

# TALK *of the* TOWN

DUNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

'Helping make Dunstable a Better Place'

## Summer Sensations

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# Welcome



## The Mayor's Welcome

Councillor Peter Hollick

I have had the pleasure of starting my Mayoral year with varied visits to local organisations. Perhaps the most rewarding are those where citizens are recognised for their service to the community – e.g. Cheering Volunteering supported by Central Bedfordshire Council and the St John Ambulance recognising hours of service in the last year and years of service.

There have also been visits to Scout AGMs and the Sea Cadets (further volunteering by the staff). There have been two 'Big Lunch' events, one organised by the Woodfield and Downside Residents Association, the other by the 'Incredible Edible' volunteers at their site on Katherine Drive. It was also pleasing, along with the Mayoress, to attend a 'street party' at the Vale Academy and watch the burying of a time capsule.

I was pleased to open the first of our 'Summer of Music' events – Dunstable Live! (Saturday 18 June) and the first Band Concert (Dunstable Town Band on Sunday 26 June). The Town Council has a full programme of music. By the time you read this I hope you will have enjoyed 'Party in the Park' (Saturday 16 July).

Residents and visitors took a step back in time to see the large range of classic cars (Saturday 11 June) in Priory Gardens. Added interest came in the form of the impressive Help for Heroes Truck Convoy with at least 100 lorries, sounding their horns, making their way along High Street South. I had the pleasure of waving them through. The organisers and drivers were moved by the crowd along the route, even one or two moved to tears with the support shown.

My first Mayoral event to raise money for my chosen charities took place on Saturday 25 June at the new independent living apartments in Priory View, Church Street. 100 guest representatives from local organisations, friends and colleagues and residents of Priory View, made it a successful morning. Ukie Toons (a Ukulele group) provided background music. There is a 'wow' factor at Priory View – the café, restaurant and therapy area are all open to the public. Do go and see what there is for 'later living'.

My chosen charities are the Sea Cadets (youngsters learning about and developing their skills on the water), Signposts (supporting young homeless) and Sorted (a counselling service for young people). I do hope you will support future events and contribute to these worthy causes.

At Mayor Making I said I would visit the shops and businesses in the Town Centre (and I have already started), not only to introduce myself but, more importantly, to build on the work of the Dunstable Joint Committee (made up of representatives from Central Bedfordshire and Dunstable Town Councils together with participants from local businesses) which is doing good work to help increase footfall in the town. The Special Saturdays, an addition to the Saturday market (on the first Saturday of each month), have been well received.

Your Town Council promotes many events; as well as the music concerts and Classic Motor Rally you can also enjoy 'Brewed for Dunstable', the annual town fireworks and more. Please support them; a considerable amount of work goes into setting them up for which we do sincerely thank our Council staff. I look forward to attending more events, ones to which I am invited as well as ones which I will be hosting – and I look forward to seeing you along the way.

*Councillor Peter Hollick*  
Town Mayor of Dunstable



## David Ashlee

Town Clerk and Chief Executive

### Welcome to this August edition of Talk of the Town.

The Council's summer programme of activities and events – including the 'Summer of Music' – has already started and, as I write this introduction, I am looking forward to the annual Party in the Park. I am sure that all the thousands of residents and visitors that enjoyed the recent Dunstable Live music festival and the Motor Rally 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.

This edition of Talk of the Town features the Council's recent success in attracting a significant grant from Central Bedfordshire Council to help introduce millions of pounds worth of new services that are aimed at helping to regenerate the town and, particularly, the town centre. There is a full double page spread dedicated to giving readers more information on all of the projects that will hopefully be delivered over the next couple of years.

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 sometime in September, so please keep an eye on local press announcements.

The Council has also just agreed the Annual Report for 2015/16. Can I please 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, can I please encourage all readers to support their local teams based at Creasey Park Community Football Centre. Both Dunstable Town FC and AFC Dunstable have their home at the award-winning Creasey Park facility, which will soon be improved by an extension to the catering facilities.

