



LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL



30 May 2025

To: Councillors Chowns, Morris, and Hughes
Ward Councillors: Harvey, Peberdy, Simmons
Alison Braithwaite, Penelope Shaw
Events WP Members: 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, 3 June 2025 at 11:00 am in the Committee Room, Council Offices, Church Lane, Ledbury, HR8 1DL** 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 6 May 2025**
(To Follow)
3. **Progress on Events programme and volunteer co-ordination for local events**
(Pages 223-225)

4. Oral updates on the following events:
 - Community Day – 7 June 2025
 - Celebration Day – 6 July 2025
 - Ledbury Carnival – 25 August 2025
 - Heritage Open Days – 12-21 September 2025
5. To advise of date of next meeting – as agreed in TEMAP Meeting

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
May-25							
	Blossomtime	Sunday - 4th and Monday 5th May	10:00 - 5:00	Marle Ridge	Big Apple	https://www.bigapple.org.uk/blossomtime/	Masefield Matters Activities
	Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 5th May	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	a public holiday in the UK that takes place on the first Monday in May. It is a day off for many and is traditionally associated with Maypole dancing, floral celebrations, and the start of summer.
	VE Day (80th Anniversary)	Thursday 8th May		War Memorial	LTC	Website Link	Service at War Memorial finishing at Church
	RHS Spring Festival Malvern	Thursday 8th - Sunday 11th May	9:00 - 6:00	The Three Counties Showground	RHS	Website Link	Flower Show (next year's event is Thursday 7th - Sunday 10th May)
	Eastnor Castle Mud Run	Sunday 11th May	Various	Eastnor Castle	Relish Running Races	https://www.relishrunningraces.com/mud-bath-running-race-eastnor-castle.php	3K, 6K, 10K, camping available, mud run,
	History Festival	Saturday 10th - Sunday 18th May	Various	In and around Herefordshire	Heritage History Festival	Website Link	Celebration of Hereford's heritage and history across various sites. Includes walks, talks, open days and exhibitions
	Ledburied Crime Festival	Thursday 22nd May	7:30pm	The Feathers Hotel	Ledbury Books and Maps	https://www.ledburybooksandmaps.co.uk/ShopActivities/ShopEvents/ShopEvents.aspx	Crime writing festival hosted by Belinda Bauer and Sharon Bolton
	Dubs in the Middle	Thursday 22nd May - Thursday	Various	Hanley Castle Country Estate	Natalie Parker-Elliott	https://www.dubsinthemiddle.co.uk/	The festival is a part Volkswagen and part music event, with three stages featuring DJs, bands, and tribute acts
	The Very Grimm Brothers - Poems & Music	Friday 23rd May	7:30pm	The Barn	The Barn	https://thebarnledbury.com/events/	Poetry and music event
	Eastnor Steam and Vintage	Sunday 25th - Monday 26th May	10:30 - 5:30	Eastnor Castle	Eastnor Castle	https://eastnorcastle.com/whats-on/eastnor-steam-vintage/	Steam engines, vintage cars, carousel, garden games etc, ticketed event, book in advance
	Spring (late May) Bank Holiday	Monday 26th May	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	a day off work or school for people in the United Kingdom. It falls on the last Monday in May. In the UK, it is a long-standing tradition that is observed by
	Malvern Walking Festival	Tuesday 27th May	10:00am	Starting at Ledbury Railway Station	Malvern Hills District Council	https://www.visitthemaalverns.org/event/loop-around-ledbury-malvern-walking-festival/	6 Mile Walk
Jun-25							
	Community Day	Saturday 7th June	10:00 - 2:00	In and around Ledbury	Community Day / LTC	https://www.ledburycommunityday.org.uk/	11th Ledbury Community Day, groups explain what they do
