

Emersons Green Town Council

Newsletter September 2025



As September draws to a close, Emersons Green Town Council brings you some of the recent highlights we have shared and exciting opportunities for the next quarter.



Join us for free coffee mornings and citizens advice support

Emersons Green Town Council organises a **free weekly Coffee Morning** every **Thursday at 10am** at **Emersons Green Village Hall**, with opportunities for residents to access free, confidential support from Citizens Advice. This welcoming event is designed to foster community connection in a relaxed setting, offering complimentary hot beverages and cake.

In partnership with the Town Council, **Citizens Advice** are available at two locations for drop-in sessions, providing residents with expert guidance on a range of issues:

- **Thursdays, 10am–12pm** at Emersons Green Village Hall (during the Coffee Morning)
- **Mondays, 10am–12pm** at Lyde Green Community Centre

These initiatives aim to provide a safe and friendly space for the community to gather, share experiences, and seek professional advice.

Everyone is welcome!



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.



VJ Day 80 & Battle of Britain 85



On 15th August 1945, Victory over Japan was declared, marking the end of World War II and bringing great celebration across the UK.

To commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day and the 85th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain, a Service of Remembrance was held on 31st August at The Salvation Army, Staple Hill — despite the very wet weather! Our Mayor, James Hunt, attended the service and laid a wreath in remembrance of all those who served and sacrificed during these historic events.

To view the footage from the day please click the links below:

[Staple Hill RBL Facebook](#)

[Royal British Legion Staple Hill Service of Remembrance for VJ Day & The Battle of Britain 2025](#)



Emersons Green Audio Tour

Discover history on your doorstep with the FREE guided audio tour covering Emersons Green, Mangotsfield, and surrounding areas.



Starting outside Emersons Green Library, the 90-minute circular walk stretches across 3.7 miles, featuring 14 points of interest that celebrate our area's unique history—from its mining heritage to chocolate production and much more.

The original tour was created by Lenni Langreiter, a Media & Business student at Winterbourne Academy, as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award in Volunteering in summer of 2024.

With support from Emersons Green Town Council, Lenni's vision has become a permanent fixture—creating a fun and educational experience for all ages.

Along the route, you'll find signposts with QR codes linking to an audio guide. Signposts are also supported by a website containing a downloadable map and further information.

Why not make a day of it? Grab your walking shoes, bring a friend, and uncover the stories hidden in our local streets and green spaces.

[Emersons Green Audio Tour](#)



Earthfest 2025



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

Earthfest was an absolutely incredible event this year, drawing nearly 400 attendees — making it their biggest and most successful festival since it began five years ago.

Proudly hosted by Friends of Emersons Green Park and Emersons Green Town Council, this year's festivities began on 24th May with a delightful Garden Open Day. From there, the festival blossomed into a vibrant array of events and workshops, including a vegan fine dining experience, nature art sessions, photography, and yoga with a soothing sound bath in the park.

The festival was also filled with wonderful musical entertainment, featuring uplifting performances by the Emersons Green Primary School Choir, the soulful Kazuchi Ukrainian Choir, and the ever-energetic Locked Horns Jazz Band.



The festival came to a joyful close on June 21st with the much-loved Picnic in the Park. Under sunny skies, friends, families, and neighbours gathered to share food, relax, and enjoy a series of live performances — the perfect ending to a vibrant and community-focused month.

Garden Open Day

On 24th May, local residents opened their gardens to visitors. Despite the rain, we had a fantastic turnout and received many positive reviews! Want to get involved next year?



Scan the QR code to learn more and join in the fun!



Brewed Fresh: The Youth Tea Drop

Emersons Green Town Council Youth Liaison Officer Shea Stew has started to make an impact with young people in the community, engaging with them at detached youth work sessions. Here's a glimpse of what Shea has been up to — making a real difference, one conversation at a time.



Future Voices

A Summer Podcast Project for Young People. Inclusive Change At Work CIC, in partnership with Emersons Green Village Hall and proudly funded by Emersons Green Town Council.

Young people aged 16–24 across South Gloucestershire were invited to join Future Voices: The Summer Sessions — a creative, inclusive podcast project exploring careers, community, and real-life stories from Emersons Green. Find out more [here](#).

Our rather eccentric—but always passionate—Youth Liaison Officer joined the Emersons Green Village Hall summer sessions of Project Sandbox for a special podcast recording with local young people. The conversation centred around young people talking about young people—their goals, challenges, and hopes for the area.

