

Chesterfield Champions Events in 2020

Wednesday 14th September – Destination Chesterfield's 10th Birthday

Thank you to everyone who attended the November Champions Event.



It was great to celebrate our 10th anniversary with you, we looked back at some of your favourite memories of the town and what you are looking forward to in the next 10 years. Special thanks to those that got involved with our DC10 videos.

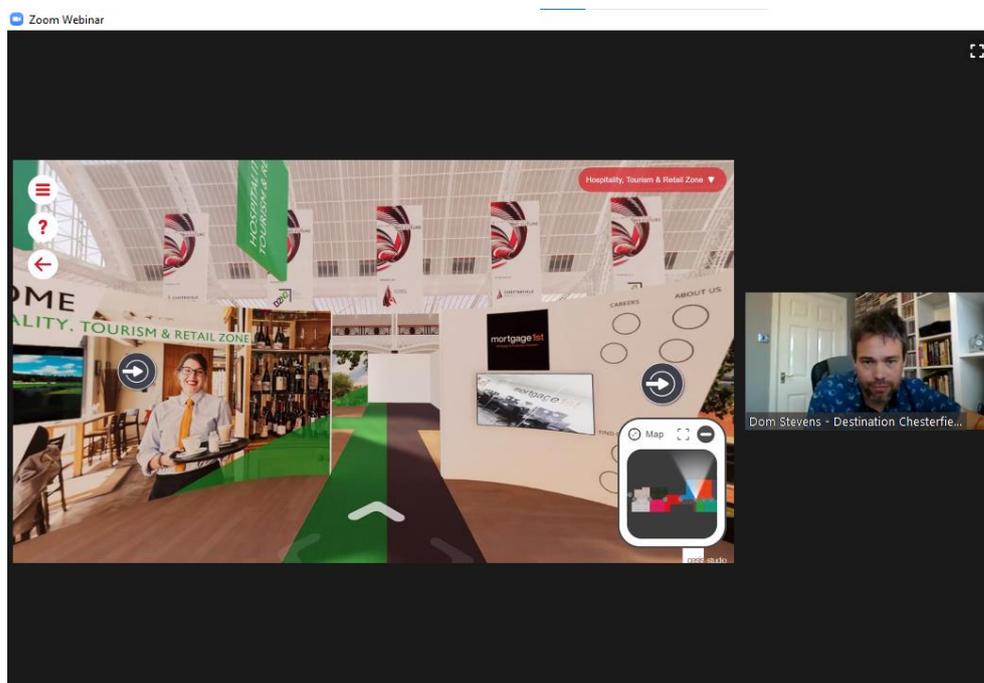
Dom Stevens shared details of the new Destination Chesterfield Plan for 2020 – 2023.

Thank you to those that joined us for networking after the event via Zoom. We enjoyed discussing the Virtual World Studios Ltd platform which was used for the event and being updated with all the fantastic stuff Chesterfield Champions are up to.

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Wednesday 23rd September – Official launch of new virtual careers platform – ‘MyFuture’

Thank you to those Champions that were able to attend this morning’s virtual event. We hope that you enjoyed it and learnt lots about the functionality and benefits of the new virtual careers platform.



Special thanks to our panel who was involved with the discussion around the new platform.

Cllr Tricia Gilby (Leader of Chesterfield Borough Council) and Rachel Quinn (Head of People & Skills for D2N2 LEP) provided background of the platform and how it can help during these uncertain times. James Brand (United Cast Bar), Matthew Bust (Woodhead Group) and Paul Deakin (Oasis Studio) explained from a business perspective, how technology and the platform can help connect businesses with schools and young adults to improve employability and skills. Students and Dr Emma Dando (St Mary’s Catholic High School) gave an overview of their positive experiences using the new platform.

