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Town Mayor's Welcome

I welcome you to the summer edition of Talk of the Town as your new Mayor of Dunstable. I really can't tell you how proud I am to have been elected as your Mayor. It is such a great honour and privilege. I want to thank you all for the overwhelming amount of support, good wishes and congratulations I have received which has been a truly humbling experience. I look forward to serving this town and residents with great enthusiasm and energy and to represent and promote our town and council with honour and pride to the best of my ability.

With such an incredible amount of history and rich community spirit along with many new and exciting major leisure and nature projects of national importance either planned or already under development within surrounding areas there really is so much to look forward to right now and Dunstable has all the ingredients to boldly embrace the future and opportunities with vigour and excitement.

I have chosen Tibbs Dementia Foundation and The Luton & Dunstable Prostate Support Group as my official Mayoral charities to support this year, both of which have personal connection close to my family and that of my consort Patricie. They most importantly offer support not only to those suffering but also their families too, and specifically to Dunstable and surrounding areas. I hope you will be able to support me in raising vital funds throughout the various Mayor's events I intend to organise throughout the year.

I have always been amazed and humbled at the amount of wonderful volunteer groups and charities we have in Dunstable who do so much amazing work for their communities. I applaud every one of you for the incredible selfless work and time you give to your community in making such a difference to so many people's lives.

With summer now upon us there is so much for us to look forward to as a town, we are of course a Britain in Bloom Finalist this year having being crowned overall winners in the East Anglia region last year and I'm sure all our grounds team will be hard at work making our wonderful town a remarkable splash of colour and beauty for the judging and for us all to enjoy.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a very happy, fun summer of enjoyment and wonderful memories. I am really looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible at our summer events, so let's make this a summer to remember and celebrate everything Dunstable and summer has to offer together.

Councillor
Richard Attwell
Town Mayor of Dunstable



DUNSTABLE
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Town Clerk & Chief Executive's Welcome



Welcome to the summer edition of Talk of the Town. The Dunstable in Bloom team are busy gearing up for the town's second ever entry into Britain in Bloom. To be invited to take part so soon after the town's 2022 success is a huge achievement, and the Town Council will do all it can to support this year's entry, along with the town's annual Anglia In Bloom campaign.

The Dunstable Community Lottery is now entering its second year after celebrating its first birthday in May. The lottery has raised considerable funds for local groups; do consider playing, as a way of regularly supporting local good causes.

The events programme is now in full swing with the Council already having staged St George's Day, the Classic Motor Rally and Dunstable Live. The second ever Dunstable Soapbox Derby returns in September, it isn't too late to register, so do get building!

Works to Priory House are entering their final phase; look out for opportunities to see works so far in the coming months.

In the meantime, the gift shop remains open. Do try the new lite bites menu and outdoor seating over the summer.

I would like to extend my thanks to Councillor Sally Kimondo for energy, creativity and service she has given the town during her year as Mayor. I look forward to working with our new Mayor, Councillor Richard Attwell, who I know is keen to visit and meet with as many local groups as possible during his Mayoral 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 01582 513000 or by contacting us on Instagram or Facebook. Happy reading!

Paul Hodson
Town Clerk & Chief Executive

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Dunstable town centre
news, events & initiatives

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Ashton Square Day

Join us for Ashton Square Day, a two-day celebration packed with entertainment, food and family fun.

The festivities start on **Friday 14 August** from **4 pm to 9 pm**, where The Square comes alive with mouth-watering street food and live music from talented local community groups. Enjoy a range of craft stalls while children are entertained with a **FREE children's ride** and **FREE face painting**.

We haven't forgotten all those who love a retro game. We'll have a **FREE retro arcade** open for the evening festivities, making it the perfect evening out for all ages.

The excitement continues **Saturday 15 August** from **9.30 am to 3.30 pm**, featuring our popular **Middle Row Market** with food and craft, as well as more live performances from community groups.

Families can once again take advantage of **FREE face painting** and a **FREE children's ride**, along with **FREE retro arcade games**.

Don't miss this fantastic two-day celebration at Ashton Square.

