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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Lydney Town Council would like to wish all our residents and businesses a happy 2024!

If your New Years resolution is to get more involved in your community, or you have a passion for Lydney, or maybe interested in local government, there are plenty of ways to get involved in all things Lydney this year.

Dear reader, welcome to the latest edition of the Lydney Town Council Newsletter.

Over the coming year, we will aim to provide information that is useful and interesting.

The next edition will be released June 2024. If you have any relevant articles or information that could be of interest to Lydney residents, please forward it to me.

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COUNCILLOR HARRIS ON BEING A MEMBER OF LYDNEY'S NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Recently I have been part of the steering group reviewing Lydney's Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). The Localism Act has reformed the planning system to give local people rights to shape the development of the communities in which they live.

Our NDP sets out the vision for Lydney and the planning policies for the use and development of land within Lydney. These policies will support the strategic policies within the Forest of Dean Local Plan - Core Strategy. Plans should focus on guiding development rather than stopping it.

The NDP gives the community an increased ability to influence planning within the area. Plans will need to conform with planning policies and guidance at a local, national and European level and meet the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.

There will be a second drop-in consultation regarding the NDP taking place Thursday 21st March, please come along and discuss your views and see what we have been working on.



Scan the QR code to take you directly to the NDP page

FIX MY STREET

GCC Highways have set-up a new faults reporting facility through a website called, 'Fix My Street'. It provides a simple process for online reporting of issues such as broken streetlights and potholes. If you see it, please report it using this facility.

The more reports received, the quicker the issue is likely to be addressed!



Highways



Scan the QR code to take you directly to the 'fix my street' page

UPCOMING EVENTS



Hop On over for our Easter egg hunt & Easter hat parade it will be Eggstra-Ordinary. Free hat making, Easter crafts & 2 family Easter egg hunts. Crafts from 10:30am. Hunt 1 10:30am- 11:30am. Hat Parade 12:00 noon. Hunt 2 12:30pm- 2:00pm.



The 'FOD Fringe' festival is set to unfold in various venues across the Forest throughout March 2024! This arts festival, rooted in the Forest, offers a diverse array of events for everyone. FOD Fringe spans a month, featuring free and affordable activities such as plays, comedy nights, exhibitions, aerial performances, workshops, and more!



On the 6th June we will be Lighting the beacon at the Mense to commemorate 80 years since D-Day. The local schools will be doing a reading, and the Town Crier will be there.



THE GROUNDS TEAM HAVE BEEN HARD AT WORK MAKING ADDITIONS TO THE NEW SENSORY GARDEN



The Grounds team have also been seen utilising their newly acquired chainsaw expertise to safely remove a hazardous and deceased apple tree near the lake.

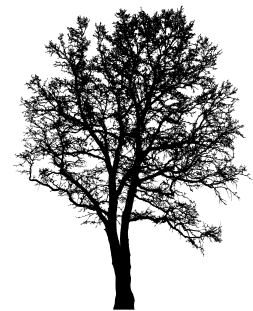


PLANTING OF FRUIT TREES AROUND LYDNEY

Fruit trees have been planted at Severnbanks, Primrose Hill and Lydney CofE schools as well as the land off Centurion Road. As well as creating a stunning display in spring, fruit tree blossom provides an important nectar source to pollinators.

Fruit trees become “veterans” earlier than other trees. This means that an apple tree can develop rot holes and decaying wood at the age of 50, whereas an oak may need to grow to 300 before it has the same features. Old trees have cosy hollows for birds to nest in, and deadwood and fungi for insects to feast on, making them biodiversity havens. In fact, orchards have been designated a ‘Priority Habitat’ by the People’s Trust for Endangered Species. Many rare species, like the Noble Chafer Beetle, are found primarily in orchards.

These have all been organised through a scheme administered by Gloucestershire County Council.



PLEASE DON'T FEED THE GEESE

Bread, popcorn, French Fries and other people food make us ill. People's food does not contain the right nutrition we need and makes us susceptible to diseases.



People's food also makes us aggressive toward humans!

