

ABOUT TOWN



LEIGHTON-LINSLADE
TOWN COUNCIL

March/April 2022

The newsletter for residents of Leighton Buzzard and Linslade

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REMEMBER

Clocks go forward
Sunday 27 March

**GREAT
BRITISH
MARKET
AWARDS
2022**

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WINNERS!

BEST LOCAL COUNCIL MARKET

Mayor, Farzana Kharawala said: "Absolutely fantastic news! Everyone involved with our Charter Market should feel very proud indeed and it's great that all their hard work and dedication has been nationally recognised." Read more about the success of the market on page 7.



Left to right: Ronnie Brown from Blachere Illuminations UK, the Event Sponsors, Bethany, Councillor Mick Barker, President of NABMA, Vivien, Mark, Adrian and Simon Baynes, MP for Clwyd South, the Chairman of the All-Party Markets Parliamentary Group



Well Done Kiera!
Town Mayor Cllr Farzana Kharawala was delighted to present the 2021 'Young People Award' to Kiera Hill recently at Linslade Tennis Club, where she attends 'Yes We Can' tennis sessions. Kiera's nomination was unanimously approved by a panel for her strength and courage in overcoming personal challenges. Congratulations Kiera!

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EVENTS 2022

Thanksgiving Event Sunday 6 March



Leighton-Linslade Reflects & Gives Thanks is an opportunity for the town to pause and acknowledge all we have been through over the recent pandemic period and continue to deal with on a daily basis today. From 1100 until 1500 hours on Sunday 6 March, join members of the community in the High Street to give thanks to those who have helped throughout the pandemic either as a key worker, a volunteer or a friendly neighbour who has supported those in their neighbourhood. Throughout the day, a photo montage of memories from the pandemic will be displayed alongside light refreshments being available offering the chance to come together in an outside setting.

Throughout the pandemic, members of our community have suffered the loss of loved ones. At 1200 noon and 1400 hours the Leighton-Linslade Reflects & Gives Thanks event offers the chance to remember their lives and the contributions they made to the community of Leighton-Linslade. Lead by the Mayor, alongside faith leaders from across Leighton-Linslade, the town will come together to pause and remember those who have passed away since March 2020.

If you are attending the event, please be mindful of others. You should not attend if you are required to isolate.

8th Business Networking Event Wednesday 27 April

Its back! The Business Networking Event returns on Wednesday 27 April (1800 - 2030 hours) held at Leighton Buzzard Golf Club, LU7 3JF. We last held the event in 2019 when it was a finalist in the SME Luton & Bedfordshire Business Awards 2019, Networking Group of the Year.

Created for local businesses, the event regularly brings together over 100 representatives from businesses both small and large. A great opportunity to enhance networking and build business contacts as everyone builds back from Covid restrictions.

This year, Chris Davies from Sandler Training will discuss the challenges businesses face: 'Ever felt a Buyer or Employee has the upper hand?' and 'Are you Busy or are you Effective?'

The Town Council is the event organiser, supported by key partners and sponsors - HASCAT Safety, Bee Local Magazine, The Federation of Small Businesses, Bedfordshire Chamber of Commerce and Central Bedfordshire Council.

Register and attend for your chance to win £250 towards your business or a round of golf at Leighton Buzzard Golf Club.

For information and to register your place, please visit:
www.leightonlinslade-tc.gov.uk



BUMPER CELEBRATIONS planned for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend



Keep your calendar free for this year's extended Bank Holiday weekend for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee! We will have more details in the May/June edition, but here's what is being planned:

TIMETABLE OF EVENTS:

Thursday 2 June from 2100 hours:

Jubilee Beacon lighting and fireworks in Parson's Close Recreation Ground.

Friday 3 June 1000 – 1600 hours:

Jubilee Fayre in the High Street and Parson's Close Recreation Ground, organised by the Rotary Club of Leighton-Linslade (replaces the usual May Day Fayre).

Saturday 4 June 0830 – 1500 hours:

Charter Market in the High Street with a visit from "the Queen" and one of her Corgis.

Sunday 5 June 1100 – 1500 hours:

The Big Lunch Food Festival in the High Street.

