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## What's on.....

### Brighten Up Dursley Join in from Home Now!



The aim of 'Brighten Up Dursley' is to knit, crochet, sew felt or even needle felt, an assortment of bright and beautiful flowers to put around Dursley ready for Easter time.

Don't worry about the look or style just have fun and be as creative as possible.

See the 'Brighten Up Dursley' Facebook page for news and ideas.

Finished flowers should be placed in a sealed plastic bag and dropped off in the egg cart located at The Hollies, 14 Parsonage Street, next to Della Casa.

**The official finish date for handing in flowers is 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**

### Dates for your 2021 Diary!

The Covid-19 pandemic has meant that many of the events and activities we would normally enjoy at this time of year, for example the **Pancake Race**, have had to be cancelled, we can however look ahead to the events that are being planned in the hope that they can go ahead later this year, subject to Covid restrictions.

**Dursley Annual Assembly**  
7pm on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Dursley Summer Festival**  
10<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Dursley Walking Festival**  
6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**Festive Dursley  
Christmas Lights Switch On**  
26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

## A Festive Season Like No Other

The Festive Dursley Christmas Lights Switch on Event is normally a highlight of the year and one which is packed with family fun, entertainment, fireworks, stalls and lights. The 2020 event was very different due to the pandemic but is a great example of how the Dursley community can work together and adapt.

With the help of Tree Management and the Build It teams, the town's Christmas Tree went up and was covered with beautiful handmade decorations from the children at Dursley C of E Primary Academy.

The main light displays were switch on across the town but the event itself was replaced with activities that the community could enjoy over the festive season in a safe way.



Working with Churches Together, Festive Dursley helped with the very successful 'Wonder Wander Trail' which included a Nativity Drawing Competition.



The community were also encouraged to make lanterns and hundreds of free bunting making kits were given out to help decorate the town.

The Festive Dursley shopfront window display competition was still held and the winner's trophy, kindly donated by Classy Glass Ltd, was awarded to Tolsley Two with second place going to Inches.

We would like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers and local businesses who helped support the festive activities during such a challenging time.

## Help During Lockdown

The GL11 Community Hub are helping people during this difficult time, please don't feel alone. GL11 can provide:

### Practical help

with food shopping & prescription collection for anyone shielding or isolating (Tues & Thurs), benefits & money advice, employment support.

### Emotional Support

& a listening ear.

### Help connecting with other people

### Emergency foodbank (Tues/Thurs)

Please call GL11 and they will do their best to help, telephone - 01453 548530.

## Beware of Scammers

### Claiming to be Town Councillors

It has recently been brought to our attention that some residents have received telephone calls from someone impersonating Town Councillors.

The calls have been about bank and shop closures in the town. These calls appear to be fraudulent and at no time have the Town Councillors or staff been calling residents in this manner.

We would advise anyone who receives a call to end the conversation as soon as possible and not to provide any personal information.

The local police have been notified and if you can provide any additional information please contact the police on the non-emergency telephone number 101.

Unfortunately, members of the public need to be on constant guard against scams which can be difficult to recognise.

To check if something might be a scam and for further information go to the Citizens Advice website [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/check-if-something-might-be-a-scam/](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/check-if-something-might-be-a-scam/)

Or you can call Citizens Advice on 0808 800 0510 or 0808 800 0511 Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm – where one of their friendly advisers will be able to help you.

## Ready, Steady, Census

The decennial census is almost upon us. Households across Dursley will soon be asked to take part in the nationwide survey of housing and the population. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941. Information from the digital-first census will help decide how services are planned and funded in your local area. This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, housing or new bus routes. Households will receive a letter with a unique access code in the post, allowing them to complete their questionnaire online. Paper questionnaires will be available on request. Census day is March 21. For more information, visit: [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)

## Budget Set for 2021-2022

Dursley Town Council has set its budget for the coming financial year, recognising the difficulties that the community has faced during the Covid pandemic.

The Mayor, Councillor Neil Grecian said, "we have agreed not to raise our share of the Council Tax for the coming year; we recognise that people and families in our community continue to face difficulties and challenges due to the pandemic and as a Council, we do not want to add to any financial pressure".

The budget agreed will keep the Council Tax costs for Dursley Town Council at £207.22 per year which equates to £3.99 per week on a Band D household.

The Council also agreed not to raise its fees and charges related to the Cemetery, Allotments and hire of recreational facilities for 2021-2022.

The Town Council will continue to manage and maintain Kingshill Cemetery, Allotments, the War Memorial Recreation Ground, Kingshill Play Park and Highfields Play Area, as well as the Long Street Car Park and parts of the town centre. Small project and improvement work will continue. The agreed budget includes some additional hours for part-time staff to increase capacity.

