



# LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

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TO: Councillors Howells, Hughes and Morris

Dear Councillors

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Grant Funding Working Party to be held on **Wednesday, 22 June 2022 at 2.00 pm in the Committee Room, Council Offices, Ledbury**, for the purpose of transacting the business shown in the agenda below.

Yours faithfully

Angela Price  
Town Clerk

## A G E N D A

1. **Apologies for absence**
2. **Declarations of Interests**

To receive any declarations of interest and written requests for dispensations.

*Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Ledbury Town Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.*

*(Note: Members seeking advice on this item are asked to contact the Monitoring officer at least 72 hours prior to the meeting)*

3. **To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of a meeting of the Grants Funding Working Party held on 25 May 2022 (Pages )**

4. **Update on Great Places to Visit Grant Funding**
  - a. To consider applications for Shop Front Improvement Grants – round 2
5. **To consider request for funding from Ledbury Poetry Festival**  
**(Pages )**
6. **Date of next meeting**

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**LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GRANTS FUNDING WORKING PARTY HELD  
ON 25 MAY 2022**

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**PRESENT:** Councillors Howells, Hughes, and Morris

**ALSO PRESENT:** Angela Price - Town Clerk

**25. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON FOR THE 2022/23 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

**RESOLVED:**

**That Councillor Hughes be elected as chair of the Grant Funding Working Party for the 2022/23 Municipal year.**

**26. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received.

**27. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Morris declared an interest in Agenda Item 4, in respect of any discussion relating to the Bye Street Toilets.

**28. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GRANTS FUNDING WORKING PARTY HELD ON 28 APRIL 2022**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the minutes of the meeting of the Grants Funding Working Party held on 28 April 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.**

**29. UPDATE ON GREAT PLACES TO VISIT GRANT FUNDING**

The Clerk provided an update on the status of all Great Places to Visit activities agreed with Herefordshire Council.

The Clerk advised that the tools that Sustainable Ledbury were proposing to purchase would be available to other groups within Ledbury and therefore would be stored in the lean-to at the rear of the Council offices and therefore it was likely that Sustainable Ledbury would now not need to purchase a shed for storage.

The Clerk advised that she had received correspondence from Sustainable Ledbury advising that they are not in a position financial to spend money that is being made available to them, prior to receiving the grant, and they had



expressed concern at meeting the deadline dates if they were to request proforma invoices and had asked that a sum of £2,500 be made available to them in advance. The Chair considered it was a matter of judgement and felt that in this instance it would be acceptable to recommend to the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee that a sum of £2,500 be paid in advance.

The Clerk advised that a plaque had been made to be placed at the Masters House at the site of the newly planted trees, advising that they had been funded via The Welcome Back fund, and that the plaque would be funded from the £3,000 available to Herefordshire for the Masters House Project. The Clerk advised that to date she had not received any suggestions from Hereford Council as to how they would like to spend the remaining funds.

Bye Street Toilets – the Clerk advised that she and the Deputy Clerk had met with Councillor Harvey to discuss the works that the contractor had identified as being necessary. Councillor Harvey had disputed the works suggested by the contractor and it had been proposed that she meet with the contractor to discuss this further. However, it was agreed that the priority was to get the toilets open, and it had been agreed that the minor repairs are to be undertaken so that these can be opened to the public. Councillor Harvey also agreed that these could be opened to the public free of charge as soon as possible.

Dog Hill Woods – The Clerk advised that the Deputy Clerk is working on the provision of information boards and hopefully more information will be available at the next meeting.

Shop Front Improvement Grant – The Clerk provided an updated list of all the businesses who had applied for a Shop Front Improvement Grant. She advised that she had received correspondence from the Civic Society in respect of their contribution to the fund. She also advised that they had an issue with the colours that were being used by Spec Savers. The Clerk advised that they had indicated that they would be using the same colours as the building currently has, however the Civic Society had not been happy with this at the time of the original painting and therefore were still unhappy about the colour choice, as they do not believe it fits in with the location. Members felt that the colour scheme was acceptable as this would have had to have been approved by planning and heritage officers via a planning application in the first instance and therefore did not feel they could refuse on those grounds.

The Clerk advised that the Civic Society had asked how the funds would be paid to the businesses, suggesting that these should not be paid until works had been completed and invoices provided. Members felt that all businesses should be advised that they had been successful in being granted funding and that these would be paid upon receipt of invoices and evidence, such as photographs, that the work has been completed.

