

## **Car Parks**

Plans are now well advanced to introduce coach parking in the Applegarth Car Park Northallerton and Showfield Car Park Stokesley this month. Changes to our Parking Order have been approved following consultation. Surface markings and the installation of signs will be completed shortly. There will be two bays in Northallerton and one bay in Stokesley.

Northern Powergrid are in the process of completing the mains power supply for the EV charging points at the Showfield Car Park Stokesley and Auction Mart Car Park Bedale, providing these works progress as expected these charging points should go live in April with further charge points at the Galtes Centre Car Park in Easingwold and High Green Park Great Ayton shortly afterwards. Though I must emphasise that we are always dependant upon NPG scheduling.

## **Markets**

Our markets remain an attraction to those who visit the area as well as providing a service to those who live in Hambleton. They remain popular with the traders and as a result a wide range of stalls keep the markets interesting. Negotiations are ongoing with an Artisan market operator to hold monthly markets at Northallerton and Thirsk to compliment the Farmers Markets.

## **May Fair**

The May Fair returns to Northallerton High Street on 28th April 2022. A five year licence is now in place to carry over into the New Authority and will trial extended hours of opening.

## **Electoral Services**

Elections will take place on Thursday 5th May 2022 for both the new Authority and parishes. Our staff in this department are very experienced in the organisation of elections and we expect everything to run smoothly.

## **ICT**

Good communications underpin many of the services we deliver. Recent projects undertaken in this department include supporting staff in the opening of Maple Park Crematorium, the production of annual Council Tax bills, and much technical work is being done on the migration of information needed by the New Authority, work is on track and going well.

## **Communications**

As all Councillors would expect there has been no slow down in the number of events going on in Hambleton and our Comms department continue to keep our residents fully informed. Events covered recently are the Tree Planting for the Queens Green Canopy, Designated Dog Walking area in Sowerby Sports Village and the public are very interested in the progress of the Everyman cinema in Northallerton .

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