Sunday 5 June 1500 – 1700 hours:

The first Music in the Park band concert of the season, in Parson's Close Recreation Ground.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

It is anticipated that a normal schedule of face-to-face meetings will take place during March and April, but please check our website for any changes. Meetings take place at the White House from 1930 hours unless otherwise stated. Meetings are open to the public, subject to health and safety restrictions. Please see the Meetings page of the website for more details and a link to meeting agendas and reports.

March 2022

Mon	07	Grounds & Environmental Services
Wed	09	Planning & Transport Committee
Mon	14	Cultural & Economic Services
Mon	21	ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Library Theatre, Lake Street LU7 1RX
Mon	28	Personnel Sub Committee
Wed	30	Planning & Transport Committee

April 2022

Mon	04	Community Safety Sub Committee
Mon	11	Policy & Finance Committee
Wed	20	Planning & Transport Committee
Thu	21	Partnership Committee
Mon	25	COUNCIL Astral Park



It is wonderful to have reached the spring season after a very uncertain few weeks.

Since the New Year I have had the pleasure of attending a number of events both locally to support organisations and community groups as well as official events in other parishes such as the Civic Services for Buckingham and Stotfold.

At the time of writing this I am busy organising the final details for my fundraising charity meal held at Shan Shui; details of the amount raised will be on the Mayor's website page in due course. My own Civic Service has been moved to May to allow for any uncertainty around Covid to be taken into account and to allow me to make use of the slightly better weather so that we can host part of the event outdoors, if necessary. I am looking forward to spending the next few weeks getting to know the people that are the unsung heroes of

our community so that I can thank them for all their efforts. Tuesday 8 March is International Women's Day, and I am looking forward to bringing together some amazing women in our community to recognise their contribution. Details will be on social media and on the Town Council website.

On Friday 11 March I will be hosting the Mayor's Quiz Night. Please come along and support this fundraising event - you do not have to be an expert and there will be a twist to the usual quiz rounds; all will be revealed on the night!

As my penultimate contribution to About Town I would like to say what an honour it has been to serve as Mayor and that the warmth and support I have received from local residents is much appreciated. Covid has certainly impacted the way I have been able to work, but I hope that my efforts have benefitted our parish in some way.

I look forward to serving our community over the final few months.

Cllr. Farzana Kharawala

Supporting the Mayor's chosen charities



Civic Service (Update) - 15 May

The annual Civic Service is usually held in February each year. In 2021, the service was held remotely. For 2022, we will return to the usual format with a service to be held in All Saints Church, to include the presentation of our 2022 Community Volunteer Awards. The Mayor has requested the service be moved to Sunday 15 May, which will not only represent the last civic duty of her 18-month term of office, but will hopefully allow for greater normality with many local groups and organisations participating and refreshments available after the service.



Annual Parish Meeting - 21 March

Last year we held our Annual Parish Meeting online, but this year we anticipate returning to a more usual format with a meeting open to all residents on the evening of Monday 21 March (1930 – 2100 hours) in Leighton Buzzard Library Theatre, Lake Street, Leighton Buzzard LU7 1RX. This is an opportunity to find out more about the Town Council and to ask us any questions. The theme this year is on 'volunteering', so if you are part of a group looking to recruit volunteers or looking to find out what help and support is available to you, please come along. Visit our website or follow us on social media for more details.



Community Grants of up to £500

The new financial year starts on 1 April and we are now inviting applications for community grants of up to £500 (£250 for start-up groups). Funding is available for projects of benefit to the community of Leighton-Linslade, which can be completed within twelve months. This could be the purchase of equipment, to subsidise an activity or a contribution towards a larger project. Please see our website for full details and the application form. The **closing date** for the first round of 2022-23 applications is **Monday 25 April**.



The Town Council celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight - (21 February - 6 March)



We are excited to kick off 2022 by announcing the first set of 55up Grant recipients. Local groups were invited to apply for a 55up Grant to assist the introduction of new activities, expand, or support existing ones specifically for those aged 55 years and over living in Leighton Buzzard and Linslade. The 55up Grant aims to increase and enhance leisure opportunities, and to help reduce loneliness.

The following groups received funding:

The Friday Club - the grant will provide technology that will support activities for members.

Music 24 - the grant is to replicate the 'Singing Café' to support non diagnosis specific older people.

Leighton Buzzard Arts Society - the grant will allow the society to offer new 'beginner' specific workshops for over 55s.

