

# Ludlow Town Council

## Buttercross Bulletin Free Newsletter

Contact the Council: 01584 871970

[townclerk@ludlow.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@ludlow.gov.uk)

[www.ludlow.gov.uk](http://www.ludlow.gov.uk)



### Ludlow Town Council at The Guildhall, Mill Street ...

Address: Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow SY8 1AZ  
Telephone: 01584 871 970



## Summer 2013

### Contents

New Appointments	P.2
Civic Events	P.2
Precept	P.3
Organisational Chart	P.3
Services	P.4&5
Projects Update	P.6
Time Capsule	P.7
Cycle Routes	P.7
Your Council	P.8

### Ludlow Elected a new Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2013

Let's not forget past Councillors and all they have done. Over recent years they have been working tirelessly to bring important services, amenities and appropriate development for Ludlow and its residents. To find out more about Ludlow's retiring Council and all they have achieved visit Ludlow Town Council website: [www.ludlow.gov.uk](http://www.ludlow.gov.uk)



Buttercross Interpretation Centre



Linney Riverside Park



Ludlow Boxing Club



Ludlow will be celebrating all things green on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August



On Castle Square, Ludlow

### From the Mayor of Ludlow

I am looking forward to my year as Mayor for 2013/14. This promises to be an interesting and exciting year for the Town Council. Along with others I am dismayed by the lack of candidates in the election, however we have now co-opted six new Councillors of excellent calibre. If we have a well contested election on August 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Clee View ward I believe this Council can go from strength to strength.

Ludlow residents and businesses have a great depth of character and expertise. I would like to see these strengths used in the coming months to provide a uniformed approach to solving the problems that are going to arise from this period of austerity. Ludlow Town Council's market over the last few years has done well and helps the Council to keep the annual precept down.

As the First Citizen of Ludlow for the coming year my door is always open to discuss and help everyone in Ludlow.

I wish everyone good luck for the future  
Councillor Jim Smithers, Mayor of Ludlow



Mayor of Ludlow Jim Smithers



### Ludlow MARKET

A cornerstone of our community for over 800 years  
Open every day except Tuesday

Better choice  
Better value  
Better atmosphere

[www.ludlowmarket.co.uk](http://www.ludlowmarket.co.uk)



01584 871970

Award Winning Local Authority Market

To book a stall, or for more information, please contact the Market officer on 01584 871970

[www.ludlowmarket.co.uk](http://www.ludlowmarket.co.uk)



Free  
what's on  
guide for  
Ludlow



# News

## NEW APPOINTMENTS

### Town Clerk

Gina Wilding was appointed as Town Clerk in December 2012, having been in the position of Acting Town Clerk for three months. Gina has worked in Local Government for some years and has seen many changes in the Town and County. She says "I am enjoying the challenge and aim to build on the Town Council's success in previous years".

### Market Officer

Ludlow Town Council welcomed Tony Caton as the new Market Officer in the New Year. Tony was previously working for an engineering and manufacturing company which also involved finance, accounts and cost analysis. As Tony says, "I am a Hereford boy, born and bred. I am enjoying the experience of the new post, which is interesting and totally different to my previous job. No two days are the same and the locals are very friendly."

### The Guildhall

Chris Matchett, Woodyard Picture Framing, Pepper Lane 01584 318 089 is able to be commissioned for portraits and reproduction of photographs in oils and pastels as well as famous landmarks in Ludlow, such as the Guildhall, (shown below, in oils).

Thanks to Chris for the use of his painting of the Guildhall in the Calendar Events 2013.



### Mayor Making

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013 Councillor Jim Smithers was elected as Ludlow's New Mayor at Ludlow Assembly Rooms and Councillor Paul Draper became Deputy Mayor.

