

2022/23 3rd Quarter newsletter November 2022 - January 2023

Dudley Federation Update

Our September general meeting was well attended again and we are really grateful to everyone who takes the time to come to our meetings. We successfully amended our Memorandum & Articles and these have now been updated at Companies House. We would like to thank Becky Pickin from DCVS for all of her help. To see what else was discussed, you can find a summary on our website.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 26th January 2023 at 6pm on Microsoft Teams. Please email info@dftra.org.uk to be sent updates and the link for the meeting.

Dudley Federation will close for Christmas from 22nd December and will reopen on 3rd January 2023.



Darker nights

Home Security

- Use a timer switch for lights where possible to ensure that your home isn't left in darkness.
- Lock your doors and windows, even when someone is home.
- Keep your shed and garage locked to prevent your tools being used to break in to your house.

Vehicle Crime

Don't leave your car unattended while defrosting your windscreen - it only takes seconds for thieves to strike.

Be Bright, and Be Seen

- * Wear bright/fluorescent clothing or reflective accessories, make sure your furry friends are visible too!
- * Choose well lit routes when walking and use safe places to cross.

Driver advice

■ Take extra care when driving, the glare when the sun is low in the sky is more likely to be a problem at this time of year.

Christmas opening times

Dudley MBC Christmas opening times can be found at https://www.dudley.gov.uk/
media-centre/communications/christmas-opening-times-and-emergency-contacts.

Report issues easily

Dudley Council Plus has a wide range of online resources to help you to save time on common service requests, including road maintenance issues such as street care and potholes. A list of easily accessible reporting forms can be found at https://www.dfta.org.uk/report-road-maintenance-issues-easily-with-online-resources.

Repairs and maintenance

- You can also report housing repairs online www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/housing/repairs-and-maintenance.
- There is also information on frozen pipes. repair responsibilities, condensation and mould, gas safety and adaptations and home improvements.

Stay warm, well and safe this winter

To make sure we all stay warm, well & safe this winter. Dudley Council has lots of information and help on offer, including:

Help with the cost of living Support to avoid loneliness and isolation

- \$ Keeping warm at home \$ Keeping safe and secure at home
- \P Eating well \P What to do during bad weather \P
- \P Looking after your health $\qquad \P$ Where to get help from key support services & organisations

You can find out more by visiting: www.dudley.gov.uk/winterwellbeing where you can view the winter wellbeing booklet.

The booklet is packed with information and practical tips for staying well this winter, and includes a helpful directory of support services and organisations with telephone numbers, email addresses and websites.

You can also pick up a winter wellbeing booklet from Dudley Council Plus or a local library.

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