



# Dursley Matters

Dursley Town Council Newsletter

Autumn Edition 2017

## What's on...

### Dursley Farmers' Market

Held from 8.30am to 1pm in the Market Place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month.

### Dursley Fireworks 2017

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November on the War Memorial Recreation Ground.

[www.facebook.com/DursleyFireworks](http://www.facebook.com/DursleyFireworks)

[www.girlguidingdursley.btck.co.uk/dursleyfireworks](http://www.girlguidingdursley.btck.co.uk/dursleyfireworks)

### Remembrance Day Parade 2017

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017. 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 2017

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November from 4:30pm in the town centre

[www.facebook.com/FestiveDursley](http://www.facebook.com/FestiveDursley)

## Dursley Walking Festival 2017

The sixth annual Dursley Walking Festival held on 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> October was a great success. The festival featured 27 different walks including a new Lantern Way Challenge and Nordic Walking taster.



The event attracted record numbers of walkers from far and wide. [www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk](http://www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk)

## Planning Application Approved for New Public Car Park

On the 14th September 2017, Stroud District Council approved our planning application (S.17/1357/FUL) to "demolish the existing commercial property to accommodate a new car park facility and associated works".

This successful planning application was a key part of the agreement for us to proceed with the purchase of Reliance House in Long Street. It is our intention to complete the purchase as soon as possible.

We would like to thank all those who supported our application and highlighted the need for a car park in the town centre.

For more information please visit our website: [www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk/long-stay-car-park-reliance-hous.html](http://www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk/long-stay-car-park-reliance-hous.html)

## Dursley in Bloom: Gold Award & Small Town Winners 2017

Congratulations to the Dursley in Bloom team who not only retained their Gold accreditation this year, but for the first time were announced as the **Winners of the Small Town Category**.

The Heart of England award ceremony took place in Warwick Castle on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The awards were presented to Dursley in Bloom Chair, Penny Hyde, Dursley in Bloom volunteer Mandy Woodward and the Town Clerk, John Kay (*photo below*).

We are proud to support Dursley in Bloom, this is a fantastic achievement for the town and well deserved. The volunteers work extremely hard all year round to make the floral displays look lovely for everyone to enjoy.

The team also work hard to involve other groups within the town and carried out some fantastic project work with Rednock and Dursley Primary Academy students this year.



Dursley in Bloom hold monthly meetings to discuss planting plans and projects. If you would like to join this group of volunteers and help make the town look more attractive please contact Penny Hyde on 01453 549296 or [pennyhyde46@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pennyhyde46@hotmail.co.uk) No Horticultural experience needed, just willing hands!!!



## Improvements to Highfields Play Area



We continue to implement a programme of improvements to Highfields Play Area.

New combined football and rugby goal posts have recently been installed.

The youth shelter, which has attracted anti-social behaviour in the past, has also been modified to make it a more open space.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 the Green Spaces Committee approved plans for a new zip wire facility and important safety improvements to the existing Borneo climbing frame.

All of these improvements are in addition to the revamp of the BMX track and new picnic tables installed at the beginning of 2017.

Cllr Alex Stennett, the Chair of Green Spaces said "I am pleased the Green Spaces committee have been able to approve and oversee the improvements we are making to Highfields Play Area over the last few months. I am sure the zip wire will be a popular addition to the existing play equipment".

## Grant Awards 2017

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 we agreed grant awards totalling almost £37k, supporting 24 organisations.

The smallest grant awarded was £100 and the largest £7,000.

We are committed to providing assistance and support to local community groups which are set up to promote community life for Dursley residents.

We have three types of grants:

**Small** - normally offered on a one-off basis to support a particular project, event, activity or the purchase of equipment.

**Revenue** - available to community organisations which provide a significant service to the community.

**Urgent** - in exceptional circumstances we will consider applications for urgent funding.

To see the full list of this year's recipients please visit our website:

[www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk/uploads/grant-information-for-website-2017.pdf](http://www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk/uploads/grant-information-for-website-2017.pdf)

## Vibe Youth Centre Update

The Door Youth Project are hosting a new young parents group "aDOORable" at Vibe for all parents up to 25 years old with babies and toddlers.

This group enables you to hang out with other young parents, share stories, make friends, access advice and give your children room to play.

The sessions are on Fridays between 10am and 12pm.

### Youth Sessions – Autumn/Winter

The new Autumn/Winter schedule for youth sessions by The Door Youth Project have been confirmed, with some new opening times at the Vibe on Monday and Tuesday evenings starting from October.

Please see the new times below:

**Monday Evenings @ The Vibe 4:00pm-6:00pm**

**Tuesday Evenings @ The Vibe 6:30pm-8:30pm**

**Wednesday Evenings @ The Vibe 7:00pm-9:00pm**

**Friday Evenings @ The Vibe 6:00pm-8:00pm**

## Meet Councillor Jan Burdge

"I have lived in Dursley for almost ten years but my links to the town go back over thirty years. I was the librarian at Rednock School for many years and I have a long association with the Dursley Quiz League.



