



Dursley Matters

Dursley Town Council Newsletter

Spring Edition April 2019

What's on...

Dursley Farmers' Market

Held from 8:30am to 1pm in the Market Place on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

Dursley Annual Assembly 2019

Tuesday 21st May 2019, 7pm at Kingshill House (see overleaf for details)

Dursley in Bloom

Judging will take place on 10th July 2019

Festive Dursley 'Summer Stalls' Event

Saturday 13th July 2019 in the Market Place

Flower & Produce Show 2019

Saturday 31st August at the Chantry Centre

Judging will take place at 9:30-10:30am.

The show will open to the public at 11:30am- 2:30pm, free admission. Trophies will be awarded at 12noon.

Schedule & entry forms can be downloaded from www.chantrycentre.org or can be collected from Daisy Belle Floral Design, Dursley Pet Shop & Inches.

Dursley Walking Festival

2nd to 6th October 2019

www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk

New Long Street Car Park

The new long stay car park is nearing completion with the surfacing and white lining having been carried out in March by our contractor, Alun Griffiths (Contractors) Ltd. Although it looks finished, there remains work to be done before it can be fully accessed by the public. The lighting, CCTV and landscaping works remain to be completed, therefore we estimate the car park will be open to all users by the end of May 2019.

We are liaising with Gloucestershire County Council to agree signage in the town centre for the new facility and improvements to the entrance of the car park on Long Street.

At the Car Park Committee on 26th March 2019 the Councillors agreed that the new car park will be called the 'Long Street Car Park'. This new car park will be free to use and is considered a long stay facility with a maximum waiting time of 23 hours in a 24-hour period. This is a similar restriction to the other long stay car park in the town.

At the Council meeting on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 the Council confirmed the recommendation of the Car Park Committee that traffic management of the car park, including enforcement of the maximum waiting restriction, will be carried out by District Enforcement Ltd on a 12-month contract. The enforcement will be controlled by an automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) camera which will record all vehicle movements into and out of the car park. Any registered owner of a vehicle overstaying the 23-hour limit will receive a penalty charge notice. A review of the parking statistics will be carried out by Councillors during this period.

Cllr Symon Ackroyd, Chair of the Car Park Committee said "although it is taking longer than we originally anticipated, I am pleased at how the scheme is

progressing. It was good to see the car park fully used by attendees of a Heart of England event in the Chantry Centre on the 28th March which we used as a trial. My

thanks to the Dursley Lions who acted as marshals".



Dursley Pancake Race Results



The results of the 2019 Pancake Race were:

1st Liam Jones (*The Pulse Leisure Centre*)

2nd Will Hayward (*The Old Spot*)

3rd Chelsie Winsor (*Henlow Court*)

A trophy donated by Dursley Business Inclusive, in memory of local volunteer Eileen Nichols, was awarded to Viv Kennedy and Della Sykes, dressed as Parrots.

Thank you to the runners, to Daisy Belle Floral Design, Dursley Lions and to Classy Glass, who kindly donated trophies and medals for the race. In total, £200 was raised for the Henlow Court Activity Fund.

Don't Miss The Dursley Annual Assembly 21st May 2019 7pm

Dursley's Annual Town Assembly will be held on Tuesday 21st May 2019 at 7pm in Kingshill House.

**Come along to this public meeting.
Raise any issues you have about Dursley and find out more about the work of community groups and your Town Council.**

The keynote speaker at this year's assembly is Mr Robin Smith, Technical Director for St Modwen Homes. Find out about the timescales for the completion of the Littlecombe Development, the opening of the new road, S106 contributions and the development's integration to Dursley.

Also at this year's event.....

**The Leslie D Gale Award
for services to the community.**

Information about the new Long Stay Car Park.

Light refreshments.

Everyone is welcome

Dursley Hosts the Heart of England In Bloom Spring Seminar

On 28th March 2019 we facilitated the annual Spring Seminar for the Heart of England In Bloom organisation. Approximately 100 volunteers from central and south west England attended the seminar to find out more about the 2019 "In Bloom" competition.



The Dursley in Bloom team were represented and are once again aiming for gold in this year's competition.

If you would like to find out more about this year's plans or get involved please contact the Town Clerk for details.

We would like to thank the Chantry Centre for hosting the event, Dursley Lions for marshalling and the Dursley in Bloom volunteers who served the refreshments.

April at The Vibe Youth Centre

April is Environmental Month at the Vibe Youth Centre. Check out their programme of activities for Vibe Juniors and Vibe Seniors on our website www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk or www.thedoor.org.uk
01453 756745 @thedoorstroud info@thedoor.org.uk

Meet Councillor Wendy Thomas

"I have lived in Dursley since 2005, when my husband and I left London, looking for a small town in the countryside. I love Dursley and I am thrilled to see it is on the 'up'. We are lucky to live in a town with a vibrant high street surrounded by stunning countryside.



