

# NEWSLETTER

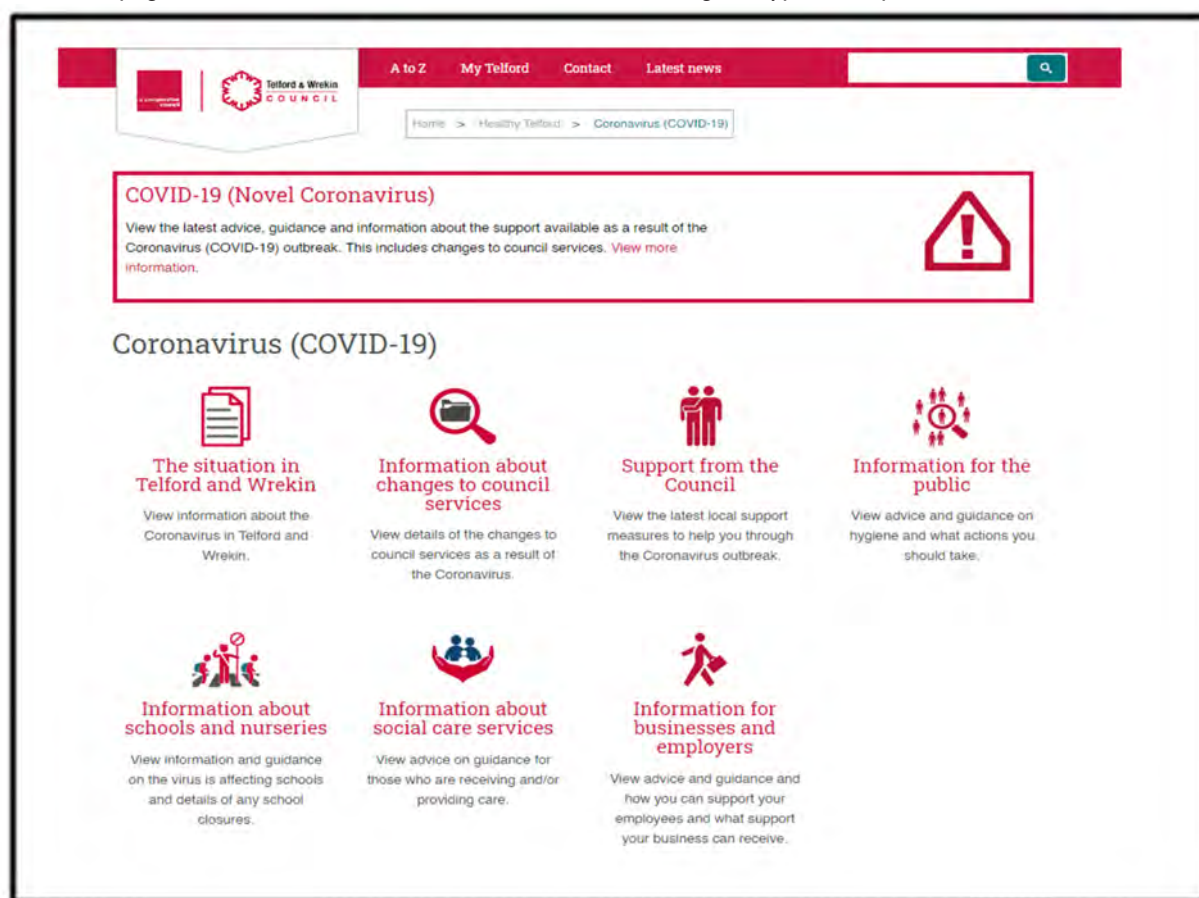
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## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Telford & Wrekin Council offers practical support services to help local communities and businesses through the Coronavirus pandemic, a full list of these services are available on their website - [Telford.gov.uk](http://Telford.gov.uk)

This is the page from Telford & Wrekin Council's website showing the types of important information available.'



## RESIDENTS:

Assistance is being offered to vulnerable residents who are self-isolating and in particular those who do not have family, friends or neighbours around to help and need assistance with some day to day tasks such as collecting prescriptions and shopping.

Any residents who are in urgent need of assistance can request help on the website or by calling Telford and Wrekin on **01952 382030**

## BUSINESSES:

Support is in place for businesses requiring assistance and guidance with the various support packages put in place by the government including business rates, grants, statutory sick pay and government loans.

Any business in need of assistance can request help on the website or by calling Telford and Wrekin Council on **01952 383838**

The above information above is correct as at 23rd March 2020, please check the [Telford.gov.uk](http://Telford.gov.uk) website for the latest information.

