



Dursley Matters

Dursley Town Council Newsletter

Autumn Edition October 2024

What's on...

Free books at St James Church

Saturdays 9am-12pm, outside on the grass or inside.

Dursley Farmers' Market

2nd Saturday of the month, 8:30am-1pm, Market Place.

Mid-week Mini Market

Wednesdays, 8:15-10:15am in the Kingshill House Car Park, Kingshill Lane.

Halloween Trails

Half Term Fun with Festive Dursley

On until Saturday 2nd November -
Find all the Halloween items!

In the town centre & Dursley Sculpture & Play Trail
Pick up forms from Library or on the Council's website.

Dursley Fireworks 2024

Saturday 2nd November 2024 on the War Memorial Recreation Ground. 6pm start, gates open 5pm.
www.facebook.com/DursleyFireworks.

NEW - Barrow Market

The Car Boot Alternative!

Starts Sunday 3rd November 2024, 10-1pm
Indoors at the Chantry Centre see poster overleaf for future dates for your diary!

Remembrance Day Parade 2024

Remembrance Sunday 10th November. Parade starts at 2:45pm (Muster at the Bus Station 2:30pm), followed by acts of remembrance at the War Memorial Gates by St James Church. Road Closures will be in place at Silver St, Long St & Castle St by the Market Place.

Festive Dursley

Christmas Lights Switch-On 2024

Friday 29th November from 4:30pm onwards in the Town Centre. Lights on at 6pm. See article for details.
Follow on Facebook - @FestiveDursley

Vinyl Daze Record Fair

Sunday 1st December, 10am at Kingshill House Creative Centre

Dursley Green Drinks

Wednesday 4th December, 7:30pm - 9pm at Kingshill House Creative Centre

Christmas Market

Sunday 8th December, 10:30am - 3:30pm at Kingshill House Creative Centre

Check out the 'What's on' & 'Discover Dursley' sections of our website for lots more events & activities!

www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Save the Date...
Christmas Lights Switch-on...
Fri 29th Nov 2024
from 4.30pm



We are working with Festive Dursley getting ready for this years Christmas Lights Switch on event which will take place on Friday 29th November from 4:30pm onwards in the Town Centre.

The lights will go on at 6pm.

This year the theme will be Christmas songs! With live music from Charlie Mee, The Good Times and the Dursley Rock & Pop Choir to enjoy.

There will be a children's fairground, winter garden with snow, Father Christmas Grotto and Sleigh, fireworks, festive window displays, seasonal food and drink.

It will be a fantastic time to shop local in Dursley for Christmas with late night shopping in town centre shops, stalls under the Marketplace and along Parsonage Street, as well as the Christmas fair in St James' Church and the Artisan Market shopping night at The Engine on Silver Street and more!

Could you be our next Town Councillor?

We have a vacancy for a Town Councillor.

Being a Councillor is an amazing way to give back to your local community. Bring your energy and ideas, learn new things and make a real difference to your community.

For information contact the Town Clerk at Jacob's House on Castle Street, Tel: 01453 547758 email: clerk@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Celebrating Welcoming Walks & Artistic Talent in Dursley!

A **BIG** thank you to all the fabulous volunteers & venues involved in the annual **Dursley Walking Festival & Tyndale Arts Trail** that took place between 2nd - 6th October 2024.

It was a wonderful way to start the Autumn season by showing off the talented work of local artists and enjoying the beautiful countryside we are so lucky to have surrounding our historic market town!

It wouldn't happen without the dedication and hard work of the local volunteers that come together.

This years walking festival had a fantastic range of walks on offer including those that offered something a little different for example Dawdle & Doodle, Tai Chi at Dawn, Sing Around Uley and the Heritage Walk.

The Tyndale Arts showcased affordable art from the Dursley area, bringing artists, makers and visitors together for a weekend of exhibitions and events, set out across multiple venues including Kingshill House, Leaf & Ground, Dursley Methodist Church, The Tabernacle and St James' Church.

More information about walks and artistic talent across our area can be found on their websites

<https://www.tyndalearts.co.uk/>
<https://dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk/>

Dates for your 2025 diary: The next Dursley Walking Festival - 1st to 5th October 2025.



Special thanks to Christina Carter (Dursley Welcomes Walkers volunteer) & Tyndale Arts for the wonderful photos



Did you know that you can report all kinds of issues on **Fix My Street** From overgrown hedges & blocked drains, to potholes pavements & streetlights!

This new service allows you to quickly report problems to Gloucestershire County Council.

Go online to:

<https://fixmystreet.gloucestershire.gov.uk/> or download the app **FixMyStreet**

Reporting just takes a few clicks!

- Enter a Gloucestershire postcode, or street name & area.
- Locate the problem on a map of the area.
- Enter details of the problem.
- Confirm the report & Gloucestershire County Council will investigate & keep you updated.

Meet Your New Town Councillor....

We welcomed Councillor Angela White to the Kingshill Ward in September.

Angela has lived in Dursley her whole life and has recently been an active member of Dursley Pride and Festive Dursley events.



"I have joined Council to give a contribution to local matters, with a keen interest in tourism and green spaces in the town. I would like to contribute to the ongoing improvements to the green space areas and environmental aspects". - Councillor A White

15 Club @ Chantry Centre



Following the recent closure of the much-loved 15 May Lane, two former volunteers have set up a new group to continue the fun and laughter over hot drinks and biscuits.

