



LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

Annual Town Meeting Report April 2024 – March 2025



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Mission Statement

'Lydney Town Council is dedicated to meeting the needs and aspirations of the whole community, to improving the quality of life for people living in Lydney and to enhance the attractiveness of the town as a place in which to live, work, visit or invest.

Corporate Objectives

- To provide a strong and independent voice for Lydney
- To provide high standard and cost-effective services
- To preserve and enhance the traditions, character and identity of our Market Town
- To promote Lydney as a clean, safe, welcoming and socially inclusive town for all
- To support, maintain and promote the use of local facilities
- To encourage appropriate developmental growth
- To encourage citizenship and localism

To work in partnership with others to achieve more for Lydney and its surrounding areas'



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23rd April 2025

**Annual Town Meeting (Parish Assembly) to be held at
Lydney Town Hall, High Street, Lydney
at 6pm on Wednesday 30th April 2025**

All Parishioners on the Electoral Role are invited to attend the Annual Town Meeting

Signed

Tasha Saunders

Mayor - Lydney Town Council (2022/2023, 2023/2024, 2024/2025)

AGENDA

Chair – Councillor Tasha Saunders, Mayor of Lydney Town Council

1. Apologies

2. To note the Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on Wednesday 24th April 2024 were duly signed at the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 13th May 2024 by the Chairman of the Council

3. The Mayor's Report – to include noting reports from:

- Council Committees
- Lydney's Councillors Reports
- Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust
- Lydney Recreation Trust
- various community organisations

4. Public Questions - (note: The Annual Town Meeting is an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions and make proposals and comments. No advance notice is required, but answers may have to be researched and provided at a later date).

5. Close

6. Thank you for attending and to the exhibitors.

**Annual Town Meeting (Parish Assembly)
Held at, Lydney Town Hall, High Street, Lydney**

Wednesday 24th April 2024

Time: 6pm

Present: Lydney Town Council

T Saunders (Mayor), C Harris, H Ives, R Holmes (Deputy Mayor),
S Holmes, P Johns, M Jones, R Kemsley and E Taylor.

Mr M Greenfield – Town Clerk
Mrs L Bendall – Assistant Clerk (Minute Taker)

Present: 16 Residents

Cllr Saunders welcomed all present to the meeting and explained that everyone had access to a copy of the Annual Town Meeting Report 2023/2024.

It was noted that a digital copy of the report is available on the Town Council's website.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillor Cave.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Town Meeting dated 24th May 2023, were confirmed and approved as a true record and duly signed. Proposed by Cllr Harris, Seconded by Cllr Taylor

Resolved: Majority Approved

3. THE MAYOR'S REPORT

The mayor commented that the Annual Town Meeting Reports for 2023/24 were available for residents within the documentation provided, it was noted that reports from Council Committees, Lydney's County and District Councillors, Bathurst Park & Recreation Trust, Lydney Recreation Trust and various community organisations were included.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- (i) **Youth Groups** – a resident asked how the council planned to tackle the apparent lack of facilities for the younger generation within Lydney commenting further that the youth have nowhere to go meaning they hang around the town, this can lead to anti-social behaviour.

RESPONSE: The Council highlighted that Lydney was activity rich with youth clubs and groups including multiple sports, music, dance and cadets to name a few. The Lydney Youth Hub is still active and currently based at the Cricket Club after moving out of the Community Centre. Lydney Youth Hub is seeking volunteers to help run the club. It was noted that the council had invested 3 years ago into the Lydney Youth Hub. The difficulty was that not all young people were interested in joining local groups despite trying to engage with them.

COMMENT: Local Police Officer commented that the neighbourhood and PCSO Teams regularly engage with any youths they see whilst walking through the town, and they actively encourage them to engage with local available groups.

COMMENT: A resident commented that in order to volunteer to work with youth groups a GDPR test and Police check were needed and this deterred some people from volunteering.

- (ii) **Speeding Traffic** - a resident raised concerns relating to the speed at which cars travel through the town with no apparent current control in place. The resident felt a speed camera that showed your speed when entering the town at Highfield Road would be more appropriate than the current cameras in-situ.
The resident had raised his concerns to local Police Community Support Officers and Highways with no success.

RESPONSE: The council noted that currently there were 2 Vehicle Activated Sign cameras when entering Lydney by Highfield Road, one by the junction to Kimberley Drive and one towards the bottom of the hill to raise awareness of the 20mph speed limit throughout the town.

Council holds regular Highways meetings with representatives from both Gloucestershire County Council and Highways and has agreed to raise the concerns at the May meeting. The outcomes will be shared following the meeting.

COMMENT: The local Police Officer commented that the speed van was situated midway on Highfield today (24.04.24) and that the local Neighbourhood Police Team do go out to enforce speeding traffic.

- (iii) **Severn Way Walk** – a resident queried if the council were aware of a developing walkway that eventually will link into Gloucester paths.
The resident commented that there is strong interest in walking within the area and a recent walking festival with 2 walks starting from Lydney which was well attended and supported. The improved paths would encourage people into Lydney.

RESPONSE: The council commented that the pathways fall under the Public Right of Ways team based with Gloucestershire County Council. The council will look into this further at the upcoming Highways meeting, including current signage.

5. **CLOSE**

Cllr Saunders thanked the organisations for their contributions to the Annual Town Meeting Report 2023/2024.

Cllr Saunders encouraged residents to visit the stalls situated around the room, and to speak with the Royal British Legion about the 6th June D-Day Commemoration and other events.

The meeting closed at 6.32pm.



Mayor's Report

This May marks the completion of my fourth year serving as a Lydney Town Councillor, during which I am currently in my third term as Town Mayor.

For the first time during my tenure as a councillor, our office is fully staffed, marking a milestone in our operational efficiency.

I am immensely appreciative of another year working alongside my highly supportive and dedicated Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Roger Holmes.

Furthermore, I extend my gratitude to our exceptional team of Committee Chairs for their dedication and contributions.

During this period, we have welcomed new additions to our council, including Sue Hiller, Tracey Lindsay and Mark Howard.

Despite these positive developments, we still have a few vacant positions on the council due to the resignation of several councillors. Therefore, if you are interested in serving as a town councillor, we warmly encourage you to contact us. We are available to discuss the role with you and offer guidance and support throughout the application process to join Lydney Town Council.

Lydney Town Council is in the final stages in the revision of our Neighbourhood Development Plan, spearheaded by former councillor Anne Harley and the steering group. Anne's steadfast leadership of the NDP steering group ensures both continuity and acknowledges the considerable effort she and her team have invested in this plan. We will shortly begin our consultation period before it goes for verification from the Forest of Dean District Council, it will then become our live legal document.

Since last May, we have some fantastic events for the community which have been supported incredibly. We started off on Thursday 6th June 2024 with the 80th anniversary of D-Day. We celebrated by having a short ceremony under our flagpole at the offices and then with the lighting of the beacon in the evening on The Mesne. This was our first chance to showcase a community project we've been working on called the poppy project.

Members from all aspects of the community have been knitting. Crafting crocheting red poppies which we attach to netting to drape over areas of the town to commemorate the fields of poppies.

We showcased this at The Mesne during the lighting of the beacon and then later on in the year this was transferred to the Cross for the Remembrance Parade and the display continued onto Bathurst Park railings and other areas of the route, including the church.

It was a fantastic collaboration of old and young and all abilities to create a lasting reminder of the sacrifices those gave to our country.



Photo of D-Day event

We had our community event at Bathurst Park July, which is growing in popularity year on year.

The feedback from this event is always very positive and we are glad to be able to provide this to bring the community together and engage with them by showing both our old and new residents, the exciting groups, clubs and organisations that support our time and its residents.

It is a continual privilege for me to lay the wreath at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

The procession and attendance remained profoundly humbling, as always.

From feedback received from the public and the groups that we work with, we changed the route back to a shorter but more historic route to enable more user groups to be able to join us.

I extend my sincere gratitude to the Royal British Legion for their invaluable assistance and guidance in coordinating this significant civic ceremony.



Photo of wreath laying

No one could have anticipated the devastation that struck our town on Sunday 24th November 2024.

Storm Bert hit Lydney with tremendous force, resulting in the worst flooding the town has experienced since 1962.

Over 30 homes and a similar number of businesses suffered varying degrees of water damage. Some properties remain uninhabitable, and a number of businesses have still not reopened.

This was an unprecedented event that affected every aspect of our community, financially, mentally, and economically.

It was, without a doubt, the lowest point of my year.

As a town council, we are limited in what we are able to do as the lowest tier of government, yet the desire to help individuals, families, businesses, and the wider community has never been stronger.

The damage across the town has been extensive. The continued closure of Newerne Street, due to both flood damage and a car crash a week later, remains a significant issue.

The ongoing disruption caused by traffic lights, barriers, and signage is creating chaos for shoppers and businesses alike, all while we await vital repairs to restore normality and vibrancy.

Despite the hardship, there have been some positives. Our food bank, which lost stock during the flood, was able to secure a permanent home, a real benefit to both the organisation and the wider community.

Most importantly, the resilience and solidarity shown by our residents was truly heartening.

The way our community came together to support one another was inspirational, and that spirit is the most meaningful takeaway from this difficult period.

A definite highlight of the year was the visit from HRH The Princess Royal, on Wednesday 26th February 2025, who came specifically to meet flood victims, local business owners, and residents, as well as to visit the Town Council.

It was an incredible experience.

While a great deal of work went on behind the scenes to make the visit happen, it brought a real sense of pride and recognition to the town.

Her Royal Highness showed genuine compassion, energy, and enthusiasm for supporting our recovery. She spent time engaging with homeowners, businesses, and members of the public, asking insightful questions of the authorities involved in the response and recovery efforts. Her interest and care were deeply appreciated and made a lasting impression.

I would like to extend special thanks to Vice Lord-Lieutenant Roger Deeks, his team at Gloucestershire County Council, and the Lieutenancy Office for their invaluable support, guidance, and help with the protocols and etiquette surrounding such a high-profile visit. In addition to visiting the Town Council, The Princess Royal also visited Jones Food Company and Taurus Crafts, where I had the privilege of meeting her once again.



