

## Dudley Federation Update

We recently said farewell to a valued member of the team, Graham Hudson. 82 year old Graham decided to take a step back from his 5 year run at DFTRA to focus on family. He will still be involved in Hawbush TRA as Vice-Chair and we hope to see him at many future Federation meetings and events.

Don't forget - your TRA can bid for up to £100 from the Dudley Federation Discretionary Bid fund. This can be used to purchase a variety of items to assist in the running of your TRA - for example: stationery, cameras, TRA branded clothing and other promotional goods...the list goes on! If you would like an application form just ask at our general meeting, send us an email, or give us a call.

Our AGM is coming up on Thursday 27th September and TRA secretaries have been sent nomination forms for the Dudley Federation Board. One member from each TRA can be elected to the Federation Board for a three year term. For more information, a replacement nomination form or if you have any questions just email or give us a call.

**Stay up to date on meetings and events  
- sign up for FREE email and text alerts**

 **Online** at <https://goo.gl/srogDB> or visit [dudley.gov.uk](http://dudley.gov.uk), → click 'Online Forms' → search for 'Subscribe to TRA Meeting Notifications'

 **Text** your surname, house number and postcode to 07797 870352  
e.g. Brookes, 10, DY1 1HF (initial text will only cost your standard text rate)

or

 **Call** 01384 816168 to sign up to the service

## General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

As a result of recent changes, we have updated our policies and procedures to provide detailed information about how we store and use your data.

You can view this on our website at:

[www.dfta.org.uk/dataprotection](http://www.dfta.org.uk/dataprotection)

Please contact us if you have any queries or concerns about your data.

## Summer is here...and so are the fun times!

There are so many exciting events happening around the Borough, far too many to list here! So here are some useful places to find out what's happening:

[dudley.interests.me/calendar](http://dudley.interests.me/calendar) - Dudley has its' very own community page on [interests.me](http://interests.me) which brings together what is happening around the borough. You can also add your TRA events! Sign up for the community emails at [dudley.interests.me](http://dudley.interests.me) you'll get a weekly update!

[dudleyci.co.uk](http://dudleyci.co.uk) - The [Dudley Community Information Directory](#) have a What's On section which gives you all the upcoming events listed on the website.

[fis.dudley.gov.uk/fsd](http://fis.dudley.gov.uk/fsd) - The [Family Information Service](#) is a great resource for activities for all the family, see the 'Events - what's on' section to see what's happening near you!

## Helping residents get their homes adapted for independence

Dudley Council's Home Improvement Service has launched a new campaign to promote its home adaptations service. The service offers help to Dudley borough residents who need to adapt their homes to better meet their mobility or disability needs.

Anyone who is struggling with daily life in their home can ask for help. If a member of the household of any age is having difficulties bathing, getting upstairs, even getting into the home, help is on offer to adapt the property to better meet these needs. Grants are available to pay for adaptations, along with an adaptations package of advice and practical support. This consists of an expert recommendation, support to design and build the adaptation from technical officers and council approved builders, all work is overseen by the council, so there is no hassle and no stress to people.

Home adaptations for independence are available to people who own their own homes, or are private rental tenants. Council tenants can already request adaptations to their homes through the council.

The aim is to help people stay independent in their homes. Typical adaptations include things like handrails, stair rails, ramps, walk in showers, stair lifts, through the floor lifts, even home extensions to provide extra sleeping or bathing facilities.

The service offers adaptations to people of any age from children to older people. Full grant funding is always provided for adaptations needed for children under 18, as well as for many older people.

Contact Dudley Home Improvement Service on **0300 555 0055** for more information.

[www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/housing/adaptations](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/housing/adaptations)

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