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100th Edition

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# Town Mayor's Welcome

It is a real honour to be nominated by my peers to be elected as the new Town Mayor of Dunstable.

Having grown up in a working-class family on a council estate and then being a cared for child, I could not see many prospects for the future and being a Mayor was definitely not part of my plan and that is what makes it even more special and a real privilege to me.

I had believed these kinds of opportunities were not available to people like me, but anything is possible if we become open and see the opportunities around us.

Over the next year, I hope to share the message that filling a Councillor, Mayor or any other kind of public role is in reaching distance for anybody. However, having a role or title is not essential to represent or serve within the community. Helping others does not need a title, just kindness and empathy.

I will be supporting as many community and voluntary organisations as I can. I'll be working for you as your trusted servant; serving all residents, visitors and businesses in Dunstable. In particular, I want to focus on two Dunstable charities to raise awareness of the contribution they offer to our town as well as showing them gratitude:

- Kids in Action
- Dunstable Foodbank

I will also be organising events, which all are welcome to book and attend.

I look forward to serving you and meeting you on this journey.

*Councillor Louise O'Riordan*

Town Mayor of Dunstable



## Town Clerk & Chief Executive's Introduction

Welcome to the 100th edition of Talk of the Town! By the time you read this we will have taken part in the beacon-lighting on Dunstable Downs to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

April marked the end of the £1.144million High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ) project with the completion of works to the frontage of 21-23 the High Street. The town has benefitted significantly from the HSHAZ scheme's contributions to events and activities in recent years.

In light of the loss of this resource, I'm delighted that the Town Council have agreed to increase the number of summer activities for young people to one each week during the summer holidays, along with continuing a similar programme of larger events as last year.

The events programme is now in full swing with the Council already having staged St George's Day, the Classic Motor Rally, Dunstable Live and the first showing of Priory Pictures. Party in the Park is imminent with the entertaining Shaun Williamson's Barrioke headlining this year.

The Splash Park is now open for the summer season. We are actively seeking other uses for the Splash Café in the

evenings and once the Splash Park closes for the autumn, so do get in touch if you have any ideas or requests to use the facility.

Usually, Dunstable Mayors hold the post for one year at a time, due to the demands on the time and energy of the post holder. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Councillor Liz Jones for her time and commitment she has given to the town and the Council during her two year stint as Mayor. I am proud of the Council's support for the role of Mayor and civic traditions and look forward to working with our new Mayor, Councillor Louise O'Riordan, to support local groups and represent 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 by writing to us, sending us an email to [info@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:info@dunstable.gov.uk) or following us on Instagram and Facebook and sending us a message. Happy reading!

*Paul Hodson*

Town Clerk and Chief Executive





# Destination

DUNSTABLE

20 July | 10 August

17 August - Event Market, Ashton Square Day

14 September - Event Market, Heritage Open Days

21 September | 12 October | 19 October

9 November | 16 November

Middle Row Markets are the perfect destination for indulging in local delights and finding unique gifts. Explore the array of stalls in Ashton Square every second and third Saturday of the month, from 9.30 am to 3.30 pm.

Experience the enchanting Middle Row Twilight Markets on Friday 13 December 3 pm to 8 pm, Saturday 14 December 3 to 8 pm and Sunday 15 December 10 am to 3 pm. On the last Middle Row Market of the year, Saturday 21 December 9.30 am to 3.30 pm, we will be joined by Street Food Heroes from 4 pm to 9 pm, where you can savour the flavours of different cuisines from street food vendors.

For more information please e-mail [Annette.clynes@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:Annette.clynes@dunstable.gov.uk) or you can also visit us online at [dunstable.gov.uk/whats-on/markets/](http://dunstable.gov.uk/whats-on/markets/)

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## DUNSTABLE STREET FOOD HEROES

Join us for the last few Thursday Street Food Heroes from 4 pm to 9 pm in The Square. Experience delicious street food and soak up the great atmosphere for a memorable family evening.

