

NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW – FINAL CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY!

Telford & Wrekin Council is now inviting feedback in the third and final phase of its consultation with town and parish councils.

This is your last opportunity to speak up before decisions are made.

Ways to respond:

- Complete the online survey at www.telford.gov.uk/cgr2025 or scan the QR code (open your phone's camera, point it at the code, and tap the link).
- Email your views to reviews@telford.gov.uk – include your name, address, and comments.

To learn more about the Community Governance Review go to: www.telford.gov.uk/cgr

Deadline: Sunday 19th October 2025 at 11.59pm

Dawley Hamlets Parish Council has consistently and resolutely stated its position that we wish to remain a Parish Council and retain our name. You can read our full responses to earlier phases here: www.dawley-hamlets.org/news



Scan the QR code to complete the on-line survey



DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

SENIOR RESIDENTS CHRISTMAS PARTY at HORSEHAY VILLAGE HALL

DOORS OPEN 12PM FOR A 12.30PM START ON FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER 2025

The Parish Council will once again be holding a free Christmas Party for senior residents (65+) who reside in the Parish. If you would like to be invited to attend, please return the slip below or e-mail your name and address to the Clerk and we will post you a ticket two weeks prior to the event.

Admittance will be by ticket only; places are limited and will be issued on a first come first served basis so applicants are advised to respond as soon as possible.

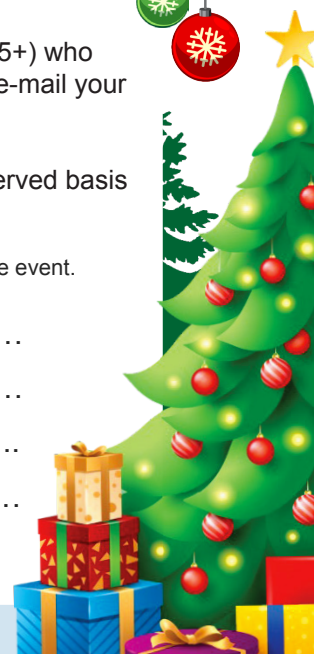
I am a senior resident in Dawley Hamlets Parish and I would like to be invited to this Parish Council free event.

Name:

Address:

Postcode: Telephone:

Please send this form to: K Ewence, Parish Clerk, 7 Earls Way, Telford, Shropshire, TF6 6FA
or alternatively e-mail clerk@dawley-hamlets.org.



LOOKING BACK AT 2025: A GREAT YEAR AT TELFORD STEAM RAILWAY

As another successful season draws to a close, we're reflecting on some of the highlights of 2025 at Telford Steam Railway. We began in April with our ever-popular Easter Egg Hunt, which saw families exploring the railway for clues and prizes across two fun-filled days.

A major milestone was the 100th birthday of steam engine No. 5619 and the rededication of Lawley station. Supported by Bournville Village Trust, Lawley and Overdale Parish Council, and Councillors Lewis, Aston, and Hannington, this special open day welcomed local residents to enjoy free train rides. Our guest of honour, Pete Waterman, added to the celebrations. Another proud moment was the return to steam of our unique narrow-gauge tram after a six-year restoration, much of it completed by our younger volunteers. TV presenter Tim Dunn carried out the renaming ceremony and even drove the tram for visitors to enjoy.

This year also saw the reopening of our refurbished tearoom on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, now a valued community hub. Our Fish & Chip and Cream Tea Specials, run with local businesses including The Codfather and Catherine's Bakery, proved as popular as ever, often selling out. Meanwhile, the signal box at Horsehay & Dawley is being rebuilt on its original foundations, and our station gardens once again flourished thanks to volunteer care.

With the season closing, excitement now builds for our magical Polar Express™ trains this November. Thank you for your support – we look forward to welcoming you in 2026!

Best wishes

Richard Owen – TSR Director



AN UPDATE FROM THE FRIENDS OF HORSEHAY POOL & ENVIRONS

The Friends hosted their 4th Scarecrow Festival on 7th September despite heavy rain, with some thunder and lightning! Nevertheless, there were more than 20 Scarecrows positioned around the Pool, all extremely creative and entertaining, and drew plenty of visitors who braved the weather to enjoy them. This year we had a trophy for the most popular Scarecrow, kindly donated by Nigel Green, and by far the most popular was Paddington Bear. Well done Jayne Greenaway who made a fantastic bear.

