



LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL



24 October 2025

To: Councillors Chowns, Morris, Harvey and Hughes
Ward Councillors: Harvey, Peberdy, Simmons
Events WP Members: Alison Braithwaite, Heather Coppock, Sabeen Chaudry, Griff Holliday, Beth Hughes, Hilary Jones, Lizzie Gissane, Lynette Loader, Sonia Bowen, Nina Shields and Christine Tustin

Dear All,

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Events Working Party on Tuesday, 28 October 2025 at 10:00 am in Co-op Funeral Care, Hawcutt House, Bye St, Ledbury HR8 2AA** for the purpose of transacting the business below.

Yours faithfully

Angela Price PSLCC, AICCM
Town Clerk

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A G E N D A

1. **Apologies for absence**
2. **To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Events Working Party held on 23 September 2025**
5 mins **(Pages 283 - 286)**

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| 3. | Volunteer Database Update/Demonstration
15 mins | (Pages 287 - 288) |
| 4. | Notice Board and Town Map Audit Update
10 mins | (Pages 289 - 290) |
| 5. | Virtual Town Tour / App update
5 mins | (Pages 291 – 292) |
| 6. | Ledbury Town Council website
5 mins
<i>(Creation of Town Events Guidance Webpage)</i> | (Pages 293 – 294) |
| 7. | Light Switch on Event Update- 23 November
10 mins | (Pages 295 – 296) |
| 8. | Late Night Shopping Update - 5 December | (Verbal) 5 mins |
| 9. | Ledbury World Bookfest 2026 - Proposal
5 mins | (Pages 297 – 298) |
| 10. | Feedback on October Funfair
5mins | (Pages 299 - 300) |
| 11. | Events Programme
5 mins | (Pages 301 - 302) |
| 12. | Date of Next Meeting | |

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday, 13 January 2026

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EVENTS WORKING PARTY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

PRESENT: Councillors Harvey, Hughes and Morris
Non-Councillors – Al Braithwaite (Chair), Sonia Bowen, Griff Holliday, Lizzie Gissane, Nina Shields

ALSO PRESENT: Julia Lawrence – Deputy Town Clerk
Olivia Trueman – Community Engagement Officer (CEO)
Isabel Lewis – Masefield Matters Project Intern

24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Lynette Loader.

25. OCTOBER FAIR – 13 & 14 October 2025

Members were provided with an updated report in respect of the October Fair advising that the Deputy Clerk had met with the Rogers family to finalise any outstanding matters, such as signage, first aid, stewards etc. They were advised that Councillor Hughes had kindly offered to help put out the road signs.

It was noted that First Aid and the Lost Child station would be located at the Dodgems Cash Box in Bye Street Car Park and that both Ashley and Kimberley Rogers were qualified First Aiders and therefore able to cover the event. Members were advised that signs would be located around the town informing visitors of the location.

Councillor Harvey noted that, in previous years, the placement of signage in and around Bridge Street and Bye Street had caused difficulties, and she requested assurance that these issues would be taken into account when positioning road signs in these areas for future events. She also raised concerns regarding access to the Halo Leisure Centre and asked that officers obtain written confirmation from the Centre confirming that patrons are being advised to use the Bridge Street Car Park after 4:30 pm while the fair is in operation.

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that additional signage would be installed to advise motorists that there will be no vehicular access beyond Long Acres and acknowledged the comments raised in respect of the Halo Leisure Centre and would request a response.

Members queried what rides would be at the fair. Officers advised that the standard rides would be present, but that confirmation was awaited on other rides and attractions that will be attending.

RESOLVED:

That the report in respect of the October Mop Fair be received and noted.

26. REMEMBRANCE DAY – 9 & 11 November 2025

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the report in respect of Remembrance Day Services be received and noted.**
- 2. That in the absence of an update from the Chairman's Secretary, a progress update be provided to all Members at the next meeting.**

27. CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON – 23 November 2025

Members were provided with an update report in respect of the Christmas Lights Switch on event, noting that one of the key considerations for this Working Party to consider was the cost of hiring market stalls and whether to buy-in covered stalls for all pitches as opposed to using the Council's branded gazebos.

