

This is my fifth annual report and what a difficult end to this council year it has been. The pandemic coming in March has been a worrying time for us all, but it has brought out the very best in our community.



Neighbours picking up shopping, prescriptions and vital supplies, checking on those shielding, others dressing up to keep our spirits up in fabulous costumes, delivering Easter Eggs to the children, the famous 'Cake Fairy' of Old Park, making keepsakes for residents out on their local walks, the Lawley Snake, sewing for the NHS, the list is endless.

We have clapped for the NHS and all keyworkers who have continued to pull us through this pandemic. We have many who live in the parish and we would like to say a very heartfelt 'Thank You' to them all.

**Parish War Memorial**



The War Memorial was finally completed and erected in July, with some final landscaping completed to the project, prior to the official dedication ceremony. The position of the Memorial was chosen as it was the centre of the parish. We hoped that all could gather to remember those who had given their lives to fight for our freedom.



Children from Lawley Primary, Lawley Village Academy and Newdale Primary took part in the dedication ceremony reading The Roll of Honour. A remembrance service was held, which was very well attended and supported by the community, our service men, and women, and our local Yeomanry. It was hoped that the memorial would be part of a number of events this year.

**Community Green Spaces**

Work is still progressing on our parish green spaces, and we are looking at how best to improve and involve residents within the two areas of St Saviour Close, Lawley Bank and the Community Garden off Tom Morgan Close. Both were successfully awarded £1,000 in The Big Green Vote for each space to make environmental improvements.



## 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 we respond to problems which are reported to us. Bob has reported a large amount of fly-tipping this year.

Regular maintenance work continues on the History Trail, Community Garden, green open space at Old Park, footpaths and other open green spaces within the Parish.

## Community Centre

We have continued discussions with Telford & Wrekin on a dedicated facility for the whole of the parish, which would benefit the community. This work has been ongoing since 2015 and much work continues to pursue this major project.

## Events

Changes were made to how residents could take part in 'virtual' activities. The first was the Easter celebrations, where children were asked to submit their Easter crafts followed by the VE Day Commemoration, where residents were invited to decorate their homes and gardens and raise a glass in a 'Toast to The Nation'.



## Remembrance Project

Our Parish Lamppost Poppy Campaign continues to grow and £75.00 was raised for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

## Working in Partnership

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

## Love Lawley Celebration Evening



This event was organised in partnership with Bournville Village Trust to celebrate the large number of volunteers living locally who give up their time to run community and voluntary groups, projects and events which benefit the parish and its community.



## Lawley 5K Fun Run

The 5K Fun Run continues to be a success with more participants than previous years. Although a non-competitive race, many residents challenge themselves in this community event. It continues to support local charities through fundraising and this year the chosen charity was Shropshire, Staffordshire and Cheshire Blood Bikes.



Thanks to all our sponsors and competitors for their continued support. We were delighted to yet again, work with Bournville Village Trust and the Lawley Running Club, raising much needed funds for local worthy causes and I hope it continues.



## Summer Fest 2019



Although the day started off a little damp it was another great success. A much larger event than previous years, with something for everyone, which was a result of the great partnership project working with BVT.

The full days entertainment included games for the children, raffles, tombola's, craft stalls, with food and drink, followed by an evening of live music by local bands.

The parish raffle and tombola raised an incredible £484.00, so thank you to all who contributed!



## Grants

These are available twice a year to support groups to continue to function, such as startup help for new projects or local charities. Please ask if you think we may be able to help.

Grants awarded this year, 2019-2020:

- Wellington (Telford) Brass Band
- Age UK
- Telford Visually Impaired Group
- The Cinderloo Project
- Hope House Children's Hospice
- Project Linus
- Lawley & Overdale Local History Group
- Lawley Community Wind Band
- Cal-Sibz



**We gave £2,480 back to the community for their projects.**

## Forthcoming Events

Due to the pandemic, the country went into lockdown causing all events to be cancelled.

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 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**