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Talk OF THE Town

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Spring INTO 2026



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**Triple Headliners
at Party in the Park**



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Reopens for Summer**



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Town Mayor's Welcome

As I write my final article for Talk of the Town, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the journey we have shared. These past months have blessed me with the opportunity to connect with organisations, businesses, charities and extraordinary individuals in our community. Each encounter has left a lasting impression on my heart, reminding me of the powerful ways we can touch one another's lives.

During my time as your mayor, I have witnessed the struggles and triumphs among you. Some face challenges head-on, while others exhibit resilience that inspires us all. This year, I chose kindness as my guiding principle; a simple, yet transformative force. Kindness costs nothing, yet its impact is immeasurable. I often reflect: if you were treated the way you treat others, would you feel content? Now is the time for us to lift each other up on our shared journey of compassion.

Serving as Dunstable's first Black mayor has been both an honour and a calling, I embrace with all my heart. The council remains open and accessible, inviting conversations that matter.

Dunstable Town events are open to all. Exciting projects are on the horizon, including a new cemetery and the restoration of Priory House with a new exhibition. Our beautiful parks, vibrant market programme for 2026 and essential community services continue to enhance our way of life.

Celebrating our town's history, I planted a tree to honour 40 years of community spirit and proudly raised the Bedfordshire flag to show our solidarity. I have even had the joy of reopening Grove House for weddings, a new chapter for our community.

Thank you for welcoming me with open arms and for the kindness you have shown throughout this journey. I cherish every moment spent with you and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Here's to a bright future for Dunstable, one filled with kindness and unity.

Councillor Sally Kimondo

Town Mayor of Dunstable



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Town Clerk & Chief Executive's Welcome

Welcome to the spring edition of Talk of the Town. The Annual Council Meeting in May will mark the end of the year celebrating 40 years since the creation of Dunstable Town Council. It has been inspiring to look back at the achievements of councillors, staff and volunteers. Highlights of the year have included awarding the first Honorary Freeman and Freewoman of Dunstable since 1959, and the planting of 40 trees and 40,000 bulbs. A huge thank you to everyone who helped with this planting project.

We are busy planning the second Soapbox Derby in Priory Gardens. Last year's event was great fun, and we now need more entries this year to make the event everything it can be. Now is the time to register and start building! More details are on page 8.

I'm pleased to report that Central Bedfordshire Council have agreed to fund three nights of our detached youth service for another year; further details are inside.

We are grateful to Penrose Estate Agents for sponsoring Party in the Park this year. Other sponsorship opportunities are still available; do get in touch to find out more!

I'm looking forward to Dunstable's second entry for the Britain in Bloom campaign this summer.

Entry is by invitation and having a second opportunity so soon after the success in 2022 is a huge credit to the Dunstable In Bloom Team. The campaign will involve volunteers, community groups, Dunstable Town Council, Central Bedfordshire Council, local businesses and local charities, so do get in touch if you would like to be involved.

I'm delighted that Grove House is now open for wedding bookings. The wedding room looks stunning. We have weddings booked already. Do get in touch if you are interested in hiring Grove House for a wedding, celebration or business event.

Finally, I'd like to thank Liz Jones for her many years of support for the Council, staff and residents over her 16 years as a councillor and three terms as Mayor. Liz's contribution to the council and the town has been invaluable, and we look forward to working with her as the Chair of Dunstable In Bloom.

There is so much going on this year! I hope you enjoy this edition of Talk of the Town and please feel free to comment on any of the council's services by emailing info@dunstable.gov.uk, calling 015582 513000 or by contacting us on Instagram or Facebook. Happy reading!

Paul Hodson

Town Clerk & Chief Executive



Destination

Dunstable town centre news, events & initiatives

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Middle Row MARKETS

Middle Row Markets take place on the second and third Saturday of each month from 9.30 am to 3.30 pm along Middle Row and on The Square. Join us for these exciting markets, support local traders and independent businesses along Middle Row!

