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# Welcome



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## Mayor's Welcome

Councillor John Kane

With just a few weeks left of my Mayoral year I would like to take the opportunity to look back and review some of the amazing and extremely memorable engagements that I have attended during the past months. So far during my year of office I have attended many celebratory, community, charity and civic events and would like to thank everyone who has either supported or been associated with these occasions. Jenny and I have been made to feel very welcome everywhere we have visited, it has been a most memorable year.

The summer programme of music events in Grove House Gardens and the themed events in Priory Gardens have all been a tremendous success and I am sure were enjoyed by everyone that attended. The various visits to many local schools and youth organisations and the annual torchlight procession on The Square, with school choirs from Ardley Hill Academy, Ashton St Peter's VA Primary School, Beecroft Academy, Icknield Lower School, Lancot School, Lark Rise Academy, Priory Academy, St Augustine's Academy, The Vale Academy, Totternhoe C. E. Academy, Watling Lower School, Priory Choir, celebrating the start of the festive season on a cold and crisp December evening – so many memorable events – including the day that Dunstable fell silent when thousands gathered at the newly refurbished War Memorial to commemorate Armistice Day on Remembrance Sunday. Other highlights have been our success at the Anglia in Bloom Awards, the visit to the Junior Wardens at St Augustine's Academy, the Trafalgar Dinner and Battle at the Dunstable Sea Cadets Unit at the Old Mill and the many charity and civic events that the Mayoress and I have attended over the past months.

Now looking forward, we are further enhancing the facilities at Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground with an Adventure Play Area alongside the existing Splash Park and Splashside Café.

My charity events have been most enjoyable and successful, thank you to everyone who has supported them, including a successful evening at the Little Theatre's production of 'Glorious', and a fun evening Go-Kart racing. My charities are Dunstable and District Disabled Sports (DADDS) and the Dunstable Sea Cadets who will benefit from the proceeds.

Dunstable Town Council is here to listen, and I hope that you will continue to give feedback on the various services and activities. For more information about Mayoral activities and visits please contact Michele Markus at Dunstable Town Council 01582 891404 or email [Michele.markus@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:Michele.markus@dunstable.gov.uk)

*Councillor John Kane*  
Town Mayor of Dunstable



## David Ashlee

Town Clerk & Chief Executive

Welcome to the spring edition of Talk of the Town. This is always a very important time of year for the Council as it is the period in which the Council agrees its annual budget. This year the Council has been able to set a budget with just a £4.11 per year increase on the Dunstable Town Council element of your council tax bill whilst also improving and increasing the range of quality of life services delivered by the Council in Dunstable.

If you live in a Dunstable Band D property, you will pay an annual charge of £179.32 to Dunstable Town Council. An illustration of where this money goes is given later in this edition.

The spring sees the launch of the Council's events programme and this year the Council will be starting things off with two events in April and May. St George's Day will be celebrated with an improved range of activities centred in Priory Gardens and May sees the return of the popular 'Around the World' event, again in Priory Gardens. June's 'Dunstable Live' is once again set to open the Council's 'Summer of Music' and I am very excited to be able to announce that Showaddywaddy will be our headline act for this year's Party in the Park in July.

May will see an earlier re-opening of Bennett's Splash and the Splashside Café with the addition of a brand new £200,000 adventure playground so let's hope we have good weather this spring and summer. The Council are really hoping that Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground will become a destination park for Dunstable. We are also hoping for good weather to support the Council's programme of special markets that will be taking place from April on every second and third Saturday of the month. This year we are trying to further develop a farmers market so please make sure you visit the markets and help support local enterprise.

You will also be noticing a number of improvements to the town centre this year. Central Bedfordshire Council are leading on a programme of works that will hopefully make the town centre look more attractive and be easier to navigate. The work will be carried out in two phases and is featured later in this 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](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk) or following us on Twitter and Facebook. Happy reading!

*David Ashlee*  
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

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News, Announcements and Items of Interest for Residents of Dunstable



**Dunstable  
Town Guides**

## Volunteers Wanted

Growing public interest in the history of the town means that Dunstable Town Tour Guides are looking for volunteers. Find out fascinating facts, develop your natural communication skills, and learn how to entertain and inform groups of all ages with walks and talks.

To see what we do visit our website [www.dunstabletownguides.co.uk](http://www.dunstabletownguides.co.uk).

To find out more please contact Kay Kempster by email at [dunstablehg@gmail.com](mailto:dunstablehg@gmail.com), or find us on Facebook.



## Beecroft Residents Association

Beecroft Residents Association (BRA) are a friendly group of local people who take a pride and interest in our neighborhood. We meet bi-monthly to discuss any local issues and plan for community activities.

If you live in the Beecroft or the wider North West Dunstable area and would like to join us please contact Sue on 07847 381960.



## The Town Ranger Service

Did you know Dunstable has a Town Ranger Service tackling grot spots, graffiti removal, street cleaning and much more?

If you see something on your street or around town then report it to the rangers freephone 0800 0130350 or message them directly via their Facebook page, like them @dunstabletownranger

## Are you a local charity? Do you need to raise funds?

Dunstable Town Council are seeking a charity organisation to provide the tea and coffee concession at our Sunday Bands Concerts this summer.

To apply and for more information email [lisa.vincent@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.vincent@dunstable.gov.uk) or telephone 01582 891406.

## Are you aged over 75 and your social life has taken a dip?

Why not consider the Good Companions Lunch Club? contact [sandy.coyle@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:sandy.coyle@dunstable.gov.uk) or ring Sandy on 01582 891408.



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# Bennett's Splash and Splashside Café Bring on the Heat!

The heat is on... on the way, well let's hope so! Bennett's Splash and the Splashside Café will very soon be open. After listening to feedback last year, we have decided the Splash Park will open a week earlier from Friday 3 May 2019 through to Sunday 1 September 2019.

Come back and enjoy the 16 super soaking water features ranging from gentle mists, spray arches and tipping buckets to spray shooter cannons. The Splash Park is designed to be used and enjoyed by children aged from 2 yrs – 10 yrs, those older than this are asked to act responsibly for the safety of all. To make it a healthy splash please observe all the health and safety notices displayed around the splash park and café.

