



About Town

A Newsletter for Lydney

Christmas Issue – December 2020

Lydney Town Council Christmas Shop Window Display Competition

Each year a range of Lydney retailers take part in the Christmas shop window display competition and decorate their windows on a set theme.

This year the 2020 theme is: "Words of Hope at Christmas"

The competition starts from the 1st of December and lasts until the 4th of January. Judging will take place over the weekend of the 19th and 20th of December by The Mayor of Lydney, Councillor Walter Leach.

Certificates and prize money will be awarded to the successful premises by the Mayor on Monday 21st of December 2020 and photos of the successful retailers will follow soon after.

1st Prize - £100.00

2nd Prize – £60.00

3rd Prize – £40.00

Lydney Shop Window Competition 2019 winners



1st – NT Properties



2nd – Poppies



3rd – Vape Escape





A Christmas Message from Lydney Town Mayor



2020 will certainly go down as an unforgettable year for all of us. We have faced personal and collective challenges throughout the year and none of these should be diminished or underestimated in anyway but through them we have grown stronger and become closer in many ways as we recognise our need to support one another.

High praise must go to the Lydney Support group who from the start of the first Lockdown became a model for others to follow in providing neighbourhood support to our vulnerable in the community – this support continues to this day. Our heartfelt thanks go to them and to every volunteer who played any part in this amazing project.

All of the many community groups in Lydney have played a major role in helping people through this year; from our Youth Hub to the Victoria Centre, Sports Clubs, Churches, Food Bank, Town Hall, Community Centres and various Societies and groups – between them, they form a glue that holds us together as community.

Lydney Town Council now has a settled office team with the arrival of our Clerk Mr Stephen Holley. Whilst working under all the Covid regulations Stephen has now 'got to grips' with the wide remit this role carries and has brought a sense of continuity to the staff.

Over the course of the year, I believe that your Councillors have become a closer working team and grown in trust of one another. Inevitably in any Council there is a wide range of opinions and strong debate, but this now leads to robust ideas and plans as there is a greater mutual respect for Councillors of all persuasions.



There are successes and progress that we must recognise with the completion of our cycle paths (that proved so useful during Lockdown), the progress of the Harbour Regeneration, renewed focus on our flood defences and great steps forward on a multi-use path linking Lydney with the wider Forest to name a few; as well as a local environmental team looking how to make best use of our green spaces.

Although we lost some of our usual functions when the Councils Offices closed for the staff to work remotely from home, we were able to perform a service on Remembrance Sunday and livestream this our community. We hope that other events can return next year.

In closing, I offer my condolences to all that have lost loved ones in 2020 and felt the pressure of isolation of this very different world we have experienced. I hope you can start to look forward to Christmas and with hope and expectation for a better 2021.

Councillor Walter Leach, Lydney Mayor

Lydney Community Support Group

If you know of anyone living in Lydney who has no family to help them and needs some practical support to stay safe at home, including picking up shopping, prescription collection, visits to the post office etc. then 'Lydney Community Support Group' still has volunteers in Lydney, willing and able to support people.

E-mail - lydneycommunity@gmail.com

Mobile - 0754 897 3012

*If you would like to be put on the list of available volunteers then please do get in touch - even if you could only spare a few hours a week for someone, every bit helps



taurus crafts
christmas trees
eco friendly netting
locally grown and
freshly cut
On sale 5th December
Subject to Government guidelines
Taurus Crafts, Lydney, GL15 6BU
01594 844841 - www.tauruscrafts.co.uk

New Chamber of Commerce

As part of the Town Council's help to regenerate Lydney's town centre and to help revive the economy, we would like to assist in the formation of a new Chamber of Commerce.



Chambers of Commerce further the interests of businesses in a town and advocate for them in matters of collective importance. Creating a new Chamber of Commerce for Lydney could give your company influence and enhance its reputation and, by acting with other town businesses, could even provide you with some direct benefits.



Please consider how joining a Chamber might help your business, and look out for direct contact from us or our Regeneration consultant over the coming weeks.



census 2021 Ready, steady, census

The decennial census is almost upon us.

Households across Lydney will soon be asked to take part in the nationwide survey of housing and the population. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

Information from the digital-first census will help decide how services are planned and funded in your local area. This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, housing or new bus routes.

Households will receive a letter with a unique access code in the post, allowing them to complete their questionnaire online. Paper questionnaires will be available on request.

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Census day is:
21 March 2021

For more info:
www.census.gov.uk

Sunday 21st Mar 2021



Have your say!

Although your Town Councillors may be contacted at any time should you have any form of concern, this Newsletter is an excellent 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 (*replies printed in the same edition wherever possible*), you may like to 'air' a concern or just generally pass comment.

Your views matter to us!

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS



Police: 101
Crimestoppers: 0800 555111
NHS Direct: 111
Samaritans: 01452 306333 or
08457 909090
National Drugs Helpline:
0800 776600
Dilke Hospital 0300 4218640
Lydney Hospital 0300
4218722
Gloucestershire Dental
Helpline: 08454 220505
Out of hours 08451 207179
Pregnancy Crisis: 01542
308700
Child Protection: 0800
800500
Alcoholics Anonymous:
0845 7697555
Al-Anon friends & relatives
of alcoholics: 0207 4030888

Victoria Centre: 01594
843418
Forest of Dean District
Council: 01594 810000
Cinderford Town Council:
01594 822599
Coleford Town Council:
01594 832103
Lydney Town Council:
01594 842234
Newent Town Council:
01531 820638
Injured sheep and sheep
nuisance: Commoners
Association 01594 827485
or Forestry Commission
0300 064 4800 (9.00am—
3.00pm Monday to Friday)
Gloucestershire County
Council: 01452 425000
County Council Highways
Dept: 08000 514514

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