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# Welcome



## Mayor's Welcome

Councillor  
Liz Jones

It is with great pleasure that as I write this article, I countine my reign as Town Mayor. It has been a fantastic year (2022/23) for me, representing the town I love, its people and organisations within it. I'm honoured to have been asked by my fellow councillors to remain in post for a further year and look forward to representing the town again.

During my mayoral year, I've attended over 300 events, and supported by Deputy, Lisa Bird, who I'm indebted to.

My charities have been the recipients of £17,000 in total this year. This is an amazing amount of money and I have been able to support not only my three named charities but a further seven organisations who have benefitted through the purchasing of items or small donations. Those that I have supported are: Hospice at Home Volunteers Dunstable & Houghton Regis, Dunstable Salvation Army, The Disability Resource Centre, South Beds Dial-A-Ride, The Dunstable Wombles, Dunstable In Bloom, Dunstable Foodbank, Ringcraft Boxing, Dunstable Girl Guiding and 4th Dunstable Scout Group.

I set out at the beginning of my year to ensure the community and the businesses came together - I'm pretty sure we have achieved that and continue to see positive steps.

With a new council in place following the recent elections, I am keen to ensure our residents continue to have a town council that is forward thinking and always has the residents in the forefront of their minds. The election did see a number of experienced councillors either step down, not seek re-election or not re-gain their seats and I want to thank them all for their contributions in recent years. In particular, Gloria Martin who had previously been Mayor of Dunstable twice and a councillor for 14 years and Lisa Bird who had given 8 years to the role of a councillor.

The Summer Events programme is underway, and the town is looking and feeling positive. The challenges of In Bloom and Green Flag competitions are amongst us and the Council teams are doing their very best to ensure our town continues to uphold its high standards.

You will see work is ongoing at Priory House to restore the building and scaffolding is up to allow for external works to continue. Whilst in this state of repair, Priory House remains open and very much available for residents to still enjoy Afternoon Teas, Pudding Nights etc.

As always, the Mayor is available to come to any events or visit your organisation, school or college. To book, please contact [democratic@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:democratic@dunstable.gov.uk).

*Councillor Liz Jones*  
Town Mayor of Dunstable

## Paul Hodson

Town Clerk  
& Chief Executive



Welcome to the summer edition of Talk of the Town. I would like to begin by welcoming all eighteen Councillors who make up Dunstable Town Council following the recent local elections. The Council now has ten new Councillors who I know are looking forward to getting involved with everything that the Council does for the residents of Dunstable during their four-year term.

This summer is set to be another busy and fun filled time for Dunstable residents with the launch of the summer activities programme in July. Our events programme started with the Dunstable Classic Motor Rally and will follow with Dunstable Live, Party in the Park, Priory Pictures and Proms in the Park, alongside the Council's series of Town Centre Events, and Middle Row Markets. This year, our regular Sunday Band Concerts will be taking place in the newly refurbished performance area in Grove House Gardens.

I am particularly pleased that the Council has been able to mark the Coronation of Charles III with Union Flag banners lined up through the town. Fortunately, these will remain in place until the Christmas lights are fitted in the autumn.

The Council is currently recruiting for a range of roles, so do take a look at the vacancies section on the website.

Hugely the Bear is now securely in place at The Quadrant Shopping Centre and shouldn't be going on any more adventures. Hugely will continue to bring joy to all ages.

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, by emailing [info@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:info@dunstable.gov.uk) or by contacting us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. Happy reading!

*Paul Hodson*  
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

# HELLO SUMMER



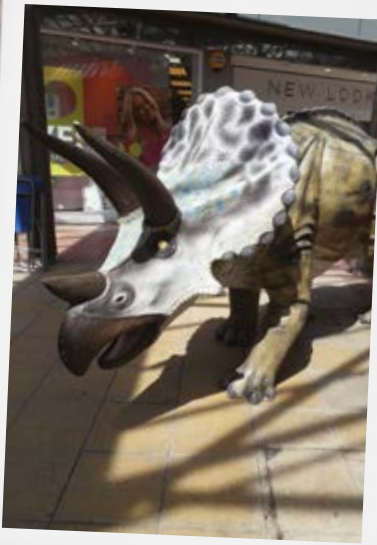


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# Destination

Keeping you abreast of town  
centre news, initiatives and  
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## Street Food Heroes

If you have not joined us yet, you must! Street Food Heroes are in The Square from 4 pm to 9 pm. Thursday 20 July, Thursday 17 August and Thursday 20 September.



