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Christmas In Dunstable

Come to Dunstable this Christmas for a feast of festive activities for everyone to enjoy

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Mayor's Welcome

Councillor
Liz Jones

At the time of writing this, I am four months into my year as Mayor and it's certainly been busy! It was always going to be a busy start to the year with the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, but I'm not sure I expected to be covering 16 events in 4 days! It was wonderful to see so many residents come together with their neighbours to hold Street Parties; thank you to those who made both my Deputy and I so welcome, and sorry to those we did not get to hear about or visit.

The sudden loss of HM Queen Elizabeth II on 8 September has left a void in our lives. Her Late Majesty was certainly a true example of putting others before herself. I am immensely proud of the way the town reacted to her passing, in particular the arrangements made to bring the community together with the Proclamation reading and the Service of Thanksgiving at the Priory Church. We now move forwards with HM King Charles III as our new Monarch and I send my best wishes to the Royal Family.

The summer has seen so much hard work by the Town Council. The Head of Grounds, John Crawley, has led his highly regarded team through three challenges. Firstly, retaining our Green Flags, which they achieved with flying colours and are flying proudly in Priory and Grove House Gardens and at the Cemetery. John's two other challenges were to prepare our town for both Anglia in Bloom and Britain in Bloom judges, just two weeks apart. With the warm weather conditions it was all hands on deck to help maintain the floral displays. Thank you to those who stepped up to offer support and to Dunstable in Bloom for their hard work; which certainly paid off with a gold medal for Dunstable at Britain in Bloom and another gold medal at Anglia in Bloom.

The events across the town have been extremely well supported. Events take time to organise and execute and our Events Officer, Gina, has done a fantastic job in ensuring all has gone smoothly. Likewise, events at Priory House, Middle Row Markets and Grove Corner have all been excellent, attracting families to the town centre who have, in turn, supported local business. This has been the result of great team work, thanks to everyone involved.

Christmas is almost upon us and in this edition you can see all the activities we have planned. My Christmas Card Competition was a great success, the winning designs can be seen on the Town Council Facebook page.

I've held three further very successful charity fundraisers and my chosen charities will benefit from money raised at the end of my year. Thank you to everyone who has attended my events, provided raffle prizes and sponsored golf holes. You can read a weekly update from me summarising my activities during the year on the Town Council website.

If you would like me to attend your business, organisation, school or voluntary group please email ian.reed@dunstable.gov.uk or call 01582 891401.

I'd like to welcome our new Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Paul Hodson. I'm looking forward to working with Paul and to showcasing our town, which I am hugely proud to be the Mayor of.

Merry Christmas to you all and have a Happy New Year.

Councillor Liz Jones
Town Mayor of Dunstable

Paul Hodson

Town Clerk
& Chief Executive



Having taken on the role of Town Clerk and Chief Executive at the beginning of August, I was immediately thrown into welcoming the judges for Dunstable's Britain in Bloom entry. I can't imagine a more impressive introduction; the number of volunteers who work so hard all year, along with Town Council staff and our partners, to provide such an impressive range of displays and planting throughout the town is remarkable.

The sad death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and the almost immediate Proclamation ceremony to mark the start of the reign of King Charles III, provided an opportunity to find out how well prepared the town was, and how well the Town Council, Central Bedfordshire Council, the Priory Church of St. Peter and all our partners can pull together with little notice to make things happen.

I'm looking forward to taking part in the coming year of events and activities in the town, starting with the Christmas Carols and Torchlight Procession on 25 November, followed by our Twilight Markets from 9 to 11 December.

As well as being the Council's Chief Executive, I am also the Town Clerk, and will be wearing the traditional Clerk's wig and gown for civic events, starting with the Remembrance parade and service on Sunday 13 November.

We will be supporting a national campaign encouraging residents to stand in the May 2023 local town council elections. The Make A Change campaign by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) calls on people from all backgrounds and experiences who are enthusiastic about their local area to put themselves forward. More information about the local elections and how to become a Councillor will be included in future editions, and Central Bedfordshire Council will provide practical information nearer the time.

