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Town Mayor's Welcome

As summer gives way to autumn, it is time to reflect on another memorable season of events in Dunstable. From the Big Lunch and Dunstable Classic Motor Rally to Dunstable Live, Party in the Park, the Soapbox Derby and Sunday Concerts, there has been something for everyone to enjoy. The wonderful weather helped create a fantastic atmosphere, bringing residents, families and visitors together to enjoy free, inclusive activities across the town.

It has been a pleasure meeting and talking to many of you at these events. Dunstable's community spirit has been showcased in abundance and I hope you have all made happy memories. My thanks also go to our sponsors and local businesses whose support helps make these events possible.

The truck convoy accompanying the Dunstable Classic Motor Rally was another success, raising an incredible £19,000 for charity. As Mayor, I had the privilege of riding in the lead truck and seeing so many people lining the streets in support, which was a truly memorable experience.

I remain proud of our local charities and volunteers and was honoured to judge our Young Traders Market. Congratulations to Skye from Country House Treats, who went on to be crowned East of England Young Trader of the Year 2026.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Hospice at Home, celebrating four decades of compassion and dedicated care. It has also been my privilege to support and recognise their achievements.

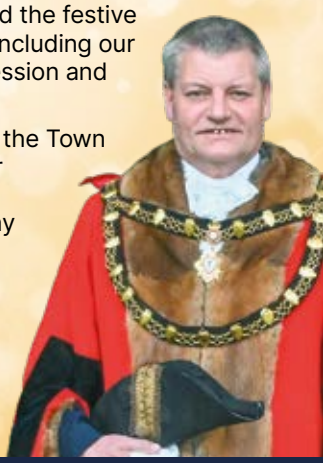
On a personal note, I was honoured to speak at the 18th World Leaders Summit at Oxford University as a Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker. Representing Dunstable on an international stage of more than 200 global leaders from over 30 countries, including members of the House of Lords, was a very proud and memorable experience.

I am delighted that Dunstable has retained all four Green Flag Awards. We have also competed in the Anglia in Bloom and Britain in Bloom competitions, results for Anglia in Bloom are on page 11. My thanks go to our Grounds Team and Dunstable in Bloom volunteers for their hard work throughout the very hot, dry summer.

The Splash Park has once again been a huge success, while the restoration of Priory House is entering its final stages ahead of its reopening early in the New Year.

As we look towards autumn, winter and the festive season, there is much more to come, including our Christmas Carols and Torchlight Procession and Twilight Christmas Markets.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Talk of the Town and I look forward to seeing you at our forthcoming events. Wishing you all a wonderful autumn and a happy, healthy and festive season ahead.



Councillor Richard Attwell

Town Mayor of Dunstable

DUNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

Town Clerk & Chief Executive's Welcome

Welcome to the winter edition of Talk of the Town. This edition includes details of a whole range of Christmas activities we have planned including our popular Twilight Markets. Do come along and support our local traders and shop locally wherever you can this Christmas.

It's been a real pleasure to welcome weddings back to Grove House this year. It's a joy to see friends and family celebrating and utilising the Green Flag award-winning, Grove House Gardens to take photos as part of their ceremony.

Grove House is owned and managed by the Town Council for the benefit of local residents and the wider community. Whether you're planning a wedding, organising a community event, hosting a business meeting or looking for a venue to hire, we'd love to welcome you. To find out more, view our rooms and hire rates on the Town Council website.



We were delighted that Dunstable was again invited to take part in the Britain in Bloom competition this year, as the region's sole representative. Being selected to take part in the national competition is a huge tribute to all the volunteers, community groups and Council staff who work hard throughout the year to make Dunstable bloom. The awards consider the range and quality of community participation, as well as Horticultural Excellence and Environmental Responsibility. If you'd like to get involved with Dunstable In Bloom, visit their website dib.support.

The works to Priory House are, finally, nearing completion! We hope to fully open the doors in the New Year. The works uncovered structural issues that led to much longer programme of works than anticipated. The team have uncovered fascinating evidence of the history of the building, which is enabling them to understand the story of the building in much more detail. Make sure to visit the gift shop, which is open and has has a new stock of Dunstable items and enjoy a variety of warm drinks and a bite to eat.