Photo of the Royal visit



Photo of the Royal visit

Early December we hosted our Annual Light Switch-on Parade and Christmas event at Lydney Town Hall, which despite challenges with a shortened route due to the flooding impact in the town and with only a week after the flooding, proved to be a success.

It was a difficult to muster the same enthusiasm as in past years because of this economic hardship and devastation around us from the flooding the week previous. But we had to remind ourselves we were doing this for the children and we need some sense of normality for families. Even though at the time it felt really difficult and at times wrong to be celebrating when so much was going wrong within the town.

This year, the procession continues grow and change. We didn't have the dancers this year due to other commitments but we did have representation from car clubs featuring lit up vehicles and floats and illuminated creations.

In response to feedback from the public, we made adjustments to this year's event. We shifted the date from a Friday to a Saturday to minimise disruption to the high street and allow other groups with time constraints on Fridays to participate. This change aims to encourage even greater community participation, as weekends typically accommodate a wider range of schedules, ensuring more people can partake in and enjoy this wonderful event.

Witnessing children and families come together to create magical childhood memories during events like these is one of the most rewarding aspects of my role as a councillor.

My civic calendar has remained consistently busy this year, and it has been a real honour to represent the town at a wide range of events. Highlights have included opening new facilities at The Dean Academy and presenting the Community Shield to this year's deserving recipient. I was also proud to attend the annual Forest of Dean Civic Dinner, representing Lydney while supporting fundraising efforts for Great Oaks Hospice.

On Monday 8th July 2024, Lydney Town Council announced the appointment of three outstanding individuals to the esteemed role of Mayor's Cadet: Leading Cadet Toby Salmon of the Sea Cadet Corps; Cadet Sergeant Jess Rydeard from the Royal Air Force Air Cadets and Cadet Corporal Joshua Fearon of Lydney Army Cadet Force (ACF). The Mayor's Cadet Scheme, established in 2009 by former Mayor Councillor Martin Bowring, continues to honour exemplary young leaders from Lydney's vibrant youth organisations. I would like to thank the cadets for the work that they have done this year.

I also enjoyed attending sessions at the Aylburton Beavers and squirrels groups talking about my role as a mayor and what I do in our community. I was also invited as a guest speaker at the Forest of Dean Rotary Club and enjoyed a lunch and a speech about what I do in the community and how the community can help each other. Similarly, I also was invited to the Victoria Centre to see their fantastic work they do in the community supporting the elderly and vulnerable and engaging with them socially to help alleviate isolation. I had a lovely morning and afternoon with them and I'm fully supportive of the work they do.

While it isn't always possible to accept every invitation, I make every effort to attend as many events as I can in support of our community.

At the time of writing this report, we were about to host our Annual Easter Event though it hasn't happened yet as it's later this year. We are looking forward to spending time with families and children and celebrating the Easter.

We are also busy preparing for the anniversary of VE Day 80 with another lighting of the beacon and displaying our poppy project, at The Mesne, on Thursday 8th May 2025.



Photo of Christmas Event

Amenities Report

It has been a particularly busy year for the Town Council, and the Amenities Committee has played a key role in much of the work that has taken place.

Our Grounds Team continues to do an outstanding job across the town—maintaining green spaces, tending to planters, and adding welcome bursts of colour throughout Lydney. Their dedication is very much appreciated.

We have continued to support community growing initiatives and planting schemes.

As part of a wider funding programme from Gloucestershire County Council all local schools received fruit bushes and trees this year, enabling them to begin developing their own community growing areas. I visited all the schools with one of our Grounds team members to help revise them on what would be suitable for each school in the areas they had.



Photo of Bathurst park bandstand

A particular highlight was visiting Primrose Hill School earlier in the year to celebrate the opening of their new community garden—an excellent example of what these initiatives and previous grants can help achieve.

It's also wonderful to see the sensory garden officially opened and some of the plants and shrubs and trees from this initiative all come together to create a fantastic space in Bathurst Park.

As part of our remit, the Amenities Committee has supported and delivered several community events throughout the town.

These included the Easter Egg Hunt and Bonnet Parade in Bathurst Park, the D-Day beacon lighting, the Poppy Project, our fireworks display, our Christmas celebrations, and the popular Community Summer Event, also held in Bathurst Park.

We are incredibly grateful to our Events Team and our Office Administrator, Leanne, whose planning and support help bring these ideas to life.

These events are consistently well-received and remain key highlights in the town's calendar.



Photo of Fireworks Event



Photo of Christmas Event

We're also pleased to have progressed with improvements to play areas.

The play roundabout at Primrose Hill Mense is currently being completely replaced, and a new pathway is being installed to improve accessibility.

The equipment is on order and due to be installed in the coming weeks - just in time for the summer holidays.

In addition, fencing has been installed nearby to help protect The Mesne from further damage caused by wild boar. This will help preserve the space as a valued community area for all to enjoy.

It would be remiss not to mention the damage and devastation our town experienced in November as a result of the flooding caused by Storm Bert.

Several of our amenities were lost during the flood, including planters and public bins.

These will be replaced in due course, once repairs to the affected areas—currently being carried out by other authorities - are completed.

Despite the challenges, we were honoured to be part of the Royal visit from Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal.

Her visit provided a welcome boost to the town, offering much-needed support and recognition during our economic recovery.

It was a proud moment for Lydney and a reminder of the strength and resilience of our community.



Photo of the Royal visit

Councillor Sue Holmes
Chair, Amenities Committee

Finance and Scrutiny Report

The council is in a very secure position financially, due in part to the examination of the budgets by the relevant committees.

Council Tax

The small element of your overall tax bill which comes our way is based on a Band D property of £222.18 per annum which is an annual increase to £10.08, monthly increase of £0.84, which equates to a weekly increase of £0.19, for 2024/2025.

To offset the increase, the council is using £20,000 of its General Reserves to assist with minimising the impact on local residents.

Grants

Grants awarded:

The Council awards grants to various community bodies, usually after the consideration by the committee. The following community grants were awarded in 2024/25:

Forest Sea Cadets £600.00 awarded - Spent £425.00. Remaining Grant returned to council £175.00

Music for Memories £861.12

Friends of Primrose Hill CofE Primary Academy £770.40

Lydney Tennis Club £1,000.00

Lydney Town Band £800.00

Reserves

The reserves have grown, some have been earmarked for specific projects and the remainder are general reserves which for use in an emergency situation and as a working balance.

The total balances and reserves at the end of the year are £539,857 General Reserves and £323,135 Earmarked Reserves.

Conclusion

So, we enter 2025/26 in a healthy position despite the uncertainty for the general economy.

Councillor Roger Holmes
Chair, Finance & Scrutiny Committee

Burial Committee

The most important duties of the Burial committee are to provide burial space for the residents of Lydney and to keep detailed records of who is buried where.

Lydney Burial ground is likely to be full within the next three to four years so we have been both searching for a new site and putting council funds aside to pay for the land when we find it.

In the last few years, we have identified possible sites, but one has a water table too high to pass regulations and the other piece of land proved not to be for sale to us. If we are unable to find a suitable site, legislation allows us to use a site in one of the surrounding villages, but I believe that Lydney residents would treat this as a far from satisfactory solution. Consequently, the search for a new location continues to be our top priority. The committee would also appeal to the planning authorities for 106 allocations for land for burials in any future building developments. We are also looking to be able to provide some green burial space and again our researching and trying to find some areas that could be suitable.

I would like to record our thanks and appreciation to Leanne Gay, who took on the burial administration role when the previous burial's assistant left and she has mastered the role and works fantastically with the local funeral directors to deliver an efficient service to the community.

We have added metal covers to the legs of all our memorial benches to avoid any damage caused by strimming the grass. These have also been painted by the grounds team in the spring

We have done significant repair and restoration work on the entrance to the cemetery. This involved work on both the gates and the pillars at the entrance.

Recently we have agreed a new section within the cemetery which has been named Section H. This has meant that we have been able to add an extra 70 burial plots which will extend the longevity of the cemetery.



Photo of Cemetery gates

The closed Churchyard at St Mary's has been full for a number of years and when this happens the responsibility for maintenance transfers from the Church to the Council. We have a number of table top graves in the churchyard, many of which have fallen into disrepair and because of the weight of the stones could have health and safety issues.

The Diocese has commissioned a report on the condition of these and what will be needed to make these safe, but because most of them are Grade II listed monuments we have to follow strict guidelines for any work we do on them. Before we receive this report, it is difficult to estimate the amount of work needed or its cost, but based on similar sites it is likely to cost around £20,000 over the next ten years.

Unfortunately, this report is still not been forthcoming and we have not been able to progress on any of this work. However, we still continue to set aside money to help fund the repair costs once we do know what we are dealing with.

I would like to also record my thanks to our Grounds Team who maintain the cemetery to an incredibly high standard.



Photo of the Reflective Garden in the Cemetery

Councillor Emma Taylor
Chair, Burial Committee

Planning and Highways

I have been Chair of the Planning and Highways Committee since late 2022.

Lydney Town Council is a consultee on planning applications that are provided by the Forest of Dean District Council. We hold monthly Planning & Highways Committee meetings (apart from August) and notify the Forest of Dean District Council of the council's view on various planning applications that are submitted to us.

We are often contacted by the public regarding the state of our roads within the town and outlying areas, i.e. potholes, however the responsibility for the highways and pathways upkeep falls to Gloucestershire County Council Highways. I do however have regular meetings (approximately bi monthly) with Nathan Choat from Gloucestershire County Council Highways, Gloucestershire County Councillor Alan Preest and our Town Clerk to review issues within the town and am pleased to say that due to these meetings the resurfacing of Church Rd took place in 2024.

I am also an active member of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Review Steering Group liaising between LTC, the steering group (Chaired superbly by Anne Harley, who has worked tirelessly to bring the review of the NDP to fruition), the consultants that have assisted in getting the Review ready for submission to the examiners at FODDC for adoption giving us more say on future planning applications that come before this Committee.

The review of the NDP is now almost complete with some minor additions and will be put to the examiners at FODDC in the very near future for adoption after a period of consultation from 14th May until 27th June. Two public consultations will take place on 28th May from 3pm-7pm at the community centre and on the 7th June outside Lidl from 10am-2pm.