## Roar into Archaeology

Back by popular demand, Roar into Archaeology takes place on Saturday 22 July, 10 am to 4 pm at The Quadrant Shopping Centre. Join us for a look back at history starting with dinosaurs!

Come and meet Memma the Cave Person and Hysterical History Doctor Digby Rocks' School of Archaeology.

FREE Face painting, Dino golf and FREE arts and crafts. Join the archaeology trail around The Quadrant and take part in a quiz show. Let's not forget the dinosaurs!



### DUNSTABLE Street FOOD HEROES

16TH MARCH  
4-9PM

20TH APRIL  
4-9PM

18TH MAY  
4-9PM

15TH JUNE  
4-9PM

20TH JULY  
4-9PM

17TH AUGUST  
4-9PM

21ST SEPT  
4-9PM

DJ  
MOBILE BAR

COME & ENJOY SOME AMAZING STREET FOOD IN  
ASHTON SQUARE WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS  
TASTY FOOD AND FUN! COME AND JOIN US!





## Join us for Ashton Square Day

Celebrate the history of The Square with Ashton Square Day, Saturday 19 August 9.30 am to 3.30 pm. Enjoy FREE family activities, plus live entertainment as part of Middle Row Markets and Ashton Square Day. Relax in the chill area and watch local community groups perform on stage. Meet the Romans with our Roman school and listen to The Unbound Storytellers telling their tales. Come and see how food has changed over the years with Monica Askay. Brew Projects have interactive games for the whole family to try. Middle Row Markets craft and food stalls will be selling unique and quality produce as part of this free family day out.

## Middle Row Markets

Middle Row Markets are the second and third Saturday of the month 9.30 am to 3.30 pm. Join us for our market events; Ashton Square Day on Saturday 19 August is and Heritage Day on Saturday 9 September. Roaming traditional music, Romans and Hysterical History are just some of the activities on offer. Don't forget! FREE parking after 1.00 pm in Ashton Square car park.

**Middle Row Markets 2023 PROGRAMME**

**MARKET DATES IN 2023**

|                          |                              |                          |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 18TH MARCH               | 8TH / 15TH APRIL             | 13TH / 20TH MAY          |
| 10TH / 17TH JUNE         | 8TH / 15TH JULY              | 12TH / 19TH AUGUST       |
| 9TH / 16TH SEPTEMBER     | 14TH / 21ST OCTOBER          | 11TH / 18TH NOVEMBER     |
| MIDDLE ROW ASHTON SQUARE | 8TH 9TH 10TH / 16TH DECEMBER | MIDDLE ROW ASHTON SQUARE |

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## Enjoy a Staycation at Bennett's Splash

Summer has arrived! Don't miss out on a fun-filled day for the whole family at our Splash Park and Bennett's adventure playground! Create unforgettable memories with your kids while they splash around in the refreshing water. And the best part? It's absolutely free!

While you're here, why not visit our Splashside Café which has perfect pizzas, tantalising toasties, summer smoothies, marvellous milkshakes, the cheesiest of chips and much more!

Check out our daily specials, featuring Milkshake Mondays, Cheesy Tuesdays, Pizza Wednesdays, Thirsty Thursdays and Fish Finger Fridays. We also cater for dietary requirements so we have something for everyone!

### New for 2023 – Splash Party Packages

Come and celebrate with us in Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground. Hire a small gazebo, tables, chairs and selection of garden games for just £20.00. Then simply add on £3.50 per child for kids boxes for all the children to enjoy.

*Terms & Conditions: Kids boxes must be purchased to receive party package offer. Party Hire is limited to between 11 am to 1 pm, 7 days a week. Party hire does not include exclusive use of the Splash Park. Please contact us for further details.*

Make the most of the Splash Park this summer, as will be closing for the season on Sunday 3 September. After that, we will be recharging for summer 2024.

Parking is available at Ashton Square Car Park, located off Bull Pond Lane. With FREE parking Wednesday & Saturday from 1 pm and all day Sunday and Public Holidays.