Saturday 11 April

Saturday 18 April

St George's Day Market

Saturday 9 May

Saturday 16 May

Love Your Local Market, alongside Around the World in Priory Gardens

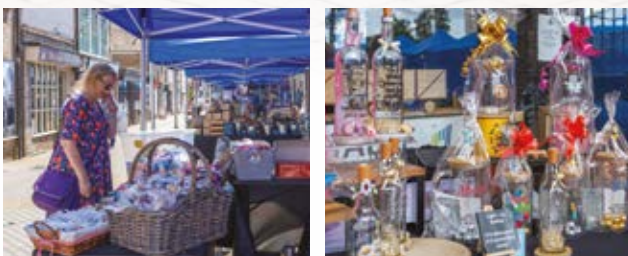
Saturday 13 June

Alongside the Truck Convoy & Dunstable Classic Motor Rally in Priory Gardens

Saturday 20 June

Saturday 27 June

Middle Row Market joins Dunstable Live at Grove House Gardens



YOUNG TRADERS MARKET

DUNSTABLE

SATURDAY 4 JULY
9.30 AM TO 3.30 PM
 The Square (LU6 3SN)

Are you, or someone you know, a young entrepreneur? then why not join us at our Young Traders Market!

The Young Traders Market supports young entrepreneurs aged 16 to 30 by providing a platform to showcase their talents and products.

FREE

Stall, gazebo, table & public liability insurance



Email annette.clynes@dunstable.gov.uk or WhatsApp 07540 048930 to book a stall



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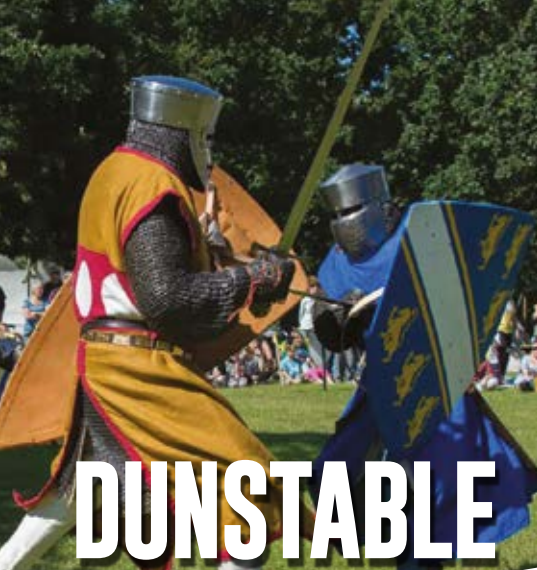
If you haven't joined us before, now is the time! Street Food Heroes will be on The Square from 4 pm to 9 pm on the third Thursday of each month, serving up delicious freshly made street food, alongside a fully stocked bar and music. A must visit for all food lovers, don't miss out!

Thursday 16 April

Thursday 21 May

Thursday 18 June





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Events

**FREE
EVENTS**
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St George's Day Celebrations

Saturday 18 April

11 am to 4 pm

Priory Gardens

Bring the whole family for a day of adventure, laughter and legendary heroes! Catch George and the Dragon - A Frantic Fable, a show packed with storytelling surprises. Watch out for roaming dragons and armoured knights around the park.

Young squires can train at the Knights School, try jousting and test their aim at archery. Discover mythical secrets at Dragon Hunting 101 with Professor Edmond Drake, then show off your moves at the DJ Dragon Dance Party. There will be hands-on activities such as climbing and making your own swords and crowns.

If that's not enough, there's even more to explore...

Aldbury Morris Men

Punch and Judy

Dunstable Town Band

Magic Show

Teaching Talons Animal Encounter

Stalls and Catering

Dragon Town Trail

It's a full day of unforgettable family fun!



Around the World

Saturday 16 May

10.30 am to 4.30 pm

Priory Gardens

This family-friendly celebration of culture and diversity brings music, dance, storytelling and hands-on workshops together for a truly global day out.

Travel from Latin America to the Pacific Islands with vibrant dance performances, Hawaiian Hula storytelling and the high-energy flair of Tahitian 'Ori - plus interactive workshops for all ages. Laugh and sing along with Sam O'Shanty, a nautically comic puppet show full of puppetry, tall tales and sea shanties.

Lion dance and face changing performance

Puppet-making and creative craft sessions

Native American drumming and traditional songs

Interactive workshops exploring Indigenous culture, crafts and storytelling

Colombian dance and workshops

Giant panda walkabout

One park. One day.
A world of discovery.