Splashside Café adjacent to the splash park will be serving up all the favourites such as freshly prepared milkshakes, healthy fruit smoothies, delicious wraps and stonebaked pizzas. New to the menu this year will be the Bennett's Burger, classic fish finger sandwich and the Splashside Slushie. It wouldn't be an English summer without an ice cream and LM Ices will again be selling delicious ice creams from their vans.

**NEW THIS YEAR** you'll not only be able to splash in the park, but bounce too as Perfect Personalised Parties will be providing bouncy castles for you to enjoy (a small fee will apply).

Those visiting are reminded that there are a number of parking restrictions in place on the roads surrounding Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground and visitors are strongly advised to park in Aston Square car park, off Bull Pond Lane, with its 387 spaces. This car park is only a minute's walk to the park.

Bennett's Splash and the Splashside café will be open 7 days a week from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm. Please look out for further updates of other events taking place in the park via our Council website, Facebook and Twitter pages.

# Bennett's Splash

**NEW!**



## Venture out to Bennett's Rec for a Play Adventure!

Coming this spring to Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground will be a new adventure play. Dunstable Town Council is very excited about this new fantastic addition to the park for the residents and visitors of Dunstable to enjoy. The adventure playground is designed for all ages and abilities to enjoy and will consist of challenging, fun play equipment.

Children will be able to enjoy the five platform multiplay unit with two slides, adventure trail climbing jungle, climbing boulder, two set in the ground trampolines, a rustic seesaw, a multi child swing, low level trail climbing path, 3 low level bridge jungle climbing routes, 35 stepping posts set at various heights and a double zip wire aerial runway. How much fun does that all sound?

The playground will be located centrally within the recreation ground directly behind the existing splash park. The rustic natural look to the playground was an important element of the design and for this reason robinia wood will be used. It is an extremely hard wood and durable, making it excellent for outdoor play equipment.

Look out for further updates of the official opening date via our website [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk) or our Facebook Page @Dunstablecouncil

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# Destination

Keeping you abreast of town centre news, initiatives and developments

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## Magical Artworks Around Town in April

April is the month of showers, which will be great for Dunstable's hidden art trail. This secret trail around our town comes to life when it rains or is sprayed with water. To use the trail, you will need the map, either paper form or download onto your phone. This will be available from our website or The Workhouse in Ashton Square. The trail will take you around the town, once in the correct place a hidden piece of art will be visible when wet. Each frame on the map is a clue to where you will find the magic art.

The art project, funded by the Dunstable Joint Committee is a collaboration with local artists Claire London and Arkolina to create this innovative, interactive, exciting new art project. Looking at areas of interest in the town and producing the art, the two artists have been busy placing their art and creative words within the town. We wanted to make a ROAR around the town with our interactive lion hunt, five lions have been hidden around the town, but where are they?

Come along to the Easter Market on 13 April to pick up the trail details, we will even supply water bottles if it is not raining. The Workhouse will also have details in its shop, as well as another chance to get a map and water bottles on the Farmers & Craft market on 20 April. This is a temporary piece of art, so grab your spray bottles and wellies and see what you can find.



## Summer Events in The Square

With the success of the Snowglobe in The Square last year, free events will continue in The Square this summer. These free events will be held in May, July and August, keep a look out on Facebook and our web site for updates and information.

**Saturday 25 May** will be the first free event in The Square, join us for May Pole dancing. The Jester will entertain you with his dancing and no doubt will be asking for lots of volunteers on the day from 11.00 am to 2.00 pm. There will be free arts and crafts on The Square during the day from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. This free event will be a great start to the Bank holiday weekend for the whole family.

**Saturday 13 July** 10.00 am to 4.00 pm is Football on The Square. This free event with eight football tables, knockouts and competitions and referees will have the whole family competing to win prizes.

**Saturday 17 August** 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, if you missed the winter snow globe last year, come along to the beach globe in August! A beach snowglobe in the middle of summer. Play in the snow on the beach and have a free picture to remember your day.



Young girls dancing the Maypole at the village carnival at Ashover in Derbyshire, 2015. (Oscarhill)





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### THEMED MARKET 2019 DATES

<b>13TH APRIL</b>	<b>11TH MAY</b>	<b>8TH JUNE</b>	<b>13TH JULY</b>	<b>10TH AUGUST</b>
<b>EASTER TREATS</b>	<b>LOVE YOUR GARDEN</b>	<b>CLASSIC JUMBLE SALE</b>	<b>LIFESTYLE &amp; CRAFT</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S MARKET</b>
<b>14TH SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>12TH OCTOBER</b>	<b>9TH NOVEMBER</b>	<b>14TH DECEMBER</b>	
<b>CHARITY DAY</b>	<b>STREET FOOD</b>	<b>MYSTIC TREATS</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS MAGIC</b>	

**ON THE SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH  
MIDDLE ROW, ASHTON SQUARE.**

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### FARMERS & CRAFT MARKET 2019 DATES

<b>20TH APRIL</b>	<b>18TH MAY</b>	<b>15TH JUNE</b>	<b>20TH JULY</b>	<b>17TH AUGUST</b>
<b>21ST SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>19TH OCTOBER</b>	<b>16TH NOVEMBER</b>	<b>21ST DECEMBER</b>	

**ON THE THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH  
MIDDLE ROW, ASHTON SQUARE.**

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# FREE! 2019 Events



**Saturday 27 April**  
11.00 am to 4.00 pm  
Priory Gardens

The first of Dunstable Town Council's Events Programme starts off with the St George's Day Celebration. On Saturday 27 April between 11.00 am and 4.00 pm come and join us in Priory Gardens for a FREE family fun filled day.

There's a lot to see and do this year. There will be the mighty climbing wall to face, alongside trying your hand at archery and caving, making your very own swords and crowns before you go off around town to hunt for the dragons!

If that's not enough take part in our knight school, enjoy the comical Jester and listen to magical stories!

As well as all of this you can also enjoy honing your circus skills, watch fighting knights, magic show, Punch and Judy and bounce on our inflatables.



**Saturday 18 May**  
10.00 am to 4.00 pm  
Priory Gardens

This much-loved event is back! Leave your passports at home and come down to Priory Gardens to experience an 'Around the World' trip.

The event brings you the best of music, cultures, animals and more from different countries.

Look out for... Bollywood Punch and Judy, a litter of piglets to celebrate Chinese Year of the Pig, Bhangra dancing, children's Bhangra lessons and Around the World Crazy Golf!

