

**Warminster Town Council newsletter**

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*The Town Mayor, Cllr Stacie Allensby and Deputy Mayor, Cllr Andrew Cooper*

**Cllr Stacie Allensby is new Town Mayor**

Warminster Town Council has a new Mayor. Cllr Stacie Allensby has been unanimously elected as Chairman of the Council and Town Mayor for 2024-25. Cllr Allensby joined the council three years ago – is married with two children and has lived in Warminster for most of her life. Her outside interests include looking after her many animals.

Cllr Allensby is looking forward to her new role and doing the best for and by the people of Warminster, as well as engaging with the younger population having recently been [appointed as a Youth Champion](#) alongside Cllr Jones.

The Mayor's charities for 2024 – 2025 will be the Wiltshire Air Ambulance and the Westbury and Warminster Youth Club.

Read [more here](#).

**Dates for your diary**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May:** Skatepark Jam - Lake Pleasure Grounds

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June:** [Summer Market](#) – Civic Centre and Town Centre

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July:** [Park Centenary](#): 100 years of the Lake Pleasure Grounds

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August:** [Ice Cream and Bubbles Festival](#) – Warminster Lake Pleasure Grounds

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September:** Autumn Market – Civic Centre and Town Centre

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October:** Pumpkins in the Park – Warminster Lake Pleasure Grounds

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November:** Remembrance Sunday – Town Centre

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November:** Christmas Market and Christmas Lights Switch-On – Civic Centre and Town Centre



### Retiring Mayor gives thanks after successful year

The retiring Mayor, Cllr Phil Keeble, has passed on his thanks for the privilege of his year in office.

Cllr Keeble said: "A lot has been achieved in the past 12 months but as always there is much more to be done. We continue to work with others to find ways to improve the town to make it a better place to live and to regenerate the town centre to make it a thriving centre for retail, leisure and services. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve the town."

Read [more here](#).



### Warminster Neighbourhood Plan: Call for Sites – now open

Warminster Neighbourhood Plan (WNP) Steering Group, in conjunction with Warminster Town Council, are pleased to announce the launch of its Site Allocation process – Call for Sites.

This initiative invites residents, landowners, developers and community groups to propose land and sites within the parish boundary for potential future housing development.

The Warminster Neighbourhood Plan Review does not have to allocate local sites for development. However, doing so can enable development of small to medium size and brown-field sites to meet the needs of our community.

Read [more here](#).



### Preparations continue ahead of unique event

Excitement is building and additional preparations continue ahead of the 100th Anniversary of the Lake Pleasure Grounds event on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024. The event will run from 4pm to 10pm, featuring musical acts including an Elton John tribute act – Forever Elton, and Beatles tribute act – The Beatles with an A, in what is set to be an event for all the family.

Read [more here](#).

### Some of the things Warminster Town Council is responsible for:

- The Lake Pleasure Grounds
- The Pavilion Café
- Nine Play Areas
- Hanging baskets
- Street sweeper – 'Basil Brushes'
- Public Toilets in Central Car Park
- The Obelisk and War Memorial
- Yeates Meadow
- CCTV for Warminster and Westbury



### Excitement builds for next bumper independent market

It will soon be time for the [Warminster Independent Summer Market on Saturday 29th June](#).

[Warminster Business Network](#) in conjunction with Warminster Town Council will deliver the Warminster Independent Summer Market.

Building on the success of the Warminster Independent Spring Market – 80 stalls, food vendors and funfair rides will greet visitors with the community uniting once again – as the market promotes local businesses and encourages visitors to all areas of the town.

The High Street and Market Place are set to be closed with multiple independent stalls in the town centre, as well as a popular indoor market with even more independent stallholders in the Civic Centre from 10am to 4.30pm.

Further details about the Summer Market entertainment, road closures and stallholders will be released via the [Warminster Town Council website](#) and social media pages, as well as the [Warminster Independent Instagram page](#).



### Youth focus

Warminster Town Councillors have cemented their commitment to working and supporting the younger population in the town

Members resolved to enter into an agreement for year round [youth worker provision](#), where workers go out onto the streets to engage with young people in Warminster at a cost of £10,000 per annum.

Warminster Town Council recently [appointed two Youth Champions](#) Cllr Stacie Allensby and Cllr Jack Jones (pictured above), who will act as contacts for young people to talk about ideas. The new positions recognise the need for more support for young people and will create a more open dialogue between the youth of Warminster and the town council.

Town councillors have previously unanimously [approved £10,000 for free activities for young people](#) – which have already included popular free canoeing and tennis sessions.

### Community Grants scheme now open

Warminster Town Council is once again offering grants to voluntary organisations by [opening their 2024 Grants Applications](#). Applications for grants can be made by local community groups or charities which support the community of Warminster.

Only one grant per organisation may be given in any council year, which is limited to £2,500 per applicant. The council year runs from 1st April to 31st March. The award of a grant comes with the proviso that the recipient should attend the Annual Town Meeting to report on how the money has been used or, if this is not possible, must provide the Town Clerk with a written report for the meeting.

If you would like to apply for a grant on behalf of your charity, please download the application pack from the Warminster Town Council website here. The deadline for submitting applications is Friday 7th June 2024.

Packs can also be emailed to you via [admin@warminster-tc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@warminster-tc.gov.uk) or collect an application pack in person from Warminster Civic Centre, Sambourne Road, Warminster BA12 8LB



### Focus on the Lake Pleasure Grounds

Warminster Lake Pleasure Grounds remains beautiful and busy with even more facilities and activities now open. This includes the very popular [Splash Pad](#), mini-golf, boating on the lake and tennis courts.

In total there are five tennis courts and a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) for public play. The MUGA is free to use all the time, and the tennis courts are £6 per one hour session or £40 for a year's membership, which allows up to 4 hours a week playtime.

For more details visit: [www.lta.org.uk/play](http://www.lta.org.uk/play)

[New play park equipment has been installed](#) and food and drink is available seven days a week from the [Pavilion Café](#).

Visitors can hire equipment from the café for use on the tennis courts and putting green as well as pay by card for the boats and canoes.

## Find us...

Please see our website for councillor contact details:  
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