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*  
Town Clerk and Chief Executive



# NOTICE BOARD

News, Announcements and Items of Interest for Residents of Dunstable

## We Value Your Opinion

Dunstable Town Council is committed to ensuring its events programme meets the needs of the town's residents. To enable us to plan and organise the events each year we rely on feedback from you as part of the planning process. Whether it's what type of music you want to see, a particular act or ideas of any new events you would like to see added to the events programme. We therefore encourage you to take a few minutes to fill in our online questionnaire which you will find at:

[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WQ6GNMD](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WQ6GNMD)

Thank you for your time and feedback.

## After School Snack Box

New for September from Priory House Tea Rooms. Why not pick up a small treat for the kids to tide them over until Tea Time? A bottle of drink a pack of savoury snacks and a piece of fruit for only £2.00 all packed in a lunch box for ease. For more information call 01582 891420.

## Buy your 'Brewed' tickets online now!

Weekend tickets £18 includes a free drink each day. Day Ticket £7 includes a free drink. 'Brewed' is formerly the beer and cider festival, but now it is back bigger than ever!

Buy your tickets now at  
[www.dunstable.gov.uk/brewed](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/brewed)  
More information on page 11



**Signposts Luton** has been dedicated to helping the homeless in Luton and Dunstable to start over for more than 30 years. It provides temporary accommodation and support services in preparation for independent living.



Signposts has two projects in Dunstable which provides short-term accommodation for single males and females aged between 16 and 29.

Are you homeless or have been threatened with homelessness? Do you know someone who is homeless and want to help?

Contact Signposts Luton on 01582 722629 Option 1 or email [info@signpostsluton.co.uk](mailto:info@signpostsluton.co.uk)

You can also follow us on facebook, twitter or visit [www.signpostssso.com](http://www.signpostssso.com)

## A Walk Back in Time


The next public guided walk by one of the Dunstable Town Tour Guides is entitled 'A Walk Back in Time: Pre-historic sites as seen from the Five Knolls on Dunstable Downs' and will take place on Sunday, 11 September at 11.00 am. The walk starts from the junction of Tring Road B489 with Whipsnade Road B4541. Come and enjoy the views and discover some fascinating history.




Tickets cost £5 each and are available from Priory House Heritage Centre, High Street South, Dunstable. (Tel: 01582 891420)

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TOWN COUNCIL



# Destination

Keeping you abreast of town centre news, initiatives and developments

DUNSTABLE



## Party in the Market!

The Dunstable Joint Committee has funded a series of activities and events that are taking place once a month on a Saturday, on Dunstable Market and in the Methodist Church Hall on The Square.

So far we have had a Party to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday and donned our beach hats and sunglasses for a Holiday themed event!

But if you haven't managed to get down to Ashton Square yet, don't worry as the events will be taking place on the first Saturday of every month until the end of the year! Themes for the rest of the programme are as follows:

<b>Saturday 3 September</b>	Family theme
<b>Saturday 1 October</b>	Food and Drink theme
<b>Saturday 5 November</b>	Pre-Christmas theme
<b>Saturday 3 December</b>	Christmas theme

Activities include new stalls, music, children's entertainment, refreshments and more. The events take place between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm in the Ashton Square area. For further information on the scheduled market themed events please visit:

[www.dunstable.gov.uk/party-in-the-market.htm#sthash.7wO7aQyu.dpbs](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/party-in-the-market.htm#sthash.7wO7aQyu.dpbs)

Or, just visit!

Dunstable Market is a general outdoor market that takes place in the Ashton Square area every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday throughout the year (excluding Bank Holidays).

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, sweets and more. A range of fresh fruits, vegetables and meats can also be purchased and you can even have your lunch on site!