I would like to give my sincere thanks to my predecessor, David Ashlee, for his support and welcome in my first weeks. It's a privilege to take on leadership of such a strong and passionate staff team at the Town Council. I've been made very welcome by our experienced and committed Town Councillors. I look forward to working with the Council and our partners to develop our services, events, and activities for the coming years.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Talk of the Town. Please feel free to comment on any of the Council's services by visiting www.dunstable.gov.uk or following us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Happy reading!

Paul Hodson
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

Dunstable Named 'Best Large Town' at Britain In Bloom 2022 and Presented with a Gold Award!



An interview with the Britain in Bloom judges...

On Friday 29 July, Britain in Bloom judges Ann Holland and Geraldine King visited Dunstable. They were taken on a tour around the town by John Crawley, Head of Grounds and Environmental Services, and Dunstable in Bloom chairman Hugh Garrod. During their visit to the Tudor Gardens at The Old Palace Lodge Hotel, they had time for a quick interview with one of our Officers.

Jemma (interviewer): What are you looking for from the Dunstable entry to be able to give us a Gold award?

Geraldine: What we're looking for in all of the Large Towns, which is the category Dunstable is a part of, is three main things. The first is horticultural excellence. Second, we're looking for good environmental practices, things like manual weeding, not using harsh chemicals, composting, bird boxes, encouraging pollinators, and of course, promoting sustainability. But the most important element, because the RHS is very much about encouraging communities to get involved, is how the community is supporting the town, and how they get involved in looking after the town. Some examples Dunstable have shown us already is the Men in Sheds project, the various local charity groups you've been working with, the Queen's Green Canopy tree planting, and we've only just started the tour!

J: How long have you been judging for Britain in Bloom, and what's the most rewarding thing about being a judge?

Ann: I'll start this because I'm the younger of the two us... judging wise (laugh). I started actually judging in 2017, but I've come from the other side in that I used to compete in Britain in Bloom; I was Chairlady for ten years prior to that. So, I know exactly how you all feel because

I've been on the other side. So yes, I've been doing it since 2017, so 5 years. And then, you (Geraldine) are a bit of a perennial, as they say.

G: That's very polite! (Laugh). So, I've been a regional judge for about 24 years, and my region was London in Bloom. But I have been a national judge for about 6 or 7 years now. And well, I love meeting people, and seeing the way that people, in their own way, change and grow their towns. No two towns or villages are the same. It's also lovely the range of people we meet from varying backgrounds!

I think for both of us, because we do a lot of gardening and horticulture, we feel like we're giving back, because this is voluntary. There are 17 RHS Britain in Bloom judges on the road now, and all of them are giving up their time to give back to the community on behalf of the RHS.

J: Why is Britain in Bloom so important to the many local communities that take part every year?

A: It gives a focus to your year, and ties everything together. I think it's something that can be celebrated!

G: Absolutely, and what the RHS are trying to do is encourage more people to try gardening, and what we've established is that gardening can have health and wellbeing benefits. From things like stress, to decluttering your mind. But the In Bloom competition is a way of rewarding communities for the work they would be doing anyway; it's nice to give back.

J: Does judging get harder every year, and how has it changed since the pandemic?

G: Well, this is the first time we've been out judging in two years. It's hard because, at this



level, you're the best of the best. Cracking well done to Dunstable, because there are so many Large Towns in the UK, and Dunstable is one of only 8 that has been nominated as a finalist, which is a massive credit to your work. I would say what's really changed is how people think about plants, particularly in terms of sustainability and pollinators. What we're seeing more of is people thinking about why they're planting something. I think there's also been a lot of fun introduced since COVID, like your quirky wheelbarrows celebrating the Jubilee!

J: What is your favourite flower and why?

A: I'm going to say perennial geranium, because it will grow anywhere; you can find a geranium for any position in your garden! It also comes in a range of colours, and it's a pollinator!

G: I'm one of the UK directors of the International Camellia Society, so I'm going to say Camellia, which are spring flowering. But I love it because it's a fantastic plant in your garden, and for me it announces spring has arrived and summer is coming!

Dunstable won the Large Town category and a gold medal. The town also received a certificate of recognition for the Sustainable Gardening Award.

