

# SPRING ISSUE 2026

# BUTTERCROSS BULLETIN

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## WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR OF LUDLOW

Welcome to the Spring Edition of the Buttercross Bulletin.

As we step into a new season, I want to say it's a privilege to serve the Town of Ludlow, and I've thoroughly enjoyed being part of so many community events over the past months, especially those supporting my Mayor's Charity, Working Together Ludlow.

Thank you to all who have shown support — your kindness makes a real difference.



### 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 2025: A Year of Progress

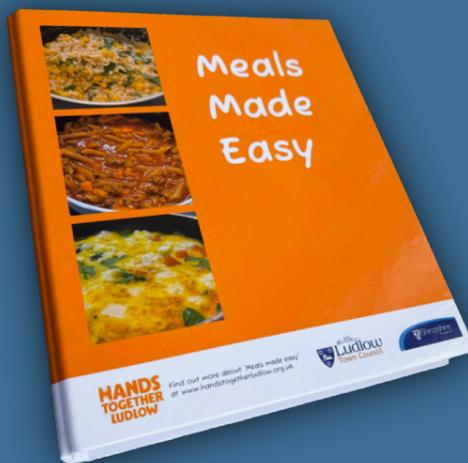
Ludlow Town Council's achievements in 2025 reflect a shared commitment to safety, community support, and continual improvement. Each project has been shaped by collaboration, care, and the belief that small changes can make a meaningful difference to daily life in our town.

## A Refreshed Mill Street Bus Shelter

The Mill Street bus shelter has been fully refurbished, offering a cleaner, safer, and more welcoming space for passengers. It's a small but important improvement for those who rely on public transport.

## Strengthening Food Resilience

In partnership with Hands Together Ludlow and Shropshire Council, we've supported a food resilience project designed to help local people access nutritious food and build long-term community support networks.



## Supporting Ludlow Market

Our market traders are at the heart of Ludlow's identity. We invested in infrastructure improvements and a new website to support Traders and enhance the visitor experience.

## Clearer Sound and Comfort at Council Meetings

A new audio system has been installed in the Guildhall, improving sound quality and ensuring that Council meetings are more accessible and easier for everyone to follow. A new heating system has also been introduced, enhancing comfort for all who use the building.

## Caring for Our Green Space

Volunteers have played a vital role in improving the ecology and environment at Henley Road Cemetery and St John's Gardens. Their dedication has helped protect wildlife, enhance biodiversity, and maintain these peaceful community spaces.

## A Community Poppy Waterfall

One of the year's most moving achievements was the creation of the poppy waterfall — a collaborative project involving local children and community groups. This beautiful installation stood as a symbol of respect and remembrance, and a testament to what we can achieve when we work together.

## A NOTE FROM THE TOWN CLERK

**Gina Wilding**



As the first signs of spring appear—the delicate yet resilient crocus and snowdrops—we're reminded how much brighter things feel when we move forward. These small moments lift our spirits and inspire hope for what lies ahead. Alongside you, we're shaping our local services, activities, and events for 2026, preparing thoughtfully for both opportunities and challenges. Your voice matters—please share your views in our *Shaping Our Future Together* survey and help guide what comes next.

## A NOTE FROM THE MARKET OFFICER

**Tony Caton**



Spring is a brilliant time to rediscover Ludlow Market. Our traders bring fresh energy, new produce and plenty of friendly chatter as the town comes alive again. If you've ever wondered what it's like on the other side of a stall, why not give it a try this season?