Councillor Harvey inquired whether it would be possible to place stalls along the route from High Street to St Katherine's Square. The CEO advised that, in previous years, traders located in St Katherine's Square had reported feeling somewhat disconnected from the main event.

Nina Shields asked what considerations had been given to sustainability in respect of this event. The CEO advised that food traders had been asked to use recyclable material.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. That Council authorise officers to progress the Christmas Light Switch-On event using the allocated budget, at an estimated cost of £4,510, which includes all the entertainment referred to above.**
- 2. That consideration be given to how the ABE lorry can be accessed, noting that they may be able to provide steps.**
- 3. That a fee of £40 be levied on market traders for the hire of a market pitch.**
- 4. That a fee of £80 be levied on food traders.**
- 5. That the Barn be asked if they would be interested in holding a Farmer's Market on St Katherine's Square.**

6. That Council offer a discount of 50% per pitch to town centre businesses, as a way of supporting independent traders and encouraging local participation, noting that the fee per pitch will be £20.

RESOLVED:

7. That information in respect of sustainability at events be included in the report to be submitted to Council.
8. That a list of sustainability actions could be considered when arranging events to be provided to organisations in the town to consider when arranging events.

28. CANDLE LIGHTING EVENT – 14 December 2025

The CEO informed Members of the forthcoming Candle Lighting Event at the Cemetery Chapel, which has traditionally been well received as an opportunity for families to come together and remember their lost loved ones. Light refreshments and mince pies are provided during the event. This year, it is hoped that the Poetry Festival will once again contribute by offering short poems, as in previous years.

RESOLVED:

1. That the report in respect of the Candle Lighting Event on 14 December be received and noted. The Deputy Clerk asked for volunteers to help with the event.
2. That the CEO ask the Ledbury Poetry if they would like to take part in the Candle Lighting Event.
3. That the CEO write to the Ledbury Poetry and invite them to attend future meetings of the Events Working Party.

29. EVENTS PROGRAMME

Lizzie Gissane advised that the traders were planning to hold a further Independent Trader's event in February 2026 based on Love your High Street and possibly linking in with the Masefield Matters theme.

Nina advised that Sustainable Ledbury were hoping to create a programme of events leading up to the Great Big Green Week in 2026 whereby families with young children will be encouraged to connect with nature. She advised that the project was subject to grant funding and would hopefully include bird watching and other activities and which would be timed to finish on Community Day.

Councillor Harvey advised that as part of her year as Chairman of the Council she hoped to create a community project whereby the town celebrates its trees.

RESOLVED:

That the updates in respect of the Events Programme be received and noted.

30. DRAFT PROJECT AND EVENTS PLAN 2025/26

The CEO introduced the draft Project and Events Plan explaining that this was a plan for proposed Council events through the year, which provided details of anticipated budgets for each event.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the draft Project and Events Plan 2025/26 be received and noted.**
- 2. That staff hours relating to the preparation and attendance at events be included in the costings to help Council understand the full cost implications involved in putting on events going forward.**

31. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

To note that the next meeting of the Events Working Party is scheduled for Tuesday, 28 October 2025 at 10.00 am.

The meeting ended at 11.12 pm.

Signed Date

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Report prepared by Olivia Trueman, Community Engagement Officer

VOLUNTEER DATABASE UPDATE/DEMONSTRATION

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on the volunteer database.

Detailed Information

The CEO met with Don McAll, a representative of Ledbury Together, to discuss the potential creation of a volunteer database to better coordinate and support community volunteering opportunities. Don McAll currently uses a database system called Ninox, a GDPR compliant cloud-based platform that allows users to design and manage custom databases without advanced technical skills. It is user-friendly, flexible, and suitable for collaborative projects. The system is already in use by the local Rugby Club, where it has proven to be both reliable and secure. .

