

Chesterfield Champions Events in 2017



Thursday 23rd February: Champions Breakfast – Your say on the Future of Destination Chesterfield

Champions were given the opportunity to shape the future of Destination Chesterfield and the Chesterfield Champions Network.

They discussed topics such as what business support Destination Chesterfield can offer to help business to grow and what events or initiatives can be introduced to increase footfall to the town.



Wednesday 25th January: Champions Breakfast – HS2 and Chesterfield

Champions heard from representatives from the HS2 and local authorities about what the latest proposals for HS2 mean for Chesterfield.

They discovered more about the current consultation about the proposed service to serve Chesterfield Train Station, what that will mean for future regeneration of the town and the proposed maintenance depot at Staveley.

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Monday 19th December: Christmas Carols and Reception at the Crooked Spire

Champions met with Chesterfield Parish Church and the Federation of Small Business for a relaxed social event at the Crooked Spire.

They enjoyed music from the church choir and a word from the Bishop of Derby followed by a Christmas drinks reception and canapés. This was a great informal opportunity for Chesterfield Champions and members of the Federation of Small Business to catch up with other before the festive break.



Wednesday 2nd November: Made in Chesterfield launch at the University of Derby Chesterfield Campus

Champions met for an evening drinks reception to officially launch Made in Chesterfield 2016 - a celebration of the manufacturing industry in the town.

Held at the new University of Derby Chesterfield Campus, there were informative tours of the campus and its state of the art facilities and also a chance to find out about what courses are on offer and how they will benefit the local economy in the coming years.



Thursday 29th September: Invest in Chesterfield - Champions Breakfast at Markham Vale

Champions heard from 4 speakers about various investment opportunities in the town. The event included an update from Henry Boot on the continuing development at Markham Vale and other regeneration schemes. A representative from the Digital Derbyshire provided information on the roll out of high speed broadband connectivity across Derbyshire whilst Chesterfield Borough Council provided an update on plans for the old Queens Park Sports Centre. Finally Peter Swallow, Chief Executive of Bolserstone, informed Champions on recent developments on the Waterside regeneration scheme.

A small group of Champions were also given the opportunity to have a tour of one of the regeneration schemes at the Meter Provida Unit.



Wednesday 31st August: Champions Breakfast at Dunston Innovation Centre

Champions heard about the Sheffield City Region Skills Bank; discovering how they could benefit from support, to invest in skills and expertise to drive business growth.

The session, held at Dunston Innovation Centre, explained what criteria makes businesses eligible and how to create a Skills Deal – which would allow Champions to receive funding to cover the majority of training costs.

The role of our business community in improving Chesterfield's health and well-being was also discussed with a presentation from Chesterfield Borough Council.



Wednesday 13th July 2016: Food Producer of the Year 2016.

Champions were invited to join Destination Chesterfield's food and drink judging panel to help select 3 finalists and the winner of the 2016 Chesterfield Food Producer of the Year award (sponsored by Casa Hotel). Judges scored samples from 15 local food producers including previous winners of the award Teresa Lambrelli, Liza Bakes and Granny Mary's.



Wednesday 29th June 2016: Update on Sheffield City Region Devolution Deal

Champions heard a more detailed update on the Sheffield City Region Devolution Deal which will see the borough benefit from a share of £900 million in funding over a 30 year period.

Speakers included Chesterfield Borough Council Leader Cllr John Burrows and Chief Executive of Chesterfield Borough Council Huw Bowen, who together explained the borough's application to become a full constituent member of the Sheffield City Region Mayoral Combined Authority including:

- The benefits Chesterfield Borough Council believes the deal will bring and the economic case;
- More information about how the Mayoral combined authority will operate;
- Details about the upcoming public consultation set to begin in July.



Thursday 28th April 2016: Chesterfield Waterside and Barrow Hill Roundhouse update

Champions heard from Destination Chesterfield Chair, Peter Swallow on the progress at Chesterfield Waterside, which has recently moved into planning phase following a £2.7m grant from the Sheffield City Region Infrastructure Fund.

Held at fellow Chesterfield Champion, Barrow Hill Roundhouse, the event also gave an update on exciting plans to turn Britain's only surviving operational roundhouse into a nationally-important museum, following the confirmation of a £1.17m grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.



Thursday 17th March 2016: Celebrate Chesterfield.

Destination Chesterfield's annual review event updated Chesterfield Champions and the wider business community on future marketing and developments for the town and the exciting plans in store for Chesterfield in 2016 and beyond. Find out more at:

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

To see Chesterfield Champion events from 2016 and 2015 [click here](#).

Upcoming events include:-

Thursday 28th April: Chesterfield Champions event - Venue to be confirmed – booking coming soon.

See a full list of Destination Chesterfield events taking place in 2016 [Full event list](#)



Thursday 25th February 2016: Have your say on the future of Destination Chesterfield.

At the second Chesterfield Champions event of the year over 60 people came along to St Thomas' Centre, to share their ideas and suggestions on the future of Destination Chesterfield and how they would like the town to be promoted over the next three years. Everything discussed during the morning will now be considered for inclusion in a new Destination Chesterfield implementation plan which will begin in April.

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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 Coghlans.

(Photo courtesy of Chesterfield Champion Les Wilcockson Photography).



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](#).



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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.