

Ludlow Town Council FREE Buttercross Bulletin



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-INSIDE LUDLOW CASTLE-

BEER & BEYOND!

BRING ALONG AT THE WEEKEND & GET £2 OFF
FULL PAYING ADULT ADMISSION, SATURDAY
OR SUNDAY (NO PHOTOCOPIES ACCEPTED)

LUDLOW & THE WELSH MARCHES





Welcome from the Mayor, Councillor Tim Gill

The future prosperity of Ludlow remains a very real concern of the Town Council.



At a time when high streets across the country are under pressure, the resilience of our town centre economy which, in past years has bucked the trend of gradual decline and remained vibrant, is being sorely tested due to the ridiculous hike in on street parking and the virtual abolition of pop and shop by Shropshire Council.

Their policy and actions fly in the face of central Government urging to reduce the cost of parking in the high street to help stop the decline.

Ludlow Town Council is sending a questionnaire to all Town Centre shops to get hard evidence on the impact of the charges on their businesses and their customers for the reviews by Shropshire Council to be held in May and November

A number of the Town Councils projects are progressing well.

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Ludlow Calendar of Events 2019 Out Now! Find out what's on in Ludlow during 2019. Pick up your free copy from Ludlow Town Council, The Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow or look online at www.ludlow.gov.uk

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The much needed refurbishment of the Linney Riverside Park toilets will start shortly, and the updating of the CCTV to a wireless system is in the final planning stages.

In the next financial year, the Town Council will fund the erection of a bus shelter in Corve Street, and make much needed changes to the Guildhall Chamber to improve public access to meetings and install a hearing loop. More details of upcoming projects are below.





F Budget & Precept Update

The Mayor of Ludlow has announced there will be no increase in Council Tax from Ludlow Town Council. who have agreed their budget for 2019/2020 and their element of the Band D Council Tax bill will remain the same

From April, Ludlow Town Council have set a budget that will enable us to achieve four short term projects for the town: To install a Bus Shelter on Corve Street, refurbish the Linney toilets. refurbish the exterior of Smithfield Car Park toilets, and make changes to the Guildhall Chamber to better facilitate public access to meetings and install a hearing loop.

In addition, we will also spend £40,000 on preliminary works to progress the longer term Town Walls project at the Garden of Rest.

The budget provides over £30,000 of grant funding. There is also £4,000 available for applications for Small Project Funding for grants up to £300 which are accepted throughout the year. Our core work is local services, which the budget will fund. For a full list of these services please visit our website www.ludlow.gov.uk

To apply for a Project Support Grant, or find out about any of the local services run by Ludlow Town Council, please call 01584 871970 or visit www.ludlow.gov.uk

Linney Toilets

Following the advertisement for tenders, and a local contractor being selected by the Council, works to upgrade the public toilet facilities at the Linnev Riverside Park will happen this year.

The refurbishment is hopefully the beginning of a longer project to improve the facilities at the Linney.

It is anticipated that works will begin in March, and be completed by July 2019.



Parking Survey

Ludlow Town Council have put in place a timeline of actions to respond to Shropshire Council's change to parking in Ludlow. Shropshire Council's focus has been on parking revenue and reducing costs by streamlining their admin process across the whole county. Our concern is the negative impact on our town.

Our timeline of action is below:

Survey release/distribution date: 11 March

Survey collection date: 11 April

Collation of data & report: 15th April – 1 May Date ready for Shropshire Council: 1 May



Markets

Ludlow's outdoor Department Store



The **Best** Market is here in **Ludlow**

Every

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday Specialist Markets Most Thursdays and Sundays

Regular Markets are held on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Specialist Markets will also be held as follows:

Mothers Day Market—Sun 31th March Made in Shropshire—Sat 6th April Antiques Market—Sun 7th April Local to Ludlow—Thurs 11th April Garden Fair—Sun 14th April Food & Craft—Thurs 18th April Antiques Market—Sun 21st April Local to Ludlow—Thurs 25th April Craft & Country—Sun 28th April Local to Ludlow—Thurs 9th May Food & Craft—Thurs 16th May Antiques Market—Sun 19th May Local to Ludlow—Thurs 23rd May Garden Fair—Sun 26th May Made in Shropshire—Sat 1st June Antiques Market—Sun 2nd June Food & Craft—Thurs 6th June Book & Craft—Sun 9th June Local to Ludlow—Thurs 13th June Antiques Market—Sun 16th June Garden Fair—Sun 23rd June Local to Ludlow—Thurs 27th June Summer Market—Sun 30th June Food & Craft—Thurs 4th July Made in Shropshire—6th July

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Meetings

Annual Residents Meeting-29th April 2019-7pm—Rockspring Centre

Representational Committee —1st May 2019—7pm—Guildhall

Annual Meeting-Wednesday 8th May 2019-7pm—Guildhall

Mayor Making—Wednesday 22nd May 2019-7pm-Methodist Church

Representational Committee—29th May 2019—7pm—Guildhall

Services Committee—3rd June 2019—7pm—Guildhall

Policy & Finance Committee—10th June 2019—7pm—Guildhall

Full Council Committee—17th June 2019—7pm—Guildhall

Mayors Sunday—-23rd June 2019-11am - St Laurence Church

Representational Committee—26th June 2019—7pm—Guildhall