Proposed Use of Ninox

The Ninox system can be configured to create and manage a comprehensive Volunteer Database. The platform would allow:

- Secure storage of volunteer contact details, skills, and availability.
- Recording and management of volunteering opportunities from community groups and organisations.
- Matching volunteers to opportunities based on interests, skills, and capacity.
- Simple communication tools (e.g. email notifications) to contact registered volunteers.

Ninox Software GmbH is a German company whose headquarters are in Berlin. As a company based in the EU, Ninox operates under the jurisdiction of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), ensuring a high standard of data protection and privacy. Due to its location in Berlin, Germany the software meets the requirements for Parish Councils to use computer software and programmes located within the EU

Project Structure and Cost

To initiate the project, the Council could purchase a single-user licence for Ninox to develop and own a secure database. This arrangement would cost approximately £10 per month and could enable a collaborative joint project between Ledbury

Together and the Town Council. Under this arrangement, LTC would own the Volunteer data set and would control access rights.

Implementation Plan

The project is proposed to take place in two stages:

Stage One:

The Town Council, with the support of Don McAll from Ledbury Together, will establish and populate the database.

- The Council will act as the main administrator and Data Controller.
- Community groups and businesses will be invited to submit details of volunteering opportunities to the CEO or a designated Council Officer.
- The CEO/Officer will then match suitable volunteers from the database to these opportunities and manage communications with both parties.
- During stage one, an investigation of Ninox-compatible digital forms solutions would be undertaken to consider the feasibility of automating data capture.

Stage Two:

In the longer term, the Council may consider extending access to other community partners, such as Talk Community Hubs, by adding them as separate Ninox licence holders.

- This would allow these groups to contact volunteers directly through the system.
- Any expansion would require a review of GDPR and data-sharing regulations to ensure compliance and data protection.
- It is noted that community groups would have limited access permissions (non-administrative), receiving only standard information necessary for volunteer coordination.
- LTC may also identify other suitable use cases for the Ninox solution.

A 5 minute demonstration will be given at the Event Working Party on how the system would work.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Events Working Party recommends to Full Council:

- 1. That the Council works collaboratively with Ledbury Together to create a volunteer database, to be managed in-house by the CEO.**
- 2. That Full Council approves the use of the Ninox database system to create and maintain the volunteer database, at a cost of £10 per month (£120 per year)**

Notice Boards

Ledbury Train Station	 A notice board at Ledbury Train Station with several posters, including a yellow 'WARNING' sign and a 'Travel smarter, not harder' poster.	Ownership of the noticeboard is unclear, but officers believe it may be managed by Western Railway.
Tesco	 A red-framed notice board at Tesco with a sign that says 'What's on in Ledbury'. It has designated sections for events, charities, and customer notices, all protected by clear plastic covers. A sign at the bottom says 'Working with our local community'.	Monitored noticeboard with designated sections for events, charities, and customer notices. Posters must be handed to Customer Services, as the display is protected by a clear plastic cover.
St Katherines Alleyway	 A wooden notice board mounted on a stone wall in St Katherines Alleyway. It is cluttered with various papers, including event information, business advertisements, and local notices.	This noticeboard is not monitored and is used by the public to display a variety of materials, including event information, business advertisements, and local notices. It lacks clear organisation and functions largely as an open, unmanaged space for community postings.
The Alms Houses	 A wooden notice board with a black metal frame, located at The Alms Houses. It is cluttered with various papers and notices.	Notice board is monitored and requires access with a key.
Co-op	 A notice board inside a Co-op store, cluttered with various papers, notices, and a 'GIFT CARDS' display.	This notice board is managed by Ledbury Co-op. It is used by the public to display a variety of materials, including event information, business advertisements, and local notices.

