

Sutton Hill steps up

The condition of walls and steps in Sutton Hill was identified as a priority issue as part of Pride in Your Community. Over £400,000 was spent on repairs and building works in 2014 and work will continue over the coming months.



Phase 1 is now complete and residents will have seen repairs to; Walls at **Spring Meadow** and **Sandcroft**, steps adjacent to **Southgate** and the upgrade of 2 squares in **Sandcroft**.



During and after the work being carried out on the walls at Spring Meadow

Phase 2 was completed through December and saw the repair of steps at; **Stanwyck, Stebbings, Singleton, Selkirk Drive, Springmeadow, Sandcroft, Summerhill** and **Sunnymead**. Improvements were made to walls in; **Singleton, Stebbings** and **Selkirk** and the square in **Smallwood** was upgraded.

Estate team



Councillors Shaun Davies and Derek White meet the estate team

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

Brockton roundabout has had new road and footpath works, residents will also have noticed new road markings in car parks and junctions. In the coming months, roundabouts at **Coppice Farm, Cuckoo Oak, Halesfield, Sutton Hill** and roads in **Halesfield 16, Sandcroft, Selkirk Drive, Stebbings** and **Swinburn Close** will be improved.

You can make us aware of any environmental issues in Cuckoo Oak by using the FREE 'Everyday Telford' app or visiting www.telford.gov.uk/report_it



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...
Sutton Hill Community Centre, Southgate, Sutton Hill
TF7 4HG, every Wednesday, 1.30pm - 3.30pm

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

Cuckoo Oak Action Group

A new action group has been set up to recognise and celebrate what is great about Sutton Hill, as well as addressing key problems and challenges.

Local residents, community groups, councillors, local schools and others have come together to highlight issues. Actions so far include:

- Residents group who are working on a number of improvements picked up in a street audit

- Plans to start-up a local garden and DIY tool lending library
- A new 'messy church' after-school group, which Sutton Hill Church volunteers started in December 2014
- A credit union service starting 21 January at Sutton Hill Church

To get involved in this group please contact: Fiona Moore, Community Regeneration Officer, Email: fiona.moore@telford.gov.uk or Call: **01952 382186**

Community Centres

Together, Sanctuary Housing Group, Sutton Hill Community Centre and Telford Mind, made renovations and improvements to the centres as well as building the new properties in Sutton Hill.



Telford Mind now has a new outside area for the community cafe along with a new patio and has had a tidy up of the outside of the building. Sutton Hill Community Centre has a new kitchen for its community groups. For bookings call Nadeem Raja on 01952 382260.

Telford College of Arts & Technology will be running a 'Beginners healthy cooking on a budget' course from Friday 16 January to 13 February 10am-12pm. To book, call TCAT **01952 642237** or Vikki Naughton: **07500 446760**

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.

In Cuckoo Oak funding will go to the Sutton Hill Village Green. Money will go towards making the Green easier to get to and around; improving the signs, paths and drains. It will fund planting in the marshes and installing dog waste bins and bird, insect and bat boxes.

Funding from the Ward Co-operative will also go to Sutton Hill Village Green, towards planting bulbs and having a tidy up. This will give Sutton Hill a great green space that the community can use all year round, whatever the weather! The Ward Co-operative Fund gave councillors the chance to put forward proposals for projects that support local community groups and help improve economic, social or environmental aspects of the area. Find out more about Community Pride at www.telford.gov.uk/cuckoopride



New training for residents



Six residents from Cuckoo Oak have found work through the latest training scheme. Their jobs include skilled trades, ground and labour workers and two apprentices.

The Council, Seddon and Sanctuary Housing Group ran taster sessions at the Sutton Hill Community Centre in tiling, plumbing, plastering and painting. This was followed by a 6-day course 'working in the construction industry'. This January more sessions will be arranged with two sessions in fencing and slabbing to take place. For more information contact Stephen Blake, email stephen.blake@telford.gov.uk or call: 01952 382261 or 07800 671797



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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 Madeley Library.

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

Thank you for your interest

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