



What's on.....

Dursley Farmers' Market

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

www.facebook.com/dursleyfarmersmarket

Dursley Craft Market

1st Saturday of the month, 9:00am-1:30pm in the Market Place

www.facebook.com/dursleycraftmarket

Dursley After Hours

3rd Friday evening of the month in the Market Place over the Summer

www.facebook.com/DursleyAfterHours

VIBE Youth Centre - Party in the Park

Friday 5th August 11am- 5pm

War Memorial Recreation Ground

Dursley Pride

Saturday 20th August, 1pm-5pm at the Chantry Centre, Long Street. Parade from Spring Villa starts at 1pm (see overleaf)

Dursley Heritage Centre

Art Exhibition - The Final Few Years of R.A. Listers & Co by Richard Edmunds

23rd July to 13th August

Open Tuesday, Friday & Saturday
10am to 12noon.

Dursley Flower & Produce Show

Saturday 27th August

at the Chantry Centre, Long Street

Tour of Britain Cycle Race

Through Dursley on the A4135

Friday 9th September

Come out & watch the racers travel through the town on the day!

Tyndale Arts Festival Events

Starts from 29th September to 1st October

www.tyndalearts.co.uk

Dursley Walking Festival

5th October to 9th October

www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk/

Annual Apple Pressing

Saturday 8th October

at the Chantry Centre, Long Street

www.chantrycentre.org

Also see What's on Section of the Council's website

Crowds Celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the Picnic in the Park Event

Dursley held a Picnic in the Park on Friday 3rd June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Families and friends were encouraged to bring a picnic to enjoy an afternoon packed with music, performances and entertainment.

Live music was provided by Mollie and Friends who sang popular classics and the Wotton Brass Academy who played a range of traditional British tunes.

Exciting dance routines were delivered by Amy Addle's students and followed by a drama performance by children from the Helen O'Grady Academy. A traditional dance exhibition was also provided by Bagma'm Ragged and Old Morris dancers.

Children loved the two large inflatables provided by The Pulse who raised over £200 for a local charity. Adults and children alike enjoyed Tom Foolery's Punch and Judy shows.

Visitors were able to browse a wide variety of stalls and have a go at some traditional games like Hook a Duck, Coconut Shy, Tin Can Alley and a Human Fruit Machine.

The Rec was decorated with the beautiful silkscreen flags made through the GL11 and Cam and Dursley Creatives supported project for local schools, children and the community.

Festive Dursley really enjoyed hosting this event for the community but could not have done this without the help of volunteers from the Lions, Rotary, The Door, Air Cadets and many more. So a big thank you to everyone who helped out on the day.

Get in touch with us to let us know if you would like to see future picnic events on the Rec.



Town Councillor Anja Rowston has Sadly Passed Away



The Councillors and Staff of Dursley Town Council were very sad to hear of the sudden death of our colleague, Councillor Anja Rowston.

Anja was elected as a co-opted town councillor in June 2021 and was passionate about helping her community.

Anja was a member of the Council's Town Improvement Committee and also volunteered her time to other groups in the town, including helping to establish the 'Dursley After Hours' free music events, held monthly under the Market House during the summer months.

John Kay, Town Clerk at Dursley Town Council, said: "Anja was a very friendly character who was very helpful, she will certainly be missed by the councillors and staff at the town council".

THE FIRST EVER...

DURSLEY PRIDE

SATURDAY 20th AUGUST
1pm-5pm
The Chantry Centre, Long Street

Parade From Spring Villa to Chantry Centre starts at 1pm

ENTERTAINMENT STALLS FOOD & DRINK

The poster features a rainbow background with the text 'THE FIRST EVER...' at the top left, 'DURSLEY PRIDE' in large white letters on a rainbow banner, and event details below. At the bottom, there are logos for 'DURSLEY PRIDE', 'FESTIVE DURSLEY Run by the Community for the Community', a rainbow flag with a bicycle, and the Dursley Town Council crest.

Leslie D Gale Awards Presented at the 2022 Annual Assembly

On 26th April 2022 38 members of the public attended the Dursley Annual Assembly at Kingshill House.

Reports from the Council, local community groups and Councillors were presented and can be download from our website www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk

The Mayor also announced the recipients of the Leslie D Gale Awards. The 2022 recipients were :

Jude Groves

A founding member of the Pop-up Garden Café at the Chantry Centre, set up 18 months ago.

