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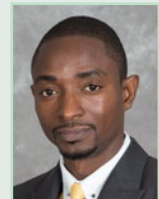
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# Mayor's Welcome

Councillor Peter Hollick

It was with considerable sadness that the Council learnt of the passing of former Town Councillor Mike Mullany (2004-15) and Town Mayor (2010-11). He ably represented Watling Ward. His financial background made him an additional asset, especially on the Finance and General Purposes Committee. With good humour and a seemingly ever smiling face, he will be missed by family, friends and former colleagues. Condolences were sent to his wife and family.

My Mayoral year continues to be very different from any in the past; I am writing this at the beginning of the second lockdown. I recognise that for many, families and businesses, the Covid-19 restrictions have presented a multitude of challenges.

I continue writing my Mayor's Diary, posted on the Council website each week; I visited all the successful Town Markets between 11th July and 17th October with more stalls than ever, welcoming, particularly, new stallholders; unfortunately markets are cancelled during November. I continue to have a fortnightly column in the Dunstable Gazette about Dunstable family businesses, their history, how they are coping with the pandemic and how they see the future.

When shops and other businesses reopened in June, the Mayoress, Ann Sparrow, and I, offered our support and learnt how they had coped during the first lockdown.

I was pleased to open Kasmicks relocated and enlarged restaurant and the Sundon Model Shop, relocated from Luton. I also had the pleasure of opening the refurbished New Crown on Route 66 on High Street North and a kitchen showroom at Brighton Beautiful. These are businesses looking to a positive future. A visit to Incredible Edible, in Katherine Drive, was also appreciated.

I took part in marking the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain on Tuesday 15th September, alongside members of RAFA, at our War Memorial. Thoughts about Remembrance Sunday arrangements went through a series of changes to take account of the Covid-19 regulations until circumstances of the second lockdown made us draw back from even a reduced event on the day. However, a video of the ceremony which would have taken place was filmed prior to Sunday and shown on Remembrance Sunday to mark the occasion.

Staff at our Town Council have all risen to the challenges of the last months. Our Town Clerk and Heads of Department all deserve our thanks for their leadership. Roles have been adapted, working conditions changed, meetings reorganised using new technology, risk assessments carried out, events cancelled or rethought.

The Community Services team and others will continue to keep in touch with many elderly, vulnerable and shielding residents, phoning to relieve any feelings of isolation, delivering prescriptions and food. We recognise the many local charities and volunteers who have also been, and will continue to be, in the forefront helping others. Further arrangements in relation to the Priory House Tea Rooms and Shop, Creasey Park and Grove Corner have had to be made given the second lockdown.

Over the Summer, the Grounds Team again delivered a winning format, Dunstable being recognised in a virtual Anglia in Bloom competition as having the Best Local Authority Planting in East Anglia. We are disappointed Britain in Bloom 2021 has been cancelled, however, we hope this will mean we will be more prepared for the competition in 2022. The Town has also retained its Green Flags for Grove House and Priory House Gardens and the Cemetery. We have also gained the prestigious Green Heritage Accreditation for Priory Gardens recognising its history and our plans for heritage conservation.

A second lockdown has brought the 'R' number down. The wearing of face masks in shops is now all but second nature. We must all heed the Government's regulations to keep ourselves safe and equally important, to keep others safe.

My Mayoress and I wish you all good health and very best wishes for the coming Christmas season.

*Councillor Peter Hollick*  
Town Mayor of Dunstable



# David Ashlee

Town Clerk  
& Chief Executive

Welcome to the winter edition of Talk of the Town and I am pleased to be introducing an edition that can still feature how the Town Council is planning to help Dunstable celebrate Christmas despite the ongoing Pandemic.

This edition not only features what the Town Council will be offering by way of its Christmas programme; it also features the announcement that all existing Green Flags for our open spaces have been retained as well as the Town Council securing Green Heritage Accreditation for Priory Gardens. This is a significant achievement that will help ensure the Council continues to protect, maintain, and promote this historically important part of the town.

Also featured is how the Council will be leading on the High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ). This is a four-year funding programme that aims to revitalise part of High Street South whilst also helping to promote and protect this historically important part of Dunstable.

This edition also features the exciting news that the Town Council, in partnership with Central Bedfordshire Council, will soon be launching an additional brand-new artificial turf pitch at Creasey Park Community Football Centre. Also, Grove Corner (the Council's youth facility) will soon be launching a brand-new gaming suite which I hope will encourage more young people into Grove Corner (in a Covid-19 safe manner of course).