Dunstable Classic Motor Rally

Saturday 13 June

10 am to 4 pm

Priory Gardens

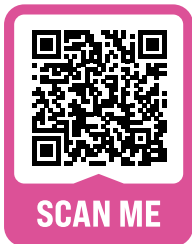
Rev-up for an action-packed day set in the beautiful grounds of Priory Gardens. This spectacular event brings together an eye-catching display of heritage and vintage vehicles that's sure to impress motor lovers of all ages.

Enjoy live music, FREE children's activities, captivating tales from Unbound Storytellers, and an interactive History Alive children's trail. Little explorers can get up close at the hands-on animal encounter, browse the stalls and refuel at the on-site food concessions.

It's a much-loved family fun day out filled with fantastic entertainment and a must visit for motor enthusiasts!

This is a pre-registered event only!

Registrations are now open. Please fill in our online form via our website if you would like to enter a vehicle. Scan the QR code to access the online form.



**EVENTS
LATER IN
THE YEAR**

Dunstable's Soapbox Derby
Priory Gardens
Saturday 5 September
From 12 noon

Priory Proms in the Park
Priory Gardens
Saturday 12 September
From 3 pm

**Christmas Carols
and Torchlight Procession**
The Square
Friday 27 November
From 7 pm



Dunstable Live

Saturday 27 June

2 pm to 8 pm

Grove House Gardens

This year we're bringing the sparkle with Queens of Sound, celebrating the very best female groups and iconic artists. After a Facebook survey, the top five tribute acts took the crown and will light up the stage with the biggest hits, harmonies and pure girl power. Get ready to sing your heart out and dance the day away!



2 pm: Amy Alive
Amy Winehouse tribute

3 pm: The One & Only Adele
Adele tribute

4.15 pm: Simply Whitney
Taryn Charles as Whitney Houston

5.30 pm: Simply the Best
Kinisha as Tina Turner

7 pm: Spice Forever
Spice Girls tribute



Back for its second year, is our Accessible Viewing Platform offering dedicated space for 10 wheelchair users, each with a seated companion, plus additional accessible seating. Spaces are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

New for this year, Middle Row Markets joins us in Grove House Gardens, bringing even more to explore.

Browse a variety of stalls, treat the little ones to small rides and face painting, and make the most of the on-site catering and licensed outdoor bar.

It's set to be bigger, better and packed with entertainment from start to finish!

Sunday Concerts

12 noon and 2.30 pm

Grove House Gardens,
The Bandstand

Come and relax in the picturesque Grove House Gardens for a chilled afternoon listening to a variety of different styles and genres.

Limited chairs are provided

21 June, 12 noon
RAF Halton Voluntary Band

21 June, 2.30 pm
Dunstable Salvation Army

26 July, 12 noon
TBC

26 July, 2.30 pm
Dunstable Town Band

9 August, 12 noon
Beati Vocal Ensemble

9 August, 2.30 pm
Five Star Swing

There is one remaining slot to be filled. If you are part of a musical group or society and would like to perform for the community, we would love to hear from you! Please email gina.thanky@dunstable.gov.uk or call 01582 891407

There is a fantastic fundraising opportunity for charities or voluntary organisations to apply for the tea and coffee concession during the Sunday Concerts. If you are interested, please contact Gina Thanky on 01582 891407 or email gina.thanky@dunstable.gov.uk for an application form.

Party in the Park

Saturday 18 July

12 noon to 8 pm

Grove House Gardens

Dunstable's biggest party is back, and this year it's bigger than ever with a triple-headline line-up! Enjoy performances from talented local singers and dance groups, plus a FREE Under 16s KidZone, a funfair, on-site catering and a licensed outdoor bar. Middle Row Markets returns too, packed with fantastic stalls to explore.

Headliners – Black Lace, Leigh Francis & N-Trance

Party legends **Black Lace** will bring the ultimate feel-good vibes with hits like **'Agadoo'**, **'Do the Conga'** and **'Superman'**.

Join the one and only **Leigh Francis** for Leigh Francis's Record Club. Expect 80s, 90s, and 00s bangers, big laughs, nostalgia, and surprise appearances from his legendary comedy characters.