There will also be a mini Dinosaurium; a fantastic interactive dinosaur experience with fossil digs, animated triceratops and much more.

Get the date in your diary, this event is not to be missed.



**From Sunday 24 June**  
2.15 pm to 4.15 pm  
Grove House Gardens

Our much loved programme of Sunday Band Concerts is back. Starting with Dunstable Town Band, come down to Grove House Gardens to enjoy the beautiful setting within the park and listen to the fantastic bands.

- 30 June Dunstable Town Band
- 7 July Salvation Army
- 14 July Toddington Town Band
- 28 July St Albans City Band
- 4 August Woburn Sands Band
- 11 August Welwyn Garden City
- 18 August Milton Keynes Brass Band

**There is also a fantastic fund raising opportunity for charities to apply for the seven week tea and coffee concession during these band concerts. If you are interested please contact Lisa Vincent on 01582 891406 or email [lisa.vincent@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.vincent@dunstable.gov.uk) for an application form.**



**Saturday 16 June**  
2.00 pm to 8.00 pm  
Grove House Gardens

We are excited to announce the theme for this year's Dunstable Live event as 'Best of Soft Rock'.

A survey was conducted via our Facebook page on what soft rock music you would love to hear and we received over 1,500 votes. The top four acts chosen were:

- 2.00 pm Enzo as Bryan Adams
- 3.00 pm Meet Loaf
- 4.30 pm Bon Giovi
- 6.30 pm Queen II

Enjoy six hours of live music with an outside bar, catering and small children's rides.



**Saturday 20 July**  
12 noon to 8.00 pm  
Grove House Gardens

Enjoy hours of fantastic family fun, including our FREE kidzone for under 16s, entertainment and games – and it's all free.

Magic Dave is back entertaining crowds this year. You can also enjoy donkey rides and a soft play double decker bus. There will be plenty of charity and craft stalls plus a fantastic funfair.

Enjoy live music and entertainment on stage throughout the day. Building up to our main event headline act will be the brilliant 'Forever Rod' Rod Stewart Tribute at 6.00 pm.

Then we have a real treat for you. The legendary Showaddywaddy have long been established as Europe's most successful exponents of retro-inspired rock and roll. Their record simply speaks for itself; 23 top 40 hit singles, including 10 top five hits like 'Under The Moon of Love', 'When' and 'Three Steps To Heaven'. Showaddywaddy offer an incredible live show, acclaimed the world over!

So get down to Grove House Gardens and enjoy a full day of fun, music and hopefully sunshine!



## PRIORY PICTURES

**Saturday 22 June and Saturday 10 August**  
Priory Gardens

Priory Pictures keeps getting bigger and better. This year we are excited to introduce our relaxed screening for autism and hearing impairment friendly film at Priory Pictures.

One of the selected films will be shown at an earlier time slot and will benefit from lower sound volume, subtitles, a hearing loop and 120 deckchairs. There will also be an enclosed quiet space, dedicated viewing area for wheelchair users, smoking area, minibus drop off point and accessible toilets, as well as an outside bar, food catering and sweet stall. The same film will then be played again with full volume and no subtitles later in the day. If you would like more information on this relaxed screening, please contact Lisa Vincent on 01582 891406.

**The Films:** We received over 3,000 public votes and the top 6 films chosen were 'Aqua Man', 'Bohemian Rhapsody', 'A Star is Born', 'Mary Poppins Returns', 'Christopher Robin' and 'Crimes of Grindelwald'. All films are subject to licences being granted.

Film screenings already confirmed are 'Bohemian Rhapsody' and 'Aqua Man' on Saturday 22 June and 'A Star is Born' on Saturday 10 August at 8.00 pm.

Make sure you don't miss our film announcements by liking our Facebook event page '@priorypictures' or follow the events on Twitter '@Dunstableevents'. All the films and times will be on our website and Facebook Event Page once all licences are confirmed.

2019 Events Programme Sponsor

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# young DUNSTABLE

## Grove Corner Upcoming Events and Activities

Friday night is the start of the weekend and what better way to start than by meeting friends at Grove Corner Junior session for 10 to 13 year olds, 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. Share the latest gossip, have a game of pool, table tennis or table football. Share your music or latest dance moves, learn a new computer game or try some arts and crafts. The choice is yours and our friendly staff are there to make sure you have a good time in this lovely, bright, safe space. We have a tuck shop where you can buy soft drinks and snacks. It is free to attend so don't be left out in the cold come along and have some fun!

### Pokémon Club

Tuesday night is Pokémon time! The group meet 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm to share their passion in all things Pokémon. If you are aged 8 to 18 and enjoy playing Pokémon cards or would like to learn how to play, then pop along to this free activity and see if it is for you. This club is run by volunteers so if you have a child or young person who would like to join and you could spare a couple of hours, why not sign up as a volunteer to help.

### Grove Corner for hire

Are you looking for a venue to hold a social club, training sessions or special interest group? Then why not try Grove Corner. We have a light, bright room with comfortable seating, a kitchen area and a computer room with six computers, free Wi-Fi and internet access.

For information please contact Sandy Coyle (01582) 891408 or email [sandy.coyle@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:sandy.coyle@dunstable.gov.uk)



Inflatables Day

Days are getting longer and evenings are getting lighter, which means that summer is just around the corner. Time to start thinking about how to keep the children entertained during their six-week break without breaking the bank! Planning is the key to avoid the "I'm bored" and "can I have" and perhaps we can lend a helping hand. Dunstable Town Council have a programme of free and affordable activities suitable for all the family. Dates for your diary:

### Inflatables Day

**Friday 2 August** – Inflatables Day in Grove House Gardens 12 noon to 4.00 pm. Why not bring a picnic and enjoy the park while the children bounce away their energy? Unlimited use wristbands £6, single use tickets £1.50 each. Suitable for children aged 4+. \* Please note: contingency date for wet weather Friday 9 August.

### National Play Day

**Wednesday 7 August** – National Play Day at St Augustine's School playing fields 11.00 am to 3.00 pm. In partnership with Dunstable South Children's Centre, this FREE event will include fun and games, arts and crafts and wet and messy play, so don't forget a change of clothes and plenty of wet wipes!