**Thursday 11 July**

**Thursday 8 August**

**Thursday 12 September**

JOIN US FROM 4 PM - 9 PM IN ASHTON SQUARE



## Ashton Square Day

Ashton Square Day celebrations are taking place on Saturday 17 August from 9.30 am to 3.30 pm in The Square.

Join us for a FREE fun family day out as we celebrate the past, present and future of Ashton Square. Come and support our local traders, and enjoy incredible dishes from our Street Food Heroes traders who will also be joining us, all while being entertained by a range of local community groups on stage. This year we welcome The Last of the Summer Ukuleles, Average at Best, Elena and Kevin, Swing Dance MK and Fizzy Lizzy.

This is a great summer event not to be missed! Enjoy chilling in the garden area, watching FREE entertainment, tasting incredible Street Food and browsing stalls. Take part in FREE activities including arts and crafts, animal encounters with Teaching Talons and storytelling with The Unbound Storytellers.

Middle Row  
MARKETS

### Ashton Square Day

SATURDAY 17 AUGUST

9.30 am to 3.30 pm

STAGE | FREE FAMILY ACTIVITIES  
STALLS | STREET FOOD | MUSIC

Street Food Heroes  
will be joining us!

Events  
in the  
Town Centre

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## Bennett's Splash

**Open 7 days a week, 10 am to 6 pm until early September**

Summer is finally here! Make sure to come down to our fantastic FREE to use Splash Park and spend some quality family time this summer. With plenty of amenities available in the park, adults can sit back and soak up the sun, whilst the children tire themselves out in the cooling splash park, or have fun on Bennett's Adventure Play.

And after all that fun, why not come in and refresh yourselves at the Splashside Café? There is a range of delicious hot and cold food and drinks on offer, it's the perfect place to refuel.

This summer we have two events at Bennett's in conjunction with the Town Council's Youth and Community Team.

**School's Out Party:** Friday 19 July, 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm

**Seaside Day:** Tuesday 13 August, 11 am to 2 pm

*Please use Ashton Square Car Park, located off Bull Pond Lane. FREE parking on Sundays and public holidays. Please note that Bennett's Splash Park and Splashside Café may be subject to closure due to unforeseen circumstances.*

For more information and updates visit:

 @bennettssplash







# DUNSTABLE Events



## Party in the Park

Grove House Gardens  
**Saturday 13 July**, 12 noon to 8 pm

Enjoy 8 hours of non-stop fun with **FREE** live entertainment, a funfair and **FREE** Kidzone for under 16s, activities, alongside an outside bar, food concessions, charity and craft stalls. There will be performances from local groups and singers throughout the day.

- 12 noon **Stardust Theatre Company**
- 12.30 pm **Dance Connexions**
- 1.15 pm **What Killed The Dinosaurs**
- 2.30 pm **Josie Derland**
- 3.30 pm **Hybyda**
- 4.45 pm **Josie Derland**
- 5.45 pm **Crazy Dog**
- 7 pm **BARRIOKE!**

Join us for a sing-along with Shaun Williamson, who doesn't love a bit of karaoke?

### Accessible Viewing Platform

Back this year, is the accessible viewing platform with different bookable slots available. Each session offers two types of spaces: 8 for wheelchair users with one companion and 14 accessible seats, for those who find ground-level viewing unsuitable.

**SCAN THE QR CODE** to book a space on our website for **FREE!**



This FREE event is sponsored by:



## Sunday Concerts

The Bandstand,  
 Grove House Gardens  
 12 noon and 2.30 pm

Come down to Grove House Gardens to enjoy the melodies of Sunday Concerts. This year there is a slight twist to the programme as we are thrilled to introduce a mix of musical styles and genres alongside traditional brass bands. Enjoy the beautiful park setting whilst listening to these fantastic groups perform.