I and this Committee will continue to strive to make representation to the Forest of Dean District Council's Planning Department on your behalf over planning applications and decisions. Councillor Carol Harris

Councillor Carol Harris
Chair, Planning and Highways



Photo of Lydney High Street

Head Groundsman Report

The Grounds Team have been very busy throughout the year keeping everywhere safe, clean and tidy. We take pride in our work and always set high standards.

The wild flowers on the entrances had lots of positive comments on how beautiful the colours were shown.

The town tubs were lovely and we try to change the displays to keep everywhere looking fresh.

We were also busy enjoying planting lots of new daffodil displays, outside the Fire Station, outside the park and outside St Mary's church.

Everyone knows how hard the Grounds Team works during the growing season, but it's during the cold, dark, wet months of winter that the team continues to work just as hard — even though the work often goes unseen. These are the months when we tackle the essential tasks that prepare the grounds for the warmer seasons. We clear weeds and moss, wash surfaces to keep things looking clean, paint, prune back trees and shrubs, and make improvements like creating new flower beds. In bad weather, we also salt paths to prevent ice and put out sandbags when needed.

Lydney Recreation Trust

We are always busy working hard to maintain and improve this area. Recently, the council has employed a new member of staff, Rob, who is now based largely in this area. Rob has been very busy bringing the Recreation Ground up to the high standards we set throughout the town.

We have also installed two new flower tubs and taken over responsibility for grass cutting, helping to make the area even more beautiful for everyone to enjoy.



Photo of Recreation Trust Flower Tub

St Mary's Church yard and Cemetery

This is an area we take great pride in and care for meticulously. During the growing season, we mow the grass every week, ensuring we maintain the high standards we set. We also keep the area well-painted and make sure to pick up litter and fallen leaves whenever needed.

Bathurst Park

Bathurst Park is, for many, the jewel of Lydney, and we are proud to maintain the extremely high standards the park is known for.

The new Sensory Garden is maturing well and has been enjoyed by people of all ages, with children especially loving the musical instruments. Around the gardens and the pond, we have built eight new flower beds and planted new shrubs and a new hedge to enhance the beauty of the area. Everywhere is kept safe, clean, and tidy for visitors to enjoy.



Photo of Bathurst Park Entrance

The pond is maintained through a regular care program, including frequent water inspections to ensure the fish stay happy and healthy. We are also hoping to plant new lilies in late spring to add even more colour.

The bandstand has recently been refurbished and is now looking as good as new. In addition, we've planted more daffodils throughout the park, adding to the vibrant colours of spring.



Photo of Bathurst Park



Photo of Sensory Garden Opening



Photo of Bathurst Park

Overview

The Grounds Team takes great pride in all our work, and it certainly helps that we love what we do. With a new team member on board and even more exciting projects ahead, everyone is looking forward to the coming year with enthusiasm and optimism.

James Young
Head Groundsman – Lydney Town Council

Lydney Division County Councillor Report

District Councillors in Lydney:
Your Councillors have over the past year:

- Supported a Lydney resident in his establishment of a nearby community garden/orchard
- Engaged continuously with Severn Trent Water & the Environment Agency in order to improve flooding/sewage management in Lydney
- Secured funding, with the help of Town Councillors, for a Market Town Officer Refurbishing of Newerne Street car park toilets
- Helped resolve a problem a resident who'd been flooded, had with their council tax charge
- Scrutiny of Holms Farm development plans & discussion with planning officers wrt the development's environmental impact & effects on neighbouring properties
- Support for Lydney Town Centre riverside walk plans

Councillor Andrew McDermid
District Councillor for Lydney

Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust

It has been another busy and productive year at Bathurst Park, marked by change, exciting developments, and continued community engagement.

A significant transition took place early in the year with changes to the Trust's leadership. After many years of devoted service as Chairman, Trustee Richard Kemsley stepped into the role of Vice Chair. His dedication to the park has been invaluable, and we were grateful for his continued involvement.

I was previously Vice Chair, and was voted into the role of Chairman of the Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust.

At the start of the year Trustee Kemsley decided to resign from his post as councillor/trustee and following his departure Trustee Tracey Lindsey was vote in as the new Vice Chairman of Bathurst Park & Recreation Trust.

We would like to thank Richard for his contribution and support to Bathurst Park and the town.

One of the year's highlights was the formal opening of the Sensory Garden in August.

The garden was constructed over the winter months and is now entering its first full spring, with planting flourishing and taking shape beautifully. It's a peaceful, accessible space designed for all ages and abilities and has been warmly received by the community. We're incredibly thankful to all those who donated, sponsored, and supported the project, it truly is a wonderful addition to the park.



Photo of opening the sensory garden

We were delighted to install a new Clamber Stack play structure this year.

It has quickly become a favourite for children and families, who enjoy climbing, swinging, and exploring the new feature.

We are committed to continuing this approach across our play areas, updating and replacing equipment where possible. However, as always, such improvements are subject to available funding, and we will continue seeking financial support for future developments.

Another area of focus has been the fish pond, which, while maintaining excellent water quality for the fish, can appear murky.

The water itself is crystal clear when tested, but its visual presentation is less appealing. We are currently exploring solutions to improve the appearance, including planting, filtration upgrades, and lighting enhancements to create a more visually pleasing and serene environment for park users.

Bathurst Park continues to be the heart of many of Lydney's key events.

- The Easter Egg Hunt and Bonnet Parade, scheduled for Wednesday 16th April 2025
- Our Annual Community Summer Event (Lydney Community Event) held on Saturday 20th July 2024, featuring a range of local musicians, funfairs, community stands and family fun activities.
- Sportily and Kings Arms Church 1k & 5k Chairty Run, as part of the Annual Community Summer Event, with proceeds going to TIC+
- The Christmas Carol service organised by King's Arms Church with Churches Together held on Thursday 19th December 2024, who hosted their annual 'Carols at the Bandstand' event with the award winning Lydney Town Band.
- And our ever-popular Fireworks Night in November, which had over 850 people in attendance with comments from local residents such as:- *"I have just come in from the fireworks display at Bathurst Park with my grandchildren. We would like to say a big thank you for a lovely evening, very well organised and a fantastic display. Thank you one again"*.



Photo of Firework Event



Photo of Summer Event



Photo of Easter Event

The income from the events will be used towards the park.

We're very grateful to our events team, along with our Office Administrators, for their dedication and hard work behind the scenes. Their support and organisation make these events possible, and they continue to be well received and appreciated throughout the town.

Last year also saw a beautiful VE Day concert at the bandstand, where the Beaujolais Girls performed for the community.

The sunny Sunday afternoon brought people together for picnics and Pimm's, creating a warm and memorable commemoration.

We would love to host more musical performances in the bandstand and are currently exploring ways to make this a regular feature during the summer months with support from local groups and residents.



Photo of Beaujolais Girls

Another powerful moment was seeing the Remembrance Day procession pass through the park.

After leaving the church, the procession made its way through the grounds towards Hill Street. The sound of the band and drums echoing through the park created a truly moving and breath-taking atmosphere. The park railings were adorned with poppies created from the Lydney Poppy Project and created a beautiful walkway.

I really enjoyed seeing a community collaboration project come together and look spectacular.



Photo of Remembrance Parade

The Bathurst Park Café continues to be a hub of hospitality, serving hot and cold drinks, meals, and ice creams. It remains open during school holidays and weekends year-round. We extend sincere thanks to our café proprietor, Trudi, for her enthusiasm and ongoing support of the park.

As we prepare for the year ahead, plans are already underway for another busy calendar of events. We look forward to hosting our Easter celebrations, the Community Summer Event in July, and further use of the bandstand for concerts and performances. Finally, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the Grounds Team, whose year-round work ensures Bathurst Park remains a clean, beautiful, and welcoming green space for all to enjoy.

Trustee Tasha Saunders
Chair, Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust

Lydney Recreation Trust

It has been a year of both significant challenge and exciting opportunity for The Lydney Recreational Trust.

Investing in the Future of Local Sport

We are entering an exciting phase of development, with our member clubs taking bold steps to secure their futures. The football and cricket clubs have submitted planning applications for new changing room facilities, to be funded through Section 106 contributions. These much-needed facilities are essential for our busy and ever-expanding clubs.

We are also delighted that the rugby club's application was successful. Their new changing room has now been built on Trust land, providing a huge boost to their operations and demonstrating what can be achieved. The Trust is fully committed to supporting all of our clubs as they move forward with these vital improvements.

Recovering from Unprecedented Flooding

This year, the town faced its worst flooding in 60 years — a devastating blow to all the sports clubs using the Recreation Trust's grounds. While the waters have long receded, the impacts are still being felt six months on, with clubs continuing to recover and rebuild. Their determination and community spirit in the face of such adversity has been remarkable, and we will continue to stand beside them as they get back on their feet.

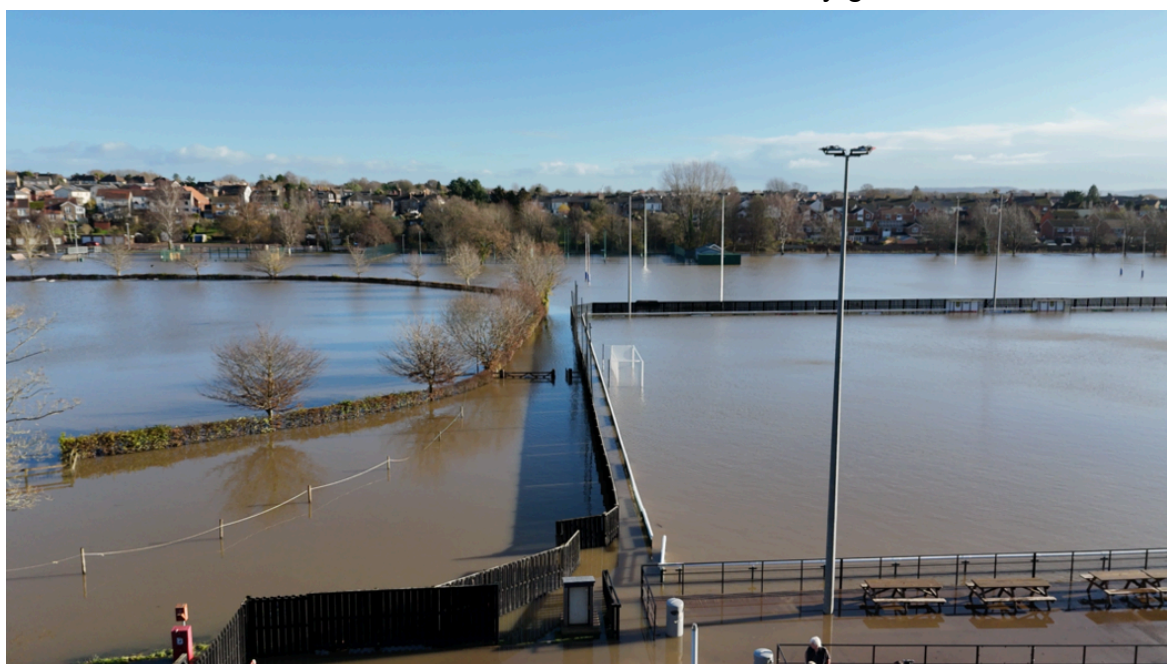


Photo of Lydney Recreation Trust after storm Bert

Ongoing Challenges

The issue of geese on the grounds remains a persistent challenge for our clubs. However, we are pleased to report that we've taken professional, humane steps to encourage the geese to return to their natural habitat further down the river.

