

As a Little Dawley resident, I have been very proud to see the community spirit remain high during the pandemic of 2020. In times of great turbulence where we have seen neighbours and community members and their loved ones fall victim to the virus, there have also been opportunities to take stock and appreciate what we have around us.

Highlights include the following: Community 'clap for our carers', the Little Libraries in both Little Dawley and Horsehay, VE decorations with people out on the street (along with bunting I put up and spent many a peaceful night sewing!), community litter picks, competitive photography around the Local Nature Reserve and socially distanced events with the Friends group (including trips with the Aqueduct primary school children).

The Remembrance Day service was a poignant moment where whilst we could continue to remember the fallen, we had to do so via a live link with only a few people present. This service was very special to Cllr Onions and I hope we can work together as a parish to ensure that this legacy of hers can long continue.

As we move into 2021 I hope we can see further improvements in parish and build on this community spirit.

Parish Councillor Kate Barnes