



LILLESHALL & DONNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL *Newsletter*

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In October 2009 this iconic sculpture, built in 1989, situated on the Granville Roundabout was damaged when hit by a heavy goods vehicle. After being repaired it was reinstated at a ceremony which took place on Monday 22nd February 2010. Pictured are (from left to right): Councillor P Norton (Chairman of Lilleshall and Donnington Parish Council), Mr G Foxall (the sculptor) and his son David, and Councillor C Mason (Borough and Parish Councillor for Donnington).

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Clock Tower Roundabout

The Parish Council is delighted to see that, after many months, the clock on the Clock Tower roundabout, Donnington has been repaired and is back to working order. This is a direct result of discussions held between the Parish Council and Telford & Wrekin Council ensuring funding was made available to repair the clock.

Parish Precept

A precept is an authoritative order to a billing authority (in this case Telford & Wrekin Council) to pay the Parish/Town Council a named sum of money. At a meeting held in January this Parish Council decided to keep the Precept for the year 2010/2011 the same as the last two years at £187,000. This will mean a reduction of 63p per elector in the Parish Council element of the Council Tax.

Pensioners Vouchers

This year approximately 1,130 £5 vouchers were distributed by this Council to pensioners residing within the parish prior to Christmas 2009. Once again this is up on the previous total for Christmas 2008 as they continue to become increasingly popular.

Grant Awards

At a meeting held last November, the Parish Council awarded a total of £3,050 to organisations from in and around the parish. To discover if your group or organisation is eligible to apply for a grant from this Council, then please contact the Clerk at the Parish Office.

Donnington Recreation Ground/Broad Oaks Playing Field

This Parish Council has set up a working group with Telford & Wrekin Council to finalise the management plan and prioritise financial resources for the improvements at the Donnington Recreation Ground and the Broad Oaks Playing Field. The group is currently working on obtaining additional funding to continue implementing the management plan through 2010. It is hoped to see improvements commencing on the Recreation Ground around the latter part of the year. However, plans are well under way to provide a BMX track on the Broad Oaks Playing Field. It is hoped that this will be installed around July or August dependant on the planning process. Proposed plans for the improvements to Donnington Recreation Ground are available to see by appointment at the Parish Council office.

Christmas Lights

Last year's Christmas lights were switched on by the winner of the Children's Container category in the Parish Council's Garden Competition. Pictured with the Chairman Councillor Phil Norton is Miss Isobel Slade-Jones.



A New Priest For St Matthew's

A new priest has been appointed at St Matthew's, Donnington Wood. The Reverend Paula Smith will be licensed on 1st March. She will also be working alongside clergy in the area as Ministry Development Adviser.

The Reverend Paula says that this is bringing her back to her roots as she was born and brought up in Telford. The first church she attended was the tin Tabernacle on the Nabb where she went to Sunday School. She says that that was the beginning of her journey with God. Paula was married to Andy nearly thirty years ago. Andy is also ordained and is going to be working alongside Christians from all denominations in Telford as Ecumenical Dean. He was licensed on February 16th. The couple have lived in Walsall for the last 14 years. They have two children, Michael who is living and working in Cambridge and Rebecca who is studying Japanese in Leeds.

Reverend Paula has been working at St Matthew's in Walsall and is looking forward to starting work in another St Matthew's and getting to know the people of the parish.





Christmas Tree Festival

A Christmas Tree Festival was held in December at St Matthew's Church, Donnington.

The aim of the festival was to raise the profile of the Church within the community.

Pictured decorating the Parish Council's entry are:

Chairman of the Parish Council Councillor Phil Norton, the Vice-Chairman Councillor Clive Mason and Mrs H Whitehouse.

If at first you don't succeed, redefine success.

Is reading in the bathroom considered multi-tasking?

How do bankruptcy lawyers expect to be paid?

Lifelong Learning Centre and Community Cafe

The Donnington Community Cafe at the Lifelong Learning Centre, St Matthew's Road has vacancies for two volunteers. We work a shift system of 9am to 12 noon and 12 noon to 3pm. If you are interested in joining us please call in or ring Rose on **01952 382203**. No experience necessary as all training will be given if required.

