

## SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL MARKET



The Charter Market, run by the Town Council, is a twice-weekly retail market held in the Ledbury High Street and under the Market House. The market is held every Tuesday and Saturday, except on a Tuesday in October due to the annual Mop Fair). The historical market has run since 1584 in Ledbury and comprises of approximately 12 stalls. We offer one stall free to charities.

The market offers a wide range of produce including food (meat, fish, fruit and vegetables, cheese, bread, cakes) and clothes, shoes, bags, jewellery, watches, Flowers, and plants.

### Covid -19 lockdown

Following queries from members of NABMA and the NMTF, we interpret the regulations and the guidance to mean the following product categories are understood to be essential goods:

- Food and grocery – including confectionery and off-sales alcohol; cafes and hot food stalls must be takeaway only
- Household goods – including cleaning products, sanitary products, and baby products NOT clothing, homewares and home furnishings
- Hardware supplies – including repair services and batteries for household items
- Bicycles – including parts and repair services
- Pet supplies
- Newsagents
- Plants – including shrubs, and horticultural items NOT flowers
- Face coverings

Similar to safety measures currently being carried out at local supermarkets, there will be restricted social distancing guidelines to help people shop as safely as possible. Shoppers are encouraged to use contactless payment and not cash at those stalls where this is possible.

Ledbury Charter Market is operating on a Tuesday and Saturday as normal to give residents access to essential items in a safe outdoor shopping experience. This will include food items, pet food, hardware, and plants. When visiting, please continue to shop safely and adhere to social distancing guidelines. The market is open every Tuesday from 8am until 5pm and Saturday from 8am until 5pm (depending on footfall) in Ledbury High Street and under the Market House. The Town Council will announce when the government guidelines return to normal trading and when our usual traders can return.

### How to apply

If you are thinking of having a stall with us, please contact us for an application form, seasonal and regular traders and charities welcome.

Market stall enquires to the Town Council Offices. Telephone 01531 632306 or Email [reception@ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:reception@ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk). Your details will then be logged and someone will contact you to discuss your application.

Please note submission of an application does not guarantee a pitch. The Council will review all applications to ensure suitability and a mix of goods.



## Ledbury Town Council NDP

In the December Newsletter we advised that during early Spring we would be completing all the evidence gathering and writing up the supporting documents to draft the first version of the revised NDP. Work on getting a first draft completed by the end of March is now well advanced. A number of volunteers have helped with gathering information, taking photographs and writing up 'topic guides' on development issues such as employment, green spaces, medical and football facilities. Active consultation is taking place with potentially impacted organisations, local community groups, and businesses, with several hundred letters delivered asking them for contributions they would like the NDP to reflect.

It's not too late for anyone to suggest ideas please send your contributions to the Town Clerk by email to [clerk@ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk) or in writing to the Town Council offices letterbox.

During March you will be able to see content added to the NDP pages on the Council website in readiness for a round of public consultations on the draft NDP document, expected to take place during April and May, so you can familiarise yourself with the way the plan is shaping up in advance. But don't worry, even if you have not been able to contribute to the draft plan, there will be plenty of opportunity and a well-advertised consultation programme with a questionnaire to complete, for anyone wishing to add their thoughts before the final draft of the new plan is produced from all the feedback. Watch out for more information on the Council website, on our Facebook page, in the press and via leaflets.

**Councillor Phillip Howells**  
Chair of the NDP

## Love food hate waste



Reducing food waste is a simple way to reduce your carbon footprint and can save you money!

Love food hate waste has lots of helpful resources [www.lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com).

There's lots of interesting information available from Friends of the Earth <https://friendsoftheearth.uk/food-waste>.



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## CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING PARTY UPDATE



We've been meeting regularly via Zoom to gather and share information and develop an action plan. We've had a presentation from Herefordshire Council on waste management and one from Garden Organic on promoting waste reduction. We're looking at ways to reduce the use of single use plastics and will be preparing recommendations on this to put to the Environment and Leisure Committee.

We've also had a meeting with Herefordshire Green Network (HGN). The Town Council have joined the network so that we can share information on 'green issues' within the county and benefit from the workshops they run.

We've asked the Town Council to consider getting a 'License to cultivate' from Herefordshire Council so that volunteers can carry out some conservation work on the Town Trail. Sustainable Ledbury has volunteers who are keen to do this work and hope to be able to make a start once the license is agreed and current restrictions are lifted.

The Council would like to reduce its 'carbon footprint'. A good start is to be able to measure the current footprint. We're looking to work with organisations like HGN and the Centre for Alternative Technology to identify ways to do this. And talking of footprints, we're starting to look at Ledbury's footprints. Are they all clearly identified? Are we in danger of losing any of them? Could we do with some more 'circular' routes? We're working with the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group on this and we're aiming to get involved with two national projects, 'Slow Ways' and 'Forgotten Paths'.

If you're interested in what we're doing, watch out for details of our meetings which are open to the public. You'd be very welcome to join us.

**Nina Shields**  
Chairman CCWP

## LEDBURY CEMETERY UPDATES

### FRIENDS OF LEDBURY CEMETERY

For many years, the Council have encouraged members of the public to join working parties including the Cemetery working party. However, this year Members of the Environment and Leisure Committee have proposed something a little different. Chair of this committee, Councillor Knight, suggested that the Council create a 'friends of the cemetery' group which will allow residents and some interested councillors, to meet in their own time to discuss cemetery matters. The Council will support the Friends of Ledbury Cemetery group with their ideas and take to council meetings on their behalf.



### LEDBURY CHAPEL- VOTIVE FOR MOTHERS DAY



Ledbury Town Council were pleased to have opened the chapel for residents of Ledbury to light a candle for their loved ones before Christmas. Although it was emotional for many, the event was well received and residents asked whether the chapel could be opened regularly. The Council understand how important the chapel is to many, especially in these uncertain times and have agreed to open the chapel for Mothers Day, lockdown permitting. More information will be updated on the Town Council's Facebook and Website once advice has been given by the Government.