Helen Judge

A local volunteer for Riding For the Disabled, Stroud District Cats Protection, Vale Hospital, Dursley Food Bank & the annual Flower and Produce Show.

Eric Torrington

A local litter collector/campaigner volunteer based in Dursley.

Vijay & Tika Patel (pictured below)

Vijay and Tika Patel who ran the Newscentre in Silver Street, 7 days a week for 34 years.



Community Garden is Buzzing with Life!

Some volunteer residents at Highfields have created a wonderful community garden space on a small patch of disused waste ground close to the Play Area.

Our Green Spaces Committee recently helped them out by donating some wood and compost. It's great to see an area created which is not only of benefit to the community but also the local pollinators too!

We would like to thank the volunteers involved for all their hard work.



You said, we did.....

Moved the benches & bin in the Market Place to improve the seating environment for people enjoying the space.

New Noticeboard in Highfields Area

Working with the Midcounties Co-operative, we recently installed a new Council noticeboard on their local Rosebery Road store.

We share news regularly around the town using noticeboards, this newsletter, as well as our website and social media. If you have ideas on how we could improve communications please let us know.



Community Grants Available

If you are a community group or organisation providing services to the residents of Dursley and looking for funding, we may be able to help.

We have a council grants budget and consider applications each year. The deadline to get applications to us is 31st August 2022.

Information about the Grants Policy and process is available on our website, along with the application form you need to fill in and return.

Last year we approved grant awards totalling £19,849 & another £8430 provisionally, to a range of local voluntary & community organisations. This year it could be you.

New Visit Dursley Group

A 'Visit Dursley' group has been set up to discuss local tourism activities and how we can work together to promote the town. The group will meet quarterly (on Zoom initially) and liaise with our Town Improvement Committee and Stroud District Council's new Tourism Officer post.

Meeting dates are outlined below:

**16th August 2022, 15th November 2022,
14th February 2023, 16th May 2023**

If you have a local business which relies on visitors to the town or a general interest in how Dursley can be promoted, please get in touch with the Council Office.



Report It to Sort It

Over recent months we have unfortunately noticed an increase in anti-social behaviour and vandalism in the town, in particular on the War Memorial Recreation Ground. This includes broken glass from alcohol bottles, graffiti, litter and benches being forced out of the ground and moved.

We routinely report incidents and pass information to our local police team, to try to tackle the problem, including any relevant footage from the Town's CCTV system, which covers areas of the Town Centre and the War Memorial Recreation Ground. We also work closely with our Stroud District Council Neighbourhood Warden, Andy Beamish (contact details overleaf) and our Vibe Youth Centre team, The Door.

We want our community, public areas and parks to be safe and pleasant spaces for everyone to enjoy, especially over the summer holiday period. Vandalism, street drinking and anti-social behaviour in all its forms can and does cause real misery to our residents. Dursley has had a street drinking ban in force since 2010.

If you've witnessed antisocial behaviour, please report it to our neighbourhood police team by calling 101, it can also be reported online via <https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/>. If you think the situation is an emergency (e.g. if someone is in immediate danger) call 999.

The Sun Shines on Dursley's Summer Festival



Dursley's high street was packed with people out enjoying the sizzling sunshine and festival activities on Saturday 9th July.

The event this year was organised by a group of volunteer traders, with support from Festive Dursley and the Council.



With music, stalls, vintage cars and children's activities, there was something for everyone to enjoy on the day. Simply Footcare won the shopfront window display competition (photographed above).

We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make the event possible, including the Dursley Lions Club, The Rotary Club of Dursley and First Dursley Scout Group who helped marshal on the day.

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 Town Councillors:

Highfields Ward

Mrs D Cornell	07717 413337	doina.cornell@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
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Your Member of Parliament:

Siobhan Baillie	01453 759748	siobhan.baillie.mp@parliament.uk
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Your 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.



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
Activities, wellbeing, skills, money advice, support & more.
01453 548530

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

Citizens Advice Stroud District
Freephone helpline - 0808 800 0510 & 0808 800 0511.
email: advice@ca-scd.org.uk

Stroud District Food Bank

Please call 0800 800 0510 (Citizens Advice) or 0808 168 2443 (P3) to speak to someone who is able to issue a food bank voucher if necessary.

Stroud District Kids Stuff
Children's items for parents who need some extra help.
www.strouddistrictkidsstuff.org.uk

Dursley & District Good Neighbours

Tel: 01453 548474
Transport help with hospital trips for elderly & disabled people.