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# CANNOCK

## TOWN CENTRE IS CHANGING

### What's Changing?

The multi-storey car park is coming down, the subway crossing from Beecroft Road is being filled in and replaced with a new pedestrian crossing and the first three units of Cannock Shopping Centre have been demolished to make way for the new Northern Gateway. This is Phase 1 of the town centre redevelopment.

### What else is happening?

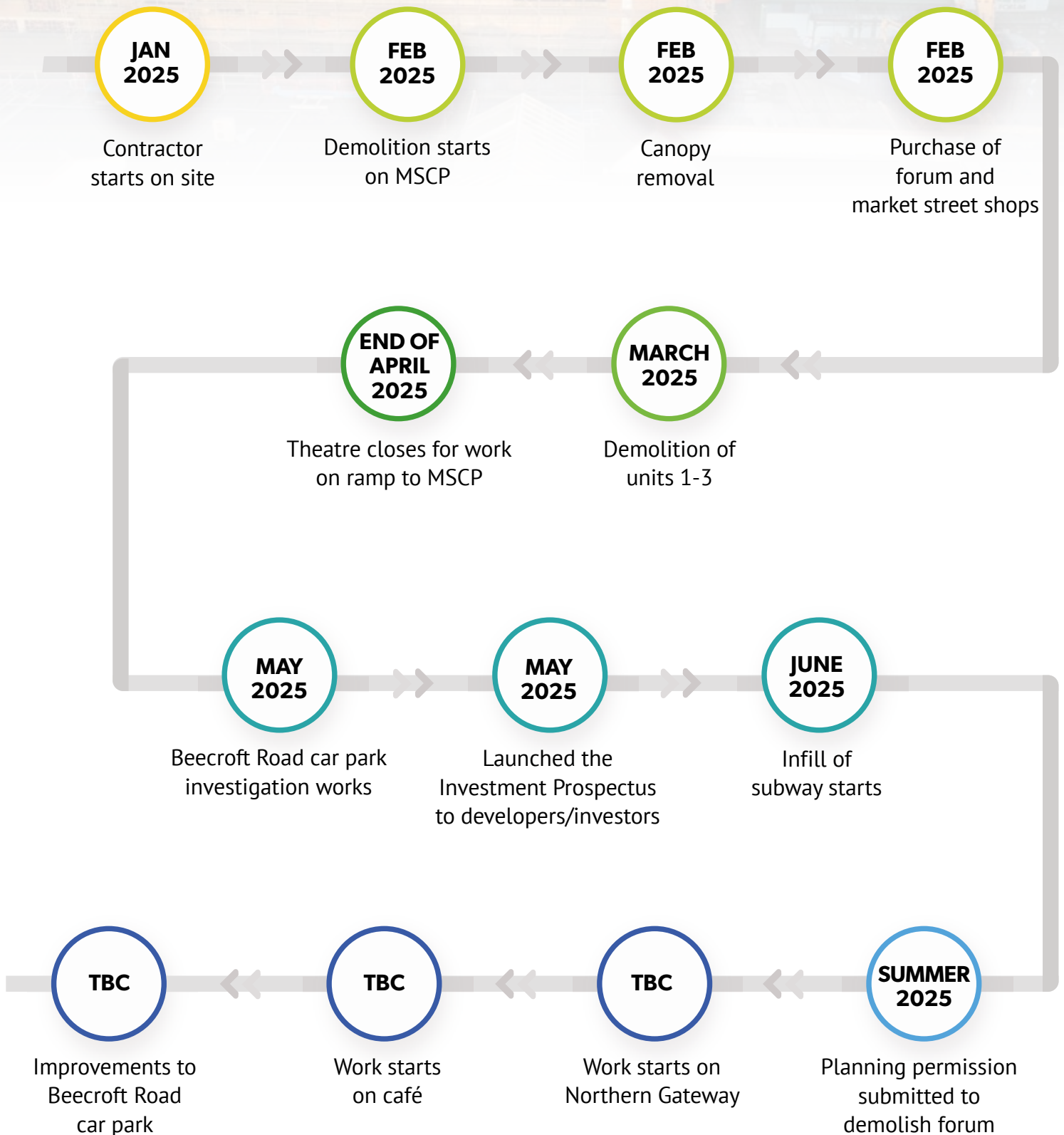
The Council purchased the Forum shopping centre along with several retail units on Church Street, Market Hall Street, and Market Place as part of Phase 2 of the town centre redevelopment. A town centre prospectus has been produced that sets out the scale of development opportunity to future town centre investors.

