

Dudley Your Home Your Forum Meeting – 7th November 2022 Feedback from the World Café Discussion



The World Café discussion allowed everyone present to share their knowledge of the local area and what makes it great, as well as identify things which could make the area even better. Four questions were used to guide the discussion. Feedback is provided below along with some links to helpful resources.

Question 1 - Listening to you and what's happening around you

Environment fly tipping was mentioned and discussed that it's an issue throughout the ward along with a concern around the current climate crisis.

Forum Funding process for approving grant applications needs clarifying, transparency of decision making, Christmas Tree lights needs to be consistent and centrally funded.

Built Environment including demolition of derelict Lodge Farm Community Centre and improvements to signs and street lighting. Parking issues around schools and parks were also discussed and improvements to pavements in Kates Hill.

Question 2 - What makes Dudley a great place to live, work & play? What do we love about this place e.g., history, culture, physical/natural environment, people, facilities?

People in attendance at the meeting identified a wide range of things which they love about Dudley. Comments have been themed below.

Green spaces, waterways and nature was mentioned including Saltwells Nature Reserve.

People, community and volunteering the people who live here, passionate, caring and good sense of humour.

History, heritage and culture Local assets in the community including, Dudley Zoo and Black Country Museum.

Question 3 - What would make Dudley an even better place to live, work and play in?

Ideas shared during this discussion have been categorised as either 'things that you as residents/ communities can do by yourselves or with some outside help' and 'things which will need outside agencies to develop/ deliver'.

Some examples of community led activity/ support available have been provided alongside some of the ideas. If you would like support to take any of these ideas forward, please contact Aaron Lawrence, community development worker for Dudley area on aaron.lawrence@dudley.gov.uk or 01384 814528.

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Things that you as residents/ communities can do by yourselves or with some outside help e.g., from Dudley Council	Examples
<p>Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park maintenance, care of all green spaces • Less litter & fly tipping • Climate Crisis • Promotion of Dudley Council App to increase number of people reporting issues to be resolved. <p>Community/ social activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Centre community events • Developing a community space Saltwells Nature Reserve • Better communication and partnership working between the council and the residents. • Help toward people who are digitally excluded. 	<p><i>Friends of the Parks – How to get involved.</i> www.dudley.gov.uk/things-to-do/parks-and-open-spaces/friends-of-the-parks/</p> <p><i>Fly Tipping -</i> www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/parking-and-roads/street-cleaning-and-cleansing/fly-tipping</p> <p>Climate Crisis - Residents are being called on for their views on how they and the council can work together to tackle climate change. www.dudley.gov.uk/news/your-borough-your-future-tackling-climate-change-together/</p> <p>Dudley Council App - People can find out more by visiting the council's website at www.dudley.gov.uk and searching 'council app'. It is available from major app stores.</p> <p>Explore what's on using the Dudley Information Directory. www.dudleyci.co.uk/</p> <p>For the latest funding opportunities you could contact your local Community Development Worker on the details provided and keep up to date with Your Home, Your Forum meetings and funding opportunities www.dudley.gov.uk/council-community/your-home-your-forum/</p> <p>You could also talk to Dudley Community Voluntary service funding officer for help. www.dudleycvs.org.uk/</p> <p>Just Straight Talk - Digi Dudley. The concept of this project is to increase the digital skills and potential of 'older age people' (generally those of a non-working age) including isolated carers aged 45 and over. www.dudleyci.co.uk/services/just-straight-talk-digi-dudley</p>

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In addition, a number of suggestions were made that require outside agencies to develop and deliver. These were:

Local economy

- Tourism discount for locals
- Local people to visit, use the services, attractions

Public services

- Anti-social behaviour enforcements Illegal activities

Built environment

- Potholes, highways
- Street Lighting

Question 4 - If we could take action on one thing to strengthen this area/community, what would be the most important thing we could do?

Responses to this question have been categorised by theme and presented below.

Police/ community safety was mentioned by several people and included more police on the streets and more enforcement patrols. Reduction of anti-social behaviour and the need to improve facilities for young people.

Community including more community events and funding for community events to bring people together.

Community meetings feedback to the public to be in person, ensure police can attend meetings and local councillors to work together for the community.