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*View of the Parish from Lilleshall Monument
towards the Wrekin*

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Operation "Clean Sweep" Donnington.

Operation Clean Sweep ran from Monday 2nd July to Friday 6th July 2007 inclusive and covered the 0800hrs to 2200hrs timescales.

The Operation was put together by the local policing team at Donnington and the Donnington Partnership, and centred on the Donnington and Donnington Wood areas.

Our sister and partner agencies came on board and ran their own operations within the general banner of Clean Sweep.

Those agencies consisted of the fire brigade, the Wrekin Housing Trust, the Primary Care Trust, the Donnington Partnership, Telford & Wrekin Council (environmental health), the vehicle inspectorate, the Benefits Agency, the Sutherland school and the Asda superstore.

A budget of a thousand pounds was secured from the command team at Telford to fund some of the policing activities.

That thousand pounds released officers to patrol on foot which was achieved with the use of CSOs. Alongside their police colleagues, the target team of CSOs were also utilised incorporating both foot and bicycle patrols.

This year a bigger emphasis had been placed on the issue of road policing.

Donnington's community engagement meetings that had been held throughout the year had highlighted the perceived increase in uninsured use of motor vehicles and the nuisance and anti social behaviour of quad and small motorbikes within the tight knit streets of Donnington.

What happened on a daily basis was a general briefing at 0800hrs which gave the local policing team a chance to meet and greet the players of each organisation to give an overall objective and a localised objective in line with the sister or partner agencies own area of expertise.

A repeat briefing took place at 1400hrs to "catch" the late shift with a quick update and at 6pm to update the foot patrols on the progress of the operation. Briefing packs had been put together showing named nominals that we needed to disrupt.

The activities of the nominals were updated daily as intelligence came to light about the contact they

had been receiving from others of the operation.

The fire brigade held a road show at the Asda superstore in Donnington Wood highlighting the dangers of fires in the home and the use of smoke alarms.

Some 80 referrals were made for alarms to be fitted in homes by fire crews.

A large fire engine with displays was sited on the car park of the superstore and was well attended by a large number of shoppers.

Our own neighbourhood watch staff and crime stoppers were also in attendance, along with partner agencies.

The ANPR Intercept Team from Headquarters visited Donnington on the Monday and the Shrewsbury based road policing team visited on the Tuesday and Wednesday. The divisional ANPR car visited throughout the week.



There were a couple of funny stories to lighten the week and this report.

The HQ based ANPR team had cause to stop and remove from the road a driver who had no insurance or a driving licence.

He was reported for the offences and his car uplifted and taken to the compound.

The following day he met the Shrewsbury based team having recovered his car.

This time his car was taken and he was reported again.

The following day the car again pinged the ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) computers but alas the previous driver had sold the vehicle because he would be disqualified and could no longer see the need for a car.

Another light moment came on the Wednesday when a call was received to suggest that someone was stealing bagged items of clothing which had been put out for the Heart Foundation.

A white van had been seen close to the thefts. The thefts had taken place in Hayward Avenue which in turn was smack bang in the middle of the operation.

Little did the two thieves know that they had strayed onto the most intensively policed "beat" probably in England on that time and date. They were apprehended within minutes and their ill gotten gains recovered.

It appears that they were part of a "scam" organisation run from the West Midlands by Russian migrants.

Their tactic was to hit an area where door step collections were to take place and to hit the doorstep just before the official collectors.

This team have been active in the West Midlands for months.....lambs to the slaughter!!!

I can now add the following figures for those who match figures to success:

- There were 14 arrests (theft, drive disqualified, offensive weapons, no insurance / no drivers licence, public order act offences & obstruct police).
- There were 84 encounter forms submitted, the majority being on the named core nominals
- There were 30 intelligence reports submitted

to the local intelligence office again, many on core nominals.

- There were 22 vehicles seized and taken off the road (a massive success!)
- There were 30 fixed penalty notices issued which include use of mobile phones whilst driving, no seat belts and speeding offences.
- There was one seizure of an offensive weapon.
- There were over 15,000 vehicles passing through the ANPR cameras.

This operation Clean Sweep has in numerical terms been highly successful of all similar operations run by my team at Donnington.

