



# LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL



## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING REPORT

2017/18

Part 2



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# **TRUST REPORTS**



## Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust 2017-2018

This has been my third full year as Trust Chairman and fourth as a Lydney Councillor.

This year Bathurst Park has seen its decayed railings removed, an outdoor fitness trail added, several visits from the Police Commissioner's Community Engagement Vehicle (C.E.V.), prestigious award nominations for our on-site Café, another excellent fireworks display, several elaborate dance performances and more. The Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association recently judged us 'Excellent' (86/100) and noted 'excellent site facilities for a public park'.

But whilst we can count many blessings, there remain areas requiring attention. Our public toilets require refurbishment and I am pleased to say Trustees have earmarked £4,000 to finance this. Similarly, a specialist contractor was recently hired to deep-clean all corridors, floors and walls in both the shower block and toilet areas. Grant funding was also received from the Stanley Smith (UK) Horticultural Trust allowing essential maintenance to our historic water feature to go ahead. Replacement miniature rugby posts were also afforded through funding received from Gloucestershire County Council.



Equally our difficulties with littering/vandalism are well known and additional drum bins have been installed to tackle the former. We were delighted to welcome Gloucestershire Constabulary's Community Engagement Vehicle (C.E.V.) on five occasions in 17/18, allowing residents the chance to discuss their concerns directly with Officers and receive crime prevention advice. Officers from the County's mounted section (horseback) also visited and the Trust continues to benefit from Operation TOM TOM – frequent foot patrols in and around the Park area.

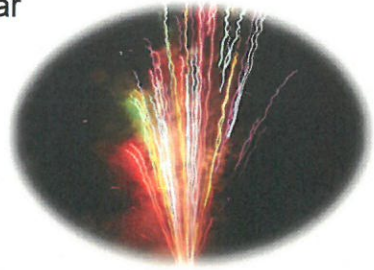
The major change in 2017 however was removal of the Avenue Andre Clement railings. A visual improvement, the Avenue received much-needed resurfacing this year and today looks great. The next stage of our ironworks - installation of a large 'Welcome to Bathurst Park' archway at the Avenue entrance - will shortly come to fruition following our successful application to Tesco's 'Bags of Help' grant scheme. Thanks to all who voted for us at the in-store voting stage as this resulted in £4,000 being awarded to the Trust.



On 19<sup>th</sup> August visitors were treated to impressive displays of music and dance from very gifted (and very brave!) youngsters at our 'Party in the Park!' event. Opened by renowned ceramist Mary Rose-Young, the day was a pleasure and seeing so many residents enjoying the afternoon was incredibly rewarding. I wouldn't hesitate to recommend any of our performers for future events and hope they enjoyed the day. I am delighted to say Trustees have opted to organise the event a second time, this year occurring on July 7<sup>th</sup>.



Likewise, our Fireworks display was (as always) spectacular and thanks go to 'Star Fireworks' for providing this. I am happy to say our 2018 display will be November 5<sup>th</sup> and we have opted to enhance the evening by hiring fire-based performers (fire eaters/jugglers etc.) together with live music performances – likely a first for our annual display!



Our on-site Café continues to excel. Whilst we were greatly saddened to lose our previous tenant Mrs Claire Harris (after five years of exceptional service) we are confident our new tenant Mrs June Peates can continue this tradition of outstanding food/drink. In July of last year Trustees agreed to site additional picnic benches on the 'sports' Park in close proximity to the Café - leaving dog-owners better able to enjoy their products.

As with last year I would like to thank the Groundsmen, Lydney Town Council Officers and Bathurst Park Trustees for their ongoing commitment to this key amenity - it is clear Bathurst Park is in good hands.

Thank you.

*Cllr Harry Ives*  
*Chairman*



## The Coffee House at Bathurst Park

We are open from 19<sup>th</sup> March seven days a week from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm and as of June 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am - 5:00pm, we will also be advertising a late night once a week from June 4<sup>th</sup>.

We would like to start by introducing ourselves; we are Roger & June Peates and we have been lucky enough to become the new owners of the Coffee House at Bathurst Park and what a fantastic Park with such amazingly kept grounds.

We would like to thank Claire Harris, the previous owner, for all of her help and assistance during the transfer, and also to Jayne, Sharon and Carol from Lydney Town Council who have always been happy to assist and guide us.

We are planning lots of events over the season so watch out for further events on The Coffee House Facebook page.

To start with we will be having The Royal Wedding - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May come and join us for Afternoon Tea in the Park and celebrate the happy couples' big day.

All customers existing and new are always welcome, we will be having daily lunch specials along with the existing menu, scrummy homemade cakes and scones available daily.

We are always happy to discuss new ideas for the Café and adverts.

*Roger & June Peates*





## Lydney Recreation Trust Annual Report for 2017/18

Dog fouling on the Trust's land, particularly the sporting pitches, resulted in Trustees resolving in 2017 to fence in the sporting pitches. Whilst the banning of dogs from the "sports" proportion of its land was not a popular decision with all, most responsible dog owners appreciated that the decision was not taken lightly and, given the dangers associated with children playing sports in areas covered in dog excrement, have since become supportive of the ban.



In order to ensure equality, the Trust permitted Lydney RFC to secure a lease on a pitch area on its ground; this now means that all of the major clubs, namely: Lydney RFC, Lydney AFC, Lydney Cricket Club, Lydney Tennis Club and Lydney Angling Club now hold leases, enabling them to prove security of tenure and seek grant funding to improve their club facilities further. Unfortunately, poor drainage of the playing pitches remains a problem for the sports clubs if there is prolonged wet weather, it is therefore hoped that by working in partnership with these clubs, sufficient funding may be secured over time to improve/replace the drainage system for the betterment of all.

The skatepark is still popular with young people for skating/bmx and meeting. Consultation to improve to the skatepark with concrete bowls has been researched and discussed, but at the estimated cost of £150k will unfortunately take a long-determined dedication to identify the finance required.

The popularity of Parkrun every Saturday morning at 9am has continued with an average of a hundred runners enjoying the course around the lake and playing fields, which during the year have been enhanced scenically with wild flower plantings.

*Cllr Carol Harris*  
*Chairman*



**COMMUNITY  
REPORTS**



# THE FRIENDS OF BATHURST POOL

## ANNUAL REPORT

23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2018

The summer of 2017 was again a very successful season for The Friends of Bathurst Pool.

A lot of work took place during the previous winter which resulted in improvements to the shop making it a lot easier for the volunteers, and a refurbished ticket office, which now also includes an admin office. The whole of the concrete sundeck area is now covered in artificial grass and we were also able to purchase some more of the rainbow tables which add more colour to our already very colourful site.

More solar panels are to be put in place before the 2018 season begins and for extra security we have installed some more lighting and extra CCTV cameras. Our debris cover, which has been used every winter since 2003, is now falling apart and will not be fit for purpose after it is taken off in April. Our aim this year is to get enough money in our funds to purchase a new modern cover, ready to be used when we close in September. The design of the cover that we hope to purchase will be easily rolled on and off and will not be labour intensive.

