



Dursley Matters

Dursley Town Council Newsletter

Autumn Edition 2016

What's on...

Dursley Farmers' Market

Held from 8.30am to 1pm in the Market Place on the 2nd Saturday of the month (except Jan & Feb). Your chance to purchase local produce including – local meats, bread, homemade cakes & more.

Dursley Fireworks 2016

Saturday 5th November 2016 on the War Memorial Recreation Ground (gates open 5pm, fireworks 6pm) www.girlguidingdursley.btck.co.uk/DursleyFireworks

Remembrance Day Parade 2016

Sunday 13th November 2016. Parade starts at 2:30pm (Muster at the Bus Station), followed by Church Service and act of remembrance at the War Memorial gates at St James' Church

Dursley Christmas Lights Switch On

Friday 25th November 2016 from 4:30pm in the town centre.

Crime Prevention Surgery

Friday 11th November 2016 9am-10am
Thursday 15th December 2016 10am-11am
Drop in at Jacob's House, Castle Street, Dursley
Email: joshua.griffiths@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk or oliver.clark@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk

Your Council Achieves Quality Status

We have achieved Quality status in the Local Council Award Scheme (LCAS).



All local councils want to serve their local communities and make a real difference to the lives of the people that live there. The LCAS offers councils the opportunity to show that they meet the standards set by the sector, assessed by their peers, and to put in place the conditions for continued improvement.

We are pleased that we have demonstrated that we achieve good practice in governance, community engagement and council improvement. There are three levels of award – Foundation, Quality and Quality Gold. We hope to achieve 'Quality Gold' in the near future.

Big Lottery Funding for Community Defibrillator

We have been successful in obtaining £2,175 for a community defibrillator from the Big Lottery Fund.

The defibrillator will be situated in the disused telephone kiosk located outside the Methodist Church in Castle Street.

In the summer we adopted the telephone kiosk for community use, following notification by BT that the payphone was to be disconnected due to low usage.

At the time, we asked the community for ideas and suggestions on how it could be used. Using it to house a community defibrillator was one of the ideas put forward.



Once installed the community defibrillator will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. As part of the project there will be public information, awareness and training sessions in the town.

Thank you to all who responded with ideas and suggestions.

GOLD for Dursley In Bloom

Congratulations to the Dursley in Bloom committee who have achieved a Gold Award in the small town category in this years' Heart of England competition.

The Heart of England in Bloom Awards were presented on Thursday 15th September 2016 at Aldridge Parish Church Hall and members of the Dursley in Bloom committee were on hand to receive the award. The Town Council was represented by Mayor Neil Grecian.

This is a magnificent achievement for the town and the hard work and effort made by the volunteers of the Dursley in Bloom team.



Les Goodman, President of the Heart of England presenting the award to members of the DiB team

Flower & Produce Show 2016



The Flower and Produce Show was held in the Chantry Centre and 'Secret Garden' on 3rd September 2016. The show, which was organised by Transition Cam and Dursley, was a great success. It offered people the chance to show off what they had grown, baked, arranged or created. The competition classes included flowers, vegetables, baking and preserves as well as those designed for children.

We would like to thank everyone who stopped by to talk to 'Future Dursley' representatives at the Neighbourhood Development Plan stand.

Meet Councillor Loraine Patrick

I moved to Dursley in 1993 with my husband Matt, both of us having served in the forces.

I am the owner of Highdale Stud, where I breed show/sport horses. I am a British Horse Society accredited professional coach.

My other interests include: photography, spending time in the countryside, surfing, skydiving and reading.

I joined the Town Council because I wanted to be involved in the matters that impact Dursley. I am currently Chairman of the Council's Policy and Finance Committee and I also sit on the Planning Committee and Staff Committee.



New Neighbourhood Watch Facebook Page

A Facebook page has been created to advertise crime prevention advice for the Dursley and District area. The page is called '**Dursley and District Neighbourhood Watch Facebook Page**'.

Local PCSO Josh Griffiths is encouraging members of the public to 'like' the page and 'share' the crime prevention message to as many people as possible. *"Prevention is better than cure and if you remove the opportunities and make it difficult for the criminal, you can help build a safer stronger community"*

The scheme is supported by local volunteers who are willing to use their time and effort to help reduce crime and anti-social behaviour within their community.