Photograph taken by Rick Alexander



From left – right: Deputy Mayor Paul Draper, Mayor of Ludlow Jim Smithers, Town Clerk Gina Wilding

### Mayor's Sunday

On the 26<sup>th</sup> 2013 May at St Laurence's Church, Ludlow the Mayor's Sunday Service took place. Local Mayor's and dignitaries including the High Sheriff of Shropshire Diana Flint DL attended the event. The parade was led by the Parade Marshal to the church.



From left-right From Left to Right: Don Meredith (Mace Bearer), John Coxhill (Sergant at Arms), Diana Flint DL (High Sheriff), Jim Smithers (Mayor of Ludlow), Paul Draper (Deputy Mayor)

### New Council

Ludlow Town Council is proud to welcome six new Councillors to join the existing Councillors Cllr Draper, Ginger Newbold, Parry, Perks Smithers, and Toop, who were elected in May.

The six new Councillors who were co-opted on 17<sup>th</sup> June are Councillors Cobley, Holcombe, Jones, Kemp, Lyle, and Mold

### Local Council Elections

22<sup>nd</sup> August 2013



There are currently two vacancies in Clee View ward.

This is your chance to help shape your town!

Be a Town Councillor

More information is available from the Elections Team at Shirehall on 03456 789 015.

Nomination packs are available from the Elections department at Shropshire Council and will contain all the information and paperwork you will need to run your campaign.

**Deadline for Nominations at Shirehall  
noon 26<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

For more information visit [www.ludlow.gov.uk](http://www.ludlow.gov.uk) and follow the links



## PRECEPT

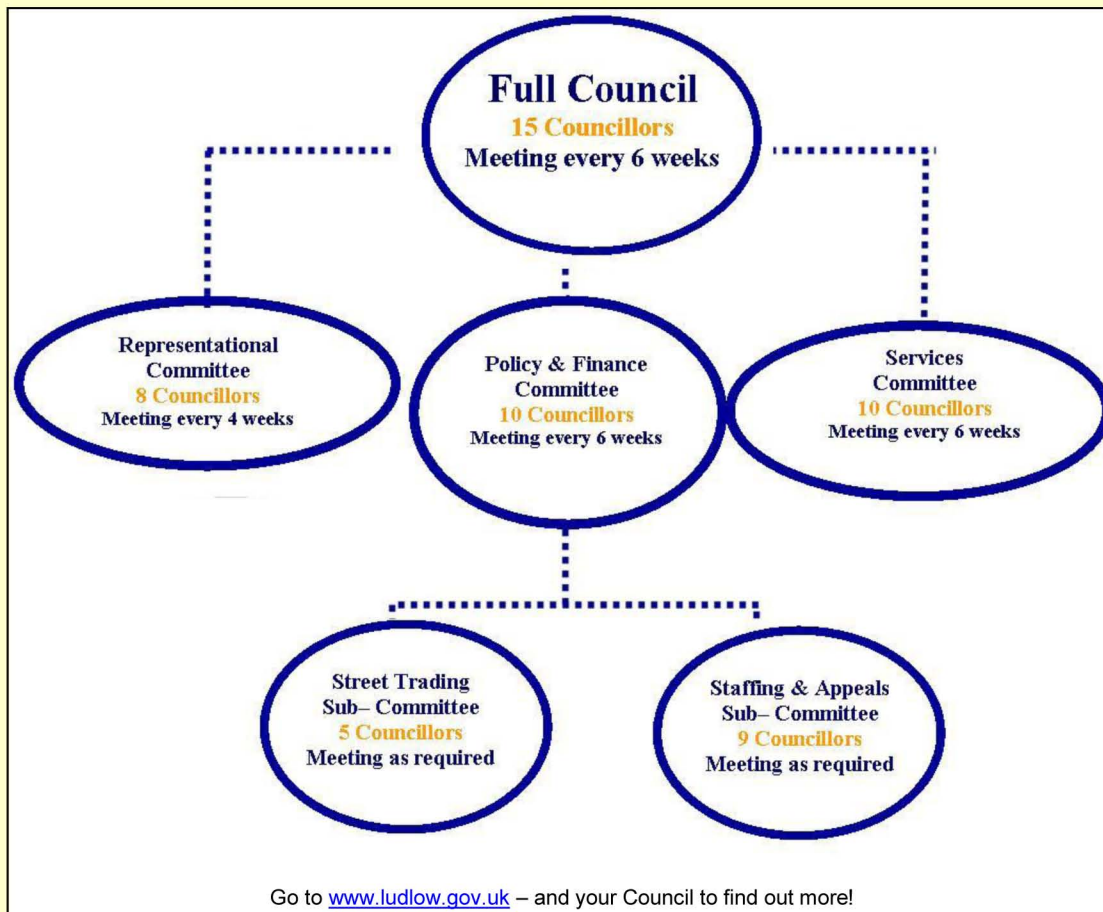
Following a freeze on the precept in recent years, Ludlow Town Council resolved to make a small increase in its precept for 2013/14. The increase in Band D property Council Tax bill is less than 5 pence per week.