Town Tourism Maps

Tesco Carpark			All maps require updating, and the structures are in need of refurbishment
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St Katherine's Carpark			All maps require updating, and the structures are in need of refurbishment
Ledbury High Street			All maps require updating, and the structures are in need of refurbishment

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Report prepared by Olivia Trueman, Community Engagement Officer

VIRTUAL TOWN TOUR APP

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the progress and next steps regarding the development of a Virtual Town Tour App for Ledbury

Detailed Information

Members will recall that the CEO and the Chair of the Events Working Party were tasked with exploring the potential for Ledbury to develop its own Virtual Town Tour app. The purpose of this initiative is to enhance visitor engagement, promote tourism, and provide an interactive experience for residents and families alike.

The CEO was asked by members to arrange meetings with other councils and specialist providers to gather practical insights into the development and implementation of virtual town trails. This review aims to understand the process, timeline, costs, and benefits of such a project, as well as lessons learned and best practices from those with relevant experience.

Meetings Scheduled

In order to gather this information, meetings have been arranged with Hereford City Council and the company behind the 'Museum Without Walls' virtual trail in Ross-on-Wye. Discussions with Hereford City Council will focus on how their virtual town trail was implemented, the technology or company used, and the impact it has had on tourism, local businesses, and community engagement. The meeting with the Ross-on-Wye provider will explore the practicalities of creating a virtual trail, including content creation, app functionality, and strategies for engaging users.

Updates to Members

A full update and recommendations will be provided to members at the next Events Working, once the meetings have taken place.

Recommendation

That Members of the Events Working Party receive and note the above report.

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Report prepared by Olivia Trueman, Community Engagement Officer

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the progress on the events guidance page on the Town Council website

Detailed Information

Members requested that officers create a webpage to support community groups in Ledbury with organising events. The aim is to provide clear steps on the process, along with helpful links and downloadable templates.

The Community Engagement Officer has created a new page under 'Useful Information' titled 'Event Guidance'. This page is a work in progress and will be developed further over the coming weeks. Work is ongoing to create practical templates for public use, and additional links to relevant external resources will be added to provide comprehensive support.

The webpage currently outlines a step-by-step guide on how to organise larger-scale events, including information on licences, road closures, and contacting the Safety Advisory Group (SAG). It also includes useful guidance for smaller community events that do not require these additional permissions.

The link to the website: <https://www.ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk/en-gb/Event-Guidance>

Recommendation

That Members of the Events Working Party receive and note the above report

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Report prepared by Olivia Trueman, Community Engagement Officer

LEDBURY LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT UPDATE

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the progress of the Lights Switch on Event which will be held on Sunday, 23 November 2025.

Detailed Information

Logistics

The Event Management Plan has been submitted to the Safety Advice Group, and officers are currently awaiting feedback. The road closure application has also been submitted, once confirmation has been received that the road closure has been approved officers will ensure the relevant road closure notices are displayed in accordance with the requirements of the closure.

Due to reduced staffing levels this year, additional volunteers to assist with stewarding would be greatly appreciated and local community groups, including the Scouts, have been contacted regarding their availability to support the event. At the time of writing this report, no response has been received.

Entertainment

All entertainment arrangements have been confirmed. The event schedule and poster are attached to this report. Special thanks are extended to Katie from Tusk, a local Ledbury trader, who designed the poster imagery and kindly granted permission for its use in event marketing.

The Community Choir has submitted the carols for inclusion in the event. Officers are exploring the possibility of local businesses sponsoring a professionally printed A5 booklet of carols for distribution during the performance. This approach is expected to reduce paper waste and streamline the distribution of carols, compared to previous years when multiple individual copies were printed.

The CEO has contacted the owners of The Barn regarding the potential use of St Katherine's Square during the Lights Switch-On and is awaiting a response. It should be noted that the Morris Dancers are scheduled to perform in this space from 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm.