Then we rewind to the 90s with dance floor icons **N-Trance**, the chart-topping club sensation behind **'Set You Free'**, **'Stayin' Alive'** and **'Forever'**. With over five million records sold, they'll deliver high-energy anthems and non-stop throwback vibes.

This is the party of the summer - don't miss it!

Keep an eye on our website and Facebook for the full stage line-up.

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Are you looking to grow your business?

Events Sponsorship could be the way to go!

We have various exciting opportunities for events sponsorship for 2026. For more information please email gina.thanky@dunstable.gov.uk or phone 01582 891407



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DUNSTABLE'S SOAPBOX DERBY RETURNS AND WE NEED YOU!

Saturday 5 September, from 12 noon | Priory Gardens



Do you have what it takes to build the fastest kart in town?

Whether you're a local business looking for glory or a family or community group after the ultimate summer project, our soapbox derby is where imagination meets competition, and where great ideas turn into unforgettable moments.

Scan the QR code to register your interest



For more details and to register visit www.dunstable.gov.uk or email events@dunstable.gov.uk or call 01582 491407

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Party in the Park Sat 18 July



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Priory House Gift Shop

Open Monday to Saturday
9 am to 4.30 pm

Spring is in the air, and there's no better place to enjoy it than at Priory House Gift Shop! **Come and see what's new in-store**, we've got lots of unique finds and thoughtful gifts.



Whilst the renovations continue at Priory House, you can still enjoy our delicious **lite bites lunch menu**, freshly made **smoothies**, tempting **cakes**, and quality **coffee** in a relaxed and welcoming setting inside the gift shop, or why not sit outside and soak up the beauty of the stunning Priory Gardens.

Did you know we are also **dog friendly**? Make sure to bring your four-legged friend(s) along too. Whether you're meeting friends for lunch, enjoying a peaceful garden break, or browsing for the perfect gift, we look forward to welcoming you.



Frenchic Paint



Your Local Frenchic Stockist

Priory House Gift Shop is the proud stockist of Frenchic paint. We love helping our customers transform furniture, kitchens, and home accessories with Frenchic's beautiful, durable, and easy-to-use paints. Whether you're upcycling a cherished piece or starting something new, we have a stunning range of colours waiting in store. Pop in for inspiration, advice, and everything you need for your next project!



Dunstable Town Guides would like to invite you to Tea Time Tales

Tea time tales organised by the Dunstable Town Guide are held on alternate Thursday afternoons between 2.30 pm and 4 pm at Grove House (76 High Street North, Dunstable, LU6 1NF) with refreshments provided.

Thursday 16 April
Lift the lid of the beehive
by Mark Bolan

Thursday 30 April
Where Wings were built,
Dunstable's aircraft factories
By David Underwood

Thursday 14 May
The World of Bridges
By David Deller

Thursday 4 June
Lady Margaret Douglas
By Pam Greener

Thursday 18 June
Amateurs at the archive
By Carol Hardy

Thursday 2 July
Get me out of here!, travel
around Dunstable
By Tony Woodhouse

Tickets are priced at £6

Scan the QR code to book

If you experience any issues with booking tickets, please call Priory House on 01582 891420



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Dunstable Town Guides Walks

Sunday 31 May
The Lost History of Dunstable's Priory.
Meet Time: 10.30 am outside Priory House.



Sunday 28 June
Liquid History - The Coaching Inns and Pubs of Dunstable.
Meet Time: 10.30am outside Priory House.



Sunday 26 July
History of Five Knolls - A walk Back in Time to the Prehistoric Landscape
Meet Time: 10.30 am Meet at the junction of Tring road B489 with Whipsnade Road B4541. The route is not suitable for wheelchairs and appropriate footwear is essential.



Tickets are priced at £5 and need to be booked in advance.

If you experience any issues with booking tickets, please call Priory House on 01582 891420

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The Big Lunch Returns for 2026!



Dunstable Town Council is delighted to announce the return of The Big Lunch for 2026. This much-loved annual event will take place on Tuesday 16 June, from 11.30 am to 3 pm in the beautiful Grove House Gardens. This year's theme is 'Peace, Love and 60's.

The Big Lunch is a FREE event, exclusively for Dunstable residents aged 65 and over, offering a wonderful opportunity to enjoy live music, a picnic-style afternoon tea, and the chance to meet local organisations who support our older community.