The Donnington Wood Lifelong Learning Centre will be holding a Bingo evening on 22nd March for this term's charity, Hope House. This will be an Easter egg bingo so children can also play. It starts at 7pm and finishes about 9pm. A book of 10 games cost £1. Last term it raised £300 for multiple sclerosis.

Advance warning to all arts and craft people: the annual arts and craft show will take place in October at the Donnington Wood Lifelong Learning Centre, date yet to be decided.

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Quarterly Estate Walkabouts

The Wrekin Housing Trust has introduced a series of Estate Walkabouts every three months in response to tenant suggestions that regular 'inspections' of their estates are carried out.

Everyone is welcome to get involved in the Walkabouts and residents can attend as many or as few as suits their commitments.

Walkabouts allow Trust officers and residents to work together to identify areas of concern that we are able to resolve, such as general external repairs and identify tenancy related issues, which need attention. The Trust will also be working closely with other agencies in the area to address issues such as litter, graffiti, vandalism, abandoned vehicles, road and pavement improvements and lighting.

The Donnington walkabouts are currently well attended by our partner agencies, for example, the Local Policing team, and we would welcome support from residents. Residents who come out on the walkabouts will be 'rewarded' with coffee and biscuits after the walkabouts at the Trust office as a thank you for their time and effort.

If anyone wishes to find out more about the routes we take or to confirm their attendance at any of the walkabouts then please contact the Donnington Team on 217390.

The next round of walkabouts are as follows:

Monarch Fields and Lioncourt Homes – Tuesday 20th April at 10am. Meeting at Wyevale Garden Centre Car Park. To include Station Road, Highlander Drive and Dukes View.

Donnington west – Thursday 29th April at 1.30pm. Meeting at Winifreds Drive/Leonard Close.

Donnington east – Tuesday 4th May at 1.30pm. Meeting at junction of Hayward Avenue/ New Road.

Donnington Wood – Thursday 13th May at 2pm. Meeting at the front of the Life Long Learning Centre. To Visit :8arn Close, Waxhill Close, Penistone Close & Ash Lea Drive

Donnington Wood – Thursday 20th May at 2pm. Meeting at the front of the Community House. To visit St Matthews Rd, The Common, The Glebelands

The Wrekin
Housing Trust

Donnington Toy Library

Why Pay More? Instead of buying, why not hire at:

Donnington Toy Library based at Donnington Health Centre, Wrekin Drive,

Donnington, Children's Clinic.



- Variety of toys suitable for birth up to 8 years of age.
- Good assortment of physical, stimulating and fun toys.
- Story Sack 50p per week – play as you read.



- Joining Fee: £1 • Hire for 8 weeks. • Toy Hire: Small £2, Medium £3, Large £4

Toy Donations are welcome especially baby toys.

There is also a collect and delivery service.

Open Wednesdays 9 am to 12 noon and 2pm to 4pm. If the library is not open (holidays etc) then please speak to the Health Visitor in clinic who will help you.

For further information please contact Jean Gulliver on 07784 76889

Pothole Buster Campaign

As I am sure you are aware, the recent cold spell has meant that there are many more potholes on the public roads of Telford and Wrekin.

We know from the feedback received from our partners, particularly Parish and Town Councils, that the condition of the public roads is a main priority for people in the borough.

In response to this from Monday February 1, we are launching our Pothole Buster initiative which actively encourages the public to report the location of potholes so that the Council can fix them. We will make safe all dangerous potholes reported by the end of the next working day.

To ensure the success of this initiative the Council is significantly increasing resources to deal with the potholes. The Council is putting on an extra three teams to help us concentrate solely on pothole filling. We aim to double the amount of potholes we fill every week from around 150 to around 300.

The public can notify us of the whereabouts of potholes:

- 24 hours a day online at www.telford.gov.uk/potholebusters by completing a short report form and giving details of the pothole's location.
- Calling the Pothole Busters on **01952 384000** from 8am to 7pm on weekdays to report the pothole.