Bennett's Splash Park welcomed plenty of visitors this season. The summer finished with another successful Doggy Splash and Play, which we hope to see it return again next summer. Bennett's Café remains open Wednesday to Sunday, so do drop in for a hot drink and warm food and look out for upcoming events.

This summer saw the town's second Soapbox Derby. We attracted twice as many entrants as last year, the ramp was higher and the course faster. I am already looking forward to next year's event – it's never too soon to start building a kart!

Our events provide a great opportunity for businesses to support the town at the same time as raising your profile through our various sponsorship packages.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Talk of the Town. Please feel free to share your thoughts with us on any of the Council's services by emailing info@dunstable.gov.uk or messaging us on Facebook @DunstableCouncil. Happy reading!

Paul Hodson

Town Clerk & Chief Executive

Destination DUNSTABLE

Dunstable town centre news, events & initiatives

Christmas in Dunstable

Twilight Markets

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Thursday 10 December, 3 pm to 8 pm | Friday 11 December, 3 pm to 8 pm
Saturday 12 December, 3 pm to 8 pm | The Square and Middle Row (LU6 3SN)

Christmas is coming to Dunstable, bringing three magical evenings of festive fun for residents and visitors to enjoy.

The celebrations begin on Thursday 10 December with the first of our Twilight Markets, featuring a fantastic selection of delicious street food alongside Middle Row Markets.

On Friday 11 and Saturday 12 December, even more festive stalls will join the event, offering a wonderful range of gifts, handmade crafts and seasonal treats. It's the perfect opportunity to find a unique either yourself or Christmas presents for loved ones while supporting local traders.

Each evening, families can enjoy a host of FREE activities, including face painting, a children's carousel, as well as Santa's Grotto, which has been sponsored by the Rotary Club of Dunstable. There will also be live entertainment on stage, showcasing talented local singers and community groups throughout the event.

With Christmas lights twinkling across The Square, and Middle Row filled with festive cheer, the Twilight Markets promise a warm and welcoming atmosphere for all. Save the dates, support local businesses and celebrate the season with your community in the heart of Dunstable.









Christmas Window Competition

Dunstable Town Council's popular Christmas Window Competition will return for 2026. Shops and businesses across the town centre will be invited to create festive displays, helping to make Dunstable feel bright, welcoming and full of Christmas spirit throughout December.

The shop windows will be judged on Wednesday 2 December at 11 am by the Town Mayor of Dunstable Councillor Richard Attwell and the Town Centre Team, with the three best displays selected chosen for their creativity, originality and festive flair.

Residents are encouraged to look out for the decorated shop windows throughout the town centre and vote for their favourite via the Dunstable Town Council Facebook page. A dedicated competition post will be published, with public voting remaining open until 6 pm on Monday 7 December.

If you run a shop or business in the town centre and would like to take part, please email annette.clynes@dunstable.gov.uk or call 07540 048930.



Dunstable Christmas Tree

The town's magnificent 30-foot Norway Spruce will return to The Square in November, once again providing a stunning centrepiece for Dunstable's Christmas celebrations. Kindly sponsored by Penrose Estate Agents, the tree will be installed ahead of the Christmas Carols and Torchlight Procession on Friday 27 November, where it will take pride of place and help bring festive cheer to the town centre throughout the Christmas season.





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Dunstable Christmas Carols and Torchlight Procession

Friday 27 November, 7 pm, The Square (LU6 3SN)

Christmas officially begins in Dunstable on Friday 27 November with the much-loved Christmas Carols and Torchlight Procession, bringing the community together on The Square to mark the start of the festive season.

From 7pm, school choirs from across Dunstable will fill The Square with the sound of Christmas carols, accompanied by the Dunstable Salvation Army Band. New for 2026, a large screen will be in place on The Square, giving visitors a clearer view of the performances and all the key moments of the evening.

Look out for a special visit from Father Christmas as well as the Grove Theatre Panto cast of Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs, watch the switch on of Dunstable's Christmas Tree, followed by a spectacular light show to round off the evening.