### What will we be able to see in the coming months?

The demolition of the multistorey car park will continue through 2025 creating a cleared site by the end of the year. As we transition from Spring into Summer, work to fill in the subway is set to begin. An application for planning permission relating to the Forum will also be available for viewing on our website.

The town centre project team can be contacted at [regeneration@cannockchasedc.gov.uk](mailto:regeneration@cannockchasedc.gov.uk)

# Timeline





# → Local Government Reorganisation ←

The government set out plans which would see all the district, borough, county and city councils abolished and replaced with larger unitary authorities. This is part of wider plans for Devolution.

## So, what is 'Devolution'?

It would see a shift of powers from central to local and regional government. This will involve reorganising the way your council works.

## Will we have an elected Mayor?

The government want 'strategic authorities' created - which would be groups of local councils working together to cover larger areas, with elected Mayors leading these new 'strategic authorities.' The elected Mayor would have more control over how money was spent locally, and greater powers over housing, transport and economic development - and can expect more funding from central government.

## Local Government Reorganisation - what does it mean?

Currently Cannock Chase District Council (CCDC) and Staffordshire County Council deliver different services and functions to our communities. For example, CCDC is responsible for the household waste collection service, planning, and parks. Whereas Staffordshire County Council deals with education, roads and social care. The new unitary council would be responsible for all local government services within their area.

## Next Steps

The Government invited Councils to submit proposals. Our interim proposal was submitted on Friday 21 March on behalf of Cannock Chase District, East Staffordshire Borough, Lichfield District, South Staffordshire District, Stafford Borough and Tamworth Borough councils. The final business cases are due by 28 November 2025. We will be engaging with residents before a final business case is submitted.

New unitary councils for Staffordshire are due to go live in 2028.



## Cannock Commemorates 80th anniversary of **VE DAY**

On Thursday 8 May, the Cannock community came together to mark the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day, a significant moment in our nation's history.

The specially commissioned flag was proudly raised outside the Civic Centre by Staff Sergeant Sam Bindotti of 116 Provost Royal Military Police.



Following the flag-raising, a service was held in the town centre, led by Reverend Stephen Reynolds from St. Luke's Church.



The ceremony offered a moment of reflection and gratitude for the bravery and sacrifices of all those who served during World War II.

# Step into **SUMMER** with **Cannock Chase Can**

The days are getting longer and the weather warming up, there's no better time to get outside and make the most of the great outdoors!

Cannock Chase Can is here to help you embrace a healthier and happier lifestyle, with exciting outdoor challenges and wellness activities available through our easy-to-use app.

Why not take on one of our outdoor challenges and enjoy the fresh air while boosting your fitness? Whether it's a scenic walk through the beautiful Cannock Chase, a fun family cycle ride, or a mindful moment in nature, our app has plenty of ideas to get you moving and feeling great.

But it's not just about getting active - Cannock Chase Can supports your wellbeing in many ways. Our app covers a variety of wellness themes, including healthy eating, mental wellbeing, and staying motivated. By setting personal goals, tracking your progress, and exploring new activities, you'll soon be on your way to a healthier, happier you.

Join the growing community of residents who are making positive lifestyle changes with Cannock Chase Can.

Start your wellness journey - because a little step today can lead to a big difference tomorrow!

