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# TALK *of the* TOWN



*'Helping make Dunstable a Better Place'*

Issue 68 May 2015

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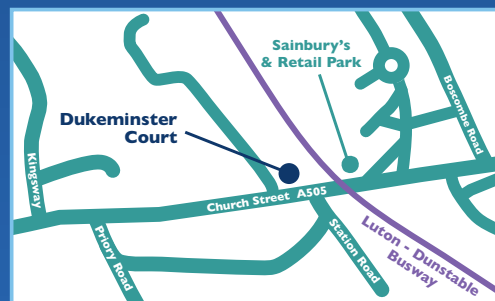
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For more information on any of our homes or the care services we provide, contact us on: 01707 393293







# Welcome

## David Ashlee

Town Clerk and Chief Executive

Welcome to the summer edition of Talk of the Town. This is always an exciting time for the Council as we launch our 2015 events programme. This year's programme looks set to be just as impressive as last year and we are all hoping for a summer of fine weather so that as many residents as possible can fully enjoy the wide range of events and attractions organised by the Council.

This is also an important time of year for the Council itself. 2015 is an election year, and whilst at the time of writing this introduction the outcome of the local elections is unknown, I am expecting a number of new faces on the Council, so maybe interesting times ahead!

The new Council will quickly come to realise that the Council does many wonderful things for the people of Dunstable and it was fantastic to finally launch the new Grove Skate Park in March. 100's of people attended the event and the Skate Park is proving to be very popular with (mostly) younger residents and visitors to the town.

Visitors to Creasey Park Community Football Centre have also been enjoying the brand new car park, which has greatly enhanced this already popular facility in the town.

The new car park and Skate Park are just two examples of how the Town Council is making Dunstable a better place. These two new developments represent nearly £500,000 of investment in the town and will hopefully build upon wider investments being made in and around Dunstable that will surely have a positive impact on the town in the years to come.

This edition of Talk of the Town also has our second feature on local traders, this time in Ashton Square. I would encourage everyone to use the town centre to 'shop local' and especially use Dunstable Market as we are trying really hard to develop the Market and attract new traders.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Talk of the Town and please feel free to comment on any of the Council's services using the comment form at the back of this edition or by visiting our website [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk) or following us on Twitter and Facebook. Happy reading!

*David Ashlee*  
Dunstable Town Clerk and Chief Executive



# Business Matters

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## Council and Committee Meetings

Copies of the agendas for all meetings are available for inspection 3 days beforehand at Grove House, Priory House (Tourist Information Centre) and Dunstable Library or via the Council's website [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk). All meetings commence at 7.00 pm and are held at Grove House, 76 High Street North, Dunstable unless otherwise stated, and all are open to the public. Members of the public are welcome to ask questions about matters being considered at the meetings. Advance notice is required by the previous working day and further information is available from the Council's Head of Finance and Support Services at [rosemary.osullivan@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:rosemary.osullivan@dunstable.gov.uk).

Forthcoming meeting dates are listed below:

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| <b>01/06/2015</b> Community Services Committee               | <b>23/07/2015</b> Accts Sub-Committee <i>5.30 pm</i><br>Personnel Sub Committee <i>7.00 pm</i> |
| <b>08/06/2015</b> Grounds & Environmental Services Committee | <b>11/08/2015</b> Plans Sub-Committee  |
| <b>09/06/2015</b> Plans Sub-Committee                        | <b>20/08/2015</b> Accts Sub-Committee <i>5.30 pm</i>   |
| <b>15/06/2015</b> Finance & General Purposes Committee       | <b>01/09/2015</b> Plans Sub-Committee  |
| <b>18/06/2015</b> Accts Sub-Committee <i>5.30 pm</i>         | <b>07/09/2015</b> Community Services Committee   |
| <b>25/06/2015</b> Dunstable Joint Committee (Watling House)  | <b>14/09/2015</b> Grounds & Environmental Services Committee                                   |
| <b>29/06/2015</b> COUNCIL                                    | <b>21/09/2015</b> Finance & General Purposes Committee   |
| <b>30/06/2015</b> Plans Sub-Committee                        | <b>22/09/2015</b> Plans Sub-Committee  |
| <b>21/07/2015</b> Plans Sub-Committee                        | <b>24/09/2015</b> Accts Sub-Committee <i>5.30 pm</i>   |

# NOTICEBOARD

## COME n GROW



First Saturday of every month  
11.00 am to 1.00 pm

Katherine Drive, Dunstable LU5 4NP

Details of each month's action plan will be published on Incredible Edible Dunstable's event page on Facebook nearer the time. We hope you can join the fun! Next dates are 6 June, 4 July, 1 August and 5 September.

