

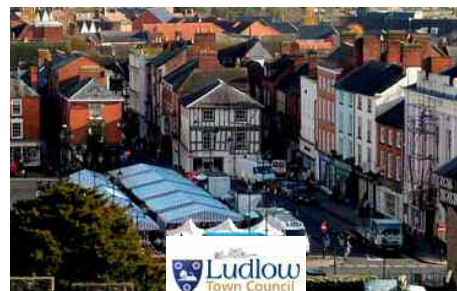
Projects Updates

FRESH NEW LOOK FOR LUDLOW MARKET

Market Manager Chris Bayliss and members of Ludlow Town Council's Direct Labour Force, lead by Steve Gregory, worked incredibly hard to meet the challenge of putting up Ludlow's new Market in two days – and as promised, it was ready for the Wednesday Market.

The new market, agreed after consultation with traders, features an extended overhang to protect customers from the weather. Market Manager, Chris said, 'The new look market has been largely welcomed by traders and members of the public have said how good it looks.'

Town Clerk, Veronica Calderbank, who was responsible for overseeing all projects including the new market, said 'it is hoped that the new market will help economic viability and generate new interest in Ludlow.'



BUTTERCROSS

Ludlow Town Council is delighted to announce that work has commenced on the Buttercross. Mayor, Martin Taylor-Smith said 'We are delighted that work has now started on safeguarding one of the town's most important historical landmarks.' The recent collapse of ceiling plaster certainly suggests that the work is very timely.



PHASE ONE:

The successful contractor for phase one is local firm, Treasures. The works will include painting and restoration work at ground level including doors and the windows, which will be rebuilt and glazed with toughened glass. The Buttercross is used as part of the regular Markets on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. During the works, traders will be housed in temporary 'pop-up' market stalls to protect the traders and stock from the elements. There will also be a noticeable revamp of the Church Street / College Street facade.

PHASE TWO:

As soon as emergency measures to evacuate staff and equipment are completed, Town Council will be going out to tender on second phase, which will involve works to the cupola. The second phase is expected to start early in January 2010.

Local firms are urged to tender and should visit www.mytenders.org for further information, and register an interest via Ludlow Town Council website www.ludlow.gov.uk.



LUDLOW MAYFAIR

Following two successful meetings with Mr & Mrs Wynn, the emergency services, Shropshire Council and the Police, plans are moving ahead towards the next Mayfair. Everyone agreed that the town needed an Events Safety Advisory Group (SAG) which includes Mr & Mrs Wynn, representatives from Ludlow and Shropshire Councils, and the emergency services. Sergeant Graham Preece said, 'In the experience of this Division such groups result in far more robust and professional events'

The first meeting was held on 12th November 2009. The first item on the agenda was to elect a chairman and Cllr J Aitken was elected unanimously. Following formal introductions, members allocated key tasks and actions such as, establishing terms of reference for the group, liaison between emergency services, and an accurate Mayfair 'footprint.' Mr Wynn said, 'I am happy to provide a new plan for the group showing where the rides will be next year, and look forward to working with everyone to carry on organising Mayfairs for the future.'

The next meeting of the Events Safety Advisory Group (SAG) has been scheduled for mid December 2009.

