

## Olympic date for sculptor

LOUGHBOROUGH University sculptor John Atkin has been selected from a worldwide field of 2,600 applicants to create a sculpture for Olympic Park – the heart of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.

John is the only British artist to have been chosen.

Twenty five artists, selected by a panel of eminent judges, have been commissioned by the Beijing Municipal Government to produce artworks that reflect the 2008 Olympic theme of ‘One World, One Dream’.

The sculptures will form a major, public exhibition as part of the Olympic Games celebrations, sited alongside some of the most celebrated architectural achievements in the world.

The sculpture exhibition will be open to the public in May 2008.



**OLYMPIC DREAM:** John Aitkin's sculpture will form part of a major public exhibition as part of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

## Businesses claim a Fair prize

CHARNWOOD firms Complete Wasters and Edmundson Electricals have been named Businesses of the Month.

The companies registered their details on www.charnwoodbusiness.com and were automatically entered into a monthly draw to win prizes donated by the Fairtrade group, Charnwood Action For Fairtrade (CAFF).

Around 2,700 businesses that are now registered on the website, which was set up by Charnwood Borough Council to assist new firms and to support local companies in developing and expanding their existing business.

To find out more, and register your company, log on to [www.charnwoodbusiness.com](http://www.charnwoodbusiness.com)

## Holiday activities

A BUMPER programme of fun sport and leisure events to keep kids entertained during the school holidays has been arranged by Charnwood Borough Council.

The Council will again be delivering a full programme of activities during February half-term and the Easter holiday.

Activities will be run across the borough for children aged five to 16-years-old and include popular events such as horse riding, golf, ice skating and trampolining.

To find out more information, log on to [www.charnwood.gov.uk/leisure](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/leisure)

# Useful information is just a click away!

**W**ANT to find out more about the area you live in? Well Charnwood Borough Council's website has all the answers.

The Authority has relaunched its My Charnwood site, which is a one-stop shop for everything you need to know.

From refuse collection dates, to finding out who your local Councillor is, average property prices in the neighbourhood and local planning applications submitted, My Charnwood has got it all.

School information, details of listed buildings, local news plus useful links to NHS websites are all available.

## My Charnwood site is given a fresh new look

And it has been given a facelift with full colour maps and new sections added.

Steve Phipps, Charnwood Borough

Council's Director of Partnerships and Customer Services, said: "My Charnwood was beginning to look a bit tired and dated but now



it is more colourful and easier to use.

"We'd love to know what people think of it and let us know if there is anything we have missed that they think should be included.

"Please send us your comments by filling in the feedback form on the site."

Further improvements are also planned during the coming months to make it even easier to get Council information.

To view My Charnwood, log on to <http://mycharnwood.gov.uk>