### It's a Knock Out

**Monday 12 August** – 'It's a Knock Out' inflatable team challenge game. Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground 12 noon to 4.00 pm. Mixed teams of 6 (children 5 to 16 adults 16+) for £5. Great family event, which can't be beaten for good nostalgic fun. Be prepared to get wet so bring a change of clothes.

### B-Fest

**Thursday 16 August** – B-Fest at Beecroft School playing fields 11.00 am to 3.00 pm. In partnership with Beehive Children's Centre, FREE entrance to this family festival. Music, live band and entertainment, fun and games. Please note some activities may be chargeable.

### Art Attack

**Thursday 22 August** – Art Attack in Priory Gardens 11.00 am to 3.00 pm. Loads of arts and crafts to make and take. Free for adults, £4 wrist band for children, suitable for ages 5+.

For all activities children must be accompanied by an adult.

For details please visit [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk)

It's a Knock Out



Art Attack!



National Play Day



B-Fest



# How we've improved Dunstable High Street

As part of our changes to Dunstable High Street, Central Bedfordshire Council has been improving your town in three respects: **traffic, air quality, and flooding.**

## Traffic and Air Quality

After we opened our £40m Woodside Link road to take traffic from Sundon Road to Woodside Industrial Estate and to the M1 motorway, we put in place the lorry restrictions in Dunstable in January last year. The previous A5 road (now A505) through Dunstable High Street was then 'de-trunked', with a 7.5 tonne weight limit put in place to take HGVs away from the town centre. We've got rid of nearly 8 out of 10 lorries, so you can cross more easily.

Now only heavy goods vehicles delivering to the local area can pass through. This has helped to ease local congestion and improve air quality for residents.

The High Street had become akin to a dual carriageway when it was the old A5. The reason we widened the pavements was to reduce the width of the traffic lanes in Dunstable. This is because we want to create the feel of a more traditional market town, with cafes and seating out front on bigger pavements in the summer.

So we've done £1.5million worth of improvements. This is specific money that we've bid for to improve your town in these ways: it can't be spent on other things. So we've used it to widen the pavements; removed the railings and put in extra crossing points so that pedestrians can get to the shops and businesses they want to visit.

We want only local traffic in the town centre, rather than drivers regarding Dunstable as a through route. The changes we've made help encourage other through traffic to use the new link roads instead of the High Street.

We've listened to your feedback about the raised sections of roads being too dark, so we'll be changing them to a different colour to make them more visible. And we're looking at traffic-calming measures and road layouts to stop traffic from using the back roads and residential streets as rat-runs.



## Flooding

To help tackle the flooding that the town has sometimes suffered from during heavy rain and storms, we're incorporating sustainable drainage solutions as part of the changes we've made to the town centre.

We have laid permeable paving: this means the excess surface water seeps through the top layers to the ground, or away to enter the drains below. As well as being porous, our new pavements have raised kerbs with drainage holes which also help take away excess water to the underground drains.

We have also put in attractive new areas which will be planted out shortly. Cleverly, these areas that have built-in drainage features below them, called 'raingardens'. An underground storage tank lets rainwater seep out slowly, and all the plants are varieties that love water. We have already installed these raingardens on West Street and Church Street.

## What's next?

We are continuing to bid for more funding, so that we can make further improvements, including to the layout of the main crossroads in town, such as moving the traffic light controlled crossings there and at Queensway and creating informal crossing points on High Street North

There will also be another future raingarden at the bus area on High Street South, where we'll also be narrowing the roads and widening the pavement as well as more flood prevention on High Street North and a floodwater soakaway on High Street South with 140,000 gallon capacity.

We will also be putting in new streetlights trees down a central reservation on High Street North, with grills around the trees to soak away rainwater from that area too.

Last but not least we're looking at providing more short-term parking on the High Street.



## Find out more...

Read more about the project at [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/yourhighstreet](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/yourhighstreet) or pop down and talk to your Central Bedfordshire Councillors and Dunstable Town Councillors, who hold surgeries on the first Saturday of every month in the Quadrant from 10:00 am until 12 noon.




# SATURDAY 8 JUNE 2019

10.00 am to 4.00 pm, Priory Gardens

**Dunstable Classic Motor Rally** has been going and growing for a number of years. Our entrants have described it as one of the most relaxing shows they have been to. This is a FREE event and is one not to be missed. There are several categories of cars including pre-war, 1945 to 1968 and military. The cars are displayed around the beautiful grounds of the Green Flag awarded Priory Gardens, adjacent to the gardens is the Priory Church of St Peter which dates back to the 1100s.

You can now enter your car online using the following link:  
[www.dunstable.gov.uk/whats-on-at-priory-house/classic-motor-rally-2019/](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/whats-on-at-priory-house/classic-motor-rally-2019/)

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





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## Tea & Tots

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## Join us for 'Tea & Tots'

Every Monday from 4 March  
10.00 am to 12 noon (Term time only)

Every Monday morning, from 4 March (term time only), Priory House Tea Rooms will be reserving their Undercroft area exclusively for this event.

There will be a dedicated space allocated to park buggies and our chef will be creating some delicious, healthy snacks for the tiny ones who are weaning.

There will also be a weekly special offer for the adults. The perfect place to socialise with other carers/parents and enjoy some well deserved treats!

[www.dunstable.gov.uk/whats-on-at-priory-house/tea-tots](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/whats-on-at-priory-house/tea-tots)



**Have you ever wondered what Medieval Dunstable looked like? Wanted to walk over the Augustinian (now hidden) Priory? Listen to stories of ghosts and witches passed down through time?**

*Dunstable Town Guides* can tell you — book one of our walks.

### Hidden Priory

Sunday 19th May at 10.30am

Discover the lost history of Dunstable's Augustinian Priory.

Meet outside Priory House.



### Summer Solstice Ghost Walk

Friday 21st June at 8.30pm

A ghost walk is not just for Halloween!

Meet outside Priory Church.

Tickets are £5.00 for adults / £2.50 for children and must be booked through Priory House Heritage Centre



# Afternoon Tea Specials

Forthcoming special Afternoon Teas at the award-winning Priory House Tea Rooms

Why not treat yourself to one of our Speciality Afternoon Teas? All are served with unlimited pots of Dunstable loose leaf tea, or coffee should you prefer. Freshly prepared in our kitchen with warm baked scones and homemade cakes. Which of our four special Afternoon Teas will you want to try? All Afternoon Teas must be booked in advance and a 20% non-refundable deposit will be taken at the time of reservation to secure the booking.



### Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

Monday 25 March to Sunday 31 March  
12 noon to 3.00 pm Monday to Saturday  
12 noon to 2.30 pm (one sitting) Mother's Day  
£19.50 per person, £23.50 with Prosecco, £10.00 under 12s

#### Mother's Day Menu

- Leek and Mature Cheddar Quiche
- Feta and Sundried Tomato Savoury Muffin
- Egg, Chive and Spring Onion Mayonnaise
- Smoked Salmon and Whipped Cream Cheese
- Chicken Caesar
- Smoked Cheddar with Sweet Chilli and Tomato Chutney
- Plain Scone
- Cherry and Almond Scone
- Sugared Flower Shortbread
- Clotted Cream Cupcake
- Plum and Lemon Tart



### Easter Afternoon Tea

Monday 15 April to Saturday 20 April  
£19.50 per person £23.50 with Prosecco  
£10.00 under 12s

#### Easter Menu

- Lamb and Spring Vegetable Pie
- Thyme and Caramelized Onion Mini Scotch Egg
- Honey Glazed Gammon with Sweet Chilli and Tomato Chutney
- Smoked Salmon with Whipped Cream Cheese
- Egg Mayonnaise with Sundried Tomato
- Goats Cheese, Pesto and Roasted Red Pepper
- Plain Scone
- Hot Cross Scone
- Lemon Drizzle Mini Loaf
- Simmel Slice
- Chocolate Fudge Easter Cupcake



### Ascot Afternoon Tea

Saturday 22 June, 1.30 pm  
£23.50 per person including a glass of Prosecco

This Afternoon Tea will be served in the Jacobean Room where the racing from Ascot will be shown live on our big screen.

#### Ascot Menu

- Crab and Leek pasties
- Chorizo and Mature Cheddar Quiche
- Egg Mayonnaise with Cucumber Pastrami & Emmental with Thousand Island Coleslaw
- Coronation Chicken
- Smoked Salmon & Whipped Cream Cheese
- Pimms Scone
- Blueberry Scone
- Strawberry & Prosecco Tart
- Sour Cherry Cake
- Macarons



### Wimbledon Afternoon Tea

Saturday 13 July, 12.30 pm  
Cost £23.50 per person including a glass of Prosecco

This Afternoon Tea will be served in the Jacobean Room where the Wimbledon Ladies final will be shown live on our big screen.

#### Wimbledon Menu

- Roasted Tomato and Pancetta Quiche
- Smoked Salmon Pate
- Mozzarella, Pesto and Cherry Tomato Egg and Cress
- Smoked Cheddar & Caramelized Red Onion Chutney
- Strawberry and Cream Cheese
- Plain Scone
- Pimms Scone
- Cherry and Almond Tart
- Strawberry Tart
- Wimbledon Cupcake



For information or to book call 01582 891420 or visit [www.dunstable.gov.uk/product/afternoon-tea](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/product/afternoon-tea)





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## What's On at CPCFC...

### Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Crafts Event

Will you find the special golden egg hidden at Creasey Park Community Football Centre?

On Tuesday 16 April pop down to the Creasey Park Community Football Centre for the Creasey Park Easter Egg Hunt. Hidden somewhere within Creasey Park are eggs just waiting to be found, so come down and have a go. Everyone's a winner, but who will be 'the special one' to find that secret golden egg for a special prize? £1 per go.

While the children are hunting, parents can enjoy a coffee or cold drink from our licensed bar then relax in the sunshine (weather permitting of course).

There will also be FREE Easter arts and crafts on the same morning. Only 50 places on a first come basis. Suitable for children aged 3+. Both the egg hunt and crafts run from 10.00 am until 12 noon.

For further information please call 01582 891433 or email [cpcfc@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:cpcfc@dunstable.gov.uk)



### Artificial Turf Pitch Training

We have some availability on our Astro Turf Pitch for lettings during the evenings and weekends over the coming months.

Astro Turf Pitch is available to hire on a per-hour basis and is perfect for training or casual 5v5, 7v7 or 11v11 matches. Suitable for groups and clubs of all sizes and other sports such as rugby or cross training fitness.

<b>Full Pitch (11v11)</b>	<b>£89.20 p/hr</b>
<b>1/3 Pitch (7v7)</b>	<b>£35.70 p/hr</b>
<b>Match (11v11)</b>	<b>£101.40 per match (2hrs)</b>
<i>(All prices inclusive of VAT)</i>	

Available evenings, weekends and school holidays. All year round! Free parking available on site. Free entry into the clubhouse on site with hot and cold food and drinks available every day. BT Sports showing live Champions League and Europa League games and FREE Wi-Fi. Please note the pitch is floodlit until 10.00 pm

All enquiries call 01582 891433 or email [cpcfc@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:cpcfc@dunstable.gov.uk). You can check availability online at [www.dunstable.gov.uk/creasey-park-football-centre/pitch-hire/](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/creasey-park-football-centre/pitch-hire/)



## Community Matters

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### BIG LUNCH - Bigger and Better for 2019!

The Big Lunch is for Dunstable residents aged 65 and over and will be held on Tuesday 11 June in Grove House Gardens from 11.00 am to 2.30 pm. This FREE event includes a picnic style lunch, hot drink and fantastic entertainment with a 50s, 60s, 70s feel. The event will take place in a large marquee on the lawn. We are hoping the weather will be kind but our advice is to wrap up warm, you can always take something off if you get too hot. Other organisations will be present with information you might find useful.

This event is growing in popularity and there are only 100 places available so contact Sandy Coyle on (01582) 891408 or email [Sandy.coyle@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:Sandy.coyle@dunstable.gov.uk) to book your place.

### The Merry Men in their Meadway Shed!

Dunstable Men in Sheds is a brilliant local community club helping different groups and organisations across Dunstable. From wigwams, to bird boxes, to bat boxes. You name it, Dunstable Men in Sheds might be able to find a way to make it. They produce a small range of rustic garden items, largely made from recycled timber which has been donated to them. If you would be interested to find out what items they have to purchase for a donation or have a project in mind, then please contact Dunstable Men in Sheds on [dunstablemeninsheds@gmail.com](mailto:dunstablemeninsheds@gmail.com) or call 07707 259395.