I hope you find this edition of Talk of the Town informative and please feel free to comment on any of the Council's services using the comment form at the back of this edition or by visiting our website [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk) or following us on Twitter and Facebook.

Please continue to adhere to Government guidance on remaining safe during this Covid-19 Pandemic. I hope that all Dunstable residents are able to enjoy Christmas as best they can and I also hope that residents and visitors to Dunstable can continue to visit and enjoy the town centre as our local economy is so important to us all.

Stay safe.

*David Ashlee*  
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

# DUNSTABLE Hi! STREET HERITAGE ACTION ZONE

## REVITALISING YOUR Hi! STREET

Dunstable is 1 of 68 historic high streets across England to have been offered government funding from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and Ministry for Housing Communities and Local Government as part of the High Streets Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ) programme.

Further details can be found at <https://historicengland.org.uk/whats-new/news/funding-for-historic-high-streets-recovery/>

From August 2020 until 2024 Dunstable Town Council will be working with Historic England and several other partners to deliver the HSHAZ programme.

The HSHAZ focuses on a key stretch of the High Street falling within Dunstable Conservation Area. It includes an area fronting High Street South and adjoining Middle Row and Ashton Square and on the opposite side of the road it extends to the rear of Priory House and includes Priory Gardens.

### Building Refurbishment

Undertaking physical works to properties in the HSHAZ area - the properties are still to be determined but will include Priory House. Priory House, which passed into the ownership of Dunstable Town Council in 2005 is currently on Historic England's Heritage At Risk register, primarily relating to the deterioration of the stonework in the Undercroft. It is anticipated that work to Priory House undertaken as part of the HSHAZ will allow for its removal from the At Risk register. The project, led by The Morton Partnership <https://www.themortonpartnership.co.uk/> will develop proposals to repair the vaults and adapt the building environment to conserve the historic fabric for the future.



*Undercroft of Priory House comprising four bays*

### Cultural Programme

Cultural activities and events led by the Dunstable Cultural Consortium. Historic England are working on the cultural programme in partnership with National Lottery Heritage Fund and Arts Council England. The Dunstable Cultural Consortium, will be planning and delivering the cultural programme. The Consortium involves several existing local organisations, groups and societies along with individuals who will be coming together as one to deliver the cultural programme. If you have any queries or suggestions please contact the Consortium by email [culturaldunstable@gmail.com](mailto:culturaldunstable@gmail.com)

*Did you know...* there is an exhibition space in the upstairs rooms at Priory House? The Consortium are going to create a new display on Augustinian Dunstable as one of their initial pilot projects.

### Would you like to keep up to date with HSHAZ news?

You can check out all the latest news and developments on our Facebook and Instagram pages. If you want to know more about the programme or have any queries, please do get in touch with Becky Wisbey (Head of Community Services) and Michelle Collings (High Street Heritage Action Zone Programme Manager) who can be contacted via [info@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:info@dunstable.gov.uk)

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Historic England

Middle Row Markets has become the centre of the town over the last few months with over twenty-seven stalls. The market takes place on the second and third Saturday of each month (although we will be taking a little break during January, February 2021), in The Square and Middle Row. We are pleased to announce our extra Christmas Markets for 2020 in Middle Row and The Square.

Come down to support local businesses and crafters and make sure you visit your local market.

# Middle Row MARKETS

## NEW! Three Day Christmas Magic

Friday 11 December 4 pm to 9 pm

Saturday 12 December 10 am to 4 pm

Sunday 13 December 10 am to 4 pm

This year we are doing something a little different, join us in Ashton Square for our late night Market from 4 pm on Friday 11 December to start your Christmas shopping with over 30 stalls. Our Twilight Christmas Magic Market will be a bit different from our usual markets, so come and experience Christmas at its best, with lights, music, visual effects and watch out... there might even be a little bit of snow. Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 will celebrate the magic of Christmas with a beautiful display of Christmas lights, music, and street entertainment. With over 32 stalls there will be plenty for you to shop from to find that perfect gift this Christmas. With FREE parking in Ashton Square car park on Saturdays and Sundays, shopping local couldn't be easier. If you want to go to a Christmas market this year, then shop local and visit Dunstable Twilight Christmas Magic Market and support our local businesses and crafters.

