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'Helping make Dunstable a Better Place'

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There Will Be Fireworks!

Thursday 5 November at Creasey Park Community Football Centre

Plus also inside...

Woodside Link Update

**Creasey Park Community
Football Centre News**

Chew's Day Event

...and lots more!



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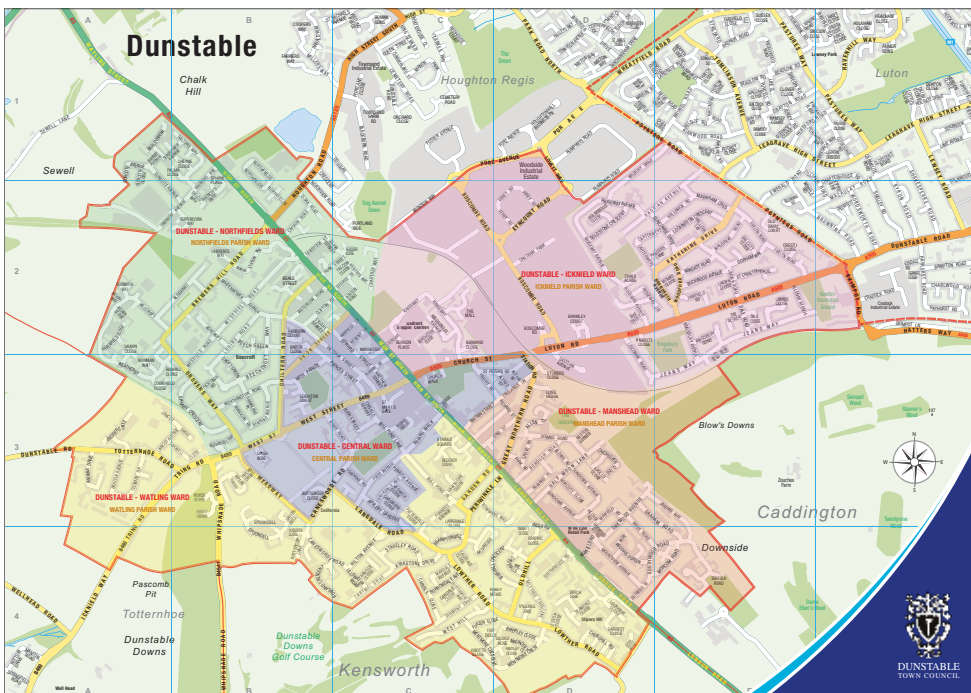
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Welcome



Dunstable Town Mayor

Councillor
Liz Jones

As you read this I am three months into my Mayoral year. It is a huge privilege to serve as Town Mayor of Dunstable, and one that I am immensely proud to be undertaking. I have been warmly welcomed at all events attended to date and have enjoyed meeting so many people from different organisations, voluntary groups and schools.

Dunstable town centre is on the change. The recent retail occupancy rates show a decrease in the number of empty shop units – new businesses coming into our town are key to help with the economic regeneration, alongside those existing businesses. Please do support our Market in Ashton Square Wednesday, Friday and Saturdays; it's a difficult time for markets across the country and local resident support for our traders will go some way in maintaining this key service to our market town.

The Town Council provides a full events programme each year, which simply gets better and better. This year has not been a disappointment and your attendance at these events continues to grow. Still to come is Chews Day, the Fireworks Display, Remembrance Services, Christmas Carols & Torchlight Procession and Christmas Cracker events.

Priory House Heritage Centre is becoming more and more popular for afternoon tea. Having recently achieved the TripAdvisor Award for Excellence, I encourage all to go and experience the Tea Rooms and learn about the history of this building.

The town owes so much to the many volunteers who work tirelessly to provide a support service to those that require it making a real difference to so many people. I hope during my mayoral year I will get to meet many of you and thank you personally for the work that you are doing to help others.

As Mayor I have chosen a number of charities to support during my year, including Kids in Action, Bedfordshire Girl Guiding (Dunstable Division) and L&D Hospital Renal Care Unit. I look forward to welcoming you all to my events during the year and thank those that have already attended and made donations to my charities. You can follow my mayoral year on my Facebook page *Liz Jones – Community*.

Whilst Dunstable has a number of challenges to overcome, I am confident that by working together, taking a holistic approach, Dunstable will continue to grow and become the town it once was. I can assure you that both Members of Dunstable Town Council and officers are committed to making Dunstable a better place.

Councillor Liz Jones
Dunstable Town Mayor



David Ashlee

Town Clerk and
Chief Executive

Welcome to the autumn edition of Talk of the Town. Whilst writing this introduction the Council has just started its summer programme of activities and events including the launch of the 'Summer of Music'. I am sure that all the thousands of residents and visitors that enjoyed 'Party in the Park' will agree with me that the Town Council continues to provide a magnificent range of quality of life services that impact upon all the residents, businesses and visitors to Dunstable.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the new Council following the elections in May. All Councillors have now completed a comprehensive induction into the work of the Council and how it functions and full details for all Councillors can be found in this edition of Talk of the Town and on the Council's website. Remember, Councillors are there to represent you, their electorate, so please feel free to contact them with any issues you may have about the town.

