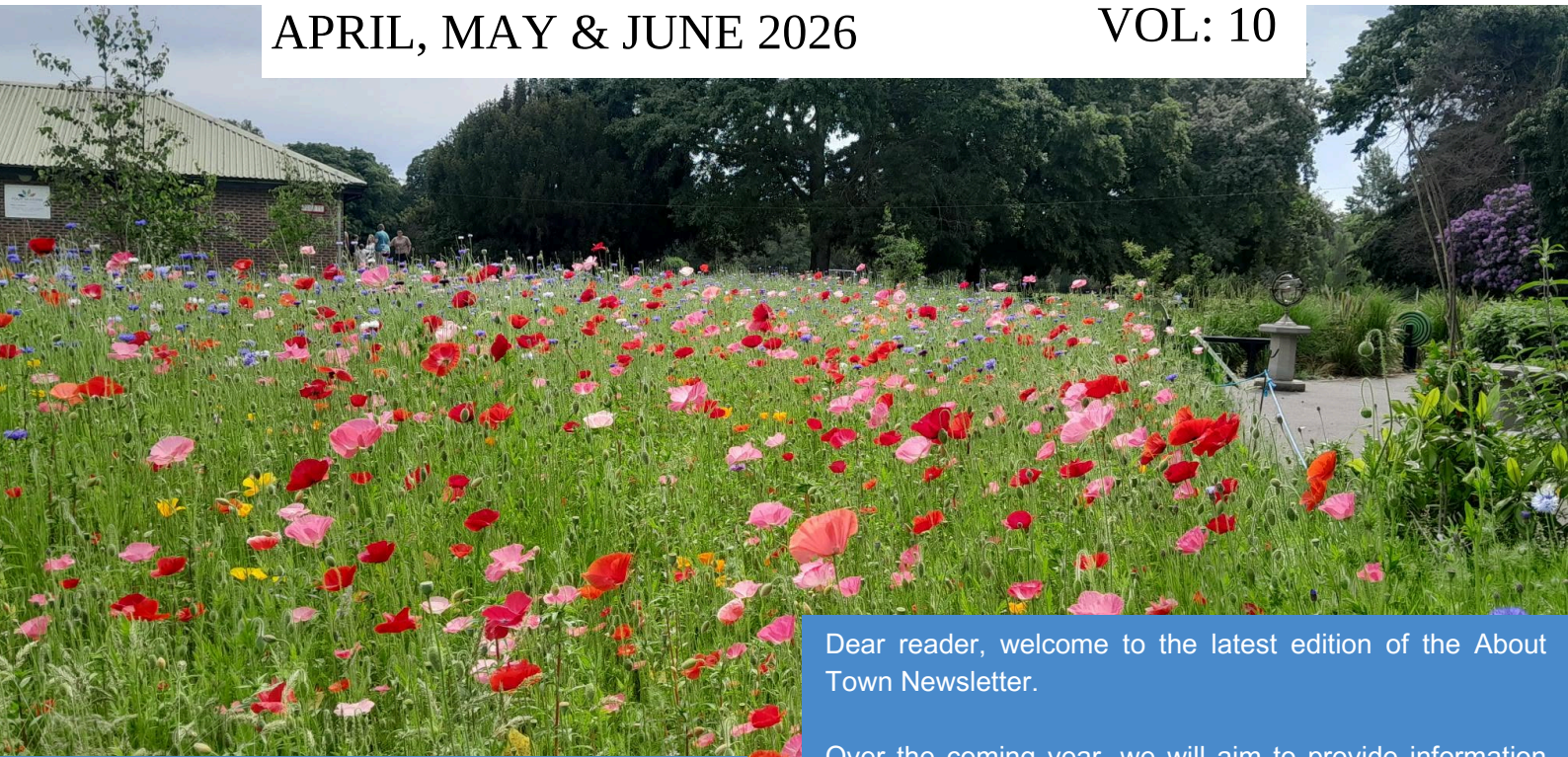




ABOUT TOWN NEWSLETTER FOR LYDNEY

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WHAT'S IN THIS EDITION?