There were also 26 children found truanting, on the truancy sweeps.

The general public of Donnington have received the operation well.

There has been applause when vehicles have been seized at the road side and warm well intentioned "slaps" on the back from 99.9% of law abiding residents of Donnington.

As for .1% that remained, they met the operation face on and lost. They had encountered one cop too many and can no longer present a clear and present danger to the 99.9%.

In conclusion I would suggest that this was an operation highlighting community focus and presented a clear reassurance model for the residents of Donnington.

We did make a difference!

From Fiona Moore – Neighbourhood Co-ordinator

Generally the commitment from all the partner agencies involved has been tremendous, local residents have also helped in our planning to identify areas of concern that needed attention; be it environmental works, cleansing or areas where anti social behaviour activities are frequent.

Young people from the local Sutherland School in year 9 have also played a big part by firstly allowing many of the service providers to attend their citizenship lessons to talk about community partnership working and how to tackle anti social behaviour together.

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Secondly they have assisted practically all week by carrying out hour-long litter picks every day in areas identified as having a lot of litter.

This 'operation' comes under the auspices of Donnington Partnership – a multi-agency and community partnership working together to help make Donnington a stronger, safer, cleaner and greener place to live.

Partner agencies involved included:

T&W Council
West Mercia Police
MOD Police
Wrekin Housing Trust
Shropshire Fire Service
Benefits Agency
Neighbourhood Watch
Benefits Fraud
CSO's
Asda, Donnington
Community Payback scheme
Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council
Sutherland School year 9
Department for Transport (VOSA)
Local residents of Donnington & Donnington Wood

From Joanne Robertson – Wrekin Housing Trust

From a Trust perspective I know the Housing Execs have made progress with a number of tenants property and garden inspections and the curfew checks with the Local Police Team have been very positive too.

Thanks also to the community payback service who have helped with some environmental work in Hayward Avenue trimming hedges and gardens of empty properties and tidying away some rubbish.

We have also spent some time in Leonard Close doing some door knocking to residents about maintaining the communal areas and not dumping rubbish which has been very positive.

Well I Never Knew That!

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the US Treasury.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king in history:

Spades: King David

Hearts: Charlemagne

Clubs: Alexander the Great

Diamonds: Julius Caesar

Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter "A"?

A. One thousand

Q. What do bullet-proof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common?

A. All invented by women.

DONNINGTON PARTNERSHIP ARTS AND CRAFT SHOW

The annual Donnington Partnership Community Arts and Craft Show will be taking place at St Johns Church Muxton on **October 27th 2007**.

Entries will be free and must be entered by 10am, judging will be at 12 noon and then open for public viewing at 1pm. Any groups who wish to sell their craft items can pre book a table by phoning **01952 382203** daytime or **01952 677301** evenings. The craft sale will be from 1.30pm to 3pm.

All ages can enter from the under 3's to the over 90's.

Categories include painting, sewing, knitting, card making, photography, poetry, prose, cake making, preserves and a miscellaneous section.

Entries are open to all people who live, work or are members of a group within the parishes of Lilleshall, Muxton, Donnington and Donnington Wood.

For further information and entry forms contact Rose Gregory on **01952 382203** or **01952 677301**