Friday 14 August
4 pm to 9 pm

Saturday 15 August
9.30 am to 3.30 pm

The Square (LU6 3SN)



★ GOOD MUSIC ★ GOOD VIBES ★ GREAT CAUSE ★
**RUM
REGGAE
& SKA
MUSIC EVENT**



Saturday 25 July
1 pm to 6 pm

The Square (LU6 3SN)

Join us on The Square for this first-time event in partnership with Ann-Marie's Mobile Caribbean cuisine, featuring Caribbean food, rum shack, craft stalls and music featuring DJ Warm and Easy from Diverse FM Radio.

Star performances from Yvonne Michelle, Tim Heights and JTW. Sound system by Champagne Bubbler 90s.



All charitable donations are for the Errol McKellar Foundation, who will be making an appearance on the day to raise money for mobile screening services for Prostate Cancer.

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Saturday 8 August

Saturday 5 September Soapbox Derby

Explore a lively mix of **FREE** activities, unique craft stalls, and delicious local food in a vibrant market atmosphere.

Saturday 12 September Heritage Open Days

Discover the town's rich history as we open the doors to historic buildings and host a traditional-style market.

Saturday 19 September United Charities Day

Come along to support local charities, learn about the valuable work they do, and access helpful information and community support.

Saturday 10 October

Saturday 17 October

Saturday 24 October Halloween Market

Spooktacular Halloween-themed stalls and crafts.



STREET FOOD HEROES



Join us on The Square from **4 pm to 9 pm** on the third Thursday of each month, where street food trucks will be serving delicious freshly made street food, alongside a bar and music.

A must visit for food lovers!

Thursday 16 July

Thursday 20 August

Thursday 17 September



Priory House Gift Shop & Café

**Open Monday to Saturday
9 am to 4.30 pm**

Meet up with friends and enjoy a delicious lunch from our menu, featuring our Salad of the Week, freshly baked jacket potatoes, and tasty homemade focaccias. For a lighter treat, choose from our freshly baked scones, teacakes, and tempting selection of cakes. Our drinks menu includes a range of coffees, speciality frappes, summer coolers, and refreshing smoothies. You can also dine outdoors and take in the beautiful views of Priory Gardens while you relax. While you're here, browse our lovely selection of gifts, jewellery, the Frenchic Paint range, and our monthly showcase shelves featuring beautiful handmade items from local crafters.

PrioryHouse

Did you know our gifts shop is 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.



Renovation update

Visible external changes are taking place at Priory House. If you want to learn more about what's been happening behind closed doors, book a place on our Heritage Open Days on Wednesday 9 September and Saturday 12 September. Secure your spot by visiting our website: www.dunstable.gov.uk/priory-house/ Stay up to date with renovations at Priory House by following our social media.



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Party In The Park

Saturday 18 July

12 noon to 8 pm, Grove House Gardens

Dunstable's main summer event returns to Grove House Gardens for a full day of live music, performances, and family activities.

Our community stage kicks off the festivities with a showcase of local talent including **The PAD**, **The Aspects**, **Avenida**, **The Meerkats**, **Dubafrique** and **MEGZ**. Plus, the return of the public karaoke, giving you the chance to take centre stage and become the star of the show!

Browse **Middle Row Markets** who are back joining us for the second year, alongside food concessions, an outdoor bar, an accessible viewing platform on a first-come basis, a large screen and FREE activities, including a **FREE Under 16s KidZone** running all day.

Also look out for the walkabout characters and children's shows and activities including meet the **K-Pop Demon Hunters**, relax and join *A Children's Story* with **Riki Cycle**, an environmental live action musical performance with puppetry, songs and interactive recycling. There's something for everyone to enjoy.



Be sure to stop by and visit our sponsor, **Penrose Estate Agents**, as they celebrate their 10th anniversary! Take on the climbing wall challenge and race against the clock for a chance to win a fantastic prize. A small donation fee applies, with all proceeds supporting the Dunstable Town Mayor's chosen charities, Tibbs Dementia Foundation and the Luton and Dunstable Prostrate Support Group.

