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THE MAYORS UPDATE

The Mayor gets invitations to attend not only local events, but also many in surrounding towns and counties you may otherwise not know about. Highlights of the 30+ engagements already completed since being elected in May include Jubilee street Parties, activities with Ledbury in Bloom including escorting the impressed Judges around the town's floral attractions and taking part in several events to mark the 20th Anniversary of Ledbury's Twinning with Strômstad.

Outside Ledbury events include the Annual Battle of Evesham with Mayor's Consort Hilary Jones. It commemorates the bloody battle fought in the town in 1295 when Simon de Montfort and some 5,000 soldiers were massacred by the vastly more numerous King's army. It's one of the largest re-enactments of its kind, with 24 mounted knights and hundreds of soldiers representing the two armies and all in very realistic medieval garb. Fortunately, the only genuine battle on this occasion was to cope with the heat.

I've also attended the Armed Forces Day in Ross-on-Wye (it alternates between all the Market Towns, with Ross's turn this year) and the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Violette Szabo the Herefordshire heroine who was a secret agent in WWII and was executed in Germany just months before the war ended.

Whilst these outside visits are fun, they also serve as important opportunities to represent our Ledbury community in the wider world around it, to make and build upon connections that can work to help ensure our different communities can prosper and thrive through shared ideas.

Councillor Phillip Howells, Mayor of Ledbury

Economy & Planning Committee

I am hoping that this committee will continue to challenge all planning applications especially those of larger developers We are keen to see new build properties with PV panels and developments to increase tree plantings. I also hope we can make positive decisions on all planning applications. After these difficult couple of years I will endeavour to bring new visions for the future of the Town.

In order to do this I would very much appreciate communications from residents on their views on the future of our wonderful town.

Please contact Angela Price, Town Clerk, clerk@ledburvtowncouncil.gov.uk

Councillor Nick Morris - Chair of Planning Committee





Ledbury Citizen of the Year Awards 2022



Nominations for the awards, which are run by Ledbury Town Council, are invited early in the year, and voted on by Councillors to decide the winners. For 2021/22 two recipients have been recognised for their contributions to community life in Ledbury. Mike Evans and Tim Keyes were recently presented with Citizen of the Year awards by Town Mayor Cllr Phillip Howells in separate ceremonies.

Among Mike Evan's achievements was a period of 15years running Leadon Bank until his retirement. He was an active member of Ledbury Amateur Dramatic Society, being famed for his role as the dame in pantomimes. He was also Ledbury Town Crier for many years until the early 2000s.



Tim Keyes was nominated for his work in leading the Bells Project to the achievement of renovating and restoring the Church bells and for fundraising nearly £300,000 for the project over a period of three-years. Although many people contributed to this success, it was Tim who provided the essential energetic, inspiring and persistent leadership that helped the team fulfil an ambition which will ensure the Church bells in Ledbury ring out in celebration and remembrance for at least the next 100 years.

Nominations for the 2022/23 awards will be advertised early in 2023.





ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

The Committee has a wide range of responsibilities, including the Recreation Ground, Skate Park and Children's Play area, the Town Cemetery, Dog Hill Wood and overseeing the Christmas Lighting - to name a few. Within the available budget we try to bring about an improving town environment in keeping with Ledbury's character and history, and our rural setting. Current concerns include replacing and upgrading play equipment: the zip wire has been repaired and serviced; the Shelter is going to see a new image painted on the back which was designed by local children; one of the hammock swings has been reinstated and refurbishment of the skatepark is planned very soon along with new football nets! A programme of works is being established for Dog Hill Wood encompassing clearance of the understory, coppicing and hedge-laying and Ledbury Town Council is looking for volunteers to help. We are pleased to report that Bye Street Public Toilets were back in use in time for the Carnival. We are also carrying out extensive ivy clearance off one of the Cemetery walls that joins the Football Club.

We also work through three working parties, 'Climate Change', 'Events' and 'John Masefield Memorial', to channel the efforts of concerned townspeople who organise Career events, Town trail improvements, Town Twinning, Heritage open days and many other public activities.

Cllr Stephen Chowns, Chair



S SUSTAINABLE LEDBURY

Have you walked the Town Trail lately? We hope you've noticed some changes. Last autumn by agreement with Herefordshire Council and Ledbury Town Council, a group of Sustainable Ledbury volunteers started some conservation work on the Trail. Working between Bridge Street and Woodleigh Road, we cleared the undergrowth and cut back a lot of ivy to let the light in and encourage more wildflowers. In the spring, to avoid disturbing any nests, we moved up to the station end of the Trail, clearing ivy off the ground – again to encourage more wildflowers.

It's been great to have such good feedback from residents and we've welcomed new volunteers throughout the year. We're now investing in some tools, thanks to a grant from Ledbury Town Council. So far, all volunteers have been using their own. We'll be able to welcome volunteers who maybe don't have gardens and so don't have any tools.

There's always plenty to do and we'll be back on the Bridge Street/Woodleigh Road stretch in the autumn. It will take a few seasons to get the area to a point where we can regularly see more wildflowers – and we may well need to plant some to increase the range.

Several of our members have conservation skills and we have access to environment management advice. We're always happy to pass on our skills so if you're interested, contact us on sustainableledbury@gmail.com

We currently have projects on waste reduction and the reduction of single use plastics. In addition, in partnership with Pot & Page Cafe in New Street, we have a free seed library. If you'd like to learn how to save your own seeds, join us there on 22nd August between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Councillor Nina Shields

Ledbury Projects

Ledbury Town Council are working hard to ensure that all the public spaces which are available to our residents are kept in tip top condition.