Dunstable Christmas Carols & Torchlight Procession 2022

25 November, 7 pm. The Square, Dunstable

Christmas officially begins in Dunstable on Friday 25 November when the annual Torchlight Procession brings everyone together to enjoy the festive activities!

Join us on The Square from 7 pm with the school choirs of Dunstable to sing carols, meet Father Christmas and turn on the Christmas Tree lights with a fantastic light show finale!

There is no better way for you to get excited this Christmas season. There will be plenty of food and drink, plus Christmas stalls for you to start your Christmas shopping all down Middle Row. Priory House will also be open late, serving a festive menu with an outside bar.

This year we are excited to be joined by special guests from Grove Theatre's Christmas pantomime 'Cinderella'. Don't miss this fantastic show, tickets can now be booked online!

Please be aware that for the Christmas Carols and Torchlight event, High Street South will be closed from the crossroads junction of West Street/Church Street/A5183 to Friars Walk from 6 pm to 9 pm, with a diversion in place. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

More: www.dunstable.gov.uk

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We have exciting opportunities for events sponsorship for 2023.

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Christmas In Dunstable

Dunstable Vegan Market

VEGAN
MARKET CO.

The Square
10:30-16:00

26th Nov



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Vegan Market Co is coming to Dunstable for the first time on Saturday 26 November! The event will feature a variety of vegan street food, artisan bakes, craft cheeses, handmade cosmetics, ethical clothing & jewellery, arts & crafts, and charity stalls. All created by a handpicked selection of talented, ethical, and sustainable businesses. Lewis Beresford, VMCO's Founder says; "We are so excited to be in Dunstable for the first time. We work hard to find the country's leading vegan producers, from street food vendors and bakers to ethical clothing and cosmetic producers and introduce them to the wonderful people of Dunstable!" The Dunstable Vegan Market will be held on The Square and Middle Row and will run from 10.30 am to 4.00 pm on Saturday 26 November

Twilight and Christmas Market

Friday 9 December 3 pm to 8 pm

Saturday 10 December 3 pm to 8 pm

Sunday 11 December 10 am to 3 pm

Twilight Market is back for another Christmas filled weekend on The Square and Middle Row. Join us for our two evening markets on Friday and Saturday at 3 pm with magical lights, music and free festive activities. This large Christmas market has unique gifts, food, mulled wine and lots of entertainment for the whole family. Children will love the free carousel, naughty and nice detector, surf simulator, reindeer food and gingerbread decorating. Our Sunday Twilight Market offers all the magic from our Twilight markets. This popular Christmas market has something for everyone!

Middle Row Markets

12 November, 19 November, 9, 10, 11 December with
the last market of the year on 17 December from 10
am to 3 pm.

Come and support our traders and make those Christmas gifts extra special! Christmas lights, hot food, and festive entertainment, with free Lantern making workshops for all the family to enjoy. Easy and fun to make, plus you can take them home! They're lit with LED lights.

Why not book The Square for your community
event? Contact Annette.clynes@dunstable.gov.uk
for more information.



Christmas Window Competition

We are again asking all shops in Dunstable to enter our Christmas window competition! We had a fantastic response last year with three winners, and a gift for all who entered.

Let us light up Dunstable with a feast of Christmas Windows! Let us know your favourite on our Facebook page @DunstableCouncil



Christmas Lights

Dunstable will have new Christmas lights this year as part of its three-year plan to replace the old Christmas decorations.

Last Christmas, Ashton Square and Church Street had bespoke decorations. This Christmas we will be adding to the High Street and West Street. We will again be lighting up three Christmas trees in the town, The Square, Priory Gardens and Grove House Gardens. The main tree in The Square has been sponsored by Leaders at 2 West Street.

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Christmas

In Priory House



Treat someone to
Afternoon Tea
in the New Year!

Purchase an Afternoon Tea for two voucher online at
www.dunstable.gov.uk/product/afternoon-tea-vouchers/



Christmas Afternoon Tea

Monday to Saturday,
21 November to 23 December,
plus Sunday 27 November,
Sunday 4 and 18 December
Priory House, Dunstable

£21 per adult / £11 per child
(under 12 years).

