winner Stephenson's Coffee and Tea House.



Wednesday 18th November 2015: Bloodhound drinks reception

Chesterfield Champions had the opportunity to see a replica of Bloodhound, the British-built and designed 1000 mph jet and rocket powered car, which will attempt the land speed record next year. The replica of the engineering feat was at Chesterfield College for two days only for a series of events designed to inspire the next generation of scientists, technicians, engineers and mathematicians. The Bloodhound team delivered a detailed presentation and answered lots of questions from curious minds.

120 pupils from schools across Derbyshire and more than 200 students from college are amongst some of the 100,000 young people in the UK who will get the chance to see the replica.

This event was part of Made in Chesterfield; a month-long celebration of the town's manufacturing and engineering sector. For more information visit www.chesterfield.co.uk/made.

(Photo courtesy of Chesterfield Champion Les Wilcockson Photography).



Tuesday 3rd November 2015: Made in Chesterfield Launch Event

This year's [Made in Chesterfield Festival](#) was launched officially at Chesterfield Museum along with Chesterfield Champions. It was great to have support from local businesses ahead of an exciting [month of events](#) designed to celebrate the town's manufacturing industry.

We got the opportunity to meet the famous railway pioneer, George Stephenson, to look around the [Made in Chesterfield exhibition](#) at the museum and to meet some of the businesses involved.

We also enjoyed a delicious drinks reception and canapes from fellow Champion Coghlan's.

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Tuesday 22nd September 21st 2015: Inspired Investment update at Markham Vale Environment Centre - sponsored by Henry Boot Developments

Ben Ward from Henry Boot was pleased to update on the continuing development at [Markham Vale](#) including details about national distribution and warehousing company [Great Bear](#) signing a deal to move on site in 2016 creating 400 new jobs.

Rupert Carr confirmed that planning conditions for the [Peak development](#) have been completed and construction is forecast to begin in Spring 2016.

We also took a tour of the new [Gould Alloys](#) site which moved to Markham Vale in June this year.



Wednesday 19th August 2015: Food Tasting event – Chesterfield Food Producer of the Year at Hollingwood Hub, Chesterfield Canal

Ten local food and drink producers competed for a place in the final of this year's [Chesterfield Food and Drink Awards](#). Each of the shortlisted businesses had to present three variations of their products to be judged by a panel of Chesterfield Champions on both presentation and taste.

Find out more about the event by [clicking here](#).



Tuesday 7th July 2015: Chesterfield First event – Chesterfield Festival of Cricket

Chesterfield Champions joined us at picturesque Queen's Park for the second day of the [Chesterfield Festival of Cricket](#) to watch Derbyshire v Glamorgan CCC. Lunch and afternoon tea was enjoyed by all courtesy of Derbyshire County Cricket Club.

To see more photos from the day [click here](#).



Thursday, May 21st 2015: Champions Breakfast at Ringwood Hall

Chesterfield Champions were the first to find out this year's [Chesterfield Retail Awards finalists](#). Of the 32 businesses, 20 were first time finalists, 12 returning, with 6 hoping to defend their crowns.

It was also really interesting to hear about the new [Chesterfield Royal Macmillan Cancer Centre](#) and the [National Trailboat Festival](#) which comes to Chesterfield Canal in 2016. Thank you very much to our speakers Dr Roger Start, Lead Cancer Clinician at Chesterfield Royal Hospital, Robin Stonebridge, Chair of the Chesterfield Canal Trust, and Rod Auton, Festival Director.



Thursday, April 30th 2015: Champions Breakfast at Barrow Hill Roundhouse

Champions heard about the exciting future in store for Barrow Hill Roundhouse - currently raising funds for a huge improvement programme including essential repairs to the building, a new cafe, more top events, partnerships with local schools and businesses and more.

Champions also found out how to register for upcoming HS2 tender opportunities.

The event finished with a tour of the UK's last working engine shed and a VIP train ride.

See more photos from the morning [here](#).

Find out more about Barrow Hill Roundhouse [here](#).



Wednesday, 25th March: Celebrate Chesterfield

Destination Chesterfield's annual review event updated Chesterfield Champions and the wider business community on future marketing plans for the town and the exciting plans in store for Chesterfield in 2015 and beyond. Find out more at

<http://www.chesterfield.co.uk/celebrate/>.



Thursday, February 26th 2015: Champions Breakfast

This event was an opportunity for Chesterfield Champion businesses to hear about and comment on Destination Chesterfield's draft marketing plan for the next two years. Ideas and suggestions were discussed during the morning and then taken away for the Destination Chesterfield team to consider and look to include in the final plan which will be launched at the Celebrate Chesterfield event at the Winding Wheel on 25th March.

There was also an update from Chatsworth as well as the usual networking breakfast which gave everyone time to catch up with fellow Champions.



Saturday, January 10th 2015: Chesterfield First event at the Proact Stadium

Destination Chesterfield showed its support at Chesterfield's match against Port Vale with twenty Chesterfield Champions invited to cheer on the Spireites.

Excellent hospitality was enjoyed by all thanks to the team at the Proact Stadium with many guests enjoying commemorative ale from Brampton Brewery – created to celebrate the career of legendary striker, Ernie Moss.

The day ended with Chesterfield enjoying a comfortable 3-0 win over Port Vale with the Man of the Match presentation going to Sam Morsy.