Summer fun - Activities for children and young people in Donnington



Date	Activity	Venue & Time		Contact
Week 3 of school summer holidays; Monday 6 th – Friday 10 th August				
Mon 6 th August	Summer playscheme (5 – 11yrs) Cost 40p	Lifelong Learning Centre	11.05am – 1pm & 2.05pm – 4pm	Sandra Mullinder 385113
	Junior Youth Club for 10 – 13yrs (Years 6 to 8)	Methodist Church hall, Wrekin Drive	10 – 11am	Julie Chapman 07973 454 656
	Young women’s group (13 – 19yrs)	Donnington Wood Youth Project (next to St Matthews school)	7pm – 9pm	Shamim Bhatti 385323
Tues 7 th August	Summer playscheme (5 – 11yrs). Cost 40p	Turreff Hall	11.05am – 1pm	Sandra Mullinder 385113
	Summer playscheme for 5 – 11yrs. Cost 40p	Multi Use Games Area, BroadOaks (Esso) fields	2.05pm – 4pm	Sandra Mullinder 385113
	‘Feel the Beat Fun’ for 7 – 14yrs. A mixture of activities incl: Line dancing, bouncy castle, bowling, clowns, face painting, arts & craft. Free activities. Tuck shop spends if you want.	Venning Barracks youth centre, MOD Donnington. <i>Free transport available for those with no transport if pre-booked in 5 mile radius.</i>	1pm- 3.30pm	Alan & Barb Heighway: 01952 414284
	Help 2 Quit (smoking) 4 Youth. For Young People Under 25yrs.	The Community House, 26 – 28 The Glebelands, Donnington Wood.	1.30pm – 3pm	01743 366940
	Open youth club (13 – 19yrs)	Donnington Wood Youth Project (next to St Matthews school)	7pm – 9pm	Shamim Bhatti 385323
Weds 8 th August	Summer playscheme (5 – 11yrs). Cost 40p	Lifelong Learning Centre	11.05am – 1pm & 2.05pm – 4pm	Sandra Mullinder 385113
Thurs 9 th August	Summer playscheme (5 – 11yrs). Cost 40p	Turreff Hall	11.05am – 1pm	Sandra Mullinder 385113
	Summer playscheme drop-in for 5 – 11yrs. Cost 40p	Turreff Hall	1.35pm – 3.30pm	Sandra Mullinder 385113
	Open youth club (13 – 19yrs)	Donnington Wood Youth Project (next to St Matthews school)	7pm – 9pm	Shamim Bhatti 385323
Fri 10 th August	Coffee morning drop-in for parents & young children	Silver Threads Club, Off Lawndale, Wellington Rd	10.30am – 12.00	Laura Newhill Sharon Watkins
Week 4 of school summer holidays; Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th August				
Mon 13 th August	‘Go-karting’ trip for 10 – 13yrs. 10.30am – 1pm. Cost £6. Please book at registration	Registration for this event has taken place. Phone to check for spaces		Julie Chapman 07973 454 656
	Summer playscheme (5 – 11yrs). Cost 40p	Lifelong Learning Centre	11.05am – 1pm & 2.05pm – 4pm	Sandra Mullinder 385113
	Junior Youth Club for 10 – 13yrs (Years 6 to 8)	Methodist Church hall, Wrekin Drive	5pm – 6.30pm	Julie Chapman 07973 454 656

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Date	Activity	Venue & Time		Contact
Tues 14th August	'Alton Towers' trip for 10 – 13yrs. 8.45am – 5.30pm Cost £12.50 Please book at registration	Registration for this event has taken place. Phone to check for spaces		Julie Chapman 07973 454 656
	Summer playscheme (5 – 11yrs). Cost 40p	Turreff Hall	11.05am – 1pm	Sandra Mullinder 385113
	Summer playscheme for 5 – 11yrs. Cost 40p	Multi Use Games Area, BroadOaks (Esso) fields	2.05pm – 4pm	Sandra Mullinder 385113
	' Feel the Beat Fun ' for 7 – 14yrs. A mixture of activities incl: Line dancing, bouncy castle, bowling, clowns, face painting, arts & craft. Free activities. Tuck shop spends if you want.	Venning Barracks youth centre, MOD Donnington. <i>Free transport available for those with no transport if pre-booked in 5 mile radius.</i>	1pm – 3.30pm	Alan & Barb Heighway: 01952 414284
	Help 2 Quit (smoking) 4 Youth. For Young People Under 25yrs.	The Community House, 26-28 The Glebelands, Donnington Wood.	1.30pm – 3pm	Tel: 01743 366940
Wed 15th August	'Sea Life Centre' trip for 10 – 13yrs. 9am – 3pm Cost £3.50 Please book at registration	Registration for this event has taken place. Phone to check for spaces		Julie Chapman 07973 454 656
	Summer playscheme (5 – 11yrs). Cost 40p	Lifelong Learning Centre	11.05am – 1pm & 2.05pm – 4pm	Sandra Mullinder 385113
Thurs 16th August	'Cariba Creek' trip for 10 – 13yrs. 9.30am – 4.30pm Cost £6 Please book at registration	Registration for this event has taken place. Phone to check for spaces		Julie Chapman 07973 454 656
	Summer playscheme (5 – 11yrs). Cost 40p	Turreff Hall	11.05am – 1pm	Sandra Mullinder 385113
	Summer playscheme drop-in for 5 – 11yrs. Cost 40p	Turreff Hall	1.35pm - 3.30pm	Sandra Mullinder 385113
Fri 17th August	'Crafty Games' workshop– Family learning; For kids (5yrs+), parents/ grandparents.	Lifelong Learning Centre Creche places can be booked.	10am – 12 noon	Sharon Watkins 01952 382201
	Coffee morning drop-in for parents & young children	Silver Threads Club, Off Lawndale, Wellington Rd	10.30 – 12.00	Laura Newhill Sharon Watkins
	Street Sports for all ages	Multi Use Games Area, Broadoaks (Esso) fields	11am – 2pm	Joe Bates Tel: 01952 382331
Week 5 of school summer holidays; Monday 20th – Friday 24th August				
Mon 20th August	Summer playscheme (5 – 11yrs). Cost 40p	Lifelong Learning Centre	11.05am – 1pm & 2.05pm – 4pm	Sandra Mullinder 385113
	Cinema trip for 10 – 13yrs. To be confirmed. Please book at registration	Registration for this event has taken place. Phone to check for spaces		Julie Chapman 07973 454 656
	Junior Youth Club for 10 – 13yrs (Years 6 to 8)	Methodist Church hall, Wrekin Drive	5pm – 6.30pm	Julie Chapman 07973 454 656