**Sunday 21 July, 12 noon**  
**Beati - Vocal Ensemble**

**Sunday 21 July, 2.30 pm**  
**Last of the Summer Ukuleles**

**Sunday 18 August, 12 noon**  
**Welwyn Garden City Band**

**Sunday 18 August, 2.30 pm**  
**Shambles Big Band**

**FREE EVENTS**

Organised & funded by Dunstable Town Council



Fiona Harrison featuring at Proms in the Park

## Around the World

Priory Gardens  
**Saturday 3 August**, 10.30 am to 4.30 pm

Around the World is back and you don't need your passport to travel the world! This event combines different activities from different continents including music, dance, storytelling, crafts and entertainment. Join us in Priory Gardens for a fun filled family day 'Around the World!' with plenty of things to see and do.

What you can expect...

- Native American Experience**
- Around the World Storyteller**
- The Way of the Warrior**
- Swing Dance MK**
- Celtic Drumming Circle**
- Shizen-No Judo Club**
- Medieval World**
- Taleshakers**
- Pedal Power Smoothie Bike**
- Teaching Talons - Animal Ambassadors**

Plus stalls, catering and much more!

For further information about our events please visit [www.dunstable.gov.uk/whats-on](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/whats-on)



Please note, these events are subject to change or cancellation due to unforeseen circumstances.



## PRIORY PICTURES

Priory Gardens

**Saturday 10 August**, from 1 pm

This year we are acknowledging iconic movie stars celebrating their milestone birthdays: Leo DiCaprio (50), Sandra Bullock (60), Keanu Reeves (60) and Jackie Chan (70). Come down to Priory Pictures and enjoy a FREE outdoor cinema experience. Bring your picnic blankets and chairs, grab your drinks and snacks from our food concession and enjoy an unforgettable movie day out!

**1 pm: Kung Fu Panda 4 (PG) \***

**3 pm: Kung Fu Panda 4 (PG)**

**5 pm: Romeo + Juliet (12)**

**7.30 pm: Speed (15)**

*\*Adapted screening with subtitles, hearing loop and low volume. All films are subject to licensing.*



## Proms in the Park

Priory Gardens

**Saturday 14 September**, 6 pm

Join us in Priory Gardens for the live broadcast of the Last Night of the Proms on a giant screen with special effects, interval entertainment and a stunning firework finale!

Fiona Harrison a versatile vocalist will be performing before the live stream of the Proms, as well as during the interval. There will also be an on-site licensed bar and food concessions available.

Keep an eye on our website and Facebook for final event times once the broadcast has been announced.

## Looking to grow your business?

Enhance your businesses visibility by sponsoring one of our events!

We have various exciting opportunities throughout the year for event sponsorship.

**For more information email your enquiry to [events@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:events@dunstable.gov.uk) or phone 01582 891407**

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Summer Activities return for 2024 and, this year, there is even more to do!

Not only is there a summer activities programme for children, but thanks to funding from Million Hours and Central Bedfordshire Council, for the first year, the Detached Youth Workers are able to put on a summer activities programme specifically for young people aged 11 to 19 (25 SEND). The Youth and Community team look forward to seeing you over the summer!

# CHILDREN'S SUMMER ACTIVITIES

UP TO 12 YEARS

## School's Out Party

Friday 19 July  
3.30 pm to 5.30 pm  
Bennett Memorial  
Recreation Ground  
Ages 5 to 9

**FREE EVENT**

## Inflatable Day

Friday 26 July  
12 noon to 4 pm  
Grove House Gardens  
Ages 3+

**WRISTBANDS £6**

## Dance Workshop

Monday 29 July  
10 am to 10.45 am | 11am to 11.45am  
Grove House Gardens  
45 min sessions, 30 spaces per session  
10 am to 10.45 am | 5 to 8 year olds  
11 am to 11.45 am | 8 to 12 year olds  
12 noon to 12.45 pm | 5 to 8 year olds  
1 pm to 1.45 pm | 8 to 12 year olds