All potholes reported will be identified and categorised and will be dealt with according to their severity. Those identified as dangerous will be repaired by the end of the next working day. You can find a definition of a dangerous pothole at www.telford.gov.uk/potholebusters.

We hope you can help our campaign by actively getting as many reports to us and encouraging the public to become Pothole Busters. We do have our street inspectors out every day but with the help of the public the Council will be able to identify many more potholes.

Expect this campaign to run until the early spring, when we will review the situation.

We will be back in touch with you with some further campaign material that you may wish to use to support and help publicise the campaign for the benefit of all the residents of Telford and Wrekin.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Adrian Lawrence, Cabinet Member for the Environment & Rural Area

Cllr Sean Kelly, Cabinet Member, Efficient Community Focused Council



Telford & Wrekin
C O U N C I L

Drop in to Donnington Job Junction

Any Monday 9.30am – 12.30pm at Donnington Wood Lifelong Learning Centre, St Matthews Road.

Any Friday 11am – 1pm at Donnington Library, Turreff Avenue.

Call in for advice & support on:

- Local courses
- Looking for work
- Gaining a qualification
- Application forms
- Confidence building

New courses starting this autumn in the Donnington area include:

- 'Taking Charge of your Life' (Confidence Building and Assertivness Course)
- Job Seeking Skills
- Health and Safety for Life (First Aid / Food Safety / Health & Safety in the Workplace)
- Maths, English & Computing
- Family Learning 'Crafty Fingers'

For more information contact your local Community Learning & Employment Co-ordinator on **01952 382201** or **07976 100 529**

Garden Competition 2010

With the continuing interest and success of this Parish Council's Garden Competitions it has been decided that this year's competition will take place on Saturday 17th July. Anyone interested in participating can complete the application form below or contact the Parish Office on 01952 608001 or email your details to lill.donn.pc@btconnect.com

Application Form for Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council Gardening Competition 17th July 2010

To Be Returned to: Mr R Morgan, Clerk to the Parish Council, Turreff Hall,
Turreff Avenue, Donnington Telford TF2 8HG

By 2nd July 2010

I wish to enter the following category (s) of the gardening competition, and agree to my entry being photographed should it be successful.

Class Numbers	()	1. Environmentally Friendly Garden
	()	2. Front Garden
	()	3. Back Garden
	()	4. Prettiest Container
	()	5. Children's Container **
	()	6. Patio/Courtyard

Name

Address

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Telephone Number

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** N.B. For section No. 5 (children's container)

Age of entrant

Parent's Signature Required

Local Community Halls

Donnington has a number of rooms which can be hired for private functions and other purposes:

Hall	Contact No.	Size	Facilities
Turreff Hall, Donnington	608001	Holds approx 100	Mobile Bar, Small Kitchen
Cordingley Hall, Donnington	07890 069259	Holds approx 200	Bar, Stage and Kitchen
Lilleshall Memorial Hall	410502	Holds approx 100	Bar, Stage and Kitchen
St John's Church, Muxton	670033	Holds approx 150	Kitchen
Lilleshall Youth Centre	606105	Approx 50	Kitchenette
Silver Threads Club	418729	Approx 50	Small Kitchen
Scout Hut, Donnington	273845	Approx 50	Small Kitchen
Donnington Methodist Church	812900	Holds approx 100	Small Kitchen
Sports and Social Club, Donnington	676648	Holds approx 120	Bar, Function Room

Were you ever a Brownie or Girl Guide?

Perhaps you were a Ranger, a Cadet, or a Guider.

Whatever your links with the Guide movement, we'd like to hear about it!

Girlguiding UK is celebrating its centenary from September 2009 to October 2010 and we'd like to hear about your experiences.

Did you go to camp and sleep on a straw-filled palliasse?

Were you a Brown Owl who took her pack on Pack holiday?

Did you travel abroad as a Ranger or Cadet?