WE PREFER TO EAT:

Grasses, seeds, acorns, aquatic plants, insects –
food we find ourselves.

Thank you!

Lydney Community Centre

Lydney Town Hall

Free computer help

Is available every Friday from 10:30am - 12:30pm. Bring along your laptop, tablet or smart phone and we will show you how to use it, or help with any issues you may have. Come along and have a chat with others who have similar problems, and have a free coffee, tea and biscuit.

Free coffee mornings

Every Monday and Thursday morning 11am - 12:30pm. Come along and meet Linda and Nancy, make new friends and play dominoes on Mondays and have a light hearted sing song on Thursdays.

Memory Cafe

Meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month 1:30 - 3:30 pm at this Centre to offer support to those with care needs, their carers, elderly people and people who live in social isolation.

Contact details

Lydney Youth & Community Centre
Naas Lane
Lydney
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Upcoming events

Country Stormz

Date: 6th April 2024

Country Stormz are one of the most entertaining 7 piece Country Rock bands to come out of the UK in several years.

Guitar Icons

Date: 27th April 2024

Welcome to our colourful, dynamic and exciting tribute show featuring the music of some of the world's most iconic and influential electric guitar players.

Sounds of Seattle

Date: 4th May 2024

Sounds of Seattle are a tribute to some of the biggest bands to perform out of Seattle USA.

Almost the Bee Gees

Date: 18th May 2024

One of the top Bee Gees tribute bands in Europe, Almost the BEE GEES have played all over the world.

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LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF FORMER COUNCILLOR AND MAYOR OF LYDNEY, MR. BILL HOBMAN

It is with sadness that Lydney Town Council extends its condolences to the family and friends of former Councillor and Mayor of Lydney, Mr. Bill Hobman, who sadly passed away over the weekend. The current Mayor of Lydney, Councillor Tasha Saunders reflected in July 2023 that Mr Hobman received a special Lydney Mayor's Award, in conjunction with the Forest of Dean and Wye Valley Review, for his services to Lydney.

He graciously received the award with the humility which reflected his public service career. Mr Hobman represented Lydney at every level of local government for over four decades. As well as serving on Lydney Parish Council and Lydney Town Council for more than 40 years, he was also the last surviving Honorary Citizen of Lydney Town.

He represented Lydney on Gloucestershire County Council for 24 years including a year as Chairman. When he retired from the authority, he was made an Alderman in recognition of his service.

During that time, he was instrumental in getting the Lydney by-pass opened and he was heavily involved in bringing Primrose Hill School onto one site and updating the then Whitecross School, which is now The Dean Academy.

He was a member of the Forest of Dean District Council for 28 years, serving nine as Chairman. Among his achievements was the raising of £60,000, in six months, alongside his beloved wife Val who was Chair of Lydney Town Council at the time, to help with the building of a swimming pool at the then Whitecross School.

This was needed to prove local support for the project to obtain funding from the National Lottery. He served nationally and internationally as a member of the Local Government Association and as representative for Gloucestershire and the surrounding counties in Europe on the Committee of the Regions.

He was a Freeman of the City of London which allows him to drive sheep over London Bridge and to get drunk once a year in the city without being charged, he never actually did any of those.

He was one of those who founded Lydney Community Centre and Age Concern in Lydney, where he was Chairman for many years.

He worked with organisations including Lydney in Partnership, the Bledisloe Trust and the Lydney Grammar School Foundation.

Mr Hobman worked for many years at Compton's and JD Norman in Lydney and was an active member of the Forest of Dean Labour Party.

He remained a committed supporter of a link across the River Severn between Lydney and Sharpness.

