



What's on.....

Dursley Farmers' Market

Held from 8:30am to 1pm in the Market Place on the 2nd Saturday of the month, March to December
Find out more on their Facebook page.

Halloween Fun

Saturday 30th October 2021, 2:30pm
In the Market Place (see overleaf)

Cam & Dursley Creatives Craft Market

Saturday 6th November 2021, 9:30am-2pm
& Saturday 4th December 2021, 9:30am-2pm.
Inside at the Tabernacle Community Rooms
Find out more on their Facebook page.

Dursley Fireworks 2021

Saturday 6th November on the War Memorial Recreation Ground. 6pm start, gates open 5pm.
www.facebook.com/DursleyFireworks

Remembrance Day Parade 2021

Remembrance Sunday 14th November. Parade starts at 2:30pm (Muster at the Bus Station 2:15pm), followed by acts of remembrance at the War Memorial Gates by St James Church.

Festive Dursley 2021

Christmas Lights Switch on

Friday 26th November from 4:30pm
in the Town Centre (See overleaf)

See the 'What's on' section of our website

www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Dursley Welcomes Walkers

The 2021 Walking Festival was a storming success! Over 600 people attended 44 walks during five days of glorious weather.



As well as the festival walks, people were able to enjoy other events including an organised talk, Quiz night and afternoon tea.

If you'd like to get notified about future events and advance notification of the 2022 festival, sign up to their Insiders mailing list on the website: <https://dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk/join-the-insiders/>

New Equipment at Highfields Play Area

Work to improve the Highfields Play Area continues.

We have agreed to install new equipment to replace old items that have had to be removed due to deteriorating condition.

This includes a new seesaw and inclusive swing.

Arrangements are being made to schedule the installation work.

Highfields Youth Shelter Removed - We want to hear your views

Last month we had to remove the wooden Youth Shelter located at Highfields Play Area due to safety concerns.



The main wooden support posts had started to rot and a deterioration in the structural condition of the shelter led to its removal. The shelter had been on the site for many years and was installed before we took over management of the site from Stroud District Council.

Should we install a new Youth Shelter?

We are considering what we should do following the removal of the wooden Youth Shelter.

Should we reinstate the ground to grass, should we install a new youth shelter or something else?

We would welcome local views from people of all age's who use the site, before we make a decision.

Please let us know what you think.

Views can be submitted to the Council office or by email, contact details on the back page.

Fond Farewell

We are saying goodbye to our longest serving Town Councillor, Jane Ball.

Jane has sadly decided to resign from Council after 22 years serving Dursley. This community service is an amazing achievement and Jane's valuable contribution, as we continue with our work, will be missed.

In her role as Town Councillor, Jane has worked extremely hard over the years and has been involved in key Council projects that have helped to shape and improve our amazing town into what it is today. A large proportion of her time was served in the prominent role of Town Mayor.



Jane was first elected to the Town Council in 1999 and as well as being our longest serving Town Councillor to date, Jane is also our longest serving Mayor having served in the post for 10 consecutive years, from 2005 to 2015.

In 2018 Jane was awarded the Leslie D Gale Award in recognition of her service to the community.

Clr Ackroyd, Town Mayor said *"I would like to thank Jane of behalf of the Council for the sterling work she has put into the Town over the years. I shall greatly miss Jane in committee for her valuable knowledge of Standing Orders"*.

We wish Jane all the very best for her retirement from Council service.

Dursley In Bloom News

The Dursley In Bloom (DIB) volunteers have been busy in town with autumn planting activities.

These are the before and after shots of the border along Castle Street.



The DIB volunteers dug out all the marigolds and replanted with a range of lavender, daffodil bulbs and some ajuga along the edges.

Watch this space through the seasons to see it flourish!

If you would like to get involved and help Dursley In Bloom please contact Penny Hyde at pennyhyde46@hotmail.co.uk.

Build Back Better – Market Town Fund

We have successfully secured £8,000 from the Gloucestershire County Council's Restart fund which aims to boost the economy of market towns and high streets.

This funding will be used to support Dursley's Christmas Lights Switch-on event which will be held on Friday 26th November from 4:30pm. The primary purpose of the event is to stimulate the local economy and specifically to give town centre traders a boost through encouraging a large amount of footfall into the town.

The funding will allow Festive Dursley to buy new lights which will add to and enhance our existing display. Visitors to the event will be able to enjoy a longer firework display on the night itself.

We are also investigating the feasibility of the supply and installation of a town centre public address system, using the funding, to support future local events.

Town events not only help to support our local economy but they also bring the community together. The annual Christmas Lights Switch-on event itself marks the start of the festive season and is enjoyed by our own community and visitors from the local area.