For more info email [incredibleedible395@gmail.com](mailto:incredibleedible395@gmail.com) call 07905 116623 or find us on Facebook:

'Incredible Edible Dunstable'

## Contact Your Town Council

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76 High Street North  
Dunstable  
Bedfordshire  
LU6 1NF

### Telephone

01582 513000

### Fax

01582 890606

### Email

[info@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:info@dunstable.gov.uk)

### Website

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

### Opening Hours

9.00 am to 5.00 pm  
Monday to Friday



Visit the Dunstable Town Council website using your smartphone. Simply download a 2D barcode reading app and hover your phone over the pattern to the left.

## Dunstable Front Garden Competition 2015

The Best Front Garden competition is back again in 2015. Judging will take place from mid-July onwards and the closing date for entries is Friday 10 July 2015.

To enter please return the feedback slip at the back of Talk of The Town or email [john.crawley@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:john.crawley@dunstable.gov.uk). Please provide your name, address, telephone number and email address.

**Dunstable Concert Ensemble are looking for new players, in particular a violinist and flutist. Rehearsals are every Tuesday 7:30 to 9:30 pm. If you are interest or for more information please contact Phil on 01582 699033**

## Social Media Links

You can follow Dunstable Town Council on Twitter and Facebook using the details below:

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[@dunstableevents](https://twitter.com/dunstableevents)

[@dunstabletown](https://twitter.com/dunstabletown)

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[@prioryhouse](https://twitter.com/prioryhouse)

## Creasey Kickz Football Parties

at Creasey Park Community Football Centre

For a fantastic children's party, why not book a Creasey Kickz event? We do everything for you including:

- Party invitations
- One hour football activity
- One hour in a private party room
- Party food from selected menu
- £100 for the first 10 children
- £5 per extra child

For more information:

Email: [cpcfc@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:cpcfc@dunstable.gov.uk)

Phone: 01582 891433

Twitter: [@creaseypark](https://twitter.com/creaseypark)



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# DESTINATION DUNSTABLE

Keeping you abreast of town centre news, initiatives and developments



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## Ashton Square, Dunstable Market & Middle Row

The Ashton Square area is home to the traditional, historic, outdoor general market that takes place every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, throughout the year. Sandwiched between High Street South and Ashton Square is the terrace of buildings known as Middle Row. These permanent workshops, erected during the 16th century, replaced portable market stalls, which originally stood in their place, when Henry I founded Dunstable as a market town. These buildings are currently home to a selection of specialist individual retailers where you can find something that little bit different.

### Ashton SQUARE Business Directory

#### Travel Choices Hub

1 Ashton Square | 07826 897319  
siobhan.mcswiggan@sustrans.org.uk  
cbtravelchoices.co.uk

Travel Choices Hub is a one-stop-shop for the local community. Friendly advisers can help you to plan journeys and show you all the choices available to help you save time and money. FREE walking, cycling maps and bus timetables available. Information on the bike loan scheme, health walks, group rides, cycle training and bike mechanic workshops.

Monday & Sunday - CLOSED  
Tuesday to Friday - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Saturday - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

#### Dunstable Eye Centre

5 Ashton Square | 01582 608449  
Decopticians@gmail.com  
www.dunstableeyecentre.co.uk

NHS and Private Eye Tests. Diabetic and Glaucoma Checks. Macula Degeneration Screening. Digital Retinal Imaging. Dry Eye Clinic. Dyslexia Clinic and Colorimetry.

Monday to Friday - 9:15 am to 5:30 pm  
Saturday - 9:15 am to 4:00 pm  
Sunday - CLOSED

#### Keech Hospice

9 Ashton Square | www.keech.org.uk

A charity shop for Keech Hospice that deals with palliative care for adults and children from Beds, Herts and Milton Keynes area. 100% of profits go to Keech Hospice Care.

Monday to Saturday - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Sunday - CLOSED

#### Dunstable Furniture and Carpets

11 Ashton Square | 01582 477900  
dunstablefurniture@yahoo.co.uk

A home furniture retailer and provide an exciting range of furniture. Custom-made furniture and sofa suites, carpet, laminate and vinyl flooring. Free measurement. Free delivery in Dunstable and Luton.