Many compliments have been received regarding the flower beds at the entrance to the pool. They were funded by Viscount Bledisloe and the annual upkeep will be paid for by The Friends of Bathurst Pool.



The end of season dinner was again a very enjoyable occasion, bringing together Trustees, committee members, volunteers and pool users.

The night swims which proved extremely popular will once again be held on agreed dates in July and August.

Work at the pool will start during April to prepare for Serious Swim Club, which starts on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April followed by opening to the public on 26<sup>th</sup> May.

We have already taken on some new volunteers and together with the existing Trustees and committee members we are all once again enthusiastic about the summer of 2018 at Bathurst Pool.

*Sheila Berryman*  
*Trustee/Treasurer*





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### **The Forest Food Bank- Year End Report 2017**

This has been a year of consolidation and slight expansion for the Forest Foodbank. I have continued in my role as Foodbank Manager, as have the majority of our officials, including our FVAF Volunteer of the Year award winning Volunteers Manager Yvonne Wood, our overworked Warehouse (& most of the transport) manager Tina Gray, our valued Treasurer Louisa Smallpage-Mitchell and our PR & Training Manager Sandi McDonagh who has continued to give many talks to local WI, Beavers, Guides, Brownies & other Community Groups to 'spread the word'. Behind the scenes, we had a few issues staffing our Box Fillers, but fortunately stalwarts Avril, Tina & Jonathan stepped in to the breach and thankfully everything has settled down again - we are taking steps to reduce the way we fill boxes weights to alleviate some of the weightlifting stresses!! We have expanded our referral services to include 'Free Cakes for Kids', The Forest of Dean Baby Bank, The Forest Furniture Bank, and recently partly funded the Salvation Army Fuel Payments scheme for prepayment meter clients (primarily families) that are struggling with the dilemma of whether to feed themselves or keep warm.

We have acquired quite a few new Referral Agencies :- [AGE UK Gloucestershire](#), [CCP \(Caring for Communities & People\)](#), [CGL \(Change, Grow, Live\)](#), [Church On The Street](#), [Community Wellbeing Engagement Service \(replaces & augments Village Agents\)](#), [Criminal Justice Liaison Service](#), [Dene Magna School](#), [Heart of The Forest Special School](#), [Learn Direct](#), [Learning Disability Nurse - CPYS/LD Team](#), [Maggie's Cancer Care Centre](#), [Royal British Legion \(Lydney\)](#), [St Anthony's School](#), and terminated [The Family Tree Children's Centre \(amalgamated into the Childrens Opportunity centre\)](#), [Safe at Home\(funding withdrawn\)](#), [Village Agents\(now part of Community Wellbeing Engagement Service\)](#).

We have continued to expand the racking at our Warehouse to aid in sorting & rotating stock, but recent influxes of stock have resulted in nearly 100 crates of stock being stored offsite, kindly donated by Upcycle, as we just don't have the room. In late 2016 we had a successful 'Quality Assurance' visit by the Trussell Trust Area Manager, with very few areas of concern being raised, which have all been addressed.

In April we held a fairly successful 'ad hoc' collection at Tesco in Lydney over two days, replenishing dwindling stocks, but through the early summer we had to buy in stock & transfer stock from other local foodbanks to cope with a 20% increase in demand in the first 6 months of 2017!

In June we held a very well attended Volunteers get together at Ellwood FC with a fun Ceilidh by The Roger Custard Band, and raised over £400 for our funds as well! We will run something similar later in 2018.

In September, we advertised for more volunteers in the local press & on facebook, and we were inundated with responses. We recruited over 30 new volunteers across the 3 centres, and now have a waiting list! Sandi is doing one-to-one training with all the new volunteers 'on the job', and also refresher training for everyone. We keep 'tweaking' processes & procedures, and it can be hard to remember everything if you only do a session once a month, although we do disseminate changes via email, they don't always seem to get read ©!

The Harvest Festival Appeal was amazingly successful again, although slightly down on last year - we are very grateful to all the churches & schools that donate most of their produce to us - it is much appreciated.

We received our largest ever monetary donation of £2,000 from Mabey Bridge Construction in October, having been nominated for support by their workers in Lydney & the surrounding area. We also started a 'Winter Woolies' campaign, asking people to donate hats/gloves/scarves / socks to help cloth homeless & needy local people for the winter - this was incredibly successful, and we donated excess stock to other local homeless charities. The Community champion at Tesco in Lydney also ran an appeal in November/December for Clothing, Bedding, Rucksacks, food & toiletries to help Gloucestershire Homeless, and we acted as a collection point - donating about 30 bin bags full of items!



Late November/ early December we staffed the National Food Collection at Tesco, Lydney over 3 days with our hardy volunteers (with some people doing 2 or 3 stints!!), and collected a massive 1.76 tonnes of food - twice the amount collected at the same event last year. There was a marked improvement in the level of 'engagement' with the public, who were generally much more receptive & willing to donate, encouraged by our enthusiastic volunteers;-). Tesco in Lydney have a 'permanent collection point' as well, and are our main source of donations; that one store accounted for over 30% of all our donations last year! We also get 20% extra in cash on top from Tesco, which pays for all our running expenses. Some of the local senior schools ran 'non uniform days' at the end of the Christmas Term & donated food to us, which helped boost our Christmas stocks to record levels.

We also had a stall at the Forest Food Showcase in September 2017, and Sandi has attended and given presentations at various local 'networking' events, and even a Lydney RFC U16's floodlit Rugby match held recently, where admission was by 'Bring A Tin To Get In!!'

Our funds are at a record high, running at more than twice the level we started the year with, and we should be financially secure for some time to come. We are all volunteers, and 100% of all money donated is used for essential maintenance, consumables & buying food stock when we have shortfalls. Mileage allowance is available to volunteers for journeys made on behalf of the foodbank, but nearly all our volunteers don't claim it.

We were recently approved by Facebook to start using the 'donate' button which enables people to make gift-aided donations to us very simply.

We are very grateful to Coleford Baptist Church (who are our trustees), St Margaret Mary RC Church, Forest Community Church & Lydney Christian Fellowship (who donate part of their premises for free to run our sessions) and Cinderford Methodist Church who provide a store room for free. We couldn't run without our lovely 70+ volunteers of all ages, who continue to astound us with their dedication and support.

Now for some statistics comparing our operation in 2017 vs 2016!

We currently have 816 households (up from 460) and 108 Active Referral Agencies registered.