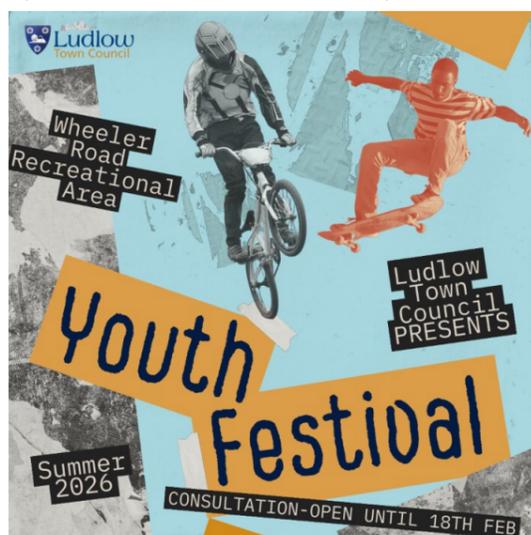
# LOOKING AFTER LUDLOW'S FUTURE: Latest Updates

## Shaping Our Future Together: Have Your Say

This is an important moment for Ludlow Town Council as we look ahead to 2026. Our new positioning message, *Looking after Ludlow's Future*, reflects our commitment to thoughtful stewardship — and that begins with listening. This spring, we're inviting everyone to take part in the *Shaping Our Future Together* survey, included in the March edition of *Local Ludlow*. The survey asks for your views on local services and your thoughts on any additional services the Council may be asked to support in the future. From Ludlow's market and green spaces to community and civic events, you can help us understand what matters most. Every response strengthens our ability to plan responsibly and creatively, so it's important we hear from as many residents as possible. Please complete the survey before 31st March and help ensure Ludlow remains cared for, connected, and ready for the future.

## Consultation on Youth Festival

The Town Council are inviting residents, young people, and community groups to share views on a proposed Summer Youth Festival at Wheeler Road recreational area. Your feedback helps identify the activities and themes that matter most, shaping plans for an inclusive event celebrating local talent and supporting youth wellbeing. Please feed back by 26th March- responses will go to the Services Committee, then to Planning, where it will help guide how this new festival will develop for the community.



## Ludlow Market Launches New Website

Ludlow Market is proud to launch its brand-new website, bringing the heart of the market even closer to residents and visitors.



The refreshed design makes it easier than ever to explore our traders, discover upcoming markets, and plan your visit. With clearer navigation, and vibrant imagery, the site celebrates everything that makes Ludlow Market special — a fresh digital home for a much-loved local institution.

A new self-serve booking system also means traders can now secure their place at our Specialist Markets more easily, offering a quicker and more convenient way to get involved- visit [ludlowmarket.co.uk](http://ludlowmarket.co.uk)

## Green Shoots - Spring and Beyond

As spring approaches, Ludlow's green spaces are already benefiting from community care. New hedgerow planting at Weyman Road will bring fresh life to the green and create valuable wildlife habitats. Following recent consultation, a new community orchard will also be established there later this year. With *No Mow May* later in Spring, some areas may look a little *wilder*, but this pause in mowing gives pollinators a vital boost. Volunteer-supported projects are gearing up for a busy season too. The Henley Road Helpers will soon resume their work at the cemetery, and the Pride of Place litter pickers continue their monthly efforts to keep our streets clean. It's a great moment to celebrate the volunteers whose efforts help Ludlow's natural spaces flourish. Thank you volunteers!

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# COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Full Council - 7pm**

Monday 9th March | Monday 20th April

**Policy & Finance - 7pm**

Monday 2nd March | Monday 13th April

**Representational Committee - 7pm**

Tuesday 24th March | Tuesday 21st April |

Tuesday 19th May

**Services - 7pm**

Wednesday 8th April

**Annual Meeting - 7pm**

Wednesday 13th May

**Annual Town Residents Meeting - 7pm**

Monday 1st June - Ludlow Methodist Church

*All committee meetings are held at the Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow SY8 1AZ.*

*Meetings are open to the public to attend and speak.*

# LUDLOW MUSEUM NEWS

## Love, Art and Siluria: The Elizabeth Jane Woodhouse Lewis Exhibition

Explore the life of a pioneering Victorian artist and historian, whose artwork preserved the changing landscapes of South Shropshire.

**February–April 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:** 1st & 15th March, 5th & 19th April, 17th May

**Craft & Country Market, Sundays:** 8th & 29th March, 12th & 26th April, 24th & 31st May

**Local Producers Market, Thursdays:** 12th & 26th March, 9th & 23rd April, 14th & 28th May

**Food & Craft Market, Thursdays:** 2nd & 16th April, 7th & 21st May

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