There will be plenty to enjoy beyond The Square too, with food and drink stalls along Middle Row and Priory House Gift Shop open until late, serving hot food, drinks and offering a range of Christmas gifts. So, wrap up warm, bring your friends or family, and join us on The Square as Dunstable comes together to welcome the start of Christmas.

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

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Good Companions Lunch Club

Do you know someone aged 70+ who lives alone, or with a dependent partner and would enjoy getting out, meeting new people and having something to look forward to each week? The Good Companions Lunch Club meets every Monday from 10 am to 2 pm at Beecroft Community Centre and warmly welcomes new members.



For just £11 per week, members can enjoy a delicious two-course lunch, along with a varied programme of activities, entertainment and day trips. From bowling and boat trips to zoo visits, guest speakers, games and seasonal events, there's always something to enjoy.

The club provides a friendly and supportive environment for anyone who may be feeling lonely, socially isolated, or simply looking to make new friends and stay active within the community.

For an additional £3 per week, optional Dial-a-Ride transport is available to and from the club.

Please note that Good Companions is a social club and is unable to provide personal care.

To find out more or to join, please call 01582 891434 or email communities@dunstable.gov.uk

Community MATTERS

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Community Funding Available



Could your idea make a difference in Dunstable? Dunstable Town Council offers funding to support projects and services that benefit local residents.

Seedcorn Grants of up to £500 are available for individuals, new groups and emerging community organisations with a great idea they want to bring to life.

Service Level Agreements (SLAs) provide longer-term funding for established organisations delivering ongoing services to Dunstable residents.

We are proud to support organisations including Hospice at Home Volunteers, Citizens Advice, Dunstable Foodbank, Dunstable Town Band, Dunstable Town Guides, Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity and Sorted Counselling Services.

If your organisation has a new project and is interested in applying or finding out more please call 01582 891434 or email communities@dunstable.gov.uk

Dunstable Town Council are in the process of undertaking a piece of work to help gain a better understanding of the needs of the voluntary and community sector in Dunstable. If you run a local community group in the town and would like to have your say, please scan the QR code to complete our survey by 16 November.

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Grove Corner

Where Young People Belong

Looking for a safe, welcoming place where your child can make friends, learn new skills and have fun? Grove Corner offers FREE sessions for young people aged 10 to 18 years (up to 25 years SEND) where activities are shaped by young people themselves.

Monday
Chill & Hang
Ages 13 to 18 / Up to 25 SEND
3.45 pm to 5.15 pm

Tuesday
Pokémon Club
Ages 8 to 14
5 pm to 6.30 pm

Tuesday
SEND Friendly Session
Ages 15 to 18 / Up to 25 SEND
6.45 pm to 8.15 pm

Wednesday
Chill & Hang
Ages 13 to 18 / Up to 25 SEND
3.45 pm to 5.15 pm

Friday
Youth Choice
Ages 13 to 18 / Up to 25 SEND
4 pm to 5.30 pm

Friday
Junior Youth Club
Ages 10 to 13
6 pm to 7.45 pm

From gaming and creative activities to challenges, workshops and special events, there's always something happening. Young people can even get involved in our new podcast project, creating and presenting content with support from experienced youth workers. Please note: Grove Corner cannot provide personal care.

For more information call 01582 891434 or email grovecorner@dunstable.gov.uk



Detached Youth Work

Meeting Young People Where They Are

Not every young person wants to attend a youth club, so our Detached Youth Work team goes out into the community to meet them where they are. Offering activities, advice and trusted support, the team provides a friendly listening ear while helping young people access opportunities across Dunstable.
Our friendly youth workers are out and about:

Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays
3.30 pm to 5.30 pm

FREE Sports Hall Sessions
Every Thursday, 4.15 pm to 5.15 pm
The Dunstable Centre, Sports Hall

Central Bedfordshire
everyone ACTIVE

The Detached Team are also heading out on selected Saturdays:

10 October	2 pm to 4 pm
21 November	2 pm to 4 pm
12 December	5.15 pm to 8.15 pm (Twilight Market)

Follow Grove Corner Dunstable on Facebook to find out where the team will be, keep up to date with upcoming sessions, or get in touch with any questions.