Members felt that as Hereford Council had offered an extension for the expenditure of the Great Places to Visit and the total of grants applied for to-date was less than the total sum put aside of £29,500, a further round of grants should be offered.



Jubilee event – The Clerk provided Members with a list of applications for Street Party grants for recommendation to the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee for approval. However, she did advise that there were three that needed additional consideration.

1. Ledbury Primary School – whilst this is a Jubilee party that is being held at the school, Members are requested to consider whether this application meets the criteria of a “Street Party.”
2. Coddington Parish Council – Members were requested to consider whether this could be awarded as it does not fall within the Ledbury Town Council Parish, and indeed they have their own Parish Council – Bosbury & Coddington Parish Council.
3. Members were requested to consider a late application for 50% of the grant award due to there only being a small number of residents in Plough Yard.

The Clerk advised that several items had been purchased via the fund which would be useful on all future council events such as Walkie Talkies and Hi Vis vests. Councillor Morris advised that he believed there had previously been a set of walkie talkies used on Community Day and that if these had been hired then it would be helpful to inform other groups in the town in the future.

The chair asked Members of the Working Party for their thoughts on how the potential underspend on this activity could be spent. The Clerk reminded Members that at the previous meeting some discussion had been held around providing support to the Poetry Festival for some music workshops for members of the public to participate in. However, the Clerk advised that no information had been received in respect of these workshops and it was agreed that the Chair would speak with Chloe and provide feedback.

The Clerk also reminded Members about the discussion at the previous meeting to consider funding a feasibility study on no. 14 High Street, with a view to a compulsory purchase of the building. She advised that she had contacted Economy & Place Officers at Hereford Council to ask if that could be funded from surplus funds from the Great Places to Visit Fund and advised the outcome of that was still awaited and this also need to be considered at the Finance Committee/Full Council for approval.

Gazebo purchase – the Clerk advised that this activity was not completed.

## **Tourist Information Centre – The Clerk**

The Clerk advised that due to the work involved with the Jubilee weekend she had not yet had the opportunity to consider the job description and resources required for the Tourist Information Centre. She advised that staff were now being asked to record what people are calling into the offices for, so that it is possible to establish how many enquiries are received in respect of tourist related topics, following which a spreadsheet will be drawn up at the end of the tourist season.

### **RESOLVED:**

- 1. That a RECOMMENDATION be submitted to the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee that a sum of £2,500 be paid in advance to Sustainable Ledbury to enable them to purchase gardening tools.**
- 2. That it be noted that the plaque advising that the new trees had been purchased via the Welcome Back Fund would be funded from the Great Places to Visit allocation of £3,000.**
- 3. That a RECOMMENDATION be submitted to the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee that the funds be paid to each business upon receipt of invoices and proof of works, such as photographs, prior to the end of June 2022.**
- 4. That a second round of grants be offered to businesses who have not yet applied for a grant.**
- 5. That the Civic Society be contacted to ask whether they would be willing to increase their contribution over and above the £5,000 originally offered, and if they decline it be made clear to applicants that the total grant on offer is no more than £750.**
- 6. That the application from Ledbury Primary School be declined on the grounds that it is not a traditional street party.**
- 7. That the application from Coddington Parish Council be declined on the grounds that it does not fall within the Parish of Ledbury.**
- 8. That a grant of 50% be awarded to Plough Yard.**
- 9. That the Chair meet with Chloe of the Poetry Festival to discuss the cost of an evening workshop for consideration from the Great Places to Visit fund.**
- 10. That the Clerk follow up with Economy & Place Officers in respect of using funding for a feasibility study into no. 14 High Street.**

11. That the Clerk arrange an extraordinary Resources Meeting to discuss the resources required for the Tourist Information Office to be located at the Council offices.

30. **TO CONSIDER REQUEST RECEIVED FROM LEDBURY PLACES**

Members were asked to give consideration to correspondence received from Ledbury Places in respect of funding for the upgrading of the lighting upstairs in the Old Grammar School (Heritage Centre). It was agreed that the Clerk should contact them and request information on costs for this project and that consideration be given to providing funding for this, subject to there being funding available.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Clerk contact Mark Waller and ask for information on costs for this project.**

31. GWR Community Funding

Members were provided with information on the GWR Community Funding stream.

Members felt that this funding would be useful to carry out a feasibility study into the various options in relation to the access at the train station in Ledbury.