Monday to Saturday - 10:00 am to 5:30 pm  
Sunday - CLOSED

#### Lisa Roberts Catering

13 Ashton Square | 07702 163770  
01582 476697 (shop)  
info@lisarobertscatering.co.uk  
www.lisarobertscatering.co.uk

All food is made to high standards with high-quality ingredients that are made the same day it will be served. Quality service within a 25-mile radius from Ashton Square, offering personal tastings and one to one consultations for weddings, funerals and corporate events.

Lisa Roberts Catering is one of the newest additions to Ashton Square, based at number 13. To find out more you can read a full interview with Lisa and Lee on our website at <http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/meet-a-business-owner-in-ashton-square.htm>

#### Martin McColl

17 Ashton Square | 01582 696493  
www.martinmccoll.co.uk

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Monday to Saturday - 7:30 am to 5:30 pm  
Sunday - 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

#### Latte Heaven

20 High Street South | 01582 666550  
Contactus@latteheaven.co.uk  
www.latteheaven.co.uk

A locally owned and run independent coffee shop and craft bakery established in 2005. Offering a full range of teas, coffees, smoothies and frappes along with a wide range of made in store sweet and savoury items all available to eat in or take away. Follow us on Facebook.

Monday to Saturday - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Sunday - CLOSED



#### The Cake House

22 High Street South | 01582 478478  
dunstablecakehouse@hotmail.co.uk  
www.dunstablecakehouse.co.uk

Cake makers and decorators. Sugar craft suppliers. Cakes made to order for all occasions: birthdays, weddings, christenings etc. Workshops, classes and cupcake parties.

Monday & Sunday - CLOSED  
Tuesday to Saturday - 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

#### Elaine Sullivan Child – Hair and Beauty

24 High Street South | 01582 665510  
www.elainesullivanchild.co.uk  
elainesullivanchild@btconnect.com

Hairdressers and beauty therapies.

Monday & Sunday - CLOSED  
Tuesday - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Wednesday - 9:00 am to 5:30 pm  
Thursday - 10:00 am to 8:00 pm  
Friday - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Saturday - 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

#### Craftsman

28 Ashton Square | 01582 663944  
John.boyle48@btinternet.com

Shoe repairers, zips, bag repairs. key cutting, engraving and trophies.

Monday to Saturday - 9:30 am to 5:00 pm  
Sunday - CLOSED

#### Nifty's Tattoo Studio

36 High Street South | 01582 477328  
info@niftystattooostudio.co.uk  
www.niftystattooostudio.co.uk

Tattoo and art studio.

Monday - 10:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Tuesday to Saturday - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Sunday - CLOSED

#### Four Seasons Drycleaners

34 High Street South | 01582 699 860

Specialist dry cleaners of fine garments, same day dry cleaning, 2 hour express dry cleaning, expert repairs and alterations service at reasonable prices. Complete cleaners of wedding gowns, upholstery covers, curtains, shirts, leather items, duvets, silk and linen. 17 years of reliable, excellent service.

Monday to Wednesday - 9:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Thursday - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Friday - 9:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Saturday - 9:00 am to 5:30 pm  
Sunday - CLOSED

#### A Mans World - Barbers

38 High Street South | 01582 666876

A modern take on the classic gentlemen's club. Defined by dedication to delivering excellent barbering by Steve and his talented team.

Monday to Friday - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Saturday - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Sunday - CLOSED

#### Hair Boutique

38 High Street South | 01582 666876

Hair and Beauty Salon proving a wide range of services. Great Lengths hair extensions. Silver Salon award holder.

Monday & Sunday - CLOSED  
Tuesday - 9:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Wednesday to Thursday - 9:00 am to 8:00 pm  
Friday - 9:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Saturday - 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

#### Polish Food Station

32 High Street South  
01582 513859 | 07874 295688

Café serving traditional Polish meals and snacks.



#### Dunstable Market

Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays  
Ashton Square area

An historic, outdoor general market. Dunstable Market offers a unique and traditional shopping experience located right in the heart of Dunstable. Goods on sale include gifts, plants and flowers, clothing, jewellery, toiletries perfumes, bags, sweets, mobile phone accessories and more. A range of fresh and freshly baked foods can also be purchased and you can even have your lunch on site!

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News for the  
young in our  
community

## See Grove Corner's Makeover

## Fun in the Sun Summer Activities 2015

This year's 'not to be missed' programme will start on Monday 27 July and finish on Friday 21 August. Already confirmed dates for the diary are as follows:

### Thursday 30 July – Art Attack

An array of different art activities to try out and create your very own masterpiece! Suitable for all the family at Priory House Gardens 11.00 am to 3.00 pm. Stay and play for the day (charges will apply).