Celebrate the festive season with a delicious homemade Afternoon Tea, with a selection of festive filled sandwiches, homemade savouries and cakes, plus freshly baked scones with homemade jam and served with whipped cream. With notice, dietary requirements can be accommodated for, including: gluten free, vegan and dairy free.

Please advise staff at the time of booking and ensure that you book at least four days in advance.

Book online.



£20
per person

The History of Gin Experience

Thursday 1 December,
from 6 pm (18+ only)

Priory House,
Dunstable



Learn about the three ages of gin - from medicine to Mother's Ruin, and gin today.

Come along to Priory House and enjoy tasting premium gins, as well as learning all about the history of how our love for gin was born. Priory House will also be open late serving a fantastic range of gins as well as our regular bar menu. Food will also be available for purchase on the night. Each ticket includes an interactive talk, two tastings, plus a gin and tonic on arrival and after the talk.

[Book online.](#)

Santa & his Sleigh

Saturday 3 December,
11 am to 3 pm

Priory House, Dunstable

Meet Santa and enjoy music, an outside bar plus Christmas Crafts.

Free



PRIORY HOUSE



£8.50
per person

Christmas Jumper Pudding Nights

Sunday 4 December, 5 pm to 10 pm

Friday 16 December &

Friday 23 December, 6 pm to 10 pm

Priory House, Dunstable

Our hugely popular Christmas Pudding Nights are back, and this year we want you to wear your best Christmas jumper! The winner of the best Christmas jumper on the night will receive their pudding for FREE.

Ticket price includes a pudding of choice plus a glass of prosecco, mulled wine, beer or a hot drink. More drinks, cocktails and pudding can be purchased on the night.

[Book online.](#)



Paws and Prints

Sunday 4 December,
11 am to 3 pm

Priory House, Dunstable

After the huge success of last year's Pet Sleigh Day, we are so excited to welcome the sleigh back for you to pose for the perfect pet Christmas photo!

Photos and gifts can be purchased on the day. This event is outdoors and will be weather dependent.

£15
per person

Charm Bracelet Workshop

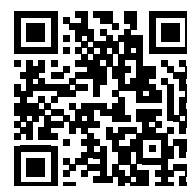
Thursday 15 December, 6 pm

Priory House, Dunstable

Enjoy making a charm bracelet and gemstone earrings with friends or family!

Suitable for children aged 10 years plus. The Tea Rooms will be open serving drinks and a festive menu.

[Book online.](#)



Book events online at:
www.dunstable.gov.uk/prioryhouse



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Community MATTERS

Keeping you abreast
of community news
and developments
that matter to you

Wheelie Fantastic

This year 37 community groups, businesses, schools and individuals took part in the Wheelie Fantastic competition.

Those who entered were given the theme 'Queen's Jubilee' and were asked to create a wheelbarrow based around this and display it. All the groups who took part got creative and had beautiful floral displays.

The judges who are part of Dunstable in Bloom then had the difficult task of deciding the winners of the competition.

Everyone did brilliantly and attended the Dunstable in Bloom awards evening on Monday 17 October to be presented with certificates.



A huge well done to all who took part. Dunstable Town Council are also proud to announce that this project won a GOLD in the Anglia in Bloom awards for the Queen's Jubilee Display category.

Each month, Dunstable Town Council hosts a coffee morning, which provides those aged 55+ with the opportunity to meet new people, get information from local services and organisations and have the chance to socialise with others.

Upcoming coffee mornings:

Tuesday 6 December,
10 am to 12 noon.

Dunstable Cemetery,
West St, Dunstable LU6 1PD

Tuesday 17 January,
10 am to 12 noon.
Beecroft Community Centre,
Westfield Road, LU6 1DL

Tuesday 7 February,
10 am to 12 noon.
Priory View, Church Street,
Dunstable LU5 4FG



ROCK AND A ROLL

TUESDAY
13 DECEMBER
1 PM - 3 PM



£13
PER PERSON

ROCK AND A ROLL IS A FUN AFTERNOON OUT FOR THOSE IN THE COMMUNITY AGED 55+.

Each event has a different theme and music is from the era of the theme set. The next Rock and a Roll will be taking place on **Tuesday 13 December** and the theme is: Winter Wonderland!