Dursley Walking Festival 2016

The weekend of 6th to 9th October saw Dursley Welcomes Walkers holding the 5th Dursley walking festival. Blessed with some pleasant walking weather and a varied selection of walks it was good to see so many walkers in and around Dursley for this annual event.

Walks on offer this year included many favourites as well as new walks such as Geology and Scenery around Dursley, Cam Dursley and Uley Greenway and also Historic Graveyards of Cam.

Dursley Welcomes Walkers were pleased to receive sponsorships for the Dog Walk "Walkies with Dursley Lions Club" and the Festival programme from National and local organisations and support from many traders in Dursley and Cam for the Quiz Raffle, display of posters and puzzle trail competition forms and boxes. A full list of acknowledgements are presented on the website.

The 2017 Walking Festival will run from Thursday 5th October through to Sunday 8th October, hope to see you all there.

Dursley Welcomes walkers are always pleased to hear from anyone who would like to help with a walk or would like to join us on the steering group, please email at dursleywaw@gmail.com or call us on 07743 307686

Chris Cherry, Dursley Welcomes Walkers Chairman

Improving our Green Spaces



We continue to make improvements to the War Memorial Recreation Ground, recently fitting a new gate to replace the old access. In the coming months we will be replacing the old worn out football goal posts at Highfields Play Area with new football/rugby goal posts.

Village & Community Agents

Village and Community Agents provide older (50+) or disadvantaged people with easier access to information and services. The free service they offer can help with many issues including pension and benefit entitlement, home safety checks, loneliness, keeping warm, home adaptations, bogus callers or nuisance calls and more.



The Agent for Dursley is Anne Robinson.
Contact Anne on 07798 837 582 or email:
arobinson@villageagent.grcc.org.uk

The Fight on Fly-Tipping

Fly-tipping is the illegal dumping of rubbish or bulky items on land not licensed to receive it. It can be dangerous to health, harmful to wildlife, it can pollute land and waterways and costs significant amounts of public money, which could be better spent elsewhere, to clear away.

Back in September, with the help and support of our Local Neighbourhood Warden, Rachel Pratt and PCSO Oli Clarke, we were able to identify the culprit who fly-tipped waste in Kingshill Play Park. The waste was removed at no expense to the Town Council or tax payer.

Dumping waste illegally is a criminal offence that can carry a very large fine. An offender can even be sent to prison.

We recently had to report a case of fly-tipping in Twinberrow Woods, when investigated waste was also found along the adjacent road. Such incidents are a blot on our beautiful landscape.



To help fight fly-tipping, the advice is simple:

Never fly-tip yourself; check that anyone taking waste away for you has the right licence and ask them where the waste will go. Never pay cash, always get a proper receipt, and record names, contact details and information about vehicles. If you know about those who fly-tip, inform Stroud District Council immediately on 01453 754424 or email public.space@stroud.gov.uk. Use Stroud's bulky item uplift service for £15 (up to three items) or take such items to Pyke Quarry Recycling Centre near Horsley (GL6 0QA).

If you see fly-tipping take no risks: **do not touch anything fly-tipped or approach fly-tippers**, contact Stroud District Council with any details (e.g. the amount fly-tipped, possible contents from a visual check only, the location, time and date, plus information about those who may be responsible, such as vehicle type, vehicle colour and registration number).

You can report fly-tipping anonymously, but **your evidence could be vital** to ensure a fly-tipper is caught and convicted so levels of fly-tipping are reduced.



FUTURE DURSLEY

Our Neighbourhood Plan

Consultation Roundup

As part of the Future Dursley Neighbourhood Development Plan we have been busy during the last few months asking residents,



children and businesses for their views on potential development sites, local green spaces and key views in and around the town.

We would like to know:

Where you think new houses, shops and businesses should be located?

Which green spaces are important to you and why?

Are there any views from the town which you consider to be important?

This information will be used to help inform, shape and influence future development within the town.

Please get involved in the plan, have a say and help to shape Dursley's future.

Visit our website to view the key documents. Contact **Future Dursley** at the Council office or by emailing ndp@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk.

New Waste Collection Service

Stroud District Council's new household waste and recycling collection service starts from November 2016 as follows:

Collected every week

- Food waste - in a dedicated, sealed bin.