The Town Council will continue to provide a high level of services to local residents including the Market, Henley Road Cemetery, Public Toilets, Play Areas at Wheeler Road, the Linney, Houseman Crescent, Weyman Road, Allotments, Christmas Lights (there are details of our Services on the following two pages). Ongoing and future projects include renovating the Buttercross Interpretation Centre, the Linney Toilets and the Cemetery extension.



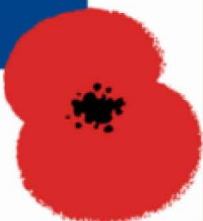
## Ludlow Town Council Organisational Chart

Ludlow Town Council meets on a regular basis. Below you will see the main Committee structure. There are also smaller Working Groups which meet as and when required such as the Communications Working Group.



## The Mayor's Charity 2013-2014

THE ROYAL BRITISH  
LEGION



The Mayor's charities for 2013/2014 are the Royal British Legion Ludlow Branch and First Responders Ludlow.



## Civic Events



Throughout the year the Town Council arranges several major civic events including the Mayor Making Ceremony to welcome the new Mayor, Mayors Sunday, and Remembrance Sunday.



# Services the Town Council Provides

Town and Parish Councils are legally entitled to take responsibility for a wide range of local services, although the actual services provided are largely dependent on the size of the Town Council and budget available. For a full list of what Ludlow Town Council provides please visit [www.ludlow.gov.uk](http://www.ludlow.gov.uk) and follow the links for services.

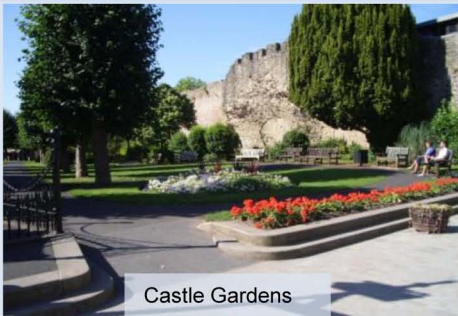
Ludlow Town Council is responsible for specific amenity areas, Christmas lights, Civic Events, Website, Newsletters, Ludlow's Calendar of Events, Grants, Henley Road Cemetery, Ludlow Market, Market Street Lights, Memorial Benches, Planning Consultees, Public Toilets, Street Trading, the Town Plan as well as creating budgets and policies.

## Public Amenity Areas

Public amenity areas managed by Ludlow Town Council can be found at the Linney, Wheeler Road - including a football pitch and skate park, Housman Crescent, Castle Gardens and Weyman Road.

### Castle Gardens

Outside Ludlow Castle showcase the Town Council's formally planted beds and borders. There is path in the gardens which is part of a circular walk around the Castle and hosts of benches for residents and visitors to enjoy the Town and take in the views. It is a tranquil space for all ages in the centre of town.



Castle Gardens



The Linney Riverside Park

### Weyman Road

Weyman Road is an amenity field, where children are able to let off steam and dog walkers are welcome.