I hope that readers have enjoyed this year's floral displays around the town. The Council invests heavily in trying to make Dunstable look as bright and vibrant as possible and the floral displays contribute to the town's 'In Bloom' entry, the result of which should be known by the time this edition of Talk of the Town reaches the doorstep, so please keep an eye on local press announcements.

The Council has also just agreed the Annual Report for 2014/15. I would encourage all readers to have a look at the report that is on the Council's website. The Annual Report details much of the work of the Council and is a very useful document for rate payers to understand how their council tax charge is spent.

Finally, with the start of the new football season upon us, I encourage all readers to please support their local teams based as Creasey Park Community Football Centre. Both Dunstable Town FC and AFC Dunstable have their home at the award-winning Creasey Park facility that has just been improved by a range of investments as featured later on in this edition of Talk of the Town.

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 or following us on Twitter and Facebook.

Happy reading!

David Ashlee
Dunstable Town Clerk and Chief Executive

NOTICEBOARD

Dunstable Town Guides Volunteers Wanted

Growing public interest in the history of the town has prompted the Dunstable Town Tour Guides to seek additional volunteers. Learn fascinating facts, develop your natural communication skills, and embark on a journey to entertain and inform groups of all ages with walks and talks.

To find out more please contact Ann Ledger by email at dunstablehg@gmail.com or follow us on Twitter

Elevenses for two! New to Priory House Tea Rooms

Love our Afternoon Tea? Then you'll love our elevenses for two. The sophisticated way to take brunch with a friend. Just like our award winning afternoon tea, you'll be plied with as much freshly brewed tea or coffee as you would like, whilst you sample such delights as freshly prepared muffins and cream cheese and smoked salmon bagels. Served from 10 am until 12 noon every day, and there's no need to book.



Dunstable Town Band Welcomes New Players

(Don't be shy)
We are a friendly Wind Concert Band and we play a mixture of music including light classical, film and show music, marches and jazz.

We rehearse at Barnfield Vale Academy, Wilbury Drive, Dunstable LU5 4QP

On Mondays at 7.30 pm

We have a 'B' Band which is for young people learning and those wishing to brush up or learn a new instrument. The main band accepts players of any age with a reasonable competence.

We give concerts during the year.

Please see our web site for more information at www.dunstabletownband.co.uk

If you are interested please contact our secretary, Jo Leete at jo.leete64@gmail.com 07704 171500

DUNSTABLE market
PUTTING THE HEART BACK INTO DUNSTABLE

FRENCH MARKET

Experience a Taste of France!

Saturday 10 October 2015
The Square, High Street South, Dunstable

Tel: 01582 513000
Visit: www.dunstable.gov.uk

Hallowe'en Ghost Walks led by the Dunstable Town Guides

Hallowe'en, Saturday 31 October
5.00 pm (Family Ghost walk in costume and suitable for children over 8 years, accompanied by adults), 6.30 pm and 8.00 pm. All ghost walks start at Priory Church car park. A torch and warm clothes are recommended and the ghost walk route is unsuitable for wheelchairs.

How to book

Tickets cost £5 each and need to be booked in advance from Priory House Heritage Centre 01582 891420, 33 High Street South, Dunstable LU6 3RZ



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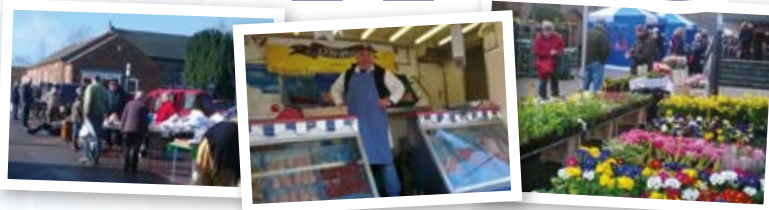
DESTINATION DUNSTABLE

Keeping you abreast of town centre news, initiatives and developments

Summer Shopping

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, knitwear, mobile phone and computer accessories, jigsaws, books and more. A range of seasonal fresh and freshly baked foods can also be purchased and you can even have your lunch on site! Dunstable Market is an historic, outdoor general market that operates in the Ashton Square area on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Dunstable Town Council is currently seeking traders in cards, footwear, deli products, haberdashery, bakery products, toys and tools. A range of incentives are available for new traders to Dunstable Market and included within the pitch rent is the hire of a bespoke market stall which will be erected and dismantled by the dedicated market team, together with waste management facilities. Dunstable Town Council is also committed to actively promoting and marketing Dunstable Market, ensuring that it is a thriving location for your business to grow.



To express an interest in trading and to find out more about Dunstable Market, contact Market Officer Andy Weare on 01582 891402 or 07803 627544, visit www.dunstable.gov.uk or follow @DunstableTown



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market

PUTTING THE HEART BACK INTO DUNSTABLE

Dunstable Market operates in the Ashton Square area, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Visit Dunstable market for:

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

Play your part in reviving Dunstable's history and shaping it's future by shopping local and supporting your market.