I am particularly interested in working to improve public transport and set up the Cam and Dursley Transportation Group, which was originally part of Transition Cam and Dursley. I was a member of Future Dursley, the group that worked on our Neighbourhood Development Plan. I also support developing tourism in our town and am an Airbnb host for visitors."

Thank You

We would like to thank the local community for responding positively to the public appeal we made back in February.

At the time, we appealed for witnesses to report anything they had seen in relation to damage to the children's Zip Wire at Highfields Play Area; the Zip Wire seat had to be replaced once and taken out of use twice, after it had been used as a dog 'chew toy'.

With help from the community we were able to work with the local police team to resolve the matter with the dog owner involved in this particular incident.

The Highfields Play Area is popular with children of all ages and also dog walkers; the majority of which are very responsible owners who respect the space, picking up after their dogs and keeping them under control.

To report issues relating to any of our play areas contact the Council Office on: Tel: **01453 547758** or Email: clerk@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk.

Struggling to Get Where You Need to Go, or Know Someone Who is?

Community Connexions is a local community transport charity that brings together volunteers to give transport to people of all ages who can't easily access it, because of physical or mental reasons, or social or rural isolation. If you think you would benefit from Community Connexions, or know someone who would, please call on 0345 680 5029 for more information or visit the website www.communityconnexions.org.uk. Without volunteers, the charity would not be able to help as many people as it does. If you would like to volunteer, or know someone who would, please phone Elaine Pearson-Scott on 0345 680 5029 or email Elaine@communityconnexions.org.uk.



Dursley Town Council – Authorised to Issue Fixed Penalty Notices



Picture: Dursley Town Council Grounds Staff with Dursley's Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr Mandy Woodward and Dursley District Councillor & Leader of Stroud District Council, Cllr Doina Cornell.

We are pleased to confirm that under the jurisdiction of Stroud District Council our grounds staff are now fully trained and authorised to issue Fixed Penalty Notices for dog fouling offences.

We are the first Town or Parish Council in the Stroud District to obtain this authorisation from Stroud District Council. A person responsible for a dog who refuses to pick up any faeces, may be liable to a fine of £75, reduced to £50 if paid within 10 days. Failure to pay the fine could result in a maximum penalty of £1,000.

The Town Clerk commented "our first priority is to educate rather than fine any members of the public, the Council's staff will offer a free bag to anyone who is witnessed not removing the faeces, but failure to cooperate will result in the Fixed Penalty Notice being issued."

In 2012, Stroud District Council made a Dog Control Order as follows:-

"Failing to remove the faeces when a dog under the person's control has defecated on any land within the District which is open to the air and to which the public has a right of access."

In October 2017 the Dog Control Order automatically transitioned to become a Public Spaces Protection Order; this allowed Fixed Penalty Notices to only be issued by an "authorised person", i.e. "a person authorised by the local authority that made the Public Spaces Protection Order".

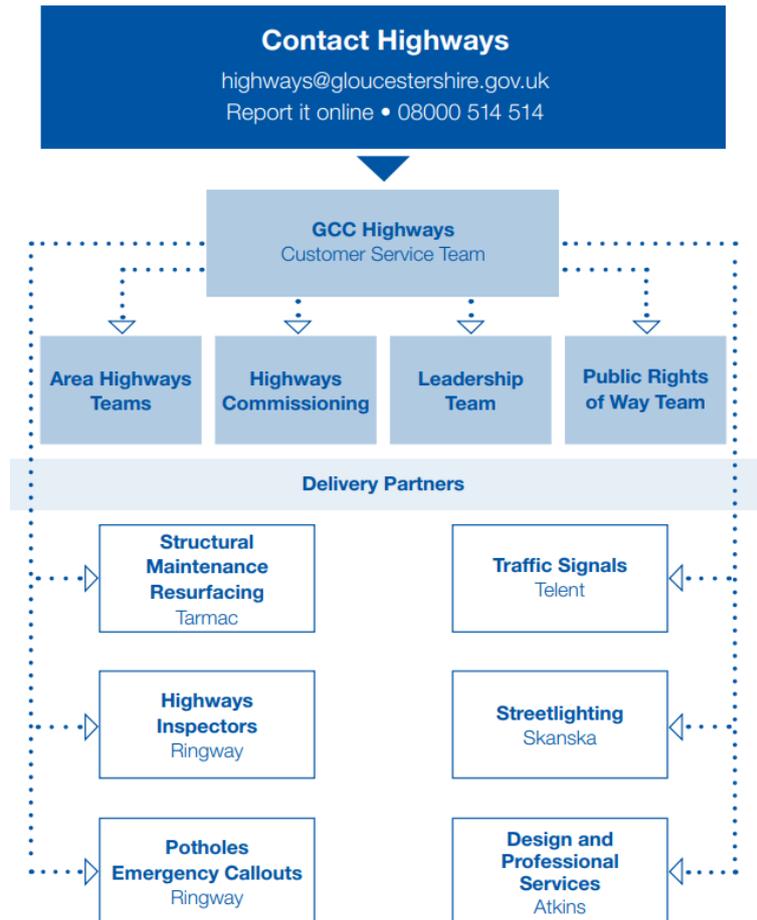
We approached Stroud District Council with a proposal to request the authorisation of specified employees to enforce the Public Spaces Protection Order. This was approved at a full District Council meeting on 7th June 2018 and our staff have now received the relevant training.