## Dunstable International Twinning Association 50th Anniversary

After a number of exchange visits between 1953 and 1956 by those in Porz and Dunstable interested in forming a friendship, finally on 1 June 1956 a formal twinning agreement was signed by Dunstable Mayor, Cllr Lack. Dunstable International Twinning Association (DITA) was formed in 1969 to oversee the cultural exchanges between Dunstable and Porz, and later, Bourgoin-Jallieu.

In 1989 a link was established by Cllr Peter Hollick between Dunstable College and the Lycee Professionnel Gambetta in Bourgoin-Jallieu for students to experience a period of work experience in each other's countries. On 9th December 2002 the Mayor Cllr Terry Colbourne signed a Memorandum of Understanding in B-J being followed 3 years later by a formal twinning agreement signed between the Mayor Cllr Jenny Fairbairn (Dunstable) and Mayor Alain Cottalorda (B-J).

In 1989 John Stevens chaired DITA, and still does today! The late Mary Biswell was an ardent twinning supporter. Richard and Sybina Richter from Porz remain supportive twinning advocates.

Visits have taken place to both twin towns by councillors, DITA members and local clubs and societies. Dunstable Tennis Club has notched up 40 years of exchanges with the Rot-Weiss Tennis Club in Porz. Shambles Band, Dunstable Bowmen, Dunstable Rugby Club, the Archaeological Society, Aero Modellers, U3A and Rotary have all paid visits. Pupils from a special school in B-J have also visited Dunstable. Delegations from Porz and B-J visited Dunstable when celebrating the 800th Anniversary of the foundation of the Priory Church. Students studying German at Queensbury Academy made a pre-Christmas 2018 visit to Porz.

DITA looks forward to many more years of exchanges. This will only happen if local clubs, societies, businesses and schools express an interest. Contact John Stevens 01582 668033 or [angjohnstevens63@btinternet.com](mailto:angjohnstevens63@btinternet.com) to find out more about opportunities in Porz and B-J. (Cllr Peter Hollick, Member DITA)



Civic visit to Bourgoin Jallieu - July 2009



## Dunstable Town Council and Committee Meetings

Copies of the agenda for all meetings are available for inspection three days beforehand at Grove House and Priory House (Tourist Information Centre) 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 [rosemary.osullivan@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:rosemary.osullivan@dunstable.gov.uk). Forthcoming meeting dates are listed below. The full calendar of meetings for 2019 can be found on the Council's website [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk)

18/03/2019	Grounds and Environmental Services Committee	22/05/2019	Accounts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm
20/03/2019	Accounts Sub Committee 5.30 pm	03/06/2019	Community Services Committee
25/03/2019	Finance and General Purposes Committee	10/06/2019	Grounds and Environmental Services Committee
09/04/2019	Plans Sub-Committee	11/06/2019	Plans Sub-Committee
11/04/2019	Personnel Sub-Committee	13/06/2019	Dunstable Joint Committee <a href="#">Watling House</a>
24/04/2019	Accounts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm	17/06/2019	Finance and General Purposes Committee
29/04/2019	COUNCIL	19/06/2019	Accounts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm
30/04/2019	Plans Sub-Committee	24/06/2019	COUNCIL
02/05/2019	ELECTIONS	02/07/2019	Plans Sub-Committee
13/05/2019	AGM 7.30 pm, <a href="#">All Saints Academy</a>	11/07/2019	Personnel Sub-Committee
21/05/2019	Plans Sub-Committee		

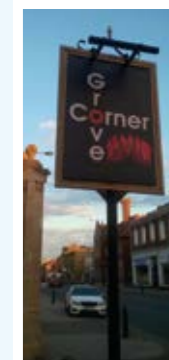
## How We Spend Your Money...

Did you know that of your total annual council tax bill, only £179.32 (Band D property) is paid to Dunstable Town Council? The Council has been able to increase its service provision in the town including the introduction of a new adventure playground in Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground launching this spring and the expanded Town Ranger scheme.



- Dunstable Town Council manages and delivers the following services:
- Owns and maintains 14 public parks, gardens and recreation sites that include 11 play areas, two tennis courts, 1 BMX track, 17 football pitches, full sized 3G synthetic football pitch
  - Dunstable Cemetery
  - 6 different allotment sites
  - Maintains a range of land and property under contract to third parties
  - Grove Skate Park
  - Bennett Splash Park and Splashside Café
  - The Town Ranger and Town Centre Ranger services
  - Priory House Heritage Centre and Tea Rooms
  - Creasey Park Community Football Centre
  - Grove Corner
  - A town wide events programme of over 17 mainly free events

- Summer activities programme for young people
- Two elderly people drop-in lunch clubs at Creasey Park Community Football Centre and Beecroft Community Centre
- Management of Grove House
- Co-ordination and provision of Dunstable Mayoral activity and associated civic functions such as Remembrance Day and the Mayor's Civic Service
- Dunstable Farmers & Craft and Themed Markets
- Ashton Square Public Toilets
- Town Centre Christmas lighting
- Assisting with town centre management and regeneration
- Community development projects
- Peter Newton and Downside Community Centres (leased to third parties)
- Summer Floral Displays



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# Dunstable's Green Spaces

## Celebrating 10 years of Dunstable in Bloom

2019 marks the tenth anniversary of Dunstable in Bloom and they will be entering the town in the Anglia in Bloom competition again this year, as well as organising the annual Best Front Garden, Basket and Container display competition.

Dunstable in Bloom, in partnership with the Town Council and many voluntary organisations, schools and businesses has had many great successes since first entering Anglia in Bloom in 2010. The town started with a Gold medal and has won 7 Golds and 2 Silver Gilt medals to date. There have been other great success too, including 22 special award nominations with 8 projects going on to win their special award category and classed as best in the Anglia region. Here are some photos of some of those nominees and winners.