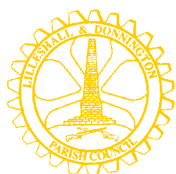
Girlguiding Shropshire would love to hear about your Guiding memories, good or bad, whether they took place in Shropshire or somewhere else in the world.

To contribute your memories to our memory bank please contact:

Marie Ruscoe 01952 276381 marieruscoe1@blueyonder.co.uk

giving your name, address, phone number and e-mail address if you have one.

Your stories will show our young members why Guiding has survived for one hundred years.



Lilleshall and Donnington Parish Council

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Lilleshall Village Tennis Club

Mini Tennis



Lilleshall Village Tennis Club has received grant aid from Sports Unlimited to fund Mini Tennis coaching lessons, led by an LTA qualified coach, for pupils at Lilleshall School. Sessions are currently held for the school children at the Talbot Centre Tennis Courts in the village every Wednesday between 2pm and 3pm and between 3.30 pm and 4.30 pm.

Mini tennis is great fun and designed to encourage children with little or no experience to learn to play the game of tennis. Tennis racquets, balls and activities are geared to the suit their age and capabilities.

The Tennis Club is proposing to initiate a new Junior membership to provide mini tennis sessions, commencing in April 2010 for all children in the area. A fully qualified, LTA licensed coach is available. It is planned to hold Mini Tennis Sessions at the Talbot Centre, Lilleshall, on Thursdays from April 2010, between 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm.

Tennis Club Membership for Juniors	Ages 5 -10 years	-	£12.00 per annum
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	Ages 11-15 years	-	£15.00 per annum
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Junior Coaching Session Rates	Club Members	-	£2.50 per session
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	Non-Members	-	£3.50 per session
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Membership of the club enables the children to participate in competitions with other clubs in the area and, if they wish, to acquire an LTA rating.

For further details and to place your child's name on the list, please contact Pauline Coffey on 01952 604757.

Friendship between women: A woman doesn't come home one night. The next day she tells her husband that she had slept over at a girlfriend's house.

The husband calls his wife's 10 best friends. None of them know anything about it.

Friendship between men: A man doesn't come home one night. The next day he tells his wife that he had slept over at a friend's house. The wife calls her husband's 10 best men friends. Eight of them confirm that he had slept over, and two claim that he was still there.

Lilleshall Relief in Need (Registered Charity No. 216246)

The Lilleshall Relief in Need Charity is able to give financial assistance to persons who live in the ecclesiastical parishes of Lilleshall, Muxton and Donnington Wood. If the application is for a child (i.e. under 18) the form should be completed by an adult, preferably a parent or guardian. Grants cannot be given for educational purposes.

If you would like to apply to the charity, then please contact either Mrs Amanda Warren on 01952 603327 or Mrs Pat Green on 01952 606681 for further details.

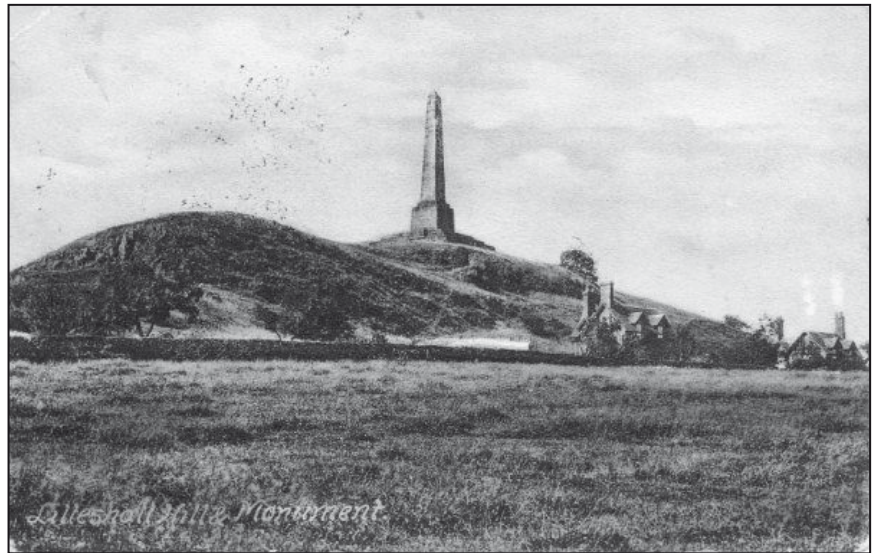


Feel The Beat

As part of the Feel The Beat charity support at our Christmas party at Turreff Hall, a Raffle was held for the 'Under Telford 16's Christmas Party project' which raised £40.