01582 891434 | WhatsApp the Detached Team directly: 07400 561496

Need a space for your group or meeting?

Did you know that Grove Corner is available to hire during the daytime? Whether you are looking for a space for meetings, training sessions, workshops, community groups or activities, Grove Corner offers a modern, flexible venue in the heart of Dunstable. To find out about prices and suitable hire times, please contact the team on: 01582 891434 or grovecorner@dunstable.gov.uk or scan the QR code

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Celebrating Dunstable's Green Spaces



Dunstable's parks, gardens and green spaces have once again provided the backdrop for community life, bringing people together to relax, enjoy nature, celebrate local events and create lasting memories.

This year has also brought outstanding recognition for the town. Dunstable was proud to be the sole regional representative in the Britain in Bloom Finals, showcasing the town on the national stage. Alongside this achievement, Dunstable also enjoyed success in both Anglia in Bloom and Dunstable in Bloom, reflecting the tremendous effort and community pride shown by residents, volunteers, businesses, schools, community groups, councillors and Council staff throughout the year.

The Town Council is also celebrating another year of Green Flag Award success, with Grove House Gardens, Priory Gardens, Dunstable Cemetery and Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground all retaining the prestigious award. The internationally recognised accreditation recognises the quality, management and community value of these much-loved spaces. Priory Gardens has also retained its Green Heritage Site Accreditation, recognising the careful management and promotion of its historic features, including the ongoing restoration of Priory House, a Grade II Listed Building.

Together, these achievements highlight what can be achieved when a community shares pride in its surroundings and works together to make the town a greener, more welcoming and enjoyable place for everyone.

Following their visit to Dunstable, the Britain in Bloom judges shared their thoughts on what makes Britain In Bloom so special. In the following interview, they reflect on the people, places and the community spirit that helped make this year's entry such a memorable success.

What do you think is the greatest challenge today facing in Bloom groups regarding climate change?

Dale Hector *"I think it's important to reflect on where you've come from, where you are now and where you want to go. Resources and funding can be challenging, but when people come together and share ideas, they can achieve far more than they ever imagined.*
The key is to keep people connected and involved. Communities like Dunstable show what can be achieved when local people work together with pride and passion for where they live. Living in Jersey, I can sometimes feel isolated, but visiting places like Dunstable reminds me that we're all part of something bigger, and that's what makes Bloom so special."

What's the most inspiring thing you've seen when judging?

Dale Hector *"For me personally, it's all about the people. Sometimes you meet people who don't feel like they're contributing much, but they've contributed so much and just need reminding of that. I see it especially with the discretionary awards. People often feel they're not doing a lot, but they're the backbone of it all. If we didn't have these people on the ground, none of this would be possible. To me, that's the greatest joy of it. Being here today, you can see it all around us. People have planted this tiny forest right here in Dunstable, this little pocket of joy as I call it. You can sit here and feel that everybody has contributed to it in some way, and that's really important."*

Roger Burnett *"For me, being a national and regional judge is very humbling. It's about going into communities, seeing what they're doing and the difference they're making in their own environment. I think we should all celebrate that. Bloom judging is a real privilege, and I've been fortunate to do it for many years."*

Green Flag Awards

The Town Mayor of Dunstable, Councillor Richard Attwell, raised the Green Flag at ceremonies held at Grove House Gardens, Priory Gardens, Dunstable Cemetery and Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground, celebrating each site's continued success in retaining the prestigious Green Flag Award and recognising the dedication of staff, volunteers and community groups who help care for these valued public spaces.



Gold for Dunstable at Anglia in Bloom Awards 2026

Dunstable is celebrating another outstanding success after being awarded Gold in the Large Town category at the Anglia in Bloom Awards 2026.

Representatives from Dunstable Town Council and Dunstable in Bloom attended the awards ceremony in St Ives, Cambridgeshire, on 24 September, where Dunstable was once again recognised for its commitment to horticultural excellence, environmental sustainability and community pride.

