



Dudley Federation



of Tenants and Residents Associations

Winter newsletter 2024

Dudley Federation Update

We are happy to say that our Organisation Manager Caroline has now returned from maternity leave.

We will be closing for the Christmas break on Wednesday 18th December 2024 and will be back open on Monday 6th January.

Our AGM will be on Tuesday 28th January 2025 - if you're interested in joining the Dudley Federation board, please let us know!

We hope you all have a great festive period and we look forward to seeing you in 2025!

Household Support Fund

Dudley Council has received £2.6 million in the latest round of Household Support Fund funding, which runs until March next year.

The money will be used to provide support to households experiencing financial hardship or crisis, who would otherwise struggle to buy food, pay utility bills, or meet other essential living or housing costs.

Those who qualify for a one-off single payment of £200 need to apply online from 22nd January, with the payments allocated on a first come first served basis.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/household-support-fund/>

Too Good to Throw Away

The next Too Good to Throw Away event will be on Tuesday 14th January at Chawn Hill Church, Stream Road, Stourbridge from 10am to 3pm.

People will be able to donate unwanted household items that are in good working order including curtains, bedding, cushions, kitchenware, small electrical items, clothes, food and unused toiletries.

These items will then be shared between charitable organisations in the borough, including Provision House, which repurposes them for community use.

For more information, visit <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/council-community/starting-over/>



Play Area success

We were excited to hear that Kent Road play area is set to receive excellent new play equipment thanks to a grant from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. The playground, which is in the Wollaston Farm TRA area and has been of great interest to the group for many years, is estimated to be completed by the end of February 2025.

You can view the plans on our website here: <https://www.dfta.org.uk/kent-road-play-area-improvements>.

Winter Wellbeing Support

The latest Winter Wellbeing Guide, developed by Dudley Council's Public Health Adult and Older Peoples Team, can be viewed on our website here: <https://www.dfta.org.uk/winter-wellness>.

More information can be found on Dudley Council's dedicated Winter Wellbeing Page: <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/care-and-health/adult-health-social-care/support-to-stay-independent/winter-wellbeing/>

Getting involved matters

Are you interested in getting involved? Here are some opportunities:

Dudley 500: The Dudley 500 is a database of Dudley residents who are helping Dudley Council to shape the housing and community service by completing short surveys online.

Readers Panel: The Readers Panel shares thoughts about Dudley Council's public information documents, letters, information booklets and newsletters, and comment on the way they are written, making sure they use easy to understand language.

Communications Group: The Communication Group help Dudley Council understand how best to communicate with you.

You can see all the information about these involvement groups on our website here: <https://www.dfta.org.uk/getting-involved-matters-dudley-500>.

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