



Dursley Matters

Dursley Town Council Newsletter



Winter Edition January 2019

What's on...

The Dursley Dozen 2019

Sunday 10th February. It's the 30th anniversary of this multi-terrain 12-mile race which will start at the Old Spot and finish along Parsonage Street at the Market Place. Parsonage Street will be closed to traffic from 08:00 to 15:00 on the day:

www.dursleyrunningclub.org.uk/races/dursley-dozen

Dursley Pancake Race 2019

12 noon on Tuesday 5th March, Parsonage Street. Sponsorship funds will go to Henlow Court's activity fund. Pick up an entry form from the Council Office, Daisy Belle Floral Design on Parsonage Street or visit

www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Societies, Groups & Clubs Fair at Kingshill House

From 11am on Saturday 23rd March 2019 Meet likeminded people, find a new hobby or interest.

www.kingshillhouse.org.uk

Dursley Annual Assembly 2019

7pm on Tuesday 21st May 2019 at Kingshill House

Save the Date in Your 2019 Diary!

Festive Dursley 'Summer Stalls' Event – 13th July
2019 Flower & Produce Show – 31st August
Dursley Walking Festival - 2nd to 6th October
Festive Dursley Christmas Lights switch on – 29th Nov

Winter Wonderland Wows the Crowds at Dursley's Christmas Lights Switch on 2018!

Hundreds of people turned out to watch the 2018 Christmas lights go on.

Festive Dursley put on a fantastic event which included a new 'Winter Wonderland' feature in the town centre. The crowds were wowed by the magical wintery scene which would not have been possible without the support of Snow Business and Archway Dental Practice.

The celebrity guest, Ben Nelmes from the Jersey Four, had the honour of 'pressing the button' with help from the Great Western Air Ambulance's Charlie Bear and the Town Mayor, Councillor Neil Grecian.

Our MC, Terry Pascoe, introduced the evening which included music from the Dursley CofE Primary Academy Choir, the Rednock Swing Band and 'The Lost' rock band. As well as Morris Dancing from 'Old and Ragged' and children's entertainment from Tom Foolery.

The Mind Shop won the window competition this year with their stunning winter wonderland display. Inches came second and Angel Treasure Trove came third.

The event would not have been possible without the hard work and support of dedicated local volunteers who work tirelessly over the year to bring the event together for everyone to enjoy. This includes Festive Dursley, the local traders, councillors and volunteers from the Lions Club of Dursley, the Dursley Rotary Club and the Dursley Inner Wheel.

The Christmas tree was sponsored by WSP Solicitors and installed at no cost by Tree Management and Build it Cam. The new Town Hall 'Globes' were purchased by Festive Dursley with the money they successfully raised over the year, including a £1000 award from the Tesco 'Bags of Help' fund.

Work has already started on the 2019 event. If you would like to get involved in any way please contact the Council Office. Check out the Festive Dursley Facebook page for regular updates:

www.facebook.com/Festive-Dursley





Neighbourhood Development Plan Approved

On Thursday 15th November 2018 the Future Dursley - Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) was approved following a referendum. The turnout for the election was 31.7% with 85.5% voting for the plan to be approved.

The Future Dursley NDP will now be used to determine planning applications in the local Dursley area. We would like to thank the volunteers, staff and councillors who contributed to the NDP Steering Group and the drafting of the plan and associated documents.

New Planter in Memory of David Butterfield

Dursley in Bloom (DiB) and the Lions Club of Dursley have installed a new planter along Castle Street, on the grass verge adjacent to the Car Park.

The planter is in memory of David Butterfield, a former Chairman of the DiB group and Dursley Lion, who sadly passed away last year.

The Dursley Lions donated the planter which has a memorial plaque attached to the front.



Local Plan Consultation

On 18th January 2019 we submitted our response to Stroud District Council's consultation on the Local Plan Review Emerging Strategy Paper.

In formulating our response, we worked closely with members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and carefully considered the concerns raised by Dursley residents. We would like to thank everyone who engaged in this process and attended our Planning Committee meetings in December and January.

