ABOUT TOWN NEWSLETTER FOR LYDNEY

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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 December 2026.

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

Reception@lydneytowncouncil.gov.uk

WHAT'S IN THIS EDITION?

In this edition of About Town, we celebrate staff achievements in horticulture and CPR training, provide an update on the Taurus Crafts Roundabout, and announce the official opening of 'Little Lydney' Play Town in Bathurst Park.

We also look back at the success of the Lydney Community Event, share upcoming live music dates at Lydney Town Hall, and provide your full guide to local councillor contact details and upcoming council meetings.



STAFF TRANING

It was congratulations to our Grounds person Robert Green who successfully passed his Level 2 RHS Practical Horticulture examination.







All staff attended their annual CPR training, which was highly successful and such an important skill that ALL council staff possess while working around Lydney.

TAURUS CRAFTS ROUNDABOUT

Clearance work has now been completed on Taurus Crafts Roundabout; the cultivation licence for town council to maintain will cease and be passed back to GCC Highways for future maintenance





OPENING 'LITTLE LYDNEY'

We were delighted to announce that our brand-new Play Town (Little Lydney) in Bathurst Park is officially open!

It has been wonderful to see so many children already enjoying the new space and having fun throughout the summer.

We hope this exciting new addition will provide many hours of creative play for local children and families for years to come.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this project. With a special thanks to The National Lottery Community Fund for providing some of the funding to help make this project possible!



LYDNEY COMMUNITY EVENT

A massive thank you to everyone who came down to Bathurst Park on Saturday! It was fantastic to see so many families, friends and neighbours coming together to enjoy the sunshine, live music, pirate shows and great local stalls.
A special shout-out to:

Our performers & entertainers for keeping us all entertained throughout the afternoon

Our local food vendors, bars and craft stalls for bringing such great offerings

Our hard-working volunteers who helped set up, pack down and keep the park looking great

Most of all, thank you to our wonderful community for bringing such great energy and making it a day to remember!









GRANTS AND SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS

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.

What Will Not Be Funded?

- Activities that are part of statutory obligations.
- Loan repayments.
- Retrospective applications where the activity or project has already been carried out (unless Council notified in advance).
- Religious or political activities unless unrestricted community benefit can be demonstrated.

Grants Awarded In Financial Year 2026/2027

Youth Grants	Community Grants	Civic Donations	Service Level Agreements
Lydney Youth Football Club - £250 May 2026	Freeminer Explorer Scouts - £500 June 2026	Student Award - £25 April 2026	Lydney Town Hall - £5,000 per annum
Lydney Youth Rugby Club - £250 July 2026		Lydney Job Fair (Room Hire) - £100 May 2026	Victoria Centre - £5,000 per annum
		Lydney Youth Rugby Club - £250 July 2026	Lydney Community Centre - £4,500 per annum

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LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL GRANT FUNDING 2026-2027

Applications to be submitted by	Dates grants will be reviewed and decided on
26th October 2026	2nd November 2026
15th February 2027	22nd February 2027

Grants of up to £1500 are available from Lydney Town Council.

Applicants must be based in the Lydney area, be non-profit making and benefit local residents

The application form can be found on the Lydney Town Council website

Youth Groups can also apply for a youth grant of up to £250 by sending an email to the Town Clerk

(01594) 842234

reception@lydneytowncouncil.gov.uk

https://lydneytowncouncil.gov.uk

Lydney Town Hall

Upcoming events

Groove Jacks
Date: 10th October 2026
Time: Doors open 7pm
Location: Lydney Town Hall
* LTH event * | Concert



Mainly Madness
Date: 17th October 2026
Time: Doors open 7pm
Location: Lydney Town Hall
* LTH event * | Concert



Guitar Legends
Date: 24th October 2026
Time: Doors open 7pm
Location: Lydney Town Hall
* LTH event * | Concert



MeatLoud
Date: 31st October 2026
Time: Doors open 7pm
Location: Lydney Town Hall
* LTH event * | Concert



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Council positions and roles

Finance and Scrutiny Committee
Cllr Roger Holmes (Chair)
Cllr Jon Gregory (Vice Chair)

Personnel Committee
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)

Forest District Councillors

District Cllr Mark Topping	01594 840086
District Cllr James Bevan	01594 842146
District Cllr Andrew McDermid	
District Cllr Harry Ives	07443 343395
District Cllr Allen Preest	01594 564668

County Councillors

Gloucestershire County Cllr Mark Howard
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LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL UPCOMING MEETINGS

Annual Meeting of Council
Full Council / Planning and Highways
Finance and Scrutiny
Amenities
LRT + BPRT / Burial
Annual Town Meeting

Planning & Highways starts at 6pm unless otherwise indicated.
Full Council Starts at 7pm unless otherwise indicated.
Bathurst Park & Recreation Trust Starts at 7pm.
Lydney Recreation Trust Commences after the conclusion of the Bathurst Park & Recreation Trust Meeting.
Personnel Committee meetings will be called when necessary.
The Annual Town meeting will be held at the Town Hall High St, Lydney GL15 5DY. The date for this meeting is yet to be decided.
August Recess- No Council/Committee Meetings: Planning Decisions Taken under S101 Delegated Powers.

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Aug-26	Sep-26

Oct-26

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Apr-27

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