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A letter from the Chair and Mayor



Hello everyone! I'm Karen Tweedale and I'm delighted to be writing to you as Mayor of Daventry for 2024/25.

I am privileged to have been elected to this position for a second term, and grateful for the opportunity to continue serving the

Daventry community, which has extended a warm welcome to my family since we moved here in 2009. I have served as a Councillor since 2014 and was previously Mayor in 2021/2022.

Being Mayor is so much more than just a title to me. It is a chance to serve our community by listening to your concerns and working together to enhance everyone's quality of life. As Daventry continues to grow, it is crucial that the town centre adapts to serve its residents. We must ensure that the voices of Daventry's residents are being heard while also ensuring the town continues to flourish.

Once again, the Town Council has put together a packed schedule of free events and I'm really looking forward to seeing the town bustling with people having a great time. We've already enjoyed some fantastic events this year, including

Bark in The Park, Easter Market, Daventry Pride Party in the Park, Summer Games, Skate Jam, Community Litter Picks and a full programme of Summer Activity Days for families. You'll find full dates and details of all our upcoming events and activities inside this newsletter.

MAYOR'S NOMINATED CHARITIES: As someone who works in a local secondary school, I often witness the struggles faced by our young people. A crucial support system we are fortunate to have is Teen Clinic Daventry, which provides an invaluable service to our community. This passion for supporting young people has led me to choose two local charities to support during my time as mayor: Service Six and Northamptonshire Domestic Abuse Service (NDAS).

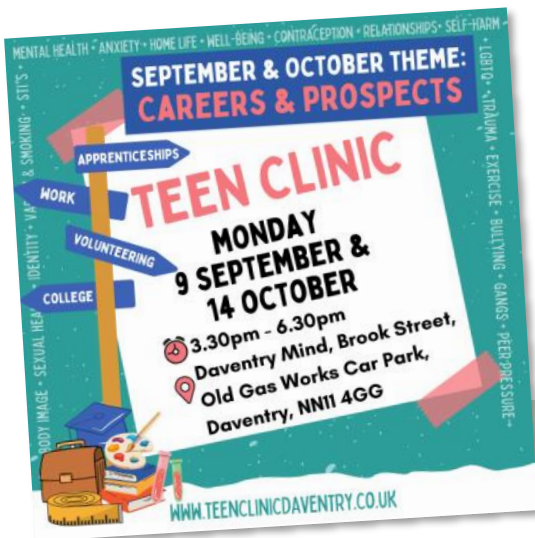
Service Six is an award-winning charity providing mental health and wellbeing help and support to children, young people and their families. They also provide valuable youth support at the monthly drop-in Teen Clinic.

NDAS helps women, men, and children with practical and emotional support to recover from the trauma of domestic abuse.

I hope you will join me in supporting Service Six and NDAS throughout my term in office. These two charities can make a significant impact on the lives of young people and families in our community with our collective support.

To keep up to date with all my Mayoral appointments and fundraising events, follow the new Facebook page — *Daventry Town Mayor*.

Mayor, Cllr.
Karen Tweedale



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Museum

D-Day 80th Anniversary Commemorations

The Museum held a poignant exhibition commemorating the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings and the Battle of Normandy. Exhibits took visitors on a thought-provoking journey on what life was like during wartime and reflected on the most significant victory of the Western Allies during World War Two.



Daventry Town Council (DTC) honoured the sacrifice of local servicemen by sponsoring a plaque on behalf of the people of the town which forms part of the 'Standing with Giants' installation at the British Normandy Memorial in Ver-sur-Mer, France. The plaque is dedicated to 23-year-old Albert Louis Andrews, who was killed in action on D-Day. It stands among the 1,475 silhouettes representing the servicemen who died on D-Day under British command during the Normandy landings.

DTC also reaffirmed its commitment to support the Armed Forces community by signing the Armed Forces Covenant on the eve of the 80th anniversary of D-Day. The ceremony was held at the Town Council offices on 5th June 2024. The Covenant ensures that service personnel and veterans are not disadvantaged when accessing services like healthcare, education and housing.



Mayor, Cllr Karen Tweedale & Scott Greig Wing Commander

British Science Week: The museum held its eighth annual, free and award-winning British Science Week (BSW) event. Children and families came to celebrate all things science with a day of free, fun and interactive activities based on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). We had fun bubble art, rainbow experiments and children completed science themed activity packs to be in for a chance of winning a prize, this year there were four lucky winners, pictured here.



**BSW 2025 Event:
Sat 15th March**

EXHIBITION NEWS

DAVENTRY RETAIL THROUGH THE AGES

6th July - 6th December 2024



From Butchers to Bakers, to Grocery Stores and Ironmongers, discover the types of goods and wares that were on sale in Daventry's historical shops in this new exhibition.

Daventry Retail Through the Ages

Sat 6th July to Fri 6th December 2024

FREE
Entry

Exhibition revealing Daventry's rich retail heritage



ENDANGERED AND EXTINCT

7th May - early 2025



Display showcasing how everyday rubbish can be transformed into works of art. The creative and colourful art is the work of Coventry-based Val Hunt, who describes herself as a 'creative recycling artist'.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Saturday 7th September 2024 - 10am to 4pm



Celebrate this year's Heritage Open Days theme, Routes - Networks - Connections with Daventry Museum. There'll be fun activities and displays!

HALLOWEEN HALF TERM CRAFTS - FREE!

Thursday 31st October 2024 - 10am to 1pm



Dress up in your Halloween costumes (adults too!) and drop in any time between 10am and 1pm on Thursday 31st October to create some scary (but cute!) Halloween decorations!

