



Community Projects & Facilities

- A contractor has been appointed to begin the initial design work for the proposed Diss Youth & Community Centre, marking an exciting milestone for the project.
- Councillors have approved plans for a sauna at Diss Park. We will now work with the project developer to progress the scheme, with further discussions taking place soon.
- Need support for a community project? Diss Town Council's Small Community Grant Scheme offers grants of up to £1,000 for eligible community groups, charities and not-for-profit organisations. If your project will benefit Diss, we'd love to hear from you.

Upcoming Events

- The Events committee is busy with plans for this year's Christmas Lights Switch-On (5th December). In September, the Remembrance committee will meet to plan this year's parade and Market Place ceremony for 8th November.

Looking Ahead...

Over the coming months, we'll continue to:

- Move the DYCC project forward.
- Support town events
- Support the Mere Water Quality Partnership (a group of knowledgeable & passionate members of the community working with the Town Council and other key stakeholders to consider both short-term treatments and long-term ecological restoration measures to improve the Mere water quality)

Celebrating our staff and community heroes!

- We were delighted to celebrate 20 years of service from two valued members of staff. Buildings & Facilities Manager Robert Ludkin and Office Administrator/Cemetery Lead Melissa Hawkes have both served the Town Council since 2006. Thank you both for your dedication and commitment!
- Congratulations to Keith Kiddie, who recently received an award from the Town Mayor in recognition of more than 15 years of dedicated service to the local community.
- Congratulations also to George Waterman, winner of the Environmental Champion of the Year 2026 award. George was recognised for his outstanding commitment to protecting and improving the local environment through leading the Diss Litter Picking Group, enhancing green spaces, and supporting projects including the Diss Community Woodland.

Planning & Infrastructure

- The Planning Committee has continued to review major planning applications, including proposals for the petrol station at Morrisons. Councillors commented on drainage, flood risk and planning conditions to control extraction and ventilation equipment, odour, noise, operating hours, and waste, to protect nearby residents and businesses.
- Diss Town Council's Planning Sub-Committee has unanimously recommended refusal of planning application 2025/1543 for a proposed 66-bed care home. The revised plans did not adequately address concerns about the building's height and scale, its impact on the surrounding area, overlooking and privacy, and the potential effects of construction on neighbouring properties.

Supporting local residents

- We continue to support and guide residents, raising concerns with the relevant authorities about pavements, highways, drainage, weed management and rat issues throughout the town.
- Not sure who to contact? Report, view or discuss local issues on

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