



Tewkesbury Town Council Newsletter - Winter 2024



The Town Council has been busy again in 2023 and is grateful to have received several grants to help restore our beautiful listed buildings. The Town Hall received a facelift in the Spring and the Museum building is currently covered in scaffolding and undergoing significant works, for full details see page 2! Other improvements around the Town have included the replacement of railings on the Riverside Walk, a new bus shelter opposite the Odessa, a larger noticeboard for Newtown, maintenance to the Arrivall sculptures and completed significant repairs to the path on the Severn Ham, to make it more accessible for wheelchair users. In addition, the Town Council organised music festival, 'Tewkesbury Live' returned for a second year and brought over 100 bands to the Town in July.

2023 also saw elections in Tewkesbury Town and we welcomed a number of new Councillors to the Council.

One of the first tasks undertaken was to review the Strategic Plan for the Council and the five priorities were seen as:-

1. To make Tewkesbury a destination of distinction
2. To maintain and protect the distinctive historic character of the Town
3. To improve community cohesion and support
4. To provide youth centric spaces and forums
5. To have a proactive approach to green initiatives

The full plan can be found on the Town Council website and we also need your input. We're currently looking at refurbishing the Derek Graham Play Area, to fill in the survey, please scan the QR code opposite or visit the Town Council website.



Scan here to complete the survey about refurbishing the Derek Graham Play Area



Tewkesbury Town Crier to Retire

After 25 years of service, our amazing Town Crier, Mike Kean-Price has decided that it is time to pass the bell on to a new Town Crier. The Town Council recently presented him with a plaque and special pin badge to mark his 25 years of service.

Could you be the next Tewkesbury Town Crier? If you're interested please get in touch with the Town Clerk on 01684 294639 for an informal chat about the role.



Securing the future of Tewkesbury's past

Things are happening at Tewkesbury Museum! Even in a town centre that seems to be full of scaffolding at the moment, no one can have failed to notice the mega-structure that currently surrounds our home at 64 Barton Street. This is courtesy of the MEND grant that the Town Council secured in February last year. Good progress is being made on the works to repair the building and improve the environmental conditions within it, to the benefit of volunteers, visitors and most importantly, our collections.

During September and October last year, we carefully packed away 7,500 artefacts, so that the building could be emptied. Only the fairground and battle displays remain. When we return next spring we will have a blank canvas on which to design the future look of our museum. In the meantime, we have a pop-up museum in the Town Hall, where we have a photographic display full of people and events that need to be identified. We are also conducting tours of the Town Hall cells and the Council Chamber, where visitors can see the Council's fine art collection, as well as some of the museum's civic artefacts on display.

Also in the Town Hall, we have the Tewkesbury Museum Project Book, in which we are collecting and developing ideas for new displays and revamped galleries. All ideas are welcome.

This is your museum, so come and tell us what you think.

Thank you to Tewkesbury Museum Trustees for providing this article for our winter newsletter.



This mid 17th Century decorated ceiling will be restored to its former glory



The scaffolding completely surrounds the building.



Our Romano-British skeleton has been carefully packed away until we can display her again.

Warm Space - Tewkesbury Town Hall

We are a
Warm
Space

The Old Court Room at Tewkesbury Town Hall is open as a warm space again this winter. The space is open Monday - Thursday, 9.30am - 3pm, Friday, Saturday & Sunday 12-3pm (alternate Sundays only from 21st January).

Come and join us for tea, coffee and biscuits.

What's on at the Watson?

Looking for something new to do in 2024? Why not come and try one of the regular activities that take place at the Watson Hall.

Tuesday & Friday - Fit for Life, exercise classes for older adults 10-11am
fitforlifegloucester@gmail.com

Wednesday - Ceroc dance lessons 7.45-10.30pm bakerjohnb1@aol.com

Wednesday - Choir Factor 7.30-9pm enquiries@thechoirfactor.com

Thursday - Tewkesbury Yoga for Health and Wellbeing 5.30-6.45pm
rachel@tewkesburyyoga.com

Thursday - Tewkesbury Pub Singers 7.30-9.30pm tewkesburypubsingers@gmail.com



Daytime discos - 26th February & 14th March 1-4pm, free entry, just turn up



Tewkesbury Live 2024 Dates

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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.

<https://tewkesburylive.co.uk/> @tewkesburylive

Tewkesbury Live is back for 2024, but we need your help to make it a success.

Fancy playing at the festival?
Applications are open at
tewkesburylive.co.uk

Fancy sponsoring the event?
Give us a call, we'd love to talk to you.

Want to be a volunteer and get to wear one of our fabulous yellow t-shirts?

Message us:
events@tewkesburytowncouncil.gov.uk
we'd love to have you on the team.

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Precept Information - Annual Report

Tewkesbury Town Council is made up of 16 Councillors who live in Tewkesbury Town parish. Councillors volunteer to serve on the Town Council and receive no payment for their time. Their role is to represent the 5,411 households in Tewkesbury.

Precept for 2024-2025

On Monday 15th January the council voted to increase the precept from £469,750 to £494,540. For each house banding it equates to the following increase:

- Band A from £86.88 to £91.72 a year, increase of 9p per week
- Band B from £101.36 to £107.01 a year, increase of 11p per week
- Band C from £115.84 to £122.30 a year, increase of 12p per week
- Band D from £130.25 to £137.58 a year, increase of 14p per week
- Band E from £159.28 to £168.16 a year, increase of 17p per week
- Band F from £188.24 to £198.73 a year, increase of 20p per week
- Band G from £217.20 to £229.30 a year, increase of 23p per week
- Band H from £260.64 to £275.16 a year, increase of 28p per week

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Who does what in Tewkesbury?