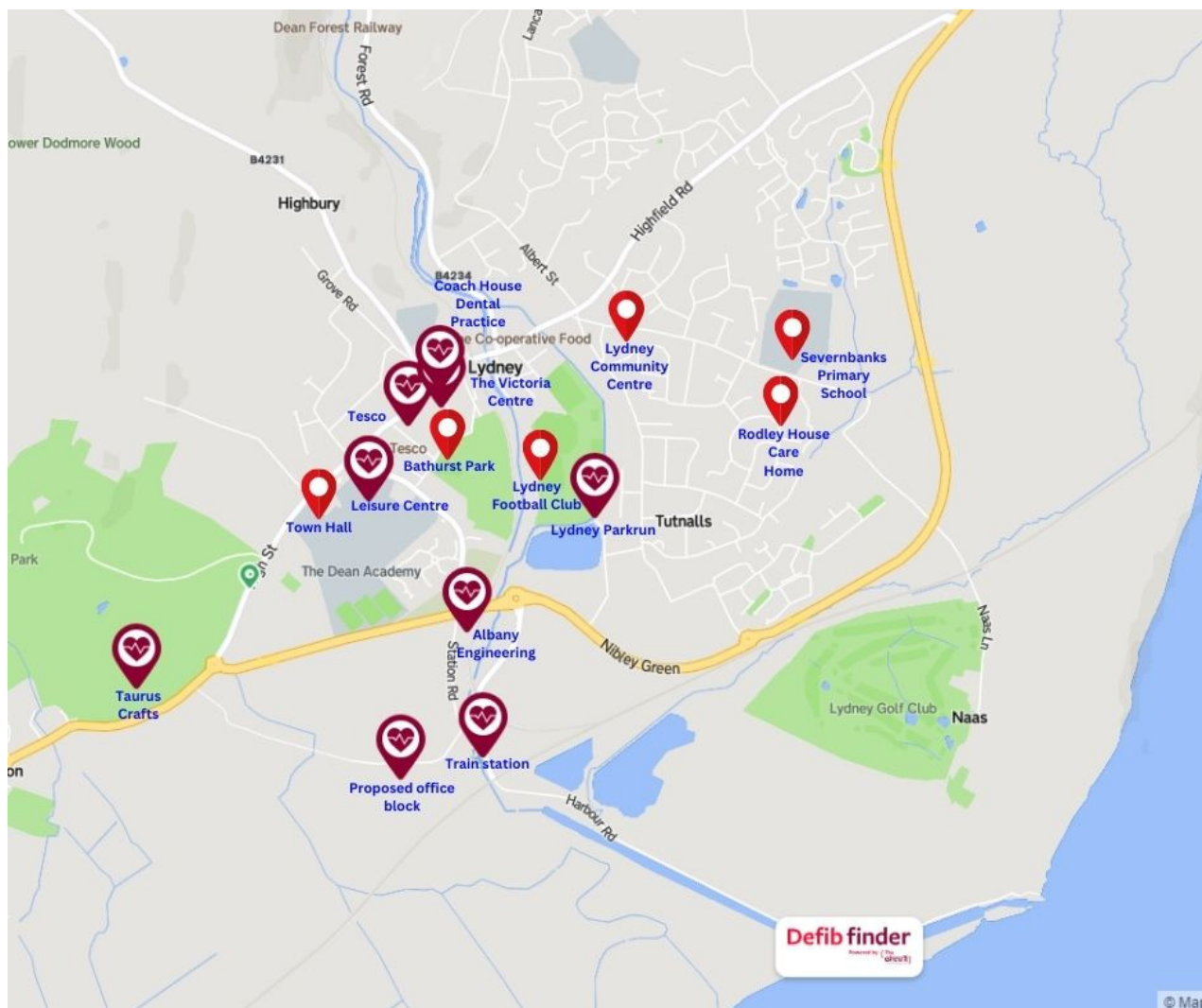
On behalf of Lydney Town Council Mayor Saunders comments that:

"Bill has had a long career supporting the people of Lydney in many ways. He will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved him. Be at peace Bill with your beloved wife Val you have left behind a legacy that will benefit many generations to come."

Once again Lydney Town Council extends its condolences to the family and friends of former councillor and Mayor Mr Bill Hobman.