### Wednesday 5 August – National Play Day

A free fun-packed day for all the family 11.00 am to 3.00 pm at St Augustine School playing fields. Delivered in partnership with Downside Neighbourhood Centre.

### Friday 14 August – Sports Spectacular

Archery to Aerobics, Dance to Darts and Fencing to Football, this day should have it all and more. A FREE family event at Beecroft School playing fields 11.00 am to 3.00 pm. Delivered in partnership with the Beehive Children's Centre.

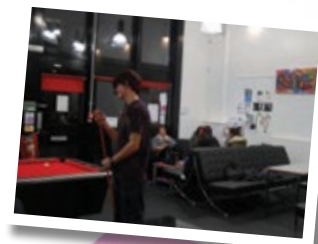
### Friday 21 August – Inflatable Day

Children can bounce the day away and adults can enjoy the time in the award-winning Grove House Gardens 12 noon to 4.00 pm. A bargain at £5 per wrist band for unlimited fun!

The summer activities programme will be on [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk) from June and updated when new activities are confirmed. Keep looking and book early to avoid disappointment!

It's been some years now since The Place became Grove Corner and our distinctive red and black décor appeared. Since then 1,000s of young people have come through the door and enjoyed using the centre either as part of a special summer activity or as part of the regular drop in's. This heavy usage has meant that some things have seen better days – like the furniture Grove Corner inherited from The Place. So our youth workers spoke to the young people who use Grove Corner about what they would like to see as a replacement and they had lots to say when asked about what new furniture they would like for the young people's centre.

After considering issues such as suitability, durability and cost they finally decided on black leather chairs and sofa's which matched existing seating benches. One user commented that: "they match in well with the white walls and red kitchen; it is the type of look I would like for my own place when I get one".



So if you want an indoor space which is light and bright with free pool, free table football, free computers with free internet to enjoy with friends, then why not give Grove Corner a try. Drinks and snacks are available from the café area and your own music choice can be blue toothed through the sound system.

Staff are always on hand with a wealth of knowledge and experience on issues you might be experiencing or interested in, and if they don't have the information to hand they will find it for you!

Grove Corner is open Monday and Wednesday evenings 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm and Friday evening 8.00 pm to 9.30 pm for 13 to 18 year olds.



Not old enough for the drop-in? Don't worry; if you are aged 10 to 13 then Junior Youth Club could be just the thing. You can still chill out with friends and do all of the above, but you can also do other things too such as arts and crafts, play board games and take part in special events. Junior Youth Club is open Fridays 6.00 pm to 7.45 pm. Hope to see you there!

For all enquiries please contact Jacqui Groom-Tully at [jacqui.groom-tully@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:jacqui.groom-tully@dunstable.gov.uk), follow us on Facebook Grove Corner or telephone on 01582 891408.

## Family Fun Month at



CREASEY PARK  
COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CENTRE

On every Wednesday in June there will be family fun mornings at Creasey Park Community Football Centre from 10 am to 12 noon. This is a chance for parents/carers and their children to come to Creasey Park Community Football Centre and take part in some great fun activities.

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|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Wednesday 3 June  | Glitter painting         |
| Wednesday 10 June | Papier-mâché crafts      |
| Wednesday 17 June | Father's Day card making |
| Wednesday 24 June | Fun games day            |

The cost per session is just £2 per child. Children must be supervised by a parent/carer 1:3 ratio. The bar/café will be open serving a selection for coffees, teas and homemade cakes.



Creasey Park Drive, Dunstable LU6 1BB

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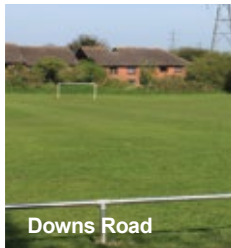
Creasey Park Community Football Centre



Newton Recreation Ground



Downside Recreation Ground



Downs Road



Ridgeway Avenue Recreation Ground



Grove House Gardens



Grove Skate Park



Grove House Children's Play Area



Creasey Park BMX Track



Olma Road

Priory Gardens



HELPING MAKE DUNSTABLE A BETTER PLACE



Mentmore Crescent Recreation Ground



Luton Road Recreation Ground



We received feedback from the last edition of Talk of The Town asking for a feature on our parks and open spaces. With the summer months here, we thought this edition would be a great opportunity to remind everyone of the fantastic open spaces that Dunstable Town Council manages. Many of you will be familiar with our award-winning town centre gardens, but how many of you knew that we also manage another 13 parks and open spaces across the town? Please make use of these open spaces and let us know what you think about them.