For further information and to keep up to date with events and promotions visit:

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Young DUNSTABLE

News for the
young in our
community

Grove Corner Young Peoples Centre

Summer Activities

Dunstable Town Council Summer Activities 2015 went with a bang and the occasional splash! Some future Olympians could be in the making after more than 50 took part in Skate Boarding lessons delivered by professional skating company Wildchild.

Art Attack Day in Priory Gardens was a great success with many discovering new art forms to try including; carnival arts, graffiti painting, comic illustration and much more.

National Play-day at St. Augustine's School attracted nearly 700 people who enjoyed a whole host of free play activities including; penalty shoot outs, arts and crafts, soft play and even a water slide.

Fitness Frenzy Sports Spectacular suffered due to the awful weather, but those who did brave the elements enjoyed; Martial Arts, Fencing, Inflatable Bungi Run and Gladiator Dual.

Last but not least was the ever popular Inflatable Day in Grove House Gardens where children and young people bounced the day away while parents enjoyed picnicking in the sunshine.

Don't forget to check out Dunstable Town Council's website next year to see what's on offer for you and your family to enjoy!

Now the summer holidays are over and autumn is almost here you may be wondering how you can spend your evenings as the darker nights draw in. Well, Grove Corner is an indoor space which is light and bright with free pool, free table football, free computers with free internet. It has contemporary furnishings, a café area to purchase drinks and snacks from and your own music choice can be blue toothed through the sound system. A perfect place to chill out with friends, meet new people, catch up on school/college work or the latest social media gossip!

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. If you would like to organise or be involved in a particular activity, either as a new hobby or a fundraiser, then help and support is available to get things going. Grove Corner is open Monday and Wednesday evenings 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm and Friday evenings 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 enquiries please contact Sandy Coyle at sandy.coyle@dunstable.gov.uk follow us on Facebook Grove Corner or telephone on 01582 513000.



Beanstalk vets, trains and supports volunteers to work in primary schools with children who have fallen behind with their reading.

Could you help local children with their reading?



We need volunteer reading helpers in Luton & Dunstable to work with children on a one-to-one basis, improve their reading levels, increase their overall confidence and inspire a lifelong love of reading.

Can you spare two mornings or afternoons a week to help?

Contact us on 08454500338 or email bedfordshire@beanstalkcharity.org.uk

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FIREWORKS DISPLAY

THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER

CREASEY PARK

COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CENTRE

CREASEY PARK DRIVE, DUNSTABLE LU6 1BB

6.30 PM - GATES OPEN

7.30 PM - GATES CLOSE

8.00 PM - FIREWORK DISPLAY STARTS

PLUS FUN FAIR RIDES, FOOD AND MUSIC

ADULTS	£4.00
CHILDREN (16YRS & UNDER)	£2.00
FAMILY TICKET (2 + 2)	£10.00
CONCESSIONS	£2.00
UNDER 5YRS	FREE

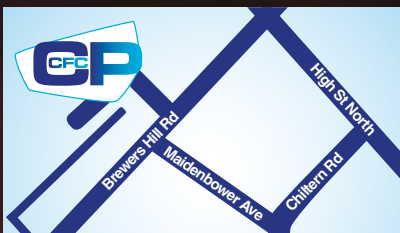
BEAT THE QUEUES & BOOK YOUR TICKETS

ONLINE AT WWW.DUNSTABLE.GOV.UK

*No unaccompanied children under 14 years
No sparklers, fireworks or pets are allowed on site*



**6.45 PM TO 7.30 PM
MEET
FIREMAN
SAM!**



Entrance via
Brewers Hill School
(Disabled access and
pre-purchased tickets)
& Creasey Park Drive

For further information
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Major Infrastructure Projects Making Good Progress

Woodside Link

Opens Spring 2017

The Woodside Link is a 1.8-mile road connecting the industrial areas of Dunstable and Houghton Regis with the new M1 motorway junction 11a. It plays a valuable part in local regeneration, bringing the essential connectivity required for the creation of thousands of new jobs, and over 5,000 homes. Alongside economic benefits, it will help reduce congestion in town centres, in conjunction with a proposed series of vehicle weight restrictions around the local road networks. The scheme includes two bridges over Houghton Brook, a number of junctions, and specially commissioned artwork on the road's retaining wall and acoustic barriers.



Woodside Link from near Porz Ave Roundabout (© B2B Landscape Consultancy Ltd.)