Finally, don't miss our massive **triple-headliner finale** to end the day! We're bringing you party favourites from **Black Lace** such as *Agadoo*, a nostalgic multi-decade mix from **Leigh Francis' Record Club**, and a high-octane 90s dance set from **N-Trance**.

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

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**CLIMBING WALL
BEAT THE CLOCK
CHALLENGE**
 18TH JULY 12PM – 8PM
 GROVE HOUSE GARDENS
 76 HIGH ST NORTH
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 FASTEST TIME WINS A BRAND-NEW
 NINTENDO SWITCH 2!



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Sunday Concerts

Grove House Gardens, The Performance Area

The Sunday Concerts return to Grove House Gardens with a programme of live music across brass, folk, vocal and jazz styles, alongside traditional favourites.

Relax and enjoy live performances in the park. Refreshments provided by the Dunstable Rotary Club. Limited seating available. Feel free to bring your own blankets or chairs.

Sunday 26 July

12 noon **Wayland Smithy Band**
2.30 pm **Dunstable Town Band**

Sunday 9 August

12 noon **Beati Vocal Ensemble**
2.30 pm **Five Star Swing**



DUNSTABLE'S SOAPBOX DERBY RETURNS AND WE NEED YOU!

Saturday 5 September, from 12 noon | Priory Gardens (LU6 3RZ)

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.

Come and enjoy a **FREE afternoon** of fun racing, cheering on local teams as they take on the challenge of Dunstable's Soapbox Derby. Alongside the racing there will be stalls and food concessions across the site.



After the main event, join us for an outdoor cinema experience featuring;
Zootopia 2 (PG) and
F1: The Movie (12A).
Times TBC



Scan the QR code to register your interest



FREE TO REGISTER



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

For further details and to sign up, visit:
www.dunstable.gov.uk/event/dunstables-soapbox-derby/



Priory Proms in the Park

Saturday 12 September

Priory Gardens, From 3 pm



This year, ahead of the live broadcast of the Last Night of the Proms, we're delighted to present a special outdoor screening of the hit film Elvis (12) in Priory Gardens at 3 pm.

Celebrating the life, music and lasting legacy of the King of Rock 'n' Roll, the film is a fitting tribute as we approach the 50th anniversary of Elvis Presley's passing next year.

Settle in with food and drink from our on-site bar and concessions, then stay for an evening of music and magic with the Proms shown on the big screen, complete with special effects, interval entertainment, and a spectacular firework finale.

Keep an eye on our website and Facebook for final event times once the broadcast has been announced.



Book an exclusive VIP table at Proms in the Park

For more information or to book, visit
www.dunstable.gov.uk/priory-house



Looking to grow your business? Try event Sponsorship

We have exciting opportunities for the Soapbox Derby Events Sponsorship for 2026. For more information please email gina.thanky@dunstable.gov.uk or phone **01582 891407**

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

Tea time tales are held between 2.30 pm and 4 pm at Grove House (76 High Street North, Dunstable, LU6 1NF) with refreshments provided. Tickets are priced at £6.

Thursday 24 September
2Dunstable's Augustinian
Priory 1120 to 1540
by Hugh Garrod

Thursday 22 October
Red Cloud's War: How
the West was Lost
by Andy Gibbs

Thursday 8 October
From Tigers to the Taj
Mahal: Adventures in India
by Wilf Powell

Scan the QR code to book



Dunstable Town Guides Walks

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

Sunday 26 July - History of Five Knolls - A walk
Back in Time to the Prehistoric Landscape
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.



Sunday 27 September, 10.30am - The Stories Behind the Headstones
Dunstable Cemetery walk (West Street). Meet outside cemetery chapel

If you experience any issues with booking tickets, please call Priory House on 01582 891420 or visit dunstable.gov.uk/priory-house to book

Free summer fun at...



Looking for an affordable way to keep the kids entertained this summer?
You don't need to travel far or spend a fortune, everything you need is right here at Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground.

Bennett's Café & Community Hub and the Splash Park are open daily from 10 am to 6 pm. It's the perfect spot in Dunstable to cool off, grab a bite to eat, and enjoy the sunshine. Whether you want to grab an iced coffee while the kids play, meet friends for lunch, or stay for the whole day, Bennett's offers a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere for everyone.