In this edition of the About Town Newsletter, we're pleased to share a range of updates, celebrations, and community news from across Lydney.

Inside, you will find a warm welcome to our newly appointed Town Clerk, Catherine Lines. We also look back on our Easter Event, share a helpful update on our new town-wide CCTV initiative to tackle anti-social behaviour, and celebrate this year's inspiring Student Community Award recipient, Scarlett.

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

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

The next edition will be released in September 2026.

If you have any photos/stories for inclusion in the next editions, please forward them to me:

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Additionally, you can read about the recent grant awarded to help furnish The Listening Post counselling centre, the continued cultural work of the Lydney & District Twinning Association, and what to expect at the upcoming Bathurst Park Community Event.

Finally, we highlight the Forest of Dean Big Health Debate and preview a fantastic lineup of upcoming entertainment at Lydney Town Hall.



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NEW TOWN CLERK FOR LYDNEY

Lydney Town Council Welcomes New Town Clerk, Catherine Lines

Lydney Town Council is delighted to announce the appointment of Catherine Lines as its new Town Clerk.

Catherine joins the Council with a wealth of experience in local government and public service. Most recently, she served as Market Town Officer at Forest of Dean District Council, where she played a key role in supporting town centres, fostering community partnerships, and helping to deliver projects that benefited local residents, businesses and visitors.

Prior to her work in local government, Catherine enjoyed a successful career in nursing, developing extensive management and leadership experience across a range of healthcare settings. Her background has equipped her with strong organisational, financial and people-management skills, alongside a deep commitment to serving communities and improving outcomes for residents.

As Town Clerk, Catherine will be responsible for the day-to-day management of Lydney Town Council, supporting elected councillors in delivering services, projects and initiatives that meet the needs of the town and its residents.

Speaking about her appointment, Catherine said:

“I am delighted to be joining Lydney Town Council as Town Clerk. Having worked closely with towns across the Forest of Dean, I have always admired the strong sense of community in Lydney and the pride people have in their town. I look forward to working with councillors, staff, local organisations and residents to support the Council’s ambitions and help shape a positive future for Lydney.”

Catherine's appointment marks an exciting new chapter for Lydney Town Council as it continues to work with local partners and the community to enhance the town and deliver opportunities for residents, businesses and visitors alike.

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EASTER EVENT



A huge thank you to everyone in our community who came along and supported our Easter Event

It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces and to share such a lovely day together. Your support truly makes these events special, and we're so grateful to be part of such a fantastic community



GRANTS

What Is The Grants Fund?

Every year Lydney Town Council sets aside money within the budget for the Grants Fund, aimed to benefit people and projects local to the Parish of Lydney.

Applications will be considered for financial assistance towards a specific project, item or activity from community associations, cultural, educational, sporting and charitable organisations, which are non-commercial and whose membership and field of activities are located within the Parish.

Who Can Apply?

Any not-for-profit group operating for the benefit of the community of Lydney. This is provided that you have a constitution or set of rules and a bank account with at least two signatories.

On the 4th November 2025 a grant of £900 was awarded to the Listening Post. This was used to help furnish the counselling centre.

Please see images below:



STUDENT AWARD

We were delighted to present this year's Student Community Award to Scarlett, a Year 7 student from Dean Academy.



Scarlett was nominated in recognition of her outstanding fundraising efforts for the MPS Society, inspired by supporting her friend who lives with the rare condition MPS VI.

Last year, Scarlett completed an incredible 50km off-road cycle ride, and this year she is taking on an even bigger challenge, cycling 80km in just one day.

Her kindness, determination and commitment to helping others make her a truly deserving recipient of this award.

Congratulations Scarlett, a fantastic example of community spirit and making a difference.

