

# NEWSLETTER

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## Aqueduct Estate

On Friday 18th September a number of residents and local Councillors responded to an invitation to attend a Picnic on the Green at Aqueduct Estate where they took the opportunity to explore ways in which residents in partnership with the Borough and Parish Councils can work together for the betterment of their community.

The day was a success with almost 30 residents turning out; a follow up event/meeting will now be arranged.

In this edition of our Newsletter we have provided details of the Borough Council's Street Champion Scheme along with our own initiative:

**“Dawley Hamlets Parish Council wants to make a difference in your neighbourhood”.**



*Residents and Councillors meet to discuss a joint initiative to improve their neighbourhood.*

## Dawley Hamlets Parish Council Senior Citizens Christmas Buffet

**12.30pm for 1pm Friday December 4th 2015**

The Parish Council will once again be holding a free Christmas Buffet for senior citizens of the Parish. If you would like to be invited to attend please return the slip below. Admittance will be by ticket only and places are limited so applicants are advised to return their slips as soon as possible.



Name .....

Address .....

Postcode .....

I am a senior resident in the Parish of Dawley Hamlets and I would like to be invited to the Parish Council free Christmas Buffet.

Please send the form to: M. Goldstraw, Parish Clerk, Regent Villa, London Road, St. George's, Telford, TF2 9LH

## Street Champions

Street Champions is a volunteer scheme that is part of the Borough Council's Pride in Your Community programme to encourage residents to take a more active role in their community.

As a Street Champion you will provide a positive influence within your community, improving the local environment by informing the Borough Council of areas of concern. You will also be invited to events in your local area to make improvements and provided support should you wish to organise events yourself. You will be provided with a Toolkit for reporting an issue or defect within your street or neighbourhood. All Street Champions will receive an equipment request form. From this you will be able to order certain items to help you make a difference in your area. These things will include graffiti removal wipes, and litter picking equipment.

In return for your help, the Borough Council promise to take appropriate action as quickly as they can and keep you informed of actions that they take. You can sign up to be a Street Champion using the Borough Council's online form: <https://webforms.telford.gov.uk/form/52>

### Why become a Street Champion?

By becoming a Street Champion you can put something back into the community and help improve the environment you live in. It's simple and easy, all you have to do is tell the Borough Council about your concerns ranging from damaged street lights to graffiti and they will do the rest.

### Street Champion Aims

- Increase volunteering opportunities to participate in cleaning and community events such as bulb and tree planting
- Encourage public to play an active role in the local community
- Generate community spirit and involvement
- Build respect in local communities and improve the environment for everyone
- Encourage communities to monitor the cleanliness and maintenance of local streets and open spaces

### Events to get involved in

As a Street Champion you will be encouraged and supported to organise community events that improve your neighbourhood and local environment, such as litter picks and improvements to untidy pieces of land. The Borough Council will also invite you to events that other organisations have arranged although it is up to you if you attend.

Typical issues Street champions can report

- Graffiti
- Fly-posting
- Dog fouling
- Overhanging trees and shrubs
- Damage to street furniture including seats, bins, signs, bollards, bus shelters
- Fly-tipping
- Excessive litter
- Street light problems
- Pot holes and missing drain covers

The list is not exhaustive. If something is of concern, then let the Borough Council know and they may be able to deal with it. If, for any reason, they can't then they will explain why, as well as try to put you in touch with the right person to talk to.

### How do I become a Street Champion?

Apply to be a Street Champion <https://webforms.telford.gov.uk/form/52>

Another easy way to sign up is by using our mobile app. Visit the everyday telford page at [http://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20221/everyday\\_telford](http://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20221/everyday_telford) for more information or search for everydaytelford in your app store.

You can also email the Borough Council at [get.involved@telford.gov.uk](mailto:get.involved@telford.gov.uk) or call **01952 384384**.

## DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

Meets at Horsehay Village Hall, Bridge Road, Horsehay at 7pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, except December when the meeting is on the first Monday. There are no meetings in August.