How to Get Tickets

There are just 175 places available, and a ticket is required for entry. As this event sells out quickly every year, residents are encouraged to secure their place as soon as tickets are released. Tickets will be available by telephone ONLY.

To book, please call 01582 891434 on Monday 20 April from 11 am.

This is the only way to obtain tickets this year.

Please be aware that:

- There may be waiting times, calls will be answered as quickly as possible.
- Voicemails will not be responded to due to the high volume of calls expected.
- Tickets are issued on a first come, first served basis.
- A maximum of two tickets per person can be reserved.
- To be eligible, you must be aged 65+ and a resident of Dunstable.

We look forward to welcoming our community once again to what promises to be another fantastic Big Lunch!

Hospice at Home Volunteers are waiting to support you

We are a registered charity that exists to provide help and support for those suffering with life limiting illnesses, and their carers / family, through our volunteer network across Dunstable, Houghton Regis and surrounding areas.

- Spending time with you/your carer to have two or three hours break
- Accompanying you on trips, to the shops or a favourite venue
- Companionship providing
- Information for further help



We do not replace the care or the support provided by the statutory services, nor do we provide any nursing or domestic services.

- We provide
- Companionship
 - Respite
 - Emotional support

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Youth Support in Dunstable

At Grove Corner and out in the community!

Dunstable Town Council's Youth and Community team are gearing up for a brilliant summer term ahead, offering fantastic sessions at Grove Corner and supporting young people out and about through our Detached Youth Work team.



Grove Corner Youth Centre

A fresh timetable is launching this April, packed with activities, support and safe spaces for young people across the town. From 13 April 2026, sessions at Grove Corner will be:

Mondays: Chill & Hang

(ages 13 to 18) 3.45 pm to 5.15 pm
Drop-in space to unwind, get coursework help, use the facilities and connect with friends.

Tuesdays: Pokémon Club

(ages 8 to 14) TERM TIME ONLY, 5 pm to 6.30 pm
Card trading, crafts, gaming, and all things Pokémon.

NEW! Tuesdays: SEND Friendly Session

(ages 15 to 18 / up to 25 SEND) 6.45 pm to 8.15 pm
A calm, supportive space to meet others and join a mix of fun activities. Personal care cannot be provided.

Wednesdays: School Transition Session

(ages 10 to 12) 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm
For young people moving to or settling into secondary school — with games, activities and space to build confidence.

Fridays: Youth Choice

(ages 13 to 18) 4 pm to 5.30 pm
Young people help design each session, activities shaped by their interests.

Fridays: Junior Youth Club

(ages 10 to 13) 6 pm to 7.45 pm
Packed with gaming, pool, table football, music, crafts & more.

Out in the Community: Detached Youth Work

Our Detached Youth Workers are out each week, meeting young people aged 12 to 19 (up to 25 SEND) where they are — in parks, at skate spots and around the town. They're friendly, approachable, and always ready for a chat, advice, or signposting to support and activities.

When you'll see us

- **Mondays:** 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm
- **Wednesdays:** 3.15 pm to 5.15 pm
- **Thursdays:** 4 pm to 6 pm

What we're there for

- Honest, supportive conversations
- Advice on school, wellbeing, friendships, and life
- Helping young people access opportunities
- Being a positive, trusted presence in the community

Young people don't need to book.

Just say 'hello!'

To find out where your youth workers will be WhatsApp them on 07400 561496 or keep an eye on Instagram or Facebook.

Central
Bedfordshire

We're here for Dunstable's young people. Whether at Grove Corner or out in the community, our goal is simple: to create safe, welcoming spaces where young people can grow, connect and thrive.

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Britain In Bloom 2026

The Council is thrilled that Dunstable has been chosen to represent the Anglia region as a finalist in the prestigious RHS Britain in Bloom 2026 national competition, competing in the Large Town category.

This honour means that, later this summer, Dunstable will welcome judges from both Anglia in Bloom and Britain in Bloom which is a fantastic opportunity to showcase our town's green spaces and community spirit.



To be chosen to represent the region on the national stage is a great achievement and a true testament to the dedication of Dunstable Town Council's grounds staff, the passion and commitment of our wonderful volunteers, and the strength of our valued partnership with Dunstable in Bloom.