Best of all, the Splash Park is completely FREE! With public toilets on-site and plenty of food and drink options at the café, it's an easy, stress-free day out for the whole family.

We recommend using Ashton Square Car Park (LU6 3NS) when visiting the Splash Park.

We kindly request that you park responsibly, safely and legally on nearby residential roads.

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- **Iced coffees and milkshakes**
- **Glycerol-free slushies**
- **Kids lunch boxes (hot & cold)**
- **Pizzas, chips, fish fingers and chicken nuggets**
- **Hot drinks, snacks and light bites**
- **Family meal deals**
- **Kids meal deals**

Inside the café you'll find:



What's Coming Up This Summer

School's Out at Splash!

Friday 17 July 3 pm to 6 pm

Celebrate the start of the summer holidays with an afternoon at the splash park. Come down for dinner and get 10% off kids boxes at Bennett's Café between 3 pm to 5.30 pm!

Action & Adventure

Thursday 20 August

SEND session: **10 am to 11 am** Main event: **11 am to 3 pm**

Join us for our exciting event packed with activities for families and children in the park. Visitors attending this event can also receive 10% off their first café order on the day only. We have much more including party packages, canopy hire and events so follow the Splash Park and Bennett's Café on social media for updates, opening times and upcoming activities.

Join the Friends of Bennett's!

Do you love spending time at Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground, Bennett's Café, or the Splash Park?

We are excited to launch the **Friends of Bennett's**. A brand new community group dedicated to shaping the future of this much-loved local space. As a member, you can share your ideas, help organise events, support local projects, and play a direct role in making Bennett's even better for everyone. Plus, as a member, you'll also receive **10% discount** on any order at Bennett's Café.

Save the Date!

To kick things off, we're hosting a **FREE Family Fun Day** in early September. It's the perfect opportunity to see what the friends is all about and how to get involved, as well as enjoying a day packed with activities and entertainment for all ages. Want to learn more or register your interest? Email us at communities@dunstable.gov.uk or pop into Bennett's Café to chat with the team.



SUMMER

Activities

Suitable
for ages
3 to 10 years

Parental supervision
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under 8s

Our Summer Activities Programme returns!

Love Parks Eco-Explorer Trail

Suitable for all ages
Collect your pack from
Monday 27 July from
**Grove Corner, Bennett's
Café, Priory House or
Grove House, or scan the
QR code** to find out more.

New for
2026

FREE



National Playday

Wednesday 5 August

SEND session:

10.30 am to 11.30 am

Main event:

11.30 am to 2.30 pm

St. Augustine's Academy

FREE

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Inflatable Day

Friday 31 July

SEND session: **11 am to 12 noon**

Main event: **12 noon to 4 pm**

Grove House Gardens

Wristbands £6

£6

Action & Adventure Day

Thursday 20 August

SEND session: **10 am to 11 am**

Main event **11 am to 3 pm**

Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground

FREE

Art Attack / STEM Day

Tuesday 25 August

11 am to 3 pm

Priory Gardens

FREE



**All activities are
turn up on the day.**

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Dunstable Town Council runs a variety of activities and initiatives for different community groups across the town.

In this edition of Talk of the Town, we are shining a spotlight on two of these fantastic initiatives...



BRUNCH CLUB

For ages
18 to 55

**Free to
join!**

AN EXCITING NEW COMMUNITY INITIATIVE IS COMING TO DUNSTABLE

Brunch Club is a monthly social group designed to bring people together over great food and conversation.

Each month, members will visit a different local café, creating opportunities to meet new people, make friends, discover new places and build a supportive social network.

Whether you're looking to expand your social circle or simply enjoy good company over brunch, everyone is welcome.

If you'd like to find out more, email communities@dunstable.gov.uk or call 01582 891434.



Good Companions Club

The Good Companions Club meets every Monday for residents of Dunstable aged 75+ who may be feeling socially isolated.

The club offers a welcoming space to make friends, enjoy activities and entertainment and share a delicious two-course hot meal.

Transport can also be arranged if needed.

If you think this group could be right for you or someone you know, we'd love to hear from you.