Vouchers Issued	1192	vs	1130	{up 5.5%}
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### **Maior Issuers**

Adult Social Care	4		<b>49</b>
Cinderford Town Council	177		172
FODDC (Coleford)	363		320
Green Square	75		34
Lydney Town Council	108		123
Turning Point (now amalgamated with CGL		13	45
Two Rivers	39		79
FODCAB	36		39
Forest Community Church	67		37
Job Centre referrals	29		(not recorded - new arrangement with DWP)

<b><u>Total Food Distributed</u></b>	26,126kg	23,587kg (up 10.7%)
representing	62,204	56,159 meals (according to FSA formula)

<b><u>People Fed</u></b>	3083	2811 (Up 9.7%)
(1937 Adults, 1146 Children)		(1809 Adults, 1002 Children)

### **By Area**

Cinderford	559	673
Coleford	750	620
littledean & Ruspidge	124	127
Lydbrook & Ruardean	123	118
Lydney	488	400
Mitcheldean & Drybrook	174	169
Pillowell	135	161
NFA	73	21

### **By Family Make-up**

Couples	175	153
Families	397	394
Single People	457	<b>428</b>
Single Parent	163	153

### **The Main Causes of Cri1ls**

Low Income earnings)	1444	1133	(usually	benefits	only,	no
Benefit Delays	558	638				
Benefit Changes	555	552				
Debt	210	159				

### **Age Groups**

Adults	17-24	366	201
	25-64	1517	1138
	> 64	47	40



Children	0-4	302	193
	5-11	490	405
	12-16	330	138

**Food Donated**

Total 27,465 kg 26,023 kg (up 5.7%)

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Christmas	2550	2215
Churches	4048	4760
Purchases to cover shortages	1250	1320
From other food banks	1092	2153
Harvest Festival	2465	3512
Supermarkets	10085	8994

Donated by us to Salvation Army particularly for their Christmas Appeal, (and to reduce some of our Baked Bean/Cereal/Pasta/Soup mountain)!

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So in short there is no slow-down in demand, which we expect to increase rapidly with the recent rollout of Universal Credit locally. In December this year, demand was up by 28%!!

We are still focusing our efforts primarily on providing emergency food for local people in crisis and we are working in partnership with Green Square (who have an advisor present at the Food Banks on a regular basis). The Citizens Advice Bureau, Christians Against Poverty, along with many other professional agencies provide help and advice and the Food Banks signpost people to them.

Our website [www.theforest.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.theforest.foodbank.org.uk) has information about all our activities, volunteering, donations & links to various help resources. We also have a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/theforestfoodbank1>, which we use extensively, including for gift-aided donations, and a Twitter Feed for our 'umbrella' organisation, The Trussell Trust <https://twitter.com/TrussellTrust>.

We welcome all donations of time, expertise, money and food and have permanent collection points in local supermarkets, churches and other organisations.

Thank you all SO MUCH for your time, expertise and donations during a difficult time for the country as a whole, with unfortunately far too many needing our assistance - we could not do it without you and everything you do is greatly appreciated.



**Chris Hedges**  
**Forest Food Bank Manager**

31.12.17

The past year has been dominated by the public consultation over the future of the community hospitals in the Forest, the results of this exercise which focus on there being only one hospital in place of the current two, remains ongoing. The location of the new hospital has yet to be decided and a strong case is being prepared by the Friends for this to be Lydney. A decision on the location is expected to be made in late April or May. It is unlikely that the new hospital will be fully commissioned until 2022 and in the meantime, assurances have been given that existing facilities and services will be maintained in full.

The hospital has been very well used throughout the year with almost full occupancy of in-patient beds even during the summer period. Other services (MIU, physiotherapy, out-patients etc.) have also been busy. The new X-Ray facility which was largely funded by the Friends has been a great success and provides a significant enhancement to the diagnostic range of services.



Fundraising has continued throughout the year, although the uncertainty over the future of Lydney Hospital is adversely impacting on the amount



donated by the public. Despite this, the Annual Fete in July once again raised a substantial sum and demonstrated the wide support which continues to exist for the hospital among the general public enabling any special needs for equipment and facilities to be funded. This year, over £12000 has been spent on several items including a Motomed exercise equipment costing £5000 and a special Dementia Computer System for use on in-patient wards costing £5500. These items and others would not be available through NHS funds, and this need will continue for at least the next 4 years regardless of where the new hospital is built.

Staffing levels at the moment are good with no senior positions unfilled, a positive training program is in place for staff development, and morale is generally at a high level. The staff were invited to respond to the public consultation and overwhelmingly supported the concept of a single new hospital. Consistently encouraging reports are received from patients, relatives and the Care Quality Commission inspection teams into the treatments provided at the hospital and in particular the very high level of compassionate care shown by staff towards vulnerable and very sick patients.



Notably the hospital has remained open in all adverse weather incidents over the past winter with no interruption to services. This has demonstrated the benefit to the Forest Community of having such a facility located in Lydney where travel constraints can be minimised for both the public and staff.



## Lydney Coastal Community Team 2017/18

### Team Governance

The Lydney Coastal Community Team (LCCT) comprises an Executive Group and a wider Stakeholder Group. LCCT meetings are chaired by the Environment Agency with Forest of Dean District Council providing the accountable body and administration roles. This year the Stakeholder Group has increased its membership again and welcomed the Canal and River Trust and two local artists. The LCCT Economic Plan was updated <http://www.fdean.gov.uk/media/4985/lcct-draft-economic-plan-update-2017v3.pdf>

### Team Activity

The focus for the team during 2017/18 has been to use Coastal Revival Fund grant to refurbish the historic swing bridge and bring this back into operational use. The bridge was refurbished in Lydney by local firm Mabey Bridge Ltd and re-installed in May 2017. Lydney Sea Cadets joined the formal opening ceremony and rowed boats from the inner basin to the canal and back to mark the occasion.

The team prepared a £2.1M bid submission to the Coastal Community Fund (round 4) for the *Lydney Harbour Eyes Right* project last year. This bid was not successful, however progress has been made to demonstrate that various project elements are ready to be delivered subject to funding approval.

An Expression of Interest was submitted in May 2017 by the Forest of Dean District Council on behalf of the LCCT, to the Rural Development Programme for England Growth Programme. The bid is for the refurbishment and conversion of the Store and Mortuary buildings to provide a heritage information point and toilet facilities respectively. The project aims to provide an improved sense of arrival for visitors and a base from which to explore the surrounding area. The improved interpretation facilities will allow visitors to learn more about the site, its history and the natural environment of the wider Estuary. By upgrading the existing buildings and setting, the scheme will deliver much needed facilities in a sensitive and sympathetic way. Planning approval for the building conversion works and the installation of a temporary café facility was secured in February. The full Growth Programme funding application will be submitted in March 2018.



LCCT members Dean Forest Railway (DFR) submitted their own bid to RDPE Growth Programme in October 2017 for the repair of St Mary's Footbridge and railway platform. DFR secured listed building consent to complete the works and are currently waiting for the outcome of this funding application.

Round 5 of the Coastal Community Fund was announced in February. The team will be working together to submit an expression of interest to this latest round. A new bid will be devised to improve access and the public realm along the Lydney Harbour Corridor and set the stage for new private investment.

This year the Environment Agency has continued to work on the proposed land transfer at Lydney harbour. A programme of legal and due diligence work is underway to prepare the Harbour Revision Order that will be needed as part of the formal public consultation process. The Agency also successfully completed de-silting and inner gate repair works in February, which has resulted in the lock and time exclusion gates being fully operational again.