The Council will continue to support local volunteer run groups and organisations including Dursley in Bloom, Dursley Welcomes Walkers and Festive Dursley. It is hoped that the town's annual events, including the 'Summer Festival', will be able to return in 2021.

The Council will continue to run a grants programme. In 2020/21 Council approved awards totalling £48,729 to local groups/organisations.

The Council will continue to fund youth work in the town which will include 4 youth sessions per week at The Vibe Youth Centre, once restrictions lift and it can safely reopen. The trial Visitor Information Centre in the Library is in place and will continue over 2021, ready for when restrictions lift and the town can fully open for visitors.

The Council will continue to work in partnership with others including Gloucestershire County Council and Stroud District Council.

### EXPENDITURE

Green Spaces Maintenance	£ 163,698
Town Improvements & Amenities	£ 63,978
Youth Services	£ 40,000
Community Grants	£ 36,000
Council Administration	£ 190,075
Other Services	£ 30,849
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 524,600</b>

### INCOME

Use of Reserves	£ -
Other Income	£ 24,300
Council Tax	£ 500,300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 524,600</b>

## Leslie D Gale Awards 2021

The nominations for the Leslie D Gale awards 2021 are now OPEN. The awards will be announced at the town's Annual Assembly, subject to Covid restrictions.

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.

This year, in recognition of the amazing work that the community has achieved supporting people during the pandemic, we would like to encourage people to nominate "Covid" volunteers. Nominations can be for individuals or groups.

Nominations should be sent to the Town Clerk by 31st March with details of why you believe the person, group, team etc deserve recognition.

## Lucky Severn Lottery Launched



The new Lucky Severn Community Lottery has just launched and good causes are encouraged to register. If you represent a community group or charity in the Stroud District find out how you can raise funds for your cause at: <https://www.luckysevernlottery.co.uk> Tickets will go on sale to the public from 16<sup>th</sup> February with the first draw taking place on 20<sup>th</sup> March. 60% of ticket sales will go to good causes in the district and there's a £25,000 jackpot to be won every week.

## St Mark's Burial Ground

We maintain St Mark's Burial Ground on behalf of the Church under section 215 of the Local Government Act 1972. We have submitted a faculty to the Diocese of Gloucester to undertake some work to make safe/remove broken metal memorial surrounds.

The following graves are affected  
(number/names/dates given):

745 - name & date not known

811 - Talboys, (Incl. Cyril James; Herbert; William Charles Smith; Rosa Jane, various dates - 1884 to 1925)

915 - Morgan, Walter (24/4/1890) & Morgan, Ellen W of Walter (1/11/1893)

914 - Talboys, Orlando (no date) & Brickham, Jane Elizabeth (25/4/1929)

920 - Dimery, Oswald (9/8/1890) & Dimery, Harriet (22/9/1909)

231 - Workman, Wife of Charles (1872) & Workman, Charles (13/9/1883)

364 - Chichester, Mary (11/1868)

**For further information about the works, please contact the Council office (details overleaf).**

## Elections 2021

On Thursday 6th May 2021, elections will be held in Stroud for, 10 County Council seats, all 51 District Councillor seats, all 52 Parish/Town Councils and the Police and Crime Commission - Gloucestershire Area.

Being a local councillor can be an incredibly rewarding way to get involved in your community and make a real difference to the place where you live or work.

Councillors make a real difference in Dursley, by engaging with residents, local groups and businesses to find out their needs; making decisions on which services and projects the council should take forward; and getting involved locally to ensure that services are meeting community needs.

All 17 seats in Dursley will be up for election. The Council has 3 wards: Central, Highfields and Kingshill.

If you are interested in becoming a councillor you can find out more by attending one of our 'zoom' meetings to see councillors at work, reading through our website and news stories or having a chat to our Town Clerk (please contact us to book a suitable time).

For detailed information about eligibility criteria please refer to the Electoral Commission website. <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/>.

If you decide to stand for election you must make sure you get your paperwork in at the right time.

Nomination papers for County, District and Parish/Town will be available from **Monday 8th February** either as a downloadable document at <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/elections> or in paper format by request only to [elections@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:elections@stroud.gov.uk) or calling 01453 766321. Stroud District Council's website includes all the necessary election information and deadlines.

## New Garden of Rest & Improvements at Kingshill Cemetery

Landscape improvement works to the existing garden of remembrance areas at Kingshill Cemetery is complete, with the exception of rosebush planting/replanting work, which will be undertaken.

A new Garden of Rest has been created at the top of the site, offering space for ashes interments, memorial plaques and seating. This area will be opened in the coming weeks when the ground work has had a chance to settle and the operating arrangements have been finalised.



## 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 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.

## Contacting Dursley Town Council

### Your Town Councillors.....

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

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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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