



Dursley Matters

Dursley Town Council Newsletter

Summer Edition July 2019

What's on...

Dursley Farmers' Market

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

Free Play Sessions for Young People

1st August on the War Memorial Recreation Ground & 15th August on Highfields Play Area

Between 10am – 4pm, come & go as you please! Play Rangers from Play Gloucestershire will be on site to encourage active & creative play. For details see 'What's on' at www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Flower & Produce Show 2019

Saturday 31st August at the Chantry Centre

Judging will take place at 9:30-10:30am.

The show will open to the public at 11:30am- 2:30pm, free admission. Trophies will be awarded at 12noon.

Schedule & entry forms can be downloaded from www.chantrycentre.org or can be collected from Daisy Belle Floral Design, Dursley Pet Shop & Inches.

Dursley Walking Festival

2nd to 6th October 2019

www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk

Town in Full Bloom for Judges

The Heart of England in Bloom judges visited the town on 10th July 2019 to judge this year's flower display.



They took a tour of the town centre visiting the many displays including the Broadwell area, Henlow, the Town Green, Parsonage Street, May Lane, The Tabernacle and the projects at The Chantry Centre's Secret Garden and Dursley CofE Primary Academy.

The Dursley in Bloom volunteers have all worked extremely hard for the town, which is looking beautiful thanks to the fabulous displays. We would like to thank them all very much for all their hard work and for the time they commit.



We would also like to thank, the local businesses and all those volunteers and the various community groups that sponsor/support the Dursley in Bloom team.

We continue to support the group with plants and watering. This year, along with the property owner, we also painted the wall at the Broadwell to improve the appearance of the overall area.

The Judges results will be announced on 5th September 2019.

New Long Street Car Park Opens to the Public

The new Long Street car park opened to the public on 24th June 2019. An official opening ceremony was held with the Town Mayor on 2nd July 2019.



The car park is free to use and open 24 hours, 7 days a week which will benefit visitors, walkers, business owners, traders, employees and local residents. There is a maximum waiting time of 23 hours in a 24-hour period which will be enforced by an Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera.

Any registered owner of a vehicle overstaying the 23-hour limit will receive a penalty charge notice.

There are 46 parking bays, incl. 3 designated disabled bays, 5 motorcycle bays and bicycle parking/shelter. The car park is also covered by our CCTV system.



The site was purchased in December 2017 by the Town Council and demolition of the existing building was carried out in June/July 2018. The car park was constructed during the early part of 2019 and opened for business on Monday 24th June.

Cllr Symon Ackroyd, Chair of the Car Park Committee said "although it has taken longer than we originally anticipated, I am very pleased that we are now able to open the car park."

Standing Room Only at The Dursley Annual Assembly

Dursley's Annual Town Assembly was held on Tuesday 21st May 2019 at 7pm in Kingshill House, over 60 people attended on the night.

We would like to thank all of the local residents who came along and apologise to those who had to stand during the meeting, it was a greater attendance than recent years.



The Mayor opened the meeting, welcoming those present and provided a report on the previous year activities and achievements by the Town Council. This is documented in our Annual Report 2018/19 which you can now download from our website.

Written reports were also received from our County and District Councillors and many of the town's community groups and local organisations. These are available to view in the 2019 'Councillor & Community Group Reports' document which you can also download from our website.

The guest speaker, Mr Robin Smith representing St Modwen Homes, gave an interesting presentation on the Littlecombe housing development and an update on the timescales for opening footpath and vehicular access through the site.

The meeting finished with the annual presentation of the 2019 Leslie D Gale awards in recognition of service to the community in Dursley.

The recipients of the 2019 award for Volunteer of the Year were Mr Mike Doughty and Mr David Durden. Community "Unsung Hero" certificates were awarded to Doris Holbrook, Pauline Darby, Gwyneth Peglar and Christine Baker.



Dursley Enjoys a 'Vintage' Summer Festival 2019

Dursley's Summer Festival was held on Saturday 13th July 2019 in the Town Centre.

The Festive Dursley group and the Town Council organised the event this year, after a successful summer stalls event last year. There was a host of attractions on the day including:

- A display & parade of Classic Cars.**
- The Farmers' Market & street stalls.**
- Performances from local Morris Dancers & the Rednock Swing Band.**
- Face painting, children's trail & games.**
- Pony rides with Newbrook Farm.**
- Exhibits at the Town Hall.**



We would like to thank all the volunteers that made this happen. A special thank you to Rednock students who made the coconut shy and tin can alley using wood kindly donated by Build-It in Cam, the students also made the stocks; The Dursley Rotary Club and the Lions Club of Dursley who helped co-ordinate the classic car display and parade; Newbrook Farm for the pony rides; WSP textiles in Cam for the loan of tennis balls for the games; Classy Glass & Awards Limited for supplying the window display trophy; Sainsburys, The Dursley Air Cadets and County Police Cadets for help with marshalling.

The Longfield Charity Shop won the 'Best of British' window display competition



Jacob's House was open alongside the Heritage Centre, giving people the opportunity to look around this beautiful building Dursley Town Council calls home.

Town Councillor Vacancies

Do you want to make a difference in your community? Are you concerned about what happens in your local area? Do you feel you could represent the views of your neighbourhood?

If you answered 'yes' have you ever thought about becoming a Town Councillor?

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

This follows the recent resignation of Matt Nicholson, Brian Cairns and Tom Arnold who have all recently taken the decision to step down from Council due to other commitments. We would like to thank them all for their support and the valuable contributions they have made serving the town.

