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ABOUT TOWN NEWSLETTER FOR LYDNEY



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

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

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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A night to remember Friday 3rd November

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the wonderful members of the public and dedicated volunteers who joined us at Lydney's firework display on 3rd November. Your support and enthusiasm made the event truly unforgettable!

Your presence and efforts were the sparks that lit up the night, and we couldn't have done it without you. From helping with setup and crowd management to spreading the word and bringing your positive energy, you made the event a resounding success.

It's the community spirit that keeps the flame of this tradition alive, and we're incredibly thankful for all of you who made it happen. Let's keep the spirit of togetherness burning bright until next year's fireworks extravaganza.



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CHAIR OF BATHURST PARK RECREATION

TRUST AND THE RECREATION TRUST

Lydney Recreational Trust

Exciting times ahead for The Lydney Recreational Trust with the football, rugby and cricket clubs all putting in planning applications for new changing room facilities to be funded by Section 106 money. These are of paramount importance for these busy successful and expanding clubs. The clubs are all running women's and junior teams and the existing facilities are just not large enough. The Trust will be giving the clubs all our support and help on these projects going forward.

Over the year we had no serious flooding and the pump house continues to do a good drainage job. Thank you to the cricket club for keeping an eye on the pump house. The clubs still find the geese a problem although the water quality in the lake has improved significantly this year. Lastly thank you to our grounds team and all the wonderful club volunteers who make the recreational trust thrive with activity.

Bathurst Park 2023

Another busy and active year at the park this year which continues to be used and enjoyed by the community. The Trust and grounds staff have started the construction of a sensory garden I would like to thank John Thurston who has made a very generous donation towards this new garden which will be located beyond the cafe. The cafe continues to offer lovely food, teas and coffees.

We had a very successful bonfire evening and a rather wet summer party but the show went on nothing stops Lydney from having a good party.

There will be carols round the bandstand Thursday 21st of December at 4.30pm please attend it's a wonderful afternoon. There will be a community event next summer and the trust hopes to use the wonderful bandstand for local brass bands to play on Sundays. Once again thanks to James and the ground staff for the wonderful presentation of the park.





Remembrance Day held on Sunday 12th November 2023



Lydney Town Council, represented by Mayor Cllr Tasha Saunders, welcomed various dignitaries, The Royal British Legion (Lydney), Armed and Uniformed Services, Armed and Uniformed youth groups, schools, community and voluntary groups, youth groups, volunteers, family members, and the wider community to the the Annual Service of Remembrance on 12th November 2023.

Recognising that not everyone could attend, Mayor Saunders expressed appreciation to all who participated in their own meaningful way on Remembrance Sunday.

A heartfelt thank you was extended to The Vicar of Lydney and Chaplain to the Lydney Branch of the Royal British Legion, the esteemed Reverend David Gardiner, for his solemn and poignant guidance as he officiated at the Service.

This collective display of unity, respect, and gratitude within our community stands as a testament to our shared reverence for those who have made sacrifices. Together, we honoured and cherished the memory of our heroes in a spirit of unity and remembrance.

Cllr Carol Harris, with representatives from the Royal British Legion (Lydney) and local residents provided wreaths, on behalf of Lydney Town Council, RBL (Lydney) and local residents, for the Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph on Sunday 12th November.





Light Up Lydney Display Friday 1st December 2023

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas"

What a magical evening it was as Lydney came alive with the twinkling lights and festive spirit of the holiday season on December 1st!

On behalf of Santa Claus & Mrs Claus, the Mayor, Councillor Tasha Saunders, would like to thank everyone who participated in the 'Light Up Lydney Christmas Event' held on 1st December 2023. Thank you goes to Russell Jones Jnr, star from The X Factor, who entertained the audience around the Christmas tree and then inside the Town Hall, by singing Christmas songs.

Thank you also goes to Lydney CofE School and Severnbanks Choir for their singing and to Lydney Town Band for their playing.

Santa Claus, Mrs Claus and The Mayor would especially like to thank the Parade Marshalls, numerous road closure volunteers, traders, Lydney Town Hall and the Town Council staff for their organisational skills in enabling Lydney to have another successful Christmas Lights Switch-on.

But most of all the thank you goes to the community, residents, various groups and to the young people who participated in such a colourful parade, with their dancing, costumes and enthusiasm.

The Mayor has been told by Santa that he will be making a visit on 25th December, so keep a lookout!