# Dunstable's Green Spaces

## Grove House Gardens

- LU5 4GW
- Children's Playground
- Ornamental Gardens

## Priory Gardens

- LU6 3RZ
- (including closed churchyard)
- Priory Archway Scheduled Ancient Monument
- War Memorial
- Ornamental Gardens
- Physic Garden
- Croquet Lawn

## Luton Road

### Recreation Ground

- LU5 4PU (Kingsbury Avenue)
- 2 Senior Football Pitches
- Bowling Green (Managed by Kingsbury Bowling Club)
- Pavilion and Changing Rooms
- Children's Playground
- Car Park

## Bennett Memorial

### Recreation Ground

- LU6 3AQ
- 2 Hard Tennis Courts
- 2 Senior Football Pitches
- Car Park
- Pavilion and Changing Rooms
- Children's Play Area

## Downside Recreation Ground

- LU5 4ES
- Open Space
- Car Park
- Children's Play Area

## Brewers Hill Recreation Ground

- LU6 1AE
- Children's Play Area

## Mentmore Crescent Recreation Ground

- LU6 3NW
- Children's Play Area

## Markham Crescent Recreation Ground

- LU5 4SF
- Children's Play Area

## Olma Road Recreation Ground

- LU5 5AF
- Open Space

## Ridgeway Avenue Recreation Ground

- LU5 4QL
- 2 Junior Football Pitches
- Children's Play Area
- Car Park

## Newton Recreation Ground

- LU5 4JU
- Children's Play Area
- 2 9x9 Football Pitches

## Downs Road Recreation Ground

- LU5 4DD
- Junior Football Pitch
- Dunstable Tennis Club

## French's Avenue

- LU6 1BH
- Open Space
- Play Area
- Outdoor Gym Equipment

## Creasey Park CFC

- LU6 1BB
- 3G Synthetic Full Size Pitch
- Community Space with Bar and Catering Facilities
- Full Size Stadium Pitch
- 7 Grass Pitches (mini to full size)
- BMX Track

## Grove Skate Park

- LU5 4GU
- State of the Art Skate Facility
- Bowl and Street Course

For further information about parks and open spaces in Dunstable contact John Crawley by telephone on 01582 891413 or email [john.crawley@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:john.crawley@dunstable.gov.uk)

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 Dunstable Town Council's  
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For a chance to meet CHICO just share and like our Facebook event page at facebook.com/Dunstablecouncil or tweet us at @Dunstableevents using #meetchico. There will be up to four chances to win VIP tickets for four people across Facebook and Twitter. The competition closes Midnight on Saturday 11 July.

**DUNSTABLE BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL**

**FRI 29 MAY – SUN 31 MAY**

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**GROVE HOUSE GARDENS**

Three day beer festival set in a marquee in Grove House Gardens with entertainment. Featuring 40 cask ales and 25 ciders and perries.

**Times & prices**

**Fri 29 May**  
 4.00 PM to 11.00 PM

**£3.50**

**Sat 30 May**  
 12 noon to 11.00 PM

**£3.50**

**Sun 31 May**  
 12 noon to 5.00 PM

**£3**

Free entry for CAMRA members

**Weekend ticket only £9**

Includes entrance on all three days plus a free souvenir glass for each day!

**Live music**

Live performances all weekend. Children's entertainment on Saturday only, 12 noon to 6.00 PM

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**£1**  
 for souvenir pint glass  
 (plastic glasses also available)



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For further information and to view the ales list, please visit [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk)

No under 18's allowed in the marquee.

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This summer Dunstable Town Council is planning to fill the town with lots of free music and fun for all the family. Be sure to check out this summer's events programme – we look forward to seeing you there!

### Saturday 20 June

3.00 pm to 8.00 pm  
Grove House Gardens  
FREE



Five hours of some of the best Country and Western tribute bands in the UK on Saturday 20 June. Dunstable Town Council is kicking off the Summer of Music with the ever-popular Dunstable Live, paying tribute to some of the world's most famous artists in Country and Western Music both old and new, including Taylor Swift and, of course, Dolly Parton. A full line-up of acts can be found at [www.dunstable.gov.uk/events](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/events). Something for the kids and the kids at heart. Have you ever wanted to ride a bucking bronco? Yes? Well now is your chance during the afternoon you will have the opportunity to have a go and see if you can beat the bronco. How about learning to line dance? Here's your chance to join in the line dance workshops, so get out your Stetsons and boots and come join the fun. There is also a fully licensed bar so why not bring a picnic and spend the day with us?

