



What's on.....

Dursley Farmers Market

Held from 8:30am to 1pm in the Market Place on 2nd Saturday of the month

August will be a **Prepaid & Collection** service only.

All ordering procedures, product & price lists available from their facebook page:

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/dursleyfarmersmarket/>

Edge Music Festival

25th & 26th July 2020 10am til late

Music connects us like nothing else. Edge Music Festival, born in a PANDEMIC, will bring us together like never before. The weekend will be broadcast on our community radio station. It's totally free. Put the date in your diary and tune in.

www.dursleymusic.com/festival www.edge.radio

Dursley Flower & Produce Show

Saturday 29th August 2020 at the Chantry Centre
Take a look at the Schedule today by downloading it from www.chantrycentre.org or paper copies can be collected from The Dursley Pet Shop or Inches.

Dursley Walking Festival

7th to 11th October 2020

www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk

Council 'Zoom' Meetings

At the moment all Council meetings are held online using the 'Zoom' platform. Members of the public can still attend.

To join us use the details and passwords published on each agenda, available on the town notice board in the Market Place or on our website.

Long Street Car Park – Reinstatement of 23 hr waiting limit

Please be aware that we have agreed to reinstate the 23 hour time limit in the Long Street Car Park **from Saturday 1st August 2020.**

The temporary removal of the maximum waiting time allowed local residents to park their vehicles for longer periods during the Covid-19 lockdown.

The decision to reinstate the limit has been taken as lockdown restrictions have been relaxed, more shops and businesses re-opening with more visitors returning to the town.

A Message from the Mayor

I would like to thank everyone who has stepped forward to volunteer to help others in our town during the Covid-19 crisis.



The GL11 Community Hub has played a leading role in recruiting and coordinating Street Volunteers who have made themselves available to deliver information and help residents with tasks like shopping and picking up prescriptions. Our staff have worked closely alongside them to do this and the number of volunteers who stepped forward to make themselves available to help was truly amazing and something our community should be very proud of.

Dursley has many local volunteer support groups and charities that work tirelessly within our community and we should not forget the vital role they play.

I would also like to thank the overwhelming majority of people who have followed the rules of lockdown, which required a huge change to everyday lives, your actions will have helped to reduce the impact of the virus on people and the NHS and ultimately saved lives.

We are slowly starting to come out of lockdown with our high street, businesses and playgrounds reopening. Although we must still stay alert to the virus and follow the new rules, the recovery is starting and we have been talking to the county and district councils, as well as our local traders, to see how best to support the community and town businesses through the recovery.

Perhaps the one thing the virus has shown us is what really matters and what the important things are in life.

Our community is very important and we have proved that our town and neighbourhoods can come together in the most challenging of times. I hope that people will continue to get involved in their local community.

We are very lucky to have a good range of shops, facilities and services in our town. Many of which were able to adapt using online platforms and offer delivery services during the lockdown.

Now that Dursley is open for business we can all do our bit to show our support for our local economy. I would encourage all to shop local and use the fantastic services right on our doorstep.

*Councillor Neil Grecian
Town Mayor*

Could you apply for a Community Grant?

If you are a charity, community group or local voluntary organisation located and working in Dursley for the benefit of the community and need funding to support your work, you might be interested in applying for a grant from the Council.

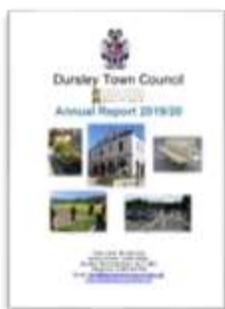
Last year we approved £25,975 worth of grants!

Please contact us or go to our website to download an application form and find out more about our grants process. **The deadline to apply is 31/08/20.**

Annual Reports 2019/20

The Annual Reports for Dursley Town Council, Councillors and Community Groups are normally released at the town's Annual Assembly meeting.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, this year's Annual Assembly was cancelled. The Annual Reports are available to view on our website.



We would like to thank the local community groups who contributed to the reports.

Leslie D Gale Awards 2020

The recipients of this year's Leslie D Gale awards have been announced. They are Caroline Marrows, Marisa Dexter and Aaron Harris.

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. The award not only recognises longevity of service to the community but also impact. The recipients all received nominations from the community.

Marisa Dexter was one of the founding members of MOBS (Mothers offering breastfeeding support) Dursley almost 12 years ago. *"Marisa is the lynch pin and driving force behind the group and over the years will have helped hundreds of families, many who come during times of crisis".*

Caroline Marrow runs the shop 'Inches' and is involved in many local activities and fundraising initiatives. *"Caroline is such a wonderful, caring person and is always thinking of others before herself".*

Aaron Harris has worked for Dursley Fire Service for 19 years and has contributed much to the community including his work with Champions Court. *"Aaron is an individual who will go the extra mile to help anyone in whichever way is appropriate, he needs to be recognised for his continued and valued contribution to Dursley".*

We hope to be able to present the awards in person very soon.

