



What's on.....

Dursley Farmers Market

Held from 8:30am to 1pm in the Market Place on 2nd Saturday of the month. November will be a **Prepaid & Collection** service only. For how to order, product & price lists please see the Facebook page: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/dursleyfarmersmarket/>

Virtual Dursley Fireworks 2020

Saturday 7th November, 10am onwards.

Due to Covid-19, this year the girl guides have put together a virtual event for the community to enjoy.

The theme is fireworks! There will be crafts & activities, quizzes, food fun, online games, music & talent show, virtual beer tent (18+) & for one year only, will also feature virtual bonfires! To join in visit the website or Facebook page:

<http://www.girlguidingdursley.btck.co.uk/DursleyFireworks/VirtualDursleyFireworks2020>

Festive Dursley Christmas Lights Switch on 2020

Friday 27th November 2020, Live on Facebook.

Due to Covid-19 this year's event will be different. The lights will still go on around town but the 'switch on' will be streamed Live on the Festive Dursley Facebook page from 6pm. There will also be a special message from Father Christmas. More details will be released in November.

Festive Dursley is working with Churches Together on a number of Christmas activities that everyone can enjoy, these include a **'Wonder Wander Trail'**, a **Nativity Drawing Competition & Community Craft Activities** including **Lanterns & Christmas Bunting**.

There will also be **Festive Music in the Market Place** on Saturday 28th November, 11am until 12:30pm provided by musicians from Dursley Music.

Remembrance Sunday 8th November 2020

There will be no parade this year in the town.

The nation will be able to watch the Remembrance Sunday service live on BBC One at home and are encouraged to join in a national moment of silence at 11am.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers and the Cam and Dursley Branch of the Royal British Legion for the wonderful display of poppies around the town.

Improvements to the Garden of Rest (Remembrance) areas at Kingshill Cemetery

Landscape improvement works will start in late November on the existing garden of rest areas (also known as the Garden of Remembrance) in Kingshill Cemetery. It is anticipated that this work will take approximately one week to complete and access to these areas will be restricted during this time. **Drawings relating to the enhancements are on display at the Cemetery and on our website.**

These areas, located on either side of the entrance to the cemetery, are visually prominent and provide an important first impression for cemetery visitors.

Designs for these gardens have taken the cemetery setting which is located within the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, into account. Town Councillors and Greenfields Ltd, our Contractors have worked on these planned changes during the Summer.

The existing garden areas look untidy and cluttered due to a combination of the volume of plaques, existing plants and overgrown rose bushes. The new planters will have space for plaques to be installed and for the provision of flowers to be placed in spike vases. Where possible, the existing rose bushes will be pruned and replanted. Relocated benches on either side of each area will provide an opportunity for visitors to sit and reflect quietly.

Alex Stennett, Chairman of Green Spaces Committee said *'I am delighted that we are able to give these garden of rest areas the attention they deserve so that visitors can remember their loved ones in an attractive, relaxed environment.'*

For further information about the changes please contact the Council office (details on the back page).



A Big Welcome to Your New Town Councillors

We recently welcomed three new Town Councillors.

Tyler White was co-opted at Council on 4th August 2020 and serves the Central ward.



Danae Savvidou was co-opted at Council on 1st September 2020 and serves the Highfields ward.

Darren Horn was co-opted at Council on 6th October 2020 and serves the Central ward.



We look forward to working with our new Councillors over the remainder of the civic year with elections scheduled for May 2021.

The co-options follow the recent resignations of Denver Thirwell, Kate Reynolds and Janet Burdge who all took the decision to step down from Council due to other commitments. We would like to thank them all for their support serving the town.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Town Council and how to become a Councillor, please get in touch.

Benches get a Makeover

As well as having a fantastic range of play equipment and sporting facilities for people to enjoy, the War Memorial Recreation Ground is a great place to sit and rest in the open space and take in the fantastic scenery surrounding our town.

We have many benches on the site for people to do just this, unfortunately the ones located in the play areas were getting old and in need of repair.

As part of our ongoing improvement works, we have recently refurbished 9 benches with some new paintwork, wood, and fixings so that they can be enjoyed for many years to come.



If you have an issue relating to any of our play areas, please contact the Council Office.

Are you being Scammed?

Citizens Advice Stroud & Cotswold has the following advice

Be suspicious if you are contacted out of the blue, even if it's from a name you recognise.

If it sounds too good to be true it probably is.

Never give out your bank details unless you are certain you can trust the person contacting you, although a scammer can sound trustworthy.

Don't respond to requests to make a bank transfer to a safe account.

Don't be rushed – you never need to make a decision straight away and if you feel pressured say “no”, hang up the phone, or close the door.

Your bank will never ask for your full PIN number or password over the phone.

Your bank will only use the last four digits on your card.

You may be asked to log onto your bank account via a link they will send you - do not do this.

HMRC and TV Licensing will not email or text you about refunds or rebates, nor ask you for personal details.

