



Dursley Matters

Dursley Town Council Newsletter

Winter 2015

Hundreds turn out for Dursley's Christmas Lights Switch-on 2015!!

Hundreds of people turned out to watch this year's Christmas lights go on. This was despite the torrential rain!

The evening was only made possible by the hard work of the local businesses and volunteers who worked tirelessly over the year to bring the event together for the benefit of the whole community.

This year we were joined by Coronation Street and former Casualty actor Tristan Gemmill, who led the countdown.

Armstrong and North won the festive window competition this year. The theme was 'The Night before Christmas'. In second place it was Hummingbird Cafe and The Coventry Building Society came third.

Visitors enjoyed music and performances by local choirs from Churches Together and Dursley C of E Primary Academy. Rednock Swing Band entertained the crowd at the Market Place.

The event had a host of activities for the children to enjoy including fairground rides, hair braiding by 'Let it Go', snow, balloons and a Punch and Judy show.

Father Christmas made a special visit to see the children and lead the lantern parade. Many children brought along their Christmas letters and homemade lanterns. Dursley Lions Club kindly donated the free battery operated tea-lights given out to children at the event.

After the parade, children had the opportunity to visit Father Christmas in his Grotto, designed and made by students at the Peak Academy.

We would like to thank everyone who supported and helped to organise the event, all the volunteers who gave up their time and the very generous local residents who donated the fireworks and presents for the Father Christmas grotto.

A special thanks to:

Mike Doughty (Dursley Town Trust), Dursley Lions Club, Rotary Club of Dursley, J Broomhall Ltd (Tree sponsorship), Tree Management, Wotton Tar Paving Ltd, Mandy Woodward at Wildwood Flowers, Suzi Abraham at the Hummingbird Café, TSB, the Inner Wheel, Lloyds Bank, Classy Glass & Awards, Clifton Cameras, Let it Go, Simply Footcare, Terry Pascoe (MC), Amey, Traders, The Peak Academy, Rednock Swing Band, Churches Together Choir, Dursley CofE Primary Academy, The Gazette, Volunteer Marshals and of course Father Christmas!



Dursley Welcomes Walkers

Congratulations to Dursley Welcomes Walkers on a successful 2015 Walking Festival. The group get ready to host the regional Walkers are Welcome Conference for the very first time in Spring 2016.

www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk

Improvements to the Rec Hedge

We had an overwhelming response to our consultation about the War Memorial Recreation Ground hedge back in the Summer.

Thank you to all who submitted views

As a result, we considered the views expressed by the community and it was unanimously agreed that the hedge would not be removed.

We have started a maintenance programme for the hedge and will continue to undertake appropriate work to ensure that it remains healthy and tidy.



Your New Councillors



Cllr Jan Burdge
Highfields Ward

We are pleased to welcome two new Town Councillors following the co-optation of Mrs Jan Burdge and Mr Brian Cairns.



Cllr Brian Cairns
Central Ward

A new feature for Dursley Matters will provide some information on our councillors, with a different councillor featured in each edition. In this edition we introduce Neil Grecian, the current Deputy Mayor.

Neil has lived in Dursley nearly 40 years, having moved here in 1976, and is married to Jane with two adult sons James and Robert. Neil retired from Rednock School in 2012, but has continued to be involved in the community of Dursley, joining the Town Council in the summer of 2012, and this year being elected Deputy Mayor.



Neil said "Since joining the Council it has been great to see Dursley get Walkers are Welcome Town status and it's been a privilege to stand in for the Mayor at recent events".



FUTURE DURSLEY

Our Neighbourhood Plan

Latest News.....

Work to develop a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Dursley has been taking place since 2014.

The steering group, which includes volunteer local residents and councillors, has been busy compiling relevant evidence and feedback from recent local consultations that will help to inform the plan.

The plan, which will eventually be decided by a local referendum, is very important because for the first time people of Dursley will have a chance to shape where they live, work, shop, visit and play.

The group recently used Locality funding to commission a Landscape Character Assessment. A summary of the assessment, which is available from our website www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk, will inform the plan and provides a baseline character description for Dursley which will add to and enhance understanding of the special and unique qualities of its landscape.