Date	Activity	Venue & Time		Contact
Tues 21st August	'Orienteering & caving trip for 10 – 13yrs. 9.15am – 2.30pm. Cost £6 Please book at registration	Registration for this event has taken place. Phone to check for spaces		Julie Chapman 07973 454 656
	Summer playscheme (5 – 11yrs). Cost 40p	Turreff Hall	11.05am – 1pm	Sandra Mullinder 385113
	Summer playscheme for 5 – 11yrs. Cost 40p	Multi Use Games Area, BroadOaks (Esso) fields	2.05pm – 4pm	Sandra Mullinder 385113
	' Feel the Beat Fun ' for 7 – 14yrs. A mixture of activities incl: Line dancing, bouncy castle, bowling, clowns, face painting, arts & craft. Free activities. Tuck shop spends if you want.	Venning Barracks youth centre, MOD Donnington. <i>Free transport available for those with no transport if pre-booked in 5 mile radius.</i>	1pm – 3.30pm	Alan & Barb Heighway: 01952 414284
Wed 22nd August	'Canoeing & challenge zone' trip for 10 – 13yrs. 9.15am – 2.30pm. Cost £5 Please book at registration	Registration for this event has taken place. Phone to check for spaces		Julie Chapman 07973 454 656
	Summer playscheme (5 – 11yrs). Cost 40p	Lifelong Learning Centre	11.05am – 1pm & 2.05pm – 4pm	Sandra Mullinder 385113
Thurs 23rd August	'Wrekin walk & picnic' trip for 10 – 13yrs. 10am – 1.30pm. Cost £1. Please book.	Registration for this event has taken place. Phone to check for spaces		Julie Chapman 07973 454 656
	Summer playscheme (5 – 11yrs). Cost 40p	Turreff Hall	11.05am – 1pm	Sandra Mullinder 385113
	Summer playscheme drop-in for 5 – 11yrs. Cost 40p	Turreff Hall	1.35pm - 3.30pm	Sandra Mullinder 385113
Fri 24th August	Summer madness craft workshop– Family learning; For kids (5yrs+) & parents/ grandparents.	Lifelong Learning Centre Creche places can be booked.	10am – 12.00 noon	Sharon Watkins 01952 382201
	Street Sports for all ages	Multi Use Games Area, Broadoaks (Esso) fields	11am – 2pm	Joe Bates Tel: 01952 382331
Tues 28th August	' Feel the Beat Fun ' for 7 – 14yrs. A mixture of activities incl: Line dancing, bouncy castle, bowling, clowns, face painting, arts & craft. Free activities. Tuck shop spends.	Venning Barracks youth centre, MOD Donnington. <i>Free transport available for those with no transport if pre-booked in 5 mile radius.</i>	1pm – 3.30pm	Alan & Barb Heighway: 01952 414284
	Help 2 Quit (smoking) 4 Youth. For young people under 25yrs.	The Community House, 26-28 The Glebelands, Donnington Wood.	1.30pm – 3pm	Tel: 01743 366940
Fri 31st August	Coffee morning drop-in for parents & young children	Silver Threads Club, Off Lawndale, Wellington Rd	10.30 – 12.00	Laura Newhill Sharon Watkins
	Street Sports for all ages	Multi Use Games Area, Broadoaks (Esso) fields	11am – 2pm	Joe Bates Tel: 01952 382331