The winning ticket was drawn by the Parish Council Chairman, Councillor Phil Norton.

He is pictured here with the winner Mrs M Johnson.



Lilleshall Hill and Monument 1908

Lilleshall Hill has been a local and historic landmark seen many for many years. Sometimes it is great to be able to take a look back and see what time has done to evolve the village that nestles at the foot of the hill. It is true to say that farming has always been one of the strongest features of the area and this is one of the reasons a lot more people settled there midway between the developing town of Newport and the Army connections at Donnington. However, if we could turn the clock back around 100 years ago say to 1908 and visit the hill, its residents were situated at the lowest region of the hill and apparently quite far apart. I came across this old postcard posted in Kidderminster to a Mrs B. P. Thomas at Bridlewood Cottage, Hatton, Nr Shifnal Salop (I still favour Salop and what it stands for) which quite clearly shows the area well underdeveloped in comparison to today. What is noticeable is that the footpath to the monument is well trodden even then. How the countryside view from the top must have changed since then.

Alan J. Heighway 01952 414284



DO YOU WANT TO:

- ✓ Deter petty crime and antisocial behaviour?
- ✓ Reduce the fear of crime?
- ✓ Make your community a better place to live in?

A NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME COULD BE THE ANSWER TO YOUR CONCERNS

NHW help to link Communities, strengthen local ties with the Police and foster an atmosphere of good neighbourliness and Community Spirit.

Want to know more?

Please ring Anne at Telford Police Station on 01952 214796

Keeping the Neighbourhood Safe

Neighbourhood Watch is one of the biggest and most successful crime prevention initiatives ever. Behind it lies a simple idea and a central value shared by millions of people around the country. Everybody knows that the Police are there to fight crime, but they need your help to do an effective job.

In the Telford & Wrekin area, Neighbourhood Watch is all about an active partnership with the Police and this partnership has become even more significant in relation to the Local Policing Plan being implemented by West Mercia Constabulary.

Working in conjunction with the Police, Neighbourhood watch schemes create communities that care. It brings local people together and can make a real contribution to improving their lives. The activity of Watch members can foster a new community spirit and a belief in the community's ability to tackle problems.

Creation Station

The Creation Station has arrived in Donnington! A haven for little ones who love to make, create and explore with messy materials, paints, glitters and glue. Sessions will take place weekly on Thursday mornings at Turreff Hall from January.



The award-winning Creation Station inspires children's imaginations with exciting hands-on creative weekly workshops ideal for pre-schoolers and just as much fun for parents and carers.

The fun and educational art and craft programme encourages children to create 'Journeys of Exploration and Discovery'. The children use their five senses to explore, discover and develop with a wide range of tools, materials and a lot of fun and laughter.



Over 10,000 children have already been inspired by the national art and craft programme and demand continues for our sessions as adults enjoy it as much as the children ... all the fun with no mess or stress in your home!

In a recent survey parents stated that after five sessions their child had: increased their concentration and improved their self confidence and social skills.

There are no rights or wrongs in Creation Station sessions. Children are encouraged to learn in the way that comes most naturally to them. That way they are inspired by what they find fascinating and can create their own journey of discovery and learning.

Each exploration programme (term) is underpinned by the six key learning areas that help make up the early learning goals for pre-school children, helping your child build a solid foundation even before they start school.