Christmas Market

Officers are actively booking traders for the Christmas market, with approximately 20 traders currently confirmed. A detailed layout plan for trader locations along the High Street is being prepared.

The local police and fire brigade have been invited to participate in the event as part of the market. At present, two High Street-based traders have opted to trade at the market. The CEO will continue to contact the Traders Association to identify any additional businesses interested in participating.

Lantern Parade and Santa Grotto

Funding to enable the Community Hub to host the Santa Grotto and Lantern Parade has been approved by Full Council. Preparatory arrangements for these elements of the event are ongoing.

For more information, please visit: [Ledbury Community Hub – Special Events](#)

Recommendation

That Members of the Events Working Party receive and note the above report.

Ledbury's Christmas Lights Switch-On

Sunday 23 November 2025

12 noon - 5:30pm

Ledbury High Street



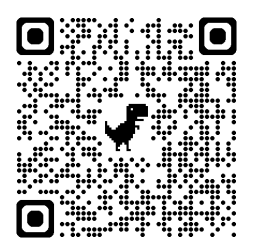
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- . THE HEY YAHs . LEDBURY COMMUNITY CHOIR .
- . LEDBURY BRASS BAND . SNOW MACHINE . LANTERN WORKSHOP AND PARADE .
- . MORRIS DANCERS . MAGICAL WINTER FAIRY .
- . STORYTELLING BY JONNY FLUFFYPUNK .



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Ledbury's

Christmas Lights Switch-On

Sunday 23 November 2025

★	Time	Activity	★	Location	★
	10:30 - 13:00	Lantern Making Workshop	★	Ledbury Community Hub	
★	12:00	Market and Event Opens		High Street	
	13:30 - 14:00	Storytelling: 'Jonny Fluffypunk' - Box of Delights & John Masefield Poems		High Street	
	13:00 - 16:00	Santa's Grotto		Ledbury Community Hub	
	14:00 - 14:45	Music by 'The Hey Yahs' (pt 1)		High Street	
	14:00 - 14:30	Magical Winter Fairy		Walk about in High Street	
	14:30 - 16:30	Crafts & Face Painting: Masefield Matters, Looby Lou & Ledbury Strömstad Twinning Association		St Katherine's Hall	
★	14:45 - 15:15	Storytelling: 'Jonny Fluffypunk' - Box of Delights & John Masefield Poems		High Street	★
	15:00 - 15:30	Morris Dancing - join in!		St Katherine's Square	
	15:00 - 15:30	Magical Winter Fairy		Walk about in High Street	
	15:15 - 16:00	Music by 'The Hey Yahs' (pt2)		High Street	
	16:00 - 16:30	Magical Winter Fairy		Walk about in High Street	
	16:15 - 17:00	Lantern Parade through the High Street		Ledbury Community Hub	
	16:15 - 17:00	Brass Band and Community Choir Performance		The Market House	★
★	17:00	Official Christmas Lights Switch-On		The Market House	
★	17:05	Brass Band and Community Choir Finale		The Market House	★
	17:10	Last performance from the Morris Dancers		The Market House	



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Want to know what's on and where?
Scan the QR code to see the full programme and find events all around town!
Visit ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk for even more details.

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Report prepared by Olivia Trueman, Community Engagement Officer

LEDBURY WORLD BOOKFEST PROPOSAL

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the progress of Ledbury World Bookfest and to provide ideas and suggestions for consideration. It is to be noted that this event is in early stages of preparation.

Detailed Information

World Book Day will take place on Thursday, 5 March 2026. Traditionally, the Council holds a community event on the following Saturday to celebrate this occasion in the town, known as Ledbury World Bookfest.

The Community Engagement Officer has proposed a budget of £3,500 (with an extra £250 contingency) to deliver this event. The planned programme aims to celebrate books, creativity, and storytelling through a range of engaging, family-friendly activities. The activities outlined below are based on a model that has proven successful at previous events, ensuring that the programme builds on established approaches that effectively engage the community and attract visitors.