DAVENTRY MUSEUM

Tuesday-Friday from 9.30am-1.30pm

+ the first Saturday of the month
from 10am-4pm

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Free
Entry!

IMPORTANT: The Museum closes on Friday 6th December and will re-open Saturday 11th January 2025 with a brand new exhibition.

Events

Since our Spring newsletter, DTC has been super busy with a bumper number of free events for everyone.

We raised the flag for various civic ceremonies, held numerous community litter picks and tidy-ups under the 'Daventry Litter Heroes' banner with our Community Ranger. Our hanging baskets and planters - *grown and produced by Dennetts of Daventry* - plus colourful bunting (*put in place by Juice Sounds*) helped make the town look beautiful once again. We supported the second 'Daventry Pride' event in partnership with Cummins and University of Northampton. We also supported the first ever Daventry Motorfest, the annual Daventry Motorcycle Festival and DAGA Produce Show with community grants.

To celebrate 'Make Music Day' we had music in the market with the Danetre Ukuleles. The Daventry Town Crafters group continue to meet up regularly at the Museum and have a new project for 2024 - see the back page to find how you can get involved. We held our 'Makes in the Museum Paper Crafts' with Creator Educator and local artist Amy James plus 'Button Art'

The return of the ever popular Easter Market had the town filled with local stall holders, street food plus our craft tent and stilt walking Easter Bunny. We also held the long awaited Bark in the Park event after an initial postponement due to the very wet weather. Finally the sun shone and 170 doggies entered the fun dog show!

The free children's Summer Activities Programme returned for 2024. Children made giant hula hoop structures, sunshine paper plates, clay tree faces, teddy bear dens, had fun and games with multi-sport sessions, and new football skills. The Summer Games and Skate Jam was a huge success as hundreds enjoyed sports and activities galore in celebration of the 2024 Olympics.

ALL OUR EVENTS ARE FREE FOR ALL TO ATTEND. Visit our website or follow our socials for the latest news or you can sign-up to our newsletter below...



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EVENTS @ DTC 2024

FOODIES MARKET & HERITAGE BUSES
FIREWORKS
CHRISTMAS MARKET

CIVIC EVENTS

MERCHANT NAVY DAY
REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE
ARMISTICE

DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

Saturday 7th September
Saturday 2nd November
Saturday 23rd November

Tuesday 3rd September
Sunday 10th November
Monday 11th November



Follow us to keep up to date on all our **FREE** events or visit our website: www.daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk

Events & Community

What's Next



FOODIES MARKET - Saturday 7th September 10am-3pm: The 'Foodies Market', for food and drink lovers everywhere, is back for 2024! There will be a huge array of yummy hot and cold street foods, plus food and drink related stalls. As always we will have lots of **FREE** family fun on the day including music!



HERITAGE BUS TOURS - Saturday 7th September - 10am-3pm: Northampton Transport Heritage are bringing back their classic buses to Daventry, recreating local nostalgic routes as part of Heritage Open Days. Bus rides are **FREE** for all to enjoy on the day, however you can help support the upkeep of these beautiful historic vehicles by buying a Souvenir Programme.



FIREWORKS - Saturday 2nd November 6-9pm: The annual Daventry Fireworks Spectacular event will be taking place at Parker E-Act Academy once again. Entry is **FREE** and gates open from 6pm (fireworks @7.30pm) where there will be lots of hot food and drinks stalls.



CHRISTMAS MARKET & FESTIVE FUN Saturday 23rd November - 10am-3pm: This is the last big event of the year, where Santa and his reindeer will be making a special visit! There will be lots of festive stallholders dotted all around the town centre, plus hot food and drink to help get you into the Christmas spirit! We will also have lots of extra **FREE** festive fun for all the family including; meet Santa, giant snow globe, face painter, Christmas Craft Tent, festive town trail, and of course, stilt-walking Rudolf to say hello to.

Teen Clinic

Teen Clinic is going from strength to strength. We had a great time at Daventry Pride, and August's session was a much needed resource for some this summer. Once school term starts again we're holding special sessions on Mon 9th Sept and Mon 14th Oct. Anyone 11+ (but particularly those aged 16+) have the chance to take part in career and prospects practical advice being offered by industry experts, as well as seeing our regular healthcare professionals. These sessions will be impactful, so please **"TELL YOUR TEENS!"**. Last session dates for 2024: Mon 11th Nov and Mon 9th Dec, 3.30 to 6.30pm @ Daventry Mind, Old Gas Works Car Park (near The Hollow).



For more information visit : www.teenclinicdaventry.co.uk

Daventry Town Crafters' **CHRISTMAS TINSEL HAT PROJECT 2024**

♥ Can you help?

This year we need you to knit or crochet hats in any size and any colour to hang on our real Christmas tree located on the High Street.

Deadline to get your hats to Daventry Museum (3 New St): **SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER**

Any queries please email: projects@daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk

ALL HATS WILL BE DONATED IN JANUARY 2025



REMEMBRANCE PARADE - Sunday 10th November 2024: Arrive from 10am on Daventry High Street (outside Argos). The parade will depart at 10.30am (approx.) arriving at the War Memorial for the short service. All are very welcome to attend the Church Service afterwards at Holy Cross Church, Church Walk, Daventry at 11.30am.

INVITATION FROM THE PARADE MASTER: "Dear Veterans & Serving Personnel of Daventry, join me and many other proud men and women as we parade through our town this Remembrance Sunday in honour of the fallen. Form up and be fell in outside Argos for 1000hrs. Your presence is a tribute to their sacrifice. Let us unite in remembrance." - **WO1 RSM O'Brien, Aidan - Regimental Sergeant Major**

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