

# ABOUT TOWN



LEIGHTON-LINSLADE  
TOWN COUNCIL

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The newsletter for residents of Leighton Buzzard and Linslade

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## *A Buzzing Summer!* IN LEIGHTON-LINSLADE



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# Introduction



In this edition we are focusing on a summer of fun. The middle pages tell you all about our summer scheme of events provided by the Town Council. All our events are free to attend and have something for everyone!

Our market is always on the look out for new traders. There is no commitment and you can sign up to just one market a year if you wanted to. Pitch fees are reasonable, so its worth a shot!

For more information, go to page 3.

**You can pick up a copy of About Town from any of these main locations:**

Aldi (Vimy Rd), The Library Theatre, Multi Storey Car Park, Tesco and the Train Station.

Please visit our website for a full list of locations.



## NEW COUNCIL

At the time of writing, we await the election of 21 new volunteer Town Councillors at the local elections taking place on 4 May 2023.

The new Council will hold its first meeting and elect a Mayor for the coming year on Monday 15 May. Keep an eye out on our website and social media channels for details of your new Councillors and we'll be publishing an introduction in our next edition of About Town.



## COUNCIL MEETINGS

The following meetings are anticipated to take place in May and June but please check our website for any changes. All meetings are open to the public and start at 1930 hours at the White House, Hockliffe Street, unless otherwise marked. Agendas and minutes of all meetings can be found on our website.

### May 2023

Mon	15	COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING (Astral Park)
Wed	17	Planning & Transport Committee
Mon	22	Grants & Awards Sub-Committee
Thur	25	Market Sub-Committee 1030 hours

### June 2023

Thur	01	Older Persons Sub-Committee 1000 hours
Mon	05	Grounds & Environmental Services Comm
Wed	07	Planning & Transport Committee
Mon	12	Cultural & Economic Services Committee
Thur	15	Partnership Committee
Mon	19	Policy & Finance Committee
Mon	26	COUNCIL (Astral Park)
Wed	28	Planning & Transport Committee

## 55UP is here to help!

**The Town Council 55UP project is seeking to tackle loneliness and isolation in older residents of Leighton-Linslade.**

Leighton-Linslade Community Agent is offering free support, advice and signposting across a range of issues including: Identifying benefits you may be entitled to eg. Pension Credit; Completing forms such as Blue Badge Applications; Support for carers; Joining voluntary & social groups.

Contact Caroline; your Community Agent on **07498 625526** or email: [leightonagent@bedsrcc.org.uk](mailto:leightonagent@bedsrcc.org.uk).

Citizens Online - Digital Skills Support Offering free face to face or over the phone digital support including: Booking online appointments; Chatting with loved ones; Learning about online safety.

We've now partnered with BedsRCC You Can Do IT and can loan tablets and 4G routers for up to 6 months for free. For more information and free support call: **0808 196 5883**.

To learn more about our 55UP initiative visit:  
[www.leightonlinslade-tc.gov.uk/55up](http://www.leightonlinslade-tc.gov.uk/55up).



**"The spirit never ages, it stays forever young"**

Lailah Gifty Akita



**CitizensOnline**





# Make your hobby a business!

We're actively recruiting new traders to all of our markets, not only to grow the market over time but to ensure its future over the coming years. The market can be a great way of trying out a new

space. If you are interested in joining us regularly, you can do so every Tuesday or Saturday, or both for £19 a pitch, including 4 days holiday per year. But if you prefer, you can remain a 'casual' and join us as and when you like. If you're aged under 30, ask us about our special Young Traders scheme for even more support and there are similar rates for our speciality markets too, our monthly Farmers and Producers Market and our seasonal Handmade and Craft market. Which one suits your business?

We would like to invite YOU to try out our market as a trader, pass on the word to any traders you know and also more importantly, to use it – shop in town, buy locally, grab your lunch at #FoodieTuesday, do your



Farmers and Producers Market



We're actively recruiting new traders to join all of our markets.

business, as an 'incubator' to see how it goes, without too much upfront cost, it can help local people start up new businesses and crafters and makers show their wares in person to new audiences.

