



Your Voice Extra Donnington

January 2015

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.

As part of the fund, £8,800 of work will soon be taking place at St Matthews Church.

As residents know, St Matthews Church is a great space for the whole Donnington community and the Community Pride fund will help make sure it stays this way. Works that will take place include; repairing the damaged roof, removing the kitchen and re-locating it to a stand alone kitchen with modern facilities. There will also be upgrades to all toilet facilities, improvements to wheelchair accessibility all through the church and installing hot water.

Donnington Youth Panel, the Youth Innovation Worker and the Community Support Officer have been working together to set up activities for young people in Donnington including art, music and sport activities.



Councillors Shaun Davies, Liz Clare and Clive Mason at Donnington Parade

Ward Co-operative Funding will go towards environmental projects including tree works, tidying up overgrown areas of Central Park plus providing two new benches at Barclay Court residential home.

Find out more at www.telford.gov.uk/donningtonpride

Donnington Parade

As part of Pride in Your Community, Donnington Parade has had some major improvements.

The Parade offers residents and businesses a variety of shops and restaurants and is an important part of the community.

In July 2014 and residents and shop owners were asked for their opinions for improvement works.

The work started in October on the main car park with the footpath also being resurfaced with block paving. The car park has been relined and the disabled parking bays have been moved closer to the shops. New bollards and hand rails have been installed at the post office.



The completed work at Donnington Parade



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 local Job Junction is at...
Lifelong Learning Centre, St Matthews Road,
Donnington TF2 7RB every Tuesday 2pm - 4pm

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

Donnington Local Engagement Board

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

Local residents, community groups, councillors, schools and others have come together to highlight issues.

If you would like to get involved, contact Sam Middleton:
01952 382202 or email samantha.middleton@telford.gov.uk

Tree advice

The Estate Response team has looked at trees in the area that will need to be tidied, cut back or in some cases felled. Overhanging branches in **Furnace Lane**, **Bungalows** and **Smiths Crescent** have now been cut back.

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

Donnington Life Long Learning Centre

In November 2014, the centre opened its doors to residents of the new Bromford Housing Estate.

Residents were invited to see features of the centre. The Job Junction helps people look for work or training and offers courses in Maths, English and more to develop their skills and confidence.

As well as providing meals, home delivered and in the centre, the new cafe also offers 'meals for £1' for children in the school holidays. The centre provides volunteering opportunities.

For more information about what goes on at the centre, or to hire it for meetings, parties or courses contact Sam Middleton by email samantha.middleton@telford.gov.uk



Junior Street Champions

Junior Street Champions from St Matthews Primary School in Donnington carried out a review of their local streets as part of Pride in Your Community.

Sixty children from Year Three took part in the event, which gave them an opportunity to explore their local environment and develop skills including literacy, numeracy, basic map reading and how to record and catalogue information.

The children logged issues including pot holes, litter and fly-tipping, overhanging shrubs, graffiti and damaged garden fencing. They were given disposable cameras to take pictures of issues they had spotted. One of these was the broken guardrail on the Parade; this has now been replaced as part of Donnington Regeneration.

Find out more about the Street Champions at www.telford.gov.uk/streetchampions



Environmental Estate Response Teams

Pride in Your Community teams have been in Donnington fortnightly for 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, weeding and more.

There will be many road improvements in Donnington in early 2015, these will include **Wellington Road, Oakengates Road, Turreff Avenue, Wellington Road** (Aldi to A4640), **School Road** parking areas and **St Georges Road** and **Wrekin Drive**. A dedicated team took to the roads in this Autumn to repair the pot holes in the area. The footpath in **Bradley road** and alley off **Park Road** will also be worked on.

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Want to garden but don't have the tools?

Donnington Tool Library can help; from lawn mowers to spades and forks join the library and hire tools at a small cost.



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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 Donnington Library.

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

Thank you for your interest

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