**RESOLVED:**

**That a recommendation be made to Full Council that the Town Council apply for a grant towards a feasibility study into the various options in relation to the access at the Train Station in Ledbury.**

32. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Clerk will inform members of a future meeting date.**

The meeting ended at 4.08 pm.

Signed ..... Date .....





# GREAT PLACES TO VISIT

**Project: Town Centres public realm** – improvements to the visual impact of the centre of the town centre by the provision of plants, hanging baskets etc. around the town and approach roads - £5,000

**Current Status:**

**Further Comments:**

Grant awarded to Sustainable Ledbury for works to the Town Trail, provision of protective clothing, tools, information boards and promotional launch of the Town Trail in the total of £6,892.

This grant exceeds the £5,000 allocated to this budget.

Ledbury in Bloom are holding a photographic competition which it has been suggested could be funded from this budget.

It has been proposed to Council to consider at their meeting on 25 April 2022 that there are insufficient staff resources to deliver the Dog Hill Wood Project as originally agreed, and that there would be some surplus funding as a result of this, that could be moved to other projects within the activity list.

Therefore, it has been proposed that an additional amount of £2,000 be moved from the Dog Hill Wood Project line to cover the additional funds for Sustainable Ledbury and Ledbury in Bloom.

20.05.2022 – meeting held with Sustainable Ledbury advised that they are able to spend some of the agreed money and that they must provide invoices for payment – also advised that further funding waiting approval from Herefordshire Council – will confirm once confirmation received.

06.06.2022 – meeting arranged to discuss activity changes, therefore still awaiting approval of change as above. Agreed at meeting on 25.05.2022 to provide £2,500 in advance – payment due to be made.

## GREAT PLACES TO VISIT

**Project: Town Centres public realm** – provision of funding to support the Master's House Landscaping Project £3,000

**Current Status:** Email received from Masters House Project manager – attached

**Further Comments:**

£3,000 grant to the Master's House project be used to fund Landscaping project by June 2022.

Herefordshire Council Economy & Place Officers in process of identifying project for this funding.

20.05.2022 – Plaque purchased to promote purchase of trees at Master's House via WBF. The plaque was not delivered in time to be funded through WBF and therefore agreed that funds from the GPV could be used to cover the cost. Total cost of the plaque was £528.15 – plaque is currently in the council offices waiting for Herefordshire Council officer to collect and put in place

Correspondence received from Hereford Council asking if the remaining funds could be put towards the cleaning of the paving slabs which depict the map, which is located between The Barn and The Masters House. Clerk has replied advising that this would be a suitable project for this expenditure.



# GREAT PLACES TO VISIT

**Project: Town Centres public realm** – Improvements to Bye Street Toilets – installation of baby changing facilities - £500

**Current Status:** need to obtain quotes for works

**Further Comments:**

Need to obtain quotes for cost of baby changing facilities and installation – quotes being sources and DTC meeting with EH Tuesday, 1 March to progress

Deputy Clerk working with contractors to provide following works:

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| Electrical Works          | - | estimated cost £2,100        |
| Plumbing Works            | - | estimated cost £1,400        |
| Additional plumbing works | - | estimated cost £ 700         |
| Guttering & Roof Tiles    | - | <u>estimated cost £1,550</u> |

**TOTAL ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL COST £5,750**

It has been proposed to Council to consider at their meeting on 25 April 2022 that there are insufficient staff resources to deliver the Dog Hill Wood Project as originally agreed, and that there would be some surplus funding as a result of this, that could be moved to other projects within the activity list.

Therefore, it has been proposed that an additional amount of £6,000 be moved from the Dog Hill Wood Project line to cover the additional funds for the repairs to the Bye Street Toilets.

20.05.2022 – DTC has been working on obtaining quotes for works, meeting scheduled with EH wk commencing 23.05.2022

Councillor Harvey has met with the contractor and agreed the works proposed by the contractor need to be undertaken. Deputy Clerk to progress.

Agreed that the toilets will be open free of charge as soon as possible.

**20.06.2022 – Internal works to commence 03.07.2022 awaiting for confirmation of start date for roof & guttering works**

## GREAT PLACES TO VISIT

**Project: Town Centres public realm** – To repair and extend the steps at Dog Hill Woods to the picnic area at the top - £10,000

**Current Status:** No action to date

**Further Comments:**

It has been proposed to Council to consider at their meeting on 25 April 2022 that there are insufficient staff resources to deliver the Dog Hill Wood Project as originally agreed, and that there would be some surplus funding as a result of this, that could be moved to other projects within the activity list.

