



About Town

Lydney Town Council Newsletter

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations



The celebrations in Bathurst Park marked the unveiling of a plaque by the Mayor, Cllr Bob Berryman, to celebrate the Park being dedicated as a Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field.

Early visitors enjoyed some races, music from a local rock band and Parkend Brass Band.

Sports were organised by Dave Lucas supported by volunteers from the ATC, who helped as marshals.

The Friends of Bathurst Park, who organised the day, have received very positive responses, especially some wishing this to become an annual event.



USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Town Councillors

Bob Berryman (Mayor)	842036
Derek Biddle (Deputy Mayor)	842180
Ruth Bonser	841813
David Edwards	840106
Carol Harris	841026
Janice James	843847
Charlotte Matthews	836105
Sue Osborne	841970
Brian Pearman	841452
Alan Preest	564107
Brian Thomas	842373
Vacancy	

Town & District Councillors

Val Hobman	841079
Bill Osborne	841970

Town & County Councillor

David Cooksley	844351
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Council Staff

Chief Executive Officer/RFO – Mrs Jayne Smailes	842234
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District Councillors

James Bevan	842146
Judy Davis	842884
Terry Glastonbury	562102
Marion Winship	528289

Forest of Dean District Council

High Street, Coleford GL16 8HG	810000
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Gloucestershire County Council

Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester GL1 2TQ	01452 425000
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Health

Lydney Health Centre	842167
Severbank Surgery	0844 4778645
Yorkley & Bream Health Centre	562437

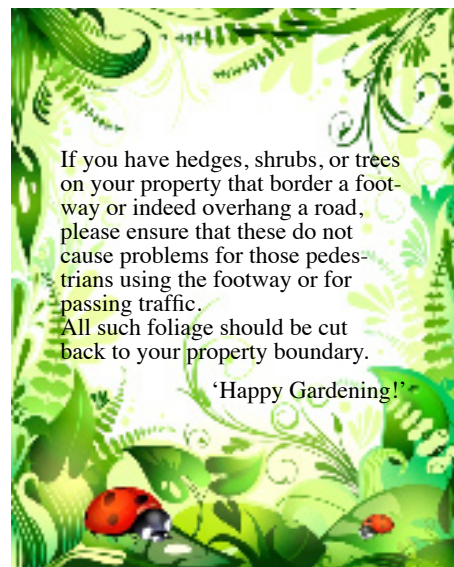
Gloucestershire Highways

To report potholes and other problems	08000 514 514
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Town Council meetings

take place at 7pm on the second Monday of every month (apart from August when the Council stands in recess) and are held in the Council Chambers, Claremont House, High Street, Lydney. Furthermore, the Council operates a number of Committees (including Planning and Highway, Amenities and Finance and Scrutiny), in addition to holding sole Trustee status for two Charitable Trusts which manage the Recreation Ground and Bathurst Park.

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings and should contact the Council's staff to obtain a full list of dates and times.



HAVE YOUR SAY!

Although your Town Councillors may be contacted at any time should you have any form of concern, this Newsletter is a way to bring your views, ideas, concerns and comments to a wider audience - in other words, to everyone within our community!

Any subject is permitted;

You may wish to ask a question

You may like to ‘air’ a concern or generally pass comment relating to a community issue?

Whatever your thoughts, the Town Council cannot assist if they are unaware — so help us to change this

Please write to us,

**C/O Lydney Town Council,
Council Chambers, Claremont House,
High Street,
Lydney, GL15 5DX.**

‘Your views matter!’

Visit our website at <http://www.lydneytowncouncil.co.uk/>



LOCALISM IN ACTION

NDP stands for
Neighbourhood Development Plan

*Your opportunity to
help shape Lydney's
future*



The Town Council and Community Groups have joined forces and are leading the way in the district in bringing forward an NDP and if you agree that local people should decide what happens to the Town please join us; the Steering Group is currently co-opting members of the public.

Your input to the plan is vital.

Please respond to our survey on the back page, every view counts.

We will be looking at all aspects of the Town's future, including;

• Employment • Town Centre Regeneration • Housing • Transport • Education • Health Provision • and More!

This really is our opportunity to become the decision makers on local matters affecting us all, rather than have those decisions handed down from above by the District Council.

We can't rewrite history, but we can learn from it, listen to the people, and act accordingly. The two most recent lessons are car parking charges and waste collections, both decisions the Town Council believe may prove detrimental to the sustainability of our town and the council will therefore lobby against them.

We see letters to the local press on many issues which we applaud, and which show that the interest exists, please become involved with Lydney's NDP so that **WE** can become proactive and in some control of our collective future.

More information can be found on the Lydney Town Council website, alternatively please contact;

Brian Pearman, Derek Biddle, Bill Osborne, Charlotte Matthews, David Edwards and Brian Thomas

You can place the completed forms in the collection boxes in any of the following locations:

Martins Newsagents, 67 Newerne Street
Scotts, 2/3 Hylton Court Shopping Centre
The Co-operative Store, 33 Newerne Street
All About Eve, 3 Newerne Street

and

The Library, Hill Street

You can also return the questionnaire to the Council Offices.

Closing date for receipt of questionnaires is Monday, 15 October.



Neighbourhood Development Plan Questionnaire

Lydney is in the process of change. The Core Strategy for the Forest of Dean will see an increase of nearly 2,000 houses within the Parish of Lydney. The Steering Group have decided to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) to express the needs and desires of the people of Lydney to ensure that the Town grows systematically alongside these housing developments.

To make sure that your voice is heard, we are preparing a series of questionnaires, consultations and workshops to ensure that the plan for Lydney reflects the voice of its residents.

Below is the first step in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Development Plan and we look forward to receiving your views and opinions.

Thank you, Lydney's NDP Steering Group.

This questionnaire is designed to highlight key issues previously raised by the residents of Lydney and to give them a rating from 1 to 5. (5 – is the least important and 1 – is the most important.)

Age Group	Under 13	13 - 17	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65 +

ECONOMY	5	4	3	2	1
Redevelop existing Industrial sites for business					
Use Greenfield sites for industry					
Develop Tourism					
New Town Centre					
Major retailer in Town Centre					
TRANSPORT and ACCESS	5	4	3	2	1
Improvement of local transport in town and outside					
New bypass or junction/roundabout to Bream Road					
Pedestrianize Town Centre					
Road link from Town Centre to Bypass					
Improve Rail/Bus facilities, links to other major towns					
COMMUNITY	5	4	3	2	1
Healthcare – increase NHS Dental and GP services					
Healthcare – increase hospital capacity/services					
Education – increase school facilities					
Leisure – new sports facilities – multi-sports arena					
Leisure – improve Bathurst Park facilities					
Leisure – improve youth facilities					
Leisure – improve Harbour facilities					
Housing - increase amount of affordable housing					
Housing - increase amount of private housing					
Housing – increase amount of elderly care facilities					

WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER THE MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITY FOR LYDNEY'S FUTURE? (whether listed above or not):

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