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mandy Woodward said "the problem of dog fouling is always worse at this time of the year and the Council unanimously supported Councillor Matt Nicholson when he presented this option to Council in 2018. The agreement between the Town and District Council is an excellent example of local authority organisations working together to benefit local residents".

A New Way for Your Highways

On 1st April 2019 Gloucestershire County Council implemented changes to the way they operate the highways service, moving away from a single highways provider in order to work directly with suppliers and getting closer to what is happening out in communities.

As part of this new operating model the county council will be taking more responsibility for some services including the customer service team and frontline Area Highway Representatives, as well as the design and supervision of structural maintenance (resurfacing) works. See the diagram below for the structure and new delivery partners:



You can send Highways a message 24 hours a day 7 days a week, whenever it is convenient for you.

"Report it" using the online portal at:

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/report-it

Keep up to date with Highways:

Follow highways social media -

@GlosRoads on Twitter

Gloucestershire Roads on Facebook

Visit the website -

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways

New Swing at Kingshill Play Park

We have installed a new stainless steel bucket swing at Kingshill Play Park to replace the wooden framed swing that had reached the end of its life.

Useful contacts:

The Chantry Centre	01453 542016
Community Centre	01453 543355
Dursley Library	01453 543059
The Pulse Dursley – Swimming Pool, Gym & Studio	01453 546441
Kingshill House	01453 549133
Dursley Lions Club - Furniture Recycling	01453 544471
Stroud District Council: Contact Centre -	01453 766321
Bulky Items Collection -	01453 754424
Council Tax -	01453 754865
Planning -	01453 754442
Recycling & Refuse -	01453 754424
Gloucestershire County Council: Switchboard -	01452 425000
Footpaths -	08000 514514
Highways / Street lights-	08000 514514
Vale Community Hospital	0300 4218494
GL11 Community Hub	01453 548530
Cam Parish Council	01453 548884

Your Local Neighbourhood Warden



Andy Beamish

Tel: 07834419332

Providing help & support with anti-social behaviour, abandoned vehicles, bogus callers, home security & crime prevention, hate crime & bullying, litter, dog fouling, fly tipping & lots, lots more.

Contacting Dursley Town Council

Your Town Councillors

If you live in Highfields Ward, you are represented by:

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Mrs S Abraham	18 Downham View, GL115GB	519567
Mr N Grecian	9 Ferney, GL11 5AB	546608
Mr M Nicholson	11 Third Avenue, GL11 4NT	544657
Mr T Arnold	33 Long Street, Dursley GL11 4HR	07432204470
Miss A Sheffield	23 Second Avenue, GL11 4PE	07813168690
Mrs W Thomas	The Old School House, 4 The Broadwell, GL11 4JE	07570931816

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If you live in Central Ward, you are represented by:

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Mr S Ackroyd	36 Woodmancote GL11 4AQ	07477404056
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Mr B Cairns	45 Champions Court, Henlow Drive, GL11 4BE	07407702074
Mrs S Creswick	3 The Slade, GL11 4JX	548123
Mr P Hayes	1 Cedar Drive, GL11 4EB	546009
Mr A Whitwell	1 Orchard View, Tilsdown, Cam, GL11 5QN	07894434932

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If you live in Kingshill Ward, you are represented by:

Mrs J. A. Ball	109 Woodview Road, Cam, GL11 5SD	545563
Mrs L. V. Patrick	30 Oak Drive, GL11 4DX	546995
Dr. A Stennett	28 Oak Drive, GL11 4DX	549813
Mrs M Stennett	28 Oak Drive, GL11 4DX	549813
Mrs M Woodward	41 Severn Road, Woodfield, Cam, GL11 6NG	07807236353

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Your District Councillors.....

Mrs D Cornell	74 Everlands, Cam, GL11 5NL	548657
Mr C Fryer	7 Turner Road, Woodfield, GL11 6LT	545130
Mr T Hall	2 Oak Drive, Kingshill, GL11 4DX	548360

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Your County Councillor.....

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Your MP.....

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Contact Your Town Council Office for: planning application viewing, internet access for home seekers website, advice & information on local services, Kingshill Cemetery & St Mark's Burial Ground, Kingshill Allotments, Kingshill Play Park, the War Memorial Recreation Ground & Highfields Play Area

Dursley Town Council Office is open Monday to Friday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

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