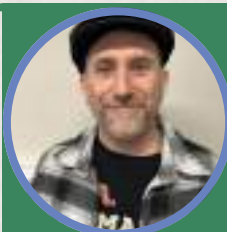
With no strict agenda, the session flowed naturally, loosely revolving around Shea and his life experiences. This created an open and honest space for storytelling, reflection, and connection.

It was a bit of everything—the why, how, and what we want to achieve together in our community. The informal setting really helped everyone to open up and speak freely.

All in all, it was a successful and insightful session—and hopefully the first of many to come.

For more information on events like these please [CLICK HERE](#) for the Emersons Green Village Hall website or [HERE](#) for their Facebook page.

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DJ Workshops Bring Music, Energy and Community Together

Our recent DJ workshops held at Emersons Green Village Hall and Lyde Green Community Centre were a real hit – not just for those looking to learn a new skill, but for the wider community too.



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Designed to be open and accessible, the workshops encouraged young people to drop in, have a chat, and experience what Shea does in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

With 28 years of experience behind the decks, Shea brought real expertise to every session.

One young participant, clearly passionate about all things DJing, had the chance to pick up some pro tips and tricks directly from Shea. Moments like this highlight just how powerful these sessions can be in inspiring and connecting local talent. His enthusiasm was contagious and really underlined the positive impact these workshops can have.

Full of music, energy, and genuine community spirit, these workshops were a fantastic reminder of what happens when creativity and connection come together.

We're looking forward to hosting more events like this soon – so keep an eye out!



Please go to our youth Facebook page by scanning the QR code, [CLICK HERE](#) or contact:

shea.stew@emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk



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.

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://emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk/litter-champions/>



Community club on wheels!

Coming to a Road near you!

We've got some fantastic news for everyone in Emersons Green and the surrounding areas!

After five months of dedicated hard work, we're proud to announce the launch of our Community Club on Wheels!

Yes, you heard that right — on wheels!

This is a fully custom-built vehicle designed to go wherever it's needed. It will feature comfortable seating, excellent kitchen facilities, and full disabled access.

Our *Community Club on Wheels* will support and work with community groups of all ages — including our amazing young people.

Check out the design! This is just a sneak peek of what's to come, and we couldn't be more excited to share it with you.

We're here for our community — and now, we're coming to you!



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Brownies: Litter Picking Champions

The Town Council were so proud to support the 2nd Mangotsfield Brownies with their fantastic litter pick. It's always inspiring to see young people showing such pride in their community.

For more information on becoming a Litter Picking Champion and making a difference click [HERE](#).



THANK YOU!

Beavers Film Night

We were delighted to welcome the Lyde Green Beavers, the first of a rolling programme, to the Town Hall in September.

The evening featured a special private screening of *Balancing the Scales*, followed by lots of fun building dams for their mascot, Bobbie the Beaver.

A big thank you to the group for their energy, creativity, and hard work — you made it such a fantastic evening!

To find out more about the Lyde Green Beavers click [HERE](#):

Other events and activities we've supported:

[Summer sizzler](#) - Lyde Green

[Seniors lunch club](#) at Emersons Green Village Hall

[Cook Stars](#) at Lyde Green Community Centre

[Future Voices Podcast](#) - Project Sandbox at Emersons Green Village Hall

[Graffiti Workshops](#) at Lyde Green Community Centre



[Love to Move](#) at Emersons Green Village Hall
[Sirona Health Visitors Baby Massage Sessions](#)
[Emersons Green & Lyde Green Primary schools leavers events](#) at Lyde Green Community Centre
[Summer Holiday Breakfast club](#) at Lyde Green Community Centre
[Dogs for Dementia](#) at Lyde Green Community Centre
[CRUNCH](#) at Mangotsfield Secondary school breakfast



[Carsons & Mangotsfield Cricket club](#)
[Green Community Travel](#)
[Ham Farm Festival](#)
[Jamie C film screening](#)
[Kingswood Community Travel](#)
[Downend Men in Sheds](#)
[Mangotsfield Festival](#)



Coming up...

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

www.emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk



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www.instagram.com/emersonsgreentowncouncil



Autumn Gathering



Emersons Green Town Council, in support of the Community Nature Reserve, is pleased to host another Autumn Gathering on Saturday, 4th October, from 2:00pm to 4:30pm.

