

# NEWSLETTER

Autumn/Winter 2021/22

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## WELCOME to your Autumn/Winter 2021 Newsletter

Following the elections earlier this year we are pleased to welcome two new Parish Councillors:		We are also pleased to announce that at our annual meeting in May Councillor Andy Burford was re-elected as Chair and Councillor Bob Wennington was elected as Vice-Chair.	
			
Councillor Sam Deakin Aqueduct Ward	Councillor Jayne Greenaway Dawley Hamlets Ward	Councillor Andy Burford Chair	Councillor Bob Wennington Vice-Chair

Your Parish Councillors are local residents who represent the interests of the community and can provide you with help, support and guidance. A full list of your Parish Councillors can be found at the back of this newsletter.

### PARISH PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS

You have probably noticed that some of the Telford & Wrekin Council (T&WC) play areas in our Parish could benefit from some attention.

The Parish Council have been working closely with T&WC to bring about improvements to the Spring Village and Pageant Drive play areas namely, replacement play equipment and maintenance. The Parish Council has committed £22,000 towards these improvements much of which is being 'matched' by T&WC and Parish Councillors Jayne Greenaway and Raj Mehta have also each contributed £1,000 from their Pride Funds towards the new Spring Village play area swings. T&WC are currently conducting a procurement process and the play equipment should be installed at the beginning of 2022.



### O CHRISTMAS TREE, O CHRISTMAS TREE!

This year, for the first time, Dawley Hamlets residents will be rockin' around the Christmas trees. The Parish Council are erecting trees in the following locations:

Aqueduct: At the junction of Majestic Way and Pageant Drive  
Horsehay: Next to the boundary wall of Horsehay Village Hall, Bridge Rd  
Little Dawley: At the junction of Holly Road and Corbett Close

They will be lit between 4pm and midnight from the 18th November until the 5th January. We know it's a little early but we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy 2022.



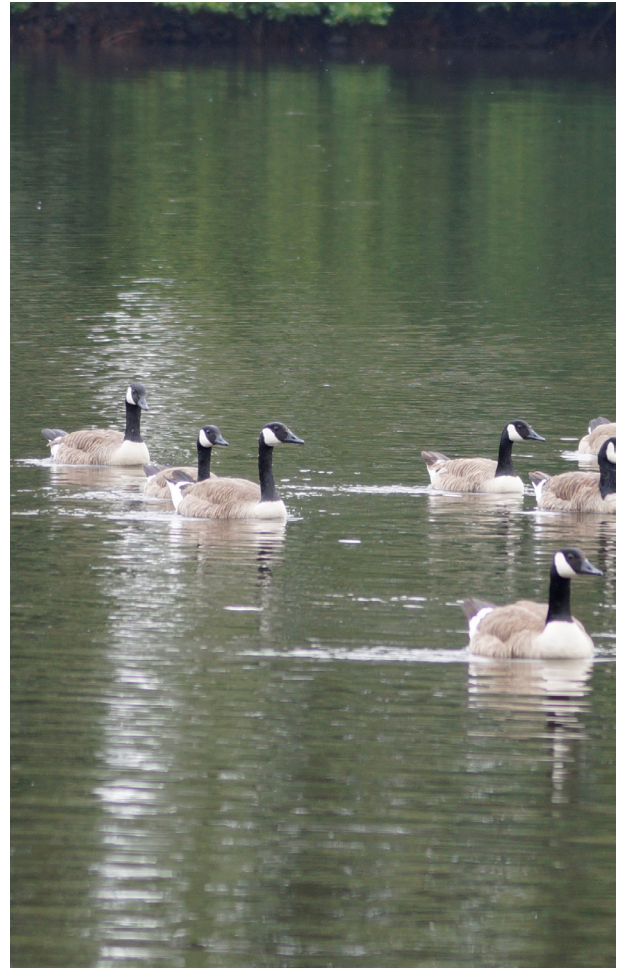
## Friends of Horsehay Pool and Environs

It seems a long time since we updated everyone about the Friends of Horsehay Pool; well, we are still around and trying to get things moving on improving Horsehay Pool and its surrounding environment. Progress is slow.

**Management Plan** - You may recall that last December Telford and Wrekin Council produced a draft Management Plan for the Pool, for consultation with local residents and interested parties. The Friends submitted a very lengthy response to the proposals put forward in the plan and we know that many local residents did likewise. We expected the Council to come back to everyone in the Spring. We are still awaiting a response and we are going to continue to put pressure where we can. This is just too important to the locality to ignore; the importance of green open spaces has proved so important in the last year, the need to improve habitation for wildlife is essential, not to mention the effect that smaller actions can have on the overall sustainability of our planet.