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**Cannock Chase Can App for FREE**



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# First Sustainable Homes to Be Built in Cannock Chase

Cannock Chase Council is taking a major step forward in delivering greener, more energy-efficient housing, with work now underway at the former Aelfgar School site in Rugeley.

In partnership with Lovell, Cannock Chase Council are set to provide 58 new homes, with 29 of these offered as affordable housing.

This development marks a major milestone, as it will include the first homes in the district to be built to the Government's Future Homes Standard. These new standards are designed to reduce carbon emissions and energy use.

Construction is underway, with completion in 2026.

The homes will feature eco-friendly technologies, including:



**Air source heat pumps** - an energy-efficient alternative to traditional boilers, providing low-carbon heating and hot water.



**Solar panels** - harnessing renewable energy from the sun to power homes and reduce reliance on the grid.



**Battery storage systems** - allowing residents to store surplus solar energy for use when it's needed most.

These features are designed not only to reduce environmental impact, but also to offer the potential for lower energy bills, helping to tackle the rising cost of living and provide long-term savings for residents.

The scheme will help to regenerate a key site in Rugeley that has been vacant for several years, transforming it into a vibrant new community.

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## E-Billing



- ✓ Convenient
- ✓ Simple sign up
- ✓ Greener

If you usually receive your Council Tax bill by post, why not consider switching to an electronic copy via email?

E-billing is a more efficient and convenient way to manage your bills, and by reducing paper and printing, it's also an eco-friendly choice.

To register for e-billing, simply fill out the details on our website through the link below  
[www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/e-billing](http://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/e-billing)





# Government Plans for Weekly Food Waste Collections by 2026

The government has announced that all local councils in England must introduce weekly food waste collections by 31 March 2026.

Introducing separate food waste collections will allow food waste to be processed at anaerobic digestion facilities. These facilities convert food waste into renewable energy, powering homes and businesses while cutting down more than 18 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions.

We will keep residents informed with updates on when collections will begin, how containers will be distributed, and what can and can't be included in your food waste bin.

## Garden Waste Subscriptions 2025



With summer approaching it's the ideal time to start tidying up our gardens.

Subscriptions for our garden waste collection service, run from **1 January to 31 December 2025**.

Once your subscription is confirmed, you'll receive an information pack and a permit, **which must be fixed securely under the handle on the back of your brown bin**. This ensures it is clearly visible to the collection crews.

Brown bins are collected every two weeks. Please put your brown bin out by **7am on your collection day**.

### Pricing and Payment

The annual fee for 2025 is **£38.50 per brown bin\***

**Additional brown bins** can be subscribed at **£38.50** each.

No delivery charge applies for extra bins once payment is made.

Subscriptions run from **1 January to 31 December**, and must be renewed each year.

\* The annual fee for 2025 is **£38.50 per brown bin** regardless of when you sign up (no pro-rata discounts or refunds available).

If you've registered your email or mobile number, we'll send a reminder before your subscription ends. If not, you can sign up again online from November each year, or call **01543 462621**.

For more information about this service and to make your payment, visit **[www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/brownbins](http://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/brownbins)**





# Exciting improvements coming to **Cannock Park**

**Your new Play Area is coming soon...**

**Great news for Cannock residents! Exciting improvements are on the way at Cannock Park, following a fantastic response to the recent play area consultation.**

The feedback from local families and park users has been invaluable in shaping the design of the new play area, which is set to be ready for action by this summer. Get ready for a space that promises fun, adventure, and enjoyment for children of all ages!

Parks play an essential role in our health and well-being, offering a place to unwind, exercise, and connect with nature. That's why Cannock Chase Council is committed to investing in and improving our parks to make them the best they can be for residents of all ages. Whether it's a leisurely stroll, a family picnic, or a game of football, Cannock Park is here to be enjoyed by all.

Keep an eye out for more updates on our social media pages. Together, we can create a park that everyone can take pride in!

For more information visit [www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/newparks](http://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/newparks)