FESTIVE DURSLEY
Run by the community,
for the community

Halloween Fun

Saturday 30th October 2021



2:30pm



In Dursley Market Place



Bring your Carved Pumpkin
& enter the Competition

Watch Amy Addle Dancers



perform at 3pm



Listen to the
Halloween Storytime



Wings of Hope

20th October – 7th November 2021 **trail**



Can you find all 10 boards around Cam & Dursley?

See Artwork from local children as part of our Covid Memorial Project and the wings of hope they created.

Perfect half term activity!

Pick up a map from GL11, Dursley and Cam Post offices or a digital map via this QR code:



Gym Equipment Vandalised

We have unfortunately seen an increase in vandalism in recent weeks.

The most recent act of vandalism targeted a popular piece of outdoor gym equipment on the War Memorial Recreation Ground and as a result we've had to take it out of use.



The incident, captured on the Council's CCTV system, has been passed to the Police. If you witness vandalism please report it.

Councillor Alex Stennett, Chair of the Green Spaces Committee said *"It's really frustrating and disheartening when equipment is vandalised. We care about the town and looking after our green spaces for all of Dursley to enjoy. As a Council we're continuously making improvements to our play area facilities. Repairing equipment because of day-to-day wear is part of the job but just now we're having to fix things that people are vandalising when we should be spending our time and money on playground improvement projects. These actions just spoil the town for everyone"*.

Festive Dursley 2021 Christmas Lights Switch-on 26th November 2021

On Friday 26th November Dursley will be switching on the Christmas lights.

It was disappointing last year when the town's usual large switch on event couldn't proceed as it normally would due to the Covid restrictions. This year Festive Dursley have been busy making arrangements for a full event which includes:



- A Christmas themed evening**
- Stalls & late night shopping (4:30pm onwards)**
- A switch on count down at the town's real Christmas Tree with Fireworks**
- Children's entertainment & fairground rides**
- Lanterns & snow**
- Music, bands & dancers**
- A Festive Window competition**

Festive Dursley are also in the process of upgrading the Christmas lights around the town. This is an ongoing job every year, given the size of the display. This year the team have successfully received some funding from the Gloucestershire County Council's Build Back Better Fund to help with the costs of this and the event (see separate article for details).

ROAD CLOSURES ON 26TH NOVEMBER 2021

Festive Dursley plan to close Parsonage Street to vehicles from 2pm-10pm & the 1hour Castle Street Car Park from 1pm-10pm on the day.

www.facebook.com/FestiveDursley

ROSPA Trained

The Council's Groundstaff recently undertook ROSPA Play Safety training. The training, which includes examinations, is designed to give people the necessary skills and knowledge to undertake regular routine and operational inspections to help keep our playgrounds safe.

The ROSPA training has to be renewed on a regular basis.

In addition to the inspections undertaken by our staff, every year we commission an independent play inspection which covers the War Memorial Recreation Ground, Kingshill Play Park and Highfields Play Area.



As well as safety, these inspections help us to identify and plan improvement and maintenance works. If you have any concerns about any of the Council's playground sites please contact the office, details on the back page.

Contact Your Town Council:

Dursley Town Council is open Monday to Friday, 10:00am to 3:00pm.
The office is located at Jacob's House, Castle Street, Dursley, GL11 4BS
Call us on: 01453 547758 or email us at: clerk@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk

You can also visit us online at:
www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Facebook - www.facebook.com/DursleyTownCouncil
Twitter - [@DursleyTC](https://twitter.com/DursleyTC)

We can help with enquiries related to Kingshill Cemetery and St Mark's Burial Ground, Kingshill Allotments, Kingshill Play Park, the War Memorial Recreation Ground, Highfields Play Area, the VIBE Youth Centre and Town Hall bookings.
We can also provide advice and information on local services, including planning application viewing.

Full Dursley Town Council meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Dursley Community Centre, Rednock Drive at 7pm. See the Council website for Council and Committee meeting dates, agendas and minutes.

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.

Your Town Councillors:

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Your County Councillors:

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Your Member of Parliament:

Siobhan Baillie MP	02072194920	siobhan.baillie.mp@parliament.uk
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Useful Contacts:

Dursley Visitor Information Centre (at the Library)
01453 543059

The Chantry Centre
01453 542016

The Community Centre
01453 543355

Dursley Library
01453 543059

The Pulse
(pool, gym & studio)
01453 546441

Kingshill House
01453 549133

Dursley Lions Club
(Furniture recycling)
01453 544471

Vale Community Hospital
0300 4218494

GL11 Community Hub
01453 548530

Cam Parish Council
01453 548884

Stroud District Council
Contact Centre
(incl. planning/council tax/housing/refuse & recycling)
01453 766321

Gloucestershire County Council

Main switchboard
01452 425000
Highways (incl. streetlights)
08000 514514
Adult Social Services
01452 426868
Children's Social Services
01452 426565

Getting Ready for Winter

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 Peter Hayes.