- I. Art and Craft Workshops - Led by local artists, focusing on book-inspired creative activities. **Approximate cost £500**
- II. Reading & Writing or Aardman Modelling Workshops – Designed for older children (secondary school age and above) . ***A new activity, introduced in response to feedback from previous years, offering an activity tailored for older children. Approximate cost £800***
- III. Author Visit and Workshops – Engagement with a visiting author to run an interactive workshop during the event and visit local primary schools in the preceding week. This approach has proven successful in previous years, helping to build excitement and participation through school-based competitions. **Approximate cost £1,200**
- IV. Walk about entertainment - This element has consistently proven successful in engaging children and families. In 2025, officers arranged for mascots to walk around the town, distributing free books at participating venues. The mascots visited each location and interacted with families and participate in photo opportunities, including visits to local traders' premises to further promote community engagement. **Approximate cost £100**

- V. Face Painting – Local company to paint characters from books, this is a great way to encourage children to take part in the workshops. **Approximate cost £100**
- VI. Marketing and Promotion – Working with a local company to create book mark save the dates, banners, posters, online advertising as well as papers and local magazines. All material will be distributed to local shops, nearby towns and cities. **Approximate cost £800**
- VII. Masefield-Themed Activities – Workshops and displays celebrating Ledbury's literary heritage and connection to John Masefield **(this will come out of the Masefield Matters Budget)**

This event continues to build on Ledbury's strong literary reputation, offering an inclusive opportunity for residents and visitors alike to celebrate the joy of reading and creativity. It is particularly popular with local families and also attracts many visitors from surrounding areas such as Cheltenham and Worcester. The Community Engagement Officer works closely with a range of local groups to host events around the town, including the Stromstad Twinning Association, Ledbury Community Hub, Busy Bees Nursery, the Methodist Church, Ledbury Poetry and many more.

Members are invited to share any ideas or suggestions for the event directly with the Community Engagement Officer.

RECOMMENDATION

That Members of the Events Working Party recommend that Full Council authorises the Community Engagement Officer to proceed with the organisation of *Ledbury World Bookfest 2026* with an a budget of £3,500 (with a £250 contingency) to support the delivery of the programme of activities, promotional initiatives, and marketing as outlined above.

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Report prepared by Julia Lawrence, Deputy Town Clerk

OCTOBER FUNFAIR - FEEDBACK

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the Funfair, that took place on Monday, 13 October 2025 and Tuesday, 14 October 2025.

Detailed Information

The success of the 2025 Funfair was due not only to the fairground operators and their supporting traders but also community collaboration involving the Town Council, the local police and fire brigade. This coordination ensured that the event ran safely and smoothly.

A comprehensive road closure was put into operation, including additional signage down Lower Road advising motorists that there was no access beyond Long Acres on both evenings, which worked well this year having received no comments or queries from members of the public

During the event, the Fairground operators erected temporary signage along the Homend indicating that car parking had been suspended due to the positioning of funfair rides on the opposite side of the road. This signage was not authorised by Herefordshire Council and was therefore removed without delay. Notwithstanding this, it is recommended that consideration be given to the introduction of a temporary one-way traffic system in future years, as such a measure could assist in alleviating congestion and improving overall traffic flow during the event period.

As suggested by the Safety Advisory Group, signage was displayed this year advising members of the public where the First Aid and Lost Child station was located. Fortunately, no reports were received of any individuals requiring first aid assistance, nor were there any incidents involving lost children requiring reconciliation with their parents.

Following the incident at the May Fair in the City Centre earlier in the year extra caution was taken in respect of catering units, whereby they had been asked to ensure that they remove hot oil from cooking vessels overnight so as to prevent any fires.

Ashley Rogers has asked that the Funfair be brought forward again to start earlier in order to capture the school children coming out of School – Members may recall that this request has previously been debated but has never been approved on the

grounds that it would disrupt the through traffic earlier and was not deemed necessary.