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# SUMMER *Events* 2023

## Party in the Park

Saturday 8 July

Grove House Gardens - FREE

12 noon to 8.00 pm

Party in the Park is back with 8 hours of family fun!

Visit our FREE KidZone area which will be first come first served, for under 16s, full of activities, entertainment and games. There will also be plenty of charity and craft stalls, catering concessions, an outdoor bar plus a fantastic funfair.

Enjoy a mix of music and dance performances from local groups and singers throughout the day on stage including performances from: Stardust Theatre Company, On Pointe Dance Academy and The Pad, New Monarch, Grace George, Joshua Thomas-Conn and Tony Bignell.

The evening entertainment starts with 'All That Soul,' a seven piece Soul and Motown band followed by this year's headliner Marvin Humes who will be performing a DJ set to get you up and dancing for a whole hour from 7.00 pm!

Bring your friends and families down to Grove House Gardens and enjoy this fantastic FREE event. Also, NEW for this year is an accessible viewing platform. There will be space for 10 wheelchair users accompanied by one seated companion throughout the day.

Keep an eye out on our website and Facebook on how to book a space on our accessible viewing platform and for the full line-up.

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## Sunday Band Concerts

Grove House Gardens - FREE

12 noon and 2.30 pm

Come down to Grove House Gardens for the remaining Sunday Band Concerts. Enjoy the beautiful park setting whilst listening to these fantastic bands.

16 July, 12.00 noon

**Luton Concert Band**

16 July, 2.30 pm

**The Heath Band**

6 August, 12.00 noon

**South Beds**

**Concert Band**

6 August, 2.30 pm

**Hitchin Band**

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**FREE  
event**

7.00 pm  
**Marvin  
Humes**

**All That  
Soul**

**Tony  
Bignell**





## Around the World

featuring the Dunstable Festival of Archaeology

Saturday 29 July

Priory Gardens, 10.30 am to 4.30 pm

Around the World is back and you don't need your passport! Join us in Priory Gardens for a fun-filled day with plenty to do, see and enjoy for all the whole family. This event combines different activities from different continents including music, dance, storytelling, crafts and entertainment. Have a go at traditional dancing, watch a variety of performances, visit the on-site food concession stalls and much more!

Don't miss the interactive performances by Zulu Tradition who are a company of young Zulu singers and dancers from KwaZulu Natal, South Africa. They will be delivering a heady mix of African harmonies and energetic, athletic dance - all traditionally costumed and supported by drum-rhythms.

Alongside Around the World, we are also celebrating the Council for British Archaeology (CBA) Festival of Archaeology and the Dunstable High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ), exploring the past and celebrating all things to do with archaeology! If you are interested in learning more about Dunstable's heritage and past, come along and meet our local community groups, special guests and experts.

Zulu Tradition

Aashyana Arts Bhangra Dancing

Jungle Safari

Recycled Instrument Making Arts and Crafts (SEN workshop)

Tiny T's Theatre

Celtic Drumming Circle

Wooden Sculpture Demonstration

Pedal Power Smoothie Bike

Teaching Talons, Animal Ambassadors

Around the World Storyteller

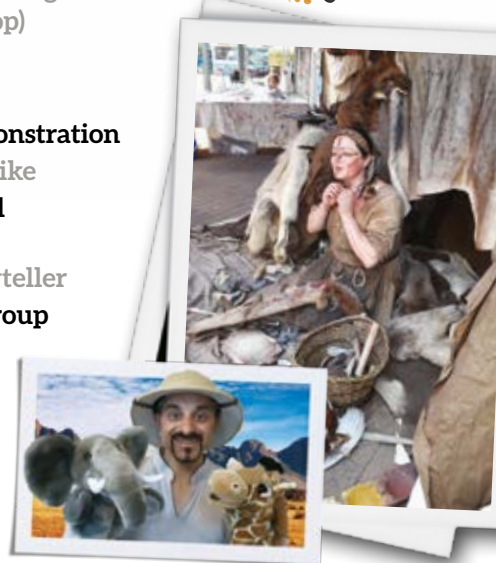
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## PRIORY PICTURES

Saturday  
12 August  
Priory Gardens  
12.00 noon  
to 10.30 pm

### FREE outdoor cinema event!

Priory Pictures is back in the stunning grounds of Priory Gardens. Grab your drinks and snacks from our food concessions, bring your picnic blankets and chairs and join us for this FREE family day!

