

Emersons Green Town Council

Newsletter December 2025



As December winds down and we say goodbye to 2025, Emersons Green Town Council is thrilled to share some of the highlights from the past few months and give you a sneak peek at the exciting things coming your way in the next few months.



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!**

*** Please note coffee morning will be closed 25th December 25 and the 1st January 26.**



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.



Remembrance Day

The Remembrance Day Service was held in Mangotsfield on Sunday 9th November at 12.30pm at the Mangotsfield War Memorial. We gathered in quiet reflection and deep gratitude, remembering those who gave their lives in service of our country and the freedoms we hold dear today. We also held in our thoughts all those who continue to serve, and the families who support them with courage and sacrifice.

Lest we forget.



Carol Singing at Emersons Green Village Hall



What an amazing turnout for Carols Under the Oak Tree in Emersons Green!

It was wonderful to see families and people of all ages coming together to share such a joyful community spirit.

The event organised by Emersons Green Baptist Church, and joined by URC Mangotsfield, St James, and Resound, was a true example of collaboration that made the evening so special.

We were thrilled to contribute to the festivities with mince pies, chocolate logs and cookies, which were enjoyed by everyone.

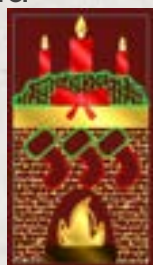
What a wonderful celebration — thank you to everyone who came along and helped make it such a memorable event!

Lyde Green Sparkles: Christmas Tree Lights Switch-On!

A big thank you to everyone who entered the last 'Design a Christmas Street Light' competition! All participants received a certificate and book token, presented by Emma Oakman a designer who has worked with Wake The Tiger, who shared her love of art during the presentation on Thursday, 20th November.

Congratulations to Matilda, our overall winner, who had the honour of turning on the Christmas tree lights at Lyde Green Community Centre on Saturday, 22nd November during the annual Christmas Fayre.

Thank you again to everyone who entered — your amazing designs lit up the community! The winning street light is now on display in Lyde Green, so be sure to go and take a look.



Autumn Gathering

A heartwarming Success.

On 4th October, despite the unpredictable weather, Emersons Green Village Hall was filled with warmth and community spirit during our Autumn Gathering. From 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM, residents enjoyed a vibrant mix of activities including a Chelsea-style garden walk-through, a Photography Competition and exhibition, and live music from the Page Park Ukulele Club.

Families took part in a plant and seed swap, savored refreshments, and children had fun with crafts like bird box building, bulb planting, and apple cider vinegar making. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us — your enthusiasm made the day truly special. We look forward to celebrating with you again soon!



Emersons Way Planters

We've refreshed the planters along Emerson Way. Our new approach features drought-tolerant perennials — resilient, low-maintenance plants that will thrive for years to come. It's a sustainable step forward, helping us rethink how we garden in changing conditions of unpredictable weather. A thousand thanks goes out to the amazing volunteers of [Friends of Emersons Green Park](#) who made light work of the task.

We also want to send heartfelt thanks to the teams at [Fenwick hair](#), [The Helpers' Hands](#), [Avenue Café](#) and [Emerson's Green Veterinary Surgery](#) for agreeing to keep a close eye on them and water in times of need. A community thrives when we come together and support one another.

For more information please see our Facebook page [here](#).



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.



Open Access Youth Sessions

Starting January 2026, the Youth Liaison team will be launching a range of open access youth sessions for young people aged between 10-19, taking place at various locations across our Parish.

Just turn up and get involved.



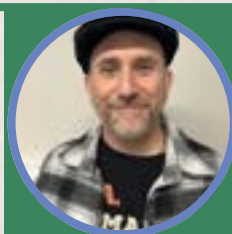
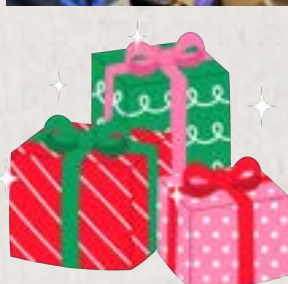
For more information email:
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Christmas Gifts for Youths

Big shout-out to Winter Wishes, Action Funder, and SNG for making this Christmas extra special! Thanks to their amazing support, Shea and the team have been out spreading festive cheer and delivering awesome presents to young people across the Parish.