A follow-up meeting is being arranged between the Rogers Family, the Fire Brigade, and the Town Council to review potential improvements for future events, including traffic management. Historically, the Event Management Plan has been prepared by Council Officers; however, this process will be revisited with the Rogers Family, as it is considered more appropriate for them to assume responsibility for completing this document.

Recommendation

That Members of the Events Working Party receive and note the above report.

EVENTS CALENDAR 2025 - 2026

- Ledbury Town Council Event
- Community /Outside Event
- Mayors Events
- Bank Holiday
- Holidays / Celebrations - Non-Bank Holiday

Month	Event	Date	Time	Venue	Organiser	Website	Action / Notes
Nov-25	Remembrance Sunday	Sunday 9th November	11.00am	War Memorial and then Church	LTC	https://www.ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk/en-gb	a day of remembrance held in the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth countries, typically on the second Sunday of November, to commemorate the service and sacrifice of those who have died in wars and conflicts.
	Remembrance Day	Tuesday 11th November	11.00am	War Memorial	N/A	https://www.ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk/en-gb	A memorial day to honour those who have died in war.
	Bonfire Night	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	It commemorates the failure of the Gunpowder Plot in 1605, when Guy Fawkes and his fellow conspirators attempted to blow up the Houses of Parliament and assassinate King James I.
	Christmas Lights Switch on Event	Sunday, 23rd November	2.00pm - 8.00pm	Ledbury Town Centre	LTC	https://www.ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk/en-gb	community event where the lights adorning Ledbury are officially turned on, marking the start of the festive season.
	Winter Glow - Malvern	Friday 21st November - Wednesday 31st December	TBC	The Three Counties Showground	Winter Glow	https://winterglow.co.uk/	Festive Experience, Inc. Father Christmas, Ice Skating, Light Trail, UV Crazy Golf, Fairground, Market, Food and Drink etc...
Dec-25	Christmas Tractor Parade	TBC	TBC	In and around Ledbury	When Farmers Do Christmas	TBC	Vehicles drive through town decorated in Christmas lights to raise money for charity
	Late Night Shopping	Friday, 5th December	5:00pm - 8:00pm	Ledbury Town Centre	LTC	https://www.ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk/en-gb	Shops are open later in the run up to Christmas
	Candle Lighting	Sunday, 14 December	10:00am -3:00pm	New Street Chapel	LTC	N/A	with help from Co-op Funeral care
	Christmas Day	Thursday 25th December	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	a Christian holy day that commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ.
	Boxing Day	Friday 26th December	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A public holiday celebrated the first day after Christmas. The lords and aristocrats would give their servants "Christmas boxes" filled with leftovers and small gifts after the parties, leading to the name "Boxing Day."
	New Years' Eve		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	The final day of the calendar year. It's a time for celebrations, with people gathering with friends and family to ring in the new year.
Jan-26	New Years Day	Thursday 1st January	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	a widely celebrated holiday that marks the beginning of the new year in the Gregorian calendar
	Burns' Night	Sunday 25th January	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	The birthday of the Scottish poet Robert Burns, on which celebrations in his honour are traditionally held in Scotland and elsewhere.
Feb-26	Big Breakfast	Friday 6th February to Sunday 8th February	TBC	In and around Ledbury	Ledbury Food Group	https://www.ledburyfoodgroup.org/category/big-breakfast/	It celebrates local food and our local independent food businesses (retailers and cafes etc)
	Ledbury's Got Talent - Provisional	TBC	TBC	In and around Ledbury	LTC	https://www.ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk/en-gb	Talent Show with cash prize to raise money for Charity
	Valentines Day	Saturday 14th February	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	a celebration of love, friendship, and affection.
	Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)	Tuesday 17th February	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Also known as Pancake Day, is a Christian tradition that comes before the start of Lent.
	Chinese New Year	Tuesday 17th February	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2026 - Year of the Horse. A significant cultural celebration marking the start of a new year in the traditional Chinese calendar. Traditions such as exchanging red envelopes, fireworks and lion / dragon dances.
Mar-26	St David's Day	Sunday 1st March	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Wales's national day, honouring St. David, the patron saint of Wales.
	Ash Wednesday	Wednesday 4th March	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	marks the beginning of Lent in the Western Christian tradition, a 40-day period of fasting and reflection leading up to Easter.
	World Book Day	Thursday 5th March	TBC	N/A	UNESCO	https://www.worldbookday.com/	events organised to promote reading for pleasure, particularly among children and families
	Ledbury World Bookfest	Saturday 7th March	10:00 - 2:00	In and around Ledbury	LTC	TBC	Workshops, activities, food / drink etc... held around town to celebrate World Book Day
	International Women's Day	Sunday 8th March	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	a global day recognizing the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women
	Mother's Day	Sunday 15th March	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	a holiday celebrating the importance of mothers and motherhood
	St Patrick's Day	Tuesday 17th March	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	a cultural and religious holiday celebrated annually on March 17th, honouring the patron saint of Ireland, St. Patrick
	Kempley Daffodil Weekend	TBC	TBC	Kempley Daffodil Meadow	Volunteers on behalf of St Edwards Church	https://www.daffs.org.uk/	an annual event in the village of Kempley, Gloucestershire, that celebrates the abundance of wild daffodils in the area
Apr-26	Country Tastic	Thursday 2nd April	TBc	Three Counties Showground	The Royal Three Counties	https://countrytastic.co.uk/	a family event for children aged 5-11 years old. The show attracts young people keen to learn all about food, farming and the countryside.
	Good Friday	Friday 3rd April	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	a Christian holy day commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus Christ
	Easter	Sunday 5th April	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	a Christian festival celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, marking the end of Holy Week.
	Easter Monday	Monday 6th April	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	More recently associated with traditions such as egg hunts and gift giving
	St George's Day	Thursday 23rd April	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Easter Monday is a bank holiday, along with Good Friday, marking the beginning of spring
	Eastnor Castle Mud Run	Sunday 26th April	TBC	Eastnor Castle	Relish Running Races	https://www.relishrunningraces.com/mud-bath-running-race-eastnor-castle.php	England's national day, commemorating the patron saint of England, St. George
	Mayor's Mile - Provisional	TBC	TBC	TBC	LTC	https://www.ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk/en-gb	3K, 6K, 10K, camping available, mud run, Running event to raise money for the Mayor's charity