**FREE EVENT**  
(Please call to book your space)

## Skateboard Sessions

Thursday 1 August  
10 am to 3 pm  
Grove Skate Park

1 hour sessions, 12 spaces per session  
10 am to 11 am | 5 to 7 year olds  
11 am to 12 noon | 8 to 12 year olds  
1 pm to 2 pm | 5 to 7 year olds  
2 pm to 3 pm | 8 to 12 year olds

**FREE EVENT**  
(Please call to book your space)

## Let's Play!

Wednesday 7 August  
11 am to 2 pm  
Downside  
Recreation Ground  
Ages 0 to 5

**FREE EVENT**

## Zorb Football

Monday 19 August  
1 pm to 3 pm  
Grove House Gardens  
Ages 6 +

**£2 PER GO**

## Seaside Day

Tuesday 13 August  
11 am to 3 pm  
Bennett Memorial  
Recreation Ground  
Ages 3+

**FREE EVENT**

## Olympic Arts, Crafts & Obstacles

Thursday 22 August  
10 am to 12 noon  
Brewers Hill Recreation Ground  
Ages 3+

**FREE EVENT**

**Please Note:** Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult

Call to book onto the dance workshops and skateboard sessions on 01582 891434, anything else just turn up and enjoy yourself.

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ALL EVENTS  
**FREE**  
TO ATTEND

# YOUTH SUMMER ACTIVITIES

**A RANGE OF EVENTS FOR  
AGES 11 TO 19 (25 SEND)**

Organised by the Dunstable Town  
Council Youth and Community Team

## School's Out Party

Friday 19 July  
6.30 pm to 8.30 pm  
Bennett Memorial  
Recreation Ground

## Sports Spectacular

Wednesday 24 July  
4 pm to 7 pm  
Kingsbury Recreation Ground

## Obstacle Course & Human Table Football

Thursday 1 August  
3 pm to 6 pm  
Bennett Memorial  
Recreation Ground

## Inflatable Day

Monday 5 August  
4 pm to 7 pm  
Grove House Gardens

## Outdoor Games & Climbing Wall

Thursday 15 August  
3 pm to 6 pm  
Priory Gardens

## Sports Extravaganza

Monday 19 August  
3 pm to 5 pm  
Downside Recreation  
Ground

## Skate Jam

Saturday 24 August  
12 pm to 4 pm  
Grove Skate Park



## Chill & Thrill

*Pilates, chill zone,  
silent disco & football*

Thursday 29 August  
3 pm to 6 pm  
Bennett Memorial  
Recreation Ground



Since both programmes of summer activities will be outdoors, they can be subject to change or cancellation. Please keep an eye on our Facebook or Instagram @grovecorner or call us on the day for the latest updates.

## Over 75s Good Companions Club

Are you or someone you know aged 75 or over and living in Dunstable?  
Do you or they feel socially isolated and wish to meet new people?  
If so, the Good Companions Club might be the perfect place!

Meeting every Monday (except Bank Holidays) at the Beecroft Community Centre on Westfield Road from 10 am to 2 pm, the Good Companions Club provides a safe and friendly environment to socialise, enhance skills and confidence, alongside help maintain independent living.

A two course meal, and the opportunity to participate in a range of activities is included in the cost of each session. A weekly charge applies.

To find out more and to express your interest or sign up, please contact the Youth and Community Team on 01582 891434 or email [grovecorner@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:grovecorner@dunstable.gov.uk)



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# New Inclusive Play Equipment at Grove House Gardens

A project to install inclusive play equipment in the Grove House Gardens Play Area has created a new-look play area open to all.

The play area in Grove House Gardens, in the centre of Dunstable, has benefited from a major refurbishment thanks to funding from Central Bedfordshire Council and the government-funded UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF).