Never click on links included in suspicious emails. To check whether an email is genuine click on the arrow on the sender's email address, if it shows a personal email address or one which looks unusual be suspicious.

If you receive an email or text which you feel is suspicious open a new tab and do a search.

Look out for poor grammar or spelling.

Be suspicious of organisations which do not use your name.

You can register your landline with the Telephone Preference Service by calling 0345 070 0707.

Talk to your phone provider to see what privacy services and call-blocking services are available. These services aren't always free but are useful in ensuring any call coming through is from a trusted or known source.

To check if something might be a scam and for further information go to our website www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/check-if-something-might-be-a-scam/

Or call us on 0808 800 0510 or 0808 800 0511 Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm – one of our friendly advisers will be able to help you.

Support during Covid 19

The GL11 Community Hub is the official COVID-19 community response team for Cam and Dursley.

Working alongside ourselves, Cam Parish Council and other partners, the GL11 hub is supporting those in the local community who are vulnerable and in need during this challenging time.

If you need help visit www.gl11.org.uk/covid-19/ or get in touch with GL11 on 01453 548530.

Refurbished Bus Shelter Looks as Good as New!



We worked in partnership with the Integrated Transport Unit at Gloucestershire County Council to fund the refurbishment of a bus shelter on the Uley Road. Additionally, a seat has been installed and the hard standing in front of the bus shelter has been resurfaced.

Prior to the revamp the shelter looked neglected and the transparent panels had become opaque with a filmy residue, no amount of cleaning could remove. These improvements provide a better environment for members of the public waiting for the bus.

Councillor Wendy Thomas, Chair of the Town Improvements Committee said *'Improving the condition of bus shelters is a small but important step to make waiting for a bus more pleasant for passengers; it also improves the overall appearance for those who live nearby. We are pleased with the finished work which has been achieved at a fraction of the price that the installation of a new bus shelter would cost'*.

We welcome feedback from residents as to which other bus shelters in Dursley should be next for refurbishment.

Draft Local Plan - New Consultation on Additional Housing Options

On 21st October 2020 Stroud District Council launched a focused 8-week public consultation on additional housing options and sites, which could be brought into the emerging Local Plan if required.

This follows the Government's recent consultation proposing changes to how the minimum housing requirement for each area is calculated. The revised Standard Method has proposed increasing the requirement for the District from the level set out in the 2019 Draft Local Plan of 638 homes per annum to 786 homes per annum. If this new revised method is confirmed, a revised Local Plan may have to identify further land within the District for Housing.

Our Planning Committee will be reviewing the consultation documents to consider a response. Full details can be found on the Stroud District Council website at www.stroud.gov.uk/localplanreview.

Dursley Walking Festival 2020

Report by Chris Cherry, Dursley Welcomes Walkers.

"The Coronavirus situation has made 2020 a year like no other and planning for our walking festival became very difficult. The steering group remained positive through the pandemic and our plans were continually being updated and worked upon with the hope that we would be able to hold the festival and our hopes paid off with a wonderful 5 day festival.

We were able to arrange for 29 walks to be included in the festival with restricted numbers on each walk, we also had to use a booking system for each walk so that we had contact details for walkers to comply with track and trace requirements. Working with Walkers are Welcome at a national level we were monitoring the daily Government Reports to ensure that everything we did was in compliance with guidelines and walk leaders were equipped with surface wipes, gloves and sanitising gel for use where and when needed. Safety of our walk leaders and walkers was our priority.

Whilst the number of walks was down on last year, in the circumstances the festival with 29 walks was a great success. Most of the walks were fully booked very quickly, the first booking being made within minutes of the first walk being put onto the Eventbrite booking system. Feedback from the festival was that the walkers were very pleased that Dursley was able to hold it's festival and were very grateful to the members of Dursley Welcomes Walkers for their endeavours to make sure this happened.

2021 will be our 10th walking festival and the dates for this have been set as running from Wednesday 6th October through to Sunday 10th October. Plans for this festival are under way."



CCTV Coverage to Increase

We have agreed to increase CCTV coverage in the town centre. The matter was discussed at our Town Improvement Committee meeting on 13th October 2020.

Our CCTV system is a vital tool used by the Police to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour, it currently provides coverage of the town centre, the War Memorial Recreation Ground and the Long Street Car Park. The upgrade work will allow improvements to increase coverage within the town centre area.

Useful Contacts:

The Chantry Centre		01453 542016
The 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
Vale Community Hospital		0300 4218494
Stroud District Council:	Contact Centre	- 01453 766321
	Bulky Items Collection	- 01453 754424
	Council Tax	- 01453 754865
	Planning	- 01453 754442
Gloucestershire County Council:	Switchboard	- 01452 425000
	Footpaths	- 08000 514514
	Highways/Streetlights	- 08000 514514
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 more.

Contacting Dursley Town Council

Your Town Councillors.....

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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 10:00am to 3:00pm

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