



LILLESHALL & DONNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL *Newsletter*

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PUFFIN CROSSING!

This summer saw the official opening of a new Puffin Crossing in Donnington which has been put in place due to local residents finding it increasingly difficult to cross the Wellington Road.



Pictured using the new crossing are Cllrs Liz Clare and Clive Mason (Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council), Fiona Moore (Donnington Partnership), Ralph Morgan (Parish Clerk), Chris O'Sullivan (Bromford Corinthian), WPC Nikki Scott, CSO John Bowen, Joanne Lavender (Wrekin Housing Trust) and Kathrine Houlston, local resident.

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Puffin Crossing!

Over recent years, new housing developments for older people have seen the number of elderly residents and users of a new day care centre rise to 250 in a small area either side of the road.

Donnington Partnership's community safety working group in partnership with Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council, the Borough of Telford & Wrekin, Wrekin Housing Trust and Bromford Corinthian Housing Association have raised £60,000 over the past year to get the crossing put in place.

Local resident Mrs Sylvia Jones said: "I use the Puffin crossing on a very regular basis and feel a lot safer now than I used to when I am crossing the road".

Local Police Traffic Management Officer WPC Mickey Riggs said: "The Puffin Crossing operates in a similar way to a Pelican Crossing except that the red/green man indicator is positioned above the push button. This assists the pedestrian because they can see the traffic and the red/green man at the same time. The Puffin crossing also has detectors which will extend the time available for pedestrians to cross the road and a further set of detectors will cancel the demand for the crossing if the pedestrian moves away from the crossing area".



Welcome to Lynne Carney

A warm welcome to Lynne Carney who has recently joined the Community Foundation for Shropshire and Telford as Development Officer of the Donnington Fair Share Trust Programme.

Originally from Cheshire, Lynne has lived in the Telford area for eleven years and was previously Grants Officer for North Shropshire District Council. Prior to that she trained and worked in drama and education. Speaking about her new role Lynne says, "I see my job as a challenge and look forward to working with local people, in particular members of the Fair Share Trust panel, to ensure the success of the Donnington programme. Fair Share creates an opportunity for local decision making in which local people can clearly see how the money is spent. I am thrilled to be in at such an early stage of this exciting project which will shape the future of the Donnington community."

Lynne likes to relax with a good book and still follows her interest in drama. She and her family also enjoy cycling and walking. For the next few weeks, however, she will be walking around Donnington as she gets to know both the area and members of the local community.

Lynne will be based in the Fair Share Office within the Parish Council office at Turreff Hall and can be contacted on 01952 677304





2nd Donnington Garrison
Scout Group
Registered Charity Number 516657

Scouting In Donnington

Over the recent years we have provided an outlet for children within the parish and beyond; children from 6 years of age and up to 18 years of age currently regularly attend group meetings. By providing this outlet we are aiming to provide enjoyment for the kids whilst instilling a discipline that leads to less troublesome children within the parish.

Camping is one of the ways we reward the scouts for their effort in training and all the work is worthwhile when you see the kids smiling and having fun. It is also rewarding when someone speaks to you. Albeit they are fully grown adults and remind you of the good times they had when they were in the movement.

To keep the movement going we are always looking for adults who can spare an hour or so each week to provide support in the running of the activities the kids enjoy. The main requirements are patience, a good sense of humour and the ability to be firm but fair.

If you fit the bill please do not hesitate in contacting Jim Lavery on 01952 677235, there is an answer-phone if I am out.

I look forward to meeting you.

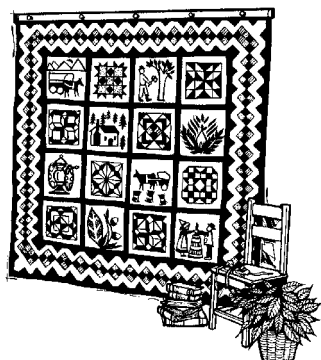
Jim Lavery, Group Scout Leader

Wrekin Quilters

Wrekin Quilters meet at Turreff Hall, Donnington on Fridays from 10am to 3pm.

This is a self help group in patchwork and quilting.