One of my main interests is history and as chair of Town Improvements I hope that, alongside safeguarding the historical heritage of the town, I can help, in some way, to improve what is a lovely place to live.

Having retired some years ago I feel I have both the time and commitment to contribute to the ongoing improvements in our community and I look forward to remaining on the town council for a few more years".

## Community Speedwatch Update

The Community Speedwatch group were busy in the town throughout the summer period and have plans to hold more sessions over the coming months.

On 30<sup>th</sup> September the group were joined by Special Constable Jasmine Smart. Quite a few vehicles were recorded in excess of the speed limit and a number of drivers were "pulled over" by Jasmine. These drivers received some advice on safe driving speeds or were issued with a speeding ticket. A total of four speeding tickets were issued to those who had excessively broken the speed limit.

For more information on Speedwatch and how you can become a volunteer please contact Cllr Nicholson email: [matt.nicholson@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:matt.nicholson@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk) or [clerk@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk) or by telephone: 01453 547758.

# ★ Festive Dursley 2017 ★ ★ Christmas Lights Switch-on ★ ★ 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017 ★

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November Dursley will be switching on the Christmas lights. Please come along and enjoy this community event.

The 'Festive Dursley' team are busy making arrangements for the following:



## A Victorian theme



**Stalls & late night shopping (4:30pm onwards)**

**A switch on count down at the town's real**

**Christmas Tree at 5:30pm with fireworks**

**Children's entertainment, grotto, rides & snow.**

**A visit from Father Christmas**

**Children's choir & bands in the Market Place**

**Children's lantern parade**

**(battery operated tea lights kindly donated by the**

**Lions Club of Dursley)**



**New icicle lights for the Town Hall**



**(kindly sponsored by Dursley Lions)**



**Festive window display competition**

**('Illumination' theme)**



The bauble charity this year is Teens in Crisis. Thank you to everyone who voted on Facebook and helped Festive Dursley decide. Further details will be announced shortly.



## ROAD CLOSURES ON 24/11/17



Parsonage Street will be closed to vehicles

from 2pm-10pm on the day.

The 1hr Castle Street Car Park will also be closed

from 1pm – 10pm on the day.



## WANTED FOR FESTIVE DURSLEY

Old books, DVDs, computer games - Drop off points at Vaperella and the Hummingbird Cafe.



## SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS



The Festive Dursley team is made up of volunteers and representatives from the Town Council, Dursley Town Trust, Dursley Business Inclusive, The Lions Club, the Inner Wheel and also residents. If you think you can help out in any way please get in touch.

This year the group have been busy fundraising and have so far received sponsorship and support from businesses and groups including Dursley Lions, WSP Solicitors, Dignity Funeral Services, Dursley Rotary & Inner Wheel, Buildit Cam, Tree Management, Simply Foot Care, Clifton Cameras, Arpers, Durcans, Hummingbird Cafe, Bennett Jones, Ginn Framing, Inches, the Old Spot, Just to Say, Intersound, Mezze, Hewetts, Norvilles, Tuck Shop, Vaperella, Daisy Belle Floral Design, Bank Cafe and the Pet Shop.



**Check out the new 'Festive Dursley' Facebook page for regular updates:**



**[www.facebook.com/Festive-Dursley](http://www.facebook.com/Festive-Dursley)**



## Twenty's Plenty in Highfields

To coincide with pupils returning to Dursley (C of E) Primary Academy following the summer holidays; we funded and installed 30 new speed awareness signs in Highfields.



The designs were selected from a competition organised by PCSO Josh Griffiths for Year 5 and 6 pupils to design a poster that raises awareness of speeding in the Highfields area.

The winners were Scarlet Crosbee (Yr 5), Lucy Rymer (Yr 6) and Alys Young (Yr 6) who were presented with a certificate from the Mayor.

We would like to remind all drivers to drive accordingly at all times. The message being "Twenty's Plenty in Highfields".

## Future Dursley Neighbourhood Development Plan Update

Following more than three years of hard work by a group of dedicated volunteers, Dursley's Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) is making good progress towards the final stages.



*Photo: Members of the NDP Steering Group with a copy of the draft plan.*

The draft plan is ready for a further round of public consultation (called Statutory Regulation 14), before being submitted for formal examination, to Stroud District Council. Several parishes in the Stroud District – including Kingswood- have had similar plans implemented after they received final approval in parish referendums and Dursley is in line to hold a parish referendum in 2018.

The draft plan is based upon evidence-based research and extensive community consultation. It covers such issues as location, design and traffic associated with any development in the town. If approved the NDP will guide all development in Dursley until 2031.

The latest version of the plan is available for the people of Dursley to examine or comment on either online at

[www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan.html](http://www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan.html) or as a hard copy at the Library or Town Council offices.

## Useful contacts:

Chantry Centre		01453 542016
Community Centre		01453 543355
Dursley Library		01453 543059
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
Gloucestershire County Council	Recycling and refuse	01453 754424
	Footpaths	01452 425727
	Highways /Street lights	08000 514514
Vale Community Hospital	Switchboard	01452 425000
		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:

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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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