We believe every young person deserves a gift, and while not all will receive one, we're doing our best to make a difference.



The Big Lyde Green Social: A Fun Event for Young People

Connect, Chill, Create!



From January 2026, Emersons Green Town Council in support with SNG and Lyde Green Community Centre are bring a Social Action Project to Lyde Green.

Are you aged 10-18, live in Lyde Green, and love being creative? Would you like to make a difference in your community and enjoy a free day out at the end of each project?

Well you're in the right place! The Together Loud youth team from Emersons Green Town Council will be out every Tuesday, making magic happen.

COMING SOON

This is a youth-led project, shaped by your ideas and the community you live in. Come along, get involved, and help make Lyde Green even better!

Where: Lyde Green Community Centre
When: Tuesdays, 3:45 PM - 5:45 PM



To sign up please scan the QR code here or email:
shea.stew@emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk

A New Lead Youth Worker

Exciting News from Emersons Green Town Council Youth! We're pleased to welcome our new Lead Youth Worker, Josh Holgate, who will be working alongside Shea to deliver youth provisions across the area.

If you see him out and about, be sure to say hi!

Big thanks to Emma (pictured here with Josh) for helping to build the creative side of the Youth Programme.





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/>



Downend Men In Sheds

We are proud to have supported the Downend Men in Sheds group in building a pergola, ensuring the mud kitchen can be enjoyed all year round at Lyde Green Primary School. We hope that this will be enjoyed for years to come.



Blackhorse Meadows bulb planting

A huge thank you to the vibrant volunteers who helped us plant nearly 2000 bulbs along Blackhorse Meadows! Among us were speakers of French, German and Spanish-highlighting how diversity enriches our community and makes it stronger.

It was a beautiful reminder that when we come together from different back grounds, we grow connection, understanding and joy. Well done all Friends of Blackhorse Meadow.



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Getting new bikes for the family at Christmas?

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Clothes Swap

What an amazing day at Emersons Green village hall filled with: Inspiring style tips from the ever-glamorous Becky Barnes Style Delicious refreshments. Racks of fabulous clothes ready for a second life. It's truly heartwarming to know that all this fabric will find new homes instead of being forgotten.



Lyde Green Community Centre Community Yoga

Lyde Green Community Centre Yoga Sessions are continuing in the New Year, starting again on 8th January 2026.

All abilities welcome-free sessions, optional donations to support our local charity-The Lyde Green Community Association.



Calendars 2026



Calendars are still available to purchase at Lyde Green Community Centre, Emersons Green Village Hall and Emersons Green Library.

For more information on the photography competition please click HERE

Chatty Cafe Scheme

At a loose End? Fancy a cuppa?

Running Every Monday at Lyde Green Community Centre 11am-12pm.

The 'Chatter & Natter table' is a wonderful way of encouraging people of all ages to talk to others. The table will be hosted by a friendly volunteer.

Do come along and sit for a chat. **The Chatty Cafe will be closed over the Christmas period and will restart on the 5th January 2026.**



Click here for more information, <https://thechattycafescheme.co.uk/>

Community Events



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www.instagram.com/emersonsgreentowncouncil

Litter Picking with the Beavers

We had an amazing time hosting the Mangotsfield and Lyde Green Beavers here at Emersons Green Town Council chambers! Together, we explored the importance of litter reduction and recycling, sharing ideas on how small actions can make a big difference for our planet. Thank you to the Beavers for their enthusiasm and great questions—future environmental champions in the making!

Want to make a difference? Find out more about our Litter Champions Scheme here: <https://emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk/litter-champions/>



Lyde Green Community Centre Christmas Tree Decorations!



Emersons Green Town Council kindly donated a beautiful Norwegian Fir and plenty of decorations to Lyde Green Community Centre and they asked the local community to pick up a bauble and help to decorate it. The memorial baubles were varnished to keep them looking fabulous for the festive season. Head on down to the Community Centre to see the finished decorations displayed on the tree!

Saying goodbye to Jack

Emersons Green Town Council recently supported a young man named Jack through an eight-week placement, giving him valuable experience working within the council and helping him take the next step in his career. Jack has now completed his time with us and is moving forward on his journey and we wish him all the best for the future.

