

Have your say on the future of Culture and Heritage Services in Cannock Chase

Cannock Chase Council is looking at making changes to some of our leisure, culture, and heritage services, and your input is important to us.

Like many councils across the country, we're dealing with increasing financial pressures while trying to meet growing demand for services. To make sure we can continue to provide essential services in the future, we have to make some difficult decisions. Right now, we're facing a budget gap of £1.3 million for 2025/26, despite working hard over the years to save money through outsourcing, reducing services, and sharing functions with Stafford Borough Council.

The Council has worked with Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles (IHL) since 2012 to deliver these services.

To help us understand the best way forward for the future we commissioned an independent review of leisure, heritage and culture services and surveyed the condition of the buildings managed by IHL.

Based on this work, the Council is proposing to close the Museum of Cannock Chase and the Prince of Wales Theatre by the end of April 2025. These changes would help us focus on maintaining other leisure and wellbeing services for the community.

But we don't want to make these decisions without hearing from you. We'd like to know what matters most to you and how we can continue to provide culture and heritage services in new ways.

Completing the survey only takes a few minutes, and your feedback will help shape the final decision, which will be made on **12 February 2025**.

The consultation runs from **29 November 2024** to **2 January 2025**



Your feedback is vital to help shape the future of these services.

How to take part:



Getting involved in the consultation is easy, and we encourage everyone to share their views!



You can complete the survey online by visiting www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/shapingculture or by scanning the QR code.

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Need help?

If you need help completing the survey, join us at one of our drop-in sessions below:

Tuesday 3 Dec	12noon - 2pm at Chase Leisure Centre
Friday 6 Dec	2pm - 4pm at Cannock Library
Monday 9 Dec	10am - 12noon at Hednesford Library
Wednesday 11 Dec	11am - 1pm at the Museum of Cannock Chase
Tuesday 17 Dec	4.30pm - 6.30pm at the Prince of Wales Theatre
Thursday 19 Dec	10am - 12noon at Rugeley Community Church



Paper copies are available. Further details can be found on the Council's website above.

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Your feedback is important to us, so don't miss this opportunity to have your say!