



## 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.

### Cam & Dursley Creatives Craft Market

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
10am-2pm in the Market Place  
(see article below)

### Dursley Summer Festival

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
9am-2pm in the Town Centre

### Dursley Flower & Produce Show

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2021  
Chantry Centre, Long Street  
Schedule & Entry Forms can be downloaded from: [www.chantrycentre.org/](http://www.chantrycentre.org/)

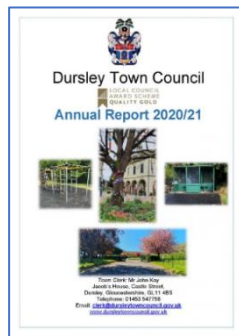
## Dursley Annual Assembly

26 members of the public attended the Annual Assembly meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

This was the first assembly meeting to be held online using 'Zoom' due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Reports from the Council, local community groups and Councillors were presented to the audience. The Mayor also announced the recipients of this year's Leslie D Gale awards.

You can download copies of the Annual Town Council report and the Councillor and Community Group Report for 2020/21 from the Council's website.



## New Craft Market in Dursley

*"Come & support your local artisans selling quality hand crafted goods"*

The Cam & Dursley Creatives are holding their first Craft Market in the Market Place, Parsonage St on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2021 from 10am to 2pm & monthly thereafter.

Everyone welcome!

For info contact: [bethpullin.cdcreatives@gmail.com](mailto:bethpullin.cdcreatives@gmail.com)

## New Town Mayor Elected

On 13<sup>th</sup> May we held a "socially distant" annual meeting of the Town Council at the Chantry Centre.

At the meeting, Councillor Symon Ackroyd was unanimously voted as the new Town Mayor for the civic year 2021/22.



Cllr Symon Ackroyd, Town Mayor

This was our first "face to face" Town Council meeting since March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions.

Councillor Ackroyd becomes the 13th Mayor of Dursley, succeeding Councillor Neil Grecian who stepped down from the role after 5 years. Councillor Grecian is the 3rd longest serving Mayor since the position was created in 1974.

Councillor Mandy Woodward remains the Deputy Mayor for 2021/22.

We appointed the Committee Chairpersons for the next year, as follows:

- Green Spaces: Councillor Alex Stennett
- Town Improvements: Councillor Danae Savvidou
- Planning: Councillor Neil Grecian
- Policy & Finance: Councillor Sue Creswick
- Staffing: Councillor Mandy Woodward

We also welcomed new Town Councillor Doina Cornell to the team, following her recent election. Councillor Cornell represents the Highfields Ward.



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## Leslie D Gale Awards 2021

The 2021 recipients of the Leslie D Gale Awards were announced by the Town Mayor at the Annual Assembly on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021. They were:

### Charlotte Tuckwell

Charlotte is one of the youngest recipients of the Award and is receiving it in recognition of her helping and supporting her family through the Covid-19 pandemic.

### Sarah Lancaster

Sarah received the Award for her services to Dursley by coordinating the 'Sew for Keyworkers Glos' and the Community Mask Trees in Cam, Dursley and the local area.

### GL11 Community Hub

GL11 have received a group award for their magnificent efforts in supporting the Dursley and wider community through the Covid 19 pandemic.

For more information about the Leslie D Gale awards please visit the Town Council's website.

The recipients of both the 2021 and 2020 awards will be presented with their certificates at the Summer Festival on Saturday 10th July.

## Keeping Our Town Clean & Tidy

Tidy Dursley had a very successful session on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021, clearing the footpath alongside the Carpenter's Arms, Rosebery Road and the junction with Uley Road.

25 volunteers filled 47 bags full of litter, weeds and excess soil which our ground staff removed.

On behalf of the Town we would like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers.



Tidy Dursley is a friendly volunteer group that encourages people to come together to improve the tidiness of the town through regular organised clean-ups involving litter picking, sweeping and weeding areas and pedestrian routes. We help with their publicity, litter pickers, Hi-Viz and waste removal.

They usually meet at the Market Place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, 10am – 12 noon.

The next Tidy Dursley session is planned for **20<sup>th</sup> June 2021** and will concentrate on Chestal, Long Street, May Lane and Hill Road. If you would like to help out please wear work gloves (*bring a broom and shovel if you have them*).

Businesses and Traders can also get involved by keeping frontages, entrances, boundaries and surrounding areas to their premises clean and tidy.