This provided grant funding for new surfacing and nine pieces of play equipment including a wheelchair accessible roundabout, an inclusive seesaw and a sensory panel with 'talk tubes'. The new installations are next to the existing play equipment to allow children of all abilities to play together.

The park was officially reopened on Friday 5 April by Councillor Mary Walsh, Central Bedfordshire Council's Executive Member for Planning and Waste, and former Town Mayor of Dunstable, Councillor Liz Jones, and is already welcoming local children in a safe and inclusive space.

Councillor Walsh, also Chair of the UKSPF Local Partnership Group, said: "The addition of the inclusive equipment to the play area is a great asset to the gardens and to the whole local community. The new equipment now provides an inclusive environment for children of all ages that gives opportunities for both physical and social interaction, while they explore, learn and have fun.

Former Town Mayor of Dunstable, Councillor Liz Jones, said: "Providing additional inclusive play to the park in Grove House Gardens has been received exceptionally well. It's wonderful to see so many children enjoying the new equipment, helping and supporting those less able to take part and engage in new activities. Thank you to officers of both Dunstable Town Council and Central Bedfordshire Council for making this happen for our community through funding of the UKSPF and Section 106 money."



# 60 Years of Britain in Bloom



2024 marks the 60th anniversary of the nationwide community gardening campaign Britain in Bloom. Started in 1964 by the British Tourist Authority it is now run and managed by the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS).

Over six decades, millions of people have participated, enabling them to get to know their neighbours, make new friends and forge stronger community networks. For this special anniversary, the theme for In Bloom across the country is friendship to celebrate the many social benefits forged through plants and gardening.

In 2024, Dunstable in Bloom, in partnership with the Town Council, will again be entering the regional Anglia in Bloom competition. Judges visit during July, and they will be shown a number of environmental projects across the town in particular showcasing the many friendships and social benefits that are often achieved when people come together through gardening and environmental management.

One such project is the unique Physic Border in Priory Gardens which is cared for by a small but dedicated group of volunteers. Mary, then 79, became involved at the creation of the garden in 2013. She says: "Meeting



every Friday to care for these interesting 12th century herbal plants, learning about their uses for medicines, dyes and cooking; enjoying the fresh air and exercise followed by our rewarding tea break and chat has certainly given me a new lease of life. Our friendship has bloomed!"

Dunstable in Bloom has been active in Dunstable since 2010 and has been instrumental in securing many Gold medals for the town, as well as nurturing friendships and promoting and showcasing the work of community groups and local volunteers. Good luck Dunstable in Bloom for 2024!

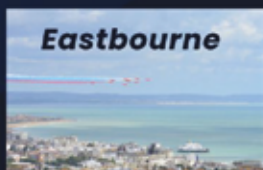
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### DAY TRIPS 2024

Date	Location	Adult	Senior	Child
27th July	Weymouth	£27.00	£26.00	£15.50
10th Aug	Hunstanton	£27.00	£26.00	£15.50
17th Aug	Eastbourne Airshow	£27.00	£26.00	£15.50
24th Aug	Clacton Airshow	£26.00	£25.00	£15.50
4th Sept	Cotswolds Tour	£26.00	£25.00	£15.50
16th Oct	New Forest Tour	£26.00	£25.00	£15.00
10th Nov	Thursford Christmas Spectacular with Xmas Dinner	£90.00	£90.00	
20th Nov	Worcester Victorian Christmas Fayre	£26.00	£25.00	£15.00
8th Dec	Winchester Christmas Market	£26.00	£25.00	£15.00

### 2025

13th to 17th June 2025  
Cornwall Holiday  
from £551 pp  
3\* Hotel Breakfast,  
3 Course Evening Meal  
+ Entertainment  
4 excursions



PRIORY HOUSE

# What's On at PRIORY HOUSE

There are some exciting events and activities planned at Priory House in the coming months. For further information or to book onto any of the activities featured here please visit our website at: [www.dunstable.gov.uk/prioryhouse](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/prioryhouse)

## Priory House Gift Shop

Open Monday to Saturday, 9 am to 4.30 pm  
Kitchen open 10 am to 3 pm

Enjoy lunch including hot food, cold and hot drinks, and sweet treats in the charming gift shop area. Browse the range of stock we have on offer, where there is always something unique to discover.