To find out more about Dunstable Market or to express an interest in trading, contact:

The Market Officer  
Dunstable Town Council  
Telephone 01582 513000  
Mobile 07803 627544  
[www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk)  
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Dunstable Market operates in the Ashton Square area every **Wednesday, Friday and Saturday**

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

For further information and to keep up to date with events and promotions visit:  
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# Football & Futures

Creasey Park and Central Bedfordshire College team up for a winning combination



CREASEY KICKZ FOOTBALL PARTIES



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With Euro 2016 adding to the country's obsession with its favourite sport, football, it's no wonder boys and girls up and down the country dream of becoming the stars of the future. The reality is only a select few make it to the top, but there are lots of opportunities for talented young footballers looking to fulfil their ambitions, both on and off the pitch.

The Football Development programme at Central Bedfordshire College, based at Creasey Park Community Football Centre, aims to do just that. A direct link with Luton Town Football Club provides talented young footballers with the coaching and competitive opportunities to develop their game and provide formal sport and coaching qualifications for their future careers.

The programme allows students to train as professional footballers while studying one of a wide range of specific sports programmes. There are six hours training per week and they can play in one of three squads.

Alongside this they attend lessons on their chosen course towards a formally recognised qualification. Courses are offered at different levels and they can also study for additional F.A. approved coaching qualifications. The most talented have the opportunity to progress onto Luton Town FC's successful Youth Development Programmes with seven graduates now playing in the Premier League.



Head of programme Colin Sharpe who is passionate about giving students access to top level football development alongside their academic studies, said: "Our partnership with Dunstable Town Council allows students to train in dedicated facilities on superb pitches at Creasey Park

Community Football Centre. This coupled with the exceptional teaching facilities at the newly refurbished college campus means students get the best of both worlds and are prepared for their future careers whether that's in football or another sporting or coaching area."

The College prides itself on being more academically focused rather than selling false promises to the students, and the department has achieved 91% academic success and is the only college in the area to be awarded a Grade 2 by Ofsted twice in a row. The football standards are also high and the programme has produced the talented Crystal Palaces premiership player Keishi Anderson. The college's squads have scooped seven league titles and two league cups.

There are still places available for what is set to be a very exciting year – contact Colin Sharpe for more information [csharpe@centralbeds.ac.uk](mailto:csharpe@centralbeds.ac.uk)



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## TOURIST INFORMATION

The Tourist Information Centre provides a gateway to Priory House Exhibition Room, plus leaflets, maps and information about Central Bedfordshire.



Local attractions, theatre brochures, walking and cycling leaflets, the London planner and more are available.

We are agents for the following:



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## PRIORY HOUSE TEA ROOMS

Visit our award-winning Tea Rooms for freshly prepared food made from locally sourced produce.

Whether it's a quick drink with friends, a business lunch or an afternoon of indulgence, Priory House Tea Rooms has just what you are looking for.



Priory House Tea Rooms are open Monday – Saturday 10.00 am to 4.00 pm



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## St Augustine's Junior Wardens

## Relax, Chill & Chat

If you are aged 13 to 18 years old and looking for something to do on an evening, Dunstable Town Council may have just the thing! Open three evenings a week, Grove Corner is a youth centre in the heart of Dunstable.

There is FREE pool and FREE table football, as well as a variety of games that can be played. You are able to connect to the i: on speaker using Bluetooth and play your latest music, catering for all music tastes and styles. There are computers with internet access and often a selection of arts and crafts. Each month Grove Corner has a relevant theme of the month and regularly has guest speakers to provide young people with information and places to go to access support for specific issues.

Grove Corner is open Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7.00 pm to 9:30 pm and on a Friday from 8.00 pm to 9.30 pm. There is no need to book, just turn up on the night and stay for as long as you please!

If you are not old enough to attend the Grove Corner drop in but are aged 10 to 13 years old then the Junior Youth Club is for you. Offering all the same great facilities as provided for the Seniors Group, the Junior Group is slightly more structured and is a brilliant way to meet new people and make new friends.