If you are interested in joining our friendly group you are welcome to visit us on any Friday for further information.



Operation Clean-Sweep - the results

You may remember back in May agencies in Donnington forged links to help spruce up the neighbourhood in a week-long operation entitled 'Operation Clean Sweep'.

The Donnington Partnership Neighbourhood Action Team, which includes Lilleshall and Donnington Parish Council, Telford Police, Borough of Telford & Wrekin, Wrekin Housing Trust, and local residents, decided to run the week long operation for a second time following a similar successful event last year.

Many agencies took part to tackle anti-social and environmental nuisance through environmental works and enforcement action and they also promoted awareness of ways to help members of the community keep their neighbourhoods clean, tidy and free from crime.

The results of this operation were vast and included graffiti and fly tipping removal, street cleaning, replacement of broken street signs, a tidy garden campaign by Wrekin Housing Trust, Asda collected over 50 abandoned trolleys, fire fighters from Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service visited homes to provide safety advice and education to residents and BT repainted their green cabinets. Wrekin Housing Trust staff patrolled their housing areas and visible Police foot patrols and CSO patrols occurred daily from 8am to 10pm in order to tackle anti social behaviour, nuisance and to increase public reassurance.

Police and enforcement activity resulted in: 42 motoring offences (varying degrees), 31 reports of anti social behaviour and 6 arrests. There was also action taken concerning truancy (10 cases), fly tipping & dumping (11), graffiti (4), trading standards visits (7), benefits fraud stop checks (12). Organisers of this operation were very pleased with the outcomes and the fact by joining services together in this way created a big visual impact with no one single agency bearing extra burden.

The Donnington Partnership and its individual partner agencies will be concentrating efforts on further reducing criminal damage and anti-social behaviour in the area as well as carrying out similar focused operations in the future.

If you're interested in getting involved with the neighbourhood action team to tackle crime, nuisance and anti social behaviour in the Donnington area please contact: Fiona Moore, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator on 608012, or call in at Turreff Hall.

Ugly Bug Carnival

A spectacular 'ugly bug' carnival procession, barbecue and guided walk took place on 4th September for local people to celebrate and enjoy new additions at Granville Country Park.

A group of young people from the Parish have been hard at work on designs for a new picnic bench for the park along with another group 'Access Granville' that have been busy making further improvements for users of the park over the past year.

The Telford & Wrekin arts team in partnership with the Green Wood Centre had worked with the young people since October 2004 who came up with the idea for the bench following walks in the park and a series of arts workshops. The winning design by Charmain Jackson was inspired by the dragonflies seen in the park and a 3D version was made in clay. People from the local community and the Donnington Partnership selected the designs at a working lunch back in March.

Further improvements in the park by the Access Granville group have been co-ordinated by Donnington Partnership. This project has been funded by 'Living Spaces', who provided a grant of £25,000 which has been used to make improvements to the canal basin area of Granville Country Park.

The celebrations for these additions at Granville Park included a colourful 'ugly bug' carnival procession from the Lifelong Learning Centre arriving at Granville Park to mark the occasion of the arrival of the 12ft bench and formally launch the improvements around the canal basin.

Children and young people from the area took part in the carnival preparations 3 days leading up to the event and procession on the day.

Councillor Clive Mason, council member for Donnington ward said: "The effort which has gone into the improvements at Granville Park has been amazing, we would like to say a big thank you to all those who took part, in particular, a huge thank you to Living Spaces for the funding which was received to help towards making these changes possible to the canal basin area of Granville Country park."

Pictured on the day beside the new bench are participants from the 'Ugly Bug Carnival'



Councillor Surgeries

On the following dates, your local Parish Councillors will be holding surgeries for parishioners who would like to meet them:

Muxton: St John's Church, Muxton, Tuesday 25th October, 6 – 7pm

Lilleshall: Lilleshall Primary School, Thursday 17th November, 6– 7pm

Donnington Wood: Lifelong Learning Centre, St Matthew's Road, Tuesday 29th November, 6.30 – 7.30 pm

If you have any queries about these surgeries, please contact Mr R Morgan, Clerk to the Parish Council, Turreff Hall, Turreff Avenue, Donnington, Telford TF2 8HG Telephone 01952 608001.