On those sunny days, soak up the weather in Priory Gardens, and enjoy refreshments from Priory House on the lawned terrace.

To book any of these events, please visit [www.dunstable.gov.uk/prioryhouse](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/prioryhouse) or call 01582 891420



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PRIORY HOUSE TEA WORKSHOP



## Blendiful Workshops

Sunday 28 July, 1 pm to 3.30 pm  
Friday 6 September, 7 pm to 9.30 pm

Priory House Gift Shop is offering a brand new tea experience. Come and find a new favourite tea, blended to your personal taste to take home. Sample a tea cocktail and some sweet treats, as we take you on a journey of discover on the Great British cup of a tea.



## G&T Evenings

Friday 19 July 2024 & Friday 23 August 2024  
From 6 pm at Priory House and Gardens

Come to Priory House and sit outside on a summer evening in the stunning Priory Gardens, sip a G&T, and enjoy amazing food from our menu, whilst listening to live music. Given this event is entirely outside due to continued restoration works to Priory House, it is weather-dependent and may be subject to change or cancellation.

For the most up to date information, please keep an eye on our Facebook @prioryhousedunstable or call us on 01582 891420 if you require any updates on this event.



## Priory House VIP Tables

Book now to avoid disappointment!  
£80 per table of 4 people (£20 per additional person)

Celebrate the Proms in style with your own VIP table.  
Each table will receive:

- ✓ Antipasti Boxes (Cheese, hams, bread, olives etc)
- ✓ A bottle of Prosecco
- ✓ Prom decorations and glowsticks
- ✓ Plus, an exclusive cornered-off area in front of the screen

### Only 10 tables are available!

You can book online at [www.dunstable.gov.uk/prioryhouse/whatson](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/prioryhouse/whatson),  
pop into the Priory House gift shop or give us a call on 01582 891420



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# Calling Dunstable! Nurturing the Next Generation

**Dunstable Town Council secures £30,000 to support and empower community-led performing arts groups in Dunstable**



As part of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Cultural offer, Dunstable Town Council has been awarded £30,000 to support performing arts organisations in the local Community Voluntary Sector (CVS). Dunstable Town Council places high value on the arts sector and acknowledges the vibrant contribution that performing arts brings to the town's culture.

The initiative, which is running until March 2025, aims to foster creative confidence within the CVS, alongside enhancing the capacity of groups and organisations to enable them to become resilient and reach their aspirations, opportunities for performances using the town's professional assets, explore pathways to careers in the arts and promote greater equity in accessing performing arts.

Dunstable Town Council are thrilled to announce that NGYT (Next Generation Youth Theatre) in partnership with BBB group were successful in winning the tender to deliver this project.

David from NGYT said: "We are hugely excited to be heading up the project along with BBB Group and cannot wait to connect with local creatives, ready to share, develop and contribute to the ever growing cultural canvas of the town." BBB Group, led by Darren Woodhouse has a long history of working in Dunstable, particularly at events such as Party in the Park and Christmas Lights Switch on. Darren said of the project "I'm really looking forward to hearing what the people of Dunstable want and working with them to create new platforms and events that speak to the community. Accessibility has always been something I am passionate about and this project allows us to really think about this on a broad scale."

NGYT's project leads, husband and wife team, Laura and David Lloyd said "Firstly we'd like to thank DTC for entrusting us and the BBB Group to lead this vital Arts project; one of discovery, development and showcasing creatives from across Dunstable's diverse communities. As organisations we take huge pride in supporting artists (who may not see themselves in this way) to recognise and place value in their talents, stories and voices."