## Christmas Market

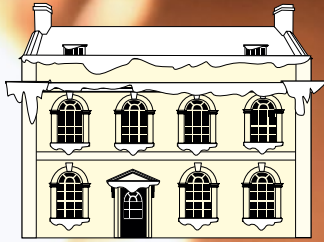
Saturday 19 December

Let's not forget the last market of the year with over thirty two stalls selling all your last minute Christmas goodies and gifts on Saturday 19 December 10 am to 3 pm. Once again there will be free parking all day in Ashton Square car park and festive friends roaming the market will ensure a perfect Christmas feel.

## Christmas Window Display

We are again asking all the shops to enter our Christmas window display. We have asked the cafes and restaurants to join again this year. We had a fantastic response last year with three winners and a gift for all those who entered. Let us light up Dunstable with a feast of Christmas Windows.





PRIORY HOUSE

# CHRISTMAS

## Priory House Tea Rooms is open and ready to welcome you back!

We are pleased to be back serving our lovely customers. As per government guidelines there are some small changes to how we operate the tea rooms. We can currently only serve the same household customers, you will be required to wear a face mask when you enter the building from the rear until you are seated. You will be asked to scan the NHS track and trace or provide your details to a member of staff. We will offer complete table service, so you can sit back and relax and enjoy your cup of tea or lunch at Priory House Tea Rooms.

**We look forward to seeing you.**



# Christmas Afternoon Tea

with its usual seasonal flare and fare – will be available throughout the festive season build-up until Wednesday 23 December.

Come along and enjoy our 'Holly Afternoon Tea' for just £19.50

This includes delicious warm savouries made in-house, freshly prepared sandwiches with seasonal fillings, followed by fresh scones, either warm or cold, you choose. Scones are served with freshly whipped cream and homemade preserve. Your Christmas Afternoon Tea is then finished off with some delicious homemade cakes. We have over 20 different Teas and Infusions for you to enjoy as well.

Why not treat yourself to our 'Ivy Afternoon Tea' for just £23.50?

Enjoy all of the delicious goodies that come with a 'Holly Afternoon Tea', plus a glass of Prosecco or Mulled Wine.

'Little Berries Afternoon Tea' for under 12s is just £10.

Dietary requirements can be accommodated for Gluten Free, Vegan and Dairy Free with notice. Please advise staff at the time of booking and ensure that you book, at least four days in advance.

Priory House Tea Rooms will be open on Sunday 13 and 20 December for pre-booked Afternoon Teas. Why not bring the family?



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## The Perfect Christmas Gift

Do you fancy treating someone else to an Afternoon Tea in the New Year?

You can purchase an Afternoon Tea for Two voucher direct from our website online at [www.dunstable.gov.uk/product/afternoon-tea-vouchers/](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/product/afternoon-tea-vouchers/)



## Festive Family Fridays

Family afternoon tea sessions will be held on Friday 11 and 18 December from 3pm to 7pm, priced at £19.50 adult and £10 per child.

Priory House Tea Rooms will be opening late to serve our Festive Friday Family Afternoon Teas. All the family can come together (in no more than groups of 6) to enjoy our special Christmas Afternoon Tea. Children will also be entertained with free craft activities to do at the table. Book today to avoid disappointment.

## FREE Festive Fun

Dine at Priory House Tea Rooms throughout all of December and your child can have fun at the table with a free Christmas activity from Christmas cards to tree decorations; while you relax and enjoy your lunch or Afternoon Tea (booking required for Afternoon Teas).



## Christmas Hampers

Made to order Priory Pantry Christmas Hampers containing loose leaf tea and homemade jam and chutney. Prices start from £7.50. Delivery is also available within Dunstable please speak to a member of our team. We will also be open for late night shopping on Friday 11 December. So, for one of a kind gifts and decorations pop in and see us.

## Christmas Gift Ideas

Christmas has arrived at Priory House Gift Shop, so why not shop local?

As always there will be a fantastic selection of Christmas present ideas in our Gift Shop. From brooches to books, jams to jewellery; you are sure to find something that is special. We have very unusual Christmas decorations from glass baubles for the tree to light up ornaments. In our Dunstable Tea range, we now have over 26 different loose-leaf teas. The jam we sell is part of the Priory Pantry range that is made in-house by our chef. The range also includes Christmas chutney, marmalade and luxury mincemeat. You can even take home a free gift box if you buy any three of the Priory Pantry range. Don't forget we also have our local crafters selling their wares in our Showcase Shelving scheme. This gives local people the chance to sell their goods on the High Street.