Did you know, local people (in LU7) can get a special rate of just £15 for a stall for their first 3 dates on our market? That includes a gazebo ready set up for you and two tables to use, you just bring your stock! After 3 dates, the normal rate is £23 a pitch with no obligation to sign up permanently or weekly, you can just come when it suits you, subject to

Handmade and Craft Market



food shop at our Farmers and Producers Market, buy gifts at our Handmade and Craft Market make the most of all our stallholders expertise. **#LoveYourLocalMarket.**

Get in touch for more information on any of the above, or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

T: Market Manager on 07812 088116

leightonbuzzardmarket #LBMarket

E:Markets@leightonlinlade-tc.gov.uk





# A Buzzing

## IN LEIGHTON



*Coronation of  
King Charles III*



*Big Lunch Food  
Festival*

### **Saturday 6 May (1000 – 2130 hours) Parson's Close Recreation Ground**

To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, Leighton-Linslade Town Council is hosting a live-screening of the Coronation along with live music (The Heath Band and Leighton-Linslade Concert Band), family films (The Lion King (1994) & Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical (2022)), street theatre (Victorian Time Travellers) and a firework finale. Activities take place from 1000 hours with the firework finale shortly after 2100 hours.

### **Sunday 4 June (1100 – 1600 hours) Leighton Buzzard High Street**

The Big Lunch Food Festival returns to Leighton Buzzard High Street and celebrates food and culture from around the world. Over 35 food stalls representing countries including Sri Lanka, Lebanon and Iraq alongside delicacies from Mexico, South Africa and Turkey. Food demonstrations from Ben Harris, Italian chalk art and Celtic food sculptures alongside two stages of live entertainment and street music complete the entertainment line up for the day.



# Summer!

## N-LINSLADE



*Fun in the Park*

### **June – Sept (1500 – 1700 hours) Parson's Close Recreation Ground**

Music in the Park takes place every Sunday at the Bandstand between June and September. Featuring local brass, jazz and silver bands, the concerts include a short interval where refreshments can be purchased from Parson's Close Kiosk or the ice cream van which can often be found in the park on a sunny summer day.

Our park is also home to the splash and play, beach, BMX pump tracks and our new adventure playground which all can be enjoyed for free.



*Linslade Canal Festival*

### **Saturday 29 July (1100 – 1700 hours) Tiddenfoot Waterside Park**

Discover the sights and the sounds of the countryside and yesteryear at the Linslade Canal Festival with folk music performances on stage, traditional craft demonstrations and rural life stalls throughout the event. Crossing over at either the green or black bridge, visitors will be able to enjoy the trade and pleasure boats which decorate the canal bank while the paddocks area provides the chance to socialise with friends and family amongst the food stalls, stage area and licensed bar.





## Sexual Health Support

These services are available at TACTIC.

**Condom Card Scheme** The c-card scheme is aimed at young people between 13 – 19 years who can register to get a range of free condoms, information and support. The aim of the service is to promote reproductive and sexual health and help young people to access local services.

**Chlamydia Screening** Free Chlamydia screening. Confidential service and results sent directly to you.

### *Pregnancy Testing*

Confidential free service that provides you with the space to talk to one of our Youth Workers in confidence.



### *Red Box Project*

The Red Box Project is a community-based, charity, which aims to support young people throughout their periods by providing red boxes filled with free period products.



Call us on 01525 373838  
tactic@leightonlinlade-tc.gov.uk

*Why not pop in for a chat!*

## Potted Plant Sale!

The Friends of Leighton-Linslade in Bloom need your support.

**Pages Park Community Garden**

Sunday 28 May (1000 – 1230 hours)

**Linslade Community Garden**

Saturday 10 June (1030 – 1230 hours)

**Donations are welcome ....**

*“Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they’re worthless, but because they’re priceless”*



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## Conservation work due to start on the Market Cross



In the heart of our Town Centre sits the Market Cross, erected in the 15th century at a time when Leighton was a prosperous town and funded by resident Alice Chaucer. As a Scheduled Ancient Monument, it is subject to the highest level of controls. The Townland Trust, a charity charged with caretaking the upkeep of the Monument, has recently commissioned an expert in conservation to assess the Monument and develop a programme of conservation work. Works will commence on Monday 15 May and this will require an area around the Market Cross to be fenced off for scaffolding and work space. The conservation programme will help protect this much loved symbol of our town for years to come.