Thank you to Dawley Hamlets Parish Council for helping with the cost of hosting the event. Watch out for the date for next year. As a Friends Group, we are continuing to work on improving the Pools at Horsehay and Simpsons, so keep a look out on our social media account for updates.

Angela Porteous – Secretary FoHP&E



RECORD-BREAKING SUCCESS AT THE HORSEHAY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL SHOW

The Horsehay Horticultural Society held its Annual Flower, Vegetable, and Craft Show on Saturday 6th September at Horsehay Village Hall – and what a success it was! Despite a growing season marked by unusually hot and dry weather, which led to early harvests, concerns about a drop in entries were quickly put to rest. This year's show saw a record-breaking 566 exhibits. The event welcomed many new faces among both exhibitors and visitors, bringing a fresh energy to this much-loved local tradition.

We were proud to debut several new features at this year's show, including new tablecloths, display saucers and a new notice board.

Our sincere thanks go to Cllr. Ian Preece and Cllr. Rajash Mehta for their generous support. Additional thanks

to Dawley Hamlets Parish Council – for generously sponsoring our Show, Horsehay Village Hall – for kindly donating the hall and Meadowdale Nurseries – for sponsoring the trophy vouchers.

A particularly special moment came when Horsehay Horticultural Society was presented with a Kindness Award, nominated by members of the local community and awarded by Cllr. Rajash Mehta. This was a complete surprise and a deeply appreciated honour. We sincerely thank everyone who nominated us – your support means so much. The show was a resounding success – a true celebration of local talent, dedication, and the spirit of our community.

Deb Tovey, Show Secretary



DAWLEY HAMLETS LOCAL NATURE RESERVE (LNR) NATURE HAS NO BORDERS.

Last night I heard tawny owls calling, and I'm writing this on the autumn equinox from my garden, with buzzards overhead and insects searching the last of the summer flowers. The benefits of getting out and appreciating nature are well known — and here in South Telford, we're incredibly well served. I live just 100m from our reserve, but I'm also within a 20-minute walk of 14 other LNRs and numerous green spaces, all linked by green corridor footpaths.

Many of these spaces have active Friends groups; some don't. We're a small team supported by a wider Friends group, and one thing we'd love to improve is visibility and involvement. If you have ideas or skills to offer, we'd be thrilled to hear from you. Dawley Hamlets Parish Council and Telford & Wrekin Council do a great job maintaining footpaths and responding to tree safety concerns, and they'll soon be adding signage with QR codes linking to our web page. We hope to fill it with maps, photos, and updates — in the meantime, follow us on Facebook, where I've made an autumn resolution to be more active and interactive.

There's an ongoing plan of interventions to maintain habitats and boost biodiversity, generously supported by the Parish Council. If you're one of the many who pick

up litter — thank you. It's noticed and appreciated. Your contribution helps keep the reserve a special place for everyone.

Interested in joining our Friends group?
Email: enquiries@dawleyhamletslnr.co.uk

Dave Jackson – Friends of DHLNR Ecology Officer



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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Parish Council meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm (excluding August and December). Meetings are held alternately at these venues:

- Aqueduct Primary School, Castlefields Way, Aqueduct Telford TF4 3RP
- Horsehay Village Hall, Bridge Road, Horsehay, Telford TF4 2NF

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 its residents.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES OF REMEMBRANCE WILL BE HELD ON: Sunday 9th November 2025

Little Dawley Remembrance Service: War Memorial

Junction of Holly Road / Lightmoor Road
Time 10.45am

Aqueduct Remembrance Service: Aqueduct Bridge

Off Chapel Lane, Aqueduct
Time 2.30pm

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARISH

The Parish Christmas trees will be lit from Thursday 13th November until Twelfth Night:

- 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



Interfaith Santa will ride again this year, dates and routes will be posted on our Facebook page when they become available.

Appointments available in your community

The 1st Tuesday of every month at
the Oak Tree Centre, Lightmoor Way,
TF4 3EG

You can book an appointment by
calling us on 0808 278 7988
or via our contact us form on our
website - scan the QR code below

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