Collected every two weeks

- Green wheelie-bin/green bag – as present for food tins and drink cans, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and packaging, aerosols and foil.
- Recycling box – no changes - paper, cardboard and cartons.
- Left over non-recyclable waste in grey wheelie-bins (or beige bags where bins are impractical) - cling film, polystyrene, crisp packets, sanitary products, nappies, pet waste (please make sure it is bagged) and vacuum cleaner dust.

All rubbish and bags must be able to fit in the bin and the lid must be closed. Contact **Stroud District Council** for further information email recycling@stroud.gov.uk or call 01453 754424.

Useful contacts:

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| Chantry Centre | | 01453 542016 |
| Community Centre | | 01453 543355 |
| Dursley Library | | 0845 2305420 |
| Dursley Sports Centre & Swimming Pool | Pulse | 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 and refuse | 01453 754424 |
| Gloucestershire County Council | Footpaths | 01452 425727 |
| | Highways /Street lights | 08000 514514 |
| | Switchboard | 01452 425000 |
| Vale Community Hospital | | 0300 4218494 |
| Cam Parish Council | | 01453 548884 |

Your Local Neighbourhood Warden



Rachel Pratt
Tel: 07834 419332

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:

| | | Tel | E-mail |
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| Mr B. A. Marsh | 22 Somerset Avenue, GL11 4PY | 546910 | brian.marsh@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk |
| Mr M Nicholson | 11 Third Avenue, GL11 4NT | 544657 | matt.nicholson@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk |
| Mr N Grecian | 9 Ferney, GL11 5AB | 546608 | neil.grecian@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk |
| Mrs S Abraham | 39 Rosebery Road, GL11 4PT | 519567 | suzi.abraham@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk |
| Miss A Sheffield | 23 Second Avenue, GL11 4PE | 07813168690 | andrea.sheffield@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk |
| Mrs W Thomas | The Old School House, 4 The Broadwell, GL11 4JE | 07570931816 | wendy.thomas@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk |

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

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| Dr. F Firth | 2 Hunger Hill, GL11 4JR | 543851 | fiona.firth@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk |
| Mrs S Creswick | 3 The Slade, GL11 4JX | 548123 | sue.creswick@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk |
| Mr S Ackroyd | 36 Woodmancote | 07477404056 | symon.ackroyd@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk |
| Mr P Hayes | 1 Cedar Drive, Dursley, GL11 4EB | 546009 | peter.hayes@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk |
| Mrs J Burdge | <i>New address & tel. number to be advised following house move</i> | | jan.burdge@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk |
| Mr B Cairns | 45 Champions Court, Henlow Drive, GL11 4BE | 07407702074 | brian.cairns@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk |

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

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| Mrs J. A. Ball | 109 Woodview Road, Cam, GL11 5SD | 545563 | jane.ball@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk |
| Dr. A Stennett | 28 Oak Drive, GL11 4DX | 549813 | alex.stennett@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk |
| Mrs C Nelmes | 2 Jubilee Road, GL11 4ES | 545516 | clare.nelmes@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk |
| Ms M Laybourne | 28 Oak Drive, GL11 4DX | 549813 | mel.laybourne@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk |
| Mrs L. V. Patrick | 30 Oak Drive, GL11 4DX | 546995 | loraine.patrick@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk |

Your District Councillors.....

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| Mr C Fryer | 7 Turner Road, Woodfield, GL11 6LT | 545130 | cllr.colin.fryer@stroud.gov.uk |
| A Hayward | c/o Stroud District Council, GL5 4UB | - | cllr.alison.hayward@stroud.gov.uk |
| Mrs D Cornell | 74 Everlands, Cam, GL11 5NL | 548657 | cllr.doina.cornell@stroud.gov.uk |

Your County Councillor.....

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| Mr S Lydon | Marsh Court, Marsh Road, Leonard Stanley, Stonehouse, GL10 3NG | 07748328061 | stephen.lydon@gloucestershire.gov.uk |
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Your MP.....

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| Mr Neil Carmichael | 7 Bridge Street, Nailsworth, GL6 0AA | 751572 | neil.carmichael.mp@parliament.uk |
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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

Address: Jacob's House, Castle Street, Dursley, GL11 4BS Tel/Fax: 01453 547758

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