# Community Volunteer Awards

At the town's Civic Service held at All Saints Church on 26 February, the 2023 Community Volunteer Awards were presented to two very deserving recipients: Ian Summerfield and Anne Guess. Both award recipients were nominated by a fellow resident for having undertaken more than five years of voluntary service to the benefit of the town.

Anne Guess has been the Treasurer and a Committee member for the Leighton-Linslade Carnival for a number of years, as well as being involved with Scouts, Friends of Tiddenfoot Waterside Park, the Leighton

Linslade Music Centre, being a Town and District Councillor, a Governor at a local Lower School and a leading member of the Town Twinning Forum.

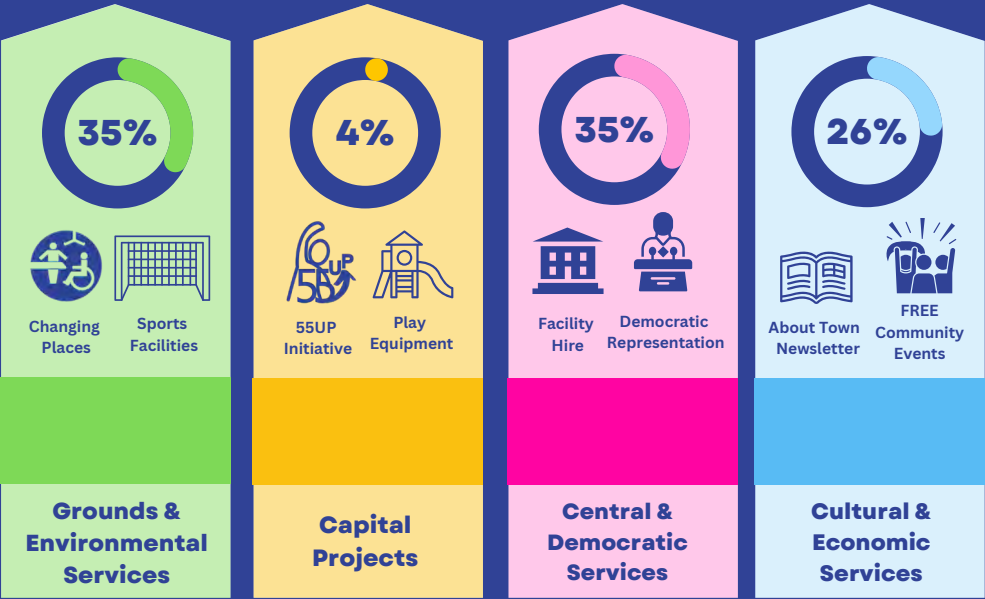
Ian Summerfield is another resident with a long history of volunteering to benefit others, with roles in Scouting, the Leighton Buzzard Rugby Football Club, the Multiple Sclerosis ("MS") Society, the Rotary Club of Leighton-Linslade and as a Governor at Oak Bank Academy.

See our website from June onwards for details of how to nominate someone for a 2024 award.



# TOWN COUNCIL SPENDING 2023/24

Some examples of how the Town Council spend your money



King Charles has campaigned for many years about environmental impacts. During his time as a Prince, King Charles used his position to champion positive change, spearheading numerous initiatives for the planet – most recently standing as a key figure during COP26. It is a good time to think about our own impact on the planet and the small changes we can make in our everyday lives. For some ideas, why not visit our website.





# Volunteer and make a difference!



## SPEEDWATCH

Community Speedwatch is a scheme to help

people reduce traffic speeding through their neighbourhood and enables volunteers to work within the parish to raise awareness of the dangers of speeding and to help control the problem locally. The scheme seeks to promote safer driving in our local communities by educating rather than prosecuting individuals.



Contact: WatchSchemes@beds.police.uk or telephone 07590 449815 for more info.



## STREETWATCH

Street Watch is about local residents promoting a better neighbourhood by patrolling their own streets. They

provide visible reassurance and appropriately engage in local issues that matter most to your community. The Streetwatch scheme is fully supported by Bedfordshire Police. It shows how local people are actively committed to making a positive difference in their community. Full training is given to volunteers joining the scheme. Contact us if you are interested in joining the volunteer group.



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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

### Central Bedfordshire Council



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- Housing
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Please email any comments you may have to:

**info@leightonlinslade-tc.gov.uk**



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