

Spring 2022

TEWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIONS AT THE TOWN COUNCIL

Tewkesbury Town Council declared a Climate Emergency in September 2019 and has been working to improve our environmental impact.

Some of the actions that have been taken by the Town Council to date include:

- Installing water saving 'hippo' bricks in all of our toilets, which save three litres of water per flush.
- Recycled toilet roll is also used in all Town Council owned toilets.
- Using a green electricity provider for all Tewkesbury Town Council properties.
- The Town Hall Garden and St Mary's Lane Mooring area take part in 'No Mow May' where the grass is not cut during May to encourage flowers and support the bee and insect population.
- Removing single use plastics from the Town Hall and Watson Hall kitchens and bar and encouraging hirers to do the same.
- The Town Hall is a registered water refill point – so if you are out and about and need a refill, do pop in!
- You can recycle toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, cheese wrappers and corks at the Town Hall.
- Reusing what we have - the tables in the Watson Hall bar have recently been refurbished thanks to local resident Ocean. We think they look amazing!



WHAT ARE WE CURRENTLY WORKING ON?

The new steel doors on Spring Gardens toilet block have significantly reduced the amount of vandalism and as a result, the council has decided to order new toilet doors for the road side doors at Spring Gardens. Installation is expected early Summer 2022.

A new ramp has been installed on the Back of Avon moorings; where the boat trips depart, to enable passengers safe and easy access on to the water.

We listened to your comments about litter along the Town to Newtown cycle path and will be providing new bins, which will be installed shortly.

What's On @ The Watson

May 2022

Northern Soul	14/05/22
Stitch Story	21 & 22/05/22
Open Mic Night	27/05/22
Meat Loud - Meatloaf Tribute	28/05/22

June 2022

Belly Dancing Event	4 & 5/06/22
Ceilidh Dance - Barn Dance	11/06/22
Rock for Ukraine	19/06/22
Open Mic Night	24/06/22
Spandau Ballet Tribute	25/06/22

July 2022

The Elvis Songbook	01/07/22
Handlebards - Twelfth Night	07/07/22



22ND - 24TH JULY, 2022

LIVE MUSIC & FAMILY ACTIVITIES

IN THE HEART OF TEWKESBURY TOWN

FREE ENTRY



64 Barton Street

64 Barton Street is better known as Tewkesbury Museum; which is run by Trustees and volunteers, but the council is responsible for the repairs and upkeep of the building. In 2021 we received a £25,000 grant from Historic England which was used to undertake repairs to the roof and to replace roof tiles to make the building watertight. Whilst the scaffolding was in place, a new oak fascia was installed at the front of the building. This looks like bright timber now, but will fade back to match the building in time. The building was also assessed by Historic England and has been deemed of suitable historical importance to be placed on the 'at risk register'.



The council is currently working on obtaining additional grant funding to repair the second floor decorative ceiling; which is of historic interest, and is currently propped up to prevent any further deterioration.

Surveys indicate that this work will cost in the region of £23,000.



Resident's Weekend

The first Resident's Weekend took place at the end of March, with great free events for kids and adults alike - Cartoon Circus, card making with Kitch and Kaboodle, music from Tommy and the Fuse and Mark Thompson's Spectacular Science show!

You may also have spotted the cherry picker that was used to put up the new bunting, which will stay up over the summer to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and the Tour of Britain cycle race which will start from Tewkesbury on 8th June (women's race) and 9th September (men's race).



Severn Ham – Abbey Mill Eel Pass

You may have noticed the digging around the Abbey Mill area of the Severn Ham and wondered what is happening. The excavation is the first stage in the installation of an eel pass, aimed at improving the migratory routes for European eels and is being carried out by the Environment Agency.

These eels are critically endangered with the number of juvenile eels decreasing by 95% across Europe in the last 30 years and without help, they are in danger of extinction.

The River Sever, the Mill Avon and River Avon are migratory routes for European eels and the amount of available habitat has decreased as a result of the construction of river barriers such as the Stanchard Pit Weir and Abbey Mill Sluice. The eel pass at Stanchard Pit Weir was completed in November 2021 and the completion of the Abbey Mill eel pass will make a 26.7km reach of the River Avon and its tributary; Carrant Brook, accessible to the critically endangered European eel.



Community Grants

Each year Tewkesbury Town Council allocates £10,000 to support local projects. These can be big or small requests, the only requirement is that they benefit those who live in Tewkesbury.

Over the past year we have supported big events such as Tewkesbury in Bloom, Tewkesbury Christmas Lights and Tewkesbury Alley Revival, but we have also supported a local playgroup who needed equipment, 1st Tewkesbury Boys' Brigade, Tewkesbury Town Band, Tewkesbury Library, Tewkesbury Battlefield Society, Prior's Park Community Church, Tewkesbury & District Friends of the Earth and Plastic Free Tewkesbury.



Applying is easy, just complete the form that can be found at <https://tewkesburytowncouncil.gov.uk/community-grants/>



Local Heritage List

Tewkesbury Borough Council is asking residents to nominate buildings, structures or areas in Tewkesbury that may not be of sufficient national significance to be designated as Listed Buildings, but are nevertheless of local historical, archaeological or architectural interest. These nominations will form the Local Heritage List. This does not give them legal protection, but means that when planning decisions are being made, consideration will be given to these assets.

For more information on the Local Heritage List and make a nomination, please visit:

<https://www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/local-heritage-list>

I want to raise an issue – who do I contact?

It's sometimes really difficult to know who does what in Tewkesbury when you have two councils that both have the words Tewkesbury and Council in the title.

In reality, we work together for the benefit of Tewkesbury but deliver different services.

Tewkesbury Town Council is responsible for the Town Hall, Watson Hall, the Tewkesbury Museum building, Public Toilets, Moorings, Play Parks (Derek Graham, Warwick Place & Mitton), Severn Ham, CCTV, the Arrivall Sculptures, the town clocks, the provision of litter bins, benches & bus shelters.

We can be reached on 01684 294 639.

Tewkesbury Borough Council is responsible for Bin Collections, Street Cleaning, Council Tax, Housing Benefit, some Play Parks, Planning, Car Parks, Licensing & Environmental Health.

They can be reached on 01684 295010.

And if you're still not sure, just call one of us, we'll always do our best to direct you to the right Council to deal with your query.