Contribute to the Anthem

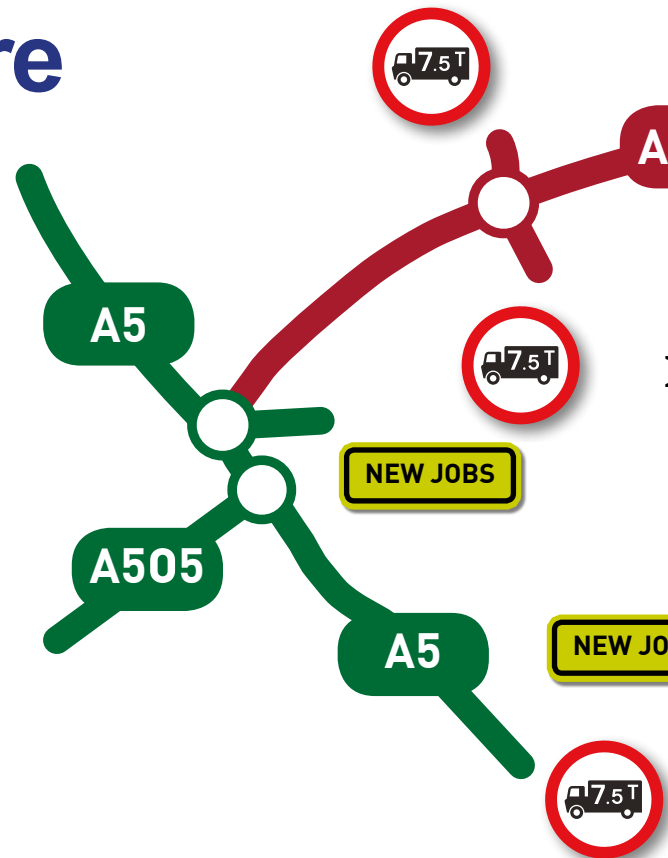
The Woodside Link will be the first UK road to have its own anthem produced as a collaboration between local residents, visual artist Bettina Furnée and sound artist Marcus Leadley. Residents are invited to contribute to the anthem by recording their own favourite local sounds - using mobile phones or other devices - before emailing them to woodsidelink@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk. Selected sounds will become part of a three-minute celebratory sound and image composition called Anthem for the Road.

Progress to Date

- Site establishment complete
- 50% topsoil strip carried out
- Bulk earthworks commenced
- Archaeological investigations approximately 75 percent complete north of Houghton Brook
- Pre-earthworks drainage installed north of Houghton Brook

Next Stages of Works

- Complete topsoil strip
- Complete archaeological investigations
- Begin the construction of Houghton Brook Bridge
- Complete site clearance
- Begin main drainage works



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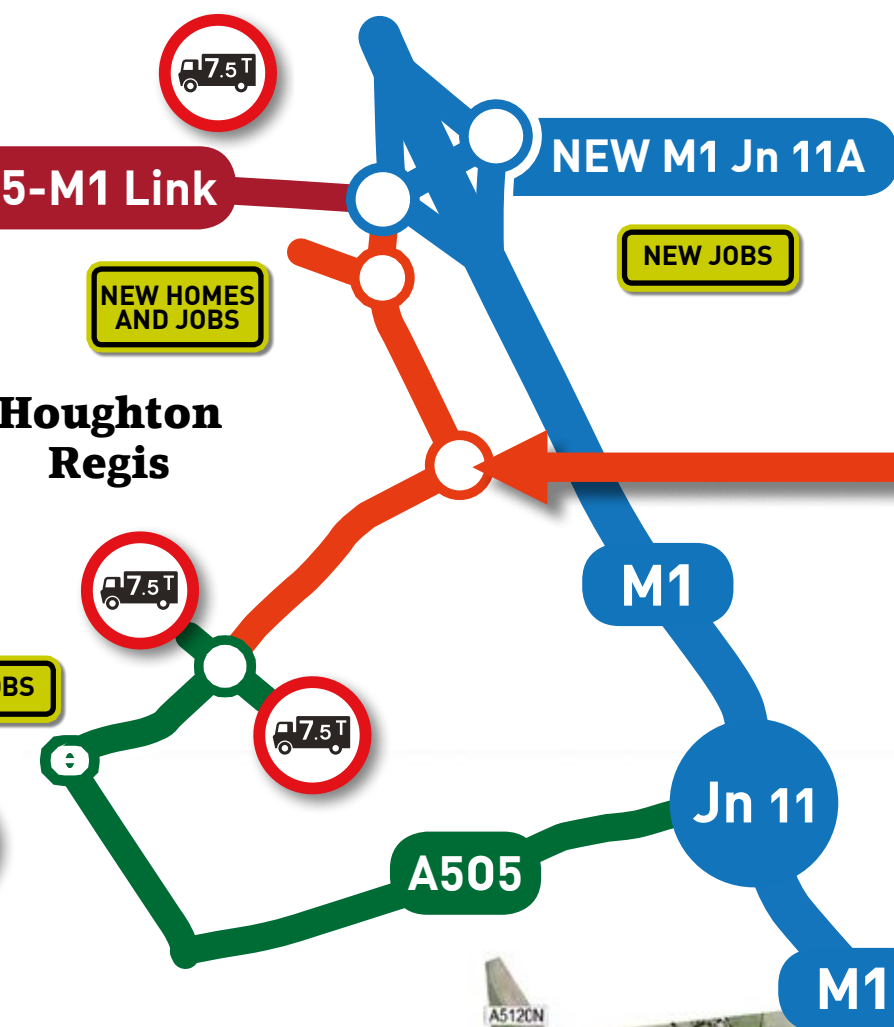
A5-M1 Link

Opens Spring 2017

The A5-M1 Link is to be a new 2.8-mile, two-lane dual carriageway with three new junctions. It will improve journeys for long-distance traffic travelling through Dunstable. There will be a roundabout with the A5 at the western end of the link road, a second one at the intersection with the A5120 Bedford Road and a new interchange with the M1 motorway to be named junction 11a at the eastern end of the link road. In addition, there will be bridges over the motorway on both Sundon Road and B579 Luton Road, and there will be four new bridges passing over the A5-M1 Link.