**12.00 noon:** Roald Dahl's Matilda  
The Musical (PG)\*

**3.00 pm:** Elvis (12A)

**5.45 pm:** Top Gun: Maverick (12A)

**8.00 pm:** Whitney Houston:  
I Wanna Dance With Somebody (12A)

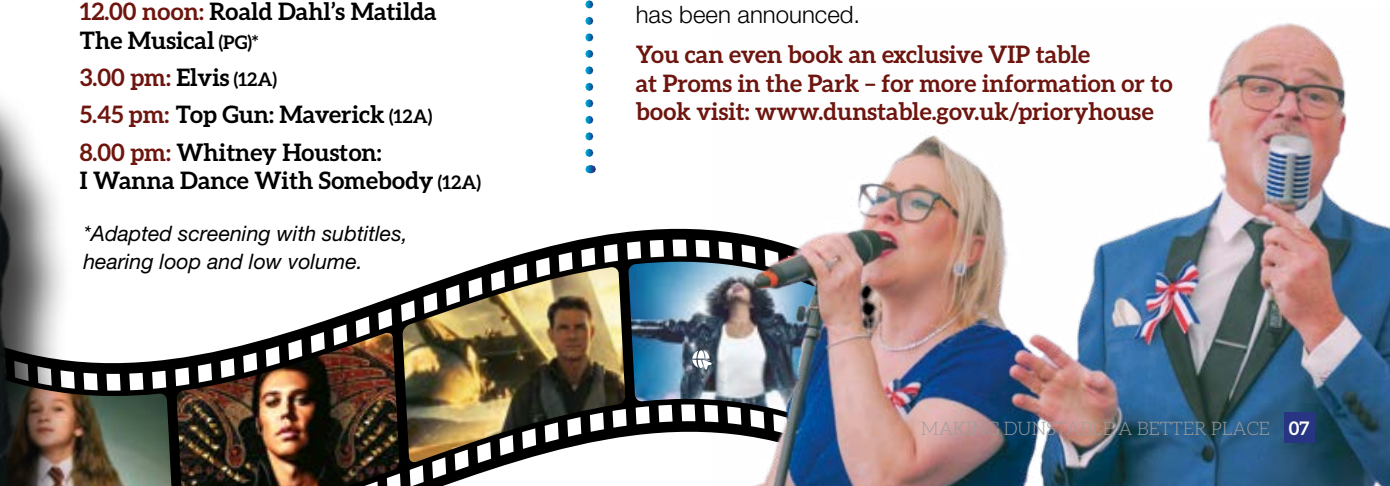
\*Adapted screening with subtitles,  
hearing loop and low volume.



Saturday  
9 September  
Priory Gardens  
6.00 pm onwards

Join us in Priory Gardens for the live broadcast of the Last Night of the Proms on a giant screen with special effects, interval entertainment and a stunning firework finale! Joe & Kirsty Corrigan from Signature Swing will be performing before the live stream as well as during the interval. There will also be an on-site licensed bar and food concessions available. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook for final event times once the broadcast has been announced.

**You can even book an exclusive VIP table at Proms in the Park - for more information or to book visit: [www.dunstable.gov.uk/prioryhouse](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/prioryhouse)**





# 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)

## Sunday Afternoon Tea

You can now enjoy our delicious Afternoon Tea on Sundays on the following dates throughout 2023:

**Sunday 30 July**

**Sunday 29 October**

**Sunday 20 August**

**Sunday 26 November**

**Sunday 24 September**

**Sunday 3, 10, 17 December**

From only **£18.50** per adult **£9.50** per 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/whatson](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/prioryhouse/whatson)



From only  
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adult  
**£9.50**  
child



PRIORY HOUSE

## Weddings

**Did you know Priory House  
is also a wedding venue?**

Take a look at our stunning Jacobean Room overlooking the beautiful Priory Gardens. We are also licensed for outdoor weddings in Priory Gardens, the only outdoor wedding venue in Dunstable.