Get in touch

Email: communities@dunstable.gov.uk

Call: 01582 891434

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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.



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- Information for further help

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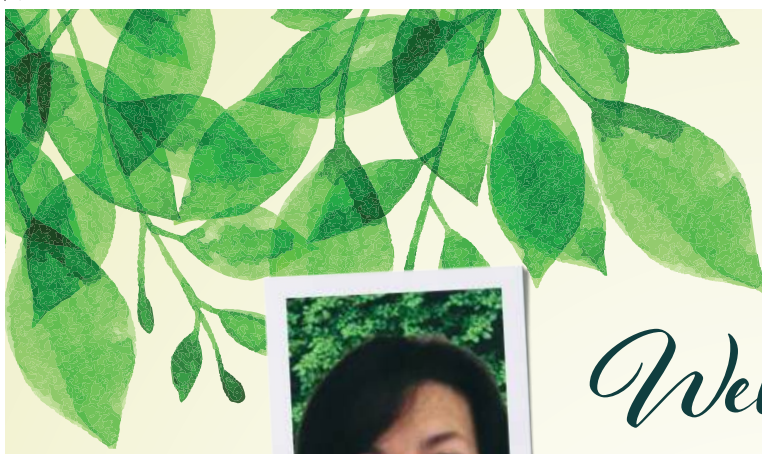


We do not replace the care or the support provided by the statutory services, nor do we provide any nursing or domestic services.

We provide

- Companionship
- Respite
- Emotional support





Celebrating Dunstable's **Green Spaces**



Welcome Jane Conway,

our new Head of Grounds and Environmental Services

Jane Conway joined the Council as the new Head of Grounds and Environmental Services in April this year and she has very much enjoyed her first month with the Council and says the team has been welcoming, positive and focused on making a real difference for the people of Dunstable.

Jane is especially pleased to be working with floral displays again. She has been struck by the strong community spirit in Dunstable, where people come together to take pride in their town and help improve its appearance.

Jane began her career in horticulture straight after leaving school, joining Inverclyde District Council as an apprentice gardener. She quickly found her passion and never looked back.

She trained in Amenity Horticulture at Woodburn House College in Glasgow, taking a hands-on, practical route into the profession. During this time, she was inspired by her manager, who had worked on military cemeteries in France. His supportive leadership style, community focus and role as a Britain in Bloom judge made a lasting impression on Jane's approach to her work.

Early in her career, Jane was involved in creating award-winning floral displays, including work featured at the well-known Ayr Flower Show. These experiences helped shape her lifelong love of planting and public spaces.

In 1986, Jane moved to England with her family. While raising her young son, she successfully ran her own garden maintenance business in and around Leighton Buzzard. By 1989, she had joined Bedfordshire County Council as a School Grounds Maintenance Inspector, managing contracts for school grounds and sports fields.

“ One of the things that's really stood out to me is just how much people care about their town. That kind of community support makes a huge difference — it helps us push forward ideas and attract the funding we need to make them happen. ”

Following local government reorganisation in 1997, Jane moved to Luton Borough Council, where she returned to parks work and developed her career in park management and development.

Jane has led several important projects. These include the restoration of the suspension bridge and securing Heritage Lottery funding to begin the restoration of Wardown Park Lake.

Jane is well respected in the parks and green spaces sector. She has been a Green Flag judge for many years and has even judged Priory Gardens, giving it a very positive assessment. She is also an active member of the Parks Management Association and sits on its Board, helping to shape the future of parks nationally. Alongside this, Jane has contributed to the Government's Parks Action Group, set up by ministers to support and improve parks across the country.

We asked Jane where she sees opportunities to build on the success of Dunstable's parks and green spaces. She explained that the Town Council's Corporate Plan includes a clear priority to continue improving and developing green and open spaces across the town.

Jane said it's still early days, but she expects areas like biodiversity and children's play to be key focuses. She also highlighted the strong community support in Dunstable, which she believes will play a significant role in helping the Council secure funding and deliver meaningful improvements.





We're pleased to announce that Dunstable In Bloom has been shortlisted for a BBC Three Counties Radio Make a Difference Award.

The BBC says the awards are a celebration of those who do incredible things for their local communities.

