

Newsletter

 **Malvern Town Council**

Spring 2023

“About Your Town Council”

Welcome to the spring newsletter for 2023. As we look ahead to a busy spring and summer period with a calendar full of events and a number of exciting projects to progress, we thought it would be a good time for a quick recap on what your local Town Council does.



Cemetery

Malvern Town Council is responsible for the care and maintenance of a large number of assets within the Town. These include Great Malvern Cemetery, Rosebank Gardens, two allotment sites, eleven play areas, football pitches, two sports pavilions, a skateboard park, 20 gas lamps, litter bins, bus shelters, benches, as well as a large number of green and open spaces throughout the town. Current projects being worked on are a new building for Victoria Park and provision of recreational facilities on new land off Clover Way.



Allotments

The Council organises a range of events throughout the Town for the benefit of local residents. These include Bands in the Park, the Christmas light switch-on, the Mayor's Bonanza and a Health & Wellbeing Fair. A number of fundraising events are also held to support the Mayoral charity each year.



Bus Shelter



Rose Bank Gardens

Malvern Town Council has twenty Councillors who, after the May elections, will represent nine wards. There are seventeen members of staff ranging from a full-time Town Clerk to a part-time gate-keeper at the Cemetery. Nearly all of the events and grounds maintenance works are run by Town Council staff along with some volunteers, thus helping to keep service delivery high and costs low.



Victoria Park

The Town Council is here to represent the views of residents and comments on planning applications submitted to Malvern Hills District Council as well as lobbying other organisations on key issues. The Council also has a Neighbourhood Plan and runs a bi-annual grants scheme.



Health & Wellbeing Fair

Saturday 29th April 11am-5pm

Exciting new location in Priory Park Join us for a day of positivity

if you would like to have a stall at this event please contact Clare.clawrence@malvern-tc.org.uk 01684 566667

Elections - Become a Councillor for Malvern Town

On **Thursday 4 May 2023**, there will be elections for Malvern Town Council. These elections are the community's chance to pick the Councillors who will represent them for the next four years.

Being a Councillor is a rewarding experience, you represent your community, shape its future and plan for the services it needs. You do not need any specific qualifications or experience, just enthusiasm and an interest in representing your community in local matters. For more details about eligibility and the application process please contact Electoral Services at

Malvern Hills District Council. Telephone and email contact details are 01684 862200 www.elections@malvernhill.gov.uk



Nomination forms and further information can be found on Malvern Hills District Council's website www.malvernhill.gov.uk/voting-and-elections

Nomination papers must be delivered by hand to the returning officers at The Council House in Avenue Road between **10am and 4pm on Tuesday 4 April 2023**.

Book an appointment for submission by calling 01684 862200.



Elections - Voting

From **Thursday 4 May 2023** voters will be required by law (Elections Act 2022) to show an approved form of **photographic identification** to polling station staff before being issued with a ballot paper.

Please go to Malvern Hills District Council's website for a list of accepted forms of photographic identification www.malvernhill.gov.uk/voting-and-elections

If you don't have any of the accepted forms of photographic identification you will be able to apply either in person, by post or online, for a Voter Authority Certificate – this is a free photographic identification document.

Applications for Voter Authority Certificates can be made online at www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate

Applications can also be made by post or in person at The Council House, Avenue Road, Malvern WR14 3AF. The deadline to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate is 5pm, 6 working days before poll.

Please contact Electoral Services 01684 862200 for further information.



Town Council Events



The Mayor's Peaks Challenge - Join us on Saturday 29 April for the Mayor's Peaks Challenge 2023 and help to raise important funds for Guide Dogs. Participants can choose from two different lengths of walk - the long walk of 15km, at a cost of £20 or a shorter walk of 7km, which is £15. All entrants will receive an event T-shirt and a finisher's medal, with dogs taking part receiving their own rosette. Most importantly, due to our generous sponsors, all entry fees will go directly to Guide Dogs. Visit the Town Council website to book your place.

Health and Wellbeing Fair, Priory Park - Also on Saturday 29 April, the Council's annual Health & Wellbeing Fair is being held from 11am until 5pm. This year, this event is being held in Priory Park for the first time, allowing it to be bigger and better than before. Local therapists and practitioners will be offering samples, information and demonstrations, so come along and join us for a day of positivity and give your mental and physical wellbeing a boost.

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
7 May 2.30pm—5pm	King's Coronation Event Malvern Hills District Brass Band will perform alongside a children's art project and the provision of hand waving flags and crowns.	Priory Park
14 May— 17 September 2.30pm—4.30pm (excluding the three dates below)	Free Sunday band concerts for the community. Music from a range of genres including rock, pop, blues, brass bands, country and jazz.	Priory Park
25 June 2.30pm—4.30pm	Join us for Armed Forces Day with military style music from The Lydbrook Band.	Priory Park
20 August 2.30pm—4.30pm	A themed Bands in the Park event to mark Ukrainian Independence Day .	Priory Park
27 August 12noon—5pm	The Mayor's Bonanza community event, with fete stalls, fairground rides, music, dance and food, whilst raising funds for the Mayor's charity.	Victoria Park

News from the Ground

Mill Lane

Malvern Town Council has now taken ownership of an area of recreational land off Clover Way and adjacent to the council-owned Adam Lea play area. This land has been gifted to the Council by the Charlock Road housing developer along with a payment for its future maintenance. A public consultation has now been carried out to ask residents what the future uses of this land should be, with ideas such as a wilding area, more play area equipment, and a bike pump track being put forward.

Mill Lane



Rosebank Gardens

Entranceway Bed - the entranceway bed to Rosebank Gardens has recently been raised at the front by approximately one metre to give a level planting surface. The bed has been raised using oak sleepers and planted with Precious Ruby bush roses which will produce scarlet-red blooms from June to September.

Entranceway Bed



Hoop Fencing

New Fencing - new hoop-top fencing has been installed, along the lower pathway on the western boundary of Rosebank Gardens. This replaces the previous fencing which was in a bad state of repair and helps to improve the appearance of the gardens.

Bus Shelter Outside Rose Bank Gardens - Refurbishment works have been taking place to the bus shelter outside Rose Bank Gardens. The new canopy has been made and fitted and anthracite metal cladding fixed to the rear wall, the remaining works are glazing of the canopy and reinstating the benches.



Malvern sign

Malvern Sign - the Town Council will be installing a new 'Malvern' sign behind the new wall and bench to the left of the 99 steps in Rosebank Gardens (as pictured). These galvanized steel letters will be of a 3D boxed design and 1m in height. This unique sign will encourage visitors into the town and gardens whilst being sympathetic to the environment of Rosebank Gardens.

New Electrical Vehicle - the Town Council has recently ordered a Corvus Terrain EX4 Utility Vehicle or electric buggy. This vehicle has a four-wheel-drive capability, a heated cab for winter use as well as 60 mile range per charge, it is also in line with the Council's environmental policy.

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