For more information please contact the Senior Community and Young People's Officer, Gill on 01582 891434 or email [gill.briggs@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:gill.briggs@dunstable.gov.uk)

Or to keep up to date with all that is happening, why not like the Facebook page: Grove Corner Dunstable or follow Grove Corner on Instagram: Grove Corner



Junior Wardens is an exciting initiative that the Town Council runs in partnership with St Augustine's Academy in Downside. Currently, there are 15 members of St Augustine's Junior Wardens.

The aim of the project is to promote pride of place and to equip the young people attending with the means to make a difference to their community. The young people looked at the impact of litter for the first term of the project; this included having guest speakers from the Wildlife Trust, Central Bedfordshire Council and the RSPCA. To conclude the first term's topic, the Junior Wardens took part in a litter pick around the school grounds.

During the second term, the topic has been around road safety. Richard Denton the Children and Young People Development Officer and Schools Coordinator for Bedfordshire Police came to talk to the group about Personal Safety and Police powers on the road. The group went on an estate 'BRAKE' walk in conjunction with the National Charity BRAKE that exists to promote road safety. The young people engaged well and motorists passing by were respectful of slowing down and giving the group a wave. Over the term the young people have learnt the dangers and impacts of motorists not abiding by the speed limit, the issues of potholes and the damage they can cause, and about cyclists and road safety.

Dunstable Town Council are now looking for adult volunteers to help with this group so if you are interested in supporting this great project or finding out more information, officers would like to hear from you.

Please contact Senior Community and Young People's Officer, Gill on 01582 891434 or email [gill.briggs@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:gill.briggs@dunstable.gov.uk) or Community Services Assistant, Jack on 07713395234 or [jack.adams-rimmer@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:jack.adams-rimmer@dunstable.gov.uk)



# Your Town Council 'Making Dunstable

Back in October last year, Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) launched a grant aid programme called the 'Market Town Regeneration Fund' (MTRF) that aimed to help regenerate market towns across Central Bedfordshire. The fund was designed for town and parish councils to bid for funding to deliver projects in their towns and villages that would help to regenerate areas, specifically town centres.



## Enhanced Town Centre Cleansing

Later this year the Council will be launching an extension to the existing Town Ranger service that will focus purely on the town centre. Whenever possible the service will operate seven days a week. By using a range of specialist cleaning equipment, this new service will help to ensure that the street scene in and around Dunstable town centre will be kept to the very highest standards.



## Priory House Undercroft Restoration

Priory House is one of the most important buildings in Dunstable. A Grade 2\* listed structure, the House (and particularly the Undercroft), is in need of considerable restoration. The Council has secured funding from CBC and Historic England to help fund the required feasibility study that will ultimately lead to a major works programme that will be carried out over the next few years.



## Architectural Lighting Scheme

Aiming to lift the entrances to the town and improving the night time street scene, this project will result in the installation of architectural lighting on Grove House, Priory House and the Dunstable Conference Centre. It is hoped that the new lighting will be launched in time for Christmas.



## New Entrance Features for Priory Gardens

Similar to the entrance feature for Grove House Gardens, the Council will be installing a new entrance feature to Priory Gardens from the A5. This project will complete the restoration of entrance features for the Gardens following the completion of the listed Priory Gateway entrance from Church Street.



For all enquiries please contact Dunstable Town Council



# Council Investing in 'to be a Better Place'

Dunstable Town Council put together a strong bid that has led to the projects highlighted here receiving up to £1million of partnership funding, which together with required matched funding will lead to over £2million worth of investment in and around the town centre over the next couple of years.



Council on 01582 513000 or [info@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:info@dunstable.gov.uk)

BEFORE



AFTER



## High Street Improvement Scheme

Central Bedfordshire Council has set aside £1million of the MTRF budget to help part fund local retailers and town centre landlords to improve their premises and shop fronts. The Town Council will be leading on this scheme for Dunstable and hopes to secure a significant element of the £1million to ensure that as many premises in the town centre benefit from this initiative.



## New Town Centre Signage and Street Furniture

Post de-trunking of the A5, the Council will be installing new signage and street furniture in and around the town centre including new information signs at the White Lion Guided Bus Way stop.