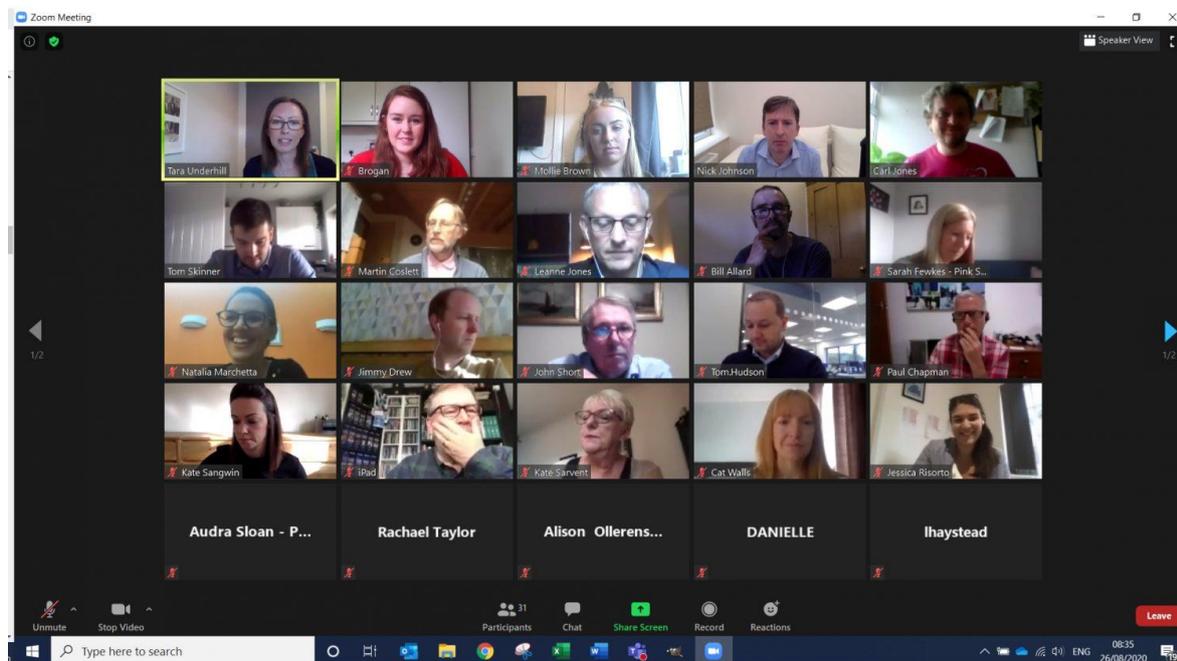
Audience and panel of the event got to experience a live look at the virtual careers platform and learnt more about its functionality and benefits.

[Click here](#) to view the My Future platform and to find out more details.

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Wednesday 26th August – High Profile Events

Thank you to those Champions that were able to attend this morning's virtual Champions Breakfast-High Profile Events. We hope that you enjoyed the event, it was great to hear about the plans and ideas for future events in our town.



Special thanks to our host Nick Johnson (Chesterfield Football Club) and our speakers Richard Alsop (Edge Events), Carl Jones (Ashgate Hospicecare) and Tom Skinner (Derbyshire County Cricket Club). They provided a wealth of information and ideas around dealing with events during the Covid-19 pandemic and how to plan events for the future.

Those that got involved with the discussion, thank you for sharing your thoughts and ideas.

Discussion showcased a selection of the town's new events, as well as some of the established high-profile events that everyone will be looking forward to returning including:

[Virtual Sparkle Night](#)

[A Festival of Christmas Trees](#)

[Extreme Bike Battle](#)

[Chesterfield Food and Drink Festival](#)

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Wednesday 29th July – Shop Local, Trade Local

Thank you to those Champions that were able to attend this morning's virtual Champions Breakfast-Shop Local, Trade Local. We hope that you enjoyed the event, it was great to see all of you so enthusiastic about our town.



Special thanks to our speakers Paul Chapman (S40 Local), Jessica Risorto (Redbrik Estate Agents), Andrew McDaid (Mitchells Chartered Accountants), Chris Mapp (The Tickled Trout) and Paul Gosney (City Taxis). They provided a wealth of information about how they shop and trade locally, but also provided recommendations for other businesses and organisations.

For those that got involved with the discussion, thank you for sharing your thoughts and ideas.

As requested, please [click here](#) for the list of our current Champions profile's. If you don't yet have a profile and would like one, then please contact Mollie - mollie.brown@chesterfield.co.uk for more details.