Meet Councillor Symon Ackroyd

"I have lived in Dursley for 13 years having moved a few miles from Swanley. I have a few part time roles from Invigilating at Rednock School, part time gardener, Director at the Chantry Centre Trading Co. Ltd and the Stinchcombe Hill Trust. I



also enjoy brewing beer which is made with hops grown between a neighbour and myself. I also help with the organisation of the annual Flower and Produce Show at the Chantry Centre. (don't forget to submit your entries near the end of August)

During my tenure on the Town Council, I have been chair of the Car Park committee which over saw the development of the car park in Long Street. Currently I chair both Planning and Staffing Committees. I get great satisfaction from playing an active part in the local community."

Shop Local & Support Your High Street

We are supporting Stroud District Council's new 'Shop Local' campaign by getting behind shops and businesses as lockdown eases.

The Shop Local campaign is simple - we want shoppers to be able to shop and eat safely, and businesses to trade profitably and safely, to help restart the local economy.

The council is calling on shoppers to tag their favourite stores and traders to tell us how they are getting on, using #ShopLocal or #ShopDursley (for example) on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn, and sharing council posts.

"Together we can help our town centres thrive again," said Stroud District Council Leader and Dursley Councillor Doina Cornell. "It's really important that we shop and trade safely, and support businesses which are the lifeblood of the communities we live and work in. If you have a favourite shop or eating out spot, or know of a business going the extra mile, do let us know about it on our social media channels."

The campaign is run by Stroud District Council and part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund through the Government's Reopening of High Streets Fund.



Play Areas Reopen with Improvements

Our playgrounds reopened fully on 4th July, following the change in the government's Covid-19 restrictions.

When using the equipment, we are advising visitors to:

- Maintain 2m social distancing with other users.
- Keep your hands as clean as possible. Bring your own hand sanitiser gel/wipes and avoid touching your face.
- Avoid crowded spaces; if the equipment is busy consider coming back later.
- If any family member is experiencing Covid-19 symptoms the whole family must self-isolate at home and should not visit any communal facilities.

During the lockdown we installed new climbing frames at both Kingshill Play Park and Highfields Play Area, replacing old wooden pieces.



We undertake regular inspections of our play areas and improvement works are ongoing to ensure the equipment stays safe for people to use.

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

Contact details overleaf.

Improvements to the Garden of Remembrance at Kingshill Cemetery

We would like to make some improvements to the Garden of Remembrance at Kingshill Cemetery.

The existing Garden of Remembrance, at the front of the Cemetery on either side of the entrance, is in need of attention. The borders have become difficult to maintain and the plaques are overcrowded in places.

We have approached some contractors to come up with ideas for consideration for the existing area and also for a new garden of remembrance that we would like to develop at the top of the Cemetery.

We have asked that the proposals are designed to take into account the following requirements: easy to maintain in terms of grounds maintenance, have all-year interest, suitable seating, attractive, tasteful, conservative, respectful, place for plaques, dedicated area for the interment of ashes.

The initial ideas submitted will be discussed by our Green Spaces Committee.

Design a Postcard for the Brighter Side Project

The Brighter Side Community Postcard Project is brought to you by the Cam and Dursley Creatives, in partnership with GL11, Create Gloucestershire and Kingshill House.

Everyone is being encouraged to get involved and design a postcard that reflects a moment of joy they've had in their everyday life, whilst at home during this challenging time. *You can draw, paint, photograph, stitch, write, cartoon or share your favourite joke...it's up to you!*



So far the project has 3 boards full of postcards which will be out on display at various locations around Cam, Dursley and Coaley over the coming weeks. You don't have to be an artist to get involved!

Pick up your blank postcards from Dursley Town Council office, Cam Post Office and Kingshill House.

Citizens Advice Amid the Coronavirus Crisis

When the lockdown began on March 23, Citizens Advice Stroud and Cotswold Districts quickly mobilised staff and volunteers away from face-to-face interviews to give one-to-one advice over the phone and via email. This charity is able to give advice on applying for universal credit, navigating the government's job support schemes, how to manage paying bills, relationship breakdown, as well as many other issues.

Sarah Telford, Chief Executive said: *"I am so proud of our volunteers and staff who have quickly rallied round to ensure no-one needs to face the financial challenges of Covid-19 alone. So, if you're in need don't hesitate to pick up the phone or drop us a message, our advisers are ready and waiting to help."*

The Helpline numbers are 0808 800 0510 or 0808 800 0511 Mon to Fri 10am to 4pm, calls are free from landlines and most mobiles. For email enquiries visit our online email page <https://www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk/stroud-cab-email-advice.php> and complete a short online form with a few sentences about your problem.

Town Councillor Vacancies

We have two vacancies on the Council which can be filled by co-option, one in the Highfields Ward and another in the Central Ward.

If you are passionate about your local community and interested in becoming a Town Councillor please contact the Town Clerk or any serving Town Councillor, to find out more about this rewarding role.

A copy of the Council's Co-option Policy and 'Your Guide to Becoming a Town Councillor' is available on the Council's website.

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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