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## Mayor's Welcome

Councillor  
Gloria Martin

### Welcome to another exciting edition of Talk of the Town.

This edition marks the time at which we all start to enjoy the signs of spring and look forward to the joys of warmer days and shorter nights. This year particularly, looking forward is what many of us feel is the right thing to do, as the last few years have been hard on everyone and the need to be positive, forward thinking and optimistic is something that we all need.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year is an opportunity to celebrate a unique event, as no previous monarch has ever reigned for 70 years. The Town Council is planning activities to celebrate this, so please look out for the events on our Facebook page, website and in Talk of The Town.

Many of the activities will take place after I have left office, but I am delighted that I shall be able to take part in planting 20 new trees in Mentmore Park, as part of the Queen's Green Canopy Appeal. The Town Council is committed to maintaining, and where possible improving, our award-winning green spaces, so we hope to plant more in future years as funding allows. The last few years have shown us that access to our green spaces benefits everyone and they are vitally important for our wellbeing and general health.

This is also the time when one Mayor is getting to the end of their year in office, and another is preparing to take over. The Annual Council meeting, when the new Mayor is sworn in, takes place on the third Monday of May each year and is also known as "Mayor Making". This year I am planning on being able to hand over to my successor, without the restrictions of Covid, in a ceremony that is a fitting way of introducing the new Mayor of Dunstable to the Town.

I said at the start of my year that I thought that this year would be very different from my previous term as Mayor, and it certainly has been. Many of my fellow Mayors have waited, as I have, to plan fundraising events until they felt sure that they could go ahead.

The normal round of attending the fundraising events of other organisations, which are a part of every Mayor's duty, have also been delayed or postponed this year, which has greatly reduced my opportunity to represent the town. Looking at my calendar though it looks as if I will be kept busy right up to the last weekend of my time in office.

Over the last two years the reduction in opportunities to hold fundraising events has also meant that the funds of the many charities in our local area, who rely on these events, have suffered. They will need your help and support in the future if they are to continue to be there for the people of Dunstable.

As I sign off from this, my last article to you, I wish you all well in the future.

*Councillor Gloria Martin*

Town Mayor of Dunstable



**David  
Ashlee**  
Town Clerk  
& Chief Executive

### Welcome to the spring edition of Talk of the Town and I would like to begin my introduction with a personal message of solidarity and support for the people of Ukraine.

At the time of writing this article, Putin's barbaric invasion of Ukraine is four days old and already numerous innocent Ukrainians have been killed. I hope by the time you are reading this introduction that governments around the world have mobilised in unity against the lunacy of the Putin regime and that the conflict is now over... I hope.

This is always a very important time of year for the Council as it is the period in which the Council agrees its annual budget. This year the Council has been able to set a budget with just a £5.64 per year increase on the Dunstable Town Council element of your council tax bill (Band D properties).

If you live in a Dunstable Band D property, you will pay an annual charge of £187.66 to Dunstable Town Council. An illustration of where this money goes is given later in this edition.

In the hope that Covid-19 restrictions are still relaxed, this spring finally sees the re-launch of the Council's events programme and this year the Council will be starting things off with two events in April and May. St George's Day will be celebrated with an improved range of activities centred in Priory Gardens, and May sees the return of the popular 'Classic Motor Rally' event, again in Priory Gardens. We have an additional event this year in June to help celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee as we will be broadcasting live the Jubilee Concert in Priory Gardens. Later in June 'Dunstable Live' is once again set to open the Council's 'Summer of Music' and I am very excited to be able to announce that The Farm will be our headline act for this year's Party in the Park in July.

We will see an earlier re-opening of Bennett's Splash and the Splashside Café on 2 May, so let's hope we have good weather this spring and summer. We are also hoping for good weather to support the Council's programme of Middle Row Markets that will be taking place on every second and third Saturday of the month. This year we are anticipating even more stall holders regularly joining our market so please use the town centre and help support local enterprise.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Talk of the Town 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 [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk) or following us on Twitter and Facebook.

Happy reading!

