



## **NEWSLETTER**



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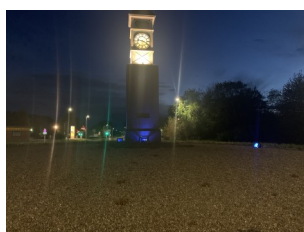
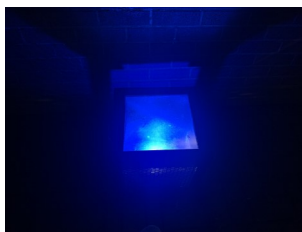
**Covid-19 (Coronavirus)**

Due to the pandemic outbreak of the deadly Coronavirus at the beginning of 2020 and Government Regulations and advice, the Parish Council, like everyone else, had to take measures to help prevent and limit the speed of the contagion.

As a result of this the Parish Council closed its office, Turreff Hall, The Liz Clare Library and Donnington Public Toilets.

On a positive note, the Parish Council staff had taken measures to enable them to continue working from home.

It is unknown how long this will last, and Government advice will determine when these facilities will re-open.



To honour the NHS and Key Workers, Donnington Clock Tower has been lit up in **BLUE** and will keep these lights in situ until this Coronavirus period is over.

Thanks to Clive and Liz who donated some Borough Ward Fund, new spotlights have recently been installed here. So with permission from Telford & Wrekin Council, and with the help of Ray Northwood and Ian Jones from Prysmian, the Clocktower lit up in a bold statement to show community appreciation and gratitude for our NHS and Keyworkers for all their hard work and sacrifices they make.

**STAY  
ALERT**

**CONTROL  
THE VIRUS**

**SAVE  
LIVES**

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### **SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST**

- Local Council Award Scheme Presentation
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- Muxton Bollards
- Elections Announcement
- PODS Charity
- Tree's Planted—Muxton
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Donnington and Muxton Parish Council had fun celebrating...

The Clerk and his wife in full VE Day attire and Ration Baking from our Events Officer to remember those lives lost to save the many.



## VE DAY— 75TH ANNIVERSARY

On Friday 8th May 2020, Britain commemorated the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

Although The Parish Council, along with other Councils across the country, had to make the disappointing decision to postpone their VE Day event, the occasion was still celebrated by members of the community, sharing their pride and honouring the men and women of WW2.

## BEWARE OF COVID-19 SCAMS

### COVID-19

The Parish Council has set up a 'self isolation tips and tricks' page to provide support and suggestions on how people can get through this crisis as best they can.

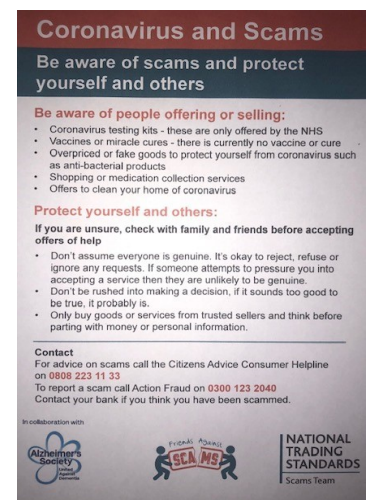
The page reached 1.7k in it's first week through shares and had 150 engagements.

Unscrupulous criminals are exploiting fears about COVID-19 to prey on members of the public, particularly older and vulnerable people who are isolated from family and friends. National Trading Standards is warning people to remain vigilant following a rise in coronavirus-related scams that seek to benefit from the public's concern and uncertainty over COVID-19. Members of the public should ignore scam products such as supplements and anti-virus kits that falsely claim to cure or prevent COVID-19. In some cases individuals may be pressurised on their own doorsteps to buy anti-virus kits or persuaded into purchasing products that are advertised on their social media feeds. In addition, some call centres that previously targeted UK consumers with dubious health products are now offering supplements that supposedly prevent COVID-19.

### **BE AWARE OF:**

*Doorstep Crime, Online & Phone Scams, Refund Scams, Counterfeit Scams, Loan Sharks*

*For more information please go to our Parish council Website—Coronavirus.*



## LOCKDOWN LEAFLETS

The Covid-19 Pandemic has certainly been one of the toughest times we have faced, as a community, a country, a nation, a humanity.

With that in mind, The Parish Council wanted to ensure that our community is not left without access to the support they need.

We have created a leaflet with information on local support for vulnerable residents, senior citizens, carers, families with disabled children and anyone who is simply finding life tough during lockdown.

Within this leaflet are details of local businesses who deliver to those highly vulnerable residents unable to leave their homes.



25 volunteers have put their hand up to help, so armed with Volunteer Badges, they have begun distributing these leaflets throughout the Parish.

We would like to thank all the volunteers involved for pulling together and showing such a heart-warming community spirit during this difficult time.

And also to The Police Crime and Commissioner for the Grant of £149 to cover the cost of the leaflets.