Over the course of the year, NGYT and BBB Group will work with and for Dunstable's creative community to identify their needs, supporting them to develop their artistry and collaboratively shaping platforms for them to share their gifts with local audiences.

David added: "There is nothing worse than being told what you need, or being invited to contribute to a planning meeting, only to discover the plan is already written; we are not here to place our ideas onto people, this is very much a grassroots up approach, wherein we need the vision and dreams to come from those who live and breathe the local community and share our passion to celebrate and showcase local creativity."

With this in mind, NGYT and BBB Group are in search of dancers, actors, performance troupes, singers, bands, orchestras, choirs, folk groups, producers, DJs, poets, rappers, magicians, circus artists, visual artists, digital artists, comics, puppeteers.... the list goes on and on.

We'd love to hear from you, so please say hi and drop us an email at [enquiries@ngyt.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@ngyt.co.uk) or alternatively find us on Instagram, Facebook and X (formerly known as twitter) just simply search NGYT or visit [www.ngyt.co.uk](http://www.ngyt.co.uk).

We cannot wait to get started and uncover the talents of the Town. The project will initially begin with a period of consultation as NGYT, BBB Group and DTC seek to discover the creative needs and wants of the local community. These relationships will then be nurtured through mentoring and skill development resulting in performance opportunities followed by detailed impact analysis and both artist/ audience reflection.

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# Dunstable Town Council and Committee Meetings

Agendas for all meetings can be accessed on the Council's website one week before the scheduled meeting. Meetings are held at Grove House, 76 High Street North, Dunstable (unless stated otherwise) and are open to the public. Questions regarding meeting matters are encouraged; advance notice is not essential.

Please contact [democratic@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:democratic@dunstable.gov.uk).

The full calendar of meetings and agendas can be found at [www.dunstable.gov.uk/council-meetings](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/council-meetings)

