



# Dudley Federation



## of Tenants and Residents Associations

# Winter Newsletter 2025

### Dudley Federation Update

We would like to thank you all for your understanding following the cancellation of our October general meeting at short notice due to a bereavement.

Our next meeting will be our Annual General Meeting, and details will be sent to members in January.

If you've ever thought about joining the Dudley Federation board, now is the perfect time, as elections will take place at our AGM. Information will be sent shortly, along with nomination forms. If you need any more details or would like to discuss anything further, please get in touch!

We will be closed for Christmas from Wednesday, 17th December 2025, and will reopen on Monday, 5th January 2026. Dudley Council Christmas closing times and emergency numbers can be found on the next page.

Thank you for your support during 2025, and we look forward to an exciting 2026!

### Live4Less

When money is tight, we all need to make the most of what we have.

Free Live4Less courses offer tips, techniques and practical advice about how to manage your money, including...

- Making budget savings
- Reducing utility costs
- How to eat healthily on a budget.

Live4Less sessions are held monthly in local venues across the borough. Each session is 2.5 hours long and free of charge.

The next session will be on 12th January 2026 at Castle and Priory Neighbourhood Learning Centre.

For more information or to book, go to <https://aclcoursesdudley.cognisoft.cloud/Course/Details/67022>, call 01384 818143 or email [acl@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:acl@dudley.gov.uk).

More Cost of Living Support can be found at <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/council-community/cost-of-living/>

## Christmas opening times and emergency contacts

Opening times for Christmas 2025/26 will be updated here:

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/media-centre/communications/christmas-opening-times-and-emergency-contacts/>

### Emergency Contacts:

- Children's and adult care services emergency duty team 0300 555 8574
- Emergency housing repairs 0300 555 8283
- Callpay 0300 555 7000
- Dudley Council Plus 0300 555 2345

Changes to bin collections can be seen here:

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/bins-and-recycling/>

## Dudley Council's 2026-27 budget – have your say

Dudley Council is running a consultation on spending priorities for the next 12 months, and the results will be included in a final report when the budget is set in February 2026.

You have until 23rd January 2026 to complete the consultation.

[Click here to complete](#) or go to:

<https://www.dfta.org.uk/dudley-councils-2026-27-budget>

## Sleigh no to loan sharks this Christmas!

Christmas brings joy and family celebrations, but the cost of gifts, food, and parties can add up, creating financial strain leaving some people vulnerable to loan sharks.

Loan sharks are illegal lenders who often seem friendly, they could be a neighbor, colleague, or family friend. Borrowers may not realize the danger until it's too late. A small loan can spiral into huge debt, as these lenders aren't regulated, charge excessive interest and may use threats or violence if you can't pay.

For red flags and advice on safer borrowing alternatives, go to:

<https://www.dfta.org.uk/sleigh-no-to-loan-sharks-this-christmas>

To report, contact Stop Loan Sharks: 📞 24/7 Hotline: 0300 555 2222

📱 WhatsApp: 07700 102773 💻 Live Chat: [www.stoploansharks.co.uk](http://www.stoploansharks.co.uk)

✉ Email: [reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk](mailto:reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk)

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