Progress to Date

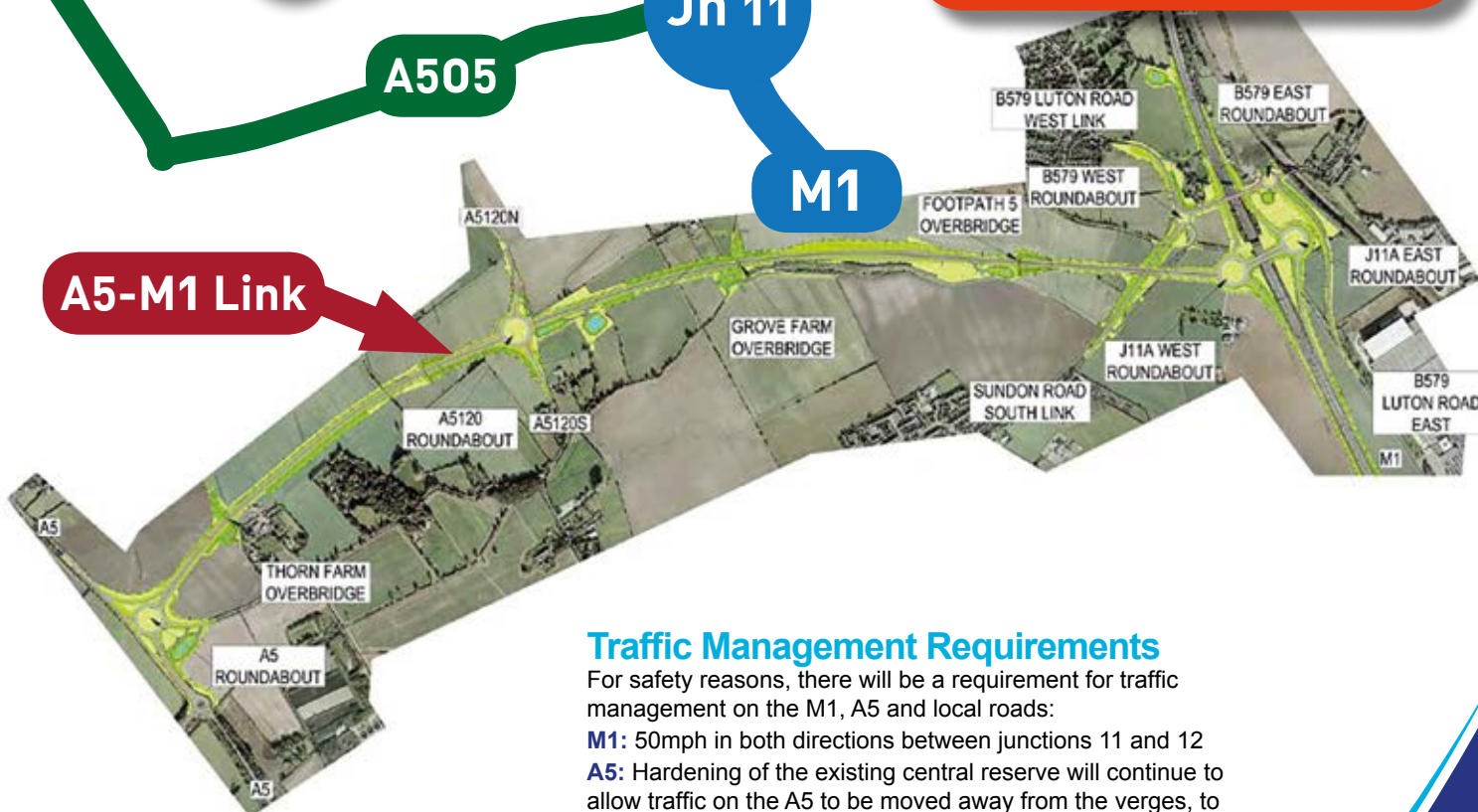
- Completed 90% of site clearance
- Archaeology investigations complete to main line works
- Traffic management in place for safety
- Bulk cut earthworks 60 per cent complete
- Installed 7km of boundary fencing
- Installed 8km of ditches - pre-earth works drainage
- Installed 70 per cent of the scheme's piped culverts, linking to the ditches
- Completed 90 per cent of the top soil strip within the scheme's footprint (topsoil to be reused)
- Luton road west and east local roads bulk earthworks complete
- Work on Sundon Road Bridge started
- Main line drainage 20 per cent complete



Houghton Regis

Woodside Link

Reducing congestion, removing HGVs from town centres, bringing new jobs, homes and opportunities to Houghton Regis and Dunstable



A5-M1 Link

Next Stages of Works

- 'Box cut' an area with ground material to cut out the shape of the road
- Install the 'sub base' of the road
- Demolition of five Houses at Junction 11a
- Installation of balancing ponds
- Main line carriageway drainage
- Centre pier of Junction 11a Bridge M1
- Use of temporary slip roads off the M1 for deliveries to site
- Foundations and bridge stems to the new Sundon Road over bridge
- Opening of Luton Road West to traffic – September 2015