The prestigious award reflects the dedication and hard work of the Town Council's Grounds Team, Dunstable in Bloom volunteers, community groups, local businesses and residents who work throughout the year to make the town a greener, cleaner and more welcoming place. With an exceptionally warm summer presenting additional challenges, the achievement is particularly noteworthy.

Dunstable also enjoyed success across several individual categories and special awards, highlighting the strength of projects taking place across the town.

A particular highlight was Ashton St Peter's School, which won the Best Young People's Project (Under 12s) award. The accolade recognises the enthusiasm and commitment of pupils, supported by dedicated staff whose passion has helped inspire young people to get involved in environmental projects and gardening initiatives.



Adding to the celebrations, Liz Jones of Dunstable in Bloom was awarded the prestigious George Dawson Award, a special honour presented to individuals who have demonstrated exceptional long-term dedication and commitment to the In Bloom campaign.

These achievements showcase the strength of community involvement across Dunstable and highlight the outstanding environmental, horticultural and community work taking place throughout the town.

The town also received recognition in a number of virtual categories:

Dunstable Town Council Cemetery ***Gold***

The Globe, Dunstable (Hospitality and Service Venue category) ***Silver Gilt***

Grove House Gardens (Public Parks category) ***Gold***

Bennett's Memorial Recreation Ground (Public Parks category) ***Gold***

Several community organisations and projects were also shortlisted for Special Awards, including:

Lilies Garden, Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity
Best Community Project

Woodside Industrial Estate
Best Wildlife and Biodiversity Project

The Quadrant Shopping Centre
Best Industrial/Commercial Space

Dunstable Town Centre Rain Gardens
Best Sustainable Gardens

Priory Park Independent Living
Best Sheltered Housing

Incredible Edible Dunstable
Best Grow Your Own Project

Wildlife Youth Rangers
Best Young People's Project (12-18 years)

Wheelie Fantastic Grove Corner's "100 Years of Winnie the Pooh" display
Best Special Feature

Dunstable was proud to represent the Anglia region in the 2026 RHS Britain in Bloom National Finals. The results were announced on Tuesday 20 October when this edition would have already gone to print, so be sure to look on the Dunstable Town Council's social media channels to find out how Dunstable performed at the national stage.

PRIORY HOUSE

Looking for festive gifts, Christmas inspiration, or somewhere cosy to meet a friend this season?

Check out the PRIORY HOUSE Gift Shop

Priory House Gift Shop is open Monday to Saturday, 9 am to 4.30 pm, offering a unique selection of gifts, decorations, jewellery, cards, festive socks, Dunstable souvenirs and seasonal treats.



While you browse, enjoy a selection of hot and cold drinks, wine, prosecco, mulled wine and light bites, making Priory House an ideal stop during your Christmas shopping. Whether you're searching for a thoughtful present, a stocking filler or decorations for your home, you'll find plenty to choose from, with items to suit a variety of tastes and budgets. Visit us this festive season for a warm welcome, friendly faces and thoughtful Christmas gifts you won't find everywhere else.

Christmas Rag Wreath Workshop



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Friday 4 December

6 pm to 8.30pm
£45 per person
Suitable for ages 10+

Create a beautiful handmade Christmas rag wreath, perfect for decorating your home throughout the festive season. Choose your own colour scheme and design a unique decoration to enjoy year after year, or create a thoughtful handmade gift for someone special. Expert guidance, step-by-step instructions and all materials are provided, making this workshop suitable for all abilities, with no previous experience required. The Gift Shop will be open throughout the evening, offering Christmas gifts, decorations and unique treasures to browse. Hot drinks, wine, prosecco and festive light bites will also be available to purchase. Gather your friends or family and enjoy a creative festive evening at Priory House.