A Heartfelt Thank You

None of this would be possible without the incredible dedication of our grounds team and the tireless efforts of our club volunteers. Their commitment ensures the Recreation Trust continues to be a vibrant, active hub for sport and community life in Lydney. To all of them – thank you.

With the groundwork now laid for transformational developments, and the community rallying together in challenging times, the future for the Lydney Recreational Trust is bright.



Photo of Lydney Recreation Trust

Trustee Pete Macklin
Chair, Lydney Recreation Trust



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, LYDNEY BRANCH

As we are custodians of Remembrance, we have been involved in the organising and planning of our annual service with Lydney Town Council. The new route for the Royal British Legion seems very popular, and the fallen from our Town & District were honoured appropriately.

Support for our veterans and their dependants is ongoing, and as a branch, we will do all we can to continue to help and care for them. It is an honour to do so.

Last year was a wonderful year as we celebrated the 100th anniversary of our branch with a lovely church service followed by a meal at Lydney Rugby Club. Sadly, 3 Hill Street was undergoing major building work and couldn't be used. Mr. John Thurston presented a wall plaque in recognition of our 100 years, which is now placed by the door. Our most grateful thanks to him for such a lovely gesture. We were all very proud to be awarded The Freedom of Lydney by Lydney Town Council in recognition of the help given to all our veterans over the past 100 years. We wish to thank the Council for this honour and look forward to participating with them in various events for the anniversary of VE Day on the 8th of May 2025 and VJ Day on the 15th of August 2025.

We will also be joining the Glosters Association later this month to honour the fallen of Imjin River, as we do every year. It is an honour to be asked, and a wreath will be laid on behalf of our members.

Several of the committee members will be joining the St. George's Day Service in Gloucester on 23rd April.

At our AGM in late November, our President, Mr. M. Houghton MBE, stood down after nearly 50 years' service to the branch in various positions. Our Treasurer, Mr. A. Edwards, also decided to retire. Allan, too, has served in many positions in the branch over his 27 years. I wish, on behalf of all committee members that served with them, our members and the general public to thank them enormously for all that they have done. Their hard work and knowledge will be greatly missed by everyone.

Our new President is Vice Lord Lt. Mr. Roger Deeks, and our new Treasurer is Mrs. Hannah Bandy. We welcome you forward to working with you for the benefit of our veterans and their families.

We will be attending two carnival events in the coming months, as well as participating in poppy selling around the town. Last year's Poppy Appeal was very successful, and our fundraising totals are looking very strong, with some donations still outstanding. A special thank you to all those who helped—especially the volunteers who sat in the stores. We hope you will join us again, and we are always in need of more volunteers, so please get in touch if you can spare a few hours. Two committee members will be attending the UK's AGM in Harrogate at the end of May. This is an important event as it allows us to vote on motions that may impact our branch and town.

If anyone would like to join the Branch or become part of the committee, please get in touch—we would be pleased to welcome you.

Once again, we wish to place on record our sincerest thanks to the Trustees of 3 Hill Street for their continued support.

Lynn Daszko

Lydney Branch Chair

Lydney Tennis Club

Welcome everyone to Lydney Tennis club AGM. It gives us an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate another great year of tennis at the club.

It's been a relatively quiet year on the development front for the club. Following an intense few years of projects to improve the club and its facilities the committee have been able to focus on the general running of the club and of course, the tennis. Of course, this doesn't mean that we have taken our eye off future development of the club. At last years AGM we made a commitment to focus on developing an action plan to identify how we can continue to maintain and improve the club. In the spring we invited members to complete a survey to help us identify what the club does well or not so well and give a chance for people to express their ideas and opinions.

We were delighted that we had a good response to the survey. Overall, the responses were very positive. Members were particularly complimentary about the excellent facilities, welcoming atmosphere, excellent coaching and opportunities to play competitive tennis to name a few. We had some really helpful comments and feedback on areas that we can improve and this forms part of our ongoing commitment to improve our club where we can for the better. We had some interesting ideas for where members would like to see us in 5 years' time...Padel courts, a bar and 'not flooded' to name a few! My favourite was 'The same safe, inspiring and well organised club that we sometimes take for granted'. The survey has been instrumental in the development of our action plan.

The Survey results and action plan have been put on to our website. Please take some time to have a look. Any further feedback or ideas are always welcome. A big thanks to Jason for his hard work producing the survey and of course all the work he does as our IT Manager on our website and clubspark account.

Of course, importantly the tennis at the club has continued to go from strength to strength. Membership numbers of the club have been maintained, with a recent increase of new adult members. As we look towards another year our financial accounts are in a healthy position. Lisa will give more details in her annual report. A big thankyou to Lisa for the work she does as our treasurer.

We have continued to punch above our weight in the Gloucestershire Dunlop league, entering 5 Mixed winter teams and 2 over 60 winter teams and in the summer, 5 men's teams and 7 ladies' teams. It's fantastic to see so many members playing competitive tennis and representing our club so well. This is by no means an easy feat for Barb and Paul who have the challenging job of arranging the fixtures for the teams. This year has been particularly challenging due to a new league planner system, so I'd really like to thank Barb and Paul for all their hard work and time they put into this. A big thanks also to Team Captains Paul and Rach and to all the individual team Captains.

Our Social session on a Monday night continues to be well attended as well as our Men's night on a Wednesday and over 50's Social on a Thursday morning. A new Ladies practice session has been introduced on a Sunday morning and we have two courts set aside for social tennis on a Sunday afternoon. Pay and play continues to be available on Courts 3 and 4 for non-members and provides some additional income for the club.

We've enjoyed some great social tennis events this year. A Christmas and Autumn Triples tournament organised by Rach and Cath and the Deidrie Maguire Toombs tournament organised by Jan and Dave. We've also had a successful Club champs tournament organised by Jason. Cath has done a great job of setting up box league tournaments for men and women's doubles. A big thanks to all mentioned for organising these great events.

The coaching team led by Rachael have continued to do an excellent job of providing group and 1-1 coaching opportunities for adults and juniors. New beginner's groups and men's doubles sessions have been introduced which are proving very popular. Cardio tennis on a Sunday and Tuesday continues to be well attended with waiting lists to join. Liveball sessions are also held regularly on demand. Rach also does a great job of posting on social media to raise the club profile and engage all our members in our tennis community. Rach's full report will be available to read on the website.

As members are aware, our club is run by a small management committee. This is made up of around 12 volunteers that give up their free time to ensure the smooth running of the club and we aim to deliver a safe, sociable and high-quality environment for members to play tennis in. We meet 4/5 times a year and communicate on a regular basis through a WhatsApp committee group.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the members of our committee for their continued commitment and efforts for the club. The work behind the scenes is not always visible but is vital for the smooth running of the club and is greatly appreciated. It's a testament to our committee that all the members are happy to re-stand for another year. We still, however, welcome any members who would like to support the club through joining the committee or to offer any free time they can. It's important to remember that we are all members, not customers so we all have a role to play in developing and maintaining a thriving club.

In conclusion 2024 has been another successful year for the club! As we head into 2025, we will continue to strive to provide a safe, inclusive, sociable and competitive environment for all members to enjoy great tennis.

Thankyou

Karen Geelhoed
Chair



Lydney_parkrun

Lydney parkrun is a FREE 5k event that happens at 9am every Saturday morning, starting by the garages at Lydney Boating Lake. You can come along, and walk run, jog or volunteer. We are family friendly, and also a great place to come and meet new friends, especially over a cuppa once you finish.

We are so lucky that our route takes in the views of the boating lake, the canal path, and the wooded area, oh and not to mention mud. You don't need to be fast or fit, but come and take part, crossing the finish line, in your unique style, and come back the week after to see if you can beat your own time.

We started in January 2006, and up until the end of March 2025 we have seen 38,060 cross our finish line, during our 417 events. We are a regular tourist hotspot, with people travelling from not just the UK to come to Lydney parkrun, but we have them from all over the world, who then often will stay around in the area heading into town for that well earned Breakfast from one of our local cafes.

Lydney parkrun is a great way of meeting new people and we have so many people who come and volunteer each week, helping to make the event happen, this can be from marshalling on the course, to time keeping, or coming early to set the course up, to putting the tea urn on so that we can enjoy that much welcome cuppa after. If you would like to volunteer, get in touch. We currently have several teenagers who are working towards their Duke of Edinburgh awards, and who come to either volunteer or take part as their fitness element.

During the last year we have celebrated many milestones for Lydney parkrun, including our 400th event, 9th anniversary, special extra events on Christmas Day where we saw 246 people come and enjoy a Christmas day parkrun, and New Years Day.

Its easy and FREE to register just visit <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/>
For more information visit <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/lydney/> or find us on facebook, contact us at lydney@parkrun.com or just pop down and see us one Saturday morning.

We are so thankful to the Town Council and Recreational Trust for supporting us, and allowing us to use the space, and seeing the improvements that have been made over the recent weeks since Rob has taken over the ground maintenance of the area.