Buzzard 50+ Sports and Social Club - the grant will support Friday meet ups at Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre. A second round of grants are currently being assessed and will be announced later this year.

Connecting with others and creating friendships is important for everyone.

For many people 55 years and above, the pandemic has somewhat stunted our ability to

create new connections with people.

Whether we live alone or are surrounded by people, we can still feel lonely at times, so here are some tips to help kick start new connections this Spring.

Start a new hobby or take the plunge and join a new group. You can always change your mind if it doesn't work out for you. Trying new activities can help open up more opportunities.

Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

Mark Twain

Get active in body and mind.

From a brisk group walk to a yoga class, or some armchair exercises on zoom. Challenge a neighbour to online scrabble or share a jigsaw together. If your street doesn't have a WhatsApp group, why not start one? It becomes a great support forum and a way to create new connections with those immediately around you.

Find out what's happening locally: Leightonlinslade-tc.gov.uk/55up/55up-groups-and-activities.

Citizens Online

If you need help getting online or with your technology, a free technology helpline exists. Ring Citizens Online's FREE on 0808 196 5883.

The technology helpline activities are funded by Leighton-Linslade Town Council.



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Let's Get Chatting in the Chatty Café



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Group (PPG) is setting up Chatty Café, in the Town Council's TACTIC Centre. TACTIC'S young people will work alongside the PPG volunteers providing an intergenerational welcome to café visitors.

Chatty Café is a nationwide project with over 900 venues

designed to bring the community together providing a space for people to have a chat over a tea, coffee and cake. Its an opportunity to interact with others who may be experiencing loneliness and would love a 'natter' with someone. You don't have to be lonely to enjoy a 'natter' so all are welcome.

The opening of the café is on Tuesday 1 March. Opening from 1000 -1300 hours in the TACTIC Centre, 17 Hockliffe Street, LU7 1EZ.

For more information call Rose (PPG) on 07538 331443 or email bassettroadppg@gmail.com.



OPENING
Tuesday
1 March

Take a look at our website



Community & Volunteering

We are lucky to have a host of invaluable volunteers within our community, giving up their time to help others and make Leighton-Linslade an even more appealing place to live.

This month we look at how we celebrate some of those individuals and groups on our website, from the recently launched Community Fridge, Speed Watch and The Friends of Leighton-Linslade in Bloom. They are all doing great things within our community. If you are looking for volunteers or would like to volunteer yourself, then complete the online form: www.leightonlinslade-tc.gov.uk/community-projects/.



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AUGUST continued

Sun 14	Music in the Park, Parson's Close Recreation Ground LU7 1SD (1500 - 1700 hrs)
Sat 20	Farmers & Producers Market, High Street LU7 7DN (0830 - 1300 hrs)
Sun 21	Music in the Park, Parson's Close Recreation Ground LU7 1SD (1500 - 1700 hrs)
Sat 27	Handmade & Craft Market, High Street LU7 7DN (0830 - 1500 hrs)
Sun 28	Visiting Street Food Heroes Market, High Street LU7 7DN (1100 - 1600 hrs)
Sun 28	Music in the Park, Parson's Close Recreation Ground LU7 1SD (1500 - 1700 hrs)

SEPTEMBER

Sun 04	Music in the Park, Parson's Close Recreation Ground LU7 1SD (1500 - 1700 hrs)
Sun 04	Dinosaur Day at Leighton Buzzard Railway visit: www.buzzrail.co.uk
Sat 10	Family Films Afternoon (1200 - 1600 hrs) & Last Night of the Proms Live Concert (1900 - 2230 hrs) Parson's Close Recreation Ground LU7 1SD
Sat 17	Farmers & Producers Market, High Street LU7 7DN (0830 - 1300 hrs)
Sun 18	Visiting Vegan Market, High Street LU7 7DN (1030 - 1600 hrs)
Sat 24	Handmade & Craft Market, High Street LU7 7DN (0830 - 1500 hrs)
Sun 25	Visiting Street Food Heroes Market, High Street LU7 7DN (1100 - 1600 hrs)

OCTOBER

Sat 15	Farmers & Producers Market, High Street LU7 7DN (0830 - 1300 hrs)
Sat 22	Handmade & Craft Market, High Street LU7 7DN (0830 - 1500 hrs)