### The Linney Riverside Park

The Riverside Park was opened in March 2012 after extensive anti-erosion works to the riverbanks and installation of play equipment to cater for all ages. The area also offers picnic benches and a visitor's car park. Dog walkers are welcome to walk their dogs on the field area but are excluded from the play area.



### Wheeler Road Play Area

Encompassed by Wheeler Road and Sandpits Road the Wheeler Road Play Area offers a multi-user games area, with children's play equipment, a skate park and football pitch. The Town Council has secured funding for skate board training and hopes to offer courses this year.

There is currently a new amenity hall being built for the Ludlow Amateur Boxing Club which also will offer community space to local groups. The building is due to be completed in 2013.

### Houseman Crescent

New children's play equipment was installed in 2012 and is suitable for all ages.



Wheeler Road Play Area



Play equipment Houseman Crescent

## Ludlow Cemetery and Memorial Benches

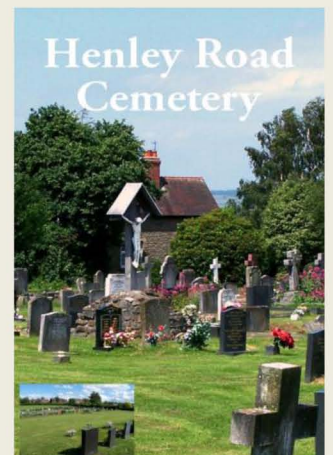


Henley Road Cemetery

### Ludlow Cemetery & Memorial Benches

The Town Council is responsible for burials and maintenance at Ludlow Cemetery on Henley Road. The Chapel is available for funeral services. There are also toilets for those visiting. You can apply for a memorial bench or to have plaque on a bench to commemorate a loved one. A bench is also of benefit for those wishing to stop, rest and reflect in the beautiful space.

Prices and applications can be found on [www.ludlow.gov.uk](http://www.ludlow.gov.uk)



Cemetery Leaflet available from the Ludlow Town Council offices



# Ludlow Market, Lights and Street Trading



Ludlow Market

## Ludlow Market & Street Lights

Ludlow has a thriving market that has been in existence for over 900 years and continues to offer shoppers a fantastic choice of products from small and artisan producers and sellers of fresh produce, locally produced food, wines and spirits, local fashion designers handmade wooden furniture and oil paintings, to name but a few. There are also specialist festival markets through the year such as the Food and Drink Festival, The Green Festival and the Medieval Market. Pick up a copy of the Ludlow Calendar of Events from the Visitor Information Centre for more information.

The Town Council is responsible for the street lights in the Market Square. All other street lighting faults in Ludlow should be reported to Shropshire Council. (0345 678 9000)



## Street Trading

In addition to the Market there are several designated pitches around the town centre for street traders. These spaces differ to the Market as they are regulated by Government Legislation. There are currently four areas, Castle Square (outside Ludlow College), High Street (outside the Buttercross), Bull Ring (by the Fish shop by the post box) and Tower Street. The Application form, policy and charges can be obtained from the Town Council website [www.ludlow.gov.uk](http://www.ludlow.gov.uk)

## Planning & Grants

The Town Council is a consultee for Shropshire Council on planning applications. Which are reviewed at the Representational Committee. The Committee also considers Project Support Grants for local groups.

## Public Toilets

Public toilets are located in Castle Street Car Park, Smithfield Car Park, the Linney Riverside Park and Henley Road Cemetery. These facilities are maintained by the Town Council. Any problems should be reported – please phone 01584 871970.

## We Want Your Contributions and Views

Throughout the year Ludlow Town Council helps to put on many events for the residents of Ludlow, such as Christmas Lights Switch-on, Senior Citizen's Christmas Party and Mayor's Sunday. We would like your opinions on such events as well as many other items affecting Ludlow. To see what matter we are currently consulting on please visit our website at [www.ludlow.gov.uk](http://www.ludlow.gov.uk) and then follow the links for Consultation.

