

# NEWSLETTER

Winter 2020

Produced by Dawley Hamlets Parish Council

## WELCOME TO YOUR WINTER 2020 NEWSLETTER IN THIS CHALLENGING YEAR

The latest information from **Telford & Wrekin Council** regarding the Coronavirus pandemic including support for local residents and businesses can be found on their website:

[https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20692/coronavirus\\_covid-19](https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20692/coronavirus_covid-19)  
or by telephoning **01952 382030 (residents)** or **01952 383838 (businesses)**.

Due to Coronavirus restrictions we will not be holding a Christmas event for our older residents this year, but we look forward to recommencing our bi-annual events as soon as it is safe to do so.

In July, Jane Pinter, our vice-chair and long standing councillor for the Aqueduct Ward tendered her resignation, we would like to thank Cllr. Pinter for her service to Dawley Hamlets Parish Council and wish her a long and happy retirement in sunny Spain. This means we have a vacancy in our Aqueduct Ward, could you fill the position? If you would like to know more about being a parish councillor please contact the clerk. The election will be held in May 2021 (due to Coronavirus regulations).

We are currently considering our 2021/22 budget and would very much like to hear from you, our residents, what your priorities are for improving the neighbourhood, for example, foot paths, roads and landscaping. Please contact the clerk with your comments and suggestions.



Finally, an important traffic calming consultation for Woodhouse Lane and Frame Lane, Horsehay will be launched shortly by Telford & Wrekin Council. We will advertise the consultation on our website and Facebook page and if you live close by you will receive notification directly from Telford & Wrekin Council. The parish council will be responding to the consultation and we would encourage you to do the same.

The residents of Dawley Hamlets have shown fantastic community spirit over lockdown and it has been lovely to see this continue.

Local craftsman Nathan Morris impressed us with his 'Little Library' in Horsehay so much so that we commissioned one for Little Dawley too; these allowed local residents to continue with reading through the pandemic and local children to have a chance to visit for new reading materials.

VE Day was another highlight with many residents celebrating in style with a tea party; Cllr Kate Barnes created red, white and blue bunting to decorate the memorial.

As we entered Autumn and Winter, events continue to change slightly as different measures are in force; Dawley Hamlets Parish Council laid wreaths this year as normal at the Aqueduct and Little Dawley war memorials but, due to Coronavirus restrictions, no formal services were held.



## GRANT AWARDS

This year the Parish Council has been proud to award grants to the following organisations:

Aqueduct Primary School  
Citizens Advice Telford  
Dawley Food Bank  
East Shropshire Talking Newspaper  
Family Connect Telford (PODS)  
Hope House Children's Hospice  
Horsehay Village Hall  
Impact Telford Counselling Service  
Kindle Kindness

Lightmoor Primary School PTA  
T&W CVS All Age Carers Centre  
Telford & Wrekin Interfaith Council  
Telford Angling Association  
Telford Crisis Support (Food Bank)  
Telford Mind  
Telford Mining Memorial Fund  
Telford Senior Citizens Forum

**TELFORD  
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SUPPORT**



Borough Cllrs. Burford, Cassar, Greenaway, Mehta & Pinter's Pride Fund contributions for the Laptops for Schools Project and Spring Village playground improvements have also been 'matched' by the Parish Council.

## THE FRIENDS OF DAWLEY HAMLETS LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

Life is thriving on the wild side of Dawley Hamlets over at the Local Nature Reserve. Despite the setbacks of the pandemic the committee has been working hard to ensure that there has been a roster of events to bring joy to the local community during these tough times - you can find out more via our Facebook page. You may have spotted Gaz the rock snake or have taken part in our wild art competition over the summer - and there will be more fun to come.

We look forward to being able to invite recording groups to monitor the species and working groups to improve habitat on our site again in happier times, but for now we're having to ask individuals to help at a distance. Could you help us with a solo litter pick? See our poster for details. Also do let us know about your best nature spots! One keen eye managed to take a snap of a slowworm sunbathing this summer! Keep an eye out for winter migrant birds - might you spot a fieldfare, redwing or goosander?



Join us on Facebook - search for Dawley Hamlets Local Nature Reserve

*Friends of Dawley Hamlets LNR present their....*

# Magical Winter Event

Take a walk around the Local Nature Reserve to see our **magical fairy houses and elves** from the **6th December**.