08/07/2024 Plans-Sub Committee 6.15 pm

05/08/2024 Plans-Sub Committee 6.15 pm

19/08/2024 Plans-Sub Committee 6.15 pm

02/09/2024 Community Services Committee 7 pm

09/09/2024 Plans-Sub Committee 6.15 pm

09/09/2024 Grounds and Environmental Services Committee 7 pm

12/09/2024 Dunstable Joint Committee (The Hub Dunstable) 7 pm

16/09/2024 Finance and General Purposes Committee 7 pm

26/09/2024 Personnel-Sub Committee 7 pm

30/09/2024 Plans-Sub Committee 6.15 pm

30/09/2024 Full Council 7 pm

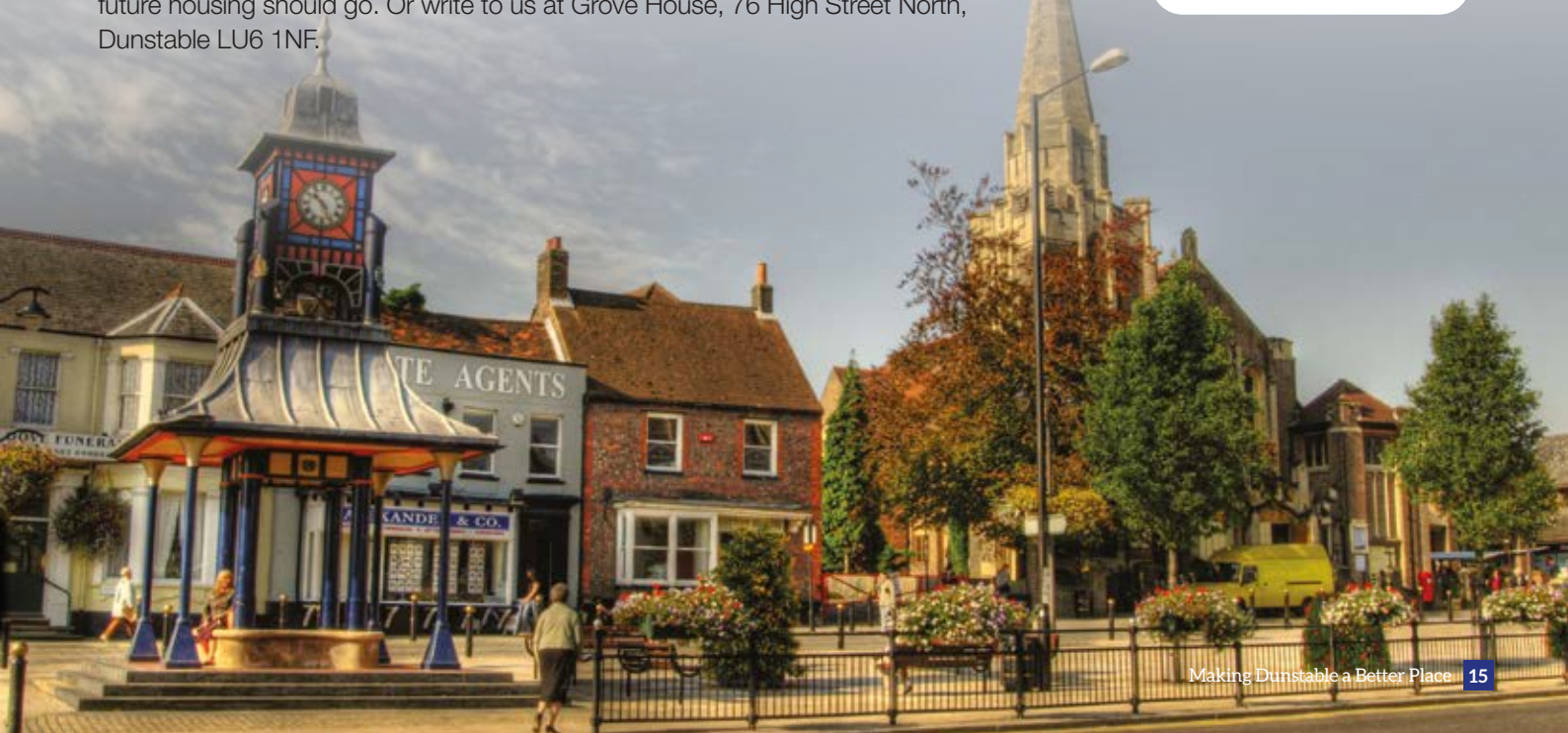
## Councillor Open Public Meetings (Surgeries)

**Central Ward** 14 September 9.30 am to 4.30 pm Middle Row Market, Ashton Square LU6 3SN

## Neighbourhood Plan for Dunstable Consultation

The Town Council is considering whether to create a neighbourhood plan for Dunstable and would like to hear from you. There are a number of ways to share your views. You can simply click on the QR code to the right and complete the quick questionnaire. Alternatively, visit the Dunstable Town Council stall at Party in the Park on Saturday 13 July from 12 noon to 8 pm and tell councillors your thoughts. You can also email [info@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:info@dunstable.gov.uk) and tell us what you value the most in Dunstable, what you think Dunstable needs and where in Dunstable future housing should go. Or write to us at Grove House, 76 High Street North, Dunstable LU6 1NF.

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- Detached Youth Work
- Bennett's Splash Park & Splashside Cafe
- Events programme
- Christmas lights
- Ashton Square public toilets
- Middle Row Markets
- Older people's support service
- Mayoralty and civic functions
- Priory and Grove House Gardens
- Priory House Heritage Centre, Tea Rooms, and gift shop
- Grove Corner Young People's Centre
- Floral displays
- Town centre management

### Citizens Advice Dunstable

The Dunstable Centre, Court Drive,  
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Call 01582 670003

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