



# Understanding How Your Council Works



# Types of council



There are 3 types of council in Derbyshire:

- county council
- district or borough council
- Parish or town councils

**County councils** are responsible for these services:



- child education and adult education
- transport on roads and highways



- planning for your neighbourhood and where homes should be built
- Fire and public safety



- Social care for things like day services and respite
- Libraries



- Waste management and recycling centres
- Making sure the things people buy are good quality

## Types of council

District or borough councils are smaller and are responsible for these services:



- Rubbish collection from your home



- Recycling



- Council Tax collections



- Housing



- Planning applications

# Types of council

Parish or town councils are smaller and are responsible for these services:



- Allotments



- Litter bins



- Bus shelters



- Community centres



- Play areas and play equipment



# Your county councillor

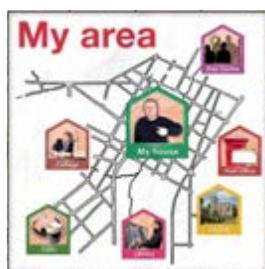


A councillor is someone you and people in your area vote for



They will help if you have a question or concern about the councils services

They can offer advice on:



- The big changes happening in your area



- Suggesting ways to fix a problem



- Represent you in a meeting



You can find out who your councillor is by visiting  
**[www.derbyshire.gov.uk/councillors](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/councillors)**  
or phone Call Derbyshire  
**01629 533190**

# Your district/borough councillors

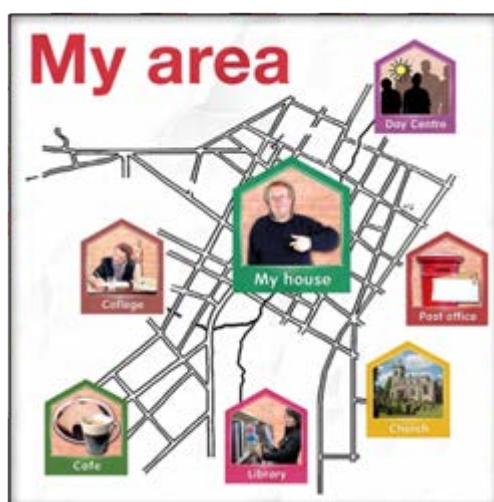
A district/borough councillor will help with:



They will represent your local community



District councillors will sometimes hold drop-in surgeries where you can talk about your problems or concerns



You can talk about:





- The area where you live
- Rubbish and bins
- Council tax
- Things to do in your area



You can contact your district councillors by:

- Telephone
- Email
- Write a letter

# Your MP

	MP is short for <b>Member of Parliament</b>
	Your MP is there to speak up for people in your area
	You and people in your area choose the MP you want by voting for them
	Your MP works at <b>Parliament</b>
	Parliament is a group of people who make laws and check what the Government is doing
	Your MP can speak up in Parliament for what people in your area need

# How your MP can help you

Mps want to help where they can



Part of your MP's job is to help people in your area with problems



They may be able to:

- write to someone for you
- ask the Government for help
- support your campaign to change something

Your MP is not the best person to help with things like:



- problems with neighbours
- Problems at work



- Family problems
- Problems with landlords



- Things your local council are in charge of



## How you can contact your MP



Write to them at  
House of Commons  
London  
SW1A 0AA

Write your MP's name at the  
top of the address



Phone them on **020 7219 3000**

Ask to be put through to the  
office of your MP



Email them  
Many MPs have an email  
address

It should be on their website.  
Or you can phone our  
information line on  
**020 7219 4272** to find out



Go to see them  
You may be able to talk to  
your MP face to face

Find out when you can do this  
by:

- asking at your local library
- looking on your MP's website
- phoning your MP's office