# young DUNSTABLE



## Meet Gill our new Youth and Community Manager

**You joined the team at the end of September, but you have worked here before. What made you want to return?**

Several years ago, I was the Senior Community and Young People's Officer at Dunstable Town Council for a couple of years. I really enjoyed my time previously and so when I saw the job advertised, I knew I wanted to return - it is great to be back with the team!

**What do you most enjoy about your job so far?**

Having worked in this area for over fifteen years; I enjoy the variety of everyday. I have been enjoying and am looking forward to meeting people from all ages within the town and to be able to provide events and activities accessible for all.

**What would your advice be to young people during the current climate?**

Take each day as it comes – some days will be better than others. Reach out to someone you care about each day. Try and write yourself a list of three positive things about your day. If you can get out for a daily walk or do some type of exercise, do. Finally, know it is okay to not always feel okay and there are people who want to help and listen – including youth workers at Grove Corner.

**What are you planning to do at Grove Corner?**

In the next few weeks, Grove Corner will be relaunching, offering various sessions following Covid-19 guidelines.

Thanks to funding from the Violence and Exploitation Reduction Unit (VERU), and from the Town Council, there will be a new state of the art gaming suite in the building, which will include 6 new gaming PC's together with 2 of the new Oculus Quest 2 VR headsets. As well as the gaming equipment, Grove Corner will continue to be a safe place to relax with friends, play pool and take part in interactive fun.

Staff are very excited about the new facilities that are coming and being able to offer and provide young people with new opportunities within the town.

Although numbers will be limited initially due to the current climate, there will be an online booking form for people to attend.

If you aren't feeling ready for a face-to-face session, there will be a chance to sign up and take part in an online group.

All of our programmes will be split into age appropriate sessions and are designed for young people. Our dedicated youth workers are keen for ideas, thoughts and initiatives from those attending or who want to attend. It really is a great place to hang out with existing friends and make new ones.

So, if you need some time to unwind, switch off, and have a chat – Grove Corner is the place for you; whether it be face-to-face or online, workers look forward to meeting you!

**Like and follow Grove Corner on Facebook and Instagram to keep updated on our re-opening and events for young people or email [gill.peck@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:gill.peck@dunstable.gov.uk) for more information.**



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# CPCFC Festive Football Fixtures

Come down to Creasey Park Community Football Centre during the festive period to watch a live game of football. If you're missing your normal Saturday afternoon fix then come and support one of our local teams. At Creasey Park there is an excellent standard of men's semi-pro, women's and U18 football on offer.

Thursday 10 December	<b>AFC Dunstable U18</b> v Crawley Green	KO 7.30 pm
Saturday 12 December	<b>AFC Dunstable</b> v Coleshill Town	KO 3.00 pm
Saturday 19 December	<b>Dunstable Town FC</b> v Colney Heath	KO 3.00 pm
Monday 28 December	<b>Dunstable Town FC</b> v Leighton Town	KO 3.00 pm
Saturday 2 January	<b>AFC Dunstable</b> v Barton Rovers	KO 3.00 pm
Sunday 3 January	<b>AFC Dunstable Women</b> v Harlow Town	KO 2.00 pm

*All fixtures above are subject to change due to the Southern League & South Midlands League decision, on the commencement of their respective seasons. Please check the Creasey Park page of the Dunstable Town Council website [www.dunstable.gov.uk/creasey-park-community-football-centre/](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/creasey-park-community-football-centre/) for up to date information.*

**Admission Prices:** AFC Dunstable Adults £10 / Concessions £5 (65+ and -18s) / Under 11s FREE  
Dunstable Town FC Adults £8 / Concessions £5 / 12-17s £3 / Under 12s FREE

While you're watching the football you can also enjoy hot and cold refreshments from our 'Keepers Kitchen'. Why not try one of our winter specials such as a Pigs in Blanket Bap, Gingerbread Latte or a Baileys Hot chocolate? Please observe and adhere to all Covid-19 Government restrictions and guidelines in place.

