



Working with our community

It has been a busy and rewarding summer, working alongside residents, schools and local organisations to celebrate and support our town.

Highlights from the Season

- Delivered two beacon lighting ceremonies in Diss Park to commemorate 80th anniversaries of VE and VJ Day
- Travelled 'around our world' at Diss Carnival
- Networked with local businesses through a series of retail excellence workshops
- Supported the library's re-opening event and discussed ways to work together
- Collaborated with a local business and the High School on a design competition for a Town Mayor's chain insertion
- Partnered with the Heritage Trust and independent traders on projects to smarten closed shop fronts and launch the new Visit Diss website
- Continued work with Skate Park users to explore funding opportunities for improvements
- Welcomed two Diss High School students for a week of work experience



Plans set for Remembrance

Diss' annual Remembrance Parade, wreath-laying ceremony, and service will begin at 2:10pm. For the first time, the route will extend from the Methodist Church car park, proceeding along Mere Street under a road closure. Around 35 organisations are expected to take part, including the Salvation Army Band, Armed Forces personnel, emergency services, and youth organisations.



A traditional "drumhead" service will follow in the Market Place before a 3pm remembrance service at St Mary's Church. Wreaths will then be moved to the war memorial for dedication. Town Clerk Sarah Villafuerte-Richards said, "We invite everyone to join us in honouring the sacrifices made by our servicemen and women to protect our freedom."

Roads will be closed from 2-3:30pm on 9th November. A minute's silence will also be observed in the Market Place on Monday 10th November at 11am. Diss Town Council has signed the Armed Forces Covenant, recognising the contributions of serving personnel, veterans, and military families. More details: www.diss.gov.uk

Upcoming Events

- **Diss Christmas Lights Switch-On** - Saturday 29th Nov 2025
Live entertainment, stalls, Santa's Grotto, funfair and more!
- **Town Mayor's Carol Concert** Tuesday 9th Dec 2025, St Mary's Church
In aid of the Mayor's Charity: Friends of Diss Primary Academy Partnership. Performances from local school choirs, audience carols and festive refreshments.

Future Projects

Looking ahead, we are exploring "Age Friendly Communities" accreditation with South Norfolk Council's Health & Wellbeing Partnership, considering forming a group to secure funding for wildlife and community projects, and planning practical improvements during a team boardwalk maintenance day.

Could You Be Our Next Town Councillor?

We currently have a vacancy on Diss Town Council. Councillors represent local views, help shape the town's future, and support community projects. If you have time, skills or passion for your community, we'd love to hear from you. For more information or for an application form: www.diss.gov.uk/the-role-of-a-councillor



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