Christmas Tea Blending Workshop

Sunday 13 December

3 pm to 5.30 pm | £35 per person

Join us for a festive afternoon of flavour, fragrance, and seasonal cheer at our Christmas Tea Blending Workshop. Guided by expert tea specialists, you'll explore a wide range of black, white, green, and fruit teas, along with herbs, spices, and florals. Learn how different ingredients work together as you create your own unique tea blend to take home and enjoy throughout the festive season. Discover the fascinating history and health benefits of tea while sampling a variety of delicious blends. You'll also enjoy homemade festive treats, cakes, and seasonal cocktails infused with loose-leaf teas and a goodie bag to take home. Whether you're a tea lover or simply looking for a unique festive experience, this workshop is the perfect opportunity to relax, create, and celebrate with friends and family. Sip, blend, create and celebrate the season with us!



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Festive Charm Bracelet & Earrings Workshop



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Saturday 19 December

6 pm to 8 pm | £20 per person
Suitable for ages 10+

Add a little sparkle to your Christmas and create your very own beautiful jewellery set! Join us for a relaxed festive workshop where you'll design and make a unique charm bracelet and matching earrings. Whether you're creating something special for yourself or a thoughtful handmade gift, you'll be able to choose from a selection of beads, charms and accessories to make your design truly unique. Suitable for all ages and abilities, this friendly workshop is the perfect opportunity to unwind, get creative and embrace the festive spirit in the charming surroundings of Priory House. The Priory House Gift Shop will be open throughout the evening, offering a wonderful selection of unique gifts, decorations and seasonal treats. Hot drinks, wine, prosecco and light bites will also be available to purchase. Gather your friends and family for a creative festive evening at Priory House.

To book our workshops, please scan the QR codes, or call us on 01582 891402 and we can book it on your behalf.

Bennett's Café & COMMUNITY HUB

While the Splash Park at Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground has now closed for the season, Bennett's Café remains open, serving a delicious menu that includes all-day breakfasts (vegetarian options), three-egg omelettes, toasties, children's lunch meals and a selection of hot and cold drinks. With its welcoming atmosphere and views across the green space, it's the perfect place to relax, catch up with friends or enjoy a leisurely lunch or breakfast.





Opening hours:

Tuesdays: 11 am to 4 pm

Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays: 9 am to 4 pm

Sundays: 10 am to 2 pm

Mondays & Saturdays: Closed

Elf on the Shelf Party!

Wednesday 23 December

The elves are back and they're ready to cause some Christmas chaos! Expect naughty elves, Christmas games, fun activities including bauble making, biscuit decorating, games, find the elf and plenty of festive surprises as our mischievous elves get up to their usual tricks!

Session one: 10 am to 12 noon

Session two: 1 pm to 3 pm

£12.50 per child, limited spaces available, book early to avoid missing out! Suitable for ages 5 to 10 year olds.



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Christmas Paint and Picky Bits

Friday 18 December, 6.30 pm to 9 pm

A choice of either painting or diamond art at this workshop. Get into the festive spirit with a fun and relaxed evening of Christmas-themed painting or diamond art, delicious festive picky bits and great company. Whether you come with friends, family or on your own, everything is provided. Tuck into seasonal favourites including Yorkshire puddings, pigs in blankets, roast potatoes and stuffing balls, served with rich gravy for dipping, while creating your own festive masterpiece to take home.

£23 per person
with a non-alcoholic drink

£25 per person
with an alcoholic drink

Places are limited, so early booking is advised to avoid disappointment

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Home Education Activities

Wednesdays and Fridays, 12 noon to 2 pm (term time only)

Home education doesn't have to mean learning alone. Join local home-educating families at Bennett's Café and Community Hub. These friendly, parent/carer-led sessions give children the chance to take part in activities, make new friends and connect with others in a supportive community setting. Activities vary throughout the year. Follow the Bennett's Café and Community Hub Facebook page for the latest updates and session details.

Venue Hire

Bennett's Café & Community Hub can be hired for community activities, meetings, celebrations and private events. Party packages are also available, helping you bring your celebration together in one welcoming community venue. To discuss venue hire or party options, contact the Bennett's Café and Community Hub team by emailing communities@dunstable.gov.uk or call 07761 514467 or speak to a member of staff during your next visit.