Donnington Wood Lifelong Learning Centre are collecting names for several courses relating to deaf awareness.

These include:

Certificate in Deaf Community and Culture

Learn appropriate interrupting techniques, interaction cues, deaf access awareness, social groups & leisure in deaf community, visual noises and vibrations

Certificate in communication tactics with deaf people

Introduction to sign language

Certificate in deaf awareness (This course will be particularly useful for anyone who may meet deaf or hard of hearing people in the course of their work or personal life)

For further information please contact **01952 272488 / 272466**

Blast from the Past

This tree planting ceremony is believed to have taken place around November 1950. In the picture numbered are: 1 Tom Morgan (WRDC) 2 Charles Cordingley (County Council) 3 Leslie Goodyear (WRDC) 4 George Hull (WRDC) 5 George Whyte (WRDC) 6 Alderman T C Ward 7 Charles Allen (ex WRDC) 8 Harold Houston (Headmaster, Donnington Wood C of E Controlled School) 9 Rev. Jarvis (St Matthew's Church) 10 Anne Bromage (WRDC) 11 Bernard Mullinder (Chair, WRDC) 12 Frank Hornby (Lilleshall Parish Council) 13 Reg Millard (WRDC)

* WRDC = Wellington Rural District Council



PLANTED BY SCHOLARS.			
DONNINGTON WOOD PRIMARY. MISS A. E. HUGHES HEADMISTRESS.	DOROTHY QUILTER. & ROGER GORVETT.	NEW DONNINGTON. COUNTY INFANTS. MISS D. J. WASE. HEADMISTRESS.	VINCENT LESLIE LOWE. & JOAN WOOTTAM.



PC Scott popular with shoppers

Constable Nikki Scott started holding police surgeries at Asda four years ago and they have proved so successful that she now holds them every month.

PC Scott has formed links with the Donnington Community Safety Group, Victim Support and Neighbourhood Watch so shoppers can get plenty of help and information.

She is very keen to start a local Neighbourhood Watch, so if you think that's a good idea go along to Asda and have a chat with her about it.

This is an ideal way to meet Nikki and her colleagues in a friendly, informal setting.

Pictured above are Fred Jones (Community Safety), Anne Walker (Neighbourhood Watch), PC Nikki Scott and Alex Jones of Victim Support.



Donnington Highway Improvements

Councillors for Donnington have managed to secure an extra £70,000 for highway work to be carried out in the Donnington area. With this extra cash the following work will be carried out:

Church Walk – Footpath surfacing outside 38 to 60 and 1 to 23. Carriageway surfacing outside 26 to 32.

Baldwin Webb Avenue – Footpath surfacing outside 1 to 25

Turreff Avenue – Footpath outside 44 to library adjacent to 96 and 87 to 131. Carriageway surfacing outside 14 to 36.

New Timetable for Walkabout Wrekin

The successful Borough of Telford & Wrekin walking for health project – Walkabout Wrekin will shortly reveal its autumn/winter timetable.

So why not get active this autumn and join one of our walks – it's free, and good for you!

Walkabout Wrekin organises a number of led walks to get people up on their feet and out and about in the Borough.

The walking for health project promotes the benefits regular walking can bring to body, mind and soul.

All walks are led by trained walk leaders.

You can even become a walk leader yourself and lead others towards a healthier life as part of the Walkabout scheme.

Turn up at one of our walks to find out how, or call the health promotion team on 01952 597634.

Walk leader training takes place throughout the year.

The training programme includes information about the benefits of exercise, tips on motivating people to walk, talks on safety whilst walking and a First Aid qualification.

Special clothing is not required on the walks, but suitable footwear is recommended.

If you have not exercised for some time, or feel that you have a medical condition that may affect your ability, please consult a GP before going on the walk.

Alternatively, contact Jenny Stretton (details below) for advice regarding S.T.A.R.S. – the GP referral scheme.

