



Your Voice Extra College and Arleston

January 2015

United with Pride

The Pride in Your Community programme is working closely with AFC Telford to deliver improvements to College and Arleston.

Fencing on the Eastern side of AFC Telford is currently being taken down and contractors are hoping to recycle as much as possible to patch up the rear of Urban Gardens and along the alleyway at the back of the AFC Telford site.



Councillor Angela McClements, Managing Director of AFC Telford, Lee Carter and Our Arleston Project worker Andy Smith.

AFC Telford Utd have supported the Pride in Your Community programme since its April launch. The club is very passionate about getting involved to help local communities.

AFC Telford Utd and Partners oversee 'Our Arleston'

Andy Smith is the worker overseeing the project which aims to help create a sense of pride and community spirit. A number of events took place towards the end of last year include:

- Arleston homework club (help with any school work/ projects)

- Arleston Job Junction: Help with CVs and job applications
- Arleston Street Dance for 11-13 year olds
- Arleston Boxercise for 11-13 year olds

Arleston Aces football club is for 5-14 year olds taking place every Monday 5-6pm at AFC Telford Football ground.

To find out more about these activities and events or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Andy 07818 638850 or Maria Bickerton on 01952 382270.

Community Pride Fund



The Community Pride Fund is a £1.25 million scheme to help regenerate Telford and

Wrekin. Businesses and groups applied for funding for a variety of different projects.

Two projects in College and Arleston have secured grants - Belmont Hall and All Saints Church. In Belmont Hall, £5,000 will see the rotting windows and doors replaced with double-glazed units that will make the building warmer. All Saints Church, hosts many events and groups in the area but struggles with car parking spaces for the increasing number of visitors. The £36,000 Pride Fund grant will be used to build a new car park for the parish centre and church making it easier for residents to use in the future.

Find out more about Community Pride at www.telford.gov.uk/collarlspride





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...
Watling Centre, St Giles Close, Arleston TF1 2AB
every Friday
10am - 12noon

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

Environmental Estate Response Teams

Pride in Your Community teams have been in College & Arleston fortnightly for five days a week since April 2014, tidying up the area and doing litter picking, painting, planting, weeding and more.

Road teams have been out making improvements to **King Street, Victoria Avenue** and **Constitution Hill** as well as a dedicated team

in College repairing pot holes last summer.

The team has looked at trees in the area that will need to be tidied, cut back or in some cases felled.

Work will be ongoing but you can help by telling us about environmental issues using the free 'Everyday Telford' app or visiting www.telford.gov.uk/report_it

Victoria Avenue street clean up



The YMCA in Wellington organised with the Council a street clean up in Victoria Avenue. The event was a big success involving over 20 residents.

The Council provided the litter pickers, Pride in Your Community vests and rubbish bags. The Environmental Estate Response teams were also on hand to help take away the rubbish that was collected. The response teams are funded through the Pride in Your Community Programme and are responsible for emptying litter bins and litter picking in key areas. There are plans to hold more events like this in the area following this success.

There are regular walkabouts in the College and Arleston Area where local Police, Youth Services and Council officers are out and about talking to residents about any environmental issues or concerns they may have and tackling fly tipping. If you have seen any issues, report these using the free **Everyday Telford** app.

Pride in Your Community partners up with Green Deal



Telford & Wrekin Council has successfully secured £4.85 million of Government funding to help people make their homes more energy efficient.

Pride in Your Community is working with Telford energy savers Green Deal helping improve homes and communities in the borough. A property in College (above right hand side) has received energy efficient improvement works and has been appointed as the "show home" to promote the scheme.

The fund will help to pay for more costly improvement works, such as external and internal wall insulation, as well as energy efficient boiler replacements.

Find out more by calling Westales on 01952 677926.

Urban Gardens Community improvements

Urban Gardens is set to improve in early 2015. The Council has been working with residents to get their thoughts and ideas about what they want to happen.

The idea is to redesign the space to provide more seating, remove planters and replace fencing.

Plans are now being drawn up and before the work takes place, residents will be informed of the new design.

To find out more contact Maria Bickerton, email: maria.bickerton@telford.gov.uk



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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 Wellington Library, Wellington Leisure Centre and Castle Farm Community Centre.

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

Thank you for your interest

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