Traffic Management Requirements

For safety reasons, there will be a requirement for traffic management on the M1, A5 and local roads:

M1: 50mph in both directions between junctions 11 and 12

A5: Hardening of the existing central reserve will continue to allow traffic on the A5 to be moved away from the verges, to permit utility diversions to commence

Local Roads: There will be some overnight closures required to facilitate road crossing by machinery – dates to be announced

For Further Information

If you have any questions in relation to the scheme you can contact the project team on M1-A5Link@DunstableNorthernBypass@highwaysengland.co.uk or visit the scheme's webpage: www.highways.gov.uk/roads/road-projects/a5-m1-link-dunstable-northern-bypass/





**CREASEY KICKZ
FOOTBALL PARTIES**



BAR & FOOD



**FUNCTION
HIRE**



**CLUB
PRESENTATIONS**



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Creasey Park CFC Developments

Creasey Park Community Football Centre has undergone a summer of improvements. Significant investment has enhanced and upgraded all areas of the centre.

A new dining area has been built outside the main entrance providing an attractive alfresco cafe area to enjoy your purchased refreshments. There are future plans to install some small playground units for young children to enjoy.



A new 1.8 metre-wide viewing area has been installed around the perimeter of the synthetic pitch. The new viewing area is fully accessible for wheelchair users and will improve the spectator experience for everyone. The synthetic pitch has also been refurbished with 38 tonnes of new rubber crumb. New steps have been installed providing safe access for players and spectators from the main pedestrian walkway to the youth pitches.



The centre has undergone an upgrade with improved soft furnishings to create a welcoming family environment. The bar area has an area for all to enjoy, a new games area with cube stools, pool table, games console and dart board.

The Creasey Park Stadium has been improved to meet FA requirements, due to Dunstable Town FC's promotion to the Southern Premier League. Fans have the pick of an extra 100 seats, new turnstile and an additional stand, to be installed in May 2016.

Finding your way to Creasey Park Community Football Centre has been made easier with new highway signage from the A5 and West Street. There is also now clear signage indicating the additional car park that Creasey Park Community Football Centre benefits from during busy periods. The additional car park can house up to 100 cars and is located on Brewers Hill Road. Access to Creasey Park Community Football Centre is gained from the top left hand corner and is only a 50 metre walk to the centre.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Hallowe'en Fun

Friday 30 October, 10 am to 2 pm, £2.00 per child. (Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult). Come and join us for some spooky fun at Creasey Park Community Football Centre.

We will be having lots of creepy activities for everyone to join in and remember to dress up as we will be having a fancy dress competition.

Creasey Park Toddler Group

Every Friday 9.30 am to 11.00 am (term time only), £2 snack and drink for the little ones and a well-earned cuppa for the adults. Every week we will have lots of toys for the children to play with and a planned activity.



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PRIORY HOUSE



FREE
EVENT

WALKS & TALKS
ON FIRST-COME
FIRST-SERVED BASIS

CHEW'S DAY

SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

10.00 AM TO 4.00 PM

PRIORY HOUSE HERITAGE CENTRE, 33 HIGH STREET SOUTH

Join us for the new exhibition launch of
'GEORGIAN DUNSTABLE'

Historical themed entertainment throughout the day will include:

- ◆ Georgian Crime and Punishment Displays ◆ Story Telling and Newsboards of the Time ◆
- ◆ Try Your Hand at Georgian Games ◆ Learn the Value of a Penny Through Time ◆
- ◆ Dunstable Town Band Playing Live ◆ Talks will take place at Chews House at 11.50 am and 2.50 pm ◆
- ◆ Guided walks of Georgian Dunstable will leave Priory Gardens ◆
at 10.30 am and 1.30 pm ending with refreshments

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

- ◆ 3.30 pm - A Service of Thanksgiving ◆
for Dunstable Benefactors at the Priory Church of St Peter
- ◆ 5.30 pm – A Presentation ◆
at The Little Theatre, High St South
Licensed bar will be available for refreshments

For further information
telephone 01582 891420
or visit www.dunstable.gov.uk



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of Dunstable
Charities



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Dunstable International Twinning Association (DITA)

DITA is a voluntary association that exists to promote and encourage twinning activities between Dunstable and our two twin towns – Bourgoin-Jallieu (B-J) in south eastern France (lying between Lyon and Grenoble) and Porz am Rhein (Porz), a city district of Cologne in Germany. The Association's members are drawn from both the Town Council and representatives of local clubs and organisations.

Town twinning came into its own after the Second World War with the desire to rebuild and contribute to the reunification of Europe. Friendships were forged between towns in the UK and Europe, generally being of a like size, economically comparable or geographically similar. The British Council oversees the initial formal arrangements.

Dunstable's association with Porz began in the 1950's and has endured ever since. Our relationship with Bourgoin-Jallieu had its foundations in 1989 with students from the then Dunstable College (now Central Bedfordshire College) and the Lycee Professionnel Gambetta, engaging in work experience in each other's towns. A formal twinning agreement was signed in May 2005.