Joan of Muxton who is a dedicated Walkabout Walker said:

"Having heard about the Borough of Telford & Wrekin's organised 'walking for health' project, I arrived at Asda, Donnington to be greeted by the walk leaders of the day who introduced me to my fellow walkers.

I started off at the back with very 'wooden' legs and having to stop for a rest often (especially after

up-hill exertion!)

"A year later, having progressed towards the front with the help and encouragement of fellow walkers and walk leaders, I feel that it has been very beneficial to me and a very pleasant way of meeting new people and making friends, which in turn has resulted in having a social evening at a restaurant twice a year.

Long may it continue!"

Jenny Stretton, Health Promotion Officer said:

"Due to the changes in the amount of light hours we have during autumn and winter the Walkabout Wrekin timetable will alter slightly.

The Asda walk will remain the same time and will include a 3 heart graded walk along with the 4 heart one.

But there are still walks at various times and venues.

"Walking is a great way to improve all-round health. Regular walkers are better able to maintain their weight, stay fit and well and enjoy good mental health.

They also have significantly reduced risks of coronary heart disease, strokes, diabetes, high blood pressure, bowel cancer, Alzheimer's disease, osteoporosis and arthritis".

To find out more about the walks on offer, the benefits of walking, or for information on becoming a Walkabout Wrekin walk leader, contact:

Jenny Stretton, health promotion officer on 01952 597634.

Further information for the media is available from:

Rebecca Parry, Public Relations Officer on 01952 202477 or email

rebecca.parry@telford.gov.uk



Volunteer Celebrations

Two celebrations took place this summer to mark the work of volunteers in the community of Donnington.

The first celebration was held at Turreff Hall in July where representatives from a range of voluntary groups attended to promote their groups.

This event was followed by an evening function to celebrate the services provided by voluntary and community group volunteers in Donnington on Saturday 10th September at The Winners Enclosure, Champion Jockey pub with over 160 people attending.

Donnington Partnership hosted the celebrations with funds from a grant they applied for from the Parish Council to thank all those who serve the local community of Donnington and Donnington Wood.

This year is the 'Year of the Volunteer' and all volunteers and their families who have worked hard providing their community with help and support deserve a big thank you for all their dedication and services in the local community.

Fiona Moore, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator for the Donnington area introduced the evening and said:

"All the work that these people have done really does form the basis of service provision that enable not only the local community to access good quality activities and services but their groups also hugely complement the statutory provision in Donnington".

Lord Bruce Grocott of Telford attended as a guest of honour and handed out certificates of thanks personally signed by him.

Lord Grocott gave credit on the night to all the volunteers who give their time to serve the local community and also said that he was pleasantly surprised by the sheer number and huge range of groups that were run in the Donnington area.

Pictured outside Turreff Hall are volunteers showing the wares from a range of local groups with Fiona Moore, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator in front.



Pictured with Lord Bruce Grocott of Telford and Fiona Moore, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator are just 8 out of a total 99 volunteers and group leader representatives who received certificates of thanks.

Front – Sarah Cuff, Bruce Grocott, Margaret Henderson.

Back – Kit Ross, Jenny Cuff, Fiona Moore, Deb Johnson, Sharon Watkins, Jenny & Colin Williams



It was October and the Indians on a remote reservation asked their new Chief if the coming winter was going to be cold or mild.

Since he was a Chief in a modern society he had never been taught the old secrets.

When he looked at the sky he couldn't tell what the winter was going to be like.

Nevertheless, to be on the safe side he told his tribe that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the village should collect firewood to be prepared.

But being a practical leader, after several days he got an idea. He went to the phone booth, called the National Weather Service and

asked, "Is the coming winter going to be cold?"

"It looks like this winter is going to be quite cold," the meteorologist at the weather service responded.

So the Chief went back to his people and told them to collect even more firewood in order to be prepared.

A week later he called the National Weather Service again. "Does it still look like it is going to be a very cold winter?"

"Yes," the man at National Weather Service again replied, "it's going to be a very cold winter."

The Chief again went back to his people and ordered them to collect every scrap of firewood they could find. Two weeks later the Chief called the National Weather Service again.

"Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?"

