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In this paper, we present a local discontinuous Galerkin (LDG) methods for two-dimensional second-order elliptic problems. Convergence properties for the solution and for the auxiliary variable that approximates its gradient are established. We prove that the LDG solution is superconvergent towards a particular projection of the exact solution. The order of convergence is proved to be  $p + 2$ , when tensor product polynomials of degree at most  $p$  are used. Then, we show that the actual error can be split into two parts. The components of the significant part can be given in terms of  $(p + 1)$ -degree Radau polynomials. We use these results to construct a reliable and efficient residual-type a posteriori error estimates. We prove that the proposed residual-type a posteriori error estimates converge to the true errors in the  $L_2$ -norm under mesh refinement. Finally, we present a local AMR procedure that makes use of our local and global a posteriori error estimates. We provide several numerical examples illustrating the effectiveness of our procedures. (Received August 17, 2021)