Matt Nicholson was one of the Council's longest serving Town Councillors, having been in the role for almost 13 years and in recent years was instrumental in setting up the Community Speed Watch Group for the town.

If you would like to find out more about this rewarding role then please contact the Town Clerk or any serving Town Councillor for more information and details of how you can join the Council.

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

www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk.

Get involved and make a difference!

A Light Bulb Moment

We are asking local residents for one suggestion on "How they would improve the town?"

The Residents Suggestion was launched at the 2019 Dursley Annual Assembly on the 21st May. Suggestions can be anonymous, but residents can supply their contact information if they want to.



The suggestion box is available in our reception at Jacobs House (Town Council office) until 30th August 2019. Suggestions can also be submitted via our website or by email to:

clerk@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Don't Miss The Dursley Walking Festival on 2nd – 6th October

This year's walking festival will have 40 walks on offer and there will be a number of walks/activities aimed at families.

The Family Treasure Hunt will run from the middle of September with a chance to win 2 tickets to Cattle Country. There will also be a children's 'Exploring the past and Weaving Workshop' and a Challenge Walk designed and led by the 1st Dursley Scouts.

Visit Dursley

Our website includes a new 'Visit Dursley' section aimed at visitors and tourists. It includes information about the town, places of interest and things to do, places to stay, transport links, information on walking, as well as food and drink.

Over the coming weeks we will continue to develop the pages, if you have any suggestions/ideas please let us know. Go to:

<https://www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk/visit-dursley.html>



Our Town Improvements Committee have been looking closely at tourism, recognising its importance to the local economy and high street.

We continue to work with the Cotswold Edge & Severn Vale Tourism Network and are currently investigating the possibility of developing a Visitor Information Centre at Dursley Library, which is ideally situated on the Cotswold Way National Trail. At the moment the town doesn't have a formal, signposted place for visitors to get tourist information.

Dursley Set to Become Cotswold Gateway Town

Following Dursley Welcomes Walkers' recent bid for inclusion in the Cotswold Gateway Project, Dursley is set to become one of a number of 'Gateway' sites in the area.

Dursley Welcomes Walkers are working on a new waymarked figure of eight walk, which will include 2 eight-mile loops, and new information boards.

The project is being coordinated by the Cotswold Conservation Board and funded by the Rural Development Programme for England.

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 £25,610 worth of grants!

Please contact us or go to our website to download an application form and find out more about our grants process.

Apply before the 31/08/19 deadline!

Useful contacts:

The Chantry Centre	01453 542016
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
Stroud District Council: Contact Centre -	01453 766321
Bulky Items Collection -	01453 754424
Council Tax -	01453 754865
Planning -	01453 754442
Recycling & Refuse -	01453 754424
Gloucestershire County Council: Switchboard -	01452 425000
Footpaths -	08000 514514
Highways / Street lights-	08000 514514
Vale Community Hospital	0300 4218494
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, lots more.

Contacting Dursley Town Council

Your Town Councillors

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

		Tel
Mrs S Abraham	18 Downham View, GL115GB	519567
Mr N Grecian	9 Ferney, GL11 5AB	546608
Miss A Sheffield	23 Second Avenue, GL11 4PE	07813168690
Mrs W Thomas	The Old School House, 4 The Broadwell, GL11 4JE	07570931816

E-mail

suzi.abraham@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
neil.grecian@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
andrea.sheffield@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
wendy.thomas@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk

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

Mr S Ackroyd	36 Woodmancote GL11 4AQ	07477404056
Mrs J Burdge	95 Budding Way, GL11 5BE	519702
Mrs S Creswick	3 The Slade, GL11 4JX	548123
Mr P Hayes	1 Cedar Drive, GL11 4EB	546009
Mr A Whitwell	1 Orchard View, Tilsdown, Cam, GL11 5QN	07894434932

symon.ackroyd@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
jan.burdge@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
sue.creswick@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
peter.hayes@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
adrian.whitwell@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk

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

Mrs J. A. Ball	109 Woodview Road, Cam, GL11 5SD	545563
Mrs L. V. Patrick	30 Oak Drive, GL11 4DX	546995
Dr. A Stennett	28 Oak Drive, GL11 4DX	549813
Mrs M Stennett	28 Oak Drive, GL11 4DX	549813
Mrs M Woodward	41 Severn Road, Woodfield, Cam, GL11 6NG	07807236353

jane.ball@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
loraine.patrick@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
alex.stennett@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
melanie.stennett@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
mandy.woodward@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Your District Councillors.....

Mrs D Cornell	74 Everlands, Cam, GL11 5NL	548657
Mr C Fryer	7 Turner Road, Woodfield, GL11 6LT	545130
Mr T Hall	2 Oak Drive, Kingshill, GL11 4DX	548360

cllr.doina.cornell@stroud.gov.uk
cllr.colin.fryer@stroud.gov.uk
cllr.trevor.hall@stroud.gov.uk

Your County Councillor.....

Mrs L.V. Patrick	30 Oak Drive, GL11 4DX	07881581189
------------------	------------------------	-------------

loraine.patrick@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Your MP.....

Dr David Drew	House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA	02072194106
---------------	------------------------------------	-------------

david.drew.mp@parliament.uk

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

Address: Jacob's House, Castle Street, Dursley, GL11 4BS Tel/Fax: 01453 547758

Email: clerk@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk Website: www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/DursleyTownCouncil Twitter: @DursleyTC