We're hugely excited to be one of four shortlisted nominees for the Environment Award. At Dunstable In Bloom we're passionate about our town looking as beautiful as possible and getting more people into gardening.

Radio producer Tara Dolby came and recorded us, as we planted some of our hanging baskets with the help of people from YAWN Life, a day care service for adults with learning disabilities. You can hear what happened, and the stories behind the other nominees, on the Andy Collins breakfast show from August.

Winners across the 8 awards will be announced at a ceremony at the Grove Theatre on Monday 28 September.



Dunstable Community Lottery Celebrates First Birthday

The Dunstable Community Lottery has officially marked its first year of operation, celebrating twelve months of raising vital funds for local charities, sports clubs and non-profit organisations.

To commemorate the milestone birthday, Town Mayor Cllr Richard Attwell joined representatives from numerous local community groups to celebrate the initiative's ongoing success.

The online lottery was designed to create a sustainable, year-round fundraising stream for the local community. For every £1 ticket purchased, 60p goes directly back into supporting registered good causes, giving players a chance of winning anything from £25 to £25,000.

The lottery continues to thrive, recently crowning its first £2,000 winner and raising a grand total of £8,376 over the past year.

Speaking at the event, Town Mayor Cllr Attwell said:

"It is a profound honour to step into the role of Town Mayor just as we celebrate this fantastic milestone for our community. Over the past year, the Dunstable Community Lottery has proven to be an invaluable asset in raising vital funds directly into the hands of voluntary organisations that make our town thrive. My focus this year is on strengthening our community ties and seeing so many dedicated local groups here celebrating together is the perfect way to start this journey."



Residents can continue to support local causes by purchasing tickets for the weekly Saturday night draws. To sign up as a player, or register as a local good cause, visit www.dunstablecommunitylottery.co.uk



FREE SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS

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All Day ★ Tickets Available Soon

Summer Ghost Walk

Priory Gardens and Church 🌸 6 PM to 7 PM

**12
AUGUST**

Swim Session

The Dunstable Centre 🌟 12 noon to 1 PM

Super Sports

Kingsbury Recreation Ground 🌟 4 PM to 6 PM

**27
AUGUST**

Gaming Bus

Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground 🌟 1 PM to 3 PM

Back To School Movie

Grove Corner ⚡ 4 PM to 6 PM

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Dunstable Town Council and Committee Meetings



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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 are 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 phone **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 before each meeting. All meetings are held at **Grove House, 76 High Street North, Dunstable**, unless otherwise stated otherwise.

20/07 Plans Sub-Committee 6.15 pm

10/08 Plans Sub-Committee 6.15 pm

07/09 Plans Sub-Committee 6.15 pm

07/09 Community Services Committee 7 pm

10/09 Personnel Sub-Committee 7 pm

14/09 Grounds and Environmental Services Committee 7 pm

17/09 Dunstable Joint Committee 7 pm
Grove View Heath Hub

21/09 Finance and General Purposes Committee 7 pm

28/09 Plans Sub-Committee 6.15 pm

05/10 Full Council 7 pm

19/10 Plans Sub-Committee 6.15 pm

First Wedding at Grove House

On Saturday 2 May 2026, marked a romantic milestone for the town as Grove House hosted its first wedding since officially reopening as a licensed venue.

The historic 18th-century building provided a timeless backdrop for the couple, who exchanged vows in the elegant, chandelier-lit ceremony room before heading into the gardens for photos. The day felt like a true homecoming for the building, which has been at the heart of Dunstable's heritage for centuries and is now once again the setting for the community's most personal celebrations.

"Being the first couple to marry at Grove House since it reopened was incredibly special for us. We loved the idea of being part of the building's new history, and the intimate, classic feel of the house made our ceremony feel like a hidden gem right in the middle of town."

— The Happy Couple

If you would like to find out more about saying 'I do' at Grove House, please get in touch
01582 513000 | moments@dunstable.gov.uk | www.dunstable.gov.uk/weddings

Grove House Weddings





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- Council Housing and Garages
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- 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 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

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Monday to Wednesday 9.30 am - 3:30 pm
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