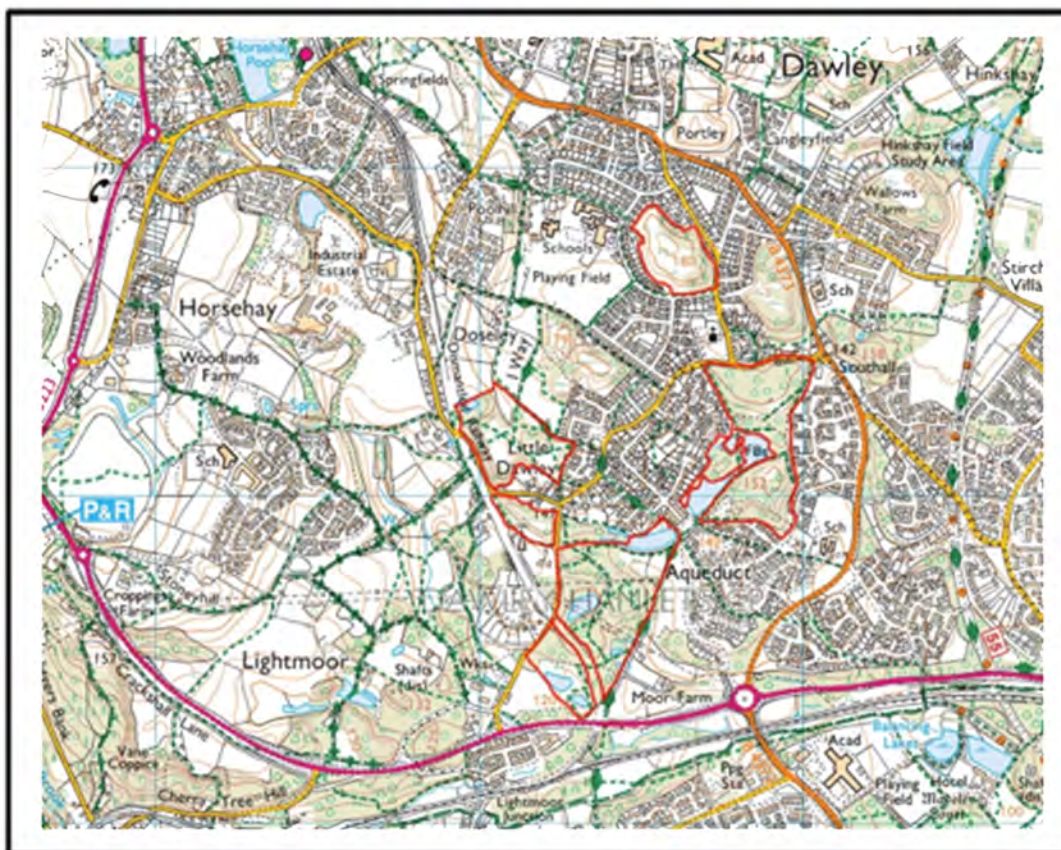


## FRIENDS OF DAWLEY HAMLETS LOCAL NATURE RESERVE UPDATE

As 2019 came to an end, we reflected on some of the fantastic events we have achieved! From our bird surveys, to our community litter picks to our many community events for children. Below is a snippet about Aqueduct Primary School's help towards our hugely successful winter fairy walk around the pool.



Now we face uncertain times with events postponed for the foreseeable future. But whilst we are encouraged to take a daily walk, please consider the 38 hectares as a perfect haven for this. See our Facebook Page for details on where we are and maps of the area. Stay safe and enjoy!



## PARISH COUNCIL PROJECTS, EVENTS & IMPROVEMENTS

The Parish Council have contributed funding to the following in 2019/20 :

- Friends of Dawley Hamlets Local Nature Reserve
- Horsehay Pool Pocket Park Project
- Aqueduct Primary School Christmas Pantomime and Santa visit
- School Holiday Activities & Eatwell Project
- Friends of Aqueduct Primary School adventure trail
- Little Dawley War Memorial wall repair
- Additional grit bin Shutfield Road/Corner of Castlefields
- Pageant Drive playground replacement swing seat



## THE AQUEDUCT BRIDGE - AN UPDATE

Local distinctiveness and celebration of our heritage are both very important to me and for a long while I have looked on in sadness as the canal bridge that gives our ward part of its name has sat forlorn under cladding. Since coming into office, I have made it my mission to get things moving on the restoration of the bridge, securing the support of both Historic England and the Georgian Group in moving things forward. I am pleased to announce that the first tentative steps are finally underway. For those unfamiliar with the history of the bridge, it is a sandstone aqueduct, originally built to carry the newly-dug Shropshire Canal over the turnpike road from Bridgnorth to Wellington. Unlike our other historic bridges, the Aqueduct has the unique privilege of serving as a war memorial. Initial investigations on the bridge in the form of laser surveys took place in December. These will help determine the extent and nature of restoration works needed. This is going to be a very big project, and will require considerable funding. Officers and contractors have been working very hard to get this far, and I'm very encouraged by this first step. I have asked officers to put up notices should the paths need to be closed at any time and to explain why. Should you notice any antisocial behaviour or suspicious activity around the site, please don't hesitate to ring 111 and to get in touch with me or one of my colleagues. I have been assured that the site is inspected regularly to make sure it remains stable and safe.