*David Ashlee*  
Town Clerk and Chief Executive





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# How We Spend Your Money

Did you know that of your annual council tax bill, only £187.66 (Band D Properties) is paid to Dunstable Town Council? Dunstable Town Council manages and delivers the following services:

**Precept £2,480,490 plus £949,011 Income generated | Council Tax Annual Contribution = £187.66 per Band D property**

## **Town Clerk and Chief Executive's Office** **£1,243,533**

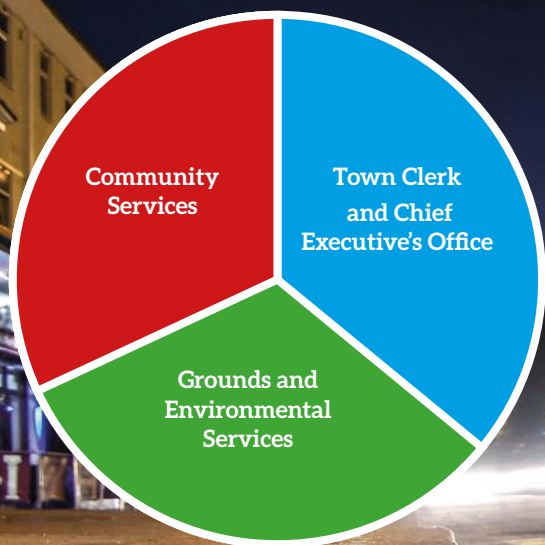
Central Services  
Grove House  
Corporate Management  
Marketing  
Democratic Management  
and Representation  
Creasey Park Community Football Centre  
Splash Park

## **Community Services** **£1,063,043**

Older People's Support Service  
Community Engagement  
Grove Corner  
Events Programme  
Priory House  
Town Centre Services  
including Specialist Markets  
Public Conveniences (Ashton Square)  
High Street Heritage Action Zone

## **Grounds and Environmental Services** **£1,122,925**

Allotments  
Cemetery  
Recreation Grounds  
Town Centre and Gardens  
Town Ranger Services  
In Bloom Campaign



For Council Tax enquiries call Central Bedfordshire Council on 0300 300 8000

For further information on Dunstable Town Council Services visit [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk)



# Destination

Keeping you abreast of town centre news, initiatives and developments

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Middle Row markets returned with a special Mother's Day Market on 26 March and continues on the second and third Saturday of the month starting from 9 April. Local crafts, foods, and unique gifts are on sale at this popular market

Join us for our Easter market on 16 April, with an Easter egg hunt and lots of sweet treats.

On 21 May we will be joined by Urban Canvas who will be creating a piece of historical floor art on The Square. We need you to colour in this creative piece of art, come along on 21 May and join in!

On 11 June we will be celebrating the Queens Jubilee with live music from Emily and The Barn-Ettes, traditional games and lots of bunting alongside Middle Row Markets.

## Free Parking in Ashton Square Car Park

From 2 April, Ashton Square car park will be free from 1 pm to 6 pm every Saturday. The car park will also be free on Wednesday afternoons from 1 pm to 6 pm. Shop local and support your local high street and market.



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| Dunstable MARKETS        | Middle Row MARKETS            | 2022 PROGRAMME           |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| MARKET DATES IN 2022     |                               |                          |
| 26TH MARCH               | 9TH / 16TH APRIL              | 14TH / 21ST MAY          |
| 11TH / 18TH JUNE         | 9TH / 16TH JULY               | 13TH / 20TH AUGUST       |
| 10TH / 17TH SEPTEMBER    | 8TH / 15TH OCTOBER            | 12TH / 19TH NOVEMBER     |
| MIDDLE ROW ASHTON SQUARE | 9TH 10TH 11TH / 17TH DECEMBER | MIDDLE ROW ASHTON SQUARE |

For more information please e-mail [Dunstable.market@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:Dunstable.market@dunstable.gov.uk) or you can also visit us online at [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk)

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# Summer EVENTS

We're hosting some fantastic **FREE** events for all the family this year!

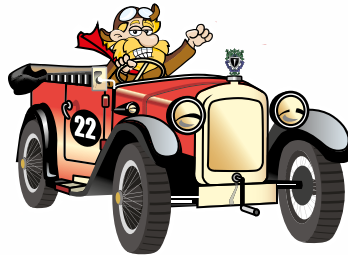


## St George's Day

**Saturday 23 April, 11 am to 4 pm**

**Priory Gardens – FREE**

There's a lot to see and do this year. Have you ever wanted to be a knight? This year you can train in our Knight School and become one for the day! There will also be the mighty climbing wall to face, make your very own sword and crown before you go off around town to hunt for the dragons! If that's not enough there's plenty more, including Punch and Judy shows, arts and crafts stalls, 'Teaching Talons Animal Encounter', fighting knights display, falconry display, a Dragon Town Trail, St George and the Dragon storytelling, wooden sculpture chainsaw carving, medieval missions and medieval world games and activities.