Also...**BMX bike school week. Free for all Telford young people:**

Wrekin Riders BMX club are putting on a BMX school starting on Monday 6th to Friday 10th August. Aimed at complete novices to the more experienced, the coaching will be carried out by professional BMX and 4X rider Mark Odgden. Booking is NOT required. Turn up and play! A limited number of bikes and safety equipment will be available free of charge if requested prior to the day you attend. Tel: Derek Owen: **01952 382323. Leegomery BMX ground, Leegate Avenue. Monday 6th – Fri 10th August, 11am – 3pm**

Chair's Report

[The full report is available from the Parish Office]

I have chosen to start this report with the excellent news that on April 2nd 2007 this Parish Council was awarded "Quality Status". This achievement reflects the professionalism of the Council and the hard work and dedication of its staff and councillors. It is imperative that all involved with council now strive to maintain the standards that this award brings with it.



However, the year was marred by the announcement that the Parish Council, and many other support organisations in and around Telford, were not successful when trying to save RAF Cosford from threatened closure and the moving of its training facilities to RAF St. Athan. It is hoped that RAF Cosford will be retained for future projects thus maintaining jobs. It is also hoped that the area is allowed to continue its strong (and proud) links with the Ministry of Defence both at Donnington and throughout Telford.

It was also announced this year that Donnington has been earmarked for District Centre Regeneration along with other towns and centres within Telford. As a result £20,000 is available per year from Telford and Wrekin Council for improving the areas surrounding the local shops. The Parish Council hopes to establish and maintain a dialogue with the local shop owners, and residents, to discuss where they would like to see the money being invested.

We also saw the removal of the status awarded to Lilleshall as a "Key Settlement" within Telford and Wrekin Council's Local Development Framework (LDF). The Parish Council, together with local residents, actively campaigned against this classification and the misrepresentations made within the scoring matrix. I would like to thank everyone that was involved in this process and Telford and Wrekin Council for its effective, and thorough, consultation process.

As a result of various issues raised at one of the Councillor Surgery's held at Muxton, the Parish Council decided to hold a joint meeting with local residents, West Mercia Constabulary and Telford and Wrekin's Highways Department. This was due to the diversity of the issues raised which ranged from speeding traffic, anti social behaviour and many more. The outcome of this was that extra police presence is to be made around Muxton and that a 30mph speed limit has been installed throughout the whole length of Muxton Lane. The Parish Council has requested that Wellington Road, Muxton be included in the programme of works for highway improvements for the next financial year (2007/2008) due to the condition of the road and pavements.

This year also saw the start of a Community Bus around Donnington. Funding for this was provided through a joint partnership with the Parish Council, Donnington Neighbourhood Co-ordinator and Telford and Wrekin Council. It aims to provide better access to local supermarkets, shops and those areas not covered by local bus services. The hard work and dogged determination of individual councillors was greatly appreciated.

With the elections scheduled for May 07 it was with great sadness to learn that three Councillors and colleagues have decided not to stand again as Parish Councillors. My thanks go to Councillors Rodney Pitt, Mike Skelton and Mrs Viv Verster for all the time, work and effort that they gave to being Councillors.

On an equally sad note it is with great disappointment to learn that the Assistant Clerk, Mrs Sue Wilson will also be leaving to take up a new life in Norfolk. Sue has been with the Council for six years and will be sorely missed. Our best wishes go to Sue and her family for the future.

