Lyt Up!

March 2026

The Town Council Newsletter for Lytchett Minster and Upton

Welcome!

The Town Council would like to welcome you all to our reinstated "Lyt Up!" newsletter, helping to keep you in the loop about all things Lytchett Minster and Upton.

We're Here to Talk

We are delighted to open our doors to an Access Wellbeing Hub in the town.

The Community Drop-In Space will operate from the Town Council office on Moorland Parade on a **Monday between 10am-3pm**. The service offers person-centred support for anyone aged 18 and over, with access to mental health, financial, work, or housing/benefits support.

You can "drop in" or book an appointment in advance. For more information, visit **www.accesswellbeing.co.uk**.

Council Meeting Dates

All meetings take place on Tuesdays from 6:30pm at the Council Offices on Moorland Parade. Members of the public may attend and can speak at the beginning of each meeting.

- **Full Town Council:** 17th March
- **Amenities:** 31st March
- **Environment/Planning (EnPlan):** 24th March
- **Finance and Administration:** 28th April

All agendas and minutes can be found on our website.

Visit our office (09:30-13:00, Mon-Weds):

1 Moorland Parade, Upton, BH16 5JS

www.lytchettminsterandupton-tc.gov.uk

Search "Lytchett Minster and Upton Town Council"

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"20 is plenty": New Speed Limits introduced on Sandy Lane

Following research, surveys, and enquiries by both Lytchett Minster and Upton Town Council and Dorset Council, Town Council's application to Dorset Council to introduce a 20mph speed limit to Sandy Lane had been approved.

Primarily suggested for safety reasons, Town Council was sure to take into account all of the data before making their decision.

For our full research findings and Lytchett Minster and Upton Town Council's official statement, please visit our website.

Community Programmes and Support

We are delighted to welcome Sebastian Lewis as the new Community Projects and Support Officer for Lytchett Minster and Upton Town Council. As an officer, he will be helping to enact the Council's decisions, largely concerning community projects like youth provision for the town, and civic and community events.

'I'm thrilled to have been appointed,' says Sebastian, 'and have the opportunity to help this wonderful community with its collective ambitions.'

Sebastian has a history of helping young people as part of outreach schemes for charities, and has worked in the third sector more broadly for several years. 'I'm also a keen poet,' he says, 'but don't tell anyone!'

For all matters about community events, youth work, and broader social engagement, please contact Sebastian on **community@lytchettminsterandupton-tc.gov.uk**

Our Precept

You will soon receive your annual Council Tax letter from Dorset Council, setting out the new payments to be made for 2026-2027. You'll see that a proportion of the Council Tax is raised by Lytchett Minster and Upton Town Council which is the precept and is the smallest portion of the total Council Tax bill.

The precept is the total amount budgeted to provide Council services in the coming year. Setting that precept means striking the right balance between funding services and projects to make our town the best it can be – while making any increases as affordable as possible. As a result, the precept is increasing by 10.15%

For a Band D property, this works out to an extra £1.35 a month, or 31p a week. This budget has been prepared with the cost-of-living crisis at the forefront of our minds. The increase reflects internal costs rising at a rate above inflation, and also Town Council's ambitions to build on the improvements made in 2025/26, setting aside funds for several new projects of community benefit in financial year 2026/27.

The full budget and accompanying statement can be found at:
www.lytchettminsterandupton-tc.gov.uk/Council_Finance