



Your Voice Extra Brookside

January 2015

Community Centre update

Brookside Community Centre is more than half-way through its £1 million refurbishment and the grand opening is planned for March 2015.

Residents are keen for the centre to become the heart for the community and plan to introduce a number of groups and activities.

One exciting example is the Take 5 Cafe, an enterprise set up by Brookside residents, which will move into the community centre offering affordable healthy hot meals and snacks. The cafe organisers would like to hear from anybody interested in volunteering at the cafe please email: take5cafe2015@gmail.com or call 07928 749570.

Volunteers have also recently adopted some raised beds in the grounds of the Windmill Primary school for a vegetable garden



Councillors Arnold England, Shaun Davies and Jackie Loveridge outside of the Brookside Community Centre

growing area that both the school children and community cafe can use.

If you would like to be involved, contact Sarah email: sarah.durnall@telford.gov.uk, or call: 01952 382131/07794 250439.

Anti Fly Tipping



Earlier this year, you may have seen our 'Crime Scene Investigation - fly tipping' team in force in Brookside, part of our campaign to raise awareness of environmental crimes, including fly tipping.

The CSI-style approach was the first in a series of Pride in Your Community initiatives to help stamp out problems such as fly tipping and help put even more pride into Brookside. Councillor Shaun Davies, cabinet member for Neighbourhood Services, said: "We want residents help by being our eyes and ears and reporting any fly tips they see".

To report some fly-tipping and help prosecute those responsible, you can use your **Everyday Telford** App, visit www.telford.gov.uk/report_it or call **01952 384384**.



Telford Job Junction Sessions

Job Box growing services as unemployment figures drop AGAIN!

Over the last year, the council has been committed to reducing youth unemployment in the borough. Through schemes such as Job Box and Young Telford, numbers of those claiming Job Seekers Allowance has fallen by a third.

Telford Job Box isn't just for 16-24 year olds; there are a range of services, education and employment support as well as 'Job Junctions' which offer help and advice to anyone in the borough seeking work and training. The scheme has also just launched 'Young Telford' which helps young people to start a business and provide everything needed to start and grow a self-employed career.

Your Job Junction takes place at...
The Sambrook Centre,
Grange Avenue, Stirchley
TF3 1FA every Thursday
1.30pm – 3.20pm



More information can be found at
www.telfordjobbox.co.uk
or email: telfordjobbox@telford.gov.uk

Dipping into the Future

Residents, along with Telford & Wrekin Council, Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council and Shropshire Wildlife Trust are putting in place a scheme to help tidy up and make the Dip an open green space for all.

The first activities have included planting 23,000 bulbs that will show them in full bloom in many springs to come and making bird and bat boxes, which will be put up in the Dip to help maintain and increase the variety of wildlife.

A separate project will improve lighting around this community space and help people feel safer.

Brookside Big Local Partnership

Big Lottery Funding and the Big Local Trust Fund have awarded Brookside's 'Big Local' team £1million in order to help make long lasting positive local changes.

A dedicated group of residents that formed two years ago has been working with a wide range of local partners from different council services, police and housing to schools, parish councils and different faith groups.

All groups involved have worked together to research what is needed in Brookside, listening to suggestions from the community.

They have identified eight priorities that they intend the £1 million to be spent on and are working on addressing over a ten year period.

The priorities are;
Public Engagement, Adults, Children & families, Youth, Employment, Skills & training, Health, Environment and Community Safety. Plans will begin in early 2015.

Contact Sarah Durnall on 07794 250439.



Environmental Estate Response Teams

Pride in Your Community teams have been in Brookside five days a week since April 2014 carrying out work such as litter picking and emptying bins to removing



litter from woodlands, grass maintenance, painting, hedge maintenance, planting and weeding and more.

Cygnets Drive, Burford, Brindleyford,

Briarwood, Brackenfield are just some of the areas to benefit from ongoing tidying up of trees, including cut backs and tree felling.

Bembridge, Burford, Bishopdale, Hilton Close, Ludford Drive will also benefit from ongoing work to improve road surfaces. Briarwood, Burford and Blakemore will get improvements to the footpaths. Road users will also have seen work earlier this year filling pot holes.

Tree work will be ongoing but you can now make us aware of environmental issues in your local area by using the free 'Everyday Telford' app or visiting www.telford.gov.uk/report_it

Telford Town Park Green Brigade



The Turnaround project, Telford Job Box, Parks for People and Harper Adams University project are working with the council to offer a free 12 week programme at Telford Town Park for 16-18 year olds not in work or Education.

Brookside resident John Trubshaw has been helping with the pilot programme which started in October and offers training for a range of practical skills and includes taster training sessions to learn bricklaying, fencing and step laying.

A review will be carried out once the 12 weeks are finished to consider its success and what areas the scheme could go to in the future. To keep updated visit telfordtownpark.tumblr.com

Wheely good opportunities for cyclists!

Telford Bikes, Recycling and Sales is a social enterprise set up by Brookside residents.

The group takes unwanted bikes and makes them road safe so that they can be reused by the community. Their successes include:

- Providing bicycles for the Wheels 2 Work scheme to help people who have recently found work ensuring they have transport to get there.
- Selling affordable bicycles back to the community



- Loaning bicycles to the Windmill Primary school and donating to the Bridge School in Hadley

The future looks good for this growing social enterprise as they seek funding to expand their project by moving their business to the centre of Brookside. After redeveloping a derelict courtyard and garage site, they will be able to offer even more 'wheely' good opportunities including bikeability courses and bicycle maintenance workshops. For more information visit www.telfordbikes.co.uk

Neighbourhood SNOW wardens

Could you be one?

Telford & Wrekin Council has been busy recruiting a growing army of volunteers to help keep roads and pathways clear if and when the bad weather hits this winter.

The Council already has 150 snow wardens and is looking to recruit a further 100 in the next year. Existing snow wardens are across the borough to ensure an even geographic spread and so that no areas get neglected.

Snow wardens clear and salt areas close to where they live that they identify as needing attention.

As a snow warden, they receive a high visibility vest, a pair of gloves, a snow shovel, a supply of salt and guidance on how to clear snow safely.

They cannot use the council's salt on private land, only the public highway.

To sign up...

Use the **FREE Everyday Telford App**
visit www.telford.gov.uk/snowwardens
email snowwardens@telford.gov.uk
or call **01952 384384**

We're Watching You!!



Thoughtless dog owners

A new campaign has set its sights on irresponsible dog owners after recent research showed that dog walkers are more likely to pick up after their dogs, when they think that they are being watched.

Keep Britain Tidy recently carried out an experiment where dog walkers had 'eyes' on them at all times and that saw a reduction of 46% in the levels of dog fouling. Dog fouling is more common in the evenings and during the winter months, as some dog owners feel they can't be seen 'under the cover of darkness'.

In Telford and Wrekin, the council is working closely with Police Community Support Officers to increase patrols in areas where there are lots of reports of dog fouling.

We are giving away free poop scoop bags which can be picked up from Stirchley library and Stirchley sports and recreational centre.

So there's no excuse for not picking up after your dog.

Thank you for your interest

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