- Those who attend will
- receive an afternoon tea, as
- well as live entertainment by
- a singer or band.

With just 40 tickets available, contact 01582 891 434 to book your space or email grovecorner@dunstable.gov.uk

SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS

Dunstable Town Council is proud to be supporting the following organisations over the next four years through new Service Level Agreements.

SORTED Counselling Services

Services for 18-25 year olds

Citizens Advice

For their Thursday 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm sessions

Dunstable Hospice at Home Volunteers

To train more volunteers

Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity

For extra projects in Dunstable

If your organisation is interested in applying for a Service Level Agreement please visit:

www.dunstable.gov.uk/community-services/grants-and-funding

SEEDCORN GRANTS

In 2022/23 Dunstable Town Council has awarded the following seedcorn grants. These are one off grants to help individuals and new community groups grow:

Dunstable Wombles

Children's litter pickers and bin bag hoops

Hillcroft Allotment Association

Bench and plants for communal area

For more information on Seedcorn Grants, please visit:

www.dunstable.gov.uk/community-services/grants-and-funding

Downside Community Centre

We are proud to announce that the repair works to the roof of Downside Community Centre are finally complete!

The works started in August and were completed in early October by Inco Contracts. Downside Community Centre is owned by Dunstable Town Council and is currently home to Ringcraft Boxing, who will now benefit from a better, water-tight facility for their training!



Dunstable are proud to have achieved Gold at Britain in Bloom and another Gold at Anglia in Bloom!

Dunstable was awarded Gold in the Anglia in Bloom Large Town Category and won the same Britain in Bloom category. Dunstable was also recognised with ten other awards for various projects at Anglia in Bloom including:

- ✿ Gold in Cemeteries category
- ✿ Silver Gilt in the Care Home category for Priory View
- ✿ Gold in the Parks category for Priory Gardens
- ✿ Gold and overall winner in the Pub, Hotel and Restaurant for The Old Palace Lodge Tudor Walled Garden
- ✿ Silver Gilt in the Parks category for Grove House Gardens
- ✿ Gold in the Queen's Jubilee Display category for the Wheelie Fantastic floral wheelbarrows
- ✿ Winner of the Best Sheltered Housing, Care Home and Assisted Living for Priory View
- ✿ Gold in the Queen's Jubilee Display category for the Queen's Green Canopy tree planting at Mentmore
- ✿ Winner of the Best Young People's Project (under 12 years) for the forest garden at St. Augustine's Academy
- ✿ Sarah Woodruff received recognition with a Mike Ames award for her years of dedication to Dunstable in Bloom

The town centre rain gardens planted by Central Bedfordshire Council also received a certificate of recognition for the Sustainable Gardening Award at Britain in Bloom.

Another
GOLD
for Dunstable



CREASEY PARK IS HERE TO HELP

Creasey Park Community Football Centre is bracing itself for the cold winter nights which are coming and knows a little help is always welcome. So why not come down and take advantage of our warm space in the clubhouse?

Take some time to play a game with the family, enjoy live sport on our large TV screens, or help the kids get their homework done without having to worry about being cold. Creasey Park Community Football Centre is open from 5 pm to 10 pm Monday to Friday, with hot food and drinks available.

Whether you're supporting AFC Dunstable or Dunstable Town Football Club on those cold, wet and windy match days, why not warm up with a buy one get one free on all hot drinks? Let the warmth of your drink raise your voices for celebrating the goals. Bring the voucher below with you to redeem.

Dunstable Town F.C	TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER
Dunstable Town F.C U18	WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER
AFC Dunstable Development Team	SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER
Dunstable Town FC U18	WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER
AFC Dunstable	SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER
AFC Dunstable U18	THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER
AFC Dunstable	SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER
AFC Dunstable U18	THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER
AFC Dunstable Development Team	SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER
Dunstable Town FC	TUESDAY 27 DECEMBER

SATURDAY MATCHES 3 PM KICK-OFF
MIDWEEK MATCHES 7.45 PM KICK-OFF
FIXTURES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



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*Dunstable Town Guides
would like to invite you to*

Christmas Ghost Walk

Take a spooky walk around Dunstable!

