

# Autumn 2023

## Tewkesbury Town Council Newsletter

The second Tewkesbury Live Music Festival happened 28th-30th July and what a weekend it was! Over 100 bands played at 17 venues over the weekend and there was something for everyone's musical taste. Blues, Jazz, Pop, Soul, Rock, Sea-shanties, Honkytonk, Ska, Punk, Reggae, Indie, Folk, Country, Funk and Hip-hop were all enjoyed in the Town and the feedback has been phenomenal.



Bands and visitors alike had a fantastic weekend and the mood was summed up by one band who said: "Tewkesbury is some sort of special musical vortex as well as being a town full of great people and it's a joy to play music in. Thank you everybody." If you missed out on purchasing your Tewkesbury Live T-shirt, they are still available from the Town Hall for £15 each and each purchase helps to fund the festival for 2024 (as well as being incredibly stylish!)

To see more from this year and to follow the 2024 festival plans, please visit [www.tewkesburylive.co.uk](http://www.tewkesburylive.co.uk) or our Facebook page.



**Tewkesbury Live 2024 Dates**

**Tewkesbury Live Announce Date For 2024**

Tewkesbury Live - Free Music Festival have revealed they will be back on Friday 26th of July to Sunday the 28th, 2024! Make sure to put the dates in your diary.

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# What's On at the Watson

## September 2023

Back to the 70's disco  
Daytime Disco (Free 1-4pm)  
Tewkesbury Vegan Fair  
90's Britpop and beyond

1st September  
5th September  
16th September  
30th September

## October 2023

Northern Soul  
Ceilidh Dance  
Wrong Jovi (Bon Jovi Tribute Act)  
South West Wrestling  
Daytime Disco (Free 1-4pm)

7th October  
14th October  
21st October  
28th October  
31st October

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events and tickets



## Upcoming Events

After the Tour of Britain was cancelled in 2022 due to the death of the Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, we are pleased to announce that it will be returning to Tewkesbury on Saturday 9th September.

Stage seven of the race will start in Tewkesbury and finish in the historic Gloucester Docks, giving local residents a chance to watch both the start and finish of the race.

Full details of the route and riders are available from:

<https://www.tourofbritain.co.uk/race/2023-tour/>



## News from the Severn Ham

The start of hay making on the Severn Ham was delayed this year due to the continual wet weather during July. The Ham is not allowed to be cut until after the 2nd July each year in order to protect the ground nesting birds.

Cattle and sheep will be returning to graze the Ham this year and we ask that dogs are kept on leads around the livestock. This mix of cattle and sheep should mean that the Ham is grazed more lightly than in previous years and we hope that this will allow the rare plants to flourish more in the north of the Ham.

The resurfacing of the path on the Severn Ham; particularly to improve the accessibility for wheelchair users, has now been completed.

This project has used a self bonding gravel which; although it initially looks loose, will harden and form a strong, durable surface the more it is used. This type of path is recommended for sites like the Severn Ham, as it is kinder to the environment, rather than using tarmac.



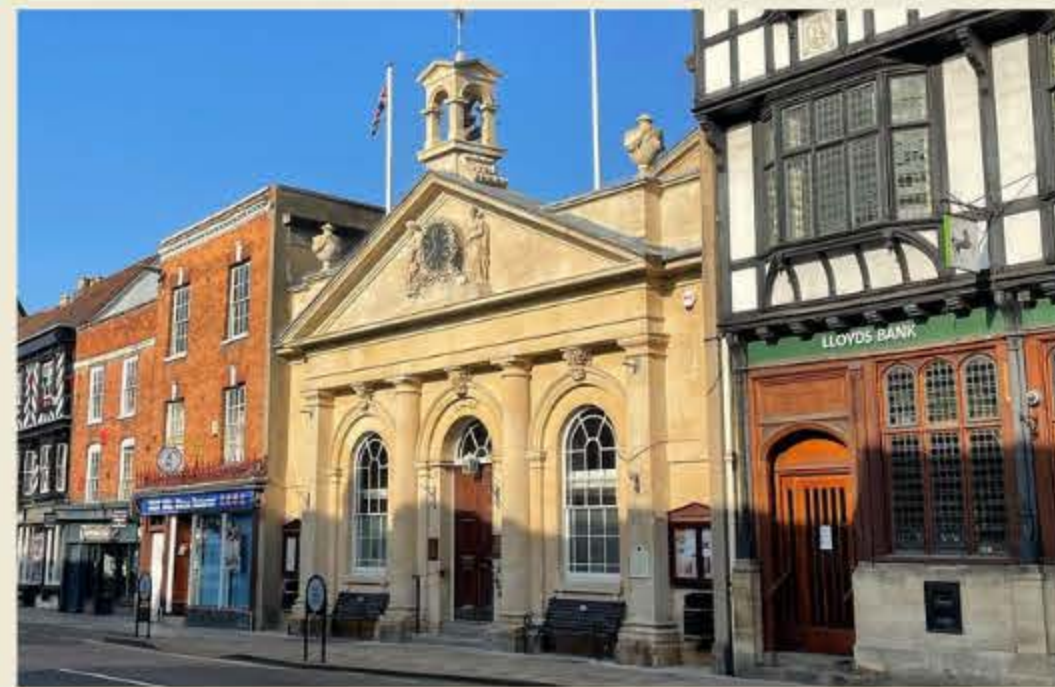
# Town Council Activities

A new bus shelter has been installed opposite 'The Odessa'. Our thanks go to Gloucestershire County Council for their matched funding support on this project. We've already received positive feedback from local residents and are glad that it is being well used.



The Town Council has also replaced the noticeboard in Newtown over the last couple of months. It can be found outside Busy Bees nursery. This is the last one in the Town to be upgraded to the new style and we think it looks very smart in it's new location.

You may have noticed that the front of the Town Hall has had a facelift over the summer months. Originally built in 1857, the stonework that forms the front of the Corn Exchange has been cleaned and repaired, so that it will look good for many years to come. The Council received funding from the High Street Heritage Action Zone for part of this work and the difference is clear to see from the before and after pictures.



## Tewkesbury Museum @ 64 Barton St.

The Town Council has secured £367,000 in funding from the MEND fund through Historic England. This will enable the building to be repaired and restored to its former glory and ensure the Museum has a safe and beautiful building for many years to come.

Joanne Raywood, Chair of Museum Trustees said, "Tewkesbury Museum is an increasingly popular visitor attraction within Tewkesbury and rightly so. We have a wealth of fascinating artefacts to show and wonderful stories to tell. In recent years, however, the deteriorating condition of the building has hampered trustees and volunteers in their efforts to improve the service that the museum provides, not only to tourists but to the local community. The repair works will come as a welcome relief and will also enable us to focus our energy on serving the public better. Our thanks go to all involved in making this happen."

The Town Council is currently going through the tendering process for the works and it is hoped they will start in Autumn 2023

# Tewkesbury Goes Wild!

July was also the month that Tewkesbury went wild! With over 40 free events across the month, this pilot project showcased the amazing nature in Tewkesbury. With dawn and dusk nature walks, craft activities, making bug hotels, bat walks, bird identification sessions, talks on natural flood prevention and the newly built eel pass, outdoor theatre and so much more. The pilot was such a success that it will be returning next July, so keep an eye out for the details.



## Contact Us

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