For further details on AFC Dunstable and Dunstable Town FC please visit their websites at [www.afcdunstable.com](http://www.afcdunstable.com) and [www.dunstabletownfc.co.uk](http://www.dunstabletownfc.co.uk)



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## New Artificial Turf Pitch

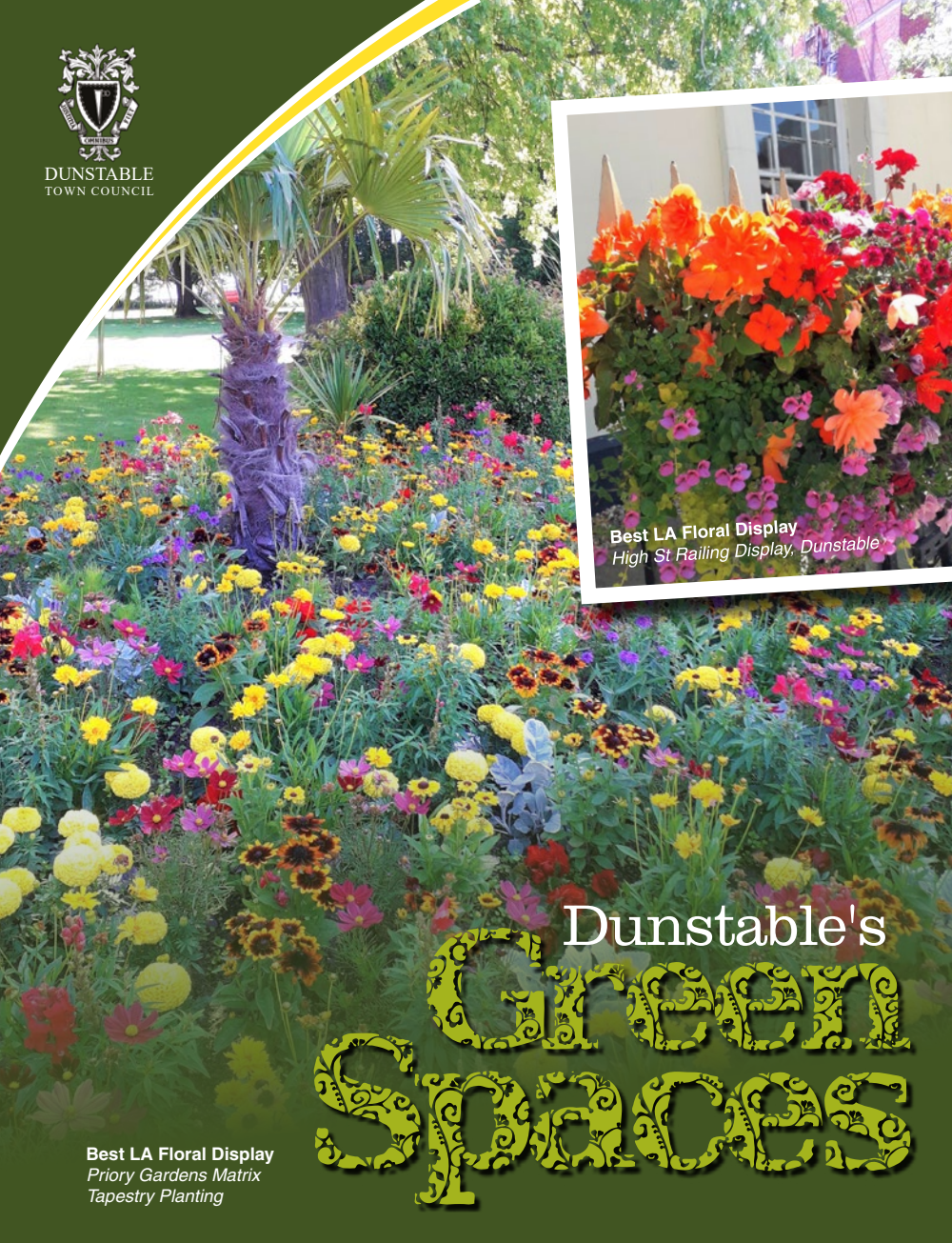


Creasey Park Community Football Centre will soon benefit from an exciting new Artificial Turf Pitch (ATP). Thanks to Central Bedfordshire Council securing funding from the Government Housing Infrastructure Fund, a brand new full size additional ATP is being built on the Creasey Park site. The pitch is being built to the very latest advances in 3rd generation artificial pitches and LED floodlighting as well as taking into account all environmental considerations. This new ATP is being built for not only football use but also field hockey and will be FIFA & FIH accredited. The pitch is another fantastic addition to a facility that already boasts a full size 3G ATP, stadium pitch and 8 youth grass pitches with a state of the art irrigation system, including automated/programmable pop-up sprinklers and clubhouse facilities. It's hoped the pitch will be ready for use very early in 2021 and look out for information on a community 'Have a go day'.