While there are formal civic exchanges between the representatives of the respective Councils, the real success of twinning is in the enthusiasm of the towns' citizens for various exchanges. For example, there is a regular annual tennis match between Dunstable and Porz and various clubs have exchanged visits with Bourgoin-Jallieu.

DITA is keen to encourage schools to be more active in developing relationships. As languages are again being given a greater emphasis on the curriculum, the time is ripe to develop friendships with like schools in our twin towns. We also wish to see more local clubs, societies and cultural organisations taking advantage of the opportunities offered for friendship and especially, sporting exchanges.



To learn more about DITA and the opportunities for exchanges, please contact our Chairman, John Stevens, on 01582 668033 or at johnstevens234@btinternet.com

For further information please google 'Dunstable international twinning association' to find our leaflet, application form and further information about our twin town.



Older Peoples Services

The Good Companions Club is for youngsters aged 75 and over who enjoy meeting once a week on Mondays at The Beecroft Community Centre. They enjoy the companionship of each other and the friendly interaction with staff and volunteers who are on hand to make sure all runs smoothly. Members also enjoy a two course lunch, activities and occasional speakers. Transport is provided for this group with a door to door service!

This year members have enjoyed a trip out to a local garden centre, a mystery tour and a joint trip to Brighton with members of Creasey Park Community Football Centre Lunch Club. Members had a lovely stroll along the pier, rides on the Big Wheel and spent a few pennies in the arcades. No trip to the seaside would be complete without a fish & chip lunch, which is just what the majority of them did!!

Some of the group also took part in a Dunstable In Bloom project called 'Wheellie Fantastic'. Members decorated a wheelbarrow with remembrance poems and poppies inspired by a trip late last year to the Tower of London to see the magnificent poppy display.

Creasey Park Community Football Centre Lunch Club is for those really young ones aged 55 and over. This group meet on a Thursday 12 noon to 2.00 pm. This lively group also enjoy a two course lunch followed by plenty of chatter, quizzes and occasional speakers or entertainers.

Now that Summer is coming to a close there is still plenty going on at both lunch clubs with a Hallowe'en/Birthday party for Creasey Park Community Football Centre Lunch Club members, a MacMillan coffee morning for the Good Companions and the usual array of speakers and activities, plus, dare we say it, lots going on for Christmas!

If you are interested in joining either group please contact Elaine McGarrigle or Sandy Coyle on 01582 513000.



The Past Mayor of Dunstable

Terry Stock was an elected Councillor for Dunstable Town Council for over a decade before spending his last year on the Council as Town Mayor. Here we find out a bit more about his year as Mayor and what the office entails...

How many official engagements as Mayor did you attend?

160 in addition to my Mayoral duties as Chairman of the Council.

What did you enjoy the most when you were Mayor?

There wasn't a great deal that was not enjoyable, but if I have to pick one aspect then the camaraderie my wife and I enjoyed with the dignitaries we met on a regular basis (the 'Chain Gang') must rank highly.

What were your most memorable moments as Mayor?

There were many memorable moments and it is difficult to make a selection but here are a few:

- Being installed in the Office
- Attendance at the presentation of new colours to the Anglia Regiment at Duxford
- Our visit to Bourgoin-Jallieu and speaking to 200 delegates in French!
- Opening Grove Skate Park
- Topping out the Quantum Care Home in Church Street
- Watching 40-plus truck tractors roll through Dunstable raising funds for the Help for Heroes Charity.

How much did you raise for your charities, and what have they been able to do with the funds you raised?

The total raised was £6,504; £1000 for Help for Heroes; £2,252 to the Dunstable Guides for the replacement of fire doors at their Windy Sales facility; and a similar amount to the Fourth Dunstable Scout Group to boost their building fund.

What do you miss the most now you are no longer Mayor?

The hustle and bustle of the year, particularly as I have now left the Council.

Do you have any further comments regarding your Year?

I would like to take this opportunity to thank, on behalf of my wife and myself, everyone who made the year so remarkable. In particular my colleagues on the Council, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive and all of the officers who supported and assisted me. I must also thank all those who contributed to my charity appeal. Also, I wish the recently elected Town Council every success in the forthcoming year.

Why did you agree to be Mayor in 2014/15?

My fellow Councillors were kind enough to honour me by asking me to take the office and I felt it would be a nice end to my time on the Council.

How long were you a councillor before you became Mayor?

14 years

What were you most surprised about during your time as Mayor?

The esteem in which the office is held and the warmth and generosity of the people and organisations that I met during my year.

What is a typical day as Mayor like?

One of the nice things was that there was no typical day – all were different.

Lest We Forget



Dunstable remembers the men and women of the town who gave their lives in the two World Wars. This year's Remembrance Parade and Service will be held on Sunday 8 November 2015.

The parade of the town's ex-service and uniformed organisations will assemble in Grove House Gardens (at the rear of Grove House) at 10.15 am and will then march to the War Memorial in Priory Gardens, via High Street North to the crossroads and traffic lights, then down High Street South (A5) to Priory House where the Town Mayor will take the salute. The parade will then form up at the memorial for the Act of Remembrance and wreath-laying ceremony at 11.00 am. At the end of the ceremony everyone is invited to attend a short Service of Remembrance in the Priory Church.