As the Local Planning Authority, the District Council is keen to support development in the Lydney harbour area that is consistent with both the Local Plan and the Lydney Neighbourhood Development Plan. To prepare for new mixed-use investment in this ecologically sensitive area, the Council commissioned the *Lydney Severn Estuary Recreational Study* which was completed in May 2017. The study includes baseline bird survey and visitor survey data and recommendations for mitigation to help minimise disturbance.





## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION REPORT 2017- 2018

As custodians of Remembrance the Branch was heavily involved in the organisation of the Annual Remembrance Parade and Service on Remembrance Sunday. The event seems to be more supported with every passing year - to the extent that at the Service on November 12<sup>th</sup> the Church was probably at the limit of its safety capacity with every seat taken and over 50 people standing in the aisles. As a Branch we were also honoured in November when our Standard Bearer, David Rudge, was chosen to carry the Branch Standard at the Annual Festival of Remembrance at the Albert Hall.

2018 sees two very special commemorations which will see the Branch Standard "going abroad" on two separate occasions. This is unprecedented in the 94 year History of the Branch.

In May the Chairman and Standard Bearer will be in North West France to attend three Services and Civic Receptions commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of HMS Charybdis in 1943. With the loss of over 500 personnel this was the greatest disaster suffered by the Royal Navy in the Channel in the Second World War. Two local men went down with the Charybdis, Gunnery Officer Walter Wildin of Bream and Able Seaman William Haines of Lydney. Royal Marine John Eskdale, who lives locally, is one of the few survivors of the disaster and hopes to be one of the party making the trip.

In August the Standard, carried by David Rudge, will be going to the Menin Gate in Ypres (Belgium) - along with over 2000 other RBL standards - to take part in the march and wreath lying ceremony to commemorate the beginning of the offensive on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018 that brought the First World War to an end. The wreath, carried by Mel Rudge, will be laid on behalf of the entire Lydney & District Community.

The Centenary of the ending of the First World War is being planned by a sub committee with representatives of the Branch, the Town Council, the Local History Society and the Dean Forest Railway. The event will be marked in a variety of ways. Firstly the Branch intends to take both the Standard and the Wreath that is going to the Menin Gate into every school in the District to publicise the Centenary and invite the schools' input into the message that goes on the community wreath. The final school we visit will be Dean Academy and we intend to invite the Works Manager of Glatfelter UK to be present at that event since they have generously put up the £1000 sponsorship to enable the branch to take part in this Pilgrimage to Ypres.

Later, as we approach the actual Centenary on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November it is hoped that we will be opening a Book of Remembrance for members of the public and organisations to record their individual and collective thoughts one hundred years after the end of "The War to End All Wars". We also are planning ahead for

November 11<sup>th</sup> itself when, following the morning Parade, the Town Council will be lighting the Beacon on Primrose Hill in the evening and - hopefully - arranging for the Church bells to be rung over the town. When the Poppy Shop opens at the end of October we intend, courtesy of the Local History Society, that it will include a First World War Centenary Display.

Apart from Centenary planning the customary Poppy Appeal goes from strength to strength. On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February the 33<sup>rd</sup> consecutive annual Poppy Concert was held with takings in the region of £1500. Currently the Appeal total for 2017 - 18 is £17,754 and with several fundraising events still to come before the appeal closes on 30<sup>th</sup> September we will be well on track to beat last years total of £17,822. Thanks as always must go to Stan Rudge, our Poppy Appeal Organiser, his Deputy Carol Powell and their splendid team for all the work they do during the year.

Our 'Pop In' Welfare Support Centre at 3 Hill Street continues to flourish. It is open every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and offers support, advice and help to any serving or ex-serving personnel and their dependants. It is one of the busiest such drop-in centres in Gloucestershire.

As a Branch we wish to place on record our thanks to the trustees of 3 Hill Street who allow us use of the building on generous terms. We also would like to express our thanks to the Town Council for their continuing support for our work in the community. Finally, we wish to express our appreciation to Rev. Sarah Fenby who left the town at the beginning of the year. Sarah officiated as Branch Chaplain at numerous Legion events during her years as Vicar of Lydney Parish Church. We are very grateful for her support and her service and would like to wish her and her family all the best for the future.

*Ian Hendy*

Chair  
Lydney RBL

12<sup>th</sup> March 2018





## LYDNEY WAR MEMORIAL (ALMSHOUSES) TRUST ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2018

The Lydney War Memorial (Alms Houses) Trust is the body responsible for the maintenance and administration of the almshouses in Church Road, Lydney, next to the War Memorial. The properties are divided into two houses and four flats.

The Trust continues to meet each month at the Naas Lane Community Centre. The Trustees have remained the same throughout the year; Mrs Ruth Richardson, Mrs Valerie Hobman, Mr Bill Osborne, Mrs Sue Osborne and Mr Simon Moore.

At the AGM Mr Simon Moore agreed continue to act as Chair and Mrs Valerie Hobman agreed to continue as Vice Chair. Attendance at the meetings has been excellent, with all but one meeting in the year being quorate. Gill Moir continues to act as the Clerk and Administration Officer for the Trust.

There have been no changes to the residents this year and the Trust continues to maintain a good relationship with them. They understand that they can contact the Clerk at any time should any problems arise.

In July, the Trust was pleased to see the completion of the painting of the mural on the walls and roof over the walkway in Avenue Andre Clement. This was a collaborative effort between the Trust, the teachers and pupils of Dean Academy and a local muralist, Tom Cousins, who all worked together on the design. The Trustees are delighted with the finished result which they feel celebrates the history and culture of the local area and which has created both a talking point and a local landmark. We do hope that the project has strengthened links between different parts of the community and so far we are pleased to note that the mural has remained intact and has not been defaced. As graffiti problems were the catalyst for embarking on the project we feel pleased that, at least for the moment, the mural seems to have had an impact.

The Trust continues to manage its finances effectively, carefully planning projects and maintenance work within ongoing income levels, with the aim of keeping a constant and modest level of reserves.

As part of their succession planning, the current board of Trustees are keen to encourage anyone who would be interested in becoming a Trustee to contact the Trust.

*Mr Simon Moore (Chair)*





# LYDNEY TOWN HALL

## Lydney Town Hall Annual Report

I am pleased to be able to report that the good fortunes of the Town Hall continue to increase. There's been a significant growth in the number of local people using the hall for private functions i.e. Birthdays, Wedding receptions, etc.

Our office rental income reduced slightly with the departure of Cathy Lewis (local artist) but this loss was more than balanced by other increases. I am totally confident that, despite the normal quiet period in the first three months of the year and the expense of repairs to the heating system, we will show an increase in our "end of year" income figures at our A.G.M. in May.

We are repeatedly amazed by the number of people who walk into the hall from the street and tell us that they did not know that this venue existed. Perhaps we should change tactics and put more emphasis on advertising the premises as well as the events.

