Chesterfield Champions Events in 2017

Thursday 13th July: Chesterfield Food Producer of the Year

Chesterfield Champions were invited to join Destination Chesterfield's food and drink judging panel to help select 3 finalists and the winner of the 2017 Chesterfield Food Producer of the Year award (presented by Chesterfield College).

Judges tried a variety of samples from a range of local Food Producers including Teresa Lambarelli, Northern Tea Merchants, Brampton Brewery, Liza Bakes and many more.

Thursday 22nd June: Champions Breakfast – Northern Gateway

At this breakfast Champions heard more about £20 million Northern Gateway Scheme, including the plans for multi-storey car park, business enterprise centre and the former Co-op development on Elder Way. An update, including information that was shared at the event, can be found here.

There was also the opportunity for Champions to hear from their hosts at Staveley Hall who then took them on a tour of the recently refurbished venue.

On top of this, Champions were also updated on the recent SCR Devolution news and the launch of the new Redbrik Chesterfield Half Marathon.

Wednesday 26th April: Champions Breakfast – Skills Funding

Champions were given the opportunity to to hear about recruitment opportunities and skills funding in the Derbyshire area from our speakers at Learn Direct, CT Skills and DBC Training.

They also heard from Fairplay - the event hosts - who discussed the charity and its business 100 club and what Champions can do to get involved.

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.

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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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Thursday 17th March Celebrate Chesterfield at The Winding Wheel (Fully booked)

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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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