We offer the perfect intimate wedding catering for up to 30 people

**OPEN  
DAY!**

**Arrange to view Priory House on  
one of our following 2023 open days**

**Sunday 20 August | Sunday 29 October**

**12 noon to 3.00 pm**

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





## Afternoon Tea for Dogs

Only £15 per dog\*

Treat your dog to an Afternoon Tea while you enjoy your own. Each dog will be served a bottle of dog beer on arrival, followed by a variety of scrumptious homemade sweet and savoury treats.

*\*Must be booked alongside a traditional Afternoon Tea for the accompanying owner.*

Online bookings only



# Bottomless BRUNCH

## New and exciting for 2023

Priory House is launching its first ever Bottomless Brunch, enjoy over 2 hours unlimited Prosecco, Aperol Spritz, Mimosas or beer - all while tucking into a delicious brunch menu.

Three special trial dates include 16 July, 13 August and 17 September - from 11 am.

**£35 per person**

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Over 18s only



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## Priory House Opening Times

The tearooms are now open from  
9.00 am until 4.30 pm.

Did you know? You can also get  
takeaway teas and coffees from the  
gift shop at Priory House.

Pop in after your school run, or get  
a coffee to enjoy in our beautiful  
award winning Priory Gardens  
this summer.



Back in February AFC Dunstable chairman Simon Bullard vowed to give his beloved Club away for free, as long as it was to the right owners who had its best interests at heart.

Mr Bullard had been part of AFC Dunstable, who play their home games at Creasey Park, for going on 30 years. Fast forward to June 2023 and the Club is in new hands, with new owners and a new first team management.

So, just who is the organisation looking after the Bedfordshire Southern League Division One Central side?

Soccer Assist - an organisation that helps students from the UK get scholarships to study and play football (or soccer as they call it) in the United States of America.

Co-founders Tyrelle McLeod-Bentley and Junior Osei-Tutu have been playing and working in football their whole lives. They both grew up in London before meeting

overseas on a US scholarship in West Virginia, America. It was there where they decided to start up the Scholarship agency company and build a successful footballing programme in Milton Keynes.

Having built a strong community based business they now plan on bringing their knowledge and experience to Bedfordshire where they want to carry on the traditions of AFC Dunstable whilst elevating the club further.

Speaking of the new custodians of the Club, Simon Bullard said: ***"Junior and his colleagues share an ethos and direction of where we want the club to be and to continue its growth. Soccer Assist recognise that we are a community focused club with aspirations to move forward with all our teams from the junior academy, under 7s right through to the first team and ladies section. We look forward to working with Junior and his team at an exciting time for both parties."***

So, just what can Dunstable expect of its local football team's new ownership?

Speaking of the take-over, Junior Osei-Tutu said: ***"Whilst working closely with the first team we will continue to strengthen the success of the U23s and the Women's team to uphold pathways for all players."***

A key part of Soccer Assist's takeover vision is to involve all committee members who wish to remain as part of the club.

***"We thank Simon and the committee for giving us this chance and we respect that we are going to be custodians of a club that is integral to the local community and very dear to its fans' hearts. We are therefore delighted that the existing committee is going to continue with us on this journey."***

With a solid foundation laid, fantastic facilities and fresh impetus brought to the club, we can expect football to light up Creasey Park and the community of Dunstable.

For any club enquiries please contact club secretary, Annabel Prior secretary@afdunstable.co.uk



Junior  
Osei-Tutu



Tyrelle  
McLeod-Bentley



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# Celebrating Dunstable's Green Spaces

## Celebrating 10 years of the Dunstable Physic Garden

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Dunstable Physic Garden which is located in Priory Gardens.

The garden was designed and created in 2013 by a local volunteer and garden designer, Deborah Bird. This was part of a wider Medieval Dunstable project celebrating 800 years of the Augustinian Priory. All of the plants included in the garden are authentic to the medieval period and have been chosen following extensive research about the types of plants grown at this time and how they were used.

The garden was planted by local volunteers on a fine, dry Spring morning in 2013 and was formally opened with the ceremonial planting of a Pomegranate by the Mayor, Cllr Pat Staples. The Pomegranate is symbolically associated with Catherine of Aragon, Henry VIII's first wife.

The garden is split into 6 separate sections each containing plants for different uses or to treat different ailments. The 6 areas are Dye Plants, A Flowery Mead, A Scented Herber, Coughs, Colds and Flu, Headaches and Restorative Tonics, Digestion and Liver, Bladder and Kidneys.