Weatherfield Academy - Winner of Best Young Persons Project 2016



Grove House Gardens - Gold and Winner of the Best Public Open Space 2016

**Dunstable in Bloom and the Town Council would like to thank all its supporters and project volunteers who have given their time and energy to making the town's In Bloom campaign such a success.**

**Well done to all involved.**



Incredible Edible Winner of the Best Community Project 2014



Blows Down Hay Meadow - Best Conservation Project Nomination 2011, 2017 and 2018



The 'In Bloom' Team planning for 2019



Queensbury School Environment Centre Winner of Best Young Person's Project 12 - 18 yrs in 2010



Priory View - Winner of the Best Sheltered Housing Garden 2017

## Sanctums for Cremated Remains

Have you recently been bereaved and are unsure what to do with the cremated remains of your loved one? The sanctum vaults at Dunstable Cemetery which are set in a tranquil location, provide the ideal opportunity to place your loved ones cremated remains in a small above ground stone chamber with a personalised plaque and a place for flowers to be laid. If you would like more information about the costs or options available please contact the Cemetery Manager, Mary Dobbs on 01582 891428 or email [cemetery@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:cemetery@dunstable.gov.uk)



## Love Parks Week 12 to 19 July 2019

Dunstable Town Council is delighted to be taking part in Love Parks Week again this year. We are busy getting an exciting programme together for you all to enjoy. Confirmed to date:

**Friday 12 July: Super Hero tots picnic, Brewers Hill Recreation Ground, 11.30 am to 1.00 pm.**

Only 35 children's places available so booking is essential. Cost £1.50 per child, parents/carers free. Children will receive a picnic lunch and there will be lots of games, stories and activities to enjoy. Please visit [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk) to book your place.



**Saturday 13 July: Summer Fayre, Caddington Grove, London Road, 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm.** Pop along to this free event, plenty to see and do and bargains to be had!

**Monday 15 to Friday 19 July: Family Treasure Hunt, Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground, 10.00 am to 6.00 pm.** A day of fun in the new adventure playground. Visit the Splashside Café for your entry forms during this week.



**Monday 15 July: DJ and Burgers, Grove Corner, 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm.** Plenty of good sounds from DJ Big Man and FREE burgers to enjoy in the new enlarged outdoor space. For 13 to 18 year olds.

**Tuesday 16 July: Over 55s 'Pamper in the Park', Brewers Hill Recreation Ground, 10.00 am to 12 noon.** Tips and treats for looking and feeling good. From hand massages to haircuts, manicures to makeup. Suitable for both men and women so don't be shy come along and enjoy, you know you are worth it!



**Wednesday 17 July: Football Fun, Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground, 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm.** Contact James Slack (01582) 891433 or email [james.slack@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:james.slack@dunstable.gov.uk) for more details.

**Wednesday 17 July: G & Tea on the Lawn, Priory House and Gardens, 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm.** Try out some different gins and fantastic G & Tea cocktails. Drinks will be chargeable, but the ambience and light entertainment is free!

**Thursday 18 July, Mini Tennis, Bennett Memorial Ground tennis courts 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm.** A fun tennis event for 5 to 10 year olds. Just turn up and enjoy.

**Friday 19 July, Family Assault Course Challenge, Olma Road Recreation Ground, 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm.** Test your time and compete against family and friends. Activities may be added so please visit [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk) or like our Dunstable Town Council facebook page for up to date information.

**If you belong to a group, with a particular interest, which does, or could take place in an open space and you would like to encourage new members or share then please contact Sandy Coyle (01582) 891408 [sandy.coyle@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:sandy.coyle@dunstable.gov.uk)**

## Wheelie Fantastic!

Spring bulbs are starting to show their colours and it is time to start planning for Wheelie Fantastic 2019! This popular activity is back again helping to support Dunstable in Bloom brighten up our town.

This year's theme is 'Plants for the Senses' to get everyone thinking how much plants and flowers stimulate all our senses such as touch, taste, smell, sight and sound. There are plants that help with our sleep, mental health and wellbeing and physical health.

If you want to be part of this year's Wheelie Fantastic you can decorate and plant your own barrow and send details along with some photographs to Dunstable Town Council.

If you are part of a group such as a school, social or activity club, or neighbours working together and would like to be involved in brightening up your area, then please contact: [sandy.coyle@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:sandy.coyle@dunstable.gov.uk) or call Sandy on 01582 513000 who will be more than happy to advise and help in any way she can.

A number of local businesses also support the project by decorating, planting and displaying barrows and we always welcome more. However, if your business doesn't have space to display but you would like to support this brilliant project then you can donate a set amount to cover the cost of barrows and compost to enable other groups to take part.

**For more details please contact [sandy.coyle@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:sandy.coyle@dunstable.gov.uk) and let us make this year wheelie memorable.**

## The Return of the Great British Spring Clean!

Throughout March and April, schools, community groups, partners, local business, staff from local authorities and members will be taking part in community litter picks across Dunstable.

We have two events organised for anyone to come along and make a difference in their community.

**Wednesday 27 March 2019**

**3.30 pm to 5.00 pm**

Meeting at Beehive Children's Centre, Westfield Road, Dunstable

**Wednesday 3 April 2019**

**3.30 pm to 4.45 pm**

Meeting at Downside Neighbourhood Centre, Oakwood Avenue, Dunstable

Equipment and drinks will be provided and maybe the odd biscuit or two!

**For more information or to register your interest please contact Jack on 01582 891434 or email [Jack.Adams-Rimmer@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:Jack.Adams-Rimmer@dunstable.gov.uk)**

# Spotlight

## ...on Showcase Shelving & DTC Town Ranger Service

In this edition, we shine the spotlight on one of our Showcase Shelving sellers at Priory House. Showcase Shelving is a unique opportunity for local crafters to sell their products in the gift shop in Priory House by hiring out a section of shelving. We speak to Sue who sells a selection of cards and paper crafts.

### Meet Showcase Shelving Retailer, Sue Garrett



How long have you been selling your cards in Priory House gift shop?

I think it's about three years now, and I now have returning customers which I am very proud of, its lovely to know that they are enjoying my cards and crafts.

How did you get into making cards and paper crafts?

I started making cards as a way of relaxing with the grandchildren and now the great grandchildren. I used card making cds and kits and die cuts progressing into printing designs from the internet.

What do you enjoy the most about making your crafts?

I love laying out all the elements to create the design for the card, which can take up to an hour to do, putting it together and just getting lost in the doing. The satisfaction of selling my creations, and my customers enjoying what I do, and just making a unique card that you cannot find anywhere else.

What benefits are there to having your items sold through Showcase Shelving at Priory House?

As I am still working as an Office Administrator, I find it's easy just to set up my shelving at the start of the month and let my cards and crafts do the selling. I now find that as I have been showing my cards for some time customers come back to see my Showcase.

Where do you get your ideas from for your designs?