## Dunstable Classic Motor Rally

**Saturday 21 May, 10 am to 4 pm**

**Priory Gardens – FREE**

This fantastic event will consist of a display of heritage and vintage vehicles situated in the beautiful grounds of Priory Gardens. Alongside the display there will be live music performances, stalls, on-site food concession, wooden sculpture chainsaw carving, plus take part in an outdoor adventure game! A great family fun day out and not to be missed for all motor enthusiasts! Across the road on The Square, alongside Middle Row markets, there will also be a large-scale interactive street art, where you can chalk directly onto the pavement.

*If you wish to enter a vehicle, please email [events@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:events@dunstable.gov.uk) for an entry form.*



## Priory's Platinum Jubilee Concert

**Saturday 4 June**

**Priory Gardens – FREE**

Come down to Priory Gardens on Saturday 4 June to celebrate and watch the special 'Platinum Party at the Palace' concert broadcast live from the BBC to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Expect performances from some of the world's biggest entertainers including music, film, TV and stage stars celebrating the most significant moments of the Queen's 70-year reign.

Bring your friends and family, picnic blankets and chairs, food and drink along for a once in a lifetime celebration. This live broadcast will feature a giant screen, on-site catering and an outdoor bar. Priory House will also be hosting a special VIP area where tables can be booked for this special event.

Make sure you don't miss this **FREE** event and keep an eye out on our website and Facebook for final event times once the broadcast has been announced.

[www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk)

## Please help us improve our events...

This year we are undertaking a review of our whole events programme. After you have attended one of our events, please take a few minutes to fill in our events survey as your answers are really important to us. The results will help us to continue to plan and deliver our events next year.

[www.dunstable.gov.uk/events](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/events)





## Dunstable Live

**Saturday 18 June, 3 pm to 8 pm**  
Grove House Gardens - **FREE**

To mark the Queen's Jubilee, we are excited to announce the theme for this year's event is 'Best of British through the Decades.' A survey was conducted via our Facebook page with over 1,500 votes received, the top four acts chosen were:

**3.00 pm The Beatles**

**4.20 pm Elton John**

**5.30 pm Freddie Mercury**

**7.00 pm Madness**

Enjoy five hours of music where there will be an outside bar, catering and small children's ride.



## Sunday Band Concerts

**Sundays, 12 noon and 2.45 pm**  
Grove House Gardens - **FREE**

Our much-loved Sunday Band Concerts start off with Dunstable Town Band performing on Sunday 26 June. The schedule consists of two traditional brass bands performing per day, so come down to Grove House Gardens to enjoy the beautiful park setting and listen to these fantastic bands.

**Sunday 26 June 12 noon**

**Dunstable Town Band**

**Sunday 26 June 2.45 pm**

**Dunstable Salvation Army**

**Sunday 3 July 12 noon**

**The Heath Band**

**Sunday 3 July 2.45 pm**

**Toddington Town Band**

**Sunday 7 August 12 noon**

**Chiltern Hills Brass Band**

**Sunday 7 August 2.45 pm**

**Welwyn Garden City Band**

There is also a fantastic fundraising opportunity for charities to apply for the tea and coffee concession during these band concerts. If you are interested please contact Gina Thanky on 01582 891407 or email [gina.thanky@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:gina.thanky@dunstable.gov.uk) for an application form



## Party in the Park

**Saturday 9 July, 12 noon to 8 pm**  
Grove House Gardens - **FREE**

Party in the Park is back and we're 'All Together Now!' This event consists of 8 hours of family fun! Visit our **FREE Kidzone** area for under 16s, full of activities, entertainment and games. There will also be plenty of charity and craft stalls plus a fantastic funfair. Enjoy live music and entertainment on stage throughout the day including **Bhangra Smash Up** who will be performing mainstream chart music and classic hits fusing traditional Dhol drumming with Eastern and Western music. As a finale, this year we are thrilled to announce that the **legendary Liverpool band 'The Farm'** will be headlining Party in the Park. The Farm enjoyed worldwide success after the release of Spartacus in March 1991, with the best selling album reaching number one in the UK album charts. The group had eight top forty hit singles in the UK including '**Groovy Train**' and '**All Together Now**' that were a soundtrack for a generation. In 2010, twenty years after Spartacus was released the band reformed to celebrate the 20th anniversary of their anthem '**All Together Now**'. With the concert being such a success, The Farm have continued delighting audiences worldwide. So, get down to Grove House Gardens, bring your family and friends and celebrate being All Together Now and enjoy a full day of fun, music and hopefully sunshine!