**Dursley Summer Festival**  
**10<sup>TH</sup> July 2021**  
9am-2pm  
in the Town Centre  
Celebrating the **BEST of BRITISH**

*Stalls* *Classic Cars* *Pony Rides* *Games* *Motocycles* *Children's Trail* *Strawberry Teas* *Flower Festival* *Secret Garden* *Dance* *Arts & Crafts* *BBQ* *Music* *Armeds Market*

Festival Plans subject to Covid restrictions

## Could your organisation apply for a Community Grant?

The grant application deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021. To find out more about our grants, eligibility and how you can apply, please contact the council office or go to our website.

## New Cotswold Gateway Signs



**Dursley is one of ten towns & villages to become a Cotswold Gateway location.**

Led by the Cotswolds National Landscape team, the aim of the project is to offer key sites from which people can follow walking and cycling routes to explore some of the countryside of the Cotswolds AONB. Dursley Welcomes Walkers volunteers created a special new circular walk for the project and information boards. Designed as a figure of eight, it can be followed as a 16 mile day walk, or two shorter walks. The new boards are located at the town's long stay car parks and the Cam and Dursley Rail station.

**Dursley Welcomes Walkers has launched their new website:** [www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk](http://www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk)

## New Visitor Information Centre Launched at the Library

A new Visitor Information Centre (VIC) has been launched in Dursley and is based in the town's library.

Visitors wishing to find out more information about Dursley can now pop into the library to access the centre. Library staff will be on hand to provide information on points of interest and maps and guidebooks will also be available to purchase.

The centre had been due to open in April last year but was put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, with libraries able to reopen again after the last lockdown, the centre is now able to welcome visitors and was officially launched this week.

The VIC will be run by the library under a partnership agreement with Dursley Town Council for an initial trial period to the end of October this year, which could be made permanent if it is a success. The town council is providing the funding thanks to a one-off grant from Stroud District Council, to help with the initial set up costs.

The library, in May Lane, is open six days a week and is based in a prominent location in the town, on the Cotswold Way National Trail. Measures are in place to keep people safe in the library, including managing visits with social distancing, only allowing limited numbers in at any one time and increased cleaning.

Cllr Dave Norman, Gloucestershire County Council cabinet member for libraries, said: *"The library has always been an important community hub so it's a perfect location for the Visitor Information Centre. Its staff are ideally placed to welcome visitors and help to promote the many attractions of Dursley and our county so I'm pleased it's now able to open."*

Cllr Wendy Thomas, County Councillor for Dursley, said: *"Dursley Library is already an invaluable source of information for people visiting the area so it makes sense to base the Visitor Information Centre there. Dursley is an increasingly popular destination, with many local points of interest and a vibrant walking festival, so I'm delighted this has been launched."*

Cllr Symon Ackroyd, Mayor of Dursley, said: *"Dursley Town Council is pleased to be working in partnership with Gloucestershire County Council to provide a new Visitor Information Centre at Dursley Library. We recognise the growing importance of tourism to our local economy and the high street and believe Dursley Library offers a natural home to a Visitor Information Centre, alongside our 'Visit Dursley' website page at [www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk)."*



### Dursley is taking part in the Visit Stroud Bee Trail activities.

Stroud town and the market towns across the Stroud District have the opportunity to take part in Bee Stroud which started on Saturday 15th May and runs to Saturday 10th July 2021. There are competitions, trails, puzzles, offers and more planned - and the opportunity to learn more about Bees and how amazing they are!

Information is shared online at:

[www.visitstroud.uk/bee](http://www.visitstroud.uk/bee)

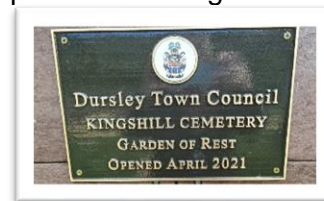
Dursley has its own trail map you can download; the trail runs from Saturday 12th June to 26th June 2021.

**Some of the bees have escaped the main Hive & can be found buzzing around Dursley shops & businesses. These beautiful, crafted bees are not all on the trail map so you will have to search for them!!**



## New Garden of Rest Opens at Kingshill Cemetery

The new Garden of Rest at Kingshill Cemetery is now open for interments. The area has been created at the top of the site, offering space for ashes interments, memorial plaques and seating.



Town Mayor Cllr Ackroyd, Deputy Mayor Cllr Woodward & Chair of the Green Spaces Committee Cllr Stennett

For burial information including the current regulations, fees and charges, please contact the Council office or go to our website.

## Useful Contacts:

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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
<b>Stroud District Council:</b>	Contact Centre	- 01453 766321
	Bulky Items Collection	- 01453 754424
	Council Tax	- 01453 754865
	Planning	- 01453 754442
	Recycling & Refuse	- 01453 754424
<b>Gloucestershire County Council:</b>	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.

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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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