I would also like to take this opportunity in wishing the new Chair the very best in their Term of Office and thank the Councillors, Clerk and all the staff for their hard work, support and help throughout the year.

Halls and Environment Committee

Chair Phil Norton, Vice-Chair Mrs Pat Green, Andrew Baker, Mrs Veronica Brown, Mrs Rose Gregory, Graham Platt, J Thompson, Keith Watkins.



The Halls and Environment Committee administers all buildings, bus shelters, street lights, benches and land owned by the Parish Council. Its aim is to ensure the efficient and effective management of those resources and make recommendations to full Council as appropriate. The Committee met six times during the year.

As this Committee deals with the maintenance and upkeep of the Parish Council's assets, a brief description follows of selected items of work and events that occurred throughout the parish during 2006/2007:

Talbot Centre, Lilleshall: On the evening of 27th April 2006 the Talbot Centre in Lilleshall was broken into and totally vandalised which included two attempts at arson. Despite the culprits being apprehended the Crime Prosecution Service decided not to press charges. As a result the Parish Council, through the Police and Youth Offending Team, requested that the parents/guardians of these youths bring them along to a Council meeting to apologise in person to the Councillors. However, as expected, all declined the invitation. The total cost of renovating the building was in excess of £1,000.

Bus Shelters: Renovation of the bus shelters on Wrekin Drive and St George's Road, Donnington has now been completed and the Parish Council is now concentrating on those in other areas of Donnington. This project will carry on over the years until all shelters owned by the Parish Council (all the Brick Shelters) have been restored to a high standard.

St Matthew's Church, Donnington: The Parish Council has improved the closed churchyard within the Church grounds by forming a small mound on which have been leant the very old gravestones that had fallen over. The rubbish that had collected over the years has been removed and the area is now looking better for it. The Estate Manager continues to maintain the grass cutting to a high standard in this area.

St Michael's Church, Lilleshall: The footpaths at St Michael's Church have been resurfaced due to the fact that some areas of the path had started crumbling away causing potholes and trip hazards. The drains were also raised level with the path for similar reasons. The renovation to the wall surrounding the Church has also been completed and the horse chestnut tree situated in the corner of the Churchyard was removed for safety reasons. However, a programme of tree planting has already begun in the Churchyard and a thank you goes to Councillor Andrew Baker who was an active member in achieving this.

Street Lights: Due to the poor illumination provided by the old lanterns on the street lights in Ewart Road the Parish Council replaced them and also installed two extra lights. This was done at a cost to the Council of £4,375 plus VAT. Telford and Wrekin Council contributed £1,000 toward this project. One extra light was also purchased and erected at The Fields, Donnington at a cost of £900.

Muxton: Trees have been trimmed, overgrown shrubs removed and the stream on the piece of land to the rear of Thornton Park Avenue has been cleared of rubbish and dead leaves. This work was carried out by Green Gym run by Cliff Hallam. The photos [in the full report] are of Councillors examining the piece of land and Green Gym undertaking the work there. Such is the way that Green Gym is financed, the only cost to the Parish Council for this work was for the hiring of two skips.

Grass Verges: All the work tarmacking the grass verges in Turreff Avenue has now been completed and it is hoped that sometime later this year work will commence completing the verges in Baldwin Webb Avenue.

Footpath, Bretton Park: The Parish Council is still negotiating with Telford & Wrekin Council and owners of the site for the re-opening of the footpath at Bretton Park, Muxton. It is hoped to work in partnership with other Parish Councils in North Telford to set up an action group to ensure that all footpaths in this area are properly

maintained. Thanks must go to Mr Ken Trumper who is actively pursuing this matter and providing the Parish Council with information relevant to this cause.

Allotments: The Parish Council had been able to obtain a piece of land for the purpose of providing allotments within the parish. However, due to some issues regarding access this area has now rendered unsuitable. The Parish Council is currently negotiating with a local farmer to purchase or lease a piece of his land for this purpose. It is hoped to keep parishioners informed of events through the parish newsletter.