We have recently had the roof replaced on the rear extension with some financial assistance from the Rotary Club for which we are extremely grateful. The leaking roof caused a great deal of internal damage that we are in process of renewing. Just as we are finishing this work and feeling quite pleased with ourselves, we had a very bad snow storm and the roof at the back of the stage fell in, so we start all over again on yet another new project. There's one thing you can say about this building – it's never dull if you are a workaholic.

We recently purchased a new projector and financially we are in a position to replace the existing screen. This is a facility that we will soon be able to offer to potential clients.

Finally, I must say that these improvements could not have been achieved without the continued assistance from my colleagues on the Town Hall Committee and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all.

*Michael Channon*

Chairman



The Monday Coffee & Chat Club has continued to be well attended with a warm welcome from members Mick & Barbara.

After training of volunteers, the Community Centre, with help from Forest Cross Roads Carers & Lena Maller FODDC has started a Memory Café to help the public cope with dementia awareness.



Gill & Len Cooksley's hours of volunteering was recognised by an invite from the Queen to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party. The LCC have been invited to apply for the Queens Volunteers Award for its service to the community, the LCC Committee decided to develop its Youth Activities and reinforce its work with the elderly with Coffee & Chat and Memory Café before applying.

Jazz4U despite Roy Cansdale's enthusiasm & Film Club have struggled to attract sufficient numbers to sustain the sessions and have been suspended.

More Martial Arts by White Lotus at Youth Activities including "Self Defence" were chosen by the young people and Bhangra Dance classes are over-subscribed. A successful fund raising at Tesco Bags for Help has allowed purchased of three table tennis tables for the After School Club which opens every Wednesday managed by former Vibes Staff and with coaching from volunteers from the Lydney Table Tennis Club. Daytime table tennis hire is welcome and several members of LTT Club are interested as they currently play at 3 Hill Street where there is only one table!!

An £18k grant from Gloucestershire Environment Trust has enabled us to install four new double glazed windows and insulated ceiling together with new LED lights. Full Kitchen refurbishment has been scheduled at Easter 2018 at the cost of £7k raised from local charities.

Social events during the year have raised £2k which has which has been put towards the new mobile drama stage. I feel though the income is important the social events allow all members to participate and join in helping with community events and sharing news.

*Derek Biddle*

# **THE VICTORIA CENTRE**

VICTORIA ROAD, LYDNEY, GLOS, GL 15 5DG

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CHARITY no: 272726



It is probably fair to say that the Victoria Centre is one of Lydney's much loved charities. Run by volunteers, it offers to our older generation lunch and, on certain days, activities, including keep fit, bingo, arts & crafts, at a subsidised rate, Monday to Friday, for most of the year. Lunches are cooked fresh in a 5 star kitchen.

This year for the fourth time, we opened on Christmas Day, offering a free, traditional meal, with all the trimmings, thanks to the generous sponsorship of a local business and donations in kind from our many supporters. A team of volunteer drivers brought diners from various sites in the Forest while another team cooked, served and entertained.

The Centre, in Victoria Road, near Tesco, is ideally placed and easily located, and the members are well served by the local Dial-A-Ride service. The atmosphere is welcoming, warm and safe.

In 2017 we added an Audio/Visual Sound system to the Hearing Loop already in place.

The Centre can be hired, under certain conditions, for community events. Please phone for more information.

*Pearl Biddle*

Secretary

Tel: 01594 842180

**For bookings please contact Carol Haycock at the Centre**





## Lydney Festival 2017 Events



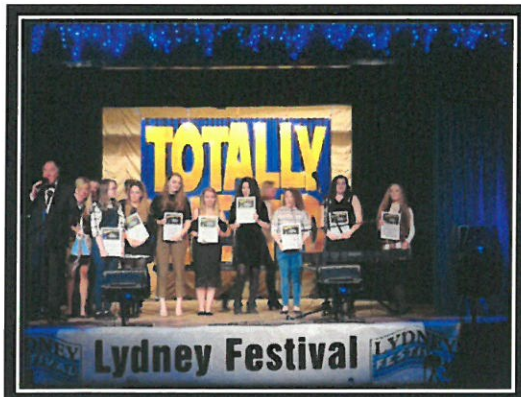
Lydney Yacht Club/Docks Music Fest with Pillowell Silver Band & Daisy



Coop Store June Music & Dance Festival



Alex & Will Concert Raised £1500 for Jack Hazel Fund



Grand Final of Totally Talented at Lydney Town Hall

*Derek Biddle*



## Friends of Primrose Hill Mesne

Following your request for a report from the Friends we are pleased to provide you with a narrative which gives you our overview of the events of the past 4 years.

As you are well aware, the damage wrought by wild boar had become increasingly pronounced year by year. There were many requests from local people from 2014 to 2017, including a previous accepted and then rejected proposal that the council construct a protective fence. Also 'The Friends of Primrose Hill Mesne' was set up to lobby the council. Following a second proposal to the council from the 'Friends' the council reversed their previous decision and voted to finance the fence project. So far the construction of the fence has been a highly successful intervention with many residents in the area continuing to watch for signs of boar destruction and for any signs of human interference with the fencing.

It is now a pleasure to see the continuing work on the Mesne particularly the development of the play area for younger children and also the trim trail. We are certain that local pride and our appreciation of the mesne will ensure it continues to be valued and respected by residents and visitors.

We look forward to the on-going improvement of the Mesne, particularly the development of a suitable pathway into the wooded area and connecting the various play apparatus. There is an existing track running right round the mesne which is made up of shale topping a gravel foundation. This has been allowed to overgrow with grass but all or parts could be reinstated reasonably easily.

The Friends also feel the Town Council should consider a suitable exit and entrance for their vehicles and those of contractors working there and the existing path could be used for this. Also vertical poles positioned along the road side of the mesne from the top for 20 / 30 metres would ensure access was blocked to unauthorised users, the natural banking acts to obstruct vehicles wishing to access the Mesne at the point.

The people of Primrose Hill are also anticipating further seeding and rolling of the Mesne. The realigning of the goal posts together with the marking of the pitch would identify clearly the new position of the pitch following the expansive nature of the new equipment onto what was the pitch. Marking the pitch would help prevent accidents where people playing football could run into the new equipment. This would also encourage children to respect the new areas and promote the appropriate use of the equipment.

We as a group would like to express how much we appreciate the recent efforts of the Town Council in improving a valued amenity on Primrose Hill as well as the positive working relationship that has developed of late.

*For the Friends of Primrose Hill*





## Lydney and Severnside Flower Club

We are in the business of enjoying and promoting floral art. We meet at Lydney Town Hall on the second Monday of each month: doors open at 6.30 pm for a 7.15 pm start.

The club, which is affiliated to N.A.F.A.S (The National Association of Flower Arranging Societies), has approximately 50 members, 3 of whom are N.A.F.A.S. qualified Area Demonstrators (2 are qualified teachers and judges). For 10 out of the 12 months we have an area or national demonstrator, who produces between 6 and 10 flower arrangements in a friendly and informal atmosphere. It really is a magical experience to watch these talented women and men (yes, we have many outstanding male demonstrators) turn leaves and flowers into incredible works of art. One of our members, Alwyn Page, holds flower arranging classes locally, to help you to hone your own flower arranging skills. (\*)

In amongst all of these amazing displays, we enjoy a cup of tea/coffee, a biscuit and a chat!

