

Dawley Hamlets Parish Council In the news July 2008

Children honoured

On Thursday 3rd July, at a specially arranged school assembly, Community Support Officer (CSO) Sarah Robinson and Dawley Hamlets Parish Council Chairman Andy Chetwood, attended Aqueduct Primary School to present the prizes for a competition that had been run for the Year 5 and Year 6 pupils.

CSO Robinson, in partnership with the Wrekin Housing Trust, Dawley Hamlets Parish Council, Aqueduct Primary School and some residents of Aqueduct, recently set up a project board known as the Aqueduct Youth Engagement Group. The aim of the group is to help young people in the area develop activities during the school holidays.

As plans were being drawn up, members of the group visited Aqueduct Primary School and spoke to pupils in Years 5 and 6 about their plans and they seemed really excited by them.

CSO Robinson, who is part of the Dawley and Hamlets Local Policing Team along with PC Claire Walker-Shale and CSO Steve Robinson, explained how the competition came about:

"The children seemed really keen to help us and we decided to run a competition between the Year 5 and Year 6 classes inviting them to design a slogan for the work of the group. Each and every child took part and we had some great ideas.

"Once all the entries were in we took them to Dawley Hamlets Parish Council who had kindly volunteered to judge the competition. The judges commented on how high the standard of the entries were and, after a great deal of deliberation, the councillors eventually decided on a winner and three runner-ups.

"The winning slogan - which was designed by Cameron Dhir and Christopher Crawford - was 'Your World is My World' and we feel that this fits well with the wider aims of the new group perfectly.

"Every child that entered the competition received a goody bag containing pens donated by the council and colouring books provided by Telford Police, while the winning entrants received cinema tickets that were kindly donated by Odeon Cinemas in Telford.

"We'd like to thank all the children that took the time to enter this competition and congratulate them on the quality of their work."

She continued: "We have also asked the children that entered the competition if they would like to become part of a working group that will look at the type of activities that should be provided for the children of Dawley.



"The purpose of the working group is to allow those children involved to speak up and represent other young people on what they would like to see happen in their area.

"The members of the working group will be asked to attend meetings of the Aqueduct Youth Engagement Group and then bid for funding to help support and organise specific projects. The meetings are held once a month and take place at Aqueduct Primary School straight after school at 4pm.

"We very much look forward to working with the children to improve the activities available to them across the Dawley and Hamlets ward and we also hope they enjoy the extra responsibility they are being given too."