### Saturday 18 July

Grove House Gardens  
12 noon to 8.00 pm  
FREE



Eight hours of family fun await you, as this year Party in the Park is back and bursting at the seams with attractions and entertainment. With so much to see and do you will not want to miss this completely free event. New for 2015 is our dedicated children's area 'KidZone' aimed for youngsters up to 14, this area is full of activities for all abilities. Try your hand at circus skills, bounce on the Inflatables try out one of our water zorbs and don't forget to visit KidZone's very own seaside area. But the highlight has to be performances on our mini-stage of JezO from CBBC's The Slammer with his unique style of car crash magic. The rest of the gardens will feature fun fair rides for the teenagers and a wide selection of craft, gift and charity stalls along with our fully licensed bar and a whole host of other fun. It's the main stage where the party really happens. Live music from local bands along with the best tribute acts including – Only One Direction! The highlight of the event is our headline act CHICO. Named a 'born entertainer' by Simon Cowell, CHICO rose from X factor fame in 2005. Famous for his No.1 hit 'It's Chico Time' you are sure to enjoy this entertaining performance! Don't miss this free family fun event sponsored by Specialist Cars BMW Mini.

Specialist  
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### June to August

Grove House Gardens  
3.00 pm to 4.45 pm  
FREE



2015 brings another year of FREE Band Concerts set in the stunning setting of Grove House Gardens. Each concert runs from 3.00 pm to 4.45 pm and are for all the family to enjoy. The season starts with our very own Dunstable Town Band and then a selection of other local bands. Concert dates are as follows:

|                         |                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 28 June</b>   | Dunstable Town Band        |
| <b>Sunday 5 July</b>    | Toddington Town Band       |
| <b>Sunday 12 July</b>   | Hertfordshire Concert Band |
| <b>Sunday 26 July</b>   | St Albans City Band        |
| <b>Sunday 2 August</b>  | Chiltern Hills Brass       |
| <b>Sunday 9 August</b>  | Welwyn Garden City Band    |
| <b>Sunday 16 August</b> | Hitchin Band               |

### Saturday 22 August

Grove House Gardens  
12 noon to 10.00 pm  
FREE



Dunstable Rocks is back, as big as ever and will be the final date in our Summer of Music programme, finishing the summer in style! Grove House Gardens will once again be hosting Dunstable Rocks for all of you who love to party out in the sun and into the evening. It's all happening on Saturday 30 August, this popular free outdoor event runs from 12 noon until 10.00 pm. The day is full of local bands and talent, followed by a selection of tribute acts and bands. This year's headline act is Aswad, playing their catalogue of hits including 'Don't Turn Around' – a UK No.1 hit in 1988 – followed closely by No. 1 hit 'Give A Little Love', and a reggae-flavoured rendition of 'Best of My Love', first popularised and written by The Eagles. There most well-known hit, however, was 'Shine', released in 1994. This will be a spectacular performance, so get down early to secure the best spot. If you feel you would like to be a little way out of the hustle and bustle of the crowd, we also have a big screen in the park for you to still be able to see what's going on. Bring a picnic or purchase from our wide range of food outlets, and don't forget to grab that all-important drink from the bar. This is the perfect way to end our fabulous summer of music at Grove House Gardens.



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# Spotlight On...

## Community Volunteers



Meet on Sinead Kinsella,  
a Community Connector

Volunteer on the Downside Estate

This year National Volunteers weeks runs from 1 to 7 June. Without the time of volunteers Dunstable Town Council would not be able to provide and deliver all the services that we do. So for the latest spotlight, we thought we could shine the light on one of our many valuable volunteers. As part of the Our Place programme Community Connectors were recruited in Downside and receive training and support from Dunstable Town Council.

**How long have you lived in Downside?**  
All my life.

**Do you like living on the estate?**  
Yes. I know lots of people and I feel safe and comfortable. I like all the different services and facilities available such as the School, Children's Centre and The Mayfield Centre. I find there is something for everyone here.

**What made you volunteer as a Community Connector?**  
I like to be active in my community. I like meeting new people and having different conversations to get other people's views on things that affect them. I also like to help whenever and wherever I can.