While we are pleased that much of the Emerging Strategy is closely aligned with the policies of our approved Neighbourhood Development Plan, we have strongly objected to the proposed 80 dwellings on the land titled "North of Ganzell Lane" (**Site PS29**). The reasons for our objection and our other comments are included within our response (available to view on the Dursley Town Council website).

Long Stay Car Park Update

At the end of November 2018, the Civil Engineering contractor, Alun Griffiths (Contractors) Ltd, started work to construct the town's new long stay car.

The Car Park is due to be completed and opened by the end of February 2019.

This is easily the most ambitious project we have undertaken and will be an asset for the whole town.

The 46-space long stay car park will be free to use, with a maximum waiting limit of 23 hours in a 24-hour period. Penalties will be issued for any vehicles overstaying this limit, usage will be monitored by an Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera.

Meet Councillor Jane Ball



"I was born in Cheltenham and grew up in Gloucester. I have lived in Dursley since 1976, having married a 'Dursley Boy', Arthur. We have 3 children, Jo, a full-time firefighter based in Gloucester, Neil, a hospital administrator in Manchester and Nick, who teaches maths at Abingdon Boys School in Oxfordshire.

I am proud to have been Mayor for 10 years and a Town Councillor for 20 years.

I am the manager at Dursley Community Centre. I was a governor at Everlands school for 20 years, 12 of them as Chairman. I am also proud to be Chairman of the Dursley and Cam branch of the Royal British Legion. I am also Chairman of the Vale Community Hospital League of Friends having been involved from the very beginning.

My husband was a firefighter in the town for over 30 years and as well as running his own business, we are very much a partnership in running the Community Centre.

I enjoy quizzes and have played in the Dursley and District quiz league for over 30 years, I also compile quizzes and have run them for many organisations in the town.

Although we have lost most of the industry in the town, I think that we have a thriving community and it is still growing in no small part through the enthusiasm of the Town Council which I am proud to be a small part of".

Winter Updates

Go to www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/winter for local travel updates, weather warnings and emergency school closures. Follow updates on Twitter via [@glosRoads](https://twitter.com/glosRoads) [#glosprepared](https://twitter.com/glosprepared) & [@Glos_schools](https://twitter.com/Glos_schools)
Your local Town Council Snow Warden is Councillor Matt Nicholson.

New Railings: Attractive Addition to Town Centre

We installed new railings in the centre of the town to improve the visual appearance of this prominent place along Castle Street. These decorative railings run from the rear of the old Barclays Bank building around the edge of a small grassy area off Castle Street.

It is anticipated that visitors to the town will appreciate this more attractive entrance, via the link, to the shops in Parsonage Street. We have already received positive feedback.

Jan Burdge, Chair of Town Improvements Committee, said 'these railings are a welcome addition to the town and the heritage colours of Lister Green will complement the recently repainted Listers Street Furniture'.



Your New Councillor

In November Councillors co-opted local resident Tom Arnold to fill the vacant Councillor position for the Highfields Ward.

Since moving to Dursley, Councillor Arnold has been an active member of the community, sitting on the Festive Dursley committee, fundraising and helping to organise key events throughout the year.



Leslie D Gale Awards 2019

The Nominations for the Leslie D Gale Awards 2019 are now OPEN. The awards will be announced at the town's Annual Assembly on the 21st May 2019.

The Leslie D Gale Award was instituted in 1994, as a tribute to the late Mr Gale, who was the last Chairman of Dursley Parish Council and the first Mayor of Dursley, and who served the community in so many ways. The Leslie D Gale Award not only recognises longevity of service to the community but also impact.

We are very aware that young people also contribute to the community, and that their work should be recognised. Nominations do not have to be for individuals; in past years groups have also been successfully nominated.

Nominations should be sent to the Town Clerk by 5th April 2019 with details of why you believe the person, group, team etc deserve the recognition.