There will also be a short service at the War Memorial to mark Armistice Day on Wednesday 11 November at 11.00 am.

Members of the public are most welcome to take part in Dunstable's Act of Remembrance. Dunstable Town Council is once again keen to involve as many young people of the town as possible and would like to encourage representatives from schools in the town to take part in the parade and wreath laying.

For further information please contact Michele Markus on 01582 891404 or email michele.markus@dunstable.gov.uk



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Dunstable's Green Spaces



Green Flag Success

Two of the town's parks are among 137 other parks and green spaces across the East of England that are proudly flying a Green Flag Award, after being judged to be some of the best in the country. Priory and Grove House Gardens have retained their Green Flag Award status again this year for the fifth year running. The awards show that these parks have met the high and exacting standards required of the Green Flag Award Scheme.

The Green Flag Awards Scheme is run by the environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy and the parks are judged by an army of more than 700 green-space experts, who volunteer their time to visit applicant sites and assess them against eight strict criteria, including horticultural standards, cleanliness, sustainability and community involvement.

The Chair of Dunstable Town Council's Grounds and Environmental Service Committee, Councillor Gloria Martin said: "The awards recognise and reward the best parks and green spaces across the country. A Green Flag flying overhead is a sign to the public that these parks boast the highest possible standards, are beautifully maintained and have excellent facilities. We are absolutely delighted to retain our Green Flags as they recognise and highlight that people in Dunstable are benefitting from green spaces of the very highest quality."

Dunstable Hopes to 'Bee' Successful in Anglia in Bloom

This year's In Bloom theme was bees and members of the Bedfordshire Beekeepers Association have supported the Dunstable in Bloom campaign with advice on planting to encourage more bees in our local environment and information on keeping bees. The Town Mayor of Dunstable, Councillor Liz Jones will be attending this year's Anglia in Bloom Awards Ceremony on 17 September 2015 at Ware in Hertfordshire. Dunstable is hoping that the Mayor will collect a fourth Gold Medal for the Town in this the sixth year of the Dunstable in Bloom campaign. The Anglia in Bloom judges visited the town on 15 July and were taken on a three and a half hour tour of the Town. A number of sites and projects around the Town have been entered for special awards including:

- The Paddocks and Blows Down SSSI
- Grow Your Own at Incredible Edible Dunstable in Katherine Drive
- Weatherfield Academy
- Lowther Road Shops Scout Project
- Floral Wheelbarrow Displays
- The Heritage Tree Project
- Priory Gardens
- Town Centre Floral Displays

We wish them all success at this year's awards ceremony. Watch out for the results on the Council's website, Facebook and Twitter feeds as well as the local media. The Dunstable in Bloom team are already planning next year's entry, and if you would like to support the team or have an environmental project that you would like to showcase please contact John Crawley on 01582 891413 or email john.crawley@dunstable.gov.uk

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. 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.

Forthcoming meeting dates are listed below:

07/09/2015	Community Services Committee	22/10/2015	Personnel Sub-Committee <i>7.00 pm</i>
14/09/2015	Grounds & Environmental Services Committee	02/11/2015	Community Services Committee
21/09/2015	Finance & General Purposes Committee	03/11/2015	Plans Sub-Committee
22/09/2015	Plans Sub-Committee	09/11/2015	Grounds & Environmental Services Committee
24/09/2015	Accts Sub-Committee <i>5.30 pm</i>	19/11/2015	Accts Sub-Committee <i>5.30 pm</i>
24/09/2015	Dunstable Joint Committee <i>7.00 pm (Watling House)</i>	23/11/2015	Finance & General Purposes Committee
05/10/2015	COUNCIL	24/11/2015	Plans Sub-Committee
13/10/2015	Plans Sub-Committee	03/12/2015	Dunstable Joint Committee <i>(Watling House)</i>
22/10/2015	Accts Sub-Committee <i>5.30 pm</i>	07/12/2015	COUNCIL

Vote For Your Favourite Venue in the Best Bar None 'People's Choice Award'



From a list of accredited licensed venues in Dunstable and Houghton Regis, choose your favourite. To vote either visit www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/surveys/bbn/best_bar_none.htm or click on to the QR code above.



Dunstable Town Mayor's Upcoming Charity Events

Charity Golf Day

Thursday 8 October 2015

Dunstable Downs Golf Club
First tee off at 10.00 am
£50.00 per person

Dinner Dance

Saturday 14 November 2015

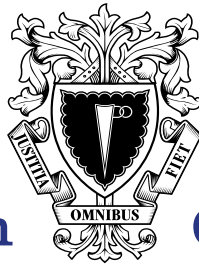
Holiday Inn, London Road, Markyate
7.00 pm
£39.50 per person

Pudding Night

Thursday 10 December 2015

Priory House, 33 High Street South,
Dunstable
7.00 pm
Price to be confirmed

For more details please contact Michele Markus on 01582 891404 or email michele.markus@dunstable.gov.uk



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

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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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:

Name:
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