Benches: New benches have been placed at High Mount and Albert Road (next to the bus shelter), Donnington. It is planned to place new benches at Limekiln Lane, Lilleshall and at the junction of Church Road/School Road, Donnington in the new financial year.

Garden Competition: Each year the Garden Competition gets more popular and this year another high standard of entries were judged. Overall winner for 2006/2007 was Mrs Lin Cawthorne. She was presented with the trophy by the Chair of the Parish Council Ms Cindy Mason. The winners of the Children's Container category were Katie and Thomas Craddock. Councillor Brian Green presented the trophy to them on behalf of his wife, who provided the trophy but was unable to attend.

Finance Committee

Chair Mrs Liz Clare, Vice-Chair Clive Mason, Andrew Baker, Mrs Rose Gregory, Phil Norton, Rodney Pitt (replaced by John Thompson due to resignation through work commitments), Mike Skelton, Mrs Viv Verster.



The Finance Committee monitors, oversees and reviews all matters relating to Council finances and its use of resources. It ensures the efficient and effective management of those resources and makes recommendations to full Council as appropriate.

The Council's precept for 2006/2007 was set at £175,000. This meant a cost of £41.46 to each household within the Parish as part of the Council Tax. This figure is set according to the number of Band "D" properties in the parish which is given at 4,223.50.

Grants totalling £17,042 were awarded to 27 groups and organisations that benefit the inhabitants within the parish. Most notably, the Parish Council awarded £5,000 to Lilleshall Memorial Hall toward the maintenance and refurbishment costs and to employ a consultant for future improvements to its facilities. For the fourth year running the Council provided vouchers at Christmas for the pensioners residing in the parish which appear to be increasing in popularity every year. Last Christmas 1,005 pensioners claimed their vouchers.

Once again, the Parish Council successfully passed its Annual Audit Report which is made available to the public every year. Notices of when the accounts are available for inspection are displayed at the Parish Office and in the local press.

The Parish Council is determined to ensure that "Best Value" is provided to the residents and electorate of Donnington, Lilleshall and Muxton.

Income 2006/2007

Precept	175,000
Turreff Hall	23,180
Cordingley Hall	7,554
Environment	609
Miscellaneous	11,637

Expenditure 2006/2007

Admin and General Purposes	89,774
Grants	17,042
Turreff Hall	30,252
Cordingley Hall	2,145
Environment	48,952
Street/Christmas Lighting	39,225

Tree Management Sub-Committee

Committee Members: Chair Mrs P A Green, Vice-Chair K Watkins, A Baker, Mrs R Gregory, P Norton, G Platt.

Tree Management is a Sub-Committee of the Halls and Environment Committee.

As a result of a tree survey carried out by the Estate Manager, which identified extensive work required on the future maintenance of trees situated on Parish Council land, the Councillors decided to set up a sub-committee for the sole purpose of managing future works required and to identify any future planting schemes that may benefit the parish. As no budget had been set for this year the Sub-Committee was extremely limited in what it could do. However, emergency work had to be carried out in some areas so funds were obtained from the General Maintenance budget held by the Halls and Environment Committee. A large Horse Chestnut tree was removed from St Michael and All Angels Church in Lilleshall which during the survey was found to be in an unsafe condition as were some trees in Muxton.

At the precept meeting held in January the Sub-Committee was given a budget of £3,000 for the financial year 07/08 to enable it to carry out the work highlighted in the report. The Parish Council would like to thank the Arbocultural Officer from Telford and Wrekin Council for his time and advice given during the compiling of the tree survey.



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS RESIDENTS

You are invited to attend a public meeting that will shape problem solving and influence the way we police and look after your Neighbourhood in the future.

Your opinions are important to us, please let us know what is important to you in your Neighbourhood.