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Wednesday 17th June - Developing a recovery plan for Chesterfield, Derbyshire and the East Midlands



Special thanks to our speakers Jo Dille (Marketing Peak District & Derbyshire), Scott Knowles (East Midlands Chamber), Cllr Tricia Gilby (Chesterfield Borough Council) and Dom Stevens (Destination Chesterfield). They provided a wealth of information about the recovery plans in place across the region at a town and regional level. Take a look at the following pages for further information about how these organisations are supporting business through Covid:

- **Marketing Peak District and Derbyshire:** <https://www.visitpeakdistrict.com/industry/business-support/useful-links/coronavirus-guidance-and-support> – information about business support, funding and grants, webinars & workshops, the recovery hub and latest industry updates.
- **East Midlands Chamber:** <https://www.emc-dnl.co.uk/news/2020/02/24/coronavirus-planning-ahead/> – for useful advice, news and contacts – a one-stop shop of information from a variety of trusted sources.
- **Chesterfield Borough Council:** <https://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/19049> – a Corona Virus information hub providing updates about town centre re-opening and more council related activity.

It was also great to see our Champions talk about ways they have adapted to change, how they are supporting local and what has made them smile during the lockdown period; thanks to Q2 Creative, RP Davidson Cheese Factor, Dronfield Heritage Trust, iSAFE, Love Brewing, Rosewood Wealth, Lime Living Estate Agents, ETS, Cost Advice, A and A Photography and the University of Derby.

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Wednesday 20th May – Meet the Champions: Health and Wellbeing



In celebration of Mental Health Awareness Week, Champions heard from speakers about improving the health and wellbeing of their team and local people.

Special thanks to our speakers Jacqui Willis (Derbyshire Voluntary Action), John Croot and Scott Atkinson (Chesterfield FC Community Trust), Chris Simon (Active Derbyshire), Paul Ryan (SHAPE Partnership) and Ian Waller (Chesterfield Borough Council). They provided a wealth of information about the work they are doing and opportunities to improve health and wellbeing across the town. A couple of links to their websites for further information can be found below:

- DVA - <https://dva.org.uk/>
- Chesterfield FC Community Trust – <http://www.spireitetrust.org.uk/health-wellbeing/> -
- Active Derbyshire - <https://www.activederbyshire.org.uk/active-at-home/> and <https://www.activederbyshire.org.uk/young-people-active-at-home>
- SHAPE Partnership - <https://www.facebook.com/SHAPElearningpartnership>
- Chesterfield Borough Council - <https://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/sport-and-leisure/healthy-lifestyles-and-wellbeing.aspx>

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Wednesday 29th April – Creative Business Ideas and Business Support



The team at Destination Chesterfield were keen to bring together Chesterfield Champions during Covid-19 period. The first virtual Champions breakfast showcased creative business ideas from fellow Champions, as well as updating on business support available locally.

The speakers Amy Hallam (BRM Solicitors), Emily Coy (Business Doctors) and Huw Bowen (Chesterfield Borough Council) gave a great overview about the business support available in Chesterfield during this time and how to find it. There were also video updates from Champions letting us know how they are creatively dealing with the impact of Covid-19 including The Ticked Trout, The University of Derby, Oasis Studios, Casa Hotel, Chatsworth, Chesterfield College, Geeks HQ, GBS Apprenticeships, Virtual Newsdesk and Chesterfield Borough Council.

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Wednesday 5th February – Sustainability



Sustainability is a hot topic across the news this month and businesses are being encouraged to make sure they are making steps towards becoming more sustainable.

At this Champions event we heard from Ian Waller, Chesterfield Borough Council, who introduced the work of the Chesterfield Climate Change Working Group and highlighted the work the council are doing to reduce the carbon footprint locally, especially within the business community. To support this Emma Knight-Strong, from Champion organisation Green Arch Consulting, also spoke about the support she can provide business to design and deliver sustainability strategies and the importance of creating a sustainable business culture.

This event also showcased the work that Chesterfield Champion organisations are doing to keep Chesterfield sustainable including presentations from Ultra Refrigeration, MSE Hiller and Custom Solar.

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Wednesday 15th January – Destination Chesterfield Consultation Event and Launch of Waterside Quarter



Chesterfield Champions joined together to help shape the Destination Chesterfield marketing plan for promoting the town over the next few years. It was a great interactive event with plenty of opportunities for Champions to have their say.

At the event we also heard from fellow Champion Avant Homes as they launched the Waterside Quarter – showcasing the plans for the new estate and what we can expect to see coming out of the ground in the next year.