

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

Parish War Memorial



We have been busy working on The Parish War Memorial Project over the last year. Set up a working group, made up of Parish Councillors, residents and other stakeholders. Following a Parish consultation, we were able to identify the preferred location, which is central to the Parish. We have had a number of challenges with land ownership and transfer. I'm pleased to say we have finally reached a preferred design

which must adhere to design codes and fit into the new development. This is awaiting planning consent.

Community Defibrillator

Following up on concerns raised by a resident and Community First Responder Nick Freeman, it was decided that the Parish Council would provide a Community Defibrillator which is accessible and visible, it is also a paediatric defibrillator as there are many young families throughout the area. You do not need to be trained to use it, but it is there if the need arises.



Community Green Space



Work is still progressing on the parish green spaces. The Community Garden has seen a new 'in keeping' notice board, erection of bird boxes, hedgehog houses and bug houses. These were made by The My Options Team from Horsehay. A local Child minding Group have been using the Vegetable beds, and there is a new Herb Garden for use by residents. We will be working with residents of Old Park in the coming months to

launch the Old Park Open Space.

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, to respond to problems which are reported.

On-going work includes maintenance of The History Trail, Community Garden ongoing maintenance, footpaths and green spaces within the Parish. The flowerbeds will be re-seeded this year with a mix of poppies to mark the Centenary of the end of WW1



Community Events/fundraising



Our Parish Lamppost Poppy Campaign has gathered pace. The event in previous years has been well supported, but we were determined to roll this out throughout the parish. 250 poppies were erected by the PET team and £890 was raised for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Working in partnership.

Lawley Running Club, BVT and the Parish were presented with the Runners up prize in the Active Lifestyle Awards for Community Partnerships on the 13th September for the annual Fun Run.



Lawley Fun Run continues to be a success with more competitors joining the fancy dress this year. Although a competitive race many residents challenge themselves in this local event, £1000 was raised for our nominated charity of Telford Young Carers. Thanks to all our sponsors and competitors for their continued support.

Lawley Fun Day was another great success with the addition of 'Savannah' a well-known local band providing the musical entertainment and Telford Chin Woo putting on a great display.

Our Christmas event was jointly hosted by ourselves and BVT and was held indoors at Lawley



Academy. The event was bigger than previous years with special guests Elsa, Olaf and Father Christmas and Carol Singing by

Cadence which all added to the Festive atmosphere and we raised £256 for charity



Macmillan Coffee Morning

A big thank you to the Parish team and BVT who helped to organise, to Nanna Ann who donated the home baked cakes and to all who attended and donated so generously to raise £200 – Well done to All!



Highways/Transport



Speed Indicator Devices have been erected in the Parish although we are experiencing difficulties erecting those on Dawley Road due to positioning and connection to power supply. We are working to address this. Monitoring cameras have been placed upon Lawley Cross Roads by Telford & Wrekin due to the many accidents in this area following concerns raised by the Parish Council, they will monitor traffic flow prior to future works on this area.

Grants

Grants awarded this year:

Telford Gateway Club, Entourage Street Dance Crew, Project Linus, Lawley & Overdale Local History Group, Telford Chin-Woo, Age UK, Horsehay Horticultural Society, Lawley Village Youth Group, Friends of Telford Town Park, 1st Dawley Girls Brigade, Axis Counselling, Lawley Ladybirds and Lawley Running Club. We gave £2870.00 back to the community for their projects.



Forthcoming Events

14th July Summer Fest – family Fun Day and live bands

8th September - Lawley 5K Fun Run

1st December - Christmas Event

I would like to thank our Borough Councillors who have again supported us over the last year, helping to fund future projects in their Wards. We have worked closely together on a large number of issues and hope that we can continue to work successfully together in the coming year.

I would like to thank, on behalf of all Councillors, Sharon, Helen and Judy for all their hard work and dedication to the community and for the many successful events which they organise throughout the year.

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Councillor Jayne Greenaway

Chairman