As a club we try to support as many local charities as possible. Last year, we participated in local Church flower festivals, created table decorations for the lunch for the 'Race for Life' event, supported the Great Oaks Hospice and participated in the Lydney Hospital Fete, handing over £280 to the fete committee at the end of the day from the sale of flower bunches and baskets.

Our programme for 2018 looks even busier! We also participate in Area staged events, such as Area Day, and any Cathedral/Abbey Flower Festivals that the Area group may be involved with.

We are a very friendly club: our core aim is "Fun and friendship through flowers". We cater for all ages and all tastes; for those who just want to come and meet friends, have coffee and watch the many demonstrations, to those who want to advance their own skills and go on to the big wide world of 'Floral Art'.

If you are interested, please contact me at [jackiealcock10@gmail.com](mailto:jackiealcock10@gmail.com) for further information and/or to arrange a visit to one of our events.

(\*) If you are interested in attending flower arranging classes, held by one of our members, please ask me for details.

We look forward to welcoming you to our club.

*Jackie Alcock*

Chair

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## Lydney Twinning Association – 2017/18



Families from the Lydney Twinning Association travelled to Normandy at the beginning of June 2017 for the annual exchange visit with Brehal. The visit started with a champagne reception with the Mayor of Brehal, Daniel Lecureuil, and the renewing of some old friendships. Following a packed day with their hosts, the Lydney families were then entertained to a celebration dinner and dancing into the early hours at a local venue.

Once again those that ventured across the Channel received a very warm welcome from their French friends in Normandy and were kept entertained with a weekend packed with visits and social events arranged by their hosts. The theme of the weekend was about maintaining the strong bonds between our two towns, seeing more of the historic sites of Normandy and, most importantly having great fun. Brehal provides an excellent base for visiting the fortified coastal town of Granville, Mont-St. Michel and the D-Day memorial sites and a number of the Lydney guests were able to stay on with their French hosts for a few days to take advantage of this. Throughout the year there were a number of social and fund-raising events including a Quiz Night and a Summer Family BBQ. The Twinning AGM took place in October and there was a Christmas themed 'French-speaking' evening at the Chairman's house in December.

The next Quiz Night is scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> April in Woolaston, as a final fund-raiser before the arrival of families from the Brehal Twinning Association on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May. They will be staying with host families in and around Lydney for the long weekend, with a celebration dinner on 11<sup>th</sup> May.

In recent years the demographic of the Association has led to a decline in membership and host families, despite publicity of events in local newspapers and the introduction of our web-site: [www.lydneytwinning.org.uk](http://www.lydneytwinning.org.uk). Once again, the focus for the Association in the coming year will be to attract new membership and maintain the formal links with this wonderful part of Normandy with which Lydney has been linked for over 25 years.

*Andrew Dean*

Chairman – Lydney & District Twinning Association





## Lydney Dial-a-Ride Presentation to Lydney Town Council April 2018

The Core Vision for Lydney Dial-A-Ride remains clear. It is to prevent social and rural isolation by providing transport to those who are frail or elderly, people who have temporary or permanent disabilities and for those of any age, who do not have regular access to public transport or a car of their own.

Community Transport has faced a challenging year. In August 2017 the Department for Transport issued notification that it was to review the permit arrangements for Community Transport. A number of options has come forward but predominately they are to consider whether Community Transport organisations who tender for contracts will need to become Public Service Vehicle licenced (PSV). This would require a fundamental change, retraining of staff, and new licencing arrangements for the management of the organisation all at substantial cost. We are lobbying our local MP against this change and Mark Harper has offered his support and taken our concerns to parliament. The Department of Transport has issued a consultation that runs until May 4th and I would ask you all to look at that consultation and consider the devastating effect the change of legislation could bring to this local area.

Throughout all of this uncertainty Lydney Dial-a-Ride has continued to maintain it's Home to School Contracts and deliver a high level of service to its Dial-A-Ride, Rural Bus Routes and Voluntary Car passengers and that will continue to be our focus despite the outcome of these proposals.

We have engaged with passengers and held forums throughout the year asking what they think of us. Many passengers comment that they see us as a lifeline, a way of remaining independent in their home. We give them the ability to meet with people, visit friends for coffee, attend lunch clubs, day care centres or merely talk to others on the minibus while they pop to the local shops for their weekly groceries. They also comment that we are good value for money; we are polite, efficient and go beyond what is expected.

We also see a greater amount of disability on our journeys, more of our passengers have mobility aids, and we have registered the highest number of wheelchair users that Louise has known. We have seen an increase in the number of passengers living with the complex issues that dementia brings. All of this demonstrates the need for our service, whilst we may be helping a relatively small number within our communities, their need is great and we can make a difference to their day-to-day lives.

Louise has continued to actively promote the Charity, attending events throughout the district, highlighting our services at local lunch clubs and meeting with local councillors and council officers so they are aware of the services that we offer and can recommend us if their constituents have a transport need.

The Charity home at the Bus Station has been a great success, we have forged good relationships with drivers of the local bus companies and the staff and volunteers in the Charity Shop at the front of the building are a font of knowledge on the local bus network.

Louise also chairs Community Transport Gloucestershire. The group is open to all CT groups whether a small volunteer car scheme or the larger Dial-A-Ride



groups such as Lydney Dial-A-Ride. It meets quarterly to share best practise, discuss the changes in legislation and helps us maintain contact with Gloucestershire County Council and understand what their vision for community transport will be both now and in the future.

The Forest Routes project is now in its final stage. A lottery funded five year project which has brought together the four main community transport groups within the Forest of Dean to look at ways we can become more sustainable, increase the awareness of the services and encourage more passengers to make use of us. Whilst this project is ending, we must not lose momentum and will now look at how we can take back within the Charity the need for marketing and gaining awareness.

We have maintained relationships with other voluntary organisations for example Forest Voluntary Action Forum, Crossroad, Foxes Bridge and Gloucestershire Young Carers. We have also welcomed Amey, based in Cannop, to the Bus Station where they have tidied the yard and painted the inside of the building. It was lovely to spend time with them and show what we do.

We have catered for 32,218 passenger journeys during 2017-2018 including Dial-A-Ride, Home to School and Voluntary Car trips, plus a further 8,436 which were booked but then cancelled by passengers.

The Charity employs 36 staff, mainly part-time, including four staff across our three Charity shops based in Lydney, Cinderford and online. Additionally we have some 25 volunteers covering duties in the Charity Shops, Volunteer Car and Trustees, without whom the Charity could not carry out all of its different roles. We are currently looking for additional Trustees to join the board and would ask you to consider sharing your skills and expertise to help us navigate these choppy waters.