Tuesday 27 December at 8.00 pm



The witch in a bottle
Crying child
Guthbert's ghost

The walk starts outside **Priory Church**.
 Tickets cost £5.00 & need to be booked in
 advance from
Priory House Heritage Centre
 on 01582 891420.

Upcoming Tea Time Tales

17 November History of the Fire Service Peter Hailes	1 December A Woman's World 1894 Kay Kempster	15 December Christmas in Jane Austen's Era Janet Stow
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Ticket cost £6 & need to be booked in advance from Priory House Heritage Centre 01582 891420. Tea Time Tales are being held in **Grove House, 76 High Street North** whilst Priory House is being repaired.

Please check our website for details and any programme changes - dunstabletowntownguides.co.uk

Bedfordshire Day



Saturday 26 November 2022

Medieval Tournaments of Dunstable

FREE events at the Priory Church of St Peter



Based on John Buckledee's recently published book on the tournaments at Dunstable

10:30 to 11:30 Tournaments

- a talk by John Buckledee, the author of 'Dunstable Tournaments'

11:45 to 12:45 Sir Gaufridus de Cauceis, Knight of the Third Crusades and Dunstable's Benefactor - a talk by Jean Yates

13:30 to 14:30 Sir Nigel Loring, Chalgrave's Founding Knight of the Order of the Garter - a talk by Hugh Garrod

14:45 to 15:45 John of Dunstable and the Agincourt Carol: in the service of the Duke of Bedford - a talk by Stephen Williams

Free kids' activities throughout the day - dress as a knight or a lady, design your coat of arms and make a shield.

The book will be available to buy, come and get your copy signed by the author.

Come and sing the Agincourt Carol

There will be a Coffee morning and light lunches at the church.



DUNSTABLE HIGH STREET HERITAGE ACTION ZONE

The High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ) is now almost halfway through its third year and ends in March 2024.

The HSHAZ programme involves building grants and refurbishment, community engagement and Cultural Programme led by the Dunstable Cultural Consortium (DCC) who have a Facebook Page

 [DunstableCulturalConsortium](#)

Building grants and refurbishment in the HSHAZ area during 2021 and 2022 up to early September 2022 has included:

- Repair work to 18 High Street South (which might be remembered as Chilli and Spice)
- Contribution to the refurbishment works to the Market Cross clock tower and contribution to the Methodist Church garden



PUBLIC REALM WORKS

There has also been detailed survey work and specialist work at **4 High Street South** (known as former butchers Tilley's), initial feasibility studies in relation to six properties and design work.

A full update on privately owned properties within the Dunstable HSHAZ area can be found on the HSHAZ pages on the Town Council's website.

REFURBISHMENT WORKS TO PRIORY HOUSE

Priory House 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 this project, which is being led by the Morton Partnership (Conservation Accredited Structural Engineers) will allow for Priory House's removal from the At Risk Register. The repair work started on 12 September 2022 and is scheduled to run for approximately nine to ten months.

For more information check out the Priory House Restoration section on DTC's website.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

This strand of the HSHAZ includes events and activities related to the HSHAZ, heritage, history and culture, run by DTC. We have had numerous visitors; from cave people at the Quadrant and in Priory Gardens to Romans and knights in Grove House Gardens. We've also had workshops including sketching, photography, flintknapping and Lego!



There is just one summer of the HSHAZ remaining and we would love to hear your views! What events and activities would you like to see as part of the HSHAZ during summer 2023 and up until the end of March 2024?

Please get in touch via info@Dunstable.gov.uk with any ideas and suggestions. Would you like to keep up to date with HSHAZ news? Check out the HSHAZ Pages on DTC's Website for the latest news. Also check out the HSHAZ Facebook Page @DunstableHSHAZ and follow the HSHAZ Instagram @hazdunstable

If you have any HSHAZ related photos including 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. Also if you 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.



