

**WINTER ISSUE 2024****Mayor of Ludlow Councillor Beverley Waite**

BUTTERCROSS BULLETIN



WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR OF LUDLOW

Welcome to the Winter Edition of the Buttercross Bulletin. It has been a pleasure to serve the Town of Ludlow since May this year. I have been lucky enough to be part of many events this year including events for my Mayor's Charities Working Together Ludlow and Midlands Air Ambulance. A big thank you to all of the businesses and individuals who have donated to the events and come along to support these important causes. Wishing you all a lovely Christmas and a happy and healthy 2025.

A NOTE FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Gina Wilding

The Council is planning the budget for next year, which means balancing provisions to manage future uncertainty with the necessity of frugality in difficult times. It is a busy period. Autumn and the festive season are a lovely time of year – full of events, some reflective and poignant such as Remembrance Sunday, and also a time for supporting the town in spreading festive cheer with Christmas lights, Ludlow Winter Festival, the Seniors Christmas party, and markets throughout the month of December.



A NOTE FROM THE DLF SUPERVISOR

Mark Hilton

Our DLF team have worked and continue to work hard over the winter period. Despite the adverse weather conditions our team braved the snow and rain to ensure that all Christmas lights in Ludlow were installed in time for Ludlow Winter Festival. Thank you to the public for their support whilst carrying out these jobs.



As 2024 comes to a close, we are saying Happy Retirement to one of our DLF staff members Rob, we wish him the best of luck for the future. We would also like to give a warm welcome to our new member of staff Aidan who joins us in December. The DLF remain a team of five and we look forward to serving the community in 2025.

A NOTE FROM THE MARKET OFFICER

Tony Caton

We have some wonderful festive markets in December including our Christmas Eve Market where we will be hosting our best dressed trader competition. If you can, please shop local and support our group of traders. Our seasonal trails have been a huge success and we can't wait to bring 'Market Explorers' back for February half term. We're always looking for new traders, if you fancy turning your hobby into a business why not try out on Ludlow Market. Contact me on Tony.Caton@ludlow.gov.uk to discuss. Wishing our traders a Happy New Year!



ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS BATHING WATER STATUS

The River Teme in Ludlow has recently been given Bathing Water Status by Defra. The bathing river area stretches from the Linney boating pontoon just over 200m downstream to the Ludlow Mill beach, just upstream of Dinham bridge. This stretch of river crosses the Ludford Mill Weir. Access to the swimming area is via the Ludlow Mill beach.

In addition a brand-new ladder has been installed at the Linney, providing a much safer and more convenient way for swimmers to access the water. This upgrade is designed with safety in mind, ensuring a secure entry and exit point for everyone enjoying the river.

* People are advised to check the most up to date water quality information before deciding to swim or use the river. For more information, head to www.ludlow.gov.uk/visit-ludlow/river-teme-ludlow

THE LATEST FROM LTC

Grants to Local Organisations

Directly funding the work of local organisations is part of the Town Council's support for the local community.

In 2024 / 25, the Town Council has awarded Core Grants of £9,800 to Shropshire Youth Association, Youth Forum, Ludlow Piano Festival, Ludlow Town Band, Ludlow Town Colts Football Club and Ludlow in Bloom. Project Support Grants totalling £1,820 have been awarded to Ludlow Assembly Rooms in support of children's book authors visiting St Laurence's Primary School, Clee View Primary School, and Ludlow School during a local literary festival; and free children's places for the Rajasthani Circus.

In 2025 / 26, the Town Council has awarded Core Grants with a combined value of over £13,000.00 to support Ludlow Town Concert Band, Ludlow Piano Festival, Ludlow Hockey Club, Ludlow Assembly Rooms, and Ludlow Visitor Information Centre.

The Town Council is also able to work with Shropshire Council to bring additional funding into the town. A £15,000.00 Shaping Places for Healthier Lives project grant has been awarded to support Ludlow Town Council, Hands Together Ludlow, Ludlow Food Bank and Ludlow Foyer working together to increase access to sufficient good food, building skills and providing support for people experiencing food insecurity.

Budget Consultation for budget setting in 2025 / 26

The Council's local services and activities are guided by the Council's vision and aims and objectives. For Ludlow to be a successful and vibrant town, where people want to live, work, and visit.

In 2024 / 25, Ludlow Town Council has delivered local services, undertaking projects and partnership working in support of the community of Ludlow. There have been

highlights and challenges including:

- Working with Ludlow Castle and Ludlow Chamber of Trade to deliver a successful D-Day Celebration hosted by Ludlow Castle in June.
- A new bus shelter will be installed on Tollgate Road.
- Installation of Christmas lights in Parkway by the library. Annually, the Town Council's workforce put up the town lights and motifs in Tower Street, Rickards Passage, Corve Street, Bull Ring, King Street, High Street, top of Broad Street, Quality Square, Market Square, Events Square, and Castle Gardens.
- A section of the river Teme from the Linney jetty to the Millennium Green has been designated an area for monitoring Ludlow's bathing water.
- Working in collaboration with many other local community organisations to deliver a successful Ludlow Winter Festival in November 2024.
- A public consultation on the options to replace the damaged play equipment has been undertaken at Houseman Crescent. Option 4 received the most support from the public and will be installed.
- Ludlow Town Council was very disappointed that Shropshire Council decided not to merge Ludford into Ludlow because unity is a strength in times of trouble.
- Ludlow Town Council is concerned about the impact of Shropshire Council's budget deficit, but there is no information about the impacts on Ludlow available at present.

The final budget and precept figures will be agreed by Full Council in January 2025. The initial estimate is an annual increase of between £13.80 to £23.20 per household, although everything possible will be done to reduce this figure.

Find out more about Town Council local services at www.ludlow.gov.uk

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Full Council - 7pm

9th December

20th January

Policy & Finance - 7pm

13th January

24th February

Representational Committee - 7pm

17th December

14th January

11th February

Services - 7pm

8th January

19th February

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

LUDLOW MUSEUM NEWS

We Will Remember Them: Remembering The Fallen Exhibit

Ludlow Museum's new exhibit honours the fallen of World War I. The exhibit features a moving collection from Frank Cowen, a stretcher bearer in the Royal Army Medical Corps, offering a glimpse into the courage and compassion of those who served.

November - January 2025

Half-Term Valentine's Trail at Ludlow Museum

Feel the love at Ludlow Museum and enjoy our FREE Valentine's Trail.

14th - 16th Feb, 21st - 23rd Feb

Open Fri - Sun and Bank Holiday's, 10am - 4pm. £1.20 entry, Under 16's are free!