The meetings will be held at:

St John's Church, Saltwell's Drive, Muxton
7pm on Thursday 6th September 2007

Turreff Hall, Turreff Avenue, Donnington
11.30am on Thursday 20th September 2007
and
7pm on Monday 15th October 2007

For further information please contact:

The Local Policing team:
08457 444888

donnington.lpt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

OR Fiona Moore, Neighbourhood Coordinator
01952 382245
fiona.moore@telford.gov.uk



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**The Wrekin
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**Telford & Wrekin
COUNCIL**

Timetable of Meetings

2007

3 Sept.	Council presentation evening for grants and garden prizes.
10 Sept.	Halls & Environment
24 Sept.	Finance
8 Oct.	Council Meeting
12 Nov.	Council Meeting
26 Nov.	Halls and Environment
10 Dec.	Finance

2008

14 Jan.	Council Meeting
4 Feb.	Halls and Environment
25 Feb.	Finance
10 March	Council Meeting (Takes place in Muxton TBC)
24 March	Halls and Environment
21 April	Finance
12 May	Annual Public Meeting
12 May 7.30	Council Meeting

All meetings will take place at Turreff Hall and begin at 7pm **unless otherwise stated** and are open to public and press. Planning meetings are notified separately.

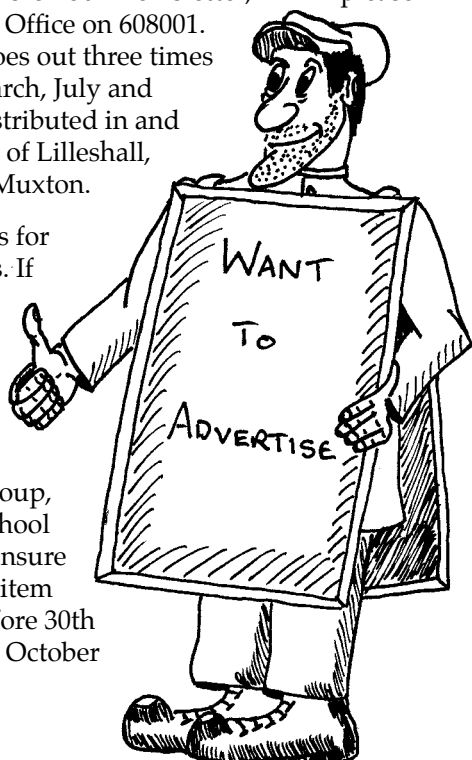
Agendas for forthcoming meetings and Minutes from previous meetings can be found on the Parish Council's website www.ldpc.org

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.

Advertising: If you are interested in advertising in the future editions of our newsletter, please

contact the Parish Office on 608001. The Newsletter goes out three times a year, around March, July and October and is distributed in and around the Parish of Lilleshall, Donnington and Muxton.

Wanted: Articles for future newsletters. If you would like to include any information or article in future newsletters, whether it is regarding your group, organisation or school activities, please ensure that you send the item in to the Clerk before 30th September for the October issue.



Parish Councillors

Lilleshall Ward Donnington Ward Muxton Ward

Andrew Baker	Elizabeth A Clare	Veronica J Brown
John Hockin	Brian H Green	Martyn Edwards
Graham Platt	Patricia A Green	Rose Gregory
	James Lavery	Brenda Mason
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	Clive Mason	Keith Watkins

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

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Useful Numbers to cut out and keep:

Abandoned Cars	384384
Broken Street Light Reporting.....	384000
<i>(please note the number on the light)</i>	
Citizens Advice Bureau	0845 1461554
Childline.....	0800 1111
Council Tax/Housing Benefit	383838
Crimestoppers.....	0800 555 111
D.I.A.L.....	210202
Domestic Violence Helpline.....	0800 7 831 359
Donnington Library	382905
FRANK (National Drugs Helpline)	0800 77 66 00
Litter/Dogs Fouling & Strays	384384
Neighbourhood Watch	214796
Parish Council Office.....	608001
Police	0845 7 444 888
Princess Royal Hospital	641222
Refuse Collection	384384
Samaritans (Telford Branch)	256161
Telford & Wrekin Council	380000
Wrekin Housing Trust	217100

New School Telephone Numbers

Burton Borough	386500
Donnington Wood C of E	386660
Donnington Wood Infants	386640
Lilleshall Primary	388430
Muxton Primary	387690
St Matthews C of E	386260
The Sutherland School	387800
Wrockwardine Wood Arts College	388300
Wrockwardine Wood C of E	387880
Wrockwardine Wood Infants	387860

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