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WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR OF LUDLOW

Welcome to the Summer Edition of the Buttercross Bulletin.

As we move into a new season, it remains a privilege to serve Ludlow for a second year. I've enjoyed meeting so many of you at past events, and I'm pleased to announce my Mayor's Charities for 2026-27: Working Together Ludlow and St Michael's Hospice. Thank you for your continued kindness and support — I look forward to the upcoming programme of charity events ahead.



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 SPRING: *A Season of Tradition*

As spring unfolded across Ludlow, the season reminded us how renewal brings both energy and optimism. From the return of the May Fair — a tradition woven into our town's history — to the Mayor Making event on 27th May, last season has been full of moments that connect us to our shared past and future.

Ludlow May Fair

A much-loved Ludlow tradition, the May Fair returned to the town centre this spring, filling the streets with the buzz of families enjoying the bank-holiday weekend. The Fair brought its usual mix of fun and nostalgia, marking the start of the season in true Ludlow style.

Annual Town Report

The recent Annual Town Residents Meeting featured the publication of the Town Council's Annual Report for 2025/26 (available from the Guildhall), highlighting the work undertaken on behalf of the community over the past year. The report covers key projects including improvements to play areas, ongoing market and events development, investment in green spaces, museum and heritage activity, and progress



on community-led initiatives to reduce waste, a digital copy of the report is available on the Ludlow Town Council website and via QR code here.



Civic Pride

Ludlow continues to show its civic pride through the flags flown at the Buttercross, marking key national and local moments. Recent displays have included the Pride flag, celebrating inclusion, and the flag for His Majesty The King's Birthday. Each occasion reflects the town's shared values and community spirit.

A NOTE FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Gina Wilding



As we enjoy the summer months, I would like to thank everyone who contributes to making our town such a vibrant and welcoming community. My thanks go to our market traders, dedicated volunteers, local organisations, councillors, staff, and residents whose efforts support so many successful events and initiatives throughout the year.

The public inspection period for the Council's accounts is also now underway, reflecting our commitment to openness and transparency.

A NOTE FROM THE DLF SUPERVISOR

Mark Hilton



Better weather has helped our team keep Ludlow's green spaces looking their best, with regular maintenance back underway. After weeks of wet weather followed by sudden heat, growth surged across the town, and we're working hard to get on top of areas as quickly as we can after supporting 'No Mow May', allowing selected spaces to grow for pollinators. Thank you to residents for your patience as we balance upkeep with protecting local wildlife.

LOOKING AFTER LUDLOW'S FUTURE: Latest Updates

Summer Markets in Full Swing

Ludlow's markets will be at the heart of the town's summer, with a lively programme running throughout the season. August brings Ludlow Makers Markets every Tuesday, showcasing local artists, crafters, and independent producers. On the 12th July the Green Festival brings its vibrant mix of eco-inspired stalls, talks, and activities, celebrating sustainability and community creativity. The Mayor's Charity Market returns on 30th July with stalls raising funds for this year's charities, adding a feel-good buzz to Castle Square.



Summer Improvements Across Ludlow

Improvements around Ludlow are helping to refresh well-used community spaces. A new decorative wooden arch has been installed in the Henley Road Cemetery baby area, creating a more welcoming entrance for families. Around the Market, colourful bunting now brings extra vibrancy to the town centre over the summer months. Over on Henley Road, the bus shelter has been updated, and work continues on the cemetery graveyard extension to ensure future provision for the community. At the Linney, a new zip line is being installed, adding an exciting feature for children and families to enjoy. These small but meaningful upgrades continue the Council's commitment to maintaining attractive, accessible spaces for everyone.

A Decade of Discovery at Ludlow Museum

Ludlow Museum is celebrating a special milestone this year as it marks its 10th anniversary. Since opening at the Buttercross, the Museum has proudly maintained its Arts Council Accreditation to an exemplary standard since 2016, recognising the quality of its collections and care. As part of the celebrations, the Museum will offer free entry during the Ludlow History Festival (21st–30th August), giving even more people the chance to explore its displays. We extend heartfelt thanks to the Friends of Ludlow Museum for their support, which has been vital throughout the Museum's first decade. We also warmly welcome the Ludlow Civic Society, whose involvement will help strengthen the Museum's role at the heart of the town's heritage community.

Introducing the Youth Festival

We're launching a Youth Festival this summer, taking place on Thursday 30th July at Wheeler Road Recreation Area. Created following consultation to give young people more space to connect, be active and have fun, the festival brings together a pump track, gaming van, dance and music, crafts, and more for a lively, inclusive day.

Summer Planting Across Ludlow

Volunteers from the Ludlow Planting Group, Flower Box Action Group, Derwen College students and the Town Council have worked together to prepare colourful planters across Ludlow, bringing vibrant displays to the town for the summer season. Their teamwork has created a welcoming burst of colour in key locations, supported by kind residents and local businesses who will help care for the displays. This shared effort reflects real community pride and keeps Ludlow looking its best.

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Full Council - 7pm

Monday 27th July | Monday 14th September

Policy & Finance - 7pm

Monday 20th July | Monday 7th September

Representational Committee - 7pm

Tuesday 14th July | Tuesday 11th August

Tuesday 8th September

Services - 7pm

Wednesday 22nd July | Wednesday 2nd September

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

EVENTS

Youth Festival - Wheeler Road Recreation Area

Thursday 30th July, 11am - 4pm

LUDLOW MUSEUM NEWS

Temporary Exhibition, Ludlow Station: Tracks, Tragedy & Transformation

May-July 2026

Temporary Exhibition, Ludlow's Market hall

Aug-Oct 2026

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: 5th & 19th July, 2nd & 16th August, 6th & 20th September

Craft & Country Market, Sundays: 26th July, 9th & 23rd August, 27th September

Local Producers Market, Thursdays: 9th & 23rd July, 13th & 27th August, 10th & 24th September

Food & Craft Market, Thursdays: 2nd & 16th July, 6th & 20th August, 3rd & 17th September

Green Festival: Sunday 12th July

Mayors' Charity Market: Thursday 30th July

Ludlow Makers Market: Tuesdays in August

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