For the last 10 years a small, dedicated team of volunteer

gardeners has cared for the garden, meeting once a week to weed, prune, dead head and replace plants, so that visitors to Priory Gardens can enjoy a wonderful year-round display.

In Easter 2020 the garden was featured in the BBC "Heavenly Gardens" programme filmed with Arit Anderson, a British garden designer, and it was first aired on Good Friday.

All of the plants have label markers, and the interpretation panel provides lots of information about the plants and how they were used in medieval times. As part of the 10 year celebration the panel is being upgraded to include a QR code which can be scanned to offer visitors even more information.

At the St George's day celebrations, held in Priory Gardens in April, the volunteers and Dunstable in Bloom joined forces to promote their volunteer work, give out seeds to create Flowery Meads at home and educate young people about the plants.

The Council would like to thank and congratulate all of the volunteers who have helped to care for the garden over the last 10 years.

## Dunstable Cemetery Sanctums and Memorial Plaques Available

Have you recently been bereaved and are unsure what to do with the cremated remains of your loved one? Should they be buried somewhere or scattered in a special place or does that not appeal to you?

Sanctum vaults provide the ideal opportunity to place your loved one's cremated remains in a small above ground stone chamber with a personalised plaque and a place for flowers to be laid.

The Sanctum vaults are made of Sera Grey polished granite and have a removable internal shelf to allow the interment of one or two sets of cremated remains. The plaque on the front can be personalised to include an inscription and a photo, motif or emblem of your choice.

Families sometimes just need a focal point to remember a loved one or lay flowers, even if they are buried elsewhere. The new memorial kerb plaque garden area at Dunstable Cemetery provides an opportunity to place a memorial plaque on a polished granite kerb around an attractive feature flowerbed. The area is easy to reach via gently sloping footpaths which are ideal for visitors with mobility difficulties.

The sanctums and the memorial kerb plaques can be leased or placed for a period of either 25 or 35 years for a one-off payment which includes the plaque and where applicable the interment.

If you would like more information about the costs or options available, please contact the Cemetery Manager, Mary Dobbs on 01582 891428 or email [cemetery@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:cemetery@dunstable.gov.uk). You are welcome to come along to Dunstable Cemetery and have a look at the area for yourself.



# DUNSTABLE HIGH STREET HERITAGE ACTION ZONE

**The High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ)** is now in its fourth and final year ending March 2024. The HSHAZ programme involves building grants, refurbishment and community engagement led by the Town Council. It also involves a Cultural Programme led by the Dunstable Cultural Consortium (DCC) who have a Facebook Page @DunstableCulturalConsortium.

## Building Grants and Refurbishment in the HSHAZ Area

During the third year, the HSHAZ grant money was used to undertake a gutter clearance project along the even side of High Street South from 2 to 38. This was the first time the Dunstable HSHAZ supported any general maintenance work. Water ingress due to blocked gutters can have a real adverse impact on old buildings so this work was beneficial to a number of buildings in the HSHAZ area. We also continued to work with the owner of 21 to 23 High Street South. During the third year the focus of this work involved reviewing the existing shopfront designs. Conception Architects have been working away behind the scenes on a new shopfront design and in early May 2023 a Section 73 Planning Application was submitted for a new shopfront. More information 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. The repair work started on 12 September 2022 and it was hoped that it would run for approximately nine to ten months. However, the repair work to date has revealed lots of hidden challenges, this and other factors such as needing to source more stone for the repairs has resulted in delays. At the time of writing, there are still some challenges and the Morton Partnership (Conservation Accredited Structural Engineers) and the project team are busy undertaking investigations to inform the ongoing repair methodology.

For more information check out [www.dunstable.gov.uk/dunstable-hshaz/priory-house-restoration/](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/dunstable-hshaz/priory-house-restoration/)



Also take a look at the online photo gallery [www.dunstable.gov.uk/dunstable-hshaz/prioryhousegallery/](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/dunstable-hshaz/prioryhousegallery/) to see what is going on behind the scaffolding!