Cllr. Concepta Cassar

## FRIENDS OF HORSEHAY POOL & ENVIRONS - LATEST NEWS!

Last December we put in a bid for £15000 under a Central Government 'Pocket Park' scheme to improve the area near to the Pool inlet, i.e. north of the Pool by the picnic area and foot bridges. Our aim is to create small wetland areas that can retain water and be planted with trees, reeds and wildflowers and thereby help the wildlife. Also included are improvements to the footpaths and seating areas and we have been successful. The Parish Council have pledged an additional £4500 towards the scheme and the Friends will be supplementing funding with £2000 from our own funds. We are now scoping the work that needs to be done and will be carrying out consultation regarding the full detail of the scheme as soon as it is possible. We will begin by installing an improved, dry footpath through the picnic area. We are also progressing with our long-awaited Management Plan which is a strategic document that will determine the short, medium and long-term development, management and maintenance of the Pool and surrounding areas.

## DEFIBRILLATORS IN THE PARISH

Aqueduct regulars at The Britannia Inn were able to purchase a defibrillator for the community through their charitable work this Christmas. The pub asked for donations for a Christmas Raffle and collected some great prizes from their locals that were raffled off throughout December. The pub also received some generous donations and by Christmas had collected £1800. The defibrillator was purchased in January, it is sited on the front wall of the pub and can be accessed by an emergency call to 999. It is a fantastic resource for the community. A defibrillator shock to a heart in cardiac arrest given as quickly as it can may save someone's life. The machine cleverly assesses the patient and talks the operator through procedures in an easy to understand way. The defibrillator is in a secure cabinet and is looked after by the licensees of the Britannia Inn, Andy & Mandy Powney. It is registered online on The Circuit database which is a defibrillator database in the U.K. and used by the NHS. Andy & Mandy said they are very proud of all the generosity and charity that their pub regulars give to different causes and it is also an honour to be guardians of such a valuable piece of life saving equipment. Find out more about The Britannia Inn at @atthebritannia Facebook page. A defibrillator is also currently being installed at Horsehay Village Hall so shortly we shall have two defibrillators in the Parish.





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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

A Parish Council Meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month (excluding August and December) at **Horsehay Village Hall, Bridge Road, Horsehay, TF4 2FN at 7pm**. All residents of the parish are invited to attend and each meeting has a 15-minute public session at the beginning where Council is able to receive comments and reports from the residents of the Parish.

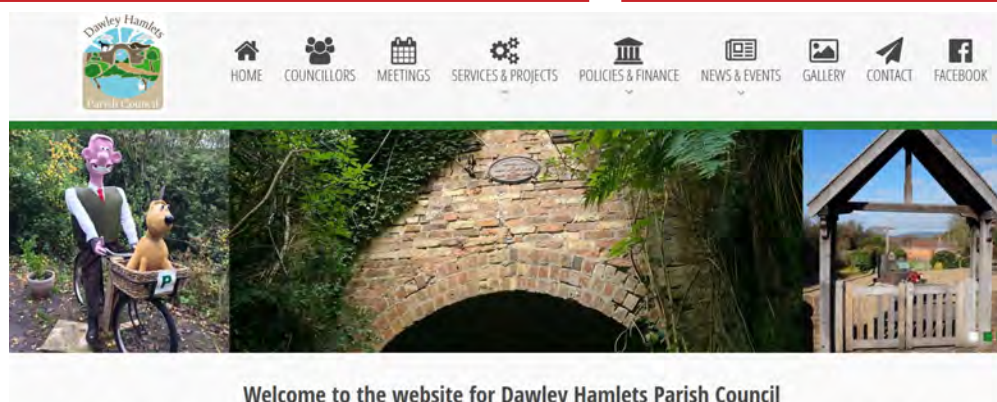
**\*\*\* Due to Coronavirus Pandemic meetings may be subject to cancellation, please consult our website \*\*\***

### NEW PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

We are pleased to announce that we have a brand-new website, find out more about your Parish Council at  
<http://www.dawley-hamlets.org/>

### DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL SENIOR CITIZENS SUMMER PICNIC **CANCELLED**

We apologise for having to cancel this event but look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Party in December.



Welcome to the website for Dawley Hamlets Parish Council

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