# In this together

**DONNINGTON & MUXTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**5 Day feel Good Challenge**

Every night list five things you are grateful for.

It will begin to change your perspective on your day and life.

During April, The Parish Council did a 5 day challenge to try and encourage people to look after their mental health and wellbeing during these unprecedented times.

The coronavirus outbreak means that life is changing for all of us for a while and it may be causing people to feel anxious, stressed, worried, sad, bored, lonely or frustrated.

Our challenge encouraged people to learn a new skill, stay connected, practice gratitude, carry out random acts of kindness and focus on time for themselves.

We hope people within the community found it useful and experienced a positive impact on their mental health.

If you would like to volunteer please email Holly, Community and Events Officer  
[events@donningtonmuxtonpc.org](mailto:events@donningtonmuxtonpc.org)





Due to Regulations linked to the Coronavirus Act 2020 the Government has decided that no elections or referendums are to take place until 6th May 2021.

This means that Telford & Wrekin Council will not be holding a referendum on this Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan until after this date.

Whilst this is disappointing it is understandable. It also states that those Neighbourhood Plans awaiting a referendum can be given significant weight in decision making.

## DOG ILLUMINOUS EYES

The Parish Council arranged for the "We are Watching You" illuminous eyes to remind people to pick up after their dogs.

They are being moved around the Parish at various locations



## DONNINGTON AND MUXTON PARISH COUNCIL AWARDED THE "LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME—QUALITY"

A presentation of the Parish Local Council Award Scheme—Quality Certificate was made to the Council by Dianne Dorrell (right of photo) from the Shropshire Association of Local Councils (SALC) at its Council meeting held on 9th March 2020.

Receiving the Certificate is Councillor Mrs Lisa Dugmore (Vice-Chairman of the Council).

The award entitles this Council to use this logo on all its correspondence and social media sites.



## DAFFODILS HAVE SPRUNG

A bit of colour to brighten up your day...

The daffodils planted earlier on in the year, on Marshbrook Way, Muxton, have sprung and are looking so beautiful.



We hope you all enjoy them as much as we do throughout the Parish.



## BOLLARDS, MUXTON

Following their installation on Holland Drive more bollards have been installed along Thornton Park Avenue to protect the grass verges from vehicles parking on them during school drop off and pick up times.

Parking restrictions have also been installed to prevent vehicles blocking up the roads which, in turn, prevent residents accessing/leaving their homes and children crossing the roads safely.



## THE LIZ CLARE LIBRARY

Donnington and Muxton Community Library is now also known as The Liz Clare Library after one of this Parish Council's longest serving Councillors who sadly recently passed away. The library continues to be a great success, and this is down to the excellent volunteers that are helping with the day to day running of it. The use of the library continued to rise until the enforced closure on 16th March 2020 due to the restrictions imposed by the Government because of the Coronavirus. The Parish Council would like to thank the team of volunteers for their hard work and help in the daily running of the library.

Libraries opening times:

**Monday 9am to 5pm**  
**Tuesday 9am to 3pm**  
**Wednesday 9am to 5pm**  
**Thursday 9am to 3pm**  
**Friday 9am to 1pm.**

**We look forward to opening the doors once again!**

**PODS HELPLINE**

Supporting families with children with additional needs (under 25 years)

Are you in need of some guidance or information? Would you like to access our Befriending service or maybe receive a call from one of our staff? Then please give us a call or email us!



Hello it's PODS, how can we help?

01952 458047

info@podstelford.org

Calls will be answered between 10am-4pm Monday-Friday, outside these hours please leave a message





PODS Helpline charity has been running in Telford for over 10 years and in addition to their core strategic work, they also offer support and information and a befriending service for families who have children and young people (aged 0-25 years) who have any kind of additional need or disability. Check out their website [www.podstelford.org](http://www.podstelford.org) with weekly e-bulletins and a section with COVID-19 resources specifically for the needs of our families. Also a facebook open page which can be viewed here (and info can be shared from it too: <https://www.facebook.com/PODSTelfordopenpage/>)

## TREE PLANTING—HOLLAND DRIVE

The Parish Council would like to say “Thank You” to Mr Tony Adams, from Muxton, for the Kind donation of trees that were planted adjacent to No’s 2-16 Holland Drive and Marshbrook Way, Muxton.

The Council would also like to say a big thank you to all the Residents who gave of their time to help plant these trees.



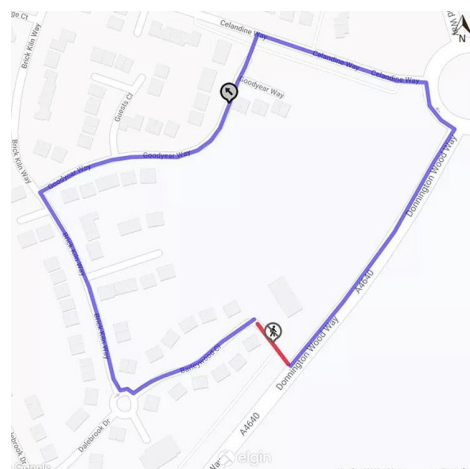
**The Neighbourhood Development Plan Regulation 15** which has now been submitted to Telford & Wrekin Council is now on our website for you to view.

