



This is my fourth 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

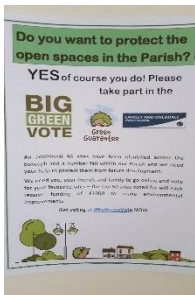


We have continued to work on the Parish War Memorial Project over the last year. It has been a frustrating and difficult road trying to secure a contractor to bring our vision to reality, but we have got there. We would like to thank Telford and Wrekin Council for their donation of an £18000.00 T50 Legacy Grant towards the overall project and to Ward Councillors for their contributions, they have all helped to make this possible. The structure is in the



process of being made and we are looking forward to seeing the finished piece in situ on the land behind the Grazing Cow public house. We have had a number of challenges with land ownership and transfer. I'm pleased to say that at the time of writing that the groundworks are due to start in the next week or so.

Community Green Spaces



Work is still progressing on our parish green spaces and we were delighted to be successful in the Big Green Vote with two of the areas put forward voted into the top 50 across the Borough, so thank you to all who voted for land off St Saviour Close, Lawley Bank and the community Garden off Tom Morgan Close. We will be awarded £1000 for each space to make environmental improvements.

The Community Garden continues to be haven for wildlife and is regularly used by people looking for a quiet space. It is used by a local child-minding group and members from the STAY project have been using the vegetable beds. The Herb Garden for use by residents is proving a success.



Environment

The Lawley & Overdale Parish Environmental Team is a partnership between the Parish and Borough Council. The contract with TWS has been ended after 18 years and a new contract with Idverde began on 1st April, 2019. We have secured a contract to continue to provide the same Parish service with the new contractor – for residents it will not appear any different as we aim to be maintaining the same high standards of environmental works across the parish as before. The planned work schedule continues throughout the year and we respond to problems which are reported.



On-going work includes maintenance of The History Trail, Community Garden ongoing maintenance, green open space at Old Park, footpaths and other open green spaces within the Parish. The flowerbeds will be re-seeded this year with a mix of wildflowers



We also took part in the #GBSpringClean in March in areas on Overdale and Dawley Bank. Thank you to all who took part on the day and to the Street Champions within the Parish which continually make a difference

Remembrance Projects



It was the Centenary year commemorating the end of WW1 in 2018 and we pursued several successful projects.

Our Parish Lamppost Poppy Campaign continues to grow. The event in previous years has been well supported, but we were determined to roll this out throughout the parish. 350 poppies were erected by the PET team and £500 was raised for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.



We also, along with the Local History Group, took part in a Remembrance walk taking in the local churches in the Parish and to see the 'There but not There' silhouettes. The Parish Council were delighted that the Armed Forces Covenant have recognised the work done by the Parish on Remembrance Projects by awarding a Grant which enabled us to install 6 silhouettes in places of worship across the Parish – St. Johns Church, Dawley Baptist Church and Rock Methodist Church



The silhouettes have been provided by the "There but Not There" project to represent those from the Parish who lost their lives in the First World War and symbolically place them back within the communities they were lost from.

The Parish Council installed a Silent Soldier at Newdale Primary School to stand alongside the School's wonderful Poppy Rocks display at the school entrance. An additional Silent Soldier was also placed on the outside wall of the office to highlight the campaign.



Working in partnership.



We continue to work with several partners across the Parish daily but more so on Parish Events.

Lawley Fun Run continues to be a success with more competitors joining the fancy dress this year. Although a non-competitive race, many residents challenge themselves in this local event. £1800 was raised for our nominated charity of Georgia Williams Trust. Thanks to all our sponsors and competitors for their continued support. We were delighted to yet again be involved with Bournville Village Trust and Lawley Running Club raising much needed funds for local worthy causes.



Summer Fest 2018 was another great success – this was a new event for the Parish and great partnership working with BVT saw a very well attended event with families bringing picnics, enjoying a drink or two and listening to the live music whilst browsing the many stalls/games on offer. The raffle and tombola raised an incredible £1111.00 for Telford NAGAH so thank you to all who contributed!

Our Christmas event was jointly hosted by ourselves and BVT and was held indoors at Lawley Academy. We raised £185 for charity from the proceeds of our ever-popular Tombola and cakes stalls.



Planning Concerns

There have been several contentious planning applications this year regarding the Lawley Development as the final four phases have all come forward for approval, along with a change of conditions for the Rock Road recycling plant. All of which have impact on our existing Communities.

We represented the views and concerns of large numbers of residents at Planning Committee on these and whilst phase 5, 9 & 10 have been approved, we are still following the works closely and are in dialogue with planners and developers. Phase 11 is still an issue and several meetings have taken place to determine if the proposals can go forward as they are, but we are challenging on behalf of residents. The Rock Road application is still to be determined.

The big win for us and our residents was the refusal by Planning Committee of the Morrisons application for ANPR cameras and time limits on the Community car park. There is currently an appeal of the decision in with the National Planning Inspectorate placed by Euro Car Parks and the outcome is yet to be determined. We have encouraged as many people as possible to contact the Inspectorate with their further concerns as we will be doing. Let's hope this decision is upheld!

Grants

Grants awarded this year:

Shropshire & Staffordshire Blood Bikes
Thrive Floating Support/STAY
Telford and Wrekin Arthritis Support Group
Newdale Primary School
Lawley & Lightmoor Under 8's F.C.
Lawley & Overdale Local History Group
Telford Horsehay Steam Trust Co. Ltd
Telford Samaritans
Project Linus
Laura Deighton Dance Company



We gave £3150.00 back to the community for their projects.

Forthcoming Events

2nd June 2019 – The BIG Lunch

6th July 2019 - Summer Fest – family Fun Day and live bands

7th September 2019 - Lawley 5K Fun Run

1st December 2019 - 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.

Jayne

Councillor Jayne Greenaway

Chairman