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Do you want to be a part of the Witham Carnival Court?

The search is on for the 2024/2025 Witham Carnival Court. The new Court will be chosen at a Selection Dance on Saturday 30th March 2024 at the Public Hall from 6.30pm. The chosen Court will spend a year representing Witham Town, visiting other towns around our district & attending charity events.

This is not a beauty contest, but we do look for a pleasant personality, enjoy meeting new people, charismatic and **MUST** live in the CM8 postcode area or surrounding areas.

Court members must be the following ages

Senior Court Members 13-25 years old

Junior Court Members 8-12 years old

Rosebud 5-7 years old

Entry forms should be in no later than Saturday 23 March 2024. Anyone interested should apply to: Carnival Court Manager, Miss C Victor, 23 Spa Road, Witham, CM8 1NF. (Entry forms are available on our website withamcarnival.org.uk or you can complete the google form via our Facebook page Witham Carnival) For more information, contact: Miss Carly Victor on 07769 152 330.



WITHAM CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Christmas came to Witham on Saturday 2nd December 2023 with the return of Witham's annual Christmas Fayre, Santa's Grotto and Carol Service. This year the Fayre extended from Newland Street and the United Reformed Church to the Grove Shopping Centre and you could even meet Santa's Reindeer.



Witham Town Council would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who attended or participated and our sponsors Holmes & Hills Solicitors and the Grove Shopping Centre.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

As we strive to create a safer and more secure environment for everyone in our Town, we invite you to become a vital part of the solution by volunteering for the 'Community Speedwatch' scheme, which has already been successful in many other communities.

What is Community Speedwatch?

Community Speedwatch is a community-driven initiative aimed at promoting road safety by monitoring and controlling vehicle speeds in our neighbourhood. By actively participating in this scheme, you contribute to creating safer streets for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists alike.

How Can You Get Involved?

Volunteering is easy and full training will be provided to ensure you feel confident in your role. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or a first-timer, your commitment makes a significant impact. To register your interest or gather more information, simply reach out to us:

Email: admin@witham.gov.uk

Phone: 01376 520627

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How will we spend the budget?



Outdoor Spaces that include-

Whetmead Nature Reserve James Cooke Wood
Riverwalk Closed Churchyard Allotments



Community Events that include-

Easter Quest, Music Event, Halloween Trail, Witham Street Entertainment Festival, Remembrance Parade, Silver Cinema, Dog Show and Christmas Fayre



Maldon Road Park Public Toilets

Community Grants




Witham in Bloom and Tree Planting

Funding and Managing CCTV



Witham's Community Special Constabulary



The average Band D household will pay Witham Town Council Council less than £2 a week [£103.24/year]. The rest will come from:



Room Hire charges



Allotment Charges



Dog & Bench Sponsorship Schemes




Event Income



Interest Received



Information Centre Purchases



The majority of Witham's houses fall into Band B or Band C and will therefore pay less than Band D

In 2023..



150 children attended the 'Teddy Bears' Picnic' and received a free teddy bear

530 children attend the 'Easter Trail' and received a free Easter egg



330 children attended the 'Halloween Trail' and received a free gift and sweets

Around 10,400 people attended the 'Witham Street Entertainment Festival'



500 children met Santa Claus in the Town Hall Grotto and received a gift

The Town Council gave 1,129 residents free dog poo bags



Around 4,000 people attended the 'Witham Christmas Fayre'



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Easter

Trail

'Woodland Wonders'

Saturday 30th March, 2024

10am - 4pm

River Walk, Witham

**'Woodland Wonders' at the River Walk!
Come and spot the spring creatures
before they gobble your Easter treats!**

**Tickets required, more details can be found at
<https://www.witham.gov.uk/easter>**



ECO SURVEY

Please return to
Witham Town Hall

Please take a few moments to answer the following questions to help Witham prioritise their response locally to climate change.

How many adults and children are there in your household?

Adults

Children

Are you concerned about climate change?

If not, why not?

On a scale of 1-10, where 10 is very green (environmentally friendly), how green do you consider your household to be?

What do you think Witham Town Council could do to help reduce Witham's impact on climate change?