We have a strong social media presence that continues to grow and you are able to keep up to date with all the news and events happening within the Charity by searching for us on Facebook and Twitter. On our Facebook page, you will see we have made two short films about the Charity, its Trustees and passengers. They are a fabulous insight in to our work and I would encourage you all to have a look at them. We are also in the process of updating our website with the help of a volunteer.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Lydney Town Council for their ongoing support.

*Louise Currie*



Gill Dovey, driving the minibus



Staff from Amey volunteering their time

Ann-Marie Lewis, helping a passenger





# **COMMUNITY SPORTING CLUB REPORTS**

## Tennis Club Annual Report 2018

The Tennis Club continues to thrive. It currently has 201 names on its books, with an almost equal split between juniors aged 5-17 and adults 18 and over. It continues to offer a full programme for players of all abilities, both social and competitive and provides an extensive coaching programme. It currently has 4 ladies and 3 men's teams in the county's Summer Leagues, had 2 teams in the county's recent Winter Mixed Leagues and will have 6 junior teams in the forthcoming county Summer Leagues.

The Club saw an extensive programme of refurbishments during 2017, which included:

- Newly painted changing and toilet facilities + entrance lobby.
- New lighting in the above.
- New windows throughout.
- The outside cladding of the club house re-stained.
- The practice wall repaired and painted.
- New gates installed with a modern keypad operating system.
- The 4 courts cleaned.

In addition to general maintenance, the main areas for improvement to the facilities for 2018 will be:

- To have 2 of the courts repainted.
- To install an upgrade to the antiquated sewage disposal system.

Negotiations are in hand regarding the latter, as this is a particularly expensive undertaking and the Tennis Club is very grateful to the Town Council for its recent award of £1000 towards the overall cost.

*Martin Godwin*  
Chairman







## Lydney RFC Annual Report 2017-18

On the pitch the 2017/18 season has been a year of mixed results for Lydney RFC.

Unfortunately, the senior team face relegation from the South West Premier League next season despite having played some very competitive and attractive rugby and having victories against the leading clubs in the league. The Lydney United side move from strength to strength and will help to form the basis of rugby development in the next few seasons.

Encouragingly and importantly the junior section is busy developing local talent, which in a very short space of time should be pulling on the coveted first team shirt.

Lydney RFC Mini and Youth Section are one of the largest Junior Sections in the County of Gloucestershire. The membership continues to grow and we currently have 10 teams which includes a successful launch of the Lydney girls side. Arguably this makes Lydney RFC the largest rugby junior section in the Forest

Lydney U15s and U16s both made it through to the Semi Finals of the County Cup. U11s won all their games in the Premiership Cup which is run by Premiership Rugby via Gloucester Rugby.

Notably we have recently seen the transition of several former Junior Players to senior rugby at Lydney RFC. Max Turner, Alex Nelmes and Jack Knox are all settling well into the United Team and show great potential for the future.

The outstanding achiever of the season is our own Jack Bartlett who played for England U18s against Scotland at Murrayfield during the 6 nations competition. Jack is also at Gloucester Rugby and has also featured for Cinderford this season with the Gloucester Academy who opt to use Cinderford to provide game time for Jack. We wish him continued success and hope that Lydney RFC can be involved in the development of many fine young players going forward.

We are now working closer with The Dean Academy and have regular contact with Head Teacher Tom Beveridge which is a great stride forward and we trust this will be of benefit for all concerned.

We will continue to push on as a junior Section with the ultimate aim to provide rugby players from the local community to Lydney RFC Senior teams and beyond to the highest level as possible.

We also thank Lydney Recreation Trustees for providing us with a twenty-five year lease on part of the Rec ground, providing the Junior section with a quality training and playing facility in which we can invest for the future. The enclosure of the recreational pitch areas and the elimination of dog excrement has been a success with just a few maverick dogs (and their owners) managing to score direct hits.

*Derek Pomery*

**President**





***Anyone wishing to know more  
about Lydney RFC Juniors,  
please contact:***

**Gareth Williams - 07786393389**





## Lydney Park Run

Lydney Parkrun has had another great year. We started 2017 off with big celebrations on our first anniversary. Over the year we have seen 1402 different runners, take part in the FREE weekly timed 5K run, and they have achieved 1056 new Personal Bests and have walked jogged or run 29,510K.

The Lydney Parkrun community has raised money this year for Alzheimer's Research and British Heart Foundation. Our Easter parkrun saw runners turn up showing off their homemade Easter Bonnets, followed by a short hand painted Egg and spoon race.

We have seen the joy of those completing their first ever parkrun. They might have graduated through the Lydney 0-5k group, which meet on a Monday evening, and take people through a nine week course from not being able to run, to being able to complete 5k, or they might have had the determination for various reasons to do it themselves.

Lydney Parkrun would like to thank Lydney Recreation Trust for their ongoing support, and for also obtaining funding and arranging for the non-slip surface to be fitted on the metal bridge.

Parkrun is not only about running, we have people come and they walk the course, we also have a number of people that come and volunteer every week, they time-keep, marshal, give out finish tokens, or scan barcodes, there is something that anybody can do at parkrun, so if you want to come and see what it is all about just come along any Saturday morning, the run starts at 9am, and takes as long as it takes. We welcome everybody it does not matter how fast or slow you think you are, the only thing that matters is that you complete the course.

For more information please visit [www.parkrun.com/lydney](http://www.parkrun.com/lydney) or search for Lydney parkrun on Facebook or Instagram.

*Lydney parkrun*

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# Lydney Bowling Club

Bathurst Park Road, Lydney, GL15 5DQ

In 1923, whilst on holiday in Weymouth, Harry Lewis and Osmond Ridler became so smitten by the game of lawn bowls that they vowed to introduce it to their home town of Lydney. Their dream was realised when 3 years later, along with Archie Wood, they became the founders of Lydney Bowling Club.

The green was established at the Feathers Hotel, Lydney, on lawns beside the hotel, where the initial annual rent was £10. The Club remained here for 26 years and although in 1940, with Britain in the grips of war, despite the grim situation and a suggestion to disband, it was decided to continue. In 1952 the move from the Feathers Hotel to the attractive surroundings of Bathurst Park, Lydney took place. This created the link between the then Parish Council, later renamed the Lydney Town Council, and the present green is currently under the auspices of the Bathurst Park Trust. During the transfer the relationship between the Council and the Bowling Club was enhanced when permission was granted for the wearing of the Lydney Coat of Arms on the Club blazers.

In 2014 security of tenure was obtained for the Club with the granting of a substantial lease for both the green and the area on which the Clubhouse stands.

Whilst Lydney Bowling Club is a mixed Club which plays many competitive mid-week League games, considerable importance is placed on a variety of weekend and mid-week friendly matches where the social side of the sport is emphasised. Entry into internal Club competitions is also encouraged. Coaching can be provided and therefore any newcomer to the sport, including those with disabilities, can receive good basic training for playing the game. A warm welcome is extended to newcomers and visitors alike on Club nights, held each Wednesday evening at 6 pm. This is a good time for anyone interested in this fascinating game to come along and introduce themselves.

Short mat bowling is also played in the Clubhouse during the winter months when the outdoor green is closed.