## A New Splash Park, Beach Area and Catering Outlet for Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground

This exciting project will provide a wonderful new facility for all residents and visitors to Dunstable. Situated in Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground, the new facility will enhance the outdoor space already provided and see the sports pavilion transformed into a new cafeteria.



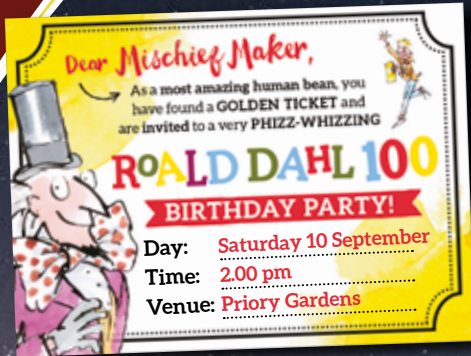
## Quadrant Shopping Centre Refurbishment

The new owners of the Quadrant Shopping Centre will soon be making an investment in the complex to improve its overall appearance. Through the MTRF the Council will be assisting with this investment with a view to also facilitating the re-opening of the public toilets.





PRIORY HOUSE  
HERITAGE CENTRE



## Celebrate Roald Dahl Day at Priory House

We are having a Roald Dahl 100th Birthday party on Saturday 10 September with a themed picnic with craft activities for children aged 5 to 12 together with a screening of the Roald Dahl film 'Fantastic Mr. Fox' and a Roald Dahl book to take home. All this for only £9.50 per child. To book please phone Priory House on 01582 891420.



**Saturday 10 September 2016**

Priory Gardens, 6.00 pm to 9.30 pm

Join us for Priory Proms in The Park, a brand new event for Dunstable Town Council in 2016. Come and watch the spectacular BBC Proms broadcast live on our giant screen in Priory Gardens, with stunning HD sound and special effects.

The afternoon will start with Dunstable Town Band, playing a selection of brass band hits before the main broadcast at 7.30 pm. There will also be interval entertainment from a top local vocalist. During the big finale to the proms watch the gardens come to life with dancing lights, water fountains, fire and more. Plus don't miss the spectacular firework finale straight after the show.

So get your picnic rugs and chairs out, order your very own Cream Tea hamper from Priory House Tea Rooms and enjoy a Pimms or two from the licensed bar and get set to enjoy the first 'Priory Proms In the Park'. Keep an eye on our website for details of the final event times once the broadcast has been announced by the BBC:

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

## Add A Festival Hamper to Your Proms Party!



**New for  
2016**

### What could be more English than enjoying a Cream or Afternoon Tea while listening to the fabulous band music at Proms in the Park?

Priory House Tea Rooms will be providing the refreshments for the Priory Proms in the Park event. You can order one of our Festival Hampers to further enhance your Priory Proms in the Park experience.

#### Cream Tea £7.50

Two scones, jam and cream, plus a cup of Tea/regular coffee per person.

#### Non-Alcoholic Picnic £20.00

Filled Deli Rolls, Sausage Rolls, Scotch Eggs, Cheese Straws, Crisps and two bottles/cans soft drink.

#### Prosecco Picnic £25.00

Baguettes, Butter, Brie, Cheddar, Red Leicester, Olives, Strawberries and Cream, with a bottle of Prosecco.

All hampers serve two people and include disposable tableware. Your hampers must be ordered and paid for by Thursday 8 September. All hampers can be ordered either by telephone on 01582 891420, in person or by going to our website: [www.dunstable.gov.uk/new-for-2016-from-the-priory-pantry.htm](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/new-for-2016-from-the-priory-pantry.htm)



Thur 22, Fri 23 & Sat 24 Sept

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Friday 4 November 2016

# Dunstable FIREWORKS Display

The 2016 fireworks display will explode with a host of new and exciting changes to our display at Creasey Park. It is definitely one not to be missed!

Remember, remember the 4th of November this year, as we launch with a new firing time of 7.00 pm, gates open earlier at 5.00 pm! Come down to support your local fireworks display and watch a fantastic 20 minute spectacular choreographed to music.