**For all booking enquires please contact Creasey Park Community Football Centre on 01582 891433 or email [cpcfc@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:cpcfc@dunstable.gov.uk)**

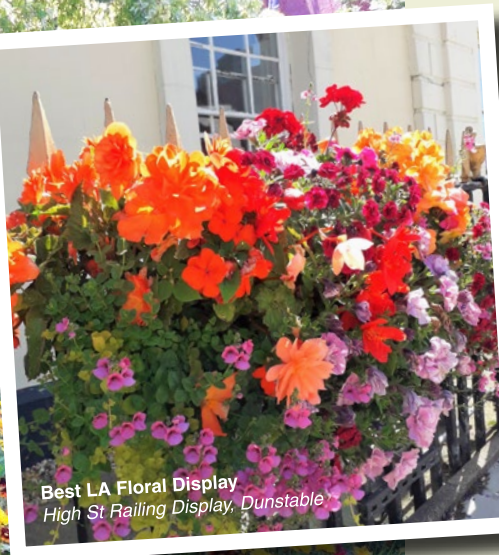


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Priory Gardens Matrix  
Tapestry Planting

## Dunstable's Green Spaces



**Best LA Floral Display**  
High St Railing Display, Dunstable

## Anglia in Bloom Success for Dunstable

With all regional and national In Bloom judging cancelled for this year Dunstable in Bloom decided to enter the town in the virtual Anglia in Bloom competition.

Dunstable won the Best Local Authority Planting Award in 2020 for the town's floral

displays including the flower beds in Priory Gardens and the various other displays around the town.

The Council chose bright colours and we hope this cheered people up after the lockdown. We also tried something new in Priory Gardens by introducing a tapestry effect to our planting schemes and we received some great comments on how good they looked. We hope to repeat this again in 2021.

Dunstable in Bloom also helped out with the maintenance of the displays with 20 volunteers deadheading and weeding throughout the summer.

The Council is looking forward to Dunstable in Bloom in 2021 when the theme will be 'A Bright New Start' and we hope to use all the colours of the rainbow in our displays.



## Dunstable Green Flag Award and Green Heritage Site Success

The Council has retained all three Green Flags for Grove House Gardens, Priory Gardens and Dunstable Cemetery in 2020. In addition, the Council has secured the prestigious Green Heritage Accreditation for Priory Gardens. Green Heritage Accreditation, supported by Historic England, recognises the important contribution that the Gardens make to both local and regional heritage and furthermore that they are being managed in line with good heritage conservation principles which benefit the local community. There are just 109 Green Heritage sites accredited in the UK.

The Chairman of the Grounds and Environmental Services Committee, Councillor Liz Jones said: *'I am extremely pleased with the Green Flag and Heritage achievements for our open spaces this year. It demonstrates the commitment that the Council and its staff, volunteers and local organisations have to provide high quality green spaces across our town'.*

The Council also supported the 'Go Green for Parks' campaign by lighting up Priory House green to celebrate the Green Flag Award success and to say a massive thank you to all parks staff, volunteers and the Green Flag Award Judges across the country for all their work this year.



# Christmas in Dunstable through the Ages

by Jean Yates (Dunstable Cultural Consortium Chair)

The people of Dunstable have over the centuries witnessed some interesting events during the Christmas period...

In 1121, Henry I, having driven robbers away from the important north road, by having much of the forest cut down and the royal manor of Kingsbury built at Dunstable, kept his Christmas here with great splendour, receiving an embassy from the Earl of Anjou.

For those who celebrated Christmas in Norman times, it wasn't just one day, but a season covering at least the 12 days from 25 December to Epiphany on 6 January. Sounds good? There's a rider: Christmas was preceded by a month of fasting in the season of Advent.

In 1137, Dunstable must have been awash with noise and colour when King Stephen continued his predecessor's tradition and spent a Christmas here at Dunstable, worshipping at the Priory, with the canons.

