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WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR OF LUDLOW

Welcome to the Autumn Edition of the Buttercross Bulletin. As the evenings draw in, it's been a pleasure to meet so many of you at recent fundraisers — from Race Night and Curry Night to our lively 80s Disco. Your support and enthusiasm continue to make a real difference. I'm proud to champion my Mayor's Charities for 2026–27 and I'm grateful for everyone who has taken part or contributed as we head into the autumn programme of events.



WHAT DO LUDLOW TOWN COUNCIL DO?

- Allotments
- Bus Shelters and Benches
- Christmas Lights
- Civic and Community Events
- Floral Displays
- Henley Road Cemetery
- Ludlow Market and Street Trading
- Ludlow Market Street Lighting
- Ludlow Museum at the Buttercross
- Parks/Green Spaces at the Linney
- Play Areas at the Linney, Wheeler Road and Housman Crescent
- Public Toilets
- Support for Community Groups and Charities
- Support for Youth Clubs



WHAT DO SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL DO?

- Cost of Living
- Council Tax
- Education
- Fly tipping
- Libraries
- Parking
- Planning
- Roads
- Social Care
- Streetlights
- Trading Standards
- Transport
- Waste Management

Trained Shropshire Council staff are available at Ludlow Library

Looking after Ludlow's future

LOOKING BACK AT SUMMER: A Season of New Celebrations

As summer arrived in Ludlow, the season brought new celebrations that showcased our town's creativity and community spirit. The Youth Festival offered a vibrant day of music, activities and shared fun, while Ludlow Museum marked its 10th Anniversary — a milestone that highlighted the importance of our local heritage. Together, these moments added fresh energy to the season and strengthened our sense of community.

Ludlow Museum at the Buttercross Turns 10!

Ludlow Museum's 10th Birthday, celebrated on Wednesday 12th August, marked a significant milestone — a decade of sharing the town's heritage with more than 50,000 visitors. During the anniversary event, the Mayor of Ludlow thanked supporters, volunteers and partners, including the Friends of Ludlow Museum and Ludlow Civic Society, whose commitment has helped the Museum flourish. The Museum remained open with free entry during the History Festival period, with support from Ludlow Guides and Ludlow Civic Society, welcoming many new visitors and adding to the sense of community pride.



The occasion highlighted how much the Museum has grown over ten years, including achieving Arts Council Accreditation — a nationally recognised mark of a professionally managed, sustainable and trusted museum — and how firmly it now sits at the heart of Ludlow's cultural life.



A NOTE FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Gina Wilding

As summer yields to autumn, we're grateful for recent successes while beginning to explore some important questions for Ludlow's future. Looking ahead, the Town Council is starting to consider the future of Shropshire Council play areas in the town and how we might further support the cleanliness and appearance of public spaces. These are early discussions only, with no decisions made. As part of our budget-setting consultation, we hope residents will help us shape the choices ahead and plan responsibly for Ludlow's future.



A NOTE FROM THE DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Kate Adams

It was fantastic to see such an incredible response to our first Youth Festival, with more than 300 people joining us throughout the day. The atmosphere was full of energy, creativity and community spirit, and it was wonderful to watch people enjoying every part of the event — from music and activities to the brilliant support from local partners. The success of this year's festival gives us real momentum as we look ahead to future Ludlow youth events.



LOOKING AFTER LUDLOW'S FUTURE: Latest Updates

Autumnal Activities

Autumn brings a programme of seasonal activities across Ludlow's Market and Museum at the Buttercross. Castle Square will host this year's Halloween Market on Thursday 29th October, with colourful stalls, local makers and plenty of spooky fun for families. Over at the Museum, "Spooky Season" returns with themed child-friendly fun activities over the half terms — a great opportunity to entertain little ones while exploring the town's tales and curious artefacts. Together, these events offer a playful mix of heritage and autumn atmosphere, giving residents and visitors plenty to enjoy as the evenings draw in.

In Remembrance and In Memory

This November, Ludlow will once again come together to honour all those who served and sacrificed, with Remembrance service 8th November and Armistice service 11th November held at the Peace Memorial. These moments of reflection remain an important part of our civic life, bringing the community together in gratitude and respect. This year, we also remember Danny Mason, whose steady presence at every service embodied the spirit of remembrance itself. His commitment, kindness and quiet dignity will be deeply missed, and we will honour his memory as we gather to pay our respects.

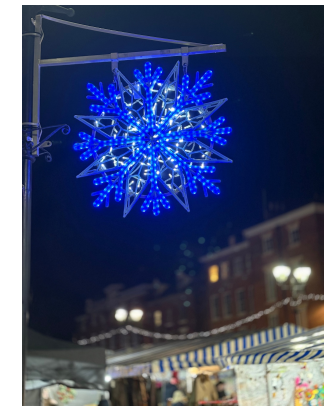


Caring for Ludlow's Green Spaces

Ludlow Town Council's parks have seen positive improvements this year. The popular zip wire at the Linney has now been replaced, and all swings at Wheeler Road are due to be renewed this autumn, with feedback helping us explore options for more accessible play. At Housman Crescent, the park border is scheduled for replacement to improve safety and appearance. Over at St John's Gardens, Ludlow Rotary has taken on the planting of the shrub beds with kind support from local residents. Spring bulbs will be planted soon to brighten the space and create a welcoming seasonal display for the months ahead.

Christmas Lights

This year's Christmas lights are already taking shape, with preparations well underway to bring a warm and welcoming festive display to Ludlow. The Town Council has been reviewing feedback from previous years and working closely with contractors to improve reliability and coverage across the town centre. Future plans spanning the next few years include refreshed motifs, enhanced lighting in key gateways, and a focus on creating a warm traditional atmosphere for residents and visitors. As we move into the



colder months, we look forward to switching on this year's festive display on 28th November, bringing a celebration of community, heritage and the start of the Christmas season.

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Full Council - 7pm

Monday 14th September | Monday 26th October

Policy & Finance - 7pm

Monday 7th September | Monday 19th October | Monday 30th November

Representational Committee - 7pm

Tuesday 8th September | Tuesday 6th October | Tuesday 3rd November

Services - 7pm

Wednesday 2nd September | Wednesday 14th October | Wednesday 25th November

Staffing - 9.30am

Thursday 1st October

All committee meetings are held at the Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow SY8 1AZ. Meetings are open to the public to attend and speak.

EVENTS

Remembrance Day 8 November, Peace Memorial

Armistice Day 11 November, Peace Memorial

Ludlow Winter Festival 27-29 November

LUDLOW MUSEUM NEWS

Temporary Exhibition, Ludlow's Market hall Aug-Nov 2026

Discover the story of one of the town's most iconic spaces in this new temporary exhibition that brings Ludlow's Market Hall history to life.

Open Fri-Sun and Bank Holidays, 10am-4pm.

£1.20 entry, Under 16's are free!

LUDLOW MARKET NEWS

Ludlow's Regular Market is held on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9am

Antiques Market, Sundays: 6 & 20 September, 4 & 18 October, 1 & 15 November

Craft & Country Market, Sundays: 27

September, 11 & 25 October, 22 November

Local Producers Market, Thursdays: 10 & 24

September, 8 & 22 October, 12 & 26 November

Food & Craft Market, Thursdays: 3 & 17

September, 1 October, 5 & 19 November

Food Festival Market: Sunday 13 September

Halloween Market: Thursday 29 October

Ludlow Christmas Market: Sunday 29 November

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