The steering group have also revisited the draft visions and objectives, making further changes in light of feedback.

The work will be drawn together into a draft plan containing policies covering: housing, economy, transport, services, environment and design. In the coming months, this draft plan will undergo a period of public consultation.

Visit our website to view the key documents. Contact **Future Dursley** at the Council office or by emailing ndp@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk. Please get involved in the plan, have a say and help to shape Dursley's future.

New Opening Times

We have extended our opening hours for the public to visit our Town Council office in Castle Street. The new opening hours are from 10am to 3pm, Monday to Friday. This arrangement will be monitored.

Appointments can still be made in advance for anyone requiring to meet staff outside of these times.

❄ Winter Updates ❄

Go to www.goucestershire.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)

Vibe Success

Youth sessions are now up and running at 'Vibe' the new Dursley youth centre.

We worked closely with Cam Parish Council to select a youth provider for both areas. 'The Door' was selected for the job and are now running successful youth sessions in both areas.



The new Community Youth Worker for Cam and Dursley is Sam Martin. Sam and colleagues run weekly youth sessions at Vibe.

The 4 sessions a week during term time are held as follows:

Tuesday 4-6pm

Wednesday 7-9pm

Friday 4-6pm (ages 11&12)

Friday 7-9:30pm (ages 13-17)

(Holiday sessions may vary. Sessions are for 11-17 year olds only, unless otherwise stated)

Young people of Dursley can now benefit from having a base to call their own for activities and socialising. The youth sessions at Vibe are proving popular with attendance numbers continuing to rise.

Keep up to date with Vibe on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/dursleyvibe



When it is not being used by our young people Vibe is available for other groups to hire for meetings, training and events. Please contact the Council office for further information.

Please look out for details on Vibe's 1st anniversary open day at the end of January 2016.

Visit the Council Facebook Page

We recently set up a Dursley Town Council Facebook page. Please connect with us at www.facebook.com/DursleyTownCouncil

We post regular updates and share the latest news.

Dursley in Bloom

Congratulations to Dursley in Bloom on a successful 2015. Dursley was awarded a Silver Gilt by Heart of England in Bloom judges.

If you would like to volunteer and get involved please contact the Council office.

Littlecombe Update

On 8th September 2015 Stroud District Council resolved to grant permission for the planning application S.15/0476/OUT Land at Littlecombe (Lister Petter Site).

Since this decision, we have been working closely with Cam Parish Council and officers at Stroud District Council and Gloucestershire Highways to negotiate the terms and conditions of the Section 106 agreement attached to the development. A total of £350,000 is available for the provision of community facilities in the area and we will work with the Councils involved to agree the criteria and allocation of this money through a formal application process.

We also continue to put pressure on Gloucestershire Highways to provide effective improvements to the road junction at Kingshill Road\Kingshill Lane.

Long Stay Parking News

We have been working with Stroud District Council and Sainsbury's to explore long stay parking issues in Dursley town centre.

Existing parking provision in the town will be reduced when the temporary long stay car park at Long Street becomes unavailable. Both Councils recognise the increasing parking demand in Dursley and the need to develop solutions.

As part of this work, Sainsbury's has agreed to provide a total of 40 spaces for long stay parking Monday - Friday between 8am and 6pm on a trial basis for 1 year. The spaces will be for local businesses and employees who are working in the town centre. It would maximise use of the town's largest car park which at times is under-used.

Consultation has been undertaken and the scheme is expected to be implemented via a permit system from early 2016.

The agreement is not seen as a solution to resident parking issues within the town centre, but importantly it does not negatively impact the number of spaces available to residents during the times when the majority of residents are at home i.e. evenings and weekends.

Please contact us for further information.

Useful contacts:

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| Chantry Centre | | 01453 542016 |
| Community Centre | | 01453 543355 |
| Dursley Library | | 0845 2305420 |
| Dursley Sports Centre & Swimming Pool | | 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 |



Contacting Dursley Town Council

Your Town Councillors

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

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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

Dursley Town Council Office is open Monday to Friday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

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