Lydney & District Twinning Association 2024 Review

Members of the Lydney and District Twinning Association hosted a delegation of visitors from Brehal in Normandy between 9th and 12th May 2024. This Year the Association received significant support from Lydney Town Council with a formal reception hosted by Mayor Tasha Saunders at Lydney Town Hall on the first evening. Association Members produced a variety of canapes which were washed down with some bubbly and Tasha gave a speech of welcome (with Charlene Hue providing the translation into French). In the Town Hall bar area Tasha was also able to demonstrate the Commemorative Bell that Brehal had presented in 2022, and it was pleasing that this event was supported by a number of our Lydney Town Counsellors.



Hosts entertained their visitors during the day on Friday 10th May before the celebration dinner at the Masonic Hall in Lydney that evening with excellent catering being provided by Joshua Catering. In recognition of it being the 80th Anniversary of the Normandy Landings on D-Day, the Beaujoladies provided highly appropriate and enjoyable entertainment and very positive feedback was received from all that attended.

On Saturday 11th May our Brehal visitors were treated to a visit to the Forest of Dean Steam Railway. This included an excellent cream tea during the train ride and again, was a great success.



Although some of our visitors stayed on in the UK for visits and holidays, most returned to Brehal on Sunday 12th May.

The annual fund-raising Quiz Night took place at Woolaston Village Hall on 23rd March 2024. Richard Kemsley once again provided a challenging quiz and this year's catering included cheese and gammon Ploughmen's Platters, with Twinning members providing deserts. The event was well attended making a reasonable profit and positive feedback was received from those who took part. The annual Twinning BBQ took place at the end of June and provided an opportunity to introduce some prospective new members.

Members of the Association are planning to travel to Brehal for a long weekend at the end of May 2025 where we will once again be hosted by families in and around the Normandy town. 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 are able to stay on with their French hosts for a few days to take advantage of this.

If you would like to get involved in any of these events, or find out more about the Lydney & District Twinning Association and future visits to Brehal, please get in touch via Lydney Town Council.

Andrew Dean
Chair – Lydney & District Twinning Association

Lydney and Severnside Flower Club

Founded in 1971, Lydney & Severnside Flower Club usually meets at Lydney Town Hall, on the second Monday of each month, from February to November each year. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.15pm start. Visitors are always welcome with an entry fee of £10 unless otherwise advertised.

Our year begins in March where members enrol for £65, entitling them to attend all meetings plus the AGM, free of charge, therefore saving £20 over the year. There is a member's monthly sweepstake with a cash prize, which also supports our Project Fund in aid of good causes.

Each meeting will normally include a raffle of flowers, light refreshments and a Bric a Brac stall. There is a Notice Board containing Club and other NAFAS information and members can also subscribe to our quarterly magazine 'The Flower Arranger' at a subsidised cost.

Some meetings will be entertained by NAFAS demonstrators who will showcase their skills by filling the stage with beautiful and clever designs, to a theme, which are then raffled. In particular, the Open meeting in November is always a spectacular festive occasion with seasonal displays, refreshments and guest stalls.

Members can also take advantage of their associate membership of NAFAS (part of their fee) by receiving information on events run by our Area (Three Counties & South Wales) and at National level.

These include Area Days, Presidents Day and the NAFAS National Show. Information and tickets can often be obtained via the Flower Club. The Area also provides training for would-be Demonstrators, Judges, Speakers and Teachers including training days for all these disciplines plus help for competitors in flower arranging competitions.

The advantages of being a member of a local Flower Club are many and varied and include opportunities to socialise and make new friends, to learn about flower classes on offer locally, or to join in with members who regularly help out at local flower festivals and churches. Some of our Members arrange at Gloucester Cathedral and others have been invited to arrange at Westminster Abbey! The club also supports local events such as The Race for Life.

The club is run by a committee, which meets on a monthly basis and is always delighted to welcome new members on board to join in the fun!

If you have any queries, please contact the club via following:

<https://www.facebook.com/landsflowerclub>

Julie Sparks



LYDNEY WAR MEMORIAL (ALMSHOUSES) TRUST ANNUAL REPORT 2025

The Lydney War Memorial (Almshouses) 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 meets every other month at the Lydney Community Centre.

Over the last year, one Trustee has resigned and has not yet been replaced. This leaves the following 6 Trustees; Mr Simon Moore, Mrs Ruth Richardson, Mrs Lynn Daszko, Mrs. Susan Holmes, Ms. Laura-Jade Schroeder and Mr Timothy Enbom.

At the last AGM Mr Simon Moore agreed to continue to act as Chair and Mr Timothy Enbom agreed to continue to act as Vice Chair. Gill Moir remains the clerk and administrative officer for the Trust.

During the past 12 months, two of the Trust's residents sadly passed away, leaving one 3-bedroom house and one first floor flat vacant. A significant programme of renovation was carried out on these units including new kitchens, bathroom fittings, decorating and new carpets. The Trust advertised the vacant properties locally in the press and on social media and received a huge amount of interest. After a careful selection process, a couple was chosen for the 3-bedroom house and another person for the one-bedroom flat. Both moved in during February 2025.

The Trust has continued to manage its finances effectively, carefully planning projects and maintenance work within ongoing income levels, aiming to keep a constant and modest level of reserves. The houses are in a good state of repair and any problems which come up are resolved as soon as possible. The next Quinquennial Survey is due in July 2026.

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 dial a ride

Your generosity has a real impact on the lives of vulnerable, isolated, elderly and disabled people living in the Forest of Dean. Many residents have no access to public transport services and rely on Lydney Dial a Ride to get out and about, to attend medical appointments, visit friends and relatives, or use local amenities.

Without the transport solutions and assistance provided by Lydney Dial a Ride, many vulnerable and disabled residents would simply not be able to leave their home. Thanks to your support we are able to help people in the most isolated communities live their lives to their fullest potential.



1,920

Registered users

12

Volunteer drivers

100

People taken on
wellbeing day trips

7759

Completed journeys

137

Clients with disabilities
supported

**Thank you for
your support!**

More than simply providing a transport service, we provide the connection that our clients need. Our drivers, support assistants and volunteers recognise that they may be the only person that the passenger has talked to all week, and they make sure to spend time with every passenger, talking to them and responding to their individual needs.



'I have watched Lydney Dial a Ride grow and change over thirty years. It's fantastic how we can help so many people remain independent'

Martin, Chairman

With your generosity, we hope to support even more people in 2025 and reach more of those who need our services.

YOUR SUPPORT CHANGES LIVES

Joan is a typical user. She is 84 and uses Lydney Dial A Ride to take her to her lunch club and medical appointments. She is frail and moves slowly, and it can take up to 15 minutes for our drivers to help and settle her onto a minibus. Joan needs a door-to-door service and support just to access local services.



“The minibus takes me to the shops every Tuesday and on Friday I get to visit my old neighbour and have tea and chat. It took me for my vaccinations in Covid time too. Don’t know what I’d do without it. I can’t travel by myself, you see?” Mrs P.

“My husband can’t drive any more because of his eyesight. We use Dial A Ride at least once a week, and also to get to Gloucester hospital.” Lydney Dial a Ride User

THANK YOU

The Friends of Bathurst Pool

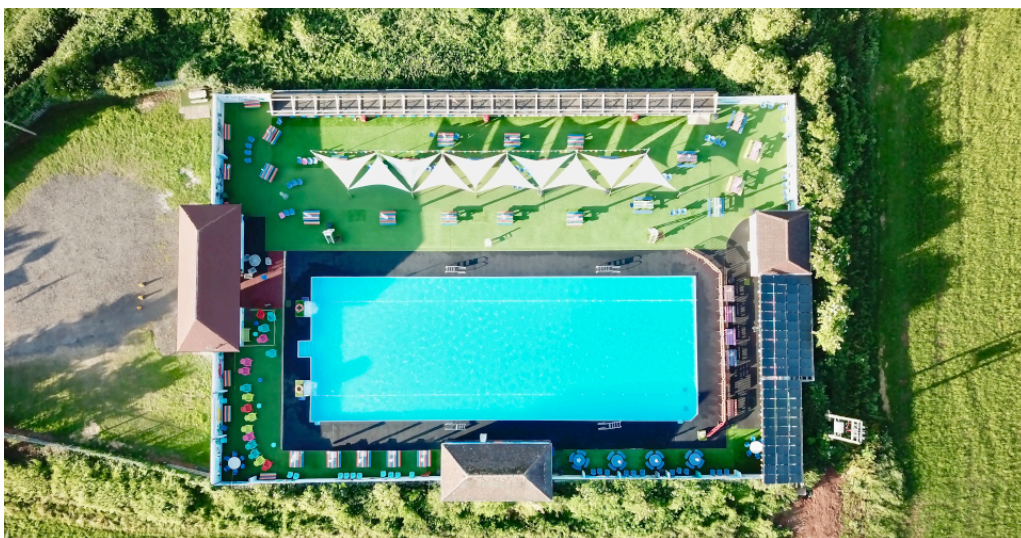
We recently held our 25th Annual General Meeting and are delighted to say that Bathurst Pool goes from strength to strength with cold water swimming constantly becoming more popular.

We enjoyed another good year despite a lot of poor weather. Adult attendance increased by 12.1% and child attendance by 16.4%. We had five days during the season when we reached full capacity and a one out one in system was operated. There were increases in our running costs but we were able to keep the same prices as the previous year for both adult and child entrance and for swim club. These will also be the same for the coming season.

During the season we purchased a new pool cleaner, a pool cover, two gazebos, more picnic tables, various shop equipment and a disabled hoist. The hoist was partially funded with a £3000 grant from The Gloucestershire County Council Build Back Better fund and a generous donation of £1000 from Kiely Carpets.

We have now built up a healthy reserve fund which needs to be maintained in case of a major breakdown in the very old filtration system but I am happy to say that all is currently working well. Painting, cleaning and some repair work is currently being undertaken and we will be ready to open up on 1st May for swim club members, followed by opening to the general public on 24th May.

Trustees, volunteers, swim club members and many others are all looking forward to another great season at Bathurst Pool.