For all up-to-date information please visit [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk)



# What's On at PRIORY HOUSE



There are some exciting events and activities planned at Priory House in the coming months. For further information or to book onto any of the activities featured here please visit our website at: [www.dunstable.gov.uk/prioryhouse](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/prioryhouse)

## Cheese and Wine Evening

Saturday 7 May

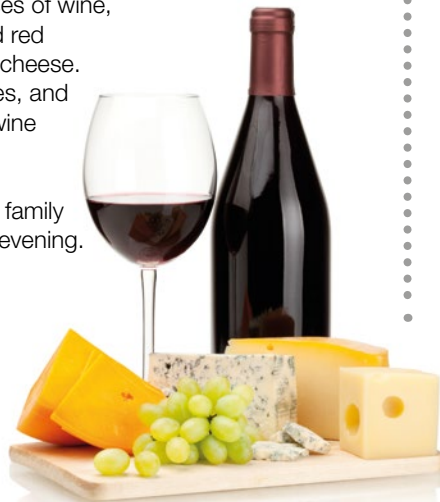
6 pm to 10 pm – Priory House

£35 per person (over 18s only)

Love cheese? Love wine? Why not come along and enjoy our cheese and wine evening? Be indulged by our tasty cheeseboard with a selection of cheeses, breads, meats and olives. Along with your cheeseboard, you will be given a selection of five glasses of wine, ranging from white, rose, and red which will complement each cheese. You will be able to make notes, and even buy more cheese and wine on the night.

Come along with friends and family and enjoy a fun and relaxing evening.

Book online at  
[www.dunstable.gov.uk/prioryhouse](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/prioryhouse)



## Sunday Afternoon Tea Dates for 2022

You can now enjoy our delicious Afternoon Tea on a Sunday, from 12 noon (last booking time is 1.30 pm) on the following dates:

Sunday 24 April

Sunday 29 May

Sunday 26 June

Sunday 31 July

Sunday 28 August

Sunday 25 September

Sunday 30 October

From only £18.50 adult / £9.50 child

As our Afternoon Teas are freshly prepared, we can cater to any specific dietary requirements including vegan, gluten free, or dairy free. Please specify any dietary requirements at time of booking.

Book online at [www.dunstable.gov.uk/prioryhouse](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/prioryhouse)





# Wedding Open Days

Did you know Priory House is also a wedding venue? Take a look at our stunning Jacobean Room overlooking the beautiful Priory Gardens. We offer the perfect intimate wedding catering for up to 30 people. 12 noon to 3.00 pm on:

|                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Sunday 24 April   | Sunday 29 May       |
| Sunday 26 June    | Sunday 31 July      |
| Sunday 28 August  | Sunday 25 September |
| Sunday 30 October |                     |

For further information visit  
[www.dunstable.gov.uk/prioryhouse](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/prioryhouse)

## Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea

Celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee with our commemorative Afternoon Tea, from 23 May 2022. Be treated like a monarch and feast on our traditional British savouries, sandwiches, cakes and scones. £20.50 per person / £11.00 per child.

For more information, dates and to book visit  
[www.dunstable.gov.uk/prioryhouse](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/prioryhouse)

# G&T Evening

Friday 24 June  
Priory House and Gardens  
From 6.00 pm

By popular demand our G&T evening is back. Come to Priory House and sit outside on a summer evening, in the stunning Priory Gardens to listen to live music, whilst enjoying a gin and tonic, or try one of our speciality cocktails. There will also be an amazing food menu to try.



# Wimbledon Afternoon Teas

Women's Final 9 July  
£20.50 per adult

Enjoy the thrills of the Wimbledon women's final with our themed Afternoon Tea. Watch the finals live on our large TV screen while you enjoy delicious homemade savouries, sandwiches, cakes, and scones. It's game, set and match.

Book online at  
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## Summer is finally on its way... ...and Bennett's Splash Park will be opening for the season on Monday 2 May.