## Upcoming Events & Activities

2023 will be the last full calendar year of the HSHAZ and summer 2023 will be the focus. Keep an eye on the Town Council's Website at [www.dunstable.gov.uk/dunstable-hshaz/events-activities/](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/dunstable-hshaz/events-activities/). We will be celebrating the Council for British Archaeology (CBA) Festival of Archaeology and the Dunstable HSHAZ for a final time in July 2023, including:

**22 July 2023: Roar into Archaeology**, The Quadrant Centre, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

**29 July 2023: Around the World Featuring Dunstable Festival of Archaeology**, Priory Gardens, 10.30 am to 4.30 pm

There will be HSHAZ activities at several events and markets, including:

**8 July 2023: Party in the Park**, Grove House Gardens, 12 noon to 8.00 pm

**19 August 2023: Ashton Square Day**, The Square & Middle Row, 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

**9 September 2023: Middle Row Market**, The Square & Middle Row, 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

**21 October 2023: Middle Row Market**, The Square and Middle Row, 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

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

Check out the HSHAZ pages on DTC's website as well as the HSHAZ Facebook page [@DunstableHSHAZ](https://www.facebook.com/DunstableHSHAZ) and follow the HSHAZ Instagram [@hazdunstable](https://www.instagram.com/hazdunstable). If you have any HSHAZ related photos including historic photos, 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). Or please share them on the HSHAZ Facebook page and Instagram tagging [@HistoricEngland](https://www.facebook.com/HistoricEngland) and [#HistoricHighStreets](https://www.instagram.com/HistoricHighStreets).



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# SUMMER

## activities 2023



### INFLATABLE DAY

FRIDAY 28 JULY  
12.00 NOON TO  
4.00 PM  
£6 PER WRIST BAND  
GROVE HOUSE GARDENS  
AGED 3+



### MATILDA MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP

MONDAY 7 AUGUST  
DIFFERENT SESSIONS  
FROM 10.00 AM TO  
2.45 PM  
FREE

GROVE HOUSE GARDENS  
AGED 5 TO 7 & 8 TO 12

### SEASIDE DAY

THURSDAY 10 AUGUST  
11.00 AM TO 3.00 PM

FREE

BENNETT'S MEMORIAL  
RECREATION GROUND  
AGED 3+



### ARTS & CRAFTS

THURSDAY 17 AUGUST  
10.00 AM TO 12.00  
NOON  
FREE

KINGSBURY RECREATION  
GROUND  
ANY AGE



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### ZORB FOOTBALL

MONDAY 31 JULY  
1.00 PM TO 3.00 PM  
£1.00 PER GO

GROVE HOUSE GARDENS  
AGED 6+



### LET'S PLAY

WEDNESDAY 2 AUGUST  
11.00 AM TO 2.00 PM  
FREE  
DOWNSIDE RECREATION  
GROUND  
AGED 0 TO 5

### OBSTACLE COURSE

TUESDAY 15 AUGUST  
1.00 PM TO 3.00 PM

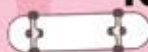
FREE  
BREWERS HILL RECREATION  
GROUND  
AGED 3+



BOOKING  
REQUIRED!

### SKATE & SCOOT

TUESDAY 22 AUGUST  
DIFFERENT SESSIONS FROM  
10.00 AM TO 1.45 PM  
FREE



CREASEY PARK COMMUNITY  
FOOTBALL CENTRE  
AGED 8 & UNDER/OVER

BOOKING  
REQUIRED!



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## Love Parks 2023!

This year, the Youth and Community Team will be hosting a 'Rock and Roll' event in Priory House Gardens on Friday 4 August 2023, from 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm for all members of the community to enjoy! There will be live music, space to dance, and a chance to purchase food and drink from Priory House Tea Rooms. The event is free to attend, and all are welcome. There is no need to book, seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. For more information call 01582 891434 or email [grovecorner@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:grovecorner@dunstable.gov.uk)

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GC COMMUNITY ROCK & ROLL

PRIORY HOUSE

**Priory Gardens**

FIRST COME FIRST SERVED

FRIDAY 4 AUGUST 2023

6.00 PM TO 9.00 PM

**FREE**

Drink and food available to purchase

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## Engaging Dunstable in Climate Change Action



There is an exciting new initiative to help our communities to take action on the climate crisis. As part of its commitment to take action on climate change, Central Bedfordshire Council have teamed up with Community Energy South (CES) to provide FREE support for local communities to develop renewable energy and energy efficiency projects.

