



The Stanley Bulletin

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Flying the Flag for Just Causes

Stanley Town Council showed its solidarity with Pride by flying the Rainbow Flag from the Civic Hall in June.

The colours of the Armed Forces Day flag will also be embraced by the Council.

Town Clerk, James Black, said:

“I’m really pleased that so many people have reacted positively to the flag project. It’s a relatively simple, yet extremely powerful thing to do to fly the flag for supporting the marginalised, recognising the heroic and championing some great causes.”

Keep your eye on the Civic Hall flagpoles for the multitude of flags that will be flown throughout the year.

Flower Power – summer arrives with planting blossoms



The streets in and around Stanley are erupting in colour as the Council’s planters and hanging baskets bloom into life.

Stanley Environmental Caretakers and Neighbourhood Wardens have been out in force, planting, weeding, watering and feeding this year’s floral displays to make sure they’re in tip-top condition for the summer. Environmental Team Leader, James Harper, said:

“With the heavy rain in May and then sunshine at the beginning of June, the summer flower displays across the whole area are already bursting into life.

“The Civic Hall planters and baskets are being installed this month and we have already planted some eye-catching displays at the entrance gate to South Moor Park in addition to the various displays around the Council area.”

With the Northumbria In Bloom judging due to be held late July this year, the area is also welcoming the return of local initiative Blooming Good Fun 2021. The initiative was created to encourage Stanley communities to take pride and ownership in the environment where they live and to show off green spaces.

The competition challenges residents and community groups to showcase gardens, yards, hanging baskets, window boxes, tubs, trade or business premises... or just about any space people have spent time maintaining and keeping to a good standard.

“It’s great to see events like Blooming Good Fun returning,” added James. “The Council spends a great deal of time enhancing the environment in and around Stanley, but it’s fantastic when communities come together to embrace environmental projects and create oases of calm in and around their homes.

“The Blooming Good fun application deadline date is 2nd July 2021, please send your entries to info@stanley-tc.gov.uk.”

Armed Forces Day



This celebration to honour serving armed forces, veterans and cadet forces usually takes pride of place in the Front Street, but even with COVID restrictions easing, large gatherings are being discouraged.

The Council will be recognising our heroes by flying the Armed Forces Day Flag, whilst the Front Street will be dressed in red, white and blue bunting.

The Armed Forces Day hashtag is **#SaluteOurForces** – the hashtag is a simple way to pay tribute to the Forces community for their hard work, dedication and efforts to keep us safe. Last year, celebrities, members of the public and businesses all got involved – check out our best salutes in our Facebook album [here](#).

To join in, send a photo or video of yourself or friends and colleagues saluting. Images can be submitted in several ways:

Tweet @ArmedForcesDay using #SaluteOurForces.
Comment on one of our Facebook posts, or email us at armedforcesdayuk@gmail.com.

Photos may be used on the website or social media. See terms and conditions.



New Council, New Mayor

Cllr Olga Milburn has been awarded the honour of becoming the new Stanley Town Council Mayor.

Cllr Milburn, a councillor for 24 years serving on both District and County Councils before standing as a Town councillor, takes up the chains of office from Cllr Carole Hampson.

She said: “It is a real honour for me to be selected as Mayor just weeks after being elected to the Town Council. When I turned 70, I decided it was time to stand down from the County Council after eight years and focus more on representation at a local level.

“Stanley Town Council reflects the people – we believe in community, we are passionate about where we’re from and we want this area to be the best that it can be. As Mayor, I hope to help enhance the environment, the positivity and resilience of an area even further.”

Cllr Milburn, who lives in Tantobie, selected SHAID, a charity that’s helped thousands of people through hard times, and Willowburn Hospice as this year’s mayoral charities.

Cinema Weekend

We will once again open the Civic Hall Cinema, closed since last summer, from Tuesday 3rd August 2021.

Step into summer with a selection of blockbusters, rom-coms, family treats and classic animations that are all affordably priced and socially distanced.



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