Even better; that's a Bank Holiday! Bennett's Splash is a fun-filled day out, where imaginations can go wild and a new adventure with every visit! While you're there why not treat yourself to a selection of refreshments from the Splashside Café? Bennett's Splash and Splashside Café will be open from Monday 2 May to Sunday 11 September, 7 days a week, from 10 am to 6 pm. **For parking please use Ashton Square Car Park, located on Bull Pond Lane.**



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## Get that Friday Feeling

As the evenings are getting lighter why not pop down to Creasey Park Community Football Centre for dinner and a drink in our outdoor seating area? Take advantage of an area where kids can release some energy while you enjoy a few minutes of peace to rewind after a hard day.

**Free portion of chips with any burger  
or street food purchased, Fridays from  
5 pm only\*** \*Conditions apply.



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## It's Time to Celebrate

Have you missed celebrating events over the last 2 years? If so, come and book The Venue at Creasey Park Community Football Centre for your next party! Enjoy a night of fun and laughter with friends and family at our fully licensed Venue with a range of buffet options to suit everyone.

**When booking, quote 'It's time to celebrate'  
to receive 10% off room hire when you book  
before the end of July 2022**



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# DUNSTABLE HIGH STREET HERITAGE ACTION ZONE



'Priory House' sketch by Richard Rees

Check out the revamped High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ) website pages the latest HSHAZ news and new HSHAZ photo gallery.

If you have any HSHAZ related photos including photos of the HSHAZ area, historic photos and photos from recent activities and events that you would be happy for us to add to our online photo gallery please do send them to us via [info@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:info@dunstable.gov.uk). Also if you have visited or taken part in any HSHAZ activities, and have any photos you are happy to share, please share them on the HSHAZ Facebook Page and Instagram tagging @HistoricEngland and #HistoricHighStreets.

The Community Engagement strand of the HSHAZ includes events and activities related to the HSHAZ, heritage, history and culture run by DTC. We would love to hear your views! What events and activities would you like to see as part of the HSHAZ up until the end of March 2024? Please get in touch via [info@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:info@dunstable.gov.uk) with any ideas and suggestions.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### St Georges Day, Saturday 23 April

Look out for our historic storyteller, historic building specialist and other HSHAZ activities.

### Priory Rocks: The Hidden History Behind Priory House and Priory Church, Saturday 30 April

Would you like to build an arch, or understand a medieval building? Learn about the stones the Priory was built from, or see a whole complex of buildings through the eyes of a geophysicist? Come to drop-in events, sign up for tours, or attend a seminar. These events will be held at Priory House and Priory Church.

- Tour the invisible Priory, with archaeological investigators from Historic England
- Learn about the fascinating geology of the stones in the buildings around us with geologist Dr Judith Bunbury and buildings archaeologist Dr Jackie Hall
- Drop-in to a display of local Romanesque architecture with an expert from the Corpus of Romanesque Stone Sculpture
- Sign-up for a whole afternoon session with talks on the development of medieval Dunstable; the 2022 engineering project on the Undercroft of Priory House and its building stones; the medieval context of the Priory and the new information revealed by earthwork survey and geophysics
- Come and hear a panel of experts discuss the latest findings and what it means for our understanding of the Priory's history

To find out more and keep up to date with HSHAZ news visit our website at [www.dunstable.gov.uk/hshaz](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/hshaz) or scan the QR code with your mobile device.

You can also follow us on Facebook @DunstableHSHAZ and Instagram @hazdunstable. If you want to know more about the programme or have any queries, please do get in touch with Michelle Collings (High Street Heritage Action Zone Programme Manager) via [info@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:info@dunstable.gov.uk)



Historic England







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Joanna Klamacka

# Celebrating Dunstable's Green Spaces



## Dunstable has been chosen as an RHS Britain in Bloom Finalist for 2022

Dunstable in Bloom and Dunstable Town Council are delighted to announce that the town has been chosen to represent the Anglia region in the 2022 Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Britain in Bloom competition as a UK finalist.

Dunstable will compete against 8 other towns in the Large Town category.

The RHS Judges will be visiting the town between 25 July and 12 August when they will be shown Dunstable in Bloom initiatives, many environmental and community projects, and the town's open spaces and floral displays. In particular, the judges will be looking for examples of sustainable planet friendly planting and strong community involvement. The RHS have placed sustainability at the heart of Britain in Bloom.