**What do you do as a Community Connector?**  
I attend information sessions and keep myself updated on the different services/ advice available to help people in different situations. I am then able to signpost people to the appropriate agencies. I also listen to people and pass on any

issues that are affecting the community to suitable services/organisations. I attend Our Place action meetings to feed back information and also plan for events such as the Spring Clean litter pick and offer support to the Big Lunch.

**Are there other Community Connectors?**  
Yes there are five active Community Connectors at the moment. We all live on the estate but in different areas. However, we would like more people to join us. So if you live or work on Downside then why not join us?

**How do people find you and how would they recognise a Community Connector?**  
At the moment no one would know we are Community Connectors as we just talk to people as and when we meet them. However we have just designed our own logo and we are having T shirts printed up for The Big Lunch on 7 June. Why not come along and talk to us there?

We are looking to grow the number of Community Connectors on Downside, if you are interested in volunteering in your local community and want to find out more please contact Jack on 01582 670695 or email [jack.adams-rimmer@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:jack.adams-rimmer@dunstable.gov.uk)

**For more information on Our Place and Community Connectors please visit [www.dunstable.gov.uk/community-connectors.htm](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/community-connectors.htm)**




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- A range of quality goods, including local produce
- A friendly, unique personalised shopping experience
- Excellent value

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[www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk) Telephone: 01582 513000 Email: [info@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:info@dunstable.gov.uk)





# Summer at Priory House Tea Rooms

Some would say summer is the best time to visit Priory House Tea Rooms due to our unique setting. Although being located in the heart of the town you can easily escape the noise of the A5 and the hustle of the town centre. Looking out into the award-winning Priory Gardens and across to Priory Church, you can sit back and relax with a cup of Dunstable Tea and either a delicious piece of homemade cake, a freshly prepared light lunch or our incredible afternoon tea and watch the world go by.

## Sunday Opening

This summer we will once again be opening our doors on Sundays from Sunday 7 June to 30 August. Opening from 12 noon until 4 pm for light lunches, cakes and ice cream sundaes. We will also take bookings for afternoon tea, but unfortunately cannot accept walk-ins.

## Seasonal Treats

There will be lots of seasonal specials on offer this summer including our popular freshly prepared salads, the return of our homemade burgers, Hunters lunch and homemade quiches to name just a few. June also sees the return of our summer themed afternoon tea, where the sandwich fillings and warm savouries take a seasonal summer twist, and as well as the traditional freshly bakes scones, and a selection of homemade cakes you will be treated to a variety of strawberry delights.

## Priory Summer Pudding Nights

Having taken a break over the winter our popular Priory Pudding nights will be returning. Keep an eye out on our website for more information [www.dunstable.gov.uk/priory\\_house\\_tea\\_rooms.htm](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/priory_house_tea_rooms.htm)



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● Refreshments

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# Dunstable's Green Spaces

## Help Dunstable in Bloom 'BEE' successful in 2015

*Family fun at the launch event*



Dunstable in Bloom is now in its sixth year and – with three gold and two silver-gilt medals – Promoting Dunstable and the Town Council are hoping that a fourth gold medal can be gained in 2015.

This year's theme is bees and members of the Bedfordshire Beekeepers Association were on hand at the In Bloom launch on Saturday 18 April in Grove House Gardens to show people how important these creatures and other pollinating insects are to our environment.

The launch event also included the planting of a new border in the gardens using bee friendly plants. The town's floral display this year will also be insect and bee friendly with more open pollinating plants being used.

You can support this year's campaign in many ways. Try planting bee and insect friendly plants in your garden and take a photo to show us what you have done. A list of suitable plants can be found on the Royal Horticultural Society website [www.rhs.org.uk](http://www.rhs.org.uk). Send your photos to: [john.crawley@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:john.crawley@dunstable.gov.uk).

You can also help the campaign by doing your bit to keep your neighbourhood clean and tidy. A little bit of litter picking here and there can go a long way to keeping your area tidy, and if the job is a bit too big for you to tackle call the Town Ranger on 0800 013 0350 to get some help. If you are able to litter pick then just place what you collect in your waste bin.

If you would like to get more involved with the campaign, Promoting Dunstable are always looking for new volunteers with fresh ideas and plenty of desire to get out in the open and do some planting work. Contact Sarah Woodruff by email [sarah.woodruff@ntlworld.com](mailto:sarah.woodruff@ntlworld.com) for details of future In Bloom meetings.

Promoting Dunstable and the Town Council are also happy to come along to your organisation's meeting to give a short talk about the Dunstable in Bloom campaign.