SENSORY GARDEN



FOREST OF DEAN BIG HEALTH DEBATE

What are your biggest concerns regarding local healthcare provisions? Following FAVAF's recent community health questionnaire, they are putting your top concerns directly on the table.

Come along to Lydney Town Hall on July 13th to hear from expert keynote speakers and have your say on the issues that affect you and your family

FOREST OF DEAN BIG HEALTH DEBATE

13/07/2026

10am - 2pm

Lydney Town Hall - High St - GL15 5DY

"Shape the future of health in our Forest. Sign up and be heard!"

Scan to Sign-Up:



or visit the link in the post description

For more information please contact:

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CCTV



Lydney Town Council is pleased to announce the successful installation of four new CCTV cameras across the town. These specific locations were strategically identified and chosen in close partnership with the local police to target key areas of concern.

The installation is part of our ongoing commitment and initiative to reduce anti-social behaviour, deter crime, and improve public safety. By working proactively with law enforcement, we aim to ensure our public spaces remain safe, welcoming and secure for all residents and visitors.

We will continue to work closely with community partners to monitor these areas and look after our town.

LYDNEY TWINNING SOCIETY

Lydney has strong connections with Brehal, Normandy. Lydney & District Twinning Association was formed following a school exchange between the then Whitecross School and the Vanlee College in Brehal, Normandy.

The proposal for a formal 'Declaration of Friendship' was put to both Town Councils where it received great support and the document was signed by both Town Mayors (Bill Hobman and Andre Clement) in June 1991.

Since this date, the Lydney and District Twinning Association have been acting on behalf of the Town to develop and maintain the cultural relationship with the Brehal Twinning Association.

In May our friends from Normandy met with representatives from the Town Council.



LYDNEY COMMUNITY EVENT

On Saturday, 25th July, the Trustees of Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust will be hosting the annual Lydney Community Event at Bathurst Park.

Running from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM, this family-friendly celebration is completely free to enter and promises something for everyone.

The park will feature:

- Live Music: Performance sets from brilliant local bands.
- Family Entertainment: Interactive pirate shows, activities, and face painting for the kids.
- Food & Drink: A delicious selection of choices from local food vendors alongside licensed bars.
- Market Stalls: A vibrant mix of local trade and craft stalls to browse.

Important Parking Info

To help make your trip as smooth as possible, there will be **FREE** parking available at all Forest of Dean District Council car parks in Lydney (Bream Road & Newerne Street car parks).



Lydney Town Hall

Upcoming events

Silent Disco

Date: 8th August 2026

Time: Doors open 7pm

Location: Lydney Town Hall

* LTH event * | Dance



Vintage Tea Party

Date: 23rd August 2026

Time: 1pm - 4pm

Location: Lydney Town Hall

Dance



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Date: 5th September 2026

Time: Doors open 7pm

Location: Lydney Town Hall

* LTH event * | Concert



Elvis Returns

Date: 12th September 2026

Time: Doors open 7pm

Location: Lydney Town Hall

* LTH event * | Concert



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Cllr Jon Gregory (Vice Chair)

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Cllr Roger Holmes (Chair)

Cllr Tasha Saunders (Vice Chair)

Planning and Highway Committee

Cllr Carol Harris (Chair)

Cllr Pam Johns (Vice Chair)

Amenities Committee

Cllr Tracey Lindsay (Chair)

Cllr Tasha Saunders (Vice Chair)

Burial Committee

Cllr Emma Taylor (Chair)

Cllr Pam Johns (Vice Chair)

Regeneration Committee

Cllr Pam Johns (Chair)

Cllr Sue Hillier (Vice-Chair)

Lydney Recreation Trust

Trustee Tasha Saunders (Chair)

Trustee Steve Cave (Vice Chair)

Bathurst Park and Recreational Trust

Trustee Tasha Saunders (Chair)

Trustee Tracey Lindsay (Vice Chair)

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