MAP OF KNOWN DEFIBRILLATORS AROUND LYDNEY



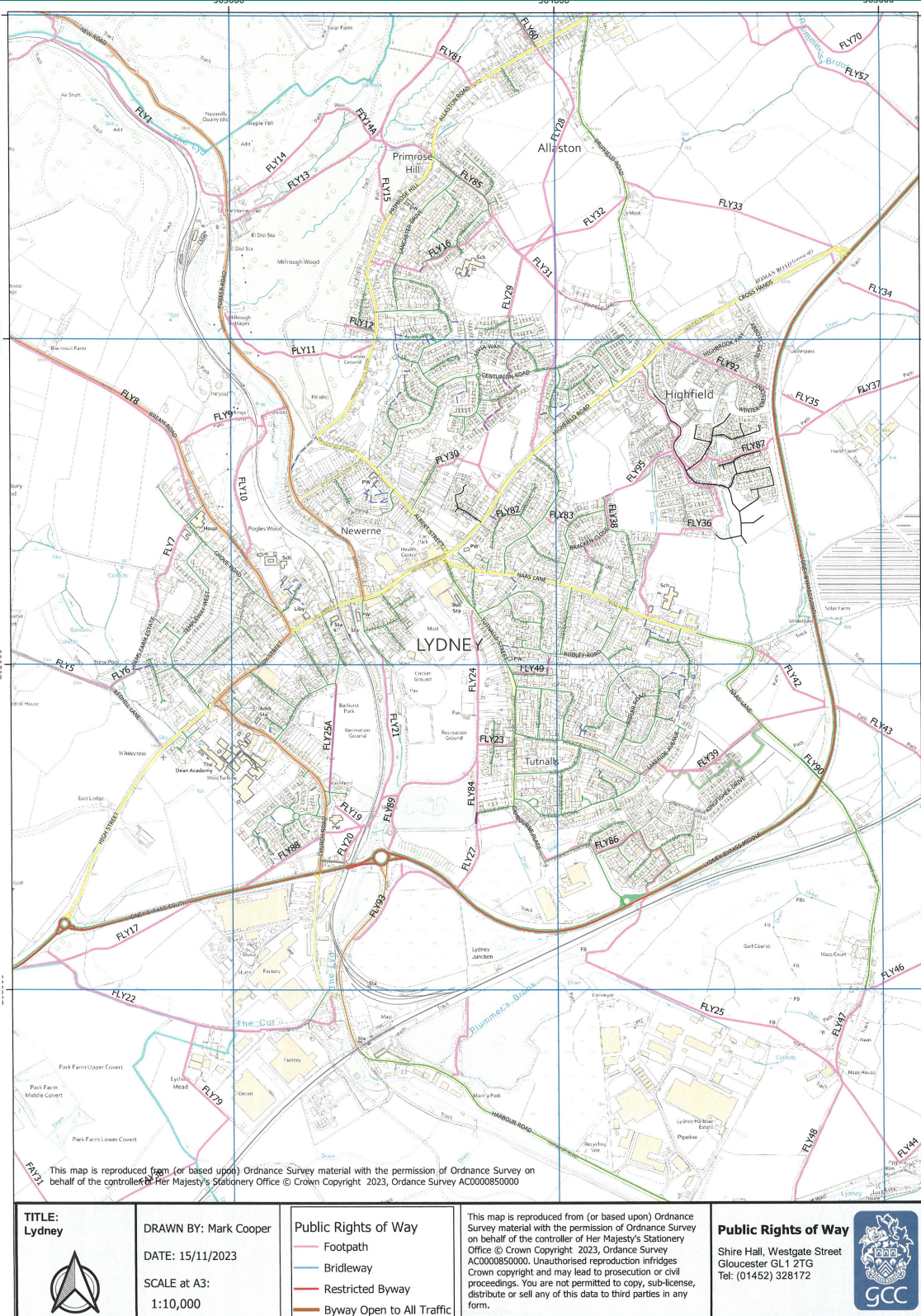
Available at all times:

- The Town Hall
- Tesco
- The Victoria Centre
- Lydney Youth and Community Centre
- Lydney Parkrun
- Rodley House Care Home
- Lydney Football Club
- Train Station

Restricted Access:

- Bathurst Park
- Severbanks Primary school
- Albany Engineering
- Freedom Leisure Centre
- The Coach House Dental Practice
- Proposed Office Block
- Taurus Crafts

EXPLORE LYDNEY'S PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY



A map of Lydney's public right of way. why not get out and explore some of there beautiful paths. These paths hold the key to unlock the stunning landscapes and heritage that Lydney has to offer. They're more than just routes; they're a connection to history, a passage to serenity, and an invitation to wander freely amidst nature's embrace.