It is proposed to scale down this project to the provision of two new information boards and artwork for Dog Hill Woods.

Therefore, it has been proposed that an additional amount of:

£2,000 be transferred to the public realm project with Ledbury in Bloom and Sustainable Ledbury as detailed above.

£6,000 be transferred to the Bye Street Toilet project to cover the additional funds for the repairs as detailed above.

20.05.2022 – no update available at time of preparing agenda, anticipate being able to provide an update at the meeting

06.06.2022 – unable to provide update on this prior to meeting due to DTC being off sick.

20.06.2022 – DTC advised that there will be a delay on this due to illness of provider, costings obtained for updating of artwork

# GREAT PLACES TO VISIT

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| <b>Project:</b> Provision of shop front enhancement grant scheme for local traders  |
| <b>Current Status:</b> Grant scheme agreed  |
| <b>Further Comments:</b> <p>Agreement of the letters for the grant scheme required</p> <p>No grant sum agreed within scheme – this needs to be done urgently</p> <p>Once sum agreed need to advertise and progress</p> <p>Councillor Morris advised that Ledbury Civic Society offer a grant for this each year, but that in the past they have not advertised it and therefore take up has been minimal. It was suggested that LTC liaise with the Civic Society and ask if they would be willing to offer £250 towards each application granted and that LTC offer £705 so that a total of £1,000 could be offered to anyone wishing to apply.</p> <p>It was agreed that this would be advertised on a “first come, first served” basis.</p> <p>Clerk has contact Civic Society and is awaiting response, in the meantime advert being drafted.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>23 April 2022 – 14 applications for shop front grant scheme received – to be approved at Full Council 25.04.2022 (delayed due to covid)</p> <p>Ledbury Civic Society agreed to contribute to fund (one third of each claim in addition to LTC grant (i.e. a grant of £750 from LTC/Civic Society will offer £250 – total grant of £1,000)</p> <p>Once approved at full council payments of grants will be made and applicants required to provide invoice evidence of costs for works and to have completed and paid for the works no later than 30 June 2022.</p> <p>20.05.2022 – Information in respect of grants on agenda for information</p> <p>06.06.2022 – Further round of grant funding agreed at FP&amp;GP Committee due to extension being offered by Hereford Council to August 2022 – press release done and some enquiries received -</p> |



## GREAT PLACES TO VISIT

**Project:** Town Centres public realm – event support – Queens Jubilee event  
£10,000

**Current Status:** Events committee discussing requirements of the event

**Further Comments:**

The CDO advised that the Events Working Party had been working on this, and that it had been agreed that an event would be held on the Recreation Ground to celebrate the Jubilee. Members were advised that the event was to be called “Ledfest” and that it would consist of local bands performing at the recreation ground, with food vendors being invited to attend. Further information on this event can be obtained via the minutes of the Events Working Party or by contacting the Deputy Clerk/CDO.

She advised that the funds would be used for the hire/purchase of the following items:

- Bunting
- Bands
- Toilets
- Fun Fair Rides
- Event licence
- Souvenir programme
- Security
- First aid
- Union Jack flags and hats

The purchase of staff polo shirts and fleeces was also discussed as it was felt that these would help identify staff at the event and future events, however confirmation would need to be sought as to whether it was acceptable to purchase these as part of the fund.

It was also agreed that an event planner would be investigated with a view to them offering help in organising the event, as Councillors felt that this project was too large just for the officers to undertake.

Some concern as to whether this event can be delivered on time – consideration to be given by Full Council as to how to proceed with this event.

**20.05.2022 – street party grants information on agenda – spreadsheet on expenditure to follow.**

06.06.2022 – Jubilee picnic in the park and street parties held over Jubilee Weekend – final expenditure to be provided.

# GREAT PLACES TO VISIT

**Project: Town Centres public realm** – Infrastructure to improve charter market and provide specialist markets in the town

**Current Status:** Completed

**Further Comments:**

It was agreed that 12 x 3 x 3 m gazebos should be purchased and that the tops should be burgundy with the "Ledbury Town Council" on them. It was also agreed that the gazebos should be purchased with three sides for use and the relevant weights for securing them.