	Hellens Garden Festival	Saturday 7th - Sunday 8th June	10:00 - 5:00	Hellens, Much Marcle	Hellens	https://hellensgardenfestival.co.uk/	Garden festival, talks, demos and workshops, tickets only available in advance
	Great Big Green Week	Saturday 7th June - Sunday 15th June	10:00 - 2:00	Recreation Ground	Community Day / LTC	https://www.ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk/en-gb	LTC have hired an 18 metre inflatable whale on the Recreation Ground that families can go inside and watch a show about climate change
	Royal Three Counties Show	Friday 13th - Sunday 15th June	Various	The Three Counties Showground Malvern	Three Counties Agricultural Society	https://royalthreecounties.co.uk/	Largest livestock and equine show in England celebrating British farming, food and countryside.
	Father's Day	Sunday 15th June	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	an annual holiday honouring people's fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society.
	Armed Forces Day & Raising the Flag	Saturday 28th June	11:00am?	Town Centre	Ledbury Town Council	https://www.ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk/en-gb	Flag raising and refreshments
	Ledbury Poetry Festival	Saturday 27th June - Sunday 6th July	Tue - Fri 10:00 - 3:00 Sat 10:00 - 1:00	In and around Ledbury	Ledbury Poetry Festival	https://ledburypoetry.org.uk/home/ledbury-poetry-festival/	Celebration of poetry and spoken word, open mics, workshops, digital passes available
Jul-25							
	No Spend July	All Month	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A financial challenge where individuals aim to avoid non-essential purchases for a period, often a month (bare in mind for Traders / Shops)
	Independents' Day	Friday 4th - Saturday 5th July	N/A	National	Ledbury Traders	https://www.independentsdayuk.org/	Campaign to support independent businesses / retailers across the UK
	Hellens Produce Market	Saturday 5th July	9:30 - 11:30	Hellens, Ledbury	Hellens	https://hellensmanor.com/eventsem/hellens-produce-market-1st-saturday-each-month/	Stock up on good, local products and enjoy a delicious breakfast of pastries or a bacon rolls.
	Ledbury Celebration	Sunday 6th July	11:00 - 4:00	St Katherine's Car Park	Ledbury Food Group	https://www.visitherefordshire.co.uk/whats-on/ledbury-celebration-2025-ledbury	Food and drink market with "al fresco" poetic entertainment
	Ledbury Fringe Festival	Sunday 6th July - Saturday 12th July	TBC	In and around Ledbury	Collaborative Effort	https://www.facebook.com/ledburyfringe/	Musicians and Performers
	Harmony Tribe - Big Summer Sing	Sunday 13th July	2:00 - 4:30	The Nest	Harmony Tribe	https://littleverzonsfarm.co.uk/shop-tickets/	natural voice harmony singing workshop to celebrate Summer, with singing leader Sarah Rowe
	Wellend Steam & Country Rally	Friday 25th - Sunday 27th July	Fri & Sat 8:00 - 8:00 Sun 8:00 - 5:00	Woodside Farm, Wellend, Worcester	Ross on Wye Steam Engine Society	https://wellendsteamrally.com/	Old time fairground and showman's engines, road run, engine rides, displays and entertainment
Aug-25							
	Flower Picking - The Farm Patch	Friday 1st August - Sunday 14th September (Fri, Sat, Sun - only)	11:00 - 4:00	Gilbert's Farm, Lily Hall Lane	The Farm Patch, Gilbert's Farm	https://thefarmpatch.co.uk/	Each ticket includes free return entry during the season
	Lakefest	Wednesday 6th - Sunday 10th August	Wed @ 2:00pm to Sunday at 1:30am	Eastnor Castle	Lee Martin	https://lakefest.co.uk/	A family-friendly music and entertainment festival held at Eastnor Castle Deer Park in Hereford