NOVEMBER

Sat 19	Farmers & Producers Market, High Street LU7 7DN (0830-1300 hrs)
Sun 20	Charity Market, High Street LU7 7DN (1100 - 1500 hrs)
Fri 25 - Sun 27	Christmas Festival Weekend, High Street LU7 7DN visit: www.leightonlinslade-tc.gov.uk/events/
Sat 26	Handmade & Craft Market, High Street LU7 7DN (0830 - 1500 hrs)

DECEMBER

Fri 02 - Sun 04	Christmas Tree Festival, St Barnabas Church LU7 2LP visit: www.stbarnabaslinslade.uk
Sat 03	Small Business Saturday on the Market, High Street LU7 7DN (0830 - 1500 hrs)
Sat 10	Mayor's Christmas Carol Concert, All Saints Church LU7 1AE (1930 hrs)
Sat 17	Farmers & Producers Market, High Street LU7 7DN (0830 - 1300 hrs)
Sat 24	Christmas Handmade & Craft Market, High Street LU7 7DN (0830 - 1500 hrs)
Sat 24	Rotary Christmas Carols in the High Street LU7 7DN (1900 hrs) visit www.leightonlinsladerotary.com

Putting on an local event? Why not promote it on our Community Noticeboard web page. Forward your poster and a small paragraph about your event to info@leightonlinslade-tc.gov.uk

WHAT'S ON 2022

MARCH - DECEMBER LEIGHTON BUZZARD & LINSLADE



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MARCH	
Mon 21 Feb - Sun 06	Fairtrade Fortnight, for more information visit: www.facebook.com/fairtradell
Sun 06	Reflection & Thanksgiving Event, High Street LU7 7DN (1100 - 1500 hrs)
Fri 11	Mayor's Charity Quiz, Brooklands Residents Association LU7 3PQ (1900 hrs)
Sun 13	Visiting Vegan Market, High Street LU7 7DN (1030 - 1600 hrs)
Sun 13	Leighton Buzzard Railway - first day of the season visit: www.buzzrail.co.uk for more information
Sat 19	Farmers & Producers Market, High Street LU7 7DN (0830 - 1300 hrs)
Mon 21	Annual Parish Meeting, Leighton Buzzard Library Theatre LU7 1RX (1930 hours)
Sat 26	Handmade & Craft Market, High Street LU7 7DN (0830 - 1500 hrs)
Sun 27	Visiting Street Food Heroes Market, High Street LU7 7DN (1100 - 1600 hrs)
APRIL	
Tues 5 - Thurs 7	TACTIC Easter Playscheme (8-11yrs) TACTIC Centre LU7 1EZ tel: 01525 373838 for further details
W/C 11th	TACTIC Easter Activities (12-19yrs) TACTIC Centre LU7 1EZ tel: 01525 373838 for further details
Fri 15 - Mon 18	RCTA Floating Market on the Grand Union Canal LU7 2TA (1000 - 1700 hours)
Sat 16	Easter Egg Trail on the Market, High Street LU7 7DN (1000 - 1300 hrs)
Sat 16	Farmers & Producers Market, High Street LU7 7DN (0830 - 1300 hrs)
Fri 22	Visiting France at Home Market, High Street LU7 7DN (0830 - 1500 hrs)
Sat 23	Handmade & Craft Market, High Street LU7 7DN (0830 - 1500 hrs)
Sun 24	Visiting Street Food Heroes Market, High Street LU7 7DN (1100 - 1600hrs)
Wed 27	Business Networking Event, Leighton Buzzard Golf Club LU7 3JF (1800 - 2030 hrs)
Sat 30	Leighton Buzzard Railway - formal opening of the new extension visit: www.buzzrail.co.uk
MAY	
Fri 06	Mayor's Arabian Nights, Astral Park LU7 4AY
Sat 14 - Sat 28 May	Love Your Local Market Fortnight. Look out for social media posts, visit: www.facebook.com/LeightonBuzzardMarket
Sun 15	Mayor's Civic Service, All Saints Church LU7 1AE (1500 hrs)
Sat 21	Farmers & Producers Market, High Street LU7 7DN (0830 - 1300 hrs)
Sat 28	Handmade & Craft Market, High Street LU7 7DN (0830 - 1500 hrs)
Sun 29	Visiting Street Food Heroes Market, High Street LU7 7DN (1100 - 1600 hrs)
JUNE	
Thurs 02	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon Lighting, Parson's Close Recreation Ground LU7 1SD (2100 hrs)
Fri 03	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Rotary Event, High Street LU7 7DN & Parson's Close Recreation Ground LU7 1SD (1000 - 1600 hrs) visit: www.leightonlinslade-rotary.com
Sat 04	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration on the Market, High Street LU7 7DN (1030 - 1400 hrs)
Sun 05	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Big Lunch Food Festival, High Street LU7 7DN (1100 - 1600 hrs)
Sun 05	Music in the Park, Parson's Close Recreation Ground LU7 1SD (1500 - 1700 hrs)