	Civic Celebration - Provisional	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	LTC	https://www.ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk/en-gb	a formal event where the mayor, as the symbolic leader of the community, recognizes and honours individuals or groups for their contributions to the town
May-26								
	Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 4 May	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 25 May	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Jun-26								
	Ledbury Community Day	Saturday 6th June	10:00am - 2:00pm	In and around the town	Ledbruy Community Group			Event showcasing community groups in ledbury
	Great Big Green Week	Saturday 6th- Sunday 14th June	10:00am - 2:00pm		LTC			Nationwide event about climate change
	Poetry Festival	Friday 26th - Sunday 5th July	TBC	In and around the town	PF			Local event showcasing herefordshire local producers. This is held on the last day of the Poetry Festival
	Ledbury Celebration	Sunday 5th July	11:00am - 4:00pm	St Katherines Carpark	Ledbury Food Group/ LTC/PF			

The Talbot - Quiz Night - Every other Wednesday
 The Talbot - Pie and Pint Mondays
 Shell House Kitchen - Monthly Quiz Nights
 Shell House Kitchen - Monthly Supper Clubs
 Ledbury Community Hub - Loads on, check their calendar!
 Hellens Manor - Monthly Sound baths with C Sound Space
 Malvern Hills Yoga - Various retreats at Hellens Manor and The Nest
 The Ledbury Flower Farmer does, talks, demos, tours and workshops check out her website