"You better watch out

You better not cry

You better not pout

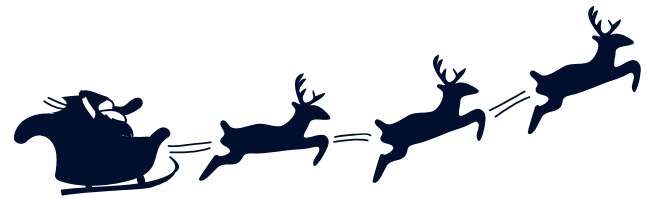
I'm telling you why, Santa Claus is coming to town

He's making a list

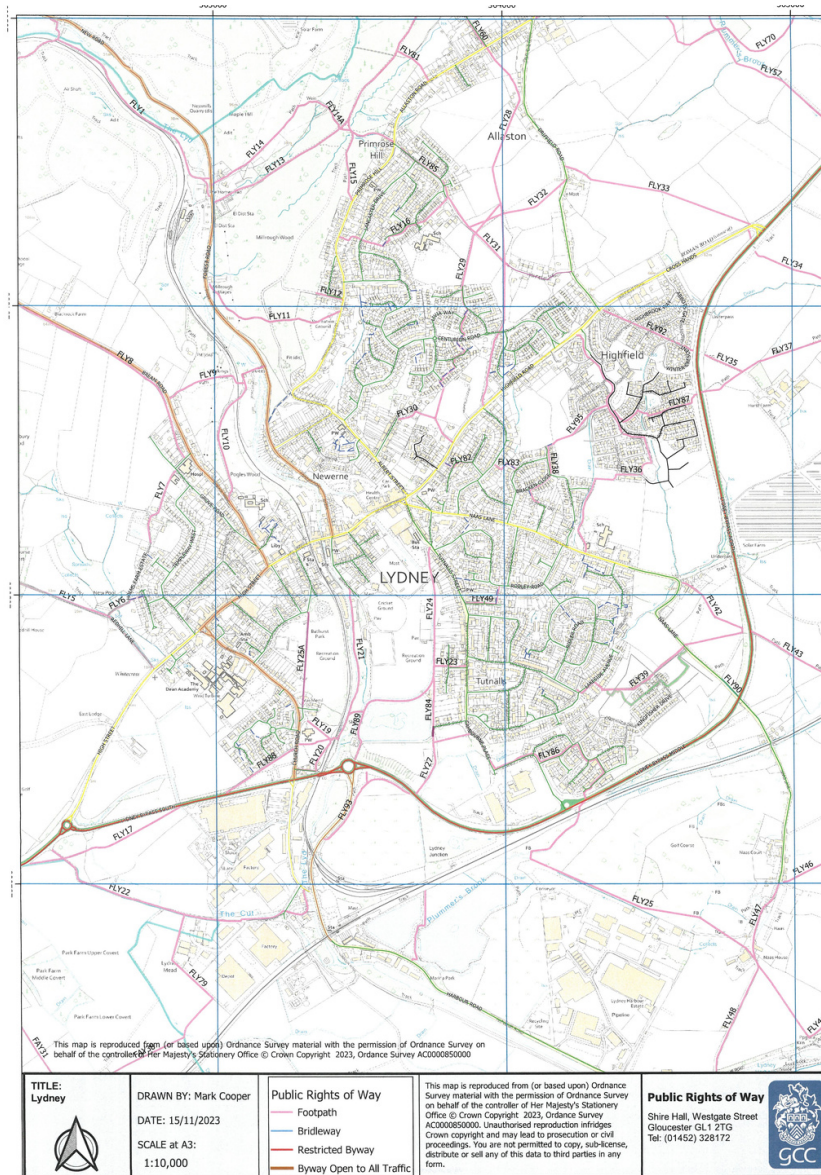
He's checking it twice

He's going to find out

Who's naughty and nice, Santa Claus is coming to town"



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. Let's cherish and preserve these invaluable corridors for generations to come!



Lydney Community Centre

We are having our usual raffle to raise funds for the Centre, so if you have any items you wish to donate, please give them to whoever is on morning duty, and please encourage the people attending your groups to purchase some raffle tickets, they are only £1 per strip and we are raising funds for the roof repairs above the entrance. The posters are now up in the rooms as a reminder.

We have some lovely prizes, food hamper for 1st prize, Bottle of Prosecco, Bottles of wine, scented candle, and a hot water bottle. All available to see in the office.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, successful New Year.

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Lydney Town Hall Dates for your diary

The Total Who Show

22nd December 2023

The Total Who Show is brought to you by Johnny Warman's Magic Bus, featuring top musicians who have performed with Roger Daltrey, John Entwistle, Pete Townshend and Humble Pie.

Soul in Motion

31st December 2023

Let Soul In Motion bring some great memories back to you, the line up comprises father and son Ricky and Azzi fronting the show with strong vocals Ricky With his deep rich tones and Azzi with the strong high range together with Andy and Luke bringing the strong harmonies, and newest member Rob, rounding off those harmonies on some of the greatest songs from the Motown stable, including those great 70s hits.

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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



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

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Police (non-emergency)	101
Fire and Rescue (non-emergency)	01452 888777
NHS 111 Service	111
FODDC	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

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Christmas



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