In the year 1233 the Dunstable annalists, who kept the Priory diary, tell us, "There was a great frost at Christmase, which destroyed the corn in the ground, and the roots of hearbs [herbs] in the gardens, continuing till candlemasse without any snow, so that no man could plough the ground, and all the yeare after was unseasonable weather, so that bareness of all things ensued, and many poor folks died for want of victuals, the rich being so bewitched with avarice, that they could yield them no relieve".



## Christmas at the Priory

People have celebrated Christmas in Dunstable's Priory Church for 900 years.

Christmas 2020 will be different...

Find us online and on social media and get ready to join in – virtually, in real life, or both – and let's make this a Christmas that Dunstable will remember for another 900 years!

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All our visits are free

If you would like to help please contact us by email on

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## Services Dunstable Town Council Provides For You

### Main Council Reception 01582 513000

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### Grounds and Environmental Services

#### Cemetery Management

Maintenance of grounds, grave preparation, burial and memorial arrangements  
Dunstable Cemetery, West Street, Dunstable LU6 1PD  
01582 891428 | [cemetery@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:cemetery@dunstable.gov.uk)

#### Parks and Open Spaces

Maintenance of grounds, sport pitches and skate park, litter picking, dog bins, grass cutting  
Freephone 0800 013 0350 | [info@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:info@dunstable.gov.uk)

#### Allotments

Plot lettings and maintenance of sites  
01582 891426 | [allotments@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:allotments@dunstable.gov.uk)

#### Play Areas

Maintenance, inspections and cleansing  
Freephone 0800 013 0350 | [info@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:info@dunstable.gov.uk)

#### Town Centre Maintenance

Maintenance of raised beds, grassed areas and floral displays  
01582 513000 | [info@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:info@dunstable.gov.uk)

#### Maintenance of Priory & Grove House Gardens

Grounds maintenance, litter picking, dog bins  
01582 891413 | [john.crawley@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:john.crawley@dunstable.gov.uk)

#### Town Ranger & Town Centre Ranger

Cleaning up the public places in Dunstable  
Freephone 0800 013 0350

#### Grove Skate Park

01582 513000 | [info@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:info@dunstable.gov.uk)

#### Bennett's Splash & Splashside Café

01582 891433 | [james.slack@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:james.slack@dunstable.gov.uk)

### Mayoral and Democratic Services

Remembrance Day Parade and Service, Mayor's Charity Events, Civic Services, Democratic Representation  
01582 513000

### Community Services

#### Town Centre Management

Economic regeneration, Christmas lights, Ashton Square public toilets and twice-monthly themed markets  
01582 891436 | [annette.clynes@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:annette.clynes@dunstable.gov.uk)

#### Events Programme *including:*

Dunstable Live, Fireworks, Party in the Park, Proms in the Park  
01582 891406 | [lisa.vincent@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.vincent@dunstable.gov.uk) | [events@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:events@dunstable.gov.uk)

#### Priory House

Heritage Centre, TIC, functions, tea rooms and gift shop  
Priory House Heritage Centre, 33 High St South, Dunstable LU6 3RZ  
01582 891420 | [prioryhouse@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:prioryhouse@dunstable.gov.uk)

#### Grove Corner Young People's Centre

76a High Street North, Dunstable LU6 1NF  
01582 891434 | [info@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:info@dunstable.gov.uk)

#### Older People's Support Service

Good Companions day care, CPCFC Lunch Club  
01582 513000 | [info@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:info@dunstable.gov.uk)

#### Creasey Park Community Football Centre

Artificial/grass pitches, function room, licensed bar, BMX track  
Creasey Park Drive, Dunstable LU6 1BB  
01582 891433 or 07712 861618 | [cpcfc@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:cpcfc@dunstable.gov.uk)

#### Peter Newton Pavilion (Managed by Beds FA)

Century House, Skimpot Road, Dunstable LU5 4JU | 01582 565111

#### Downside Community Centre

Licensed to the Seventh Day Adventist Church  
Suffolk Road, Downside Estate, Dunstable | 01582 666403

#### High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ)

1 Ashton Square, Dunstable  
[michelle.collings@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:michelle.collings@dunstable.gov.uk) | 07593 553653

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## TALK of the TOWN

### We Welcome Your Feedback

We would appreciate your comments on the services we provide and anything you have read in this special edition of Talk of the Town. While our offices are not fully operational to accept the usual feedback form, we would encourage you to email your comments to [info@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:info@dunstable.gov.uk) using the subject reference: 'TotT 88 December 2020'.