Beat the queues and buy your tickets online now!

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

Family Ticket ( 2+2) £10 | Adults £4

Children (aged 5 to 16) £2

Under 5yrs Free | Concessions £2

## Meet a Minion!

Everyone loves the Minions so make sure you don't miss our minion walking around for photos. Also on site there will be a funfair to enjoy, food stalls, glow products and face painting.



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Best Bar None 2016 has launched again in Dunstable and Houghton Regis and now also includes Leighton Buzzard.

Licensed premises in your area have been invited to take part in the scheme and those who want to take part are currently being assessed. Premises who are accredited will be automatically entered into the People's Vote which gives you a chance to vote for your favourite venue.

Thank you to all of you who voted for your favourite licensed premises in 2015. The winner was Go Houghton in Houghton Regis.

We will be launching the People's Vote again in September 2016; please look out for social media coverage on Facebook pages for Central Bedfordshire Council, Dunstable Town Council, Houghton Regis Town Council and Leighton Linslade Town Council. You can follow Best Bar None at #bbnuk.



## Dunstable Men in Sheds

Men in Sheds is a project aimed specifically at men aged 50+. It looks to bring men together to put their practical skills to good use and have some fun.

It provides a space to develop a hobby workshop where men can work together on a range of practical activities.

Current members are looking to put their skills to good use, share their knowledge, learn new skills and generally put the world to rights over a cup of tea.

Members have come from a wide variety of backgrounds and are looking forward to working together and supporting the town's communities.

We now have a steering group and are looking to form a Committee to get the project up and running!

Would you be interested in becoming a member of the Dunstable Men in Sheds project?

We are always looking for more members to keep driving forward the development of The Shed with the support of Dunstable Town Council and the Royal Voluntary Service.

If you are interested and would like more information please contact Jack Adams-Rimmer on (01582) 513000 or 07801575139 or alternatively email [Jack.Adams-Rimmer@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:Jack.Adams-Rimmer@dunstable.gov.uk)



# Spotlight

## David Ashlee

### Dunstable Town Council's Town Clerk & Chief Executive

This edition we go right to the top and Dunstable Town Council's Town Clerk and Chief Executive. In this edition we shine the spotlight on what it is like to be David 'The Boss' Ashlee.

**You have been the Town Clerk and Chief Executive for 10 years now, what would you say has been the most noticeable difference in Dunstable?**

The biggest difference to Dunstable has been the population growth and increased diversity. Similarly, the Council has also grown, both in terms of variety of services delivered, staff employed and growth in turnover.

**What did you do before you came to Dunstable?**

I have worked in local government now for over 30 years (yes I know I look far too young!). I started my career as a life guard in a leisure centre and over the years worked in many different roles for 3 different authorities.

My role immediately prior to coming to Dunstable was as Head of Department responsible for corporate performance, crime and disorder reduction and Community Planning as well as a range of community based services such as museums, leisure facilities and sports development.

**Your role must be very challenging, what is the most challenging aspect of being a town clerk?**

Being responsible for millions of pounds of public money and a large number of staff that do very different jobs.

**What would you say you enjoy the most about your role?**

Probably the variety of my work and I have to admit to enjoy being "the boss".

**I hear you're a keen golfer. What is your handicap?**

My biggest handicap is that I don't get to play enough because of my job! Whilst I am a keen golfer, I am not very good and play off 28.

**Who is the most famous person you have met?**

Princess Diana – she opened the first leisure centre that I worked for in Kidderminster in 1986.

**What do you think will change in Dunstable in the next 5 years?**

There is no doubt that the Guided Busway will continue to have an impact on the town as a catalyst for further regeneration investment. The new A5-M1 Link Road, Woodside Connection and associated de-trunking of the A5 will also have a positive effect on the town. Ultimately, with further housing and employment growth, I think the economic outlook for Dunstable is extremely promising and whilst I know that some people struggle with the fact that Dunstable is no longer a cosy, quaint market town, the reality is that it has not been one for many years now, but it is, and will be, a prosperous and vibrant place in which to live, work and visit.