Join in the fun by leaving your own home made natural **Christmas Decoration** (see our page for how to make these)

Finally you can visit on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December** to see the **magic** come to life! The later you come, the more magic you'll see.

Please follow the government's latest guidance on social distancing when visiting the LNR.



## DOSELEY CHURCHYARD Lychgate RESTORATION

*Report by Cllr. David Hopkins*

In 2000 Dawley Hamlets Parish Council arranged for a new lychgate to be installed at the entrance to the burial ground at St Luke's Church in Doseley. By the beginning of 2020 the lychgate was looking rather the worse for wear and in need of some TLC. One of the main Oak pieces at the front had been damaged, the wooden shingles on top had started to rot, the gates needed maintenance and the whole structure was beginning to disappear under a mass of ivy.

The Parish Council were considering how to arrange repairs when we were contacted by Shaun Pickering who lives nearby and has relatives buried in the churchyard. As a carpenter Shaun offered to restore the lychgate and was interested in being involved in other improvements. It is fair to say that the whole churchyard, although it is in an attractive setting with mature trees around it, was beginning to look overgrown and neglected.

I met Shaun at the churchyard in early July and we made plans for getting the restoration of the lychgate and other work done. That work has continued and the lychgate is nearing completion. As a bonus Shaun has also made a handsome noticeboard and while he was fitting that by the gate I was able to give the bins a good clean and reposition them. A bin store to make them less obtrusive is also on the plans.

A good start has been made and we are keen to do more. A traditional stone wall surrounds the churchyard but it is mostly hidden by ivy. This needs clearing and the wall will need repairing. We hope to start on the wall nearest to St Luke's Road and also to reinstate the path next to it.

Doseley churchyard is an important place in the community and many residents will have a personal connection with it. Our intention is to restore its natural beauty, ensure it retains its atmosphere of peace and tranquillity and maintain it in a way that respects the memory of the loved ones who are commemorated there. If you would like to be involved in this continuing project and can help with the work please contact the clerk.



*Two views of the Lychgate, February 2020 and October 2020*

## COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH GROUP

Cllr. Raj Mehta is looking for volunteers from the local community to start a Community Speedwatch group in Horsehay.

Community Speedwatch is part of a nationwide scheme which enables volunteers to work with their local police forces to monitor vehicle speeds within their communities.

At least six volunteers from the local community are needed to form a Community Speedwatch group and full training is provided. If you would like to join the group please contact the clerk for an application form.



# Your Parish Councillors

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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 Street, 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 the Council is able to receive comments and reports from the residents of the Parish.

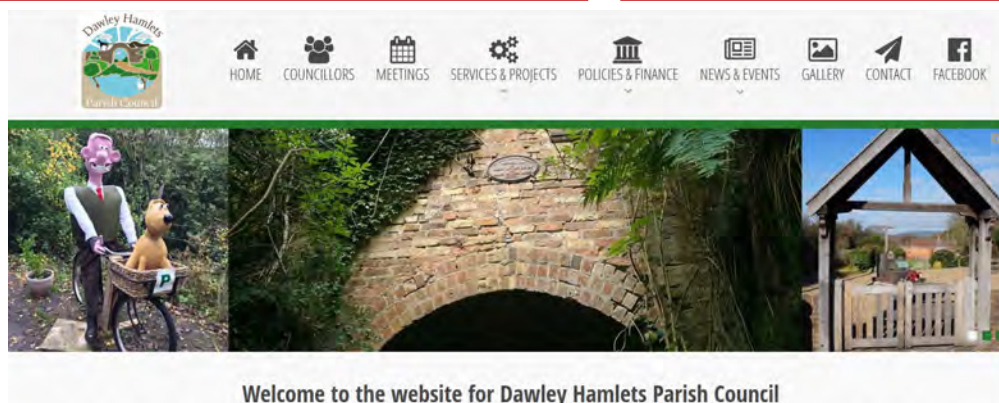
\*\*\* Due to Coronavirus Pandemic meetings are currently being held virtually by Zoom, please contact the clerk for meeting login details \*\*\*

### NEW PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

If you haven't already done so please check out our new website and find out more about your Parish Council at  
<http://www.dawley-hamlets.org/>

### DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY **CANCELLED**

We apologise for having to cancel this event but look forward to inviting you back as soon as it is safe to do so.



### Keep in touch with your Parish Council

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