Replacement Swing

In the coming weeks, work will take place to replace the children's swing at Kingshill Play Park with a new stainless steel one, the existing wooden framed swing is reaching the end of its life.

Budget Set for 2019-2020

We have set the budget for the coming financial year, continuing to invest in a range of projects to benefit Dursley.

The Mayor, Cllr Neil Grecian said "we have agreed to a modest rise in our share of the Council Tax for the following year, this will allow the Town Council to manage the new town centre car park which is scheduled to open at the end of February. The car park will be free to use; therefore, funding is required to manage and maintain the new facility".

The Councillors have agreed to a rise of £9.65 per year which equates to 19p per week on a Band D household. The increased revenue will allow the council to manage and maintain the Kingshill Cemetery, Allotments, various Green Spaces and the town centre.

We will continue to support local groups and organisations including Dursley in Bloom, Dursley Welcomes Walkers and the volunteers of the Festive Dursley group who will be arranging the 'Summer Stalls' event in July in addition to the annual Christmas light switch-on event.

To promote tourism in the area we are working in partnership with Gloucestershire County Council to develop a new Visitor Information Centre located at Dursley Library and we are continuing to support the Cotswold Edge & Vale Tourism Network.

We will continue to fund four youth sessions per week at The Vibe Youth Centre and oversee the management of private hires. We have plans to invest in new facilities at the War Memorial Recreation Ground and other play areas within the town in 2019.

As a Town Council, we are continuing to look at innovative and new ways to do what's best for Dursley. We are working in partnership with Stroud District Council and will soon have fully trained staff who will be able to support Stroud District Council's Dog Warden by issuing fixed penalty notices for dog fouling in the town's green spaces.

EXPENDITURE

Green spaces maintenance	£ 201,262
Town improvements & amenities	£ 23,440
Youth services	£ 40,000
Community grants	£ 35,000
Council administration <i>(e.g. staffing, insurance & overheads)</i>	£ 166,408
Other services & Car Park project <i>(incl. contribution to Reserve)</i>	£ 86,850

TOTAL £ 552,960

INCOME

Use of reserves	£ 50,860
Other income	£ 25,000
Council tax	£ 477,100

TOTAL £ 552,960

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



Andy Beamish
Tel: 07811263075

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
Mrs S Abraham	18 Downham View, GL115GB	519567	suzi.abraham@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Mr N Grecian	9 Ferney, GL11 5AB	546608	neil.grecian@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Mr M Nicholson	11 Third Avenue, GL11 4NT	544657	matt.nicholson@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Mr T Arnold	33 Long Street, Dursley GL11 4HR	07432204470	tom.arnold@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:

Mr S Ackroyd	36 Woodmancote GL11 4AQ	07477404056	symon.ackroyd@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Mrs J Burdge	95 Budding Way, GL11 5BE	519702	jan.burdge@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
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Mrs S Creswick	3 The Slade, GL11 4JX	548123	sue.creswick@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Mr P Hayes	1 Cedar Drive, GL11 4EB	546009	peter.hayes@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Mr A Whitwell	1 Orchard View, Tilsdown, Cam, GL11 5QN	07894434932	adrian.whitwell@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk

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

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Mrs L. V. Patrick	30 Oak Drive, GL11 4DX	546995	loraine.patrick@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Dr. A Stennett	28 Oak Drive, GL11 4DX	549813	alex.stennett@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Mrs M Stennett	28 Oak Drive, GL11 4DX	549813	melanie.stennett@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Mrs M Woodward	41 Severn Road, Woodfield, Cam, GL11 6NG	07807236353	mandy.woodward@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
Mr T Hall	2 Oak Drive, Kingshill, GL11 4DX	548360	cllr.trevor.hall@stroud.gov.uk

Your County Councillor.....

Mrs L.V. Patrick	30 Oak Drive, GL11 4DX	07881581189	loraine.patrick@gloucestershire.gov.uk
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Your MP.....

Dr David Drew	House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA	02072194106	david.drew.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

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