### Senior Citizens Christmas Party



The Seniors Christmas Party was hosted by Ludlow College in 2012

If you took part in any events and festivals and have any photographs or any stories you wish to share please send them in to the Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow, SY8 1AZ. or email them to [assistant@ludlow.gov.uk](mailto:assistant@ludlow.gov.uk)

### Christmas Lights Switch-on and Medieval Market



For more information please visit the Ludlow Town Council Website

## Newsletter Name Change - We want your views

Ludlow Town Council is considering a new name for the Buttercross Bulletin. As the Council is no longer based in the Buttercross, but in the Guildhall we thought it was time to change the name of the newsletter. Please send us your suggestions to [assistant@ludlow.gov.uk](mailto:assistant@ludlow.gov.uk). The three names we are considering are:

[Guildhall Gazette Free Newsletter](#)

[Ludlow Views Free Newsletter](#)

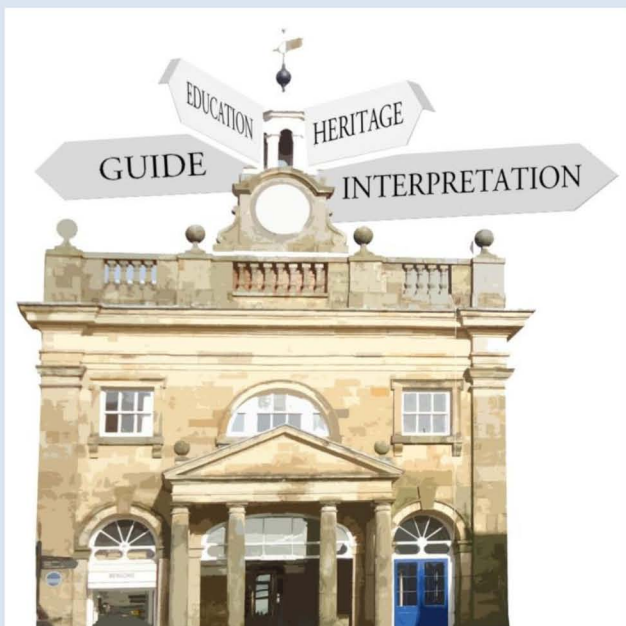
[Town Talk Free Newsletter](#)

Download a consultation form at [www.ludlow.gov.uk](http://www.ludlow.gov.uk)



# Projects

## The Buttercross Interpretation Centre



The Buttercross is an iconic building in Ludlow and close to Ludlow Castle, the historic market square, St Laurence's Church, Ludlow College and the Guildhall. It is ideally situated to sign post heritage routes and other heritage venues in Ludlow.

£120,000 Market Town Revitalisation Funding from Shropshire Council together with further funding from the Town Council will help to create the heritage interpretation centre and bring the Buttercross off the English Heritage 'building at risk' register.

Tourism is very important in Ludlow and the Buttercross Interpretation Centre will help to further develop the heritage brand. The Buttercross will enhance heritage education and learning through exciting interpretation displays. Visitors will glimpse behind the historic façade of buildings as computer generated imagery peels back time to reveal Ludlow's historic layers.

Work Began at the end of March more information available on [www.ludlow.gov.uk](http://www.ludlow.gov.uk).



View down King Street towards



View of Broad Street taken from the top of the Buttercross



View of Ceiling repair work already began

## Ludlow Boxing Club

Work is well underway on the new Boxing Club at Wheeler Road and is progressing well, despite the adverse weather of 2012 and winter conditions. The outer skin of the building is almost weather tight with just the external doors needed to be fitted.

Much of the internal work is still needed, the skeleton is in place, however plasterwork, doors and ceilings need to be installed. Further information is available at: [www.ludlow.gov.uk](http://www.ludlow.gov.uk)

Boxing events used to take place in the old Town Hall and the team would be very interested to hear from anyone who remembers this or has any photographs to be put in the next edition.