This opportunity was made possible through South Gloucestershire Council's Youth Guarantee programme, which helps 18–21-year-olds access work, education, or training.

Click [HERE](#) to find out more about the scheme.

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Christmas Hampers



In the run-up to Christmas, Emersons Green Town Council was proud to donate and deliver festive hampers, bringing a little extra warmth and cheer to the community. Out and about across Lyde Green with the amazing Bromford Neighbourhood Coach, Sian, we were able to reach many truly deserving homes. It was a privilege to meet so many people along the way and to see first-hand the difference these small acts of kindness can make.

We also had the pleasure of joining the fantastic volunteers at [Resound Bristol Food Bank](#), lending a hand wherever we could and helping to share even more festive hampers with those in need. Their dedication and generosity are truly inspiring.

We are incredibly grateful to be part of such a caring, compassionate, and supportive community, especially at this special time of year.



Excellent News for Lyde Green Litter Pickers

The Lyde Green Litter Pickers are an incredible group of volunteers who dedicate their time week after week to keep our community clean and welcoming. Thanks to their hard work and teamwork, our parks and green spaces remain safe and enjoyable for everyone. We're thrilled to announce that the Lyde Green Litter Pickers will be receiving a South Gloucestershire Community Award in the New Year! Stay tuned for more updates and join us in congratulating them on this well-deserved recognition!



The next litter-picking event will take place on Sunday 4 January 2026. They will be meeting outside the Community Centre at 10.30am and spend an hour helping to pick litter from around the estate. Bags, gloves, and litter pickers can be provided.

Scan the QR code for more information:



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!

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Spring Gathering: Common Connections Celebration

Exciting News – Spring Gathering is Coming Early!

We're bringing the Spring Gathering forward to the 21st February 2026, as we join forces with South Gloucestershire Council to celebrate the incredible achievements of the Common Connections project. Together, we've been working to link wildlife corridors across the area, creating vibrant spaces with wildflower meadows, tree planting, new orchards, ponds, and habitat boxes. The full programme for the day is still being developed, so watch this space for more details soon!

Community Nature Reserve 3rd Birthday!

Coming Soon – A Chance to Connect!

Join us at the Emersons Green Town Council building for a fantastic opportunity to meet fellow members and catch up on all the exciting things happening in our community on 20th January 2026 at 7pm.

We'll also be introducing iNaturalist, a brilliant tool to help you record and share the wildlife in your own garden. It's a great way to get involved and celebrate local biodiversity! And of course, no gathering is complete without birthday cake and refreshments – so come along and enjoy!

Emersons Green Village Hall Coffee morning restarts 8th January 2026 10am-12pm

Everyone is welcome. Come along and meet new friends, talk with a local councillor and get a free cuppa!



Some of the events and activities we've supported:

67th Kingswood Scout Group -

<https://www.mangotsfieldscouts.org.uk/>



South Glos Armed Forces Day -

<https://www.southglosafd.com/>

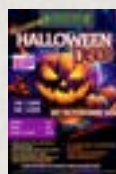


St.Peters Hospice - <https://www.stpetershospice.org/support-us/>

Ham Farm Festival

2nd Mangotsfield Guides and Brownies -

<https://www.girlguidingbsg.org.uk/kingswood-north/>



Emersons Green Village Hall:
Christmas Gifts for children
Carol singing under the oak tree
Christmas Card making
Home School baking
Halloween Disco
Charity Funder raiser room hire
Mens Talk

Lyde Green Community Centre:

Sewing work shops

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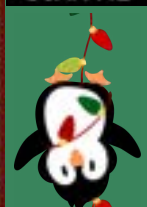
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Design a Christmas Street Light 2026



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The Design a Christmas Street Light Competition for 2026 is NOW OPEN!

Do you have a creative idea to make Emersons Green shine? Submit your design for a chance to see it featured on our streets next Christmas!

You can enter by visiting the Emersons Green Town Council website to download a form, scanning the QR code, or picking up a form from Lyde Green Community Centre, Emersons Green Village Hall, or Emersons Green Library.

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