You can see this and  
**The Annual Report 2019/2020**  
by visiting

<https://www.donningtonmuxtonpc.org/>

## FOOTPATH CLOSURE

The Footpath along Barleywood Close, Footpath 1, Donnington Wood, will be closed temporarily. Amey, on behalf of Severn Trent Water are planning to undertake watermain construction works.



The work is set to commence on Monday June 8th 2020 and will last for a duration of 12 days with an end date of Friday 19th June 2020.

The Diversion Routes for pedestrians will be signposted on site.

## DATES FOR DIARY

Despite the Covid-19 outbreak, we remain confident that, subject to Government Guidelines, our annual events will proceed as planned. With that in mind... Here are some dates for our Annual Events :

- ◆ Christmas Dinner— A Free 2 course meal with entertainment at Cordingley Hall on **Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th December 2020**
- ◆ Prostate Cancer PSA Evening - Free blood tests for men over 50 (45 with a family history of prostate cancer)
- ◆ **Monday 26th October**
- ◆ Christmas Festival — **Sunday 29th November**

### #KINDLEKINDNESS

The Parish Council has Donated £1000.00 to the Kindle Kindness Campaign.

The Campaign is raising money in order to buy Kindles or similar devices, and to be distributed to the for vulnerable and self isolating ones within the area during the Covis-19 Pandemic.

Kindles are already being distributed to such ones within the Parish.

- ⇒ Working lunches are currently not in session due to Covid-19.
- ⇒ All Parish Council Meetings and Planning Committees will take place virtually via Microsoft Teams. If you would like to attend please email the Clerk and he will send you a link in order to join.
- ⇒ Dates for Meetings are provisional depending on the Governments restrictions due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Please look at this Councils website or Social Media pages for any updates or changes to the above.
- ⇒ **THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING**

**WE'VE  
GONE  
VIRTUAL**

*Information about the Parish Council can be found on its website  
[www.donningtonmuxtonpc.org](http://www.donningtonmuxtonpc.org)*

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

All meetings will commence at 7:00pm unless otherwise stated and are open to the public and press.

Planning Committee Meetings are called as and when required and notified separately.

The agenda's for all meetings will be on our website 5 days before the meeting...

## PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE CONTACTS

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## COUNCIL MEETING DATES

8th June 2020

13th July 2020

14th September 2020

12th October 2020

9th November 2020

14th December 2020

11th January 2021

8th February 2021

8th March 2021

12th April 2021

10th May 2021—Annual Meeting





## **PARISH COUNCILLORS**

### **DONNINGTON WEST WARD**

RICHARD OVERTON

JAMES LAVERY

CLIVE MASON

JOHN THOMPSON

### **DONNINGTON EAST WARD**

FIONA DORAN

### **MUXTON WARD**

LISA DUGMORE

NIGEL DUGMORE

ADRIAN LAWRENCE

PHILIP LOUGHLIN

MARK STOKES

### **THE HUMBERS WARD**

JAMES GOUGH

MARTYN EDWARDS

## **PARISH CHAIRMAN— PHILIP LOUGHLIN**



Philip moved to Telford from Leicester with his wife Theresa in 1988 and since 2000 they have lived in Muxton.

Having studied Electronic Engineering at Leicester Polytechnic in 1984, Philip went on to study for a Business Enterprise BA hon at the University of Wolverhampton in 1994 followed by an MBA from the Warwick Business School in 2006.

An avid and passionate motorcyclist, Philip is a member of the Shropshire Advanced Motorcycle group and is training to be a Blood Biker for the Shropshire area. Philip is also involved in a number of motorcycle charitable activities including the annual Bike4Life festival held each April that raises funds for the Shropshire Air Ambulance and more recently becoming involved in the Bikers Against Child Abuse charity BACA.

Philip has been working in the Computing, IT Software and Services industry for over 30 years taking him on many assignments across the UK, Northern European and Nordic regions as well as the USA.

Since May 2014, Philip has successfully led the Muxton community in campaigning against the over-development of Muxton, overseeing the development of the Muxton Neighbourhood Plan that will help protect the edge of village open green spaces for generations to come.

### **PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES**

**THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE WILL BE OPEN AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:**

**MONDAY 9:00 AM—3:00 PM**

**TUESDAY 9:00 AM—3:00 PM**

**WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM—3:00 PM**

**THURSDAY 9:00 AM—3:00 PM**

**FRIDAY 9:00 AM—1:00 PM**

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON WEEKENDS**

**THE PARISH OFFICE IS CURRENTLY CLOSED DUE TO COVID-19**

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