In addition, a light lunch of toasted sandwiches will also be available.

New friends are most welcome to come along!

From 3 October 2024

Thursdays 10:00am - 12:30pm

In the Centenary Lounge, Chantry Centre

34-36 Long Street, Dursley

Why not also come along to the Garden Café at the Chantry Centre on Wednesdays 10am - 12 noon to make some new friends too?

For more information on 15 Club

Phone Mary on 07847 264088 or email: dgmмосullivan@hotmail.com



Stroud and Gloucester

Can you Help Home-Start?

Home-Start Stroud and Gloucester are a local charity supporting families with young children within the community experiencing a time in their lives when they need a little extra help and support, practically and emotionally. Parenting is not always easy, but with the support of a trained volunteer, together we can really make a difference. Our volunteer training provides people with the skills and confidence to share their parenting experiences to help make that difference when it's needed the most.

If you are thinking about volunteering and have as little as 2-3 hours a week spare, please visit our website for more information and to apply www.homestartsd.org or call 01453 297470 for a chat.



Stroud and Gloucester

2024
Sunday
03 Nov
17 Nov
01 Dec

2025
Sunday
05 Jan
02 Feb
16 Feb

Indoors @ Chantry Centre
Long Street | Dursley | GL11 4JB

To help transport pre-loved items to your table use our wheelbarrows!

Sellers	Buyers
★ Arrive from 9am	★ Free Entry
★ Book your table for £7 via TicketSource	★ Open 10am - 1pm
	★ Hot Dogs, Bacon Butties
	★ Tea & Coffee

www.chantrycentre.org

Community Grants Success

We are pleased to announce that in October Council agreed to award grants to the following:

Breakheart Community Project, Dursley in Bloom, Kingshill House, Dursley Town FC (Girls), 1st Dursley Scouts, Dursley After Hours, D&D Good Neighbours, Cotswold Vale Talking Newspaper, Dursley Rugby Football Club, GL11, The DoDS, Chantry Centre, Dursley Welcomes Walkers, Great Western Air Ambulance, Dursley Tabernacle Community Food Hub, Cam Sports Club, Parent & Carer CIC, Cam Tennis Club.

Each year we award funds to support local organisations who provide services to the Dursley community. Although the grants deadline is always 31st August, applications for urgent grants can be considered throughout the year. Find out more about the grants process online at: www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk/grant-information

Get Outside & Enjoy the Surrounding Woodland This Autumn!

Autumn is a special time in Dursley as the woodland surrounding the town changes colour with stunning displays created by the golden and orange leaves as they get ready to fall. Twinberrow Woods is home to the Dursley Sculpture & Play Trail and a great place for all ages to explore nature and enjoy local creations. Thanks to the The Engine, U3A and the hardworking volunteer maintenance team the trail has a fantastic new sculpture called 'Cogs of Life' to enjoy.



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
We can help with enquiries related to Kingshill Cemetery & St Mark's Burial Ground, Kingshill Allotments, Kingshill Play Park, the War Memorial Recreation Ground, Highfields Play Area, the VIBE Youth Centre, Long Street Car Park & Town Hall bookings. We can also provide advice & information on local services, including planning application viewing.
Full Dursley Town Council meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Community Room, Fire Station, Kingshill Lane at 7pm. See the Council website for Council & Committee meeting dates, agendas & minutes.

Your Town Councillors:

To email a councillor: [first.lastname@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:firstname.lastname@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk)

Highfields Ward

John Rubin	07747 120800
Toby Stride	07543 557521
Matt Nicholson	07802 437009
Ken Eales	07785 516569
Andrew Rowe	07913 087020

Central Ward

Colin Sweet	07835 129399
Sue Creswick	01453 548123
Peter Hayes	01453 546009
Darren Horn	07791 120864
Tyler White	07904 040375
Brigid Schoombie	c/o Council

Kingshill Ward

Lorraine Patrick	07881 581189
Alex Stennett	01453 549813
Melanie Stennett	01453 549813
Matt Patrick	01453 546995
Angela White	07593 273970

Your District Councillors:

Terry Cook	cldr.terry.cook@stroud.gov.uk 07793 117001
Bob Hughes	cldr.bob.hughes@stroud.gov.uk
Helen Caton Hughes	cldr.helen.caton@stroud.gov.uk

Your County Councillor:

Wendy Thomas	wendy.thomas@gloucestershire.gov.uk 07570 931816
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Your Member of Parliament:

Dr Simon Opher	simon.opher.mp@parliament.uk
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Please Report Anti-Social Behaviour to Gloucestershire Police

Antisocial behaviour takes many forms, from aggressive, noisy, or abusive behaviour to neighbourhood disturbances involving drugs, abandoned cars or animals.
Report using 101 or online at
www.gloucestershire.police.uk/ro/report/ash
Ring 999 in an emergency.

Cost of Living Support

See the dedicated page under 'community' on our website for information, including support at GL11.

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: 07436430269

Transport help with hospital trips for elderly & disabled people.

Stroud Neighbourhood Warden

01453 766321

community.services@stroud.gov.uk