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Great Gaming at Grove Corner Providing Inspiration to Dunstable's Younger Generation

It's been over a year now since we opened Grove Corner's PC gaming suite which has been a hit with so many young people. But in September we had to say goodbye and good luck to two of our gaming regulars Connor and Oskar. Connor went off to the University of East London to study a BA in Games Development and Oskar went off to Staffordshire University's digital campus to study a BA in Games Design. Both lads loved the gaming suite in Grove Corner, it provided them the opportunity to make more gaming friends in person, try new games and, above all, chill out and have fun. We are sure to miss them, but we couldn't be more proud to see them both go on to study a topic that they love so much, and are pretty good at too!

Oskar has said that he hopes university will allow him to get a job where he creates his own indie games, and Connor isn't quite sure what specific job he wants but is keen to move into the gaming industry after university.

If you or a young person you know likes gaming and would like to give our high spec PC gaming suite a try or perhaps have a go on one of the Oculus Quest II VR head sets then our youth workers would love to see them at one of our sessions. Grove Corner has two dedicated gaming sessions on Wednesdays: 5.15 pm to 6.45 pm for 13 to 15 year olds and 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm for 16 to 18 year olds.

Grove Corner

Youth & Community Hub



Drop-in

Monday Drop-in

3.45 pm to 5.15 pm
13 – 15 year olds



Pokémon

Tuesday Pokémon

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



Gaming

Wednesday Gaming

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



Hub

Friday Drop-in

6.00 pm to 7.45 pm **8.00pm to 9.30pm**
10 – 12 year olds **16 – 18 year olds**

100% FREE to attend

Find out more at www.dunstable.gov.uk/young-people/gaming/

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 one week before the meeting. All meetings commence at **7 pm** and are held at Grove House, 76 High Street North, Dunstable *unless* otherwise stated and all are open to the public.

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. Further information is available from Ian Reed, Democratic Services Manager ian.reed@dunstable.gov.uk or 01582 891401.

Forthcoming meeting dates are listed below. The full calendar of meetings can be found at www.dunstable.gov.uk

14/11/2022	Finance and General Purposes Committee	09/01/2023	Community Services Committee
01/12/2022	Dunstable Joint Committee	16/01/2023	Grounds and Environmental Services Committee
05/12/2022	COUNCIL	23/01/2023	Finance and General Purposes Committee

Make a Change – Become a Councillor!



- ✓ Are you passionate about your community?
- ✓ Do you want to help make a long-lasting change?
- ✓ Do you have innovative ideas for the Council?
- ✓ Do you have concerns about a specific issue and want to do something about it?

If this is you, then we need you!

We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect their community to put themselves forward for election. Make a change and become a councillor.

If you are interested in becoming a councillor, please email info@dunstable.gov.uk to start your journey...

Dunstable Town Band are looking for a new conductor and new players!

Are you looking for a concert band to play with?

We rehearse every Monday during term-time at Chalton Village Hall, LU4 9UL from 7.15 pm to 8.45 pm.

For more information contact beckyband2022@gmail.com

(N.B the conductor position is a voluntary position)



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Central Bedfordshire Council Services

0300 300 8000
www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

- Highways planning and maintenance
- Council tax collection
- Council housing and garages
- Street lighting
- Parking and blue badge parking
- Environmental health
- Waste collection, tidy tips, fly tipping, street cleansing and grit bins
- Arranging elections
- Leisure and libraries
- Schools and education
- Planning applications
- Building control
- Bus passes and information
- Trading Standards
- Registering a birth, death or marriage
- Social care (adults and children)
- Licenses, including taxi, premises and street trading
- Abandoned vehicles
- Benefits
- Community safety and anti-social behaviour
- Independent living and care homes



Central Bedfordshire Council

Dunstable Town Council Services

01582 513000
www.dunstable.gov.uk

- Dunstable Cemetery
- Open spaces, including recreation grounds and play areas
- Allotments
- Town Ranger services
- Grove Skate Park
- BMX track
- Bennett's Splash Park & Splashside Cafe
- Creasey Park Community Football Centre
- Events programme
- Christmas lights
- Ashton Square public toilets
- Middle Row Markets
- Older people's support service
- Mayoralty and civic functions
- Priory and Grove House Gardens
- Priory House Heritage Centre, Tea Rooms, and gift shop
- Grove Corner Young People's Centre
- Floral displays
- High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ)
- Town centre management



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