Projects which we are currently working on include:

- Updating the Skate Park
- Repainting the shelter and adding anti vandal paint
- New signage and benches at Dog Hill Wood

Our recently completed projects include a new Zip Wire in the playground ready for the school summer break.



Finance, Policy & General Purpose

The purposes of the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee are to monitor the administration of the Council's accounts; to scrutinise all expenditure; and to receive, review and approve all of the Council's policies and procedures.

Our current work includes determining applications for financial assistance through the grants process; making in-year decisions to authorise orders, payments and contracts; investigating recovery of monies due to the Council; approving policies recommended from other committees or officers; and make recommendations concerning the levying of precepts by the Town Council. To provide additional investment in the town we have secured funds via Herefordshire Council in excess of £100,000 from the Government-backed Welcome Back Fund and Great Places to Visit Fund. We are now working to spend this money on improvements to the infrastructure and appearance of the town, including facilities for residents and visitors. We aim to work with our many vibrant local groups and associations to ensure that new and improved services and amenities are in keeping with everything that makes Ledbury a great place to live.

You may have strong views on how Ledbury can grow and develop sustainably, whilst conserving what is best. You can find my contact details on the Ledbury Town Council website and I welcome you emailing me with your insights and opinions.

Councillor Mal Hughes - Chair of Finance, Policy & General Purpose

Neighbourhood Development Plan

The revision of the Ledbury Neighbourhood Development Plan is coming towards a conclusion with the recent approval of the Council for the updated version to proceed to what is called the Regulation 16 (or Reg16) stage, and the final of three consultation stages the Plan has to go through before it can be adopted.

This stage of consultation is in the final draft stage of the Plan produced as a result of feedback from the first two stages and is managed by Herefordshire Council. Look out for the consultation publicity, including on the Town Council website, advising on how you can contribute. It will last for 6 weeks and is expected to start in early September.

Once this consultation is completed and we have all the responses, including from a number of statutory consultee organisations, they will be analysed by the NDP Working Party, and Steering Group and the Plan amended to reflect any changes considered necessary. The final edited Plan will then be checked by an independent examiner who will hopefully approve the Plan before it then comes back to the public for a referendum on formal adoption. Assuming a majority vote to accept the new Plan, it becomes a legal planning document that developers have to comply with. All being well, adoption of the Plan is anticipated in the first couple of months of 2023.

Councillor Phillip Howells, NDP WP Chair







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Please contact admin@ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk for more information



CHARTER MARKET

Every Tuesday and Saturday under the Market House

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

H-ART - 3 - 11 SEPTEMBER
HERITAGE OPEN DAYS - 9-18 SEPTEMBER
3 SHIRE STAGES CLOSED ROAD RALLY 18 SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

MOP FAIR - 10 & 11 OCTOBER POST FAIR COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR -12 OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

REMEMBERANCE SERVICE - 11 NOVEMBER
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT 27 NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING - 2 DECEMBER
CIVIC CELEBRATION - 4 DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR 6 DECEMBER
CANDLE LIGHTING, CEMETERY CHAPEL 18 DECEMBER

Details for events can be found on our website https://www.ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk/en-gb











If you have general gardening or woodland skills, able to assist in removing the understory, experience of hedge-laying or coppicing and are willing to spare some of your free time, then we would love to hear from you. Full training and equipment will be provided.

the area is generally kept litter free.

In the first instance, please provide your contact details confirming your areas of expertise, so that we can utilise your skills in the most appropriate way.

Please send your details to:
Deputy Town Clerk
Ledbury Town Council
Email: deputyclerk@ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk

Email: deputyclerk@ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk
Tel: 01531 632306

Closing date: Friday, 17 October 2022



Work out and Wind down your way at Ledbury Swimming Pool, with a full range of facilities and activities including:

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Not a member? Not a problem, enjoy all of our activities and sessions on a Pay-As-U-Go basis and enjoy all Halo has to offer with no contract and no commitment!

Book a session or find out more: https://haloleisure.org.uk/centres/herefordshire/ledburyswimming-pool Or give us a call: 01531 632890



Ledbury Food Bank - Here to Help

If you are struggling to feed yourself or your family we are here to help.

Ledbury Food Bank opened in 2012. We currently feed more than 50 family units from Ledbury and surrounding villages each month. Nobody should be hungry in our society although we know that more than 1.5 million people in this country rely on food banks.

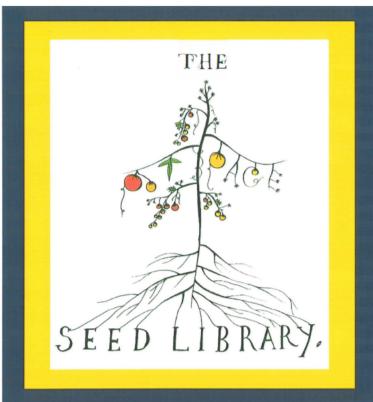


Anyone who needs help feeding themselves or their family can just come along to Unit 1, Homend Trading Estate, Ledbury, HR8 1AR (next to Ledbury Train Station) on a Wednesday or Friday between 10.00am and 12.00pm, and Thursday between 6.00pm and 8.00pm. We turn no one away, and we may be able to help in other ways as well. We have a contract with Citizens Advice to provide benefits advice and we have trained volunteers who can help with debt and housing problems or, if necessary, refer to organisations that can.

We are dependent on public donations of food and money as well as grants from public and private organisations.

If you need any more information please either email food@ledburyfoodbank.org or call 07581 283 092 and leave a message. We will get back to you as soon as possible.





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For any one over the age of 18 living in Herefordshire or Wercestershire.



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