



Dursley Matters

Dursley Town Council Newsletter

Edition Spring 2017

What's on...

Dursley Farmers' Market

Held from 8.30am to 1pm in the Market Place on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

Garden Group Plant Sale & Open Day

22nd April 2017 at the Chantry Centre, Long Street
www.chantrycentre.org

Community Day

29th May 2017 at Highfields Play Area, 10am start.
Come along, help us carry out some repairs & planting work. There will be a barbeque to enjoy on the day.

The Dursley Annual Assembly

23rd May 2017 in the Community Centre, Rednock Drive 7pm start.

The keynote speaker is Martin Fagan, the National Secretary of the Community Heartbeat Trust

Paint the Town Pink

10th June 2017

Keep an eye out for further details.

Dursley Carnival

15th July 2017

Dursley in Bloom Judging Day

20th July 2017

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. Please contact us or go to our website to find out more about our grants process.

Grant applications deadline: 31st August 2017.

'Dursley Matters' Delivered to Every Household in Dursley

This edition of 'Dursley Matters' is being delivered to every household in Dursley for the first time.

The newsletter accompanies a leaflet on 'Future Dursley' and the progress being made on the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).

Everyone is invited to comment on the NDP so far.

Please use this opportunity to tell us what you think by returning the NDP leaflet comment slip.

Sign up to receive the 'Dursley Matters' newsletter quarterly by email, just provide us with your name & email address or visit our website.

BMX Track Reopens



The BMX track at Highfields Play Area reopened on Monday 20th February 2017 following recent improvement works.

The track has been re-graded and the corners and bends have been surfaced, which will result in a longer wearing track which will reduce the level of future maintenance required by the Town Council. The improvements will significantly improve the quality of the ride for our BMX enthusiasts.

The work was carried out by Clark and Kent Contractors Ltd, who have a worldwide reputation for being BMX track designers and builders including building tracks at the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

The BMX track is the first major improvement works to take place since the Town Council secured a 25-year lease for Highfields Play Area from Stroud District Council in the summer of 2016.

The track had received limited maintenance works since it was built several years ago, and was showing signs of considerable wear and tear. It was a clear priority area for improvement and safety work.

The Chair of the Green Spaces committee, Cllr Alex Stennett said *"The BMX track is a well-used facility by both locals and those further afield. The investment in keeping it in good condition is well worth it as it keeps it usable and safe for all"*.

We have plans for further improvements in 2017 with new goal posts being installed, repairs to the surface of the football pitch area, new signage and regular maintenance of the existing play equipment.

We would like to remind people to be responsible, the BMX track is not supervised and must be used for its intended purpose only. People should take safety seriously and wear appropriate protective clothing (e.g. helmet, pads, gloves). No motorbikes (incl. mini-motos and quads) are allowed in the play area or on the track.

Meet Councillor Alex Stennett



"I moved to Dursley in 1999 and have no intention of leaving! In the years here I have started a family, changed jobs a few times but stayed mostly in IT. I have joined the Town Council, represented the town at Stroud District Council and generally tried to get involved in what I think is a fantastic town.

My main areas of interest are green spaces, the committee that I chair, and getting value for money generally. We've seen ups and downs in our town but I really feel that we are headed in the right direction. Being involved in projects like the play equipment on the War Memorial Recreation Field and the new youth centre have been a great experience and I look forward to doing more".

Pancake Race 2017



The annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Race was held on 28th February 2017 with entrants representing local organisations and businesses taking part.

The final result were:

- 1st: Johnny Marks (The Pulse),**
- 2nd: Chris Hildrup (Gaucher Association),**
- 3rd Kate Kemmett (Dursley Karate Club)**

A trophy donated by Dursley Business Inclusive, in memory of local volunteer Eileen Nichols, was awarded to Roger Cowley (Dursley Lions) for the Best Fancy Dress Costume. Roger dressed as a cowboy.

We would like to thank all the runners for participating, with the following organisations and businesses represented: Gaucher Association, Sainsbury's, Dursley Lions, Dursley Karate Club, Vale Hospital and The Pulse.

A total of £106.50 was raised for the Vale Community Hospital League of Friends.

Council Vacancy

We currently have 1 vacancy for the Highfields ward which can be filled by co-option. If you want to make a difference in your community and are interested in becoming a Town Councillor, please contact the Town Clerk for more information.

A copy of the Council's Co-option Policy is available at www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk.

Don't Miss

The Dursley Annual Assembly

Dursley's Annual Town Assembly will be held on 23rd May 2017 at 7pm in the Community Centre, Rednock Drive.

Come along & raise any issues you have about Dursley

The guest speaker this year is Martin Fagan, the National Secretary for the Community Heartbeat Trust. Find out about the Community Heartbeat Trust and the work they do as the UK's Leading Community Defibrillator Charity.

We will also be announcing the winner of the 2017 Leslie D Gale award for services to the community. Nominations are open until 7th April 2017.

Everyone is welcome

WANTED: Volunteers for Community Speed Watch

We have, with the help of the local police team and community volunteers, been monitoring traffic at known hot spots across the town (e.g. Uley Road) for over 3 years.

Unfortunately over the last year we have experienced a shortage of volunteers which means that the group is in danger of not being able to continue this important community role.

Since the campaign has been running a number of drivers have been stopped and most were reminded about their speed and the impact it has on their community. The group, when accompanied by Special Constables, do issue speeding fines to the worst offenders and a Section 59 notice was issued to one serial offender in 2015.