This is the first time that Dunstable has been selected as an RHS Britain in Bloom finalist. It is a very proud moment for the town during the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year.

The Council and Dunstable in Bloom will be showcasing the very best of Dunstable's green projects and initiatives with support from many of the town's organisations, including schools and the wider community.

The Chairman of Dunstable Town Council's Grounds and Environmental Services Committee, Councillor Lisa Bird said:

*"We are delighted to have been chosen as a finalist this year. We are working very closely with Dunstable in Bloom, and we are looking forward to showing the judges our wonderful parks and open spaces, our colourful and sustainable floral displays and the huge community effort that goes into making our town a great place to live, work and visit."*

Dunstable in Bloom Chairman, Hugh Garrod, said:

*"It is an honour to have been chosen as finalists for Britain in Bloom 2022. It pays tribute to our previous achievements as a town and all the people who have worked with us over the years. It is a marvellous opportunity to showcase all aspects of our town. We will certainly be working as hard as ever to use this wonderful opportunity to promote Dunstable."*

Dunstable in Bloom will be running a 'Best Front Garden' competition again in 2022 and there will be a number of different categories to choose from. They will also be running an online photography competition, 'Blossom and Bloom Dunstable', encouraging residents and visitors to submit photos of blossom and flowers taken in Dunstable. More information on both competitions can be found on the Dunstable in Bloom website.

So, let's all make this a special Britain in Bloom year for our town. There are lots of ways to get involved; plant up your gardens and baskets, tell us about your projects, encourage your community, share plants with neighbours, get involved in a local litter pick event. The opportunities are endless!

**For more information on Dunstable in Bloom please visit [dunstableinbloom.wordpress.com](https://dunstableinbloom.wordpress.com)**

*You will also find a link to the RHS campaigns on the website, or you can take a look direct at the RHS web pages [www.RHS.org.uk](https://www.RHS.org.uk)*

*Follow the Dunstable in Bloom campaign on Facebook at [facebook.com/dunstableinbloom/](https://facebook.com/dunstableinbloom/) and share your gardening and environmental projects and stories with us.*



# The Queen's Green Canopy Tree Planting Event At Mentmore Recreation Ground

A tree planting event to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee took place at Mentmore Recreation Ground in Dunstable on 11 March 2022. Dunstable Town Mayor, Councillor Gloria Martin, led a group of local community organisations and representatives at the event to plant the first of twenty standard trees.

The Queen's Green Canopy is an initiative that began in May 2021 in the United Kingdom in honour of the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II in 2022. The initiative aims to increase and protect the UK's native tree cover. People from across the UK are being invited to create this 'special gift' for the Queen, to mark her 70 years on the throne and to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee".

The National Association of Civic Officers encouraged nationwide tree planting on 11 March 2022 as this auspicious date marked the 70th day of the 70th year of Queen Elizabeth's reign.

The tree species for the planting at Mentmore were chosen with climate resilience in mind and include trees such as *Pinus sylvestris* and *Alnus cordata*. *Alnus cordata* are known to benefit surrounding trees by fixing nitrogen from the atmosphere.

Funding was generously provided by Central Bedfordshire Council's Tree Planting Grant Scheme.

The tree planting site is marked with an official Queen's Green Canopy memorial plaque located on an entrance fence to Mentmore Recreation Ground. The plaque is hand-made by members of The Royal British Legion. An additional stone plaque has been set into the ground adjacent to the tree planted by the Mayor.

All trees planted for The Queen's Green Canopy initiative to commemorate the Jubilee year will be plotted on the Queen's Green Canopy digital map.

These first twenty trees are the first phase of a wider tree planting initiative for the site.



## Grove Corner

### Youth and Community Centre

100% free to attend



**MONDAY DROP-IN**  
3.45 pm to 5.15 pm  
13 to 15 year olds



**WEDNESDAY GAMING**  
5.15 pm to 6.45 pm  
13 to 15 year olds  
7.00 pm to 8.30 pm  
16 to 18 year olds



**TUESDAY POKEMON**  
5.00 pm to 6.30 pm  
8 to 13 year olds  
6.45 pm to 8.15 pm  
14 to 18 year olds



**FRIDAY DROP-IN**  
6.00 pm to 7.45 pm  
10 to 12 year olds  
8.00 pm to 9.30 pm  
16 to 18 year olds

Grove Corner is a place for young people to come and hang out. It is free to attend and no booking is required. The sessions are fun and relaxed and there is lots to do. From arts and crafts to nail painting, from using the gaming suite, to playing pool and listening to your own music, there is something for everyone to enjoy! Most recently, the young people who come to the Monday Drop-In sessions have been exploring wellbeing and have been looking at different themes each week. As part of this, the centre has now purchased two punch bags, which all our participants have fun using safely.