Interior Photo of the main room

A lot of work is still needed to complete this community project. Funds are very low and more is needed in order for it to be completed. If you are willing to make a donation some money to complete the project please contact Flo Hadley at: [flo.hadley@btinternet.com](mailto:flo.hadley@btinternet.com)

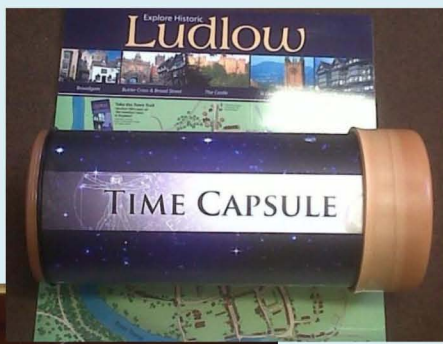


Old Town Hall



Exterior photo of the boxing club on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2013





## Time Capsule

Last year we invited members of the public and groups to donate items to be placed in the time capsule.

Thanks goes out to Ludlow Historical Society, Dinham Millennium Green, Ludlow Infant School, Ludlow Festival, Ludlow Civic Society, Ludlow Church of England, Chamber of Trade of Commerce, Ludlow Food Festival, Teme Weirs Trust, Queen's Diamond Jubilee Committee, Friends of Whitcliffe Common, Ludlow Rugby Football Club, South Shropshire Furniture Scheme and Major Adrian Coles – Alderman of Ludlow and others for all the items that have been contributed for the Time Capsule.

The items were on display at the Annual Town Residents Meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> April where it was officially closed. A small ceremony took place when the capsule was placed in the bell tower of the Buttercross to be re-opened in 50 years.

## Cycle Routes in and around Ludlow

Shropshire Council has produced leaflets on the cycle routes in and around Ludlow, there are many to choose from. Why not try Lady Halton Route which is a family circular route starting at the Linney and incorporating Mortimer Forest, owned by the Forestry Commission? For those wishing a longer journey the Orchard Rise Route, which takes in the neighbouring Market Town of Tenbury Wells, as well as Little Hereford and Caynham. Or join the Food Chain 35mile cycle ride 10am – 5pm on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July starting at Castle Square. For more information please visit: <http://travelshropshire.co.uk/cycle/events/the-food-chain-ride.aspx>

A leaflet is available from the Visitor Information Centre at Castle Square, or visit <http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/cycling.nsf/open/F9AC666532BB0BDC80257539003EF4EA>

For downloadable leaflets and more information.



**Shropshire Council**

**Spring into Cycling**  
March and April 2013

Two months of FREE cycling activities to help you get back on your bike this spring.

**Bicycle maintenance courses**

**Cycling giveaways & competitions**

**Cycle confident courses for adults, families & young children**

**Guided social cycle rides**

**Easter holiday fun**

01743 253008  
[www.travelshropshire.co.uk/spring](http://www.travelshropshire.co.uk/spring)

## From The Show Time Stadium

On July 27th we are holding the first of our Elite Coaching academy events and we have the legendary Neville Southall appearing in our first one, with many more former and current professional footballers to follow.

Neville will coach local boys and girls of all ages and abilities on all aspects of football and this will prove to be highly enjoyable for all those that attend, however places are strictly limited.

For the less energetic Neville will be in the clubhouse later to attend a Q+A session during the evening. Again, this will be a great opportunity to hear funny and entertaining stories from his illustrious career and there will be a memorabilia auction and pig roast included in this exciting night.



Tickets and further information are available via [www.ludlowfc.com](http://www.ludlowfc.com) or by contacting Vicky on 07816 271537.

[7]

## We Want Your Help

Throughout the year Ludlow Town Council hold consultation exercises to find out what local residents really think of what they are proposing to do. To keep up to date with items where your views are really needed visit the consultation section on the Ludlow Town Council website.

**Henley Road Cemetery Signage Consultation**

We would like to help visitors to locate relative's graves and other facilities in the cemetery.