The group is led by Cllr Matt Nicholson, who said "Without the support of the community the Community Speedwatch campaigns will be unable to continue, the more people we have to help out the less of anyones time it will actually take up. The campaigns themselves take up no more than two hours and run maybe once or twice a month."

Cllr Nicholson and PCSO Josh Griffiths have recently been involved in raising awareness of road safety issues and the dangers of speeding with Rednock students.

Volunteers would be fully trained on how to use the equipment safely and in co-operation with the local police. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Cllr Matt Nicholson or the Town Clerk.



Improving our Green Spaces

We continue to make improvements to the War Memorial Recreation Ground, recently fitting a new access gate to replace the old access on Rednock Drive.



With the help of the Community Pay Back Team we removed the old, unsafe goal posts at Highfields Play Area. We are making arrangements to improve the goal mouth areas before installing brand new combined football/rugby posts.

Your New Councillor

We are pleased to welcome Mandy Woodward as a Town Councillor.

Mandy is a familiar face in the town having been the proprietor of Wildwood Flowers until very recently and is very active with a number of community groups.



Mandy said "Following my recent retirement, I would very much like to stay involved in town projects, making Dursley a place that we can all be proud of".

The Town Mayor, Cllr Neil Grecian said "I would like to welcome Mandy to the Town Council, her experience of volunteering with many of the community groups including Dursley In Bloom, Dursley Business Inclusive and the Festive Committee will be a great asset to the Council and strengthen our relationships with the volunteers".

New Apprentice Groundsman Opportunity

We are delighted to announce that we are seeking candidates for the position of Apprentice Grounds Person. The successful apprentice will be working with the existing Grounds team on a range of projects and maintenance of our green spaces across the town.

The apprenticeship will include on-site training and the opportunity to obtain a Level 2 Diploma in Work-Based Horticulture.

For full details on how to apply and more detailed information of the opportunity please contact the Council office or see our website.

Tesco Grant Funding: Highfields Play Area Community Day

Our project for a Community Day at Highfields Play Area has been selected as one of three local projects to receive funding from the Tesco Bags of Help scheme.

Tesco have teamed up with Groundwork to launch its community funding scheme, which sees grants of £5,000, £2,000 and £1,000 – all raised from the 5p bag levy – being awarded to local community projects.

Our Community Day project will receive a share of £8,000 with the final amount to be decided by Tesco customers who can vote at local stores around the District until the end of April.



Mayor Neil Grecian and John Kay, Town Clerk voted at Tesco, Cam on Wednesday 8th March.

Mayor Grecian said "Highfields Play Area had been a bit neglected over the years and we are doing a lot of work to improve it but there is only so much you can do as a Town Council".

"If we can get the community involved then ideas will take off – hopefully the Community Day will help with this."

Since taking on the lease for Highfields Play Area in the summer, we have completed an upgrade of the BMX track and removed the old goal posts ready for replacements.

Lindsey Crompton, Head of Community at Tesco, said:

"We are absolutely delighted to open the voting for March and April. There are some fantastic projects on the shortlists and we can't wait to see them come to life in hundreds of communities."

The Community Day will take place from 10am on Monday 29th May 2017 at Highfields Play Area

We are inviting local residents in Dursley to come along and help us carry out some repairs and planting work on the Spring Bank Holiday. There will be a community barbeque to enjoy on the day.

Useful contacts:

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

Your Local Neighbourhood Warden



Rachel Pratt

Tel: 07834 419332

Providing help & support with anti-social behaviour, abandoned vehicles, bogus callers, home security & crime prevention, hate crime & bullying, litter, dog fouling, fly tipping & lots, lots more.

Contacting Dursley Town Council

Your Town Councillors

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

		Tel	E-mail
Mr M Nicholson	11 Third Avenue, GL11 4NT	544657	matt.nicholson@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Mr N Grecian	9 Ferney, GL11 5AB	546608	neil.grecian@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Mrs S Abraham	39 Rosebery Road, GL11 4PT	519567	suzi.abraham@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Miss A Sheffield	23 Second Avenue, GL11 4PE	07813168690	andrea.sheffield@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Mrs W Thomas	The Old School House, 4 The Broadwell, GL11 4JE	07570931816	wendy.thomas@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk

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

Dr. F Firth	2 Hunger Hill, GL11 4JR	543851	fiona.firth@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Mrs S Creswick	3 The Slade, GL11 4JX	548123	sue.creswick@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
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Mr P Hayes	1 Cedar Drive, GL11 4EB	546009	peter.hayes@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Mrs J Burdge	95 Budding Way, GL11 5BE	519702	jan.burdge@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Mr B Cairns	45 Champions Court, Henlow Drive, GL11 4BE	07407702074	brian.cairns@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk

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

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Mrs M Woodward	41 Severn Road, Woodfield, Cam, GL11 6NG	07807236353	mandy.woodward@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
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Mrs D Cornell	74 Everlands, Cam, GL11 5NL	548657	cllr.doina.cornell@stroud.gov.uk

Your County Councillor.....

Mr S Lydon	Marsh Court, Marsh Road, Leonard Stanley, Stonehouse, GL10 3NG	07748328061	stephen.lydon@gloucestershire.gov.uk
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Your MP.....

Mr Neil Carmichael	7 Bridge Street, Nailsworth, GL6 0AA	751572	neil.carmichael.mp@parliament.uk
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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 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

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