We love Horsehay Pool and just want to see it being properly managed and developed and we are more than happy to play our part in helping in this. You may recall that we organised some very successful events: Open Gardens and the Scarecrow Festival in 2020 to raise some funds for the pool and our aim is to do this again as soon as the plan is finalised.

*If you are interested in becoming a Friend please visit the Friends of Horsehay Pool website and join up, its free. If you would like to join our Committee, please ring Angela Porteous 07715 347573*



Email: [friendshorsehaypool@gmail.com](mailto:friendshorsehaypool@gmail.com)  
Twitter: @HorsehayPool or Facebook: [friendsofhorsehaypool](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofhorsehaypool)

## TELFORD STEAM RAILWAY

The railway has now closed after a successful summer, as well as attracting a healthy number of passengers we promoted two special Class 37 diesel events that attracted Class 37 enthusiasts from across the country, as well as several driver experience courses and footplate experience rides. We held our Annual General Meeting in Horsehay Village Hall, where members heard a report on the previous year and re-elected the 5 directors of the railway board.

The Polar Express is due to steam into Telford again this year with lights blazing and bells ringing and hundreds of excited families eager to get aboard. The fun starts on Friday 26th November with four trains for 24 days except Mondays up to 23rd December. This is the 5th year that Telford Steam Railway have staged the Polar Express and families come from all parts of the country, many staying overnight in the town, such is the popularity and excellent reputation of the Telford Polar Express.



Volunteers are busy getting ready for the return of The Polar Express and our cast of actors are rehearsing on the train, this is a picture of a recent dress rehearsal.

Tickets are selling well, but there are still a few places, if you would like to get tickets to join in the fun details are available at:

[telfordsteamrailwaypolarexpress.digitickets.co.uk/tickets](https://telfordsteamrailwaypolarexpress.digitickets.co.uk/tickets)



## GOOD NEWS!

Interfaith Santa will be making a visit to our Parish once again this year.

Once finalised the date, times and a route map will be published on our website and Facebook page.

## THE FRIENDS OF DAWLEY HAMLETS LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

The Friends of Dawley Hamlets Local Nature Reserve are delighted to announce that they will be continuing with their Magical Winter Event this year. See the Nature Reserve like never before as the elves land and the LNR lights up.

The Friends would be delighted if members of our community could get involved by making a fairy or elf house for around the Little Dawley Pools.

If you could make one, please contact [events@dawley-hamletslnr.co.uk](mailto:events@dawley-hamletslnr.co.uk).

## COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM SCHEME

The Parish Councils partnership with Telford and Wrekin Council's Community Action Team has been busy with:

- School patrols providing advice, guidance and where applicable issuing parking tickets for poor and inconsiderate parking
- Investigating fly tips
- Dog fouling and litter patrols
- Visible patrols around the Parish
- Close working with the Safer Neighbourhood Policing Teams
- A dedicated mobile CCTV camera currently installed at the Dawley Pools car park to provide a visible presence in the local community and support in evidence gathering processes

If you would like to get in touch with your local policing team, please call 101 or email: [dm.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:dm.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

## GRANT AWARDING

We are pleased to announce that the Parish Council have awarded the following grants this year:

Age UK Shropshire for the return to face-to-face services - £300  
 Aqueduct Primary School for library books - £300  
 Aqueduct community defibrillator - £911 (£1,211 in total)  
 East Shropshire Talking Newspaper for continued service provision - £200  
 Ladygrove Primary School for library books - £300  
 Lightmoor Village Primary School for a friendship bench - £300  
 Telford Horsehay Steam Trust Ltd towards the rebuilding of the Horsehay and Dawley signal box - £300





# Your Parish Councillors

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### PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Parish Council Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month (excluding August and December). Meetings are currently being held in the main hall of Aqueduct Primary School Castlefields Way, Telford, TF4 3RP at 7pm but please check our website for the latest information and meeting agenda before attending. All residents of the parish are invited to attend and each meeting has a 15-minute public session at the beginning where the Council is able to receive comments and reports from the residents of the Parish.



### NEIGHBOURHOOD MATTERS - SIGN UP FOR A FREE POLICE MESSAGING SERVICE

Police in the Telford area are encouraging residents to sign up for a new, free messaging service that sends alerts, appeals for information and crime prevention advice direct to their email inboxes and mobile phones. Anyone wishing to sign up for the new service can simply visit [www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk) and follow the on screen prompts.



### COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH GROUP

Community Speed Watch Groups have begun operating in Horsehay and Dawley and Aqueduct. Volunteers, with the support of West Mercia Police, monitor vehicle speeds within the community and drivers caught speeding are recorded by the volunteers and their details are shared with the police. Vacancies are available so if you would like to join one of the Speed Watch groups in your area please contact the Clerk.

### Keep in touch with your Parish Council

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