Ludlow Town Council would like to erect two A1 interpretation boards (locations indicated on map below).

We want your views and opinions on this matter. Thank you

Please return your comments to:  
The Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow, SY8 1AZ  
Or Email: [assistant@ludlow.gov.uk](mailto:assistant@ludlow.gov.uk)  
Or Phone: 01584 871 870

Q: Would an interpretation board about the cemetery be useful to you? Y / N  
Consultation Deadline on the 10/09/2013

**Would You Prefer:**

**Type 1**  
A wooden framed, lacquer style information board.

**Type 2**  
A metal framed silver style information board with 4 legs.

Please send all comments to the Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow, SY8 1AZ or email: [assistant@ludlow.gov.uk](mailto:assistant@ludlow.gov.uk)



# Contacting Your Councillor

## Mayor

Councillor J M Smithers  
**Whitcliffe Ward**  
 3 Guy Thornycroft Court  
 Tollgate Road  
 LUDLOW SY8 1TL  
 01584 873 049

## Deputy Mayor

Councillor P Draper  
**Rockspring Ward**  
 112 Dahn Drive  
 LUDLOW SY8 1XS  
 07977 270 895

Councillor A Cobley  
**Gallows Bank Ward**  
 Ailsa Craig,  
 St Julian's Avenue,  
 LUDLOW, SY8 1ET  
 acobley@thecobweb.net

Councillor G Ginger  
**Corve Ward**  
 5 Corve Street,  
 LUDLOW, SY8 1DA  
 01584 876 939

Councillor N Holcombe  
**Gallows Bank Ward**  
 41 Gravel Hill,  
 LUDLOW, SY8 1QR  
 01584 876 955

Councillor R Jones  
**Bringewood Ward**  
 6 Guy Thornycroft Court,  
 LUDLOW, SY8 1TL  
 01584 875 814  
 07807 551 017

Councillor P Kemp  
**Bringewood Ward**  
 The Rose and Crown,  
 8 Church Street,  
 LUDLOW, SY8 1AP  
 01584 872 098

Councillor D Lyle  
**Rockspring Ward**  
 TY Bach,  
 62 Sidney Road,  
 LUDLOW, SY8 1SH  
 01584 876 854

Councillor T Mold  
**Hayton Ward**  
 1 Quality Square,  
 LUDLOW, SY8 1AR  
 01584 873 201

Councillor J Newbold  
**Hayton Ward**  
 3 Teme Avenue  
 LUDLOW SY8 1NY  
 01584 876 400

Councillor V Parry  
**Corve Ward**  
 31 Clifton Villas,  
 Temeside  
 LUDLOW SY8 1PA  
 01854 873 604

Councillor G Perks  
**Gallows Bank Ward**  
 20 Honey Meadow  
 LUDLOW SY8 1TG  
 01584 878 202  
 07977 892 097

Councillor P Toop  
**Whitcliffe Ward**  
 Lochiel  
 15 Temeside Estate  
 Ludlow SY8 1JR  
 01584 875 064

Vacancy Available  
**Clee View Ward**

Vacancy Available  
**Clee View Ward**





**For a list of all the former Mayors please visit our website and click on the tab for Mayor's of Ludlow:**

Website [www.ludlow.gov.uk](http://www.ludlow.gov.uk)



COMMITTEE	MONTH	TIME
Services	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	7pm
Policy & Finance	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	7pm
Representational	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	7pm
Representational	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	7pm
Full Council	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	7pm

For more news and information:  
[www.ludlow.gov.uk](http://www.ludlow.gov.uk)

For Ludlow Market: [www.ludlowmarket.co.uk](http://www.ludlowmarket.co.uk)

**Ludlow Town Council, The Guildhall,  
 Mill Street, Ludlow SY8 1AZ  
 Tel: 01584 871970  
 Email: [townclerk@ludlow.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@ludlow.gov.uk)**