**If you could provide any service to the residents of Dunstable what would it be and why?**

I would like the Council to own and manage a golf course (but that is for selfish reasons!!). I just want the Council to continue to grow and manage as great a range of quality of life services as is reasonable in an efficient and effective manner. The Town Council only exists to add value to the range and quality of public services in Dunstable and whilst I genuinely believe the Council does a great job already; I also think there is always more we can do given the right resources. Ultimately, to really answer the question properly, I would ask our residents.

**If you could be chief executive for any other organisation what would it be and why?**

Probably an organisation like the World Health Organisation or the International Monetary Fund. Such organisations are hugely powerful and have the capacity to do so much good in the world. Failing that I think the FA have a job vacancy at the moment!

**If you could have any super power what would it be and why?**

I would like the ability to alleviate pain, poverty and suffering and to promote aspiration.



# Dunstable's Green Spaces



## More Green Flag Success in 2016

Two of the town's parks are among many others in the region that continue to fly a Green Flag Award, after being judged to be among the best in the country. Priory and Grove House Gardens have retained their Green Flag Award status again this year for the sixth 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 were judged in May this year by two green-space experts, who volunteer their time each year. They assessed the parks against eight strict criteria, including horticultural standards, cleanliness, sustainability and community involvement.

The Chair of Dunstable Town Council's Grounds and Environmental Services Committee, Councillor Liz Jones, said: "We are delighted to have retained our Green Flag Awards again in 2016 and I was very proud to be able to attend the award ceremony in Nottingham to collect this year's flags. The awards are testament to the hard work that the Town Council staff and the wider community put in to maintaining these award winning spaces for all to enjoy."

### Come 'n' Grow Community Gardening

Katherine Drive Dunstable LU5 4NP

Work sessions in the garden on the first Saturday of every month from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. Please bring your own gloves. We have tools, tea and coffee.

**3rd September**  
**1st October**  
**5th November**  
**3rd December**

For details contact Sahira on 07905116623

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# Dunstable Town 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:

05/09/2016	Community Services Committee	20/10/2016	Personnel Sub Committee 7.00 pm
12/09/2016	Grounds & Environmental Services Committee	01/11/2016	Plans Sub-Committee
15/09/2016	Dunstable Joint Committee 7.00 pm (Watling House)	07/11/2016	Community Services Committee
19/09/2016	Finance & General Purposes Committee	14/11/2016	Grounds & Environmental Services Committee
20/09/2016	Plans Sub-Committee	8/12/2016	Dunstable Joint Committee 7.00 pm (Watling House)
21/09/2016	Accts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm	21/11/2016	Finance & General Purposes Committee
03/10/2016	COUNCIL	22/11/2016	Plans Sub-Committee
11/10/2016	Plans Sub-Committee	23/11/2016	Accts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm
19/10/2016	Accts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm		



Everyone in the community would like the area in which they live to be a safe and secure environment. Central Bedfordshire Neighbourhood Watch is committed to setting up and maintaining Neighbourhood Watch Schemes.

What Neighbourhood Watch does...

**Reduces the opportunities for Crime**

**Establishes a spirit of community co-operation and communication**

**Encourages people to 'look after' more vulnerable residents.**

If you and your neighbours would like to find out more, then please contact Tony Howells on 01582 881611 or e-mail [t.howells08@btinternet.com](mailto:t.howells08@btinternet.com)



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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

## Main Council Reception 01582 513000

For any queries relating to Council Tax, Housing Benefits, Refuse or Highways please contact Central Bedfordshire Council on 0300 300 8000 or email customer.services@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk or visit www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

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

## Mayoral and Democratic Services

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

### Older People's Support Service

Good Companions day care, 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:

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Grove House, 76 High St North,  
Dunstable, Bedfordshire LU6 1NF

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