If you want to find out more or would like to attend, call 01582 891434 or visit our Facebook page @GroveCornerDunstable



## GET FUNDING FOR A FOUR YEAR PERIOD WITH A SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

£500 to £2000 awarded to organisations that will deliver an ongoing service to the people of Dunstable and can evidence how they achieve this.

### More information:

- ➔ Awarded to community organisations and charities
- ➔ Funding opportunities throughout the year
- ➔ Support Town Council's services and activities
- ➔ Benefits & based in Dunstable
- ➔ Must meet Town Council's priorities

Apply today at [dunstable.gov.uk/community-services](https://dunstable.gov.uk/community-services)



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## MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH A SEEDCORN GRANT

Apply today to receive up to £500 to help make a difference in your local community. No deadline.

### Application criteria:

- ➔ Individuals can apply but not receive direct funding
- ➔ New or emerging organisations to apply
- ➔ Benefits & based in Dunstable
- ➔ Cannot benefit one person
- ➔ For an event or activity
- ➔ First come, first served
- ➔ Not for ongoing costs

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# Dunstable Town Council and Committee Meetings

Copies of the agenda for all meetings are available for inspection via the Council's website [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk)

All meetings commence at **7.00 pm** and are held at Grove House, 76 High Street North, Dunstable *unless* otherwise stated and all are open to the public. Any COVID-19 related guidance for public attendance can be found on our website [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk).

Members of the public are welcome to join via Microsoft Teams and to ask questions about matters being considered at the meetings. Advance notice is required by the previous working day and further information is available from Ian Reed, Democratic Services Manager [ian.reed@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:ian.reed@dunstable.gov.uk)

Forthcoming meeting dates are listed below. The full calendar of meetings for 2021 can be found on the Council's website [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk)

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| 25/04/2022 | <b>COUNCIL</b>                               |
| 16/05/2022 | Annual Council Meeting 7.30 pm               |
| 06/06/2022 | Community Services Committee                 |
| 13/06/2022 | Grounds and Environmental Services Committee |
| 09/06/2022 | Dunstable Joint Committee                    |
| 20/06/2022 | Finance and General Purposes Committee       |
| 27/06/2022 | <b>COUNCIL</b>                               |



## DUNSTABLE TOWN BAND

rehearses every **MONDAY** in term-time at

**Chalton Village Hall 7.15 - 8.45**

For more information, contact Jo at [jo.leete64@gmail.com](mailto:jo.leete64@gmail.com) - or see the Facebook page





# Services Dunstable Town Council Provides For You

## Main Council Reception 01582 513000

For more information visit [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk)

## 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 | [cpcfc@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:cpcfc@dunstable.gov.uk)

## Mayoral and Democratic Services

Remembrance Day Parade and Service, Mayor's Charity Events, Civic Services, Democratic Representation  
01582 891401 | [ian.reed@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:ian.reed@dunstable.gov.uk)

## Community Services

### Town Centre Management

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

### Events Programme *including:*

Dunstable Live, Party in the Park, Proms in the Park  
01582 891407 | [events@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:events@dunstable.gov.uk)

### Priory House Heritage Centre

TIC, weddings, 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 | [grovecorner@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:grovecorner@dunstable.gov.uk)

### Older People's Support Service

Good Companions day care, CPCFC Lunch Club  
01582 891434 | [grovecorner@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:grovecorner@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 Conroys Ringside Boxing Club  
Suffolk Road, Downside Estate, Dunstable | 07794 692747

### High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ)

[michelle.collings@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:michelle.collings@dunstable.gov.uk) | 07593 553653

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# TALK of the TOWN

Your comments: .....

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## We Welcome Your Feedback

We would appreciate your comments on the services we provide. Please enter your comments in the area to the right and return your slip to Grove House.

Return your comment slip to:

Dunstable Town Council,  
Grove House, 76 High St North, Dunstable,  
Bedfordshire LU6 1NF