The clerk advised that the company that had provided the hired gazebos at Christmas had advised that they would willing to help LTC source quotes for the purchase of gazebos once they had agreed what they were looking for.

Administrator obtaining quotes

Gazebos purchased and delivered in April 2022 at a cost of £8,340.

Gazebos frame and covers need assembling ahead of use.

Letters to be sent to all market traders advising of availability of gazebos.

Local organisations to be advised that gazebos are available for use for community events such as Community Day, Carnival, family events on the Recreation Ground (LEAF) and other such events.

Suggested surplus funds be allocated to Queens Jubilee event – however as there are concerns as to whether this project can be delivered this may need to be reconsidered.

20.05.2022 – Gazebos purchased and in use – 3 to be used at market on Saturday, 21 May (photos will be taken once up)

Assistance required before Jubilee event to erect remaining 9 gazebos

## GREAT PLACES TO VISIT

**Project: Town Centres public realm** – installation of dropped kerbs in and around the town centre £12,000

**Current Status:** to improve the accessibility to the town centre for people with mobility problems

**Further Comments:**

The Clerk advised that during her meeting with the Locality Steward that morning they had discussed the possibility of having a drop kerb installed at Horse Lane Orchard across the Worcester Road to assist mobility users.

She advised that the Locality Steward had been supportive of the project and following the meeting she had sent photographs in an email to BLLP asking them to help progress this through the GPV project. A response is awaited.

The Clerk advised that the cost of the project would be significantly less than the budget allocated and therefore they may need to consider alternative projects for the remainder.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Community Action Ledbury to ask if they had any suggestions of areas that may have need for drop down kerbs around the town.

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Clerk has followed up on this project, but to date no response. Clerk will chase this and contact Economy & Place Officers and Ward Councillor for support.

It is unlikely that all of the funds for this project will be used and therefore it is suggested that the surplus funds be considered in support of a Poetry Festival Project.

20.05.2022 – no response from BLLP in respect of next steps, will chase again, would be helpful if a Ward Councillor could follow this up with Highways officers.

06.06.202 – Clerk has emailed Hereford Council in respect of this project – awaiting response

Due to Jubilee events no meeting arranged as yet, Clerk to arrange meeting to be held on return from annual leave.



# GREAT PLACES TO VISIT

**Project: Town Centres public realm** – Creation of Tourism material – new town map which can provide a digital experience for visitors £10,000

**Current Status:** Email received from Masters House Project manager – attached

**Further Comments:**

The clerk advised that she was aware that Ross Town Council were currently working on something similar to this and suggested that she contact them to ask for information on how they have approached this and who they are working with to provide it.

**Clerk has sent email to Ross TC – response awaited**

Due to the closure of the TIC in Ice Bytes earlier in the year, it has now been agreed that having a TIC is a priority and due to lack of staffing resource it is unlikely the digital boards will be able to be delivered at this time. Therefore, it is proposed that this project be altered to help fund the setting up of a TIC.

This is to be discussed at full council on 25.04.2022 as to whether this should be in the council offices or at the Masters House

20.05.2022 – due to Jubilee event and no chairs being in place, TIC has not progressed as well as anticipated – EO Resources meeting required to discuss possible job description and resources required to set up TIC- anticipate meeting following Jubilee weekend.

20.02.2022 – Report submitted to Economy & Planning – 16.06.2022 – outcome of meeting to follow.

Officers need clear guidance as to what is required going forward:

How will the TIC be managed in relation to staffing?

How can the Reception area be altered to fit TIC?

Do the Council wish to sell tourist gift items, if so how will this be managed?



## SHOP FRONT GRANTS

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## **Application to Ledbury Town Council for funding for a cross-arts activities in Ledbury Poetry House**

**Goal:** To enhance the provision for visitors and tourists to Ledbury in July and August by offering a series of high-quality, free, drop-in activities and workshops for all ages, including families. Ledbury Poetry House is a highly visible, welcoming, friendly and colourful new space in the heart of town. This Summer programme will offer memorable experiences for visitors and local residents to enjoy and will promote the reputation of Ledbury as a great and special place to visit.

They will be promoted through Ledbury Poetry Festival's website, social media channels and email newsletter. Also through local primary and secondary schools, and other available networks, such as local media outlets (Ledbury Focus) and local organisations, including Visit Herefordshire.

**Here is a proposed menu of activities, which can be scaled up or down depending on funding:**

- **A series of three puppetry workshops led by Fetch Theatre**

Workshop 1. Bunraku Puppetry. Learn the methods used by puppeteers to make a puppet come bursting into life.