Ideas are always buzzing around in my head and I see ideas when I am out shopping or watching craft shows, Pinterest and the internet and seeing what others are showing at craft fairs and adapting these ideas to suit my customers

Is there anything you're working on at the moment that is new to your range?

Yes, I have just purchased a new range of dies and papers which I will be starting on very soon. They come from the company that produces the Pollyanna Pickering wild life artist CDs that I print up as cards, coasters and keyrings.



ABOVE: Sue's handmade posy boxes on sale at Priory House Gift Shop

LEFT: a selection of Sue's other products presented in Priory House Gift Shop's showcase shelving area

Dunstable Town Council is proud to announce they have added a third Town Ranger to their service. The Town Rangers work all over Dunstable and the town centre, tackling grot spots, cleaning graffiti, weeding and path clearing. Adam has joined the team and we shine the spotlight on what it is like to be the new Assistant Ranger.



### Meet Adam, the Assistant Town Ranger

You joined the Town Rangers in December, what made you want to be a Town Ranger? After having used the town ranger service a number of times before I joined and seeing the fantastic difference that the service makes to the town, I decided that it was time for a new challenge that would be very rewarding and make a real difference to the town.

What do you enjoy the most about your job

Working as an Assistant Ranger I enjoy the great variety in the type of work I do day to day, as there's always something different every day. The great flexibility of the role means that our team can resolve reported issues in a short period of time and ensure that the public are happy with the response.

What tasks do you find most rewarding?

I have to say that I find the pressure washing a very satisfying job. No matter what you're cleaning, it always makes a huge visible difference and brightens up the area. With the town centre improvements including the new York Stone paving, it will be rewarding keeping this clean and tidy.

Do you have any hobbies?

Living in the beautiful Chiltern Hills area, I have always been into hiking and cycling as there are so many great places to explore. I enjoy football and also go-karting for a bit of tough racing.

What do you think about the town's redevelopment?

The future is looking very positive for Dunstable town centre. I'm fortunate to have started my job during the transition of the town centre. The works to put in new paving and gateways are progressing well, as is the removal of the railings and street clutter along the High Street, which I'm sure will make the area more inviting and accessible for pedestrians once the works are complete. The new Dunstable Centre will also be a great addition.

What is your favourite piece of Town Ranger equipment?

The most useful vehicle for nipping around from place to place would be the orange Kubota buggy. A really useful vehicle for getting around on and off road. It's great for tackling a variety of jobs around town that aren't always the most accessible.

To report any issues to our Town Ranger please telephone 0800 013 0350 or message them via the Facebook page @dunstabletownranger and together 'let's help make Dunstable a better place.'

# 55+ Coffee Mornings

Dunstable Town Council will once again be offering free coffee mornings to those aged over 55 in the Dunstable area. These will take place at different locations around the town. Keep a look out for venues and times and pop along for a cuppa and a chat.

Dates confirmed so far are as follows:

**Tuesday 9 April 2019**  
10.00 am to 12.00 noon  
**St Mary's Church Hall**

**Tuesday 10 September 2019**  
10.00 am to 12.00 noon  
**Beecroft Community Centre**

**Friday 3 May 2019**  
10.00 am to 12.00 noon  
**St Augustine's Church**

**Tuesday 12 November 2019**  
10.00 am to 12.00 noon  
**Holts Court**

**Tuesday 9 July 2019**  
10.00 am to 12.00 noon  
**Dunstable Cemetery**

**Tuesday 11 February 2020**  
10.00 am to 12.00 noon  
**Grove Corner**

If you would like more information on these or any other activities for Older People in the Dunstable area, please contact Jack Adams-Rimmer on 01582 513000 or [Jack.Adams-Rimmer@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:Jack.Adams-Rimmer@dunstable.gov.uk)



## DUNSTABLE GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Would you like to volunteer with Dunstable Good Neighbours or receive some help from us?

Volunteers provide occasional help with small tasks around the house or garden, assistance with form filling, occasional lifts to the doctors, shops etc. or friendly visits to those who are lonely or isolated.

Call our Good Neighbours number on **07491 455777**  
(between 9am and 5pm)

Central Bedfordshire

Volunteers are police-checked and our visits are free  
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DUNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL



# Services Dunstable Town Council Provides For You

## Main Council Reception 01582 513000

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

## Grounds and Environmental Services

### Cemetery Management

Maintenance of grounds, grave preparation, burial and memorial arrangements  
Dunstable Cemetery, West Street, Dunstable LU6 1PD  
01582 891428 | [cemetery@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto:info@dunstable.gov.uk)

### Allotments

Plot lettings and maintenance of sites  
01582 891426 | [allotments@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:allotments@dunstable.gov.uk)

### Play Areas

Maintenance, inspections and cleansing  
Freephone 0800 013 0350 | [info@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:info@dunstable.gov.uk)

### Town Centre Maintenance

Maintenance of raised beds, grassed areas and floral displays  
01582 513000 | [info@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:info@dunstable.gov.uk)

### Maintenance of Priory & Grove House Gardens

Grounds maintenance, litter picking, dog bins  
01582 891413 | [john.crawley@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:john.crawley@dunstable.gov.uk)

### Town Ranger & Town Centre Ranger

Cleaning up the public places in Dunstable  
Freephone 0800 013 0350

### Grove Skate Park

01582 513000 | [info@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:info@dunstable.gov.uk)

### Bennett's Splash & Splashside Café

01582 891433 | [james.slack@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:james.slack@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](mailto:michele.markus@dunstable.gov.uk)

## Community Services

### Town Centre Management

Economic regeneration, Christmas lights, Ashton Square public toilets and twice-monthly themed markets  
01582 891436 | [annette.clynes@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:annette.clynes@dunstable.gov.uk)

### Events Programme *including:*

Dunstable Live, Fireworks, Party in the Park, Proms in the Park  
01582 891406 | [lisa.vincent@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.vincent@dunstable.gov.uk) | [events@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto:prioryhouse@dunstable.gov.uk)

### Grove Corner Young People's Centre

76a High Street North, Dunstable LU6 1NF  
01582 891434 | [info@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:info@dunstable.gov.uk)

### Older People's Support Service

Good Companions day care, CPCFC Lunch Club  
01582 513000 | [info@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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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## Feedback Form

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.

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: .....

Address: .....

Telephone: .....

Email: .....

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