



Chairman's Report for 2016/17
to the Annual Parish Meeting on 4th May 2017

This is my second annual report and I would like to take this opportunity to share some of the highlights of activities in Lawley & Overdale Parish over the past year.

Community Green Space

Over the past twelve months we have been working closely with Telford & Wrekin Council to secure two parcels of land in the Parish, Old Park Green Space and Lawley Community Garden. This is now under licence and awaiting a formal lease. Through the Community Garden Scheme we will be looking to work with local schools, volunteers and interested groups throughout the Parish to participate in growing, learning and enjoying.

Environment

The Lawley & Overdale Parish Environmental Team is a partnership between the Parish and Borough Council. The planned work schedule continues throughout the year and also, to respond to problems which are reported.

On-going work includes maintenance of The History Trail, Community Garden Improvements, footpaths and green spaces.

The flowerbeds were put in place and will be re-seeded this year. There was a Clean-up operation held in Overdale.



Community Events/fundraising



In November we saw the start of a very exciting and important project in the Parish. After being contacted by a resident, the Parish were able to facilitate the Lamppost Poppy Appeal. This was welcomed and well supported by residents; £520 was raised for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We are looking to roll this out to a wider area within the Parish this year.

Working in partnership with BVT we held an event to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. This was held on the Village Green and included farm on wheels, magician, tombola, craft's and an art competition. This raised £100 for Stay Project and Telford Foodbank.



Lawley Fun Run. Lawley Running Club, BVT and the Parish together raised £1000. An amount of £500 each was given to Stay Project and Telford Foodbank.

Our sincere thanks go to all the sponsors and competitors for making this another successful event.

Cheque presented by Cllr Jayne Greenaway, Members of Lawley Running Club, BVT and representatives of sponsors (Subway Foden Estate Agents, Greggs, Lawley Pharmacy and Plush Hill Cycles).

Our Macmillan Coffee Morning raised £156.11.

A big thank you to the team from BVT who helped to organise, to Nanna Ann who donated the home baked cakes and to all who attended and donated so generously!

The Christmas Lights were purchased and after much negotiation with landowners were erected in The Square. These will be used in future years.

Our Christmas event held indoors at Lawley Academy raised £119 for Stay Project and Telford Foodbank.



Highways/Transport



We have now ordered two Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) in response to residents' concerns about speeding. These will be used for road safety in our Parish only, and provide us with the relevant data necessary for evidence to enable road safety measures to be put in place. We are currently working with Telford & Wrekin Council on the instillation of mounting poles for the devices.

We had seen major changes which have affected our public transport in the Parish, particularly the loss of the Wellington bus. Following this a pilot project was set up to provide a Community Bus on Fridays. This was run for six months but due to the lack of support, has now been withdrawn.

New Projects

Lawley & Overdale is a fast growing community and one which is spread over a large area. We currently have indoor commemorative plaques to honour our fallen, in St Johns Church, Lawley Community Centre and CWGC graves at St Johns and Dawley Baptist Cemetery. In view of this we believe that an outdoor Parish War Memorial would bring the community together in times of remembrance, but particularly ahead of November 2018 to mark the centenary of the end of WW1.

Grants

Grants awarded this year include;

West Telford Visually Impaired People, Project Linus, Walkabout Wrekin, Telford Gateway Club, Lawley and Overdale Local History Group, Lawley Scout Group, STABLE, Home-start T&W, Hope House Hospice and Samaritans of Telford.



Forthcoming Events

24th June Summer Event

9th September Lawley 5K Fun Run

2nd December Christmas Event

I would like to thank our Borough Councillors who have again supported us over the last year, funding future projects, and hope that we can continue to work successfully together. I would also like to thank, on behalf of all Councillors, Sharon and Helen for all their hard work and dedication, for the open door approach they believe in and for going the 'extra mile' on residents behalf.

Jayne

Councillor Jayne Greenaway
Chairman