JUNE continued	
Sun 12	Music in the Park, Parson's Close Recreation Ground LU7 1SD (1500 - 1700 hrs)
Sun 12	Visiting Vegan Market, High Street LU7 7DN (1030 - 1600 hrs)
Sat 18	Farmers & Producers Market, High Street LU7 7DN (0830 - 1300 hrs)
Sun 19	Music in the Park, Parson's Close Recreation Ground LU7 1SD (1500 - 1700 hrs)
Wed 22	Carnival's Picnic in the Park (0-5 year olds) Parson's Close Recreation Ground LU7 1SD (1000 - 1400 hrs) visit: leightoncarnival.co.uk/
Sat 25	Handmade & Craft Market, High Street LU7 7DN (0830 - 1500 hrs)
Sun 26	Visiting Street Food Heroes Market, High Street LU7 7DN (1100 - 1600 hrs)
Sun 26	Music in the Park, Parson's Close Recreation Ground LU7 1SD (1500 - 1700 hrs)
JULY	
Fri 01 - Sat 02	Buzzstock Music Festival, Leighton Buzzard Rugby Club, LU7 9HR visit: buzzstock.co.uk/
Sat 02	Independents' Day on the Market, High Street LU7 7DN (0830 - 1500 hrs)
Sun 03	Music in the Park, Parson's Close Recreation Ground LU7 1SD (1500 - 1700 hrs)
Sat 09	Leighton-Linslade Carnival, Parson's Close Recreation Ground LU7 1SD (1100 - 1600 hrs) visit: leightoncarnival.co.uk/
Sun 10	Music in the Park, Parson's Close Recreation Ground LU7 1SD (1500 - 1700 hrs)
Sat 16	Farmers & Producers Market, High Street LU7 7DN (0830 - 1300 hrs)
Sun 17	Music in the Park, Parson's Close Recreation Ground LU7 1SD (1500 - 1700 hrs)
Sun 17	Paw Patrol at Leighton Buzzard Railway visit: www.buzzrail.co.uk for more information
Sat 23	Handmade & Craft Market, High Street LU7 7DN (0830 - 1500 hrs)
Sun 24	Music in the Park, Parson's Close Recreation Ground LU7 1SD (1500 - 1700 hrs)
Sat 30	Linslade Canal Festival, Tiddenfoot Waterside Park LU7 2AE (1100 - 2000 hrs)
Sun 31	Music in the Park, Parson's Close Recreation Ground LU7 1SD (1500 - 1700 hrs)
Sun 31	Visiting Street Food Heroes Market, High Street LU7 7DN (1100 - 1600 hrs)
AUGUST	
25 Jul - 26 Aug	TACTIC Summer Playscheme (8-11yrs) TACTIC Centre LU7 1EZ, tel: 01525 373838 for further details
Wed 03	Children's Trail 10th Birthday Party, Linslade Recreation Ground LU7 2NR (1100 - 1400 hrs)
Sun 07	Music in the Park, Parson's Close Recreation Ground LU7 1SD (1500 - 1700 hrs)
Tues 09	Children's Playday on the Market, High Street (1000 - 1400 hrs)
The Charter Market runs throughout the year every Tuesday and Saturday (0830 - 1500 hrs)	

Please Note: Event location, dates and times were correct at the time of print, but may be subject to change. The Town Council does not accept any liability for error or omission for information on services it is not directly responsible for. Further Town Council event information can be found at www.leightonlinslade-tc.gov.uk

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WINNERS!