Get involved at Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground

Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground is a busy and well-loved community park, offering opportunities for recreation, events, nature, and outdoor activities throughout the year. We're looking for local people who would like to help shape the future of the park. Whether you enjoy attending community events, sharing ideas, supporting activities, helping with gardening projects, taking part in nature conservation tasks, or volunteering to make general improvements to the park, we'd love to hear from you. Email: communitites@dunstable.gov.uk | call: 01582 891434

Dunstable Town Council and Committee Meetings

DUNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

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 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.

09/11	Plan Sub-Committee 6.15 pm	26/11	Dunstable Joint Committee 7 pm
09/11	Community Services 7 pm	30/11	Plan Sub-Committee 6.15 pm
12/11	Personnel Sub-Committee 7 pm	07/12	Full Council 7 pm
16/11	Ground and Environmental Service Committee 7 pm	21/12	Plan Sub-Committee 6.15 pm
23/11	Finance and General Purposes Committee 7 pm		

Mayoral Events



Carols by Candlelight

Tuesday 22 December, 6 pm, Priory Gardens

Join the Town Mayor of Dunstable Councillor Richard Attwell for a festive evening of Christmas carols around the tree in Priory Gardens, accompanied by the Salvation Army Band. Gather with family and friends to sing along to some seasonal favourites and celebrate the start of Christmas in Dunstable.



Councillor Surgeries Monday 7 December, 6 pm, Grove House (LU6 1NF)





Remembrance Sunday Parade & Civic Service

Sunday 8 November, from 10.30 am

The parade will set off from Grove House Gardens at 10.30 am and proceed through the town centre to Priory Gardens. Following the striking of the maroon signal, a two-minute silence will be observed at 11 am, followed by the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial. A Remembrance Service will then take place at Priory Church, and all are welcome to attend. A service sheet will be available to download from the Council's website.

Road Closure Notice Please note that High Street North and High Street South, between Grove House Gardens and Priory House Heritage Centre, will be temporarily closed from 10.30 am to 11 am to allow for the safe passage of the Remembrance Day Parade.

Armistice Day

Wednesday 11 November, 11 am, Priory Gardens

Join us at the War Memorial in Priory Gardens on Armistice Day as we pause to remember and honour those who have served and sacrificed in times of conflict. At 11 am, a two-minute silence will be observed, providing an opportunity for reflection and remembrance. All are welcome to attend and pay their respects.

DUNSTABLE ENTERTAINMENT AT THE GROVE THEATRE



Tue 27 Oct 7pm
K-Pop Fantasy



Thu 29 Oct 7.30pm
Locomotive For Murder: The Improvised Whodunnit



Sat 31 Oct 7.30pm
The Nutcracker



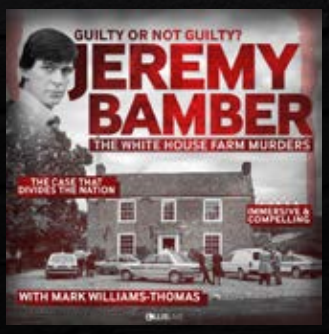
Thu 12 Nov 7.30pm
Adam Garcia's Emerald Storm



Sun 22 Nov 7.30pm
Step Into Christmas



Fri 15 Jan 2027.30pm
The Anglia Comedy Allstars



Tue 19 Jan 2027 7.30pm
Jeremy Bamber: The White House Farm Murders



Thu 4 Feb 2027 7.30pm
Susan Calman: Tall Tales

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DUNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

Make a difference in Dunstable: Become a Town Councillor in 2027

The next Town Council elections will take place in May 2027, and we're looking for people who are passionate about Dunstable and making a difference in their community. Becoming a councillor is a rewarding opportunity to represent local residents, help shape the future of the town, and influence decisions on services, facilities and community projects.

You don't need any previous experience, just a commitment to your community and a willingness to get involved. Training and support are available, and councillors typically dedicate a few hours each week to council business. If you've ever wanted to have a say in local issues and help make a positive difference, why not consider standing for election?

For further details on the election process, meeting dates, or to speak to the Town Clerk and Chief Executive, please contact:

Email: paul.hodson@dunstable.gov.uk **Call:** 01582 891416

National Guidance: Learn more at the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) campaign page: www.nalc.gov.uk/makeachange