Workshop 2. Make your own shadow puppets and devise a short story.

Workshop 3. Performing in a mask. Use a mask to create unique characters and tell stories. (This workshop can be very liberating for those who lack confidence as the mask acts as a barrier to the audience glare!)

£400 per day, £1,200 for three days of sessions.

- **Badge and banner making with local artist Jeanette McCulloch**

Collage wordy badges that you can wear with pride.

Celebrate your most loved words by painting and illustrating them on flowing silk banners that will then hang in the Poetry House for all to enjoy.

Two x 1 day sessions in the Poetry House, £600

- **CreativiTEA parties with Sally Crabtree – make 'parcel pets' and edible poetry.**

Two x 1 day sessions in the Poetry House, £600

- **'Zine' and Poetry Comic workshops**

Create your own DIY zine about issues that are important to you.

Create your own poetry comic using a variety of materials (ink, collage, typewriter).

Four x 1 day sessions, £1,200

- **Music and poetry with James Carter**

A day of mad-cap mayhem! Interactive storytelling, drama, music and poetry - based on James' picture books *The Big Beyond* and *Once Upon A Star*. Mini-writing workshops.

Interspersed with fun and interactive sessions for 0-6 year olds and their parents/carers. Expect soothing music as well as poems, riddles and action rhymes aplenty, full of bugs and bubbles, rockets and pirates, aliens and a whole heap of funny faces

One day, £350

- **Animation workshops**

Stop motion animation is a magical process. With all the equipment and materials provided to make a stunning movie.

Children and young people can create characters and scenery using card, plasticine, wire, found objects and then use laptops and cameras to make them move on screen.

One day, £450

- **Box of Frogs Improvisation workshops**

These fun and lively workshops will look at how you can use basic improv techniques to create instant stories.

4 sessions at £150 a session, £600

- **Create a Poetry Map for Ledbury with artist Andrea McLean**

Help create a poetry map for Ledbury with reminiscences, illustrations and ideas contributed by Ledbury residents.

Two open sessions for residents to work with Andrea McLean to celebrate their favourite places in Ledbury, to share memories of places and experiences from childhood, to uncover layers of Ledbury's history, through words and poems and images that Andrea will bring together into a fine art piece and pop-out version for all to enjoy.

Two full-day sessions, open to all £600

- **Tell it to the Bees with Mandy Ross**

Inspired by the folk tradition of telling the bees of a death or an important life event, make a paper segment of a honeycomb and capture a message or memory within it. What you make will become part of the Hive of Memories and will be displayed in Ledbury Poetry House.

Two x day sessions £600

- **Performance and Beatboxing workshops with Jasmine Gardosi**

Jasmine Gardosi is a multiple slam champion, beatboxer, Birmingham Poet Laureate finalist and winner of the Out-Spoken Prize for Poetry. Try your hand at performing poems or stories aloud, learn about the qualities of your own personal voice, experiment with beatboxing, all in a fun and supportive workshop.

2 x workshops at £150 a session, £300

- **Staff member to support these activities**

This project would run from end of July to end of August and would require a part-time staff member to support the artists and welcome visitors. This cost would be calculated on a daily basis depended on the number of days of activities delivered.

Daily fee £70 (total amount depends on number of days offered)

- **Total £6,500 (plus daily staff member costs)**

**Further information:**

To ensure that Ledbury will be known as the home of poetry, a poetry town with a rich poetic heritage. A lively and diverse, artistic and inspiring place to visit. Ledbury Poetry House is a welcoming and accessible 'home from home' where all kinds of creative activities can happen, with all ages coming together to discover and explore.

Ledbury Poetry Festival has been experimenting with a series of pop-up activities in the Poetry House recently, and the response has been amazing. Here is some recent feedback:

'The new Poetry House is a great space - it's got a really special feeling.'

'Wonderful experience – The spellwright friendliness and excellent pharmacy! My first (and not my last!) visit to Ledbury! An amazing surprise!'

'Lovely to visit frequently to be inspired by the variety of activities – this time a spell just for me.'

'Do it! Spontaneous creativity with an overwhelm of pure delight. Thank you for the joy.'

**If Ledbury Town Council can fund a series of creative and inspiring activities in Ledbury Poetry House, it will continue to put Ledbury on the map as a special place to visit.**