We won! Our Markets Team attended the NABMA (National Association of British Market Authorities) Conference in February completely unaware they were about to win an award. The Council is very pleased that our Market has been announced as the Best Local Council Market and would like to thank all the traders and customers who make the market what it is today.

The winners of the Great British Market Awards were announced at a prestigious event in Birmingham in February 2022. The awards were presented by Simon



Baynes MP for Clwyd South, the Chairman of the All-Party Markets Parliamentary Group. The awards are organised by NABMA (The National Association of British Market Authorities)

Best Local Council Market:
Leighton Buzzard Market.

A spokesperson from NABMA said:

"Local Councils are the growth membership for NABMA and this category has a winner with a market that dates back to the Domesday Book. As well as traders standing in this market for over 40 years, it has recently launched a young trader's scheme to encourage new entrepreneurs working with schools, Young Enterprise, the Prince's Trust and NMTE."

The operator has an expanding number of special events; is attracting a volume of enquires from new traders and offers a business start-up scheme that is proving very popular.

Social media is used extensively and without doubt this market is well loved in its town evidenced by online surveys."

This year sees the 10th Anniversary of the market being run by LLTC, watch this space for celebrations and event activity.

Our 'award winning' Market



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JUST 1 CHANGE in the garden...

Invest in a water butt and use it to water your garden with.



In every issue we will share with you how you can make JUST 1 CHANGE

Hi, Sustainable Suzi here: This month I'm taking a brave step into the wilderness. It's going to be one small step for women, one giant leap for womankind. I'm entering the back garden and let's face it the garden is like a different planet to me having been cooped up indoors over winter!

In the past I've planted a few early flowering bulbs and cowslips and over the coming weeks I expect the lawn to be decorated beautifully as they spread their way across the garden. I took my eye off the ball for a few crazy years and they spread out from the borders in their masses. And here is the dilemma, the grass is growing and the neighbours have already started cutting the grass - keen! What should I do, risk killing the flowers before they bloom, cut them whilst in bloom, or go with the flow and let them all

hang out in one great big blooming party?

I'm for the latter, as what I need now is colour and a strong sign of spring. Most importantly though, is the early opportunity for a multitude of insects to access nectar. I really want to support the insects that support my garden and this means making sure there are flowers of all sorts available.

Planting flowers, wild or not, is such an easy thing to do. A few plant pots by the front door are as valuable as a garden space for passing insects. For the office I may bring some pots into the office and enjoy the sweet scent of hyacinths.

The benefits of having plants indoors has often been talked about these last few months. I'm not going to expand on this but if you like science, read about the benefits of plants helping to create oxygen, etc; by looking up the word 'photosynthetic' and expand from there.

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Towpath Improvements planned for Grand Union Canal

The Canal & River Trust expect to undertake towpath improvements between May and September 2022 on the Grand Union Canal in Leighton Buzzard to provide better access for everyone; walkers, cyclists, families and people with mobility requirements, to promote the health and wellbeing benefits of being by water.

The work is being done in partnership with national walking and cycling charity Sustrans, custodians of the National Cycle Network, which runs along the towpath in Leighton Buzzard. Sustrans received funding from the Department for Transport (DfT) in response to the 'Paths For Everyone' review of the National Cycle Network in

2019. The project builds on previous

towpath improvements undertaken by the Trust in Leighton Buzzard in 2015, between Leighton Road and Leighton Lock.

The exact details of the new project are still to be designed and costed, but just over £500,000 of investment is being scoped to add a further 2.9km of improved towpath north and south of Leighton Buzzard, resulting in a 4.1km stretch of continuous high-quality towpath through Leighton Buzzard and surrounding areas. The Canal & River Trust is holding a community information event at the Linslade Memorial Pavilion on Saturday 23 April from (1330 - 1830 hours), where the project team will be on hand to talk about the project and answer questions.

For more information visit:
canalrivertrust.org.uk/leighton-buzzard

Call the Canal & River Trust on 03030 404040 or email enquiries: londonse@canalrivertrust.org.uk

Leighton-Linslade Town
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- Cemeteries
- Christmas Illuminations
- Community Events & Promotions
- Grants to Voluntary Organisations
- Markets
- Parks and Open Spaces
- Pavilions-Astral Park, Pages Park, Linslade Memorial Pavilion
- TACTIC-Teenage Advice & Information Centre
- Multi-Storey Car Park Toilets

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