Sheila Berryman
Trustee, The Friends of Bathurst Pool

Police

Crime Comparison Statistics For Parish Council

Period : 23APR2024 - 23APR2025 Compared With 23APR2024 - 23APR2023

Parish : 148 165 172

Parish=Lydney East

HO Band	HO Category	Crime 23APR24 23APR25	Crime 23APR24 23APR23	+/-	% Crime Diff	Detect 23APR24 23APR25	Detect 23APR24 23APR23	+/-	% Detect Diff
Violence	Attempted murder	0	1	-1	0.00%	0	1	-1	0.00%
Violence	Threats to Kill	6	6	0	0.00%	2	1	1	100.0%
Violence	Assault with Intent to cause Serious Harm	2	3	-1	(33.33%)	0	0	0	0.00%
Violence	Harassment	37	54	-17	(31.48%)	2	6	-4	(66.67%)
Violence	Racially/Religiously Aggravated Harassment	0	1	-1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Violence	Assault with injury	38	61	-23	(37.70%)	6	13	-7	(53.85%)
Violence	Racially or Religiously Aggravated Assault with injury	0	0	0	0.00%	0	1	-1	0.00%
Violence	Stalking	30	27	3	11.11%	1	1	0	0.00%
Violence	Malicious Communications	15	17	-2	(11.76%)	0	3	-3	0.00%
Violence	Assault with Injury on a Constable	0	2	-2	0.00%	0	1	-1	0.00%
Violence	Coercive or Controlling Behaviour	13	12	1	8.33%	0	2	-2	0.00%
Violence	Public Fear, Alarm or Distress	25	64	-39	(60.94%)	3	9	-6	(66.67%)
Violence	Racially/Religiously Aggravated Public Fear, Alarm or Distress	1	2	-1	(50.00%)	0	0	0	0.00%
Violence	Assault w/o Injury on a constable	0	1	-1	0.00%	1	0	1	0.00%
Violence	Assault w/o Injury	53	67	-14	(20.90%)	2	4	-2	(50.00%)
Violence	Modern Slavery	0	1	-1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Violence	Possession of Other Weapons	2	2	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Violence	Possession of Article with Blade or Point	2	4	-2	(50.00%)	0	1	-1	0.00%
Violence	Cruelty to Children/Young Persons	8	17	-9	(52.94%)	0	0	0	0.00%
Sexual offences	Sexual Assault on a male 13+	1	0	1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Sexual offences	Rape of female 16+	1	1	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Sexual offences	Rape of female -16	1	0	1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Sexual offences	Rape of male -13	0	1	-1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Sexual offences	Sexual assault on female 13+	5	6	-1	(16.67%)	0	0	0	0.00%
Sexual offences	Sexual assault on female -13	1	0	1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Sexual offences	Sexual activity involving child -13	0	2	-2	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Sexual offences	Causing sexual activity without consent	1	0	1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Sexual offences	Incest or Familial sexual offences	1	0	1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Sexual offences	Abuse of Children through Sexual Exploitation	0	0	0	0.00%	0	1	-1	0.00%
Sexual offences	Sexual grooming	0	0	0	0.00%	0	1	-1	0.00%
Sexual offences	Other Miscellaneous Sexual Offences	3	0	3	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Sexual offences	Exposure and Voyeurism	1	0	1	0.00%	1	0	1	0.00%
Robbery	Robbery of personal property	1	6	-5	(83.33%)	1	1	0	0.00%
Burglary	Residential Burglary of a Home	8	14	-6	(42.86%)	0	0	0	0.00%
Burglary	Attempted Residential Burglary of a Home	1	0	1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Burglary	Residential Burglary of Unconnected Building	3	3	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Burglary	Attempted Residential Burglary of Unconnected Building	0	1	-1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Burglary	Burglary - Business and community	4	2	2	100.0%	0	1	-1	0.00%
Theft	Interfering with a Motor Vehicle	0	2	-2	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Theft	Profiting from/Concealing Knowledge of the Proceeds of Crime	0	1	-1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Theft	Theft from the person of another	1	1	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Theft	Theft in a dwelling	5	3	2	66.67%	1	0	1	0.00%
Theft	Theft of pedal cycle	3	2	1	50.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Theft	Theft from vehicle	2	1	1	100.0%	0	0	0	0.00%
Theft	Shoplifting	23	35	-12	(34.29%)	8	10	-2	(20.00%)
Theft	Theft/unauth taking m/veh	5	0	5	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Theft	Other theft/unauth taking	13	10	3	30.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Theft	Theft making off without payment	1	3	-2	(66.67%)	0	0	0	0.00%
Fraud	Other forgery	1	0	1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Criminal damage	Arson not Endangering Life	4	2	2	100.0%	0	0	0	0.00%
Criminal damage	Criminal damage -dwelling	9	17	-8	(47.06%)	2	1	1	100.0%
Criminal damage	Criminal damage -non dwelling	1	2	-1	(50.00%)	1	0	1	0.00%
Criminal damage	Criminal damage -vehicles	9	16	-7	(43.75%)	0	2	-2	0.00%
Criminal damage	Criminal damage -other	7	11	-4	(36.36%)	0	1	-1	0.00%
Criminal damage	Racially or Religiously Aggravated Criminal Damage	0	1	-1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Criminal damage	Threat / possession w/i -criminal damage	5	10	-5	(50.00%)	0	0	0	0.00%
Drugs	Drug trafficking	4	1	3	300.0%	0	1	-1	0.00%
Drugs	Possession of Drugs(Excluding Cannabis)	0	2	-2	0.00%	0	2	-2	0.00%
Drugs	Possession of Drugs(Cannabis)	6	3	3	100.0%	5	4	1	25.00%
Other notifiable	Possession of Firearms Offences	0	1	-1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Other notifiable	Make / supply / possess articles for use in fraud	0	0	0	0.00%	0	1	-1	0.00%
Other notifiable	Blackmail	2	9	-7	(77.78%)	0	0	0	0.00%
Other notifiable	Kidnapping	1	2	-1	(50.00%)	0	0	0	0.00%

Other notifiable	Offences against state / public order	4	11	-7	(63.64%)	3	5	-2	(40.00%)
Other notifiable	Perverting the course of justice	1	0	1	0.00%	1	0	1	0.00%
Other notifiable	Obscene Publications etc	9	5	4	80.00%	0	1	-1	0.00%
Other notifiable	Other notifiable offences	6	2	4	200.0%	0	1	-1	0.00%
=		386	531	-145	(27.31%)	40	76	-36	(47.37%)

Parish=Lydney North

HO Band	HO Category	Crime 23APR24 23APR25	Crime 23APR24 23APR23	+/-	% Crime Diff	Detect 23APR24 23APR25	Detect 23APR24 23APR23	+/-	% Detect Diff
Violence	Harassment	1	3	-2	(66.67%)	0	0	0	0.00%
Violence	Racially/Religiously Aggravated Harassment	0	2	-2	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Violence	Assault with injury	5	2	3	150.0%	1	1	0	0.00%
Violence	Stalking	0	4	-4	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Violence	Malicious Communications	0	1	-1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Violence	Coercive or Controlling Behaviour	2	0	2	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Violence	Public Fear, Alarm or Distress	3	1	2	200.0%	0	0	0	0.00%
Violence	Assault w/o Injury	4	3	1	33.33%	0	0	0	0.00%
Violence	Possession of Article with Blade or Point	0	1	-1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Violence	Cruelty to Children/Young Persons	1	5	-4	(80.00%)	0	0	0	0.00%
Sexual offences	Sexual activity involving child -16	0	0	0	0.00%	1	0	1	0.00%
Burglary	Residential Burglary of a Home	1	0	1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Burglary	Attempted Residential Burglary of a Home	1	0	1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Theft	Theft in a dwelling	0	1	-1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Theft	Theft from vehicle	1	2	-1	(50.00%)	0	0	0	0.00%
Theft	Other theft/unauth taking	1	3	-2	(66.67%)	0	0	0	0.00%
Criminal damage	Criminal damage -dwelling	0	1	-1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Criminal damage	Criminal damage -vehicles	1	0	1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Criminal damage	Criminal damage -other	0	2	-2	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Criminal damage	Threat / possession w/i -criminal damage	1	1	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Other notifiable	Blackmail	1	0	1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
=		23	32	-9	(28.13%)	2	1	1	100.0%

Parish=Lydney West

HO Band	HO Category	Crime 23APR24 23APR25	Crime 23APR24 23APR23	+/-	% Crime Diff	Detect 23APR24 23APR25	Detect 23APR24 23APR23	+/-	% Detect Diff
Violence	Threats to Kill	0	1	-1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Violence	Harassment	6	10	-4	(40.00%)	0	1	-1	0.00%
Violence	Assault with injury	6	7	-1	(14.29%)	1	4	-3	(75.00%)
Violence	Stalking	3	2	1	50.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Violence	Malicious Communications	2	3	-1	(33.33%)	0	1	-1	0.00%
Violence	Assault with Injury on a Constable	0	0	0	0.00%	0	2	-2	0.00%
Violence	Coercive or Controlling Behaviour	0	3	-3	0.00%	1	0	1	0.00%
Violence	Public Fear, Alarm or Distress	3	9	-6	(66.67%)	0	0	0	0.00%
Violence	Racially/Religiously Aggravated Public Fear, Alarm or Distress	3	1	2	200.0%	0	0	0	0.00%
Violence	Assault w/o Injury on a constable	1	0	1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Violence	Assault w/o Injury	4	8	-4	(50.00%)	1	2	-1	(50.00%)
Violence	Possession of Article with Blade or Point	2	1	1	100.0%	0	2	-2	0.00%
Violence	Cruelty to Children/Young Persons	4	1	3	300.0%	0	0	0	0.00%
Sexual offences	Rape of female -16	1	0	1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Sexual offences	Sexual assault on female 13+	0	3	-3	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Sexual offences	Sexual grooming	0	1	-1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Sexual offences	Exposure and Voyeurism	1	0	1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Robbery	Robbery of personal property	0	1	-1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Burglary	Residential Burglary of a Home	1	2	-1	(50.00%)	0	0	0	0.00%
Burglary	Attempted Residential Burglary of a Home	1	1	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Burglary	Residential Burglary of Unconnected Building	0	1	-1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Burglary	Burglary - Business and community	2	6	-4	(66.67%)	0	3	-3	0.00%
Theft	Interfering with a Motor Vehicle	1	0	1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Theft	Theft in a dwelling	2	0	2	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Theft	Theft by employee	0	1	-1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Theft	Theft of pedal cycle	0	3	-3	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Theft	Theft from vehicle	3	4	-1	(25.00%)	0	0	0	0.00%
Theft	Shoplifting	0	2	-2	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Theft	Theft/unauth taking m/veh	7	0	7	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Theft	Other theft/unauth taking	8	6	2	33.33%	0	0	0	0.00%
Criminal damage	Arson not Endangering Life	1	2	-1	(50.00%)	0	0	0	0.00%
Criminal damage	Criminal damage -dwelling	1	1	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Criminal damage	Criminal damage -non dwelling	1	0	1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Criminal damage	Criminal damage -other	1	2	-1	(50.00%)	0	0	0	0.00%
Drugs	Drug trafficking	1	0	1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Drugs	Possession of Drugs(Cannabis)	2	2	0	0.00%	2	1	1	100.0%
Other notifiable	Blackmail	0	1	-1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Other notifiable	Kidnapping	0	1	-1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Other notifiable	Offences against state / public order	0	11	-11	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Other notifiable	Obscene Publications etc	0	1	-1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Other notifiable	Other notifiable offences	1	0	1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
=		69	98	-29	(29.59%)	5	16	-11	(68.75%)