An afternoon of fun and inspiration, featuring a Chelsea-style walk-through garden, exciting activities, and much more!

The winner of the Photography Competition will be announced at the event, accompanied by an exhibition showcasing all entries. Calendars featuring winning photographs will also be available for purchase.

Come along and join us in celebrating our wonderful green spaces with the community! Click [HERE](#) for more information.



Clothes Swap

After the success of the Sustainable fashion show in January, Emersons Green Town Council will be hosting another Sustainable Clothes Swap event at Emersons Green Village hall on Sunday 23rd November 2pm-4.30pm. With a special talk from Becky Barnes. @beckybarnesstyle

Coffee Morning & Christmas Carols

If you enjoy a free cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake, you are warmly invited to our Coffee Morning on Thursday 18th December, from 10.00am-12.00 noon.

During the morning, at around 11.30am, we'll be joined by Jutta Cowie, Minister of Emersons Green Baptist Church, who will lead us in some festive carol singing.

Everyone is welcome – we'd love to see you there!



Christmas Tree light turn at Lyde Green

This year, the winner of the Christmas Light Competition will switch on the Christmas tree lights at Lyde Green Community Centre on Saturday, 22nd November at 5:00 PM.

The switch-on will take place alongside the Lyde Green Centre Christmas Fayre, which runs from 2:00 to 6:00 PM and will feature a delightful array of Christmas stalls, making it a fun and festive event for all.



Find more details here on this years [Design a Christmas Street Light](#)

Bulb Planting

Help us bring colour to our community by joining a bulb planting session at Blackhorse Meadows.

Saturday 8th November, 10am to 12pm.

All are welcome — no gardening experience needed!

Interested? Email

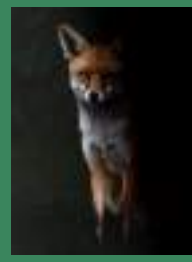
paul@emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk

Let's grow something beautiful together!



Photography Competition 2025

Each year, the Town Council run a photography competition celebrating the natural beauty within the Parish. The winning entries are published in a 2026 calendar, which is distributed free of charge to local community organisations. The calendars provide these groups with an opportunity to raise additional funds. The calendar entries will be exhibited at the Autumn Gathering on Saturday 4th October with calendars available to buy on the day. More information can be found on our website under the "Things to do" tab, or [CLICK HERE](#)



Useful links and websites



VJ Day 80 & Battle of Britain 85:

Staple Hill RBL Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StapleHillRBL>

Royal British Legion Staple Hill Service of Remembrance for VJ Day & The Battle of Britain 2025: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lt-b0BF5-pE>

Emersons Green Audio Tour:

<https://emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk/emersons-green-audio-tour/>

Future Voices:

Emersons Green Village Hall website: <https://www.egvh.org.uk/>

Emersons Green Youth:

Emersons Green Youth Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Emersons-Green-Youth/61573967357157/>
shea.stew@emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk

Brownies Litter Picking Champions:

<https://www.facebook.com/people/2nd-Mangotsfield-Brownies/100095336986696/>
<https://emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk/litter-champions/>

Beavers Film Night:

70th Kingswood 1st Lyde Green Scouts: <https://www.scouts.org.uk/groups/12095501?loc=fishponds&page=8&slug=70th-Kingswood-1st-Lyde-Green>

Autumn Gathering:

<https://emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk/upcoming-event/autumn-gathering-2/>

Christmas Tree light switch on at Lyde Green:

<https://emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk/things-to-do/design-a-christmas-street-light-competition/>

Photography Competition 2025:

<https://emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk/things-to-do/photography-competition-2025/>



Lyde Green Summer Sizzler: <https://www.facebook.com/events/589477846959281/>

Cook Stars: https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1177794371047112&id=100064496810112

Lyde Green Community Centre summer holiday breakfast club: <https://lydegreenca.org/page/posts/5?ref=instagram>

Dogs for Dementia: <https://dementiadog.org>

Carsons & Mangotsfield Cricket Club: <https://carsonsmangotsfield.play-cricket.com>

Green Community Travel: <https://greencommunitytravel.co.uk>

Ham Farm Festival: <https://www.hamfarmfestival.com>

Jamie C film screening: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zjHgQMF7Jzs>

Downend Men in Sheds: <https://www.dbhparishcounciluk/>

Mangotsfield Festival: <https://www.mangotsfieldfestival.co.uk/>

