

Emersons Green Town Council

Newsletter First Quarter 2025



As March draws to a close, Emersons Green Town Council brings you some of the recent highlights we have shared and exciting opportunities for the coming spring



Weekly coffee mornings and citizens advice

Emersons Green Town Council organises a Free Coffee Morning every Thursday at 10am in Emersons Green Village Hall. Designed to create a safe space for our community to connect and seek advice, this friendly gathering offers a relaxed environment where residents can enjoy a free hot drink and delicious cake while engaging in conversation and sharing experiences.

We have also partnered with Citizens Advice, who are available to help. Citizens Advice is also available at Lyde Green Community Centre on Mondays from 10-12pm. Come and join us!



Events, local grants and collaborations

Throughout the year, Emersons Green Town Council organises a diverse range of events for the community, while also supporting local groups by providing funding grants and collaborating on their own events and projects. We also have a dedicated team of volunteers who support us in enhancing the community for all.



Sustainable Fashion Show

On Sunday 26th January, Emersons Green Town Council hosted an incredible fashion show that brought sustainability to the spotlight! With stunning outfits crafted from reused, recycled, and upcycled clothing, this event was a true showcase of creativity and conscious living.

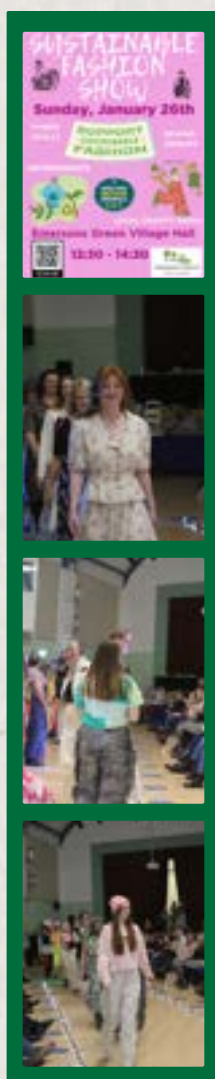


Curated by the amazing Becky Barnes, who shared her wisdom on the importance of sustainable fashion.

All proceeds went to St Peter's Hospice, who also contributed outfits and refreshments for the event. A special shoutout to Jess, the Downend branch manager, for her incredible support!

Designs were modeled by talented local residents from Emersons Green, Lyde Green, Mangotsfield, Bromley Heath, and northern Downend, along with sustainable designers and businesses:

Pootle with Poppy, Rio Wild Designs, REWORK, Fabrics Plus, In Stitches; and Hives & Herbals..



Youth Engagement

One of Oakwood Specialist College's dedicated Learners, Harrison, has recently been undertaking a successful work experience placement in grounds maintenance with Emersons Green Council. This hands-on opportunity allowed Harrison to gain invaluable skills while contributing to the upkeep of local parks and public spaces.

"We are delighted to see Harrison grow in confidence and develop new skills through this work experience placement," said Richard Dawson MBA MCMI, the Work Experience Manager of Oakwood Specialist College. "Our goal is to help all Learners unlock their potential, and this partnership with Emerson Green Town Council is a wonderful example of how we can make that happen."



Litter champion scheme



We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our Litter Champions for their hard work and encourage more residents to join this initiative.

Please join us in making a difference at <https://emersonsgreentc.gov.uk/litter-champions/>



NEW Emergency Bike Repair Kit

Emersons Green Town Council offices now have a handy repair kit full of all the essentials, to help cyclists have a speedy return to the road if they get a puncture (office hours only). Thank you South Gloucestershire Council for the donation.



Youth Engagement

Emersons Green Town Council continue to collaborate with **Creative Youth Network** in funding the youth drama club for young people aged 11-16 at Resound in Emersons Green. This is a safe and welcoming space for young people to spend time with and make new friends.



Volunteers Thank you party

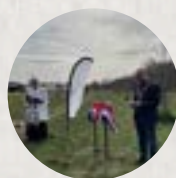
Emersons Green Town Council hosted a special thank you party on Thursday 13th February to celebrate the invaluable contributions of all local volunteers. A huge thank you to Jo Williams, the head teacher of **Barley Close Community Primary School**, for generously donating the use of their main school hall to accommodate all the amazing volunteers.



85,000 bulbs planted

Over 85,000 spring bulbs have been planted in Emersons Green to provide an insect corridor and a splash of colour – as part of South Gloucestershire Council Common Connections' mission to reverse the decline in nature

Queen Elizabeth II Plaque Unveiling



On Friday, 21st March, Emersons Green Town Council unveiled a memorial plaque celebrating the life of our late Queen Elizabeth II on Rodway Hill. We enjoyed a

reading from Rev. James Cannan, Music by Emily Correa, a poem by Bobbie Sunderland, and a speech from Mayor James Hunt.

Thank you to all involved who made the occasion so memorable.



Clothes Swap

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Clothes Swap event. Your support and enthusiasm truly make a difference, and it was fantastic to see so many people come together to celebrate our community. A huge thanks to Clothes Swap Chepstow. We hope you enjoyed the event as much as we did!



Other events and activities we've supported:
Feb half term breakfast club at Lyde Green Community Centre
Seniors lunch club at the Village Hall

Thanks again for being a part of it, and we look forward to seeing you at the next one!

Coming up...

We have lots of exciting things planned for 2025, so keep an eye on our website and social media for updates and how to get involved!

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Earthfest 2025

A month-long calendar of events celebrating our connection with the earth. Hosted by Friends of Emersons Green Park.



Open Gardens Day



On Open Gardens Day, we're redefining what it means to showcase our green spaces. This event isn't about picture-perfect gardens; it's about sharing ideas, celebrating works in progress, and fostering a love for nature.

For more information and to sign up your garden, contact clerk@emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk

Community nature reserve



Register by scanning the QR

In May, we will proudly celebrate the second anniversary of our Community Nature Reserve! This initiative has flourished, with over 200 gardens now registered, showcasing the dedication of our local community in preserving and enhancing our natural environment and biodiversity.



Spring gathering

Photography competition

Capture the beauty of the great outdoors! Enter our Nature Photography Competition and showcase your best shots of local wildlife, landscapes, and the natural world. Whether you're a seasoned photographer or just love snapping pictures on your walks, we'd love to see your entries! Send us your best nature-inspired photos for a chance to be featured in the 2026 calendar. More information can be found on our website under the "Things to do" tab.