Among the projects to be showcased is the Council's 40th Anniversary planting project. With support from local schools and colleges, 40 trees and 40,000 daffodils were planted across all five wards of our town.

We couldn't be prouder of our community. Wish us luck for our 2026 'In Bloom' campaign!

Dunstable In Bloom Local Competition

With exciting new competition categories and the continued support of valued local sponsors, Dunstable in Bloom is delighted to announce that the local competition will return in 2026. Below are the categories you can enter:

Best Schools/Young Persons Project

Sponsored by **Rotary Dunstable**
(headline sponsor)

Best Sheltered Housing/Independent Living Display

Sponsored by **Hospice at Home Volunteers - Dunstable & Houghton Regis areas**

DiB Photography Competition

Sponsored by **The Nag's Head**

Best Decorated & Planted Wheelbarrow (Wheelie Fantastic)

Sponsored by **Stoten Gillam Chartered Accountants**

Best Care Home

Sponsored by **Coconut Garden & Treacle Factory**

Best Floral Container(s) (on public display)

Sponsored by **Mid Beds Tyres Ltd**

Best Commercial Premises Floral Display (on public display)

Sponsored by **Vantage Indian Restaurant & Dunstable Mobility**

Best Hanging Baskets (on public display)

Sponsored by **Guideline Publications & Angliss Carpets**

Best Front Garden (Residential)

Sponsored by **Amber Paving Ltd**

Best Community Garden

Sponsored by **The Quadrant Shopping Centre**

Best Public House Floral Display (on public display)

Sponsored by **Neville Funerals**

Best Allotment

Sponsored by **Tucano Travel**

Best Decorated & Planted Junior Wheelbarrow

Sponsored by **Hancock & Hastings Accountants**

To enter any of these categories, please submit your application via our online form by scanning the QR code, or email competition@dib.support



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Dunstable



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Bennett's Café & COMMUNITY HUB

Bennett's Café & Community Hub continues to be a warm and welcoming space for families, friends and community groups. We are proud to support a growing number of community initiatives, and we invite you to join any of our sessions that may interest you.

Veterans Community Network

Second Tuesday each month, 12 noon to 3 pm

A dedicated space for local veterans to gather, share stories, and maintain the unique camaraderie of service life over a cuppa.

Learn, Play, Trade!

Hosted by More Than Board Games

Featuring Pokémon, Magic: The Gathering, Disney Lorcana and space for other TCGs too. All experience levels welcome. More details contact info@morethanboardgames.co.uk



Chatty Café Scheme

Join us every first Thursday, between 11 am and 12 noon

Drop in, grab a drink, and stay as long as you like; after all, a cup of tea always tastes better with good company! **Why not become a chatty volunteer?** We're looking for people to help host a "Chatter & Natter" table. Scan the QR code to apply or contact us if you are interested.



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Home Ed Meet-up

Monthly sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays, 12 noon to 2 pm

A place where home-educating parents/carers can connect while their children engage in a range of activities.



Adult Craft Club

Thursdays, 6 pm to 8 pm

Crafting is a fantastic way to destress. Enjoy a calm, social atmosphere with like-minded creatives.

Over 55's Breakfast Club

Tuesdays 9.30 am to 11 am

A great way to meet new people, participate in activities and hear from guest speakers.

For more information on becoming a member email communities@dunstable.gov.uk or call 01582 891434.



Bennett's Splash Officially Reopens

Monday 4 May, daily 10 am to 6 pm

After a long winter break, our fountains, sprayers and tipping buckets are ready for the warmer season. Whether you're looking for a **FREE** way to entertain the kids or just need a cool escape, the splash park is the place to be this spring/summer.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Splash Park and Café may occasionally be closed. For updates keep an eye on our social media.

Canopy Hire

Did you know we offer canopy hire over the summer? Reserve a space next to the splash park for your next visit. Available from May to August, Monday to Sunday. Perfect for small celebrations. £25 non-refundable reservation fee. For more details get in touch!