"Absolutely," the man replied. "It's looking more and more like it is going to be one of the coldest winters ever."

"How can you be so sure?" the Chief asked.

The weatherman replied, "The Indians are collecting firewood like crazy."

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A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter.

"What are you doing?" She asked.

"Hunting Flies" He responded.

"Oh. Killing any?" she asked.

"Yep, 3 males, 2 Females," he replied.

Intrigued, she asked. "How can you tell?"

He responded, "3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone."

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OLDER PERSONS GROUP

The group are updating the local directory of activities within the parish.

The group have been successful in getting lottery money to make this possible.

If you wish your group or activity to be included in the directory, please contact the Donnington Wood Lifelong Learning Centre and speak to Rose on 01952 272488.

A community arts and craft show was held on the 15th October at Turreff hall.

Thank you to all those who took part.

Lilleshall and Donnington Parish Council

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Parking with CCTV coverage. Excellent Rates.

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Turreff Avenue, Donnington, Telford.



New Sergeant for Donnington Police Station

A new Police Sergeant has joined the policing team at Donnington and is determined to help crack down on violent crime and disorder.

Sergeant Barry Spencer joined the team last month and will be overseeing the Donnington, Donnington Wood, Muxton, Priorslee, St Georges, Oakengates, Trench, Ketley and Hadley areas.

Sergeant Spencer has worked across the Telford division for the last 13 years and has served at various stations, including Malinsgate, Wellington and Madeley.

So far, Sergeant Spencer has spent his time in Donnington getting to know his colleagues, residents and representatives from other agencies.

He said he was looking forward to rising to the challenge of working in Donnington.

He said:

"I have been getting to know my staff and some of the key people in other agencies, as well as councillors and residents."

"I have been trying to get out as much as I can so I can understand the areas and the problems people are facing."

One problem Sergeant Spencer has been made aware of and is keen to get to grips with, is violent

crime in Oakengates town centre.

A number of incidents have been reported in the area in recent months and in a bid to combat the problems, a variety of initiatives have been introduced.

Extra police patrols have been carried out and fines have been dished out to those misbehaving.

In addition, police are also looking at late licence applications and submitting objections where appropriate.

Sergeant Spencer added: "One issue that is of concern is violent crime in Oakengates town centre.

"Between midnight and 3am we have been experiencing some problems when people are leaving pubs and clubs. Some people have had too much to drink and incidents have occurred."

"We have carried out some high visibility operations and more will be carried out in the future."

"In addition, officers are being encouraged to issue fixed penalty notices to those who are misbehaving. People who receive a fixed penalty notice will have to pay a £80 fine."

"We want to ensure that people who go out to have a good time do not have their night spoiled by a few."

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A little old lady answered a knock on the door one day, only to be confronted by a well-dressed young man carrying a vacuum cleaner.

Good morning," said the young man. "If I could take a couple of minutes of your time, I would like to demonstrate the very latest in high-powered vacuum cleaners."

"Go away!" said the old lady. "I haven't got any money! I'M BROKE!!!"

And she proceeded to close the door. Quick as a flash, the young man wedged his foot in the door and pushed it wide open.

"Don't be too hasty!" He said. "Not until you have at least seen my demonstration.." And with that, he emptied a bucket of horse manure onto her hallway carpet.

"If this vacuum cleaner does not remove all traces of this horse manure from your carpet, Madam, I will personally eat the remainder."

The old lady stepped back and said, "Well I hope you've got a damned good appetite, because they cut off my electricity this morning."

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Donnington's Healthy House!

The doors are now open at the NHS Community Health House in Donnington.

The Community House is a well-presented, comfortable ordinary Wrekin Housing Trust flat with a large lounge; kitchen, mini health library and health check room.

Every week we run a programme of services and activities which have been designed to help you deal with the practical bits about living healthier.

We are open to help you put your best intentions into practice by sharing down to earth ideas, offering support and encouraging you along the way.

So what's on offer?