*Gardeners at the launch event*



## Dunstable in Bloom on Facebook

Dunstable in Bloom is now on Facebook. To access the Facebook page and to keep up to date with activities, advice and articles just go to Facebook and like the Dunstable in Bloom page.



# Check out The Big Lunch in your neck of the woods

Bouncy  
Castles



**#thebiglunch**  
7 June 2015  
12 noon until 3 pm

**Your Big Lunch details...** Downside Community Centre, Suffolk Road, LU5 4ES

FREE  
Barbeque

Annually on the first Sunday in June  
[www.thebiglunch.com](http://www.thebiglunch.com)

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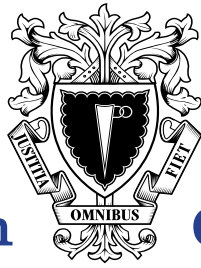
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at  
**Katherine Drive  
DUNSTABLE LU5 4NP**

To join our event  
contact Sahira

**Call 07906 116623**  
or email us at  
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# Services Dunstable Town

# Council Provides For You

## Grounds and Environmental Services

### Cemetery Management

Maintenance of grounds, grave preparation, burial and memorial arrangements  
Dunstable Cemetery, West Street, Dunstable LU6 1PD  
01582 891426 | cemetery@dunstable.gov.uk

### Parks and Open Spaces

Maintenance of grounds, sport pitches and skate park, litter picking, dog bins, grass cutting  
Freephone 0800 013 0350 | info@dunstable.gov.uk

### Allotments

Plot lettings and maintenance of sites  
01582 891426 | allotments@dunstable.gov.uk

### Play Areas

Maintenance, inspections and cleansing  
Freephone 0800 013 0350 | info@dunstable.gov.uk

### Town Centre Maintenance

Maintenance of raised beds, grassed areas and floral displays  
01582 513000 | info@dunstable.gov.uk

### Maintenance of Priory & Grove House Gardens

Grounds maintenance, litter picking, dog bins  
01582 891413 | john.crawley@dunstable.gov.uk

### Town Ranger

Cleaning up the public places in Dunstable  
Freephone 0800 013 0350

## Mayoral and Democratic Services

Remembrance Day Parade and Service, Mayor's Charity Events, Civic Services, Democratic Representation  
01582 891404 | michele.markus@dunstable.gov.uk

## Main Council Reception 01582 513000

For more information visit [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk)

## Community Services

### Town Centre Management

Economic regeneration, Christmas lights, Ashton Square public toilets and Dunstable Market (Market operates Wednesday, Friday and Saturday)  
01582 891405 | clare.brett@dunstable.gov.uk

### Events Programme including:

Dunstable Live, Fireworks, Party in the Park, Dunstable Rocks!  
01582 891406 | events@dunstable.gov.uk

### Priory House

Heritage Centre, TIC, functions, tea rooms and gift shop  
Priory House Heritage Centre, 33 High St South, Dunstable LU6 3RZ  
01582 891420 | prioryhouse@dunstable.gov.uk

### Grove Corner Young People's Centre

76a High Street North, Dunstable LU6 1NF  
01582 891434 | info@dunstable.gov.uk

### The Mayfield Centre

Community drop-in, learning opportunities, advice, information and guidance, homework drop-in  
Mayfield Centre, Mayfield Road, Dunstable LU5 4AP  
01582 670695 | jack.adams-rimmer@dunstable.gov.uk

### Voluntary Sector Support (grants)

01582 513000 | info@dunstable.gov.uk

### Older People's Support Service

Good Companions day care, dan, CPCFC Lunch Club  
01582 513000 | info@dunstable.gov.uk

### Creasey Park Community Football Centre

Artificial/grass pitches, function room, licensed bar, BMX track  
Creasey Park Drive, Dunstable LU6 1BB  
01582 891433 or 07712 861618 | cpcfc@dunstable.gov.uk

### Peter Newton Pavilion (Managed by Beds FA)

Century House, Skimpot Road, Dunstable LU5 4JU | 01582 565111

### Downside Community Centre

Licensed to the Seventh Day Adventist Church  
Suffolk Road, Downside Estate, Dunstable | 01582 666403

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We would appreciate your comments on the services we provide.

Please enter your comments in the area to the right and return your slip to Grove House or fax to 01582 890606.

Return your comment slip to:  
Dunstable Town Council, Grove House,  
76 High St North, Dunstable,  
Bedfordshire LU6 1NF

Your comments:

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Please enter your details so that we may respond to your comments:

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