Lydney Bowling Club is a friendly club which is always looking for members and which tries to cater players of all abilities and all ages, including youngsters. Anyone wishing to take up the game of lawn bowls in Lydney is advised to contact the Club Secretary, John Goodman on 01594 841065 for further information.

The game of bowls can be summarised as follows:

ENJOYABLE

SOCIAL

REWARDING

HEALTHY

SATISFYING









# **COUNCIL DETAILS**



## LIST OF CURRENT SERVING TOWN COUNCILLORS

	<p><b>Cllr Bob Berryman – Mayor</b> <b>Committee Membership:</b> <i>Ex Officio of Finance &amp; Scrutiny, Personnel, Amenities, Planning and Highway, Burial.</i> <b>Trustee</b> of Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust and Lydney Recreation Trust</p>	<p>Stedman, 77 High Street, Aylburton, Glos, GL15 6DE</p>	<p>01594 842036</p>
	<p><b>Cllr Derek Biddle</b> <b>Committee Membership:</b> <i>Finance &amp; Scrutiny.</i> <b>Trustee</b> of Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust and Lydney Recreation Trust</p>	<p>Hurst Farm, Lydney, Glos, GL15 4LH</p>	<p>01594 842180</p>
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	<p><b>Cllr Kevin Greening</b> <b>Committee Membership:</b> Planning and Highway, Burial Committee. <b>Trustee</b> of Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust and Lydney Recreation Trust</p>	<p>11 Valley Road, Lydney, Glos, GL15 5QN</p>	<p>01594 840788</p>
	<p><b>Cllr James Greenwood</b> <b>Committee Membership:</b> <i>Finance &amp; Scrutiny, Planning and Highway.</i> <b>Trustee</b> of Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust and Lydney Recreation Trust</p>	<p>Old Severn Bridge House, Purton, Lydney, GL15 4AX</p>	<p>01594 842454</p>



	<p><b>Cllr Carol Harris</b>  <b>Committee Membership:</b>  <i>Finance &amp; Scrutiny, Personnel, Burial, Amenities.</i>  <b>Trustee</b> of Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust and Lydney Recreation Trust</p>	<p>63 Klondyke Avenue, Lydney, Glos,  GL15 5PN</p>	<p>01594  841026</p>
	<p><b>Cllr Roger Holmes</b>  <b>Committee Membership:</b> Finance &amp; Scrutiny, Amenities. <b>Trustee</b> of Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust and Lydney Recreation Trust</p>	<p>72 Primrose Hill, Lydney, Glos, GL15 5SP</p>	<p>01594  840316</p>
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	<p><b>Cllr Colin Legg</b>  <b>Committee Membership:</b>  <i>Planning &amp; Highway, Amenities, Burial.</i>  <b>Trustee</b> of Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust and Lydney Recreation Trust</p>	<p>115 Lakeside Avenue, Lydney, Glos</p>	<p>07901  228802</p>
	<p><b>Cllr Brian Pearman – Deputy Mayor</b>  <b>Committee Membership:</b>  <i>Finance &amp; Scrutiny, Personnel, Planning and Highway, Burial.</i>  <b>Trustee</b> of Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust and Lydney Recreation Trust</p>	<p>18 Bracken Close, Lydney, Glos,  GL15 5AH</p>	<p>01594  841452</p>
	<p><b>Cllr Alan Preest</b>  <b>Committee Membership:</b>  <i>Finance &amp; Scrutiny, Personnel, Planning and Highway.</i>  <b>Trustee</b> of Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust and Lydney Recreation Trust</p>	<p>7 Greenacre, Bream, Lydney, Glos,  GL15 6AP</p>	<p>01594  564668</p>

	<p><b>Cllr Don Pugh</b>  <b>Committee Membership:</b>  <i>Amenities, Planning and Highway, Burial.</i>  <b>Trustee</b> of Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust and Lydney Recreation Trust</p>	<p>10 Hawthorn Court, Kimberley Drive, Lydney, GL15 5UA</p>	<p>01594 845161</p>
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	<p><b>Cllr Kevin White</b>  <b>Committee Membership:</b>  Amenities, Burial. <b>Trustee</b> of Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust and Lydney Recreation Trust</p>	<p>c/o Lydney Town Council, Council Chambers, Claremont House, High Street, Lydney, Glos, GL15 5DX</p>	
	<p><b>Cllr Walter Leach</b>  <b>Committee Membership:</b>  <i>Planning and Highway.</i>  <b>Trustee</b> of Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust and Lydney Recreation Trust</p>	<p>The Garth, 19 Grove Road, Lydney, Glos, GL15 5JE</p>	<p>07976 608108</p>

**LIST OF CURRENT SERVING DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

**DCllr James Bevan** - *Representing Lydney East Ward*  
**DCllr Carol Harris** - *Representing Lydney East Ward*  
**DCllr Frankie Evans** - *Representing Lydney West Ward*  
**DCllr Bill Osbourne** - *Representing Lydney East Ward*  
**DCllr Alan Preest** - *Representing Lydney North Ward*  
**DCllr Jim Simpson** - *Representing Lydney West Ward*

**Note:** *DCllr's Contact Details are available via Forest of Dean District Council Website;* <http://meetings.fdean.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?bcr=1>



**LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL - ATTENDANCE RECORD AT FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS 2017/18**

<u>TOWN COUNCILLOR</u>	Annual Town Meeting	May	June	July	Aug - Annual hol	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan-18	Feb	March	Total Number of Absences
Cllr B Berryman		✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	0
Cllr D Biddle		✓	✓	✓	N/A	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	2
Cllr R Christodoulides		✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	0
Cllr K Greening		✓	✓	✓	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Cllr J Greenwood		✓	✓	✓	N/A	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	2
Cllr C Harris		✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	4
Cllr R Holmes		✓	✓	✓	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0
Cllr H Ives		✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	3
Cllr W Leach		✓	✓	A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	2
Cllr C Legg		✓	✓	✓	N/A	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	4
Cllr B Pearman		✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	0
Cllr A Preest		✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1
Cllr D Pugh		A	✓	✓	N/A	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	2
Cllr D Street		✓	✓	✓	N/A	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	1
Cllr C Vaughan		✓	✓	✓	N/A	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Cllr K White		✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1
CEO		✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	0
Minute Taker		✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	0

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE**

<u>DISTRICT COUNCILLOR</u>	Annual Town Meeting	May	June	July	Aug - Annual hol	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan-18	Feb	March	Total Number of Absences
DCllr J Bevan	A	A	A	A	N/A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	11
DCllr F Evans	A	A	A	A	N/A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	11
DCllr C Harris						See above							4
DCllr J Simpson	A	✓	A	A	N/A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	10
DCllr B Osborne	A	A	A	A	N/A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	11
DCllr A Preest						See above							1

Codes  
 ✓ - Attended  
 A - Absent  
 R - Resigned  
 D - Dispensation  
 ..... - Not yet a councillor



Chief Executive Officer: Mrs J Smailes

Executive Officer: Miss C Wheeler

## Town Council of Lydney

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