Detections Exclude Administrative Disposals (NFA, Investigation Complete - No Suspect, Evidential Difficulties)

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CC Incident Comparison Statistics For Parish Council

Period : 23APR2024 - 23APR2025 Compared With 23APR2024 - 23APR2023

Parish : 148 165 172

Parish=Lydney East

Result Group 1	Result 1	23APR2024 to 23APR2025	23APR2024 to 23APR2023	+/-	% Diff
NICL Asb	ASB - Personal	51	50	1	2.00%
NICL Asb	ASB - Nuisance	78	74	4	5.41%
NICL Asb	ASB - Environmental	10	12	-2	(16.67%)
NICL Crime	Crime - other	185	281	-96	(34.16%)
NICL Crime	Violence against the person	130	126	4	3.17%
NICL Crime	Sexual offences	25	15	10	66.67%
NICL Crime	Burglary non dwelling	7	3	4	133.3%
NICL Crime	Burglary dwelling	11	16	-5	(31.25%)
NICL Crime	Burglary Residential (Home)	2	0	2	0.00%
NICL Crime	Theft of motor vehicle	6	0	6	0.00%
NICL Crime	Criminal damage	27	45	-18	(40.00%)
NICL Crime	Drugs	29	36	-7	(19.44%)
NICL Crime	Firearms	3	0	3	0.00%
NICL Crime	Fraud/forgery/deception	5	10	-5	(50.00%)
NICL Crime	Robbery	1	3	-2	(66.67%)
NICL Crime	Theft By Shoplifting	21	29	-8	(27.59%)
NICL Crime	Theft - other	36	26	10	38.46%
NICL Crime	Theft from motor vehicle	4	4	0	0.00%
NICL Admin	Messages inc press release	96	100	-4	(4.00%)
NICL Admin	Lost or found Property or animals	11	4	7	175.0%
NICL Admin	Complaint against police	5	15	-10	(66.67%)
NICL Admin	Police generated resource activity	21	19	2	10.53%
NICL Admin	Pre-planned event	1	6	-5	(83.33%)
NICL Public Safety	Alarm - False	5	5	0	0.00%
NICL Public Safety	Sudden death	14	7	7	100.0%
NICL Public Safety	Susp. Circo./Insecure veh./prems.	159	120	39	32.50%
NICL Public Safety	Suspicious package/Object	3	2	1	50.00%
NICL Public Safety	Civil dispute-not btw neighbours	5	11	-6	(54.55%)
NICL Public Safety	Abandoned call inc silent 999	158	120	38	31.67%
NICL Public Safety	Awol/abscond from hmp	3	2	1	50.00%
NICL Public Safety	Concern for safety	293	242	51	21.07%
NICL Public Safety	Domestic incident - non crime	33	52	-19	(36.54%)
NICL Public Safety	Firearms inc planned culls	0	1	-1	0.00%
NICL Public Safety	Licensing - all licenced prems	0	1	-1	0.00%
NICL Public Safety	Natural disaster/incident/warning	0	1	-1	0.00%
NICL Public Safety	Missing Person	11	9	2	22.22%
NICL Public Safety	Hoax Call	3	0	3	0.00%
NICL Public Safety	Animals/Wildlife	23	18	5	27.78%
NICL Road/Traffic	Rto_damage only(inc animal rtcs)	46	32	14	43.75%
NICL Road/Traffic	Highway disruption	53	58	-5	(8.62%)
NICL Road/Traffic	Road related offence	75	78	-3	(3.85%)
NICL Road/Traffic	RTC Death / Injury	8	6	2	33.33%
=		1657	1639	18	1.10%

Parish=Lydney North

Result Group 1	Result 1	23APR2024 to 23APR2025	23APR2024 to 23APR2023	+/-	% Diff
NICL Asb	ASB - Personal	6	1	5	500.0%
NICL Asb	ASB - Nuisance	9	4	5	125.0%
NICL Asb	ASB - Environmental	5	6	-1	(16.67%)
NICL Crime	Crime - other	8	11	-3	(27.27%)
NICL Crime	Violence against the person	12	5	7	140.0%
NICL Crime	Burglary dwelling	2	0	2	0.00%
NICL Crime	Criminal damage	1	3	-2	(66.67%)
NICL Crime	Fraud/forgery/deception	1	2	-1	(50.00%)
NICL Crime	Robbery	0	1	-1	0.00%
NICL Crime	Theft - other	2	2	0	0.00%
NICL Crime	Theft from motor vehicle	1	2	-1	(50.00%)
NICL Admin	Messages inc press release	6	6	0	0.00%
NICL Admin	Complaint against police	1	1	0	0.00%
NICL Admin	Police generated resource activity	2	1	1	100.0%
NICL Admin	Pre-planned event	0	1	-1	0.00%
NICL Public Safety	Alarm - False	0	2	-2	0.00%
NICL Public Safety	Sudden death	3	2	1	50.00%
NICL Public Safety	Susp. Circs./Insecure veh./prems.	19	7	12	171.4%
NICL Public Safety	Abandoned call inc silent 999	9	14	-5	(35.71%)
NICL Public Safety	Concern for safety	8	19	-11	(57.89%)
NICL Public Safety	Domestic incident - non crime	3	2	1	50.00%
NICL Public Safety	Missing Person	1	0	1	0.00%
NICL Public Safety	Animals/Wildlife	3	2	1	50.00%
NICL Road/Traffic	Rtc_damage only(inc animal rtc)	6	2	4	200.0%
NICL Road/Traffic	Highway disruption	7	9	-2	(22.22%)
NICL Road/Traffic	Road related offence	2	4	-2	(50.00%)
NICL Road/Traffic	RTC Death / Injury	0	2	-2	0.00%
=		117	111	6	5.41%

Parish=Lydney West

Result Group 1	Result 1	23APR2024 to 23APR2025	23APR2024 to 23APR2023	+/-	% Diff
NICL Asb	ASB - Personal	14	7	7	100.0%
NICL Asb	ASB - Nuisance	19	16	3	18.75%
NICL Asb	ASB - Environmental	1	1	0	0.00%
NICL Crime	Crime - other	38	52	-16	(30.77%)
NICL Crime	Violence against the person	18	26	-8	(30.77%)
NICL Crime	Sexual offences	2	4	-2	(50.00%)
NICL Crime	Burglary non dwelling	3	6	-3	(50.00%)
NICL Crime	Burglary dwelling	2	3	-1	(33.33%)
NICL Crime	Theft of motor vehicle	7	1	6	600.0%
NICL Crime	Criminal damage	5	3	2	66.67%
NICL Crime	Drugs	6	6	0	0.00%
NICL Crime	Fraud/forgery/deception	3	3	0	0.00%
NICL Crime	Robbery	0	1	-1	0.00%
NICL Crime	Theft By Shoplifting	20	14	6	42.86%
NICL Crime	Theft - other	12	11	1	9.09%
NICL Crime	Theft from motor vehicle	3	4	-1	(25.00%)
NICL Admin	Messages inc press release	26	22	4	18.18%
NICL Admin	Lost or found Property or animals	2	3	-1	(33.33%)
NICL Admin	Complaint against police	1	4	-3	(75.00%)
NICL Admin	Police generated resource activity	8	5	3	60.00%
NICL Admin	Pre-planned event	0	1	-1	0.00%
NICL Public Safety	Alarm - Genuine	2	0	2	0.00%
NICL Public Safety	Alarm - False	7	10	-3	(30.00%)
NICL Public Safety	Alarm - False Personal Attack	0	2	-2	0.00%
NICL Public Safety	Sudden death	2	6	-4	(66.67%)
NICL Public Safety	Susp. Circs./Insecure veh./prems.	35	26	9	34.62%
NICL Public Safety	Suspicious package/Object	0	3	-3	0.00%
NICL Public Safety	Civil dispute-not btw neighbours	1	2	-1	(50.00%)
NICL Public Safety	Domestic/industrial - indust acc	1	0	1	0.00%
NICL Public Safety	Abandoned call inc silent 999	36	45	-9	(20.00%)
NICL Public Safety	Concern for safety	50	65	-15	(23.08%)
NICL Public Safety	Domestic incident - non crime	6	4	2	50.00%
NICL Public Safety	Missing Person	2	1	1	100.0%
NICL Public Safety	Hoax Call	0	1	-1	0.00%
NICL Public Safety	Animals/Wildlife	12	7	5	71.43%
NICL Road/Traffic	Rtc_damage only(inc animal rtc's)	33	15	18	120.0%
NICL Road/Traffic	Highway disruption	27	28	-1	(3.57%)
NICL Road/Traffic	Road related offence	21	8	13	162.5%
NICL Road/Traffic	Rail/Marine/Air Accident/Incident	1	0	1	0.00%
NICL Road/Traffic	RTC Death / Injury	3	2	1	50.00%
=		427	418	9	2.15%