Mondays: 1 - 3pm Phoebe Drop in	For those in crisis or needing to clear their heads!
Tuesdays: 10 - 12.30pm	Help to Quit Smoking - practical support and motivation to kick the habit!
Tuesdays: 10.30 - 12.30pm	TNG mentoring - support for lone parents
*Wednesdays: 9.30 - 1pm	Learn to cook - make your budget stretch further/feeding fussy eaters. Crêche provided for some sessions.
Wednesdays: All day	Lifestyle Change weight loss clinic and workshop.
Thursdays: 9.30 - 11am	Bump to Baby Café - free café for those pregnant or who have just given birth.
*Fridays 10 - 1pm	Cooking for weight loss/cooking with diabetes.

* These sessions do not run every week. Telephone 01952 615123 or 602300 for more details.

For a free timetable with contact information - telephone 01952 602300 and ask for a Donnington timetable.

Friday 28th October - Men's Health day - FREE Health Checks for men. 10 - 4pm at Community House.



Sanitised Society?

How interesting that in his article in the last newsletter David Butterfield objected to the removal of religious symbols from crematoria and bibles from hospitals as sanitising society - using a word which originates from the the Latin word for health sanitas - just as our word sane does as well.

For places of worship, the appropriate symbolism is of course important for inspiring the faithful, and in some public areas it may well be that a picture, sculpture or piece of music can be admired for its aesthetic value as well as forming a talking point for the ideas it represents.

However, the argument that we should have our religious symbols in full view in order to stimulate discussion and help us understand each other better really cannot be applied to places like hospitals and crematoria.

In hospital, when people are feeling unhappy and weakened, they look for comfort within their own sphere of belief.

And when families attend a crematorium, they have usually reached a time in their lives when they know very clearly what is meaningful and important to them and what is appropriate to honour the person who has died.

Many people today appreciate having the freedom to live good lives without the forced intervention of religion.

They have often reached an understanding of their life stance through a good deal of thought and discussion.

Let us by all means try without arrogance to achieve the goal of a sane, sanitised, healthy society, where there is respect and tolerance for those of all religions and those of none. *Sue Falder*

PRESS RELEASE

PATHWAYS TO PROGRESS

Telford and 'Wrekin CVS is proud is announce more opportunities for free training for the voluntary and community sector and the offer is open to volunteers, committee members and paid staff. The sessions will all be at Meeting Point House, Telford Centre and last all day. What's on offer?

Wednesday 2nd November

How do we become a Charity?

Tuesday 8th November

Marketing

Thursday 17th November

Working with Volunteers (Free course)

And there will be more in 2006! Watch this space for details. All the courses are free, but as numbers are limited, we are requesting a £5 deposit, which will be refunded on the course day. Statutory organisations will also be required to pay a fee, which is non-returnable.

Want to find out more? Want to book your place now? Telephone the Development Team on Telford 291350 now! For more information contact:-

Ella Sips
Telford and Wrekin CVS
Meeting Point House
Town Centre
Telford TF3 4HS Telephone: 01952 291350

ELLIOTT BRIDGMAN — SOLICITORS —

We are delighted to announce that we have now opened an office in Donnington. This will enable us to advise and assist clients in North Telford. The need for an additional office confirms the firm's reputation as a provider of quality legal services.

We advise and assist clients in connection with the following:

- Divorce and separation
- Children matters
- Injunctions
- Buying and selling a house
- Mental Health issues
- Representation at the Police Station
- Representation in the Magistrates and Crown Courts
- Wills
- Administration of Estates

We offer a free ½ hour first appointment.

Elliott Bridgman have offices at:

10 Court Street
Madeley
Telford
TF7 5EB
Tel: 01952 684544

3 The Parade
Donnington
Telford
TF2 8EB
Tel: 01952 607750

We are always there for clients on:-
24 hr Criminal Defence helpline: 07831 828629
24 hr Domestic Violence helpline: 07773 349540





Civic Service

Pictured at the Civic Service held on 4th September to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the end of World War 2 are from left to right:

Mark Pritchard MP,

David Wright MP,

Councillor John Thompson (Chair of the Parish Council)

and Lord Grocott of Telford.