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Council positions and roles

Finance and Scrutiny Committee

Cllr Roger Holmes (Chair)

Cllr Carol Harris (Vice Chair)

Personnel Committee

Cllr Roger Holmes (Chair)

Cllr Tasha Saunders (Vice Chair)

Planning and Highway Committee

Cllr Carol Harris (Chair)

Cllr William Osbourne (Vice Chair)

Amenities Committee

Cllr Susan Holmes (Chair)

Cllr Tasha Saunders (Vice Chair)

Burial Committee

Cllr Emma Taylor (Chair)

Cllr Carol Harris (Vice Chair)

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Regeneration Committee

Cllr Carol Harris (Chair)

Lydney Recreation Trust

Cllr Richard Kemsley (Chair)

Cllr Peter Macklin (Vice Chair)

Bathurst Park and Recreational Trust

Cllr Richard Kemsley (Chair)

Cllr Tasha Saunders (Vice Chair)

Forest District Councillors

District Cllr Mark Topping 01594 840086

District Cllr James Bevan 01594 842146

District Cllr Andrew McDermid

District Cllr Harry Ives 07443 343395

District Cllr Allen Preest 01594 564668

County Councillors

Gloucestershire County Cllr Alan Preest 01594 564668

WHERE TO FIND THE HELP YOU NEED?

WHAT?

Includes:

- Community grants
- Burials
- Parks
- Playgrounds
- The Recreation Ground

WHERE?



Lydney Town Council
lydneytowncouncil.co.uk
01594 842234

Includes:

- Bins, rubbish and recycling
- Bulky waste collection
- Fly tipping
- Street clearing
- Abandoned vehicles
- Council tax
- Benefits
- Housing
- Dog warden
- Pest control
- Planning and building control
- Car parks



Forest of Dean District Council
www.fdean.gov.uk
01594 810000

Includes:

- Libraries and archives
- Schools
- Birth, marriages and deaths
- Health and social care



Gloucestershire County Council
www.gloucestershire.gov.uk
01452 425000

Includes:

- Public Rights of Way
- Roads and pavements
- Overgrown vegetation
- Street lighting
- Flooding



Highways

Gloucestershire County Council highways
www.gloucestershire.gov.uk
0800 0514514

USEFUL CONTACTS



ORGANISATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
Emergency services	999
Police (non-emergency)	101
Fire and Rescue (non-emergency)	01452 888777
NHS 111 Service	111
Forest of Dean District Council	01594 810000
Gloucestershire County Council	01452 425000
Gloucestershire County Council Highways Team	08000 514 514 (24hr)
Gloucestershire County Council Social Care (including safeguarding concerns)	Adult Helpdesk 01452 426868 Children 01425 426565 Out of Office Hours 01452 614194 (emergencies only)
Forestry Commission	0800 923 9236
Samaritans	116 123
Alcoholics Anonymous	0800 9177 650
Mind	0300 123 3393
Carers UK	0808 808 7777
FRANK	0300 123 6600
Student Minds	0808 808 4994

LYDNEY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Join our meeting at the
Town Hall

This is your opportunity to
ask questions and get
involved!



WEDNESDAY, 24 APRIL 2024



Start at 6:00pm



Town Hall, High St, Lydney
GL15 5DY

At our Annual Town Meeting,
you will have the opportunity to:

Discuss issues that
matter to you

Speak to your local
councillors

Find out about the
work of the Town
Council and local
organisations serving
Lydney



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