Stay Connected

Keep an eye out for school holiday activities, updates and special events by following us on Facebook or visit our website at dunstable.gov.uk

 splashpark@dunstable.gov.uk

 [bennettssplash](https://www.facebook.com/bennettssplash)

 07761 514467

Support Your Local Splash Park, Become a Sponsor for 2026

Our much-loved Splash Park is one of Dunstable's busiest and most cherished **FREE** family attractions, welcoming thousands of visitors every summer. We're now inviting local businesses and community-minded organisations to become official **Splash Park sponsors** for the 2026 season. Sponsorship helps us keep the park clean, safe, accessible and vibrant while giving your brand fantastic visibility with families right across the town. Call or email us from the details below to find out more about becoming a sponsor!




Grove House Weddings

Dunstable Town Council is delighted to announce that the elegant Grade II listed building, Grove House has been formally reinstated as a licenced wedding venue.

Are you planning your dream wedding, a beautiful civil ceremony, or a vow renewal? Grove House's historic character, intimate scale, and picturesque gardens make it a truly special place to say, "I do."



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01582 513000 | moments@dunstable.gov.uk | www.dunstable.gov.uk/weddings

The Dunstable Community Lottery is turning one!

To mark the occasion, we are hosting a first birthday celebration on **Monday 1 June, at Grove House, (76 High Street North, LU6 1NF), 12:30 pm** and your community group is invited!

Whether you're already part of the lottery or want to find out how your group can get involved, come share in our success. We'll have tea, cake, and all the info you need to start fundraising for your cause.

Please RSVP by Friday 22 May to communications@dunstable.gov.uk if you will be in attendance or call 01582 513000.





Dunstable Community Lottery



SIGN UP OR PLAY

www.dunstablecommunitylottery.co.uk

Dunstable Town Council and Committee Meetings



**DUNSTABLE
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Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings either in person or online via a live YouTube stream. To watch a meeting live or catch up afterwards, simply search for “**Dunstable Town Council YouTube**”.

**Plans Sub-Committee and Personnel Sub-Committee is not recorded.*

If you intend to raise a question, it is helpful to let us know beforehand to give councillors a chance to prepare an informed answer. Please contact the Council by email at **democratic@dunstable.gov.uk** or by telephone on **01582 513000** no later than 4 pm on the Friday before the meeting.

Dates for all meetings are published on the Council’s website at **www.dunstable.gov.uk**. Meeting agendas are also available on the website and on the noticeboard outside Grove House one week prior to each meeting. All meetings are held at **Grove House, 76 High Street North, Dunstable**, unless otherwise stated otherwise.

18/05	Annual Council Meeting 7 pm Dunstable Conference Centre	29/06	Plans Sub-Committee 6.15 pm
01/06	Community Services Committee 7 pm	20/07	Plans Sub-Committee 6.15 pm
04/06	Dunstable Joint Committee 7 pm Grove View Health Hub	10/08	Plans Sub-Committee 6.15 pm
04/06	Personnel Sub-Committee 7 pm	07/09	Plans Sub-Committee 6.15 pm
08/06	Plans Sub-Committee 6.15 pm	07/09	Communittee Services Committee 7 pm
08/06	Grounds and Environmental Services Committee 7 pm		
15/06	Finance and General Purposes Committee 7 pm		
22/06	Full Council 7 pm		

2026/27 Budget Summary



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27 specialist markets



Development of a new cemetery



Free events & activities



Engaging with young people & the community



Award-winning parks & gardens



Reopening of Priory House with new exhibition space



Preservation of Grove House & launching as a wedding venue



Refurb of Kingsbury Pavilion changing rooms



Expanding Christmas lights

£3,611,546
Income from Council Tax

£763,776
Other raised income

£4,375,322
Total gross budget

Dunstable Town Council is funded through a small portion of the Council Tax and by income it generates.



Your Council Services



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



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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
- Detached Youth Work
- Bennett's Café & Community Hub + Splash Park
- 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
- Town Centre Management



Citizens Advice Dunstable

The Dunstable Centre, Court Drive,
Dunstable, Bedfordshire LU5 4JD

Call 01582 670003

Monday to Wednesday 9.30 am - 3:30 pm
Thursday and Friday 9.30 am - 12.30 pm
Evening appointments available upon request

Or fill in the enquiry form at:

www.dunstablecab.org.uk/get-advice/email-us/