You can also complete an online version of this survey at <https://www.witham.gov.uk/survey>

ECO SURVEY

Which of the following, if any, are you specifically doing to help reduce your impact on climate change / help the environment?

Tick if yes

Use the fortnightly kerbside recycling scheme

Use the weekly kerbside food waste collection

Use the kerbside garden waste green bin

Recycle glass / bottles

Increase the amount of good as new second hand items I purchase

Recycle soft plastics like carrier bags / crisp packets / food wrap at supermarket collection points

Reduce the amount of single use plastic items I use / buy

Go meat free at least once a week (specifically to help the environment)

Installed solar panels

What else are you specifically doing to reduce your impact on climate change / help the environment?

WHAT CAN I RECYCLE KERBSIDE?



- Empty aerosols
- Cans and tins
- Cardboard boxes – large boxes can be folded and put next to sacks but only when weather is dry – wet cardboard cannot be recycled.
- Clean foil
- Greetings cards and wrapping paper (no plastic-based, glitter or foil wrapping)
- Newspapers, magazines and catalogues (no shredded paper)
- Clean and dry paper
- Plastic bottles, pots, tubs & trays
- Plastic tops, which you should screw back on the bottles

Recycling sacks are delivered free to your door, however if you run out, you can get more sacks from the Information Centre or Witham Library.



- Bubble wrap
- Card, cardboard or paper that is dirty, wet or greasy
- Cardboard food and drink cartons, including those with metal bases, such as gravy cartons or Pringles tubes
- Clothes, shoes and textiles.
- Crisp packets
- Food waste
- Garden waste
- Glass jars and bottles.
- Hard plastic items (eg toys, CD cases, coat hangers)
- Metals (eg gas containers, paint tins and utensils)
- Nappies
- Plant pots
- Plastic film, wrapping or food bags and cling film
- Polystyrene
- Refuse
- Shredded paper *can be composted
- Small items (under 40 mm)
- Wallpaper

HOW TO AVOID LANDFILL



Bottle / Jar banks

- Morrisons recycling layby
- Mill Lane carpark
- Newlands carpark
- Spring Lodge

Home use printer inkjet cartridges

- Morrisons store
- Tesco
- Witham Library
- Witham Town Hall

Unwanted / Finished make-up containers

- Boots Newland St. (also toothpaste)
- Superdrug
- Tesco

Textiles / Shoes/Handbags

- Asda Car Park
- Mill Lane Car Park
- Newlands Car Park
- The Witham Hub (bras)

Soft Plastics - Bags / Crisp packets/Bread bags / Food wrapping / Food pouches / Salad bags/ Toilet roll plastic wrap / Cling film

- Aldi by the entrance
- Co-op Spa Road
- Morrisons by the exit
- Tesco by the exit
- The Witham Hub (crisp packets)

Batteries

- Aldi
- Lidl
- Morrisons store
- Tesco
- Witham Town Hall

Small electrical / Electronic Items eg. Toasters/Hairdryers/Irons etc.

- Witham Library WEEE collection point

Magazines / Newspapers

- Mill Lane car park
- Morrisons recycling layby
- Newlands car park



If you still have items to dispose of, please book a slot at Witham's recycling centre on Perry Road, open every day except Thursday. You can book via <https://vello.fi/essexcc-cars/witham> and blue badge holders, pedestrians and cyclists are not required to book.



TOWN HALL AND INFORMATION CENTRE

**61 Newland Street, Witham, Essex,
CM8 2FE**

Witham Town Council Offices are open
Monday – Thursday 9:00AM–5:00PM and
Friday 9:00AM–4:00PM.

The Information Centre in the Town Hall
is open from 9:00AM–4:30PM Monday,
Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00AM – 4:30PM
Wednesday and 9:00AM – 3:50PM Friday.

Both are closed weekends and Bank
Holidays.

Meetings of your Town Council are open
for you to attend.

Full details are displayed at
www.witham.gov.uk/committees

Agendas are on display on the
noticeboard in Newland Street attached
to Fenn Wright.

Meetings usually begin at 7:30PM and
Planning & Transport Committee
meetings at 6:30PM. These are held in
the Council Chamber at the Town Hall.

**For further information please contact
the Town Hall:**

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