



Chair's Annual Report for 2022 - 2023

Annual Parish Meeting on 16 May 2023

This is my second Annual Report as Chair of Lawley & Overdale Parish Council and what a busy year it has been.

There have been some key events and activities that have taken place over the past twelve months, from our annual Summer Fest, Lawley 5K Fun Run and our numerous Christmas celebrations.



We also celebrated the jubilee of the late Queen Elizabeth in both Overdale and Lawley, ensuring everyone who attended had fun and enjoyed themselves. Equally, we all gathered together to mark the occasion of King Charles III coronation. A true moment in history. The Bake Off demonstrated that there is clearly some talented bakers within the local community.

Working with our partners has enabled us to provide an array of activities over the holidays, from Exotic Zoo, Fun Science and even cooking lessons to name but a few. The feedback received demonstrates how well these activities were received and enables residents to try something new for free.



Our activities have not just been for children and families either. The adults Sip and Paint classes have provided very popular too, with residents honing their artistic skills and producing some fine pieces of work.

Our Tea, Toast and Talk session in Overdale has been a huge success and it has brought members of the community back together at the Carpenter Family Centre each week for some arts and crafts and on occasion a game of bingo! The centre was reopened to local residents last year and has become a welcoming hub for all.

Our Community Action Team, comprising of both Neighbourhood Enforcement Officers and our Parish Environment Operatives, have worked tirelessly across the Parish to ensure the areas are kept clean, tidy and green whilst enhancing the local environment, and reporting any problems.

There have been some new additions to the Parish area too, with the King's Coronation willow crown now situated in the Lawley Community Garden. A tranquil space for residents to enjoy, designed and commissioned by a local artist.



Newdale Park has a new play area including an outside gym and has proved popular with residents of all ages. The new facilities are a result of partnership working with the Lawley Partnership Board and Bournville Village Trust for the benefit of the whole community.

Old Park now has some new benches, enabling residents to take a seat and enjoy the beautiful views around them. In addition, the well know and used green space has been recognised as a Green Guarantee Site by Telford & Wrekin Council along with Captains Meadow at The Rock. This means that the area will not be used for any development.



Work continues on the Lawley & Overdale History Trail, which was devised in 2013, and covers every part of the Parish. Further announcements will be made on this as the Parish Council seeks to retain, share and highlight the rich history of the area.

I am pleased to announce that the Parish Council has awarded thirteen grants over the last year to local community groups, totalling nearly £6,000 and it has supported walking groups, charities and even a new line dancing group to name but a few.

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Councillor Raj Mehta

Chair of Lawley & Overdale Parish Council

Calendar of meetings

May 2022

Monday 23rd – Clerk meeting

Monday 30th – Clerk meeting

June 2022

Monday 6th June – Clerk meeting

Wednesday 8th – Steering Group

Monday 13th – Full Council

Thursday 16th – Newdale Park

Saturday 25th – Carpenter Centre – Safer Stronger Launch

Monday 27th – Clerk meeting

July 2022

Saturday 2nd – Summer Fest – Lawley

Tuesday 12th – Lawley Partnership Board (LPB)

Tuesday 12th – Full Council

Monday 18th – Social media video

September 2022

Sunday 4th – Queens Jubilee - Overdale

Monday 5th - Lawley Management Committee

Wednesday 14th – Steering Group

Saturday 24th – Lawley 5K Fun Run

Monday 26th – Clerk meeting

October 2022

Monday 10th – Clerks meeting

Thursday 13th – Full Council

Saturday 22nd – Celebrating Lawley event

November 2022

Monday 7th – Full Council

Tuesday 8th – Lawley Management Committee (LMC)

Monday 28th – Social media video

Wednesday 30th – Finance Committee

December 2022

Thursday 1st – Lawley Christmas lights switch on

Wednesday 13th – Full Council

January 2023

Tuesdays 10th - LPB

Wednesday 11th – Finance Committee

Wednesday 18th – Full Council

February 2023

Monday 6th – Social media video

Tuesday 7th – LMC

Wednesday 8th – Full Council

March 2023

Friday 10th – Kings Coronation – Willow Crown – Lawley Community Garden

Monday 13th – Full Council

Tuesday 21st – Clerk interviews

Friday 24th – Clerk meeting/induction

April 2023

Monday 3rd – Clerk meeting

Monday 24th – Clerk meeting

May 2023

Tuesday 9th – Clerk meeting

Tuesday 9th – LMC

Monday 14th – Social Media video