	VJ Day (Victory over Japan)	Friday 15th August	6:30pm	Ledbury War Memorial	LTC	https://www.ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk/en-gb	Commemoration of the end of World War II in the Pacific, specifically on August 15, 1945, when Japan surrendered to the Allied forces
	VJ Day Service	Sunday 17th August	10:00am	St Michael and All Angels Church	The Church	https://www.ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk/en-gb	Service in relation to the above.
	Cannodale Malvern Classic - Mountain Bike Festival	Thursday 21st - Monday 25th August	Wed @ 1:00pm to Monday @ 11:00am	Eastnor Deer Park	Si Paton	https://malvernclassic.com/	The UK's biggest mountain bike festival, races, entertainment and food /drink
	August Bank Holiday	Monday 25th August	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	a public holiday in the United Kingdom, typically observed on the last Monday of August in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland
	Ledbury Carnival	Monday 25th August	TBC	Ledbury Town Centre	The Ledbury Carnival Association	https://ledbury-carnival.co.uk/	Theme: Wonders of the World. Fairground rides, bands, stalls, dance displays, children's entertainment and a Carnival Procession.
Sep-25	Heritage Open Days	Friday 12th - Sunday 21st September	Various	In and around Ledbury	LTC	https://www.ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk/en-gb/latest-news/heritage-open-days	free access to a variety of local heritage sites and events. This annual festival provides a chance to explore local history and culture.
	Hills Ford Stages (Ralley)	Friday 12th September	TBC	Starting at Ledbury Town Centre	Cheltenham Motor Club	https://www.cheltmc.com/hills-ford-stages-rally/	a Closed Road Rally, organised by Cheltenham Motor Club
Oct-25							
	Funfair (Mop Fair)	Tuesday 7th - Wednesday 8th October	TBC	Ledbury Town Centre	The Rodgers Family / LTC Service Agreement	https://www.facebook.com/LedburyMopFair?locale=en_GB	a traditional event that takes place in Ledbury on the High Street. It's a fun fair with rides and attractions. Dates back to 1138.
	Pumpkin Picking - Pumpkin Pete's	Various dates in October, tickets available from September	TBC	Moor Court Farm, Stretton Grandison	Pumpkin Pete's (Hannah and Ed)	https://www.pumpkinpetes.co.uk/pyo-pumpkins	a popular activity where people visit the pumpkin patch to select and harvest pumpkins, there are themed weekends such as circus, art and nature with food and drink available, lots of photo opportunities
	Pumpkin Picking - The Farm Patch	TBC	TBC	Gilbert's Farm, Lilly Hall Lane	The Farm Patch, Gilbert's Farm	https://thefarmpatch.co.uk/event/pumpkin-picking/	a popular activity where people visit the farm to select and harvest pumpkins, food and drink are available. Late night options available.
	Ledbury Ploughing Match	TBC	TBC	Aubreys Farm, Bromsberrow	Th Ledbury Ploughing Society	https://www.facebook.com/thLedburyPloughingSociety-100095258634091/	a competitive event where participants, using various types of ploughs (horse-drawn and tractor-driven), demonstrate their skills in preparing land for planting.
	Halloween	Friday 31st October	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	a holiday celebrated on October 31st, often involving dressing up in costumes, trick-or-treating, and carving pumpkins.
Nov-25							
	Remembrance Sunday	Sunday 9th November	TBC	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	N/A	N/A	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	TBC	TBC	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	TBC	5:00 - 8:00	Ledbury Town Centre	LTC	https://www.ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk/en-gb	Shops are open later in the run up to Christmas
	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	TBC	TBC	In and around Ledbury	Ledbury Food Group	https://www.ledburyfoodgroup.org/category/big-breakfast/	Event to celebrate local food and drink producers
	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.
Mar-26							Traditions such as exchanging red envelopes, fireworks and lion / dragon dances.

	St David's Day	Sunday 1st March	N/A	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	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	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	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	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	CountryTastic	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	N/A	a Christian holy day commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus Christ
	Easter	Sunday 5th April	N/A	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	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	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,
	Civic Celebration - Provisional	TBC	TBC	TBC	LTC		https://www.ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk/en-gb	Running event to raise money for the Mayor's charity
								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

- Frequent Events**
- Weekly Country Market 9:30am - 12:30pm (Friday) - Burgage Hall
 - Town Market - Tuesday and Saturday - Town Centre
 - The Talbot - Open Mic Night - Every other Wednesday
 - 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