**All residents of the parish are invited to attend and all meetings have a 15 minute public session where Council is able to receive comments and reports from residents of the Parish.**

## Improving Your Neighbourhood

Dawley Hamlets Parish Council wants to make a difference in your neighbourhood

It is no secret that Councils everywhere are struggling to find enough money to look after roads, footpaths, landscaping and playgrounds etc. Therefore we have to make the best of our limited resources. For us this means:

- involving local people in identifying their priorities for improvement rather than assuming the Council knows best
- working closely with the Borough Council so that what we do adds to, rather than duplicates, what they already provide
- drawing up an action plan in which the Parish Council, the Borough Council and local residents all have a part to play
- checking to make sure what we have agreed to do is carried out and new priorities can be added

### Our Approach

We are developing a model for neighbourhood improvement that we hope will eventually be applied to every part of the Parish Council area.

Starting with the neighbourhood around the Village Green on Majestic Way, Aqueduct the Parish Council has so far:

- surveyed the area with Borough Council officers to identify obvious problems and find out what the Council is able or is planning to do
- organised a get-together on the Green followed by a walk around the estate with local residents to get views on priorities
- involved existing and new 'street champions' and other volunteers in keeping the area up to scratch
- allocated £5,000 of Parish Council funds to complement new and existing agreed work by the Borough Council
- made sure that street cleaning and litter picking are working to schedule
- begun work to draw up an action plan which local residents will check and monitor

**Would your neighbourhood benefit from this approach? Would you and others you know be prepared to get involved and help us to improve Dawley Hamlets? If so please get in touch by.....and give us your views. Full contact details are on the back of the Newsletter.**

### *Are you keeping up to date with Parish Council business?*

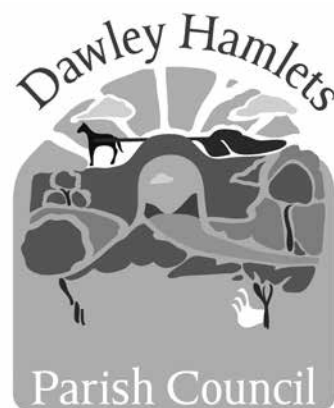
Dawley Hamlets Parish Council has its own web site where you can view its minutes which are a legally required record of its business. Minutes of all meetings going back to the year 2001 are archived on the web for all to see.

Up to date minutes are usually placed on the web site within days of them being approved, by Council, as a true record of the proceedings.

<http://dawley-hamlets.org>

If you help to organise a local group or event in the parish of Dawley Hamlets we will be only too happy to publish your meeting dates and times for you free of charge in our Newsletter. We aim to ensure that all households in the parish receive a copy.

All you have to do is contact either the Clerk or any of your Parish Councillors with the details and we will do the rest. Our only condition is that your organisation or event should benefit the parish and be non-profitable.



**GET YOURSELVES SOME FREE PUBLICITY!!**

**Email the Clerk: [clerk@dawley-hamlets.org](mailto:clerk@dawley-hamlets.org)**

### Weblog

Dawley Hamlets Parish Council now has a weblog, or online journal, which can be found at <http://weblog.dawley-hamlets.org/>. Visitors to the weblog will find up to date information on the Parish Council's agendas and minutes along with policing matters, local group information and links to new planning applications which are to be considered by the Borough Council. If you have details of a local event you would like publicised on the weblog, please let the Clerk know.

**Visit our on-line photo gallery: <http://dawley-hamlets.org/gallery>**

## Contact Us

### Dawley Hamlets Parish Councillors

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### BIRTHDAY COMING?

Are you struggling to provide a birthday cake for your child? Do you know a senior citizen who would love a birthday cake but has no one to make one?

We can help please contact "cakesmile" part of Telford Support.



[www.telfordsupport.org.uk/cake-smile](http://www.telfordsupport.org.uk/cake-smile)  
[thecakesmile@gmail.com](mailto:thecakesmile@gmail.com)  
07795262621

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