Community Energy South would like to speak to local groups and individuals in Dunstable to get an understanding of any community led renewable energy and energy efficiency projects that may already be in place. These may include projects that support, generate, own or manage renewable energy installations in our communities and/or reduce energy consumption. They also want to hear about ideas for new projects and find the best ways to support new projects and groups going forwards.

CES are holding an on-line engagement event so you can find out more from the team. The event will take place on Wednesday 4 July 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm. To book your space scan the QR code with your mobile device.



The aim is to provide a range of resources, business development support, funding and networking opportunities to kick start new organisations in our communities that can develop and manage renewable energy projects.

For a copy of the full project brief, to return the EOJ or any other queries please drop Community Energy South a line at [centralbeds@communityenergysouth.org](mailto:centralbeds@communityenergysouth.org)

COMMUNITY ENERGY SOUTH



# 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) 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 ask questions about matters being considered at the meetings. Advance notice is required by the previous working day and further information is available from [democratic@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:democratic@dunstable.gov.uk). Forthcoming meeting dates are listed below. The full calendar of meetings can be found at [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk)

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| 26/06/2023 | Council   |
| 06/07/2023 | Dunstable Joint Committee ( <i>Dunstable Health Hub</i> ) |
| 11/07/2023 | Plans Sub-Committee                                       |
| 13/07/2023 | Personnel Sub-Committee                                   |
| 01/08/2023 | Plans Sub-Committee                                       |
| 22/08/2023 | Plans Sub-Committee                                       |
| 04/09/2023 | Community Services Committee                              |

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| 07/09/2023 | Dunstable Joint Committee ( <i>Dunstable Health Hub</i> ) |
| 11/09/2023 | Grounds and Environmental Services Committee              |
| 12/09/2023 | Plans Sub-Committee                                       |
| 18/09/2023 | Finance and General Purposes Committee                    |
| 02/10/2023 | Council   |
| 03/10/2023 | Plans Sub-Committee                                       |
| 12/10/2023 | Personnel Sub-Committee                                   |
| 24/10/2023 | Plans Sub-Committee                                       |
| 30/10/2023 | Community Services Committee                              |



## Dunstable Town Mayor's 2023 Charity Event Schedule

As Mayor of Dunstable, I have chosen two main charities to fundraise for during my year in office.



South Beds Dial-A-Ride aims to help people who cannot use a public bus service through reasons of disability, age or social exclusion. The service is a personal, reliable and friendly one that helps to maintain freedom and independence for those with mobility issues. They also run several public bus routes that help to bring people to and from the local villages into Dunstable and vice versa. ([sbdar.co.uk](http://sbdar.co.uk))



CHUMS is a Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Service for Children and young people in Bedfordshire. They support children who have been bereaved, traumatised or suffer with other mental health difficulties. With the right support CHUMS can help build resilience and give these young people and their families hope for the future. Home | [CHUMS Charity](http://CHUMS Charity)

Both charities support residents across Dunstable and the wider community and play a part in improving the quality of life of our residents that need to reach out and use their services.

If you are in a position to help and support these charities, please do come along to one or more of my fundraising events - it would be lovely to see you there!

*Councillor Liz Jones*

Saturday 22 July 2023, 10 am to 12 pm  
**Coffee Morning, Grove House**

Friday 18 August 2023, 7 pm  
**Quiz Night and Grazing Board**  
per teams of 6, Creasey Park 7 pm

Thursday 21 September 2023  
**Golf Day, Dunstable Downs Golf Club**

Friday 6 October 2023, 7 pm  
**Ploughman's Supper, Grove House**

Thursday 30 November 2023, 7 pm  
**Abba at Vantage**  
2-course meal and entertainment

Sunday 28 January 2024  
**Lunch at the Hunters Lodge**

Saturday 24 February 2024  
**80s Night with 2 Course Dinner**  
Peter Newton Pavilion - FANCY DRESS optional

Sunday 3 March 2024, 3 pm  
**Civic Service, Priory Church of St Peter**

March 2024  
**24 Hour Mayhem** - TBC

Saturday 20th April 2024, 10 am to 12 pm  
**Coffee Morning at Grove House**

For more information on any of this year's Mayoral events, please email [democratic@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:democratic@dunstable.gov.uk)



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### Central Bedfordshire Council Services

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- 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

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- 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
- Priors and Grove House Gardens
- Priors 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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