Grants from the Community Foundation

In addition to the Donnington Fair Share Trust Programme the Community Foundation for Shropshire and Telford offers the following grants for local voluntary organisations and community groups undertaking charitable work in Shropshire and Telford.

Sparkler Fund - £50 start up grants for embryonic Telford and Wrekin groups. Established by donations from Ironbridge Power Station's annual staff Bonfire Night.

General Grants Fund - made up of donations, from individuals, organisations and corporate bodies. Grants are made to voluntary organisations undertaking local charitable activity in the Telford and Wrekin area.

Care in the Community Fund - a restricted fund for Telford and Wrekin groups set up and supported with donations from the Telford & Wrekin Primary Care NHS Trust. Grants are for projects that assist groups working to support vulnerable adults at home and children in the community.

Local Network Fund for Children and Young People – offers grants throughout Shropshire and Telford. Groups are required to apply under one of four themes:

- Aspirations and Experiences
- Children's Voices
- Economic Disadvantage
- Isolation and Access

This fund invests in the work of local community and voluntary groups that provide local solutions to the problems of child poverty and disadvantage. The funding comes from a Government initiative administered by the Department for Education and Skills.

Connectivity Challenge - supported by the Goldsmith's Company. Grants are awarded for projects that bring groups from different communities from Shropshire and Telford together enabling them to learn from each other and share their experiences in a wider forum

Sport Relief – grants to groups helping people to reconnect with society through sport and exercise. The themes - Feeling or being left out; Having problems in your life; Groups that don't usually mix, provide a guide to project ideas.

In addition the Foundation administers the **Telford and Wrekin Mayoral Fund**, which supports voluntary work in Telford and Wrekin within the charities/themes chosen by the Mayor for his/her year of office.

Voluntary and community groups whose work in the Donnington and Lilleshall area could be assisted and enhanced with the help of a Community Foundation grant are urged to contact the Community Foundation office for further information and application forms.

Tel: 01952 201858

Property Marking Labels



- **WHAT ARE PROPERTY MARKING LABELS?**

They are two-dimensional labels, the size of a normal postage stamp, which is covered in what looks like dots and blobs. However, within these dots and blobs will be encoded the number of the owner of the property they are on. The only way these labels can be read is with the use of specialised scanner, which only the police have access to.

- **HOW DO YOU USE PROPERTY MARKING LABELS?**

Labels can be stuck to the rear of your household electrical items, such as TVs, DVD players, computers and on outdoor equipment such as pedal cycles, mowers, drills etc. The labels are protected with a clear 'overseal' strip which is provided. During the past 24 months, these labels have been issued to over 3,000 homes, schools and businesses in and around the Telford & Wrekin area. If every label is used, over 60,000 items of property is now marked with these labels. Each pack contains 20 labels and you also receive a checklist so that you can keep a record of where you have placed them. Normally there is a cost for these labels; however, the residents of Donnington and Lilleshall have the opportunity for the labels to be supplied FREE OF CHARGE as a special offer. To get your personalised labels, all you have to do is fill out the application form below and send it to:

Neighbourhood Watch, Malinsgate Police Station, Malinsgate, Telford TF3 4HA

APPLICATION FORM FOR THERMAL PROPERTY LABELS

NAME

ADDRESS

POSTCODE TEL NO

NOTE: The police cannot offer a guarantee that although your property is marked that it will not be stolen. However, we know that it will provide a deterrent.

I agree to the information on this form being held on a computer database, and understand that it will not be used for any other purpose, or be passed on to any third party.

DATE SIGNED



Sorry No trick or treat!



A Safer & Stronger Communities Partnership Initiative to:

Protect the elderly and vulnerable

Protect unsupervised children

Prevent anti-social behaviour and vandalism



Family Learning Activities
at Donnington Wood Lifelong Learning Centre
"Something for everyone"
Activities for adults and children

Learning together - **FREE** activities for
mums, dads, grandparents, carers & children to
learn & have fun together



"Toy Making" 5 Week Programme
Wednesdays 2nd - 30th November
3.30 - 5.30pm

Adult & child age 5+

If you are interested in this course please phone
Julie on 272466 or Jo on 272488.