Excludes Not An Incident. Excludes Duplicate Incident

Includes only incidents with primary result group of A, B, C, M, P, R or W

Maverick Skateparks

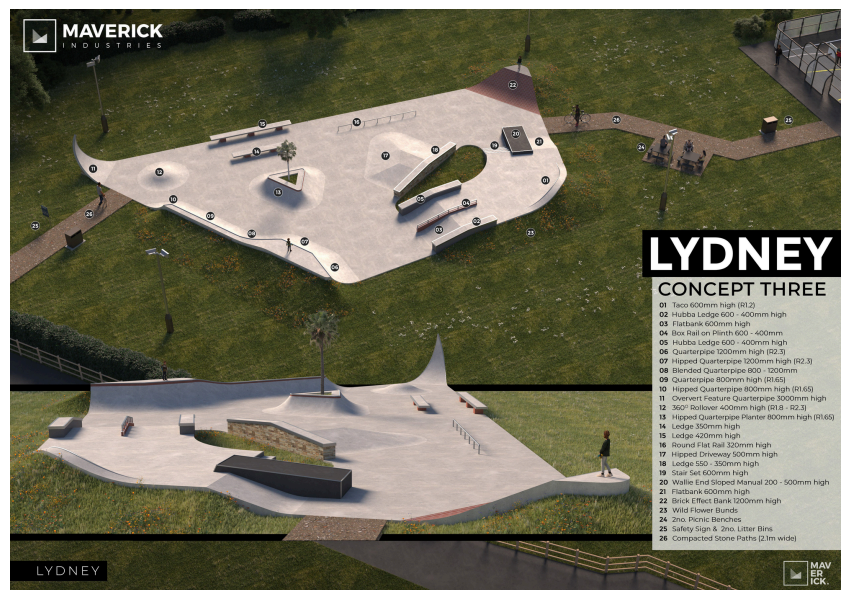
We are thrilled to share a major milestone in the Lydney Skatepark Revamp Project — permitted development has officially been granted for the new design, created in collaboration with leading skatepark designers, Maverick.

This marks a significant step forward, and we are now moving into the final stage of the project: fundraising. While the groundwork has been laid by the Lydney Recreation Trust and the Town Council, bringing this vision to life is something we hope to achieve with the support of our wider community.

To make this exciting project a reality, we are seeking volunteers who can offer a little of their time to assist with fundraising efforts and related administrative tasks. Whether it is helping with communications, or supporting outreach, every contribution will make a difference.

If you are passionate about creating a vibrant, inclusive space for young people and skateboarders in our town, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Councillor Steve Cave, who is leading the project on behalf of the Lydney Recreation Trust, at cllr.scave@lydneytowncouncil.gov.uk.

We cannot wait to see the skatepark take shape — and more importantly, to see the community enjoying it for years to come.



Trustee Steve Cave

VICTORIA CENTRE

We are very pleased to report that The Victoria Centre has had a very encouraging year and continues to provide a welcoming warm space for so many people to enjoy. Thanks to our lovely cook Pam, who has now been working with us for over 20 years, very tasty two course meals are provided 3 days a week for approximately 100 diners. Carol, our dedicated Manager who has now been with us for 12 years, works so hard to make the Centre the success that it is and has a very special relationship with our diners and volunteers.

Christmas Day 2024 was another special day for so many people who enjoyed a tasty lunch, entertainment and the chance for many of them not to spend that day alone. Many of the volunteers for Christmas Day come back to help us year after year and they work so hard to make it special. The Centre is always beautifully decorated for so many events throughout the year Valentines Day, Easter, Remembrance Day and this year for the special VE day celebrations together with our 50th anniversary.

In 2023 we received grants from Awards for all, Lydney Town Council and the Coventry Building Society for the full refurbishment of all three of our toilets and to improve accessibility. The work was completed in April/May 2024 but not without a few hitches along the way. We encountered severe damp issues that we were unaware of and the whole refurbishment programme became much larger than anticipated. With the help of some amazing local builders and plumbers and decorator the work was finally completed and has made such a difference to the facilities within the building. New external signage has recently been erected to raise awareness of all that the Centre can offer and our weekly menu is also displayed for all to see.

The Forest of Dean District Council awarded the Centre a grant to hold mosaic classes with Rachel Shilston and 4 large circular mosaics were designed showing features of Lydney, Bathurst Park, The Lake, The Docks and the Fire Station, who were located at the Victoria Centre for many years before they moved to their current location. Beautiful butterflies, ladybirds and a mosaic of the Queens award for volunteering will all add to the décor of the Centre. The Fire Station mosaic is located inside our entrance doors and looks so special, the remaining mosaics will be put into the garden in April and will add a wonderful feature to our outside space which we plan to also refurbish this year to make the garden welcoming for all to use.

We receive so much support locally from so many different organisations and people that it would be difficult to name them all so let us take this opportunity to say that all we do could not be done without you and a BIG THANK YOU goes to everyone who continues to support us in so many ways.

2025 is a special year, as we celebrate 50 years as a lunch club. During those years there are so many people that have made the Victoria Centre the place that it is today and we celebrate who everyone who has worked so hard for those 50 years to make the Centre such a success and a wonderful asset to the town of Lydney.

We plan to make this a year of Celebration and long may the Victoria Centre remain to welcome people for generations to come.

Glynis Halling
Chairman



The Golden Triangle Social Club for Adults with Learning Disabilities

Established 1981 | Not-for-Profit | Volunteer-Run

About Us

The Golden Triangle Club was founded in 1981 by the owner of a Lydney-based care home, inspired by the need for residents with learning disabilities to enjoy a more enriching and fulfilling social life. Since then, the club has grown into a vibrant and inclusive community for adults over 16 with learning disabilities.

Initially supported by Gloucestershire County Council, the club now operates as a not-for-profit organisation run entirely by dedicated volunteers. We are currently in the process of applying for official charity status, and we're always on the lookout for new volunteers to join our friendly team.

Our Mission

The Golden Triangle Club provides a safe, welcoming space where members can meet friends, enjoy a variety of activities, and simply have fun. For many, the club is a highlight of their week—an opportunity to socialise, try new things, and be part of a supportive community.

A Look Back at This Year

Over the past year, we've continued to expand and diversify what we offer with increasing membership. One of our major changes this year was relocating to Lydney Town Hall—a fantastic move that has given us more space and flexibility. We now have dedicated areas for dancing, crafts, TV, and our tuck shop, which has helped our members settle in well and enjoy all we have to offer.

We've hosted a wide range of seasonal events and themed evenings, including Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Mother's Day, plus creative dress-up nights inspired by movies and music. Our calendar is always shaped by the interests of our members, and we're proud to provide exciting new experiences regularly.

Some of our Tuesday evenings are off site, we've also organised several trips, including visits to the theatre, bowling, and meals out that are both fun and meaningful for our members.

Our volunteers remain the heart of our club—without them, none of this would be possible. We're incredibly grateful for the time, passion, and care they bring each week.

Join Us!

If you know someone who might benefit from joining the Golden Triangle Club, we'd love to welcome them. Our goal is to ensure every member has a positive experience in a friendly, inclusive environment.

When: Tuesdays, 7pm – 9pm

Where: Lydney Town Hall, Lydney, Gloucestershire, GL15 5AT

Cost: £2 per person, per week

Membership: All attendees must be members. Please complete a membership form—your data is kept confidential.

Activity Info: Visit our website's diary page for weekly updates.

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Chairman: tgtc.chairman@gmail.com

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Tracey Lindsey
Volunteer

Lydney Town Hall Trust

The past year has been another successful and exciting chapter in the life of Lydney Town Hall. We've seen a steady rise in community bookings and consistently high attendance at our weekend entertainment events. Many of these shows are now selling out—something we're incredibly proud of. Every ticket sold contributes directly to the upkeep of this historic building, helping to keep the Hall in good condition and accessible to residents as a vital community resource.

The Hall continues to be managed by a passionate and dedicated group of volunteers. Their hard work has not only helped maintain financial stability but has also ensured that Lydney Town Hall remains a welcoming hub for the town and surrounding areas—offering both a cherished venue for entertainment and a central space for community activities.

This year saw a change in the committee structure. We want to express our sincere thanks to Paul, the previous Chairman, for his years of dedication, hard work, and unwavering support of Lydney Town Hall. Under his leadership, the Hall has thrived, and we are pleased that Paul continues to be an integral part of the committee as Treasurer.

Nick Wood as the new Chair and Liam Saunders as Vice Chair have very big shoes to fill but with the support of the committee, We look forward to the year ahead.

Additionally, we are happy to introduce Liam who took over as the new Bar Manager in November. His enthusiasm and fresh ideas are already making a positive impact, and we're confident he'll help us continue to enhance the experience for all who visit the Hall.

This year saw continued progress on our long-term improvement projects. The electrical refurbishment—a major and necessary undertaking—has been a significant but essential investment in the building's future.

We were also delighted to complete a refurbishment of the main hall, accomplished in just eight days thanks to the incredible efforts of our volunteers and committee members. Their dedication and teamwork were instrumental in transforming the space.

A special thanks goes to Calico Curtains, who generously donated and installed eight large curtains in the main hall. They also helped us create a warm, modern, and welcoming colour scheme that complements the building's character beautifully. We are immensely grateful for their support.

Looking forward, our next key projects include the refurbishment of the toilet areas, upgrades to the stage curtains and electrics, and a refresh of the foyer and corridors and roofs. These projects will again rely heavily on volunteer time and the ability to secure further funding—whether through event income or generous community grants and donations.

Our calendar for 2025 (and already into 2026!) is full of exciting performances. We're welcoming both brand-new acts and returning favourites, ensuring there's something for everyone in the community.

We've also expanded our user base and are thrilled to now host a range of diverse and valued groups, including:

The Golden Triangle – a social club for adults with special needs

A model flying club

Tai Chi classes

Vintage and craft fairs

Health and lifestyle groups

Memory and bereavement clinics

Walking groups

Theatre performances and many more.

The Hall is also home to two local businesses and our own registered charity, which work alongside our community partners to bring this venue to life.

As always, we thank every volunteer, partner, and supporter who contributes to making Lydney Town Hall the thriving community space it is today. Here's to another fantastic year ahead!

Nick Wood
Chairman



Town Clerk: Michael Greenfield



Assistant Clerk: Mrs L. Bendall

Lydney Town Council

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Lydney Town Council
Municipal Year 2025/2026

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All meetings occur at Lydney Town Council, Council Chambers, Claremont House, High Street, Lydney. Gloucestershire. GL15 5DX Unless otherwise indicated.