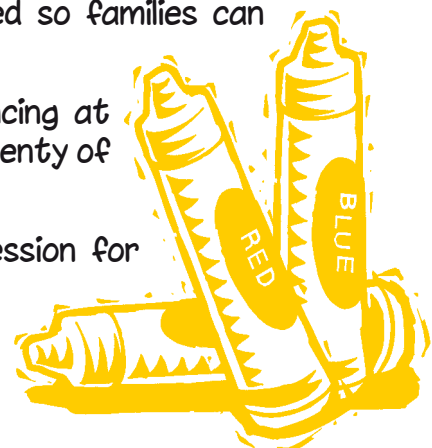
In reality this means children will be invited to create and explore different themes and seasonally tailored activities and will always create something they can take home to show the rest of the family.

All materials and products used are non-toxic and are included in the price of the session. Siblings or additional children are half-priced so families can create together in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.

Sessions started on Thursday January 7th commencing at 10.15am at the Turreff Hall in Donnington. There is plenty of parking available behind the hall.

Reserve your place now, and enjoy your second session for free!

Call Lavinia on 0845 302 5898 or visit us online for more information about our sessions or our Arty Parties: www.thecreationstation.co.uk





The Wrekin
Housing Trust



Community Engagement Meetings

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 so please let us know what is important to you in your Neighbourhood.

The meetings will be held at:

Turreff Hall, Turreff Avenue, Donnington

Mon. 26th April 7pm Thurs. 10th June 11.30am

Mon. 12th July 7pm Thurs. 9th Sept. 11.30am

Monday 18th Oct 7pm

For further information please contact:

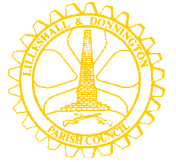
Local Policing team: **0300 333 3000**

donnington.lpt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk or

Fiona Moore, Neighbourhood Coordinator

01952 382245

fiona.moore@telford.gov.uk



“Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives.”

Great British Fish and Chip Supper
Friday 21st May 201



Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 21st May 2010 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting seven friends and asking them to donate an additional £5 you will raise at least £35 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Last year we had over 80 suppers taking part in England and Wales. In 2010 we want to double that figure and ensure we can provide more support to spinal cord injured people.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of

their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Officer, Elizabeth Wright, says, “The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives.”

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 678 6633 xtn 229 or email fishandchips@spinal.co.uk or visit www.spinal.co.uk

Proposed Timetable of Meetings for 2009/2010

12th April Council Meeting
10th May Annual Public Meeting
10th May 7.30pm 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.

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

Advertising: If you are interested in advertising in the future editions of our newsletter then 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 the next newsletter, whether it is regarding your group, organisation, or school activities, then please ensure that you send the item to the Clerk before 5th June 2010 for the July issue.

WHO'S TAKING AWAY YOUR WASTE?

IT'S YOUR ENVIRONMENT
WHY LET THEM GET AWAY WITH IT?



**You are responsible for the correct disposal of your waste.
Avoid a hefty fine – don't trust anyone who can't show you their waste licence.**

Contact us on: 01952 384384
or email: cleantelford@telford.gov.uk



Parish Councillors

Lilleshall Ward: Andrew Baker, John Hockin, Graham Platt

Donnington Ward: Elizabeth A Clare, Brian H Green, Patricia A Green, James Lavery, Clive Mason, B John Thompson

Muxton Ward: Veronica J Brown, Martyn Edwards, Rose Gregory, Brenda Mason, Phil Norton, 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	384384
Broken Street Light Reporting.....	608001
<i>(Please Note the Number on the Light)</i>	
Chairs and Spares and Community RePaint.....	619197
Citizens Advice Bureau	0845 146 1554
Childline.....	0800 1111
Council Tax/Housing Benefit	383838
Crimestoppers.....	0800 555 111
D.I.A.L.....	210202
Domestic Violence Helpline.....	0800 783 1359
Donnington Library	382905
FRANK (National Drugs Helpline)	0800 776600
Litter/Dogs Fouling & Strays	384384
Neighbourhood Watch	214796
Parish Council Office.....	608001
Police (NEW NUMBER)	0300 333 3000
Princess Royal Hospital	641222
Refuse Collection	384384
Samaritans (Telford Branch)	256161
Telford & Wrekin Council	380000
Wrekin Housing Trust	217100

Schools:

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