To secure your places you need to book in advance - places are limited so book early



Free crèche available for
pre-school children



Citizens Advice Bureaux

CABs are open at the following times (Town Centre
appointment system in operation):

Madeley Bureau, The Peoples Centre, High Street,
Madeley, Telford

Tuesday 10am - 3pm & 7pm - 9.30pm

Friday 10am - 3pm

Telford Town Centre, Meeting Point House,
Southwater Square, Town Centre, Telford

Monday & Weds. 10am - 3pm

Thursday 2pm - 7pm

Wellington Bureau

35, Church Street, Wellington, Telford

Monday & Thurs. 10am - 3pm

Newport, The Guildhall, Newport

Friday 10am - 1pm

Telephone advice is available on Mondays and
Tuesday 10am - 3pm and Thursdays 2pm - 7pm on
the following numbers:

(01952) 585824 / 291101 / 223232



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Articles for Future Newsletters

If you would like to include any information or
article in future newsletters, whether it is about
your group, organisation, or school activities,
then please ensure that you send the item to
the Clerk before the following dates for the
relevant newsletters:

September 30th for the October Issue,

February 8th for the March Issue,

June 8th for the July Issue.

Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council

Timetable of Meetings for 2005/2006

DATE	TIME MEETING
21st November	Council Meeting
5th December	Halls & Environment
12th December	Finance
16th January '06	Council Meeting
6th February '06	Halls & Environment
20th February '06	Finance
6th March '06	Council Meeting
27th March '06	Halls & Environment
17th April '06	Finance
8th May '06	Annual Public Meeting
8th May '06	7.30 Annual Council Meeting

All meetings will take place at Turreff Hall and begin at 7pm unless otherwise specified and are open to public and press. Planning meetings are notified separately. Agendas for forthcoming meetings and Minutes from previous meetings can be found on the Parish Council's website www.ldpc.org

Local planning applications: All local planning applications and plans are available for inspection at the Parish Council Office. Written comments can be sent to or left at the office for consideration by the Council's planning committee

Parish Councillors

Lilleshall Ward	Donnington Ward	Muxton Ward
Andrew Baker	Elizabeth A Clare	Veronica J Brown
Graham Platt	Brian H Green	Rose Gregory
Michael J Skelton	Patricia A Green	Phil Norton
	Cindy Mason	Rodney Pitt
	Clive Mason	Viv Verster
	John Thompson	Keith Watkins

Councillors can be contacted by leaving a message for them at the Parish Office, Turreff Hall, Turreff Avenue, Donnington, Telford. Tel **608001**.

Email: lill.donn.pc@btconnect.com

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Useful Numbers to cut out and keep:

Abandoned Cars	619251
Borough of Telford & Wrekin	202100
Broken Street Light Reporting.....	524524
<i>(please note the number on the light)</i>	
Citizens Advice Bureau	223232
Childline.....	0800 1111
Council Tax/Housing Benefit	202020
Crimestoppers.....	0800 555 111
D.I.A.L.....	210202
Domestic Violence Helpline.....	0800 7 831 359
Donnington Library	605872
FRANK (National Drugs Helpline)	0800 77 66 00
Litter/Dogs Fouling & Strays	617171
Neighbourhood Watch	214796
Parish Council Office.....	608001
Police	0845 7 444 888
Refuse Collection	524400
Wrekin Housing Trust	217100

Free Christmas Vouchers



Lilleshall and Donnington Parish Council are giving away free vouchers to Old Age Pensioners as a gesture of seasonal goodwill. This year the Parish Council have purchased vouchers from Asda and the Co-op, Donnington.

To claim your £5 Voucher men and women must be over the age of 65 and **MUST** live in Lilleshall, Donnington or Muxton. Please bring proof of home address and date of birth to the Parish Office at Turreff Hall, Turreff Avenue, Donnington, Telford. Vouchers can be collected from **14th November to 20th December** between the hours of **9am and 2pm**. If you have any queries please call